

CORRUPT COMING TO CANADA

POSTMASTER GIVES UP \$7500 STOLEN MONEY

William O'Neil Leaves New Waterford, C. B., With Registered Package And Leaves It At Truro.

By Canadian Press. Halifax, Jan. 13.—William O'Neil, post master at New Waterford, Cape Breton, a new mining town 20 odd miles from Sydney, is missing, and with him has disappeared \$7,500 mailed by the Bank of Nova Scotia branch at that place, to the branch at Sydney in a registered package. The package of money was given to Wednesday and was due to arrive in Sydney the same evening.

A remarkable thing is that O'Neil sent an advance note to the Sydney post office that the package was on its way, thus lessening his chances of escape in case he intended to make off with the money.

When it was seen at Sydney that the money had not come, inquiries were at once instituted at New Waterford, and it was learned that the post master was gone. If he took the money, as the post office officials say they are sure he did, O'Neil must have resolved on the theft after he had made out the notice to the Sydney post office that the money was being dispatched.

Later. Manager Murray of the Bank of Nova Scotia, at Sydney, received a telephone message from the manager of the Truro branch this evening advising him that the money stolen from the New Waterford post office had been handed in at the Truro agency today. The parcel was intact.

It is said the young man entered the town by rail and, ascertaining from the papers that officers were on the lookout for him, had a description of his person, and knowing it would be impossible for him to be detected further by rail, without being traced and arrested, had decided to get rid of the money and return to another party, who passed it into the bank at once.

The officials of the post office and bank are pleased that the money has been returned. Nothing is known as to the immediate whereabouts of the postmaster.

DECEASED ON THE STAND

Two Of Young Men Charged With Part In New Year's Disturbance, Give Evidence In Own Behalf.

The Crown finished its case and the defence are half through theirs in the case of the eleven young men charged with being members of the wrecked Farmers' Bank. The Crown concluded before adjournment yesterday at noon, and when the court arose last night at 6 o'clock to meet on Monday morning at 10 o'clock, the defence were well along in their case.

The features of yesterday's proceedings were two-fold, first the disallowance of motion of the counsel for the defence to discharge several of the accused on the ground that it was not proved that the assembly was unlawful. His honor said that he would leave the matter to the jury. Secondly, the statement made by Thomas McCarthy that the Crown's star witness, Charles Alcorn, proposed to pull the fire alarm.

Morning Session. Officer Silas Perry was the first witness when the case was resumed yesterday morning. He identified Chester Smith, Way, Wilson, Hamilton, O'Rourke, Weldon, Foster and Brown as being among the crowd on New Year's eve. He also saw some of them on Wentworth street later. There was little new in his evidence.

James Humphrey, ledger keeper in the Bank of New Brunswick, testified that he saw the crowd on the street on New Year's eve, but did not consider the disturbance was unusual.

George D. Wannamaker told of the attempt to wreck his place of business. Sergeant Caples was standing in front of Wannamaker's place at the time and witness believed that it was largely through his presence of mind that no great damage was done.

Sergt. Caples identified Ryan as being in front of Wannamaker's restaurant. He also identified Brown who was shouting.

PEA OF GUILTY BY MANAGER OF FARMERS' BANK

Travers Consents To Become Scapegoat For Promoters Who Wrecked Bank—Appropriated Money.

By Canadian Press. Toronto, Jan. 13.—Wm. R. Travers, former general manager of the wrecked Farmers' Bank, pleaded guilty today to three separate charges, and was remanded until Monday next for sentence without bail. The charges were, making false returns to the government, theft of \$40,000 from the bank, and the making of a false document. The latter, which was a new charge, was based upon Travers' action in altering a minute of the board directors meeting so as to increase the amount which he was authorized to advance to the Keeley Mine.

Travers' plea of guilty did not altogether surprise the Crown or the public as there was an impression that he would do so in order to shield others interested in the bank's failure, but the prisoner's counsel, Hartley H. Dewar, K. C., denied the implication that there was any bargain by which his client should become the scapegoat for others and expressed the desire that the bank's transactions should be fully investigated, so as to bring any guilty parties to justice.

