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TROUBLE AFTER A FIRE

Thomas Hunter, Insurance Agent, is Arrested on a Serious Charge.

WAS THE POLICY A FRAUD?

James C. Harkness Did Not Get the Insurance on a $1000 Policy and Wants to Know Why.

The Detectives Investigated the Case and Reported That There Was No Such Company as the London Fire Office, Limited, 28 Barton's-Lane, Canning - Street, E.C., London, England, and the Law is Put in Motion Against Agent Hunter—Underwriters Took It Up.

Thomas Hunter of 35 Beaconsfield-avenue was placed under arest yesterday afternoon by Detective Burrows on a charge of obtaining the sum of $17.50 from James C. Harkness of 130 West King-street by false pretences.

The complainant says that Hunter effected some insurance for him in a company which really has no existence in fact, and by a similarity in the names of companies he was defrauded.

The Story as Alleged.

The story of the alleged fraud dates back nearly a year. Hunter, it appears, was in the habit of effecting all the insurance for the firm of James Coulter & Company, then at 101 West Adelaide-street. Later Coulter entered into partnership with James C. Harkness, under the firm name of the Toronto Paper Box Company. Coulter then applied to Hunter for $1000 insurance in addition to two policies already placed with the Phoenix of Brooklyn and the Scottish Union Company. Hunter, it is said, found it difficult to place the additional insurance because of the hazardous risk. Arrangements were then made by which the policy would be issued in the United States. Hunter, acting on information contained in a circular sent to him by Frank G. Anthony of Brooklyn, N. Y., wrote a letter asking Anthony to place the insurance with a reliable company. This was done and the policy was sent on to the Toronto Paper Box Company. The premium paid to Hunter was $17.50, the specific amount contained in the charge.

A Fire Occurred.

Some months ago the firm dissolved partnership, and Harkness continued the business. He removed his factory from Adelaide-street to 130 West King-street, and had the policies transferred. On December 22 last, a fire took place in the building occupied partly by Harkness and his stock of paper boxes was badly damaged by water and smoke. Soon after the fire he wrote to the alleged insurance company to get his loss covered by the policy, and received no answer.

Claimed to Be an Agent.

Then, it is said, he called on Hunter and was told that he only acted as agent in the transaction, and had nothing to do with the payment of the insurance. Mr. Harkness recently paid a visit to New York and called at a broker's office. He was told the money would be forthcoming allright and returned to Toronto. He afterwards laid the charge.

The Policy in Question.

The policy is now in the hands of the Crown and will be put in evidence in the Police Court to-day. It is alleged to have been issued by the London Fire Office, Limited, 28 Barton's Lane, Canning-street, E. C., London, England. The firm name of C. H. Haight & Company is lithographed on the policy as being the managers, and E. W. Alkins and J. Montgomery Muir of New York as directors for the United States.

Two Other Policies.

The authorities also hold two other policies made out in favor of Reardon and Anderson, picture frame manufacturers, at 67 West Adelaide-street. This firm had a policy in a local company, which expired on Jan. 19, 1898. Reardon & Anderson could not get the company to renew the insurance, and Hunter was asked to get some company in the United States to take the risk. The insurance amounted to $2000. One half of this was given to the same alleged company as took Harkness' risk. The other $1000 was placed with the Great Britain Insurance Company, Limited, of London, Eng., with the United States office at Chicago, Ill. This policy is signed by Halmer L. Wilcox, director, and countersigned by Samuel Foster. The cheque for the premium $53 was made payable to Hunter, and is now in the possession of the authorities. It is on the Ontario Bank, and is endorsed by Hunter.

What the Detectives Found.

Detective Burrows and County Constable Boyd have been working on the case for the past week. They state that after making enquiries they found that there were no such companies in existence, and brought the matter to the notice of Crown Attorney Curry, who ordered an information to be laid against Hunter, and the arrest followed.

Hunter Bailed in $3000.

Hunter was obliged to remain in the cells for two hours until bail could be secured. Bonds for $3000 were furnished by W. T. Kunahan, secretary of the O'Keefe Brewing and Malting Company, and Hunter was released.

Hunter's Side of the Story.

Hunter was seen last night at his home. He said he was not surprised at the action taken by the authorities. Last Saturday Mr. E. A. Lilly, manager of the Canadian office of the London Assurance Corporation, the company at Montreal which Mr. Hunter represents here, arrived in the city, and asked him if he had issued any of these "American" policies to Harkness. The whole matter was explained, and Mr. Lilly returned east. All this time the Underwriters' Association had the matter under consideration, and had appointed a committee to investigate Mr. Hunter's alleged misconduct.

Underwriters Took It Up.

A meeting was called for Monday next, and Hunter prepared a lengthy statement of his side of the case. Hunter received a letter from his manager yesterday morning, in which it was stated that the underwriters had dropped the matter.

A Criminal Offence.

It will be of interest to note that it is a criminal offence for an agent to place insurance with a company not registered in Ontario. Mr. Hunter admits doing this, but says he never knew it was wrong until his manager told him so last Saturday.

Mr. E. A. DuVernet has been retained to defend the accused.

THE NEW PARTY IN CANADA

A Writer Describes an Aggressive Political Development in This Dominion.

ARTICLE IN THE NEW YORK SUN

Watchword for This New Party, the Writer Says, is "Canada for Canadians."

From The New York Sun.

Montreal, March 1.—As the discussion over the failure of the Joint High Commission to arrive at any settlement proceeds, the more it reveals the growing dissatisfaction with both the old political parties and their leaders. It is impossible to dignify with the title of arguments the tu quoques which the old party journals are freely throwing at each other, and from which the new generation of Canadians are turning in disgust. The internal and externals affairs alike of this country have been brought into such a state of confusion that some issue will have to be found before very long if trouble is to be averted. Yet, with all that is facing them, the party leaders have only the old, threadbare speeches with which to meet a grave national emergency.

Both the old political parties in Canada are disintegrating. I might go even further, and say that one—the old Tory—is disintegrated; the other—the Liberal—is in process. The younger men of Canada, whose careers have been blocked by the results of Tory rule and subservience to alien influences, are looking about them, and are apparently getting ready to strike out on new lines for themselves and to form a new party whose watchword will be "Canada for Canadians." This was to be expected after the complete failure of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to respond to the high expectations he raised throughout the country during the electoral campaign of 1896. It is true that many then doubted whether the circumstances would permit him to carry out in its integrity the policy which he developed in his numerous and highly-applauded speeches, and there was an inclination to be charitable toward his possible shortcomings, but very few were prepared for the almost cynical abandonment by him of all efforts to carry out the pledges he made in order to gain the popular suffrage. Whether he saw that any attempt to change the course of the ship of State into a smoother channel would be fruitless, and that the only chance to keep steerage way on it was to accelerate the speed through the rapids in which Canada is now tossing, must be left to the future to reveal. As things are it needs a skilful hand