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PROBING AFFAIRS OF THE CENTRAL RAILWAY

E. G. Evans Tells the Story of the Option He and E. C. Elkin Purchased and Afterwards Sold to the N. B. Coal and Railway Co. for \$180,000.

The royal commission appointed by the provincial government to inquire into the affairs of the Central Railway, resumed its session this morning in the Admiralty Court room, Pugsley building, after a lengthy recess.

The commission is composed of His Honor Mr. Justice Landry, chairman, Fulton McDonald and J. J. Leach, with H. A. Peggel, K. C., as counsel. A. P. Barnhill, K. C., was present representing the old commission—George Meakley and Senator G. A. King and F. B. Carvell appeared for the New Brunswick Coal & Railway Co.

The inquiry opened at 10 o'clock. Edwin G. Evans was called to the stand. Mr. Barnhill announced that he appeared for Mr. Evans as well as for the old commission.

In answer to Mr. Powell, Mr. Evans said he had been a civil engineer for twenty-two years. He was employed by the Central Railway Co. in 1888 or 1889. He was engaged as assistant engineer, and ultimately became manager in 1890.

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ANNIS' WIDOW IN WITNESS BOX TODAY

Mrs. Wm. E. Annis Saw Her Husband Die and Tells About It—Thornton Hains Had a Grievance.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Council for the states witness called to prove the charge that Hains was a principal in the killing of William E. Annis, Jr., in the killing of William E. Annis, Jr., in the killing of William E. Annis, Jr.

A new light in the case was shed this morning when Hains' counsel admitted that Thornton J. Hains had had some trouble with William Annis over the publication of a magazine article last June.

It was asserted, when the defense presents its case, that Thornton Hains and his brother went to Bayville to locate a home, where J. J. Hains' young daughter, Molly, a sufferer from a throat affection, might have the benefit of country air.

The taking of evidence for the state was resumed with the opening of court. The state called Dr. Johnson Ripley, of Flushing to the stand. Dr. MacLeod testified to having had Annis' body moved from the yacht club where the shooting occurred, to the Flushing Hospital.

Dr. Leo Schemok, a physician at the Flushing Hospital, testified as to the treatment given Annis.

Mr. Powell said that the witness was called by the Royal Trust Co., representing the estate of the late Mr. Hains.

Mr. Evans stated that the option was for \$50,000 and he had borrowed \$5,000, which was to be paid in three installments.

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HOW QUEBEC S.S. OWNER MADE MONEY

James Holiday Had a Very Profitable Government Contract

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special)—At the marine enquiry this morning the first witness was James Holiday, Quebec, owner of the steamer King Edward leased to the marine department during the summer of 1904 for conveying supplies to the military forces.

It is said that J. J. Hains submitted a manuscript to Mr. Ripley, owner of the magazine in which Annis was employed, and that Annis induced Ripley to return it, Council for Hains stated that the defendant then wrote a letter to Ripley saying he knew why the manuscript was rejected and concluded with the words, "I will get even with him yet."

Mr. Evans was asked to show from his books the exact amount of the indebtedness. He said it was \$77,429.88.

Mr. McDougal asked how this \$77,000 was financed. Witness replied that it was raised by himself personally, Mr. Elkin, the two jointly, and from receipts of the road. Witness said he could find an account in the ledger of the moneys received from the N. B. Coal & Ry. Co.

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LASKEY'S DEATH SHOWS HIM TO BE HERO

Man Drowned in River at Devil's Back Was Crossing on Thin Ice to Get Doctor for His Sick Wife.

The death by drowning of Hiram Laskey, of Holderness, who went through the ice on Friday last when crossing the river from Devil's Back to Victoria wharf, is attended by particularly sad circumstances.

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OTTOMAN EMPIRE HAS REAL PARLIAMENT NOW

With New Turkish Parliament Opened Today Sultan's Empire Breaks Away from Despotism—Abdul Hamid Opens the Session.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—With the meeting of the first Ottoman parliament today, Turkey formally breaks from despotism to the hall in a body. They all were clothed in their full official uniforms.

The line of march of the imperial party, a distance of five miles, had been swept and spread with fresh sand for the passage of his majesty.

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A \$35,000 BLAZE IN THREE RIVERS

Three Rivers, Que., Dec. 17.—(Special)—Five hours out last night in the Canadian Iron Foundry's plant, and burned thereby about 4 o'clock this morning, destroying the power house, machine shop and blacksmith shop. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

WEDDINGS

McDougal-Lawsda Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17.—(Special)—Lawrence McDougal and Miss May Lawsda were the principals in a pretty wedding which took place at the residence of Mrs. J. J. Leach.

GIANTS BOUND TO WIN ANYWAY

Frank Chance, of Chicago National League Team, Tells a Sensational Story. Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—According to an interview with Frank Chance, one of the Chicago National League team last season, published here today, the ball has not been sold of the alleged disrespectful treatment accorded the Chicago team by some New York fans and players prior to the deciding game with the Giants on Oct. 24.

ROCKEFELLER GETS A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Rise in Standard Oil Stocks During the Year Nets Him at Least \$80,000,000. New York, Dec. 16.—Standard Oil stock has increased \$20,000,000 in market value in less than a year. It sold yesterday at \$70 a share, and a year ago touched \$50.

TWO GOVERNORS AMONG THE GUESTS AT DINNER TONIGHT

The Annual Banquet of the Maritime Province Commercial Travelers Association Tonight Promises to be Successful One. Our Guests: The Press, The Ladies.

THE MOVEMENT OF THE WHEAT CROP

48,000,000 Bushels of Canada's 1908 Crop Passed Winnipeg Before Navigation Closed. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—(Special)—Navigation has closed, and over 48,000,000 bushels of wheat of the crop of 1908 passed Winnipeg before the last boats went out.

PERSONALS

H. E. Macdonnell, general freight agent of the C. P. R. Atlantic Division, came in from Boston at noon.

INCHE-GILBERT

Frederick, N. B., Dec. 17.—(Special)—Leonard Inch, a well known hockey player of Margville, was married at 10 o'clock last evening to Miss Lena Gilbert.

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