Before Travers was asked to plead, Crown Attorney Corley reviewed the circumstances which led to the laying of the charges, and said that in order to acquire control of the Keeley mine, Travers on May 20, 1908, advanced \$50,337 to the holders, before he had obtained the sanction of the directors. A month later the directors sanctioned an advance of some amount in the thousands and this minute Travers altered to permit him to advance any sum in his discretion.

This constituted the forgery upon which the third charge was based. The bank continued to advance large amounts to the mine, until in December, 1908, the mine's liability was \$150,000. At this time the Keeley Mines Limited was formed, the stock being issued to Travers, Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, Mr. Wishart of New York, and the Farmers' Bank, one-fifth each, the remaining one-fifth being held in the company's treasury.

Loaned Without Authority. Although the bank's directors authorized no advances to the Keeley Mines, limited, Travers continued to advance money until he had lent \$621,000 of the bank's cash to the company, of which he was manager. Of this sum, Travers converted \$35,000 to his own personal use, the company receiving no benefit from it. This transaction Travers concealed from both the bank shareholders and the Keeley shareholders. In 1909 and 1910 Travers secured further advances totalling \$156,675 for his own use, charging them up as investments in Keeley stock, loans to customers, payments on bank premises and in various other ways.

Of the money actually received by the bank, \$75,000 was paid to Dr. Beattie Nesbitt and two associates, Cropp and Whitney, for stock held by them. The stock purchased from them at 17 and 10 cents respectively, was figured in the government returns as assets totalling \$60,000, the shares being rated at 60 cents.

KING'S UNCLE AS VICEROY

MAJORITY OF GOVERNMENT CUT TO NINE



H. R. H. DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

Royal Duke Will Arrive Next Autumn And Has Already Made Staff Appointments—Notice Of Acceptance.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13.—Advices received here today are to the effect that the coming to Canada of the Duke of Connaught this year as Governor General is now beyond all doubt. The English mail which arrived today brought the formal notice of his acceptance of the office and the announcement of some appointments to his staff.

The Duke of Connaught, who is a brother of the late King Edward, will arrive in Canada towards the end of September or the beginning of October. The Duke's military secretary will be Major Henry Cecil Lowther, V.C., D.S.O., of the Scots Guards. He was for some time military attaché at Paris. He also accompanied His Highness the Duke of Connaught to South Africa, when he went there recently to open the first parliament of United South Africa, the latest Dominion within the British Empire. He is a son of Mr. Lowther, speaker of the imperial parliament.

The Duke of Connaught has also appointed his private secretary. He will be Arthur F. Sladen who is at present private secretary to Earl Grey, the present Governor General.

Corrupt and Degraded. Mr. Crothers said that the whole system was absolutely corrupt and degraded. The vast expenditure on public works was designed to strengthen the government. If a town really needed a public building, if conditions justified it, a public building, let it be put up. As things were, the system was an incentive to every town to try to get government favors by selling its votes.

UNFAIR DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURE SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION IN HOUSE—QUEBEC FAVORED.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 13.—By the narrow vote of 43 to 34, or a majority of 9, the government today voted down a motion for a reduction of the vote of \$17,000 for the post office at Marieville, Quebec. The members of the opposition claimed that there were 150 important places throughout Canada which required such buildings and could not get them.

Marieville is a small place of 800 inhabitants, and the total cost of the post office there so far is \$32,000. This case was instanced as one of the many vote catching devices in the French province, which in the English provinces the public had to get without such buildings even in large towns.

The proceedings of the House today saw a series of protests by Conservatives against the method followed by the government in distributing public works. Mr. Owen brought up the steady refusal of the government to repair the wharf at Brighton, Ont. This is a very considerable town and the bay is of importance as being a harbor of refuge.

"No wharf, no repairs, though," Mr. Owen said bitterly. He had humiliated himself as no member of parliament should be compelled to humiliate himself to plead the cause of his constituents.

Mr. Lalor cited the case of Dunnville, Ont. This is a very busy town of from 3,500 to 4,000 people; the postal revenue is \$6,000 or \$7,000; the custom revenue is \$40,000 a year. It gets no public building though one is greatly needed, while scores of places far smaller and of far less active business have large buildings erected.

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Early in the day Mr. Northrup chaffed the government for not allowing Mr. Murphy some finger in the diplomatic pie at Washington, when he asked if Sir Wilfrid Laurier could say, "Yes, I will give you a job." Mr. Murphy for denying him the cheerful pilgrimage to Washington. Only a short time ago parliament, at the instance of the government, had subsidized the department, and had made Mr. Murphy secretary of state for external affairs.

USES REVOLVER ON WEST SIDE

Morrison Held Up Samuel Aide With Revolver—Broke Glass In Ira Banks' House.

Alleged That Stranger Named Morrison Held Up Samuel Aide With Revolver—Broke Glass In Ira Banks' House. Last evening there was quite a sensation on Protection street, West End, when a revolver and a threat to kill figured largely. The man with the gun gave his name as Morrison, and the person assaulted was Samuel Aide, the Protection street grocer.

Morrison is a strongly built man about 38 years of age, and speaks with the accent of one from England. He was attired as a workman with a shirt like those worn by lumbermen, and on his feet were a pair of moccasins.

Mr. Aide was sitting in a room at the rear of his shop and his wife was upstairs in the living apartments. Morrison entered the shop and then went into the back room and pulling a revolver from a pocket, he put it under Aide's nose and said: "Stand there or I will blow your d— head off."

Aide at first thought it a joke, but soon changed his mind, and with the shining barrel of the revolver pointed into his face he sat quite still.

Mrs. Aide heard the noise and made her way quickly to the street where she met some employes from the elevator who were on their way home. She cried out to them that there was a man in the house trying to kill her husband, and requested the men to go to her husband's aid. There was no response, however, and the men walked up the street.

Morrison then left the shop and ran after Mrs. Aide, but she escaped by running into a nearby alley. The desperado then went to Ira Banks' house at 106 Protection street, and announced his presence by breaking the glass in the front door. Mrs. Banks arrived at the door, Morrison had left the place.

MUCH SUCCESS ATTAINED BY MR. BOWDER

Provincial Representative In England Reports To Government—Premier Hazen Will Go To Coronation.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 12.—The members of the provincial government concluded their meeting here this afternoon and the members of the government and left for their respective homes this evening.

London Representative. At the meeting of the government yesterday Hon. Dr. Landry presented a report from A. Bowder detailing the work done in Great Britain for the last quarter of 1910. The report states that while it was not possible with the amount allowed for advertising to keep pace with the other Canadian provinces in this regard that from what publicity he had been able to secure there was a very gratifying enquiry in regard to New Brunswick.

During the month of November Scotland was visited by Mr. Bowder and intending immigrants and others met at more than a dozen different centres in Aberdeen, Inverness and adjacent counties and a very friendly disposition to what the province has to offer was evinced by the people. New Brunswick he found to be an entirely new proposition to most of the people, nothing having been done in the past to bring the province before them.

Commenting on the Fruit Show at Westminster at which the New Brunswick exhibit took a number of medals, he said that the British Columbia made such a large and imposing display, showing over 1,000 boxes and employing a large staff for a long time in advance of the show in preparation, that the display of 150 boxes from this province was rather overshadowed, and that unless N. B. could arrange for equal space, etc., with B. C., it was scarcely worth while to continue showing at this particular exhibition.

The B. C. exhibit was a huge advertisement not only for the province but also for the Land and Development companies which are so active on behalf of that province. Mr. Bowder thinks, however, that for quality and favor our fruit can hold its own if our people will go to the trouble and expense to compete with all comers.

In general work on behalf of the province Mr. Bowder reports that B. C. has a large office and travelling staff in Britain, that Ontario has a staff of from 12 to 15 men, continually employed, and Nova Scotia has from 6 to 8, which enables representation at all the shows and exhibitions. Mr. Bowder also reported that Nova Scotia's delegates sent from the province to work in Great Britain interviewing and advising intending immigrants from January to March.

LAURIER SHOWS ANOTHER SIDE

Tells Manufacturers Nothing Of Moment Will Be Done At Washington To Disturb Present Conditions.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The Canadian manufacturers, who composed the deputation which was upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier today to emphasize their opposition to a reciprocity treaty with the United States, expressed themselves as satisfied with the reply given them by the premier. They are unanimous in saying they are convinced that the meaning of his words is that Canadian manufacturers will not be interfered with by any arrangements which will be reached by the tariff commissioners at Washington.

The words in the premier's reply upon which the emphasis is laid are: "We do not intend to make any arrangement which would unsettle the prosperous conditions which we now enjoy. The government has been very careful not to disturb conditions which have prevailed in the manufacturing industries of the country."

"We are opposed at the present juncture, to any tariff reductions or treaties of trade that would exercise any unsettling influence upon the prosperity which now obtains," was one of the passages in the memorial presented by the manufacturers.

MURDER OF AGED FARMER

By Canadian Press. Berlin, Ont., Jan. 13.—A brutally murdered for his gold, the mutilated body of Franz Lovinski, an aged Polish Canadian farmer, near Wellfleet, was discovered by neighbors this morning bound by wire to a post outside the house.

Lovinski, a man of about 70 years, had his farm on the second concession west of the village of Wellfleet in North Waterloo, twelve miles from here. His home was an old log house where he had lived entirely alone since the death of his wife, six years ago. There are no children.

204 DIE IN EARTHQUAKE

St. Petersburg, Jan. 13.—A despatch received here today from Vyerny, capital of the Territory of Semiryschensk, Asiatic Russia, says that a violent earthquake occurred last night at Kobery, in the Pishpek district of the territory, and that the bodies of 204 Kirghis have been dug from the ruins of fallen buildings.

Bourassa Home. Says He Will Keep Up Fight For Justice and Equal Rights to End of Chapter. Montreal, Jan. 13.—Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist leader, returned here tonight from his tour in Europe. He was welcomed by a crowd of 2,000, mostly Laval students, who called repeatedly for a speech.

MOTHER UNDER ARREST ADMITS KILLING CHILD

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Outsped by the telegraph, recognized by her photograph, and identified by her luggage, Mrs. Edith Meier, of Schenectady, was arrested in the railroad station here this afternoon, and charged with the murder of her son, George, 5 years old, who was found frozen in a swamp near Albany, last Tuesday, with stains of acid at his lips. Less than an hour later she had confessed to the murder.

She advised when she saw the uniform of a policeman, and under a fire of questions, soon broke down and sobbing and shaking in fear told the whole horrible story. She gave her child carbolic acid to drink when he asked for water, she admitted, and left his body among the weeds.

SOLONS ON NIOBE.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—A new proposal is likely to be made to parliament in connection with the Canadian representation at King George's Coronation. It is that the entire Canadian parliamentary gentlemen shall make the trip to England on the Niobe.

His Wife Refused. Brantford, Ont., Jan. 13.—Arten Brazoian, a Brantford Armenian, who is a naturalized citizen of Canada, has just returned from Turkey, where he went to bring back his wife. On arriving he was not only refused permission to take his wife from Turkey, but was forbidden even to see her. He has taken the matter up here and representations are being made at Ottawa as to why a British subject with proper passports should be treated in this manner in Turkey.

MANY APPLY FOR A PLACE

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Applications are coming in daily to the militia department for places on the coronation contingent there being already several times more men listed than the maximum that will make up the composite regiment.

While it is understood Col. H. H. McLean, M. P., will have command, the appointment has not definitely been settled. It is understood there will be three colonels and five adjutants who will accompany the Canadians for the spectacular event when the king is crowned on June 22nd next.

PILOT FINED.

Officers and Pilots on Steamers in Collision in St. Lawrence all Held Responsible, \$200 Penalty. Montreal, Jan. 13.—After investigating the cause which led up to the collision between the C. P. R. steamer Montclair and the Norwegian steamer Kron Prinz Olaf last September, the assessors fined Louise Shilvige, the pilot of the Norwegian vessel \$200, and severely reprimanded Peter A. Nelson, the ship's master.

As they both hold Norwegian certificates, with which the court here is unable to deal, it was decided that their conduct should be reported to the Norwegian board of trade. The pilot and master of the Montclair were also censured. Wreck Commissioner Capt. Demers, delivered the judgment.

ONTARIO BALANCE ON RIGHT SIDE

Toronto, Jan. 13.—Despite the heavy expenditures by the province on the parliament buildings, Osgoode Hall, and an appropriation will probably be made for a power transmission line from St. Thomas to Windsor. Next year the municipalities will be given to make their payments for the Hydro-Electric line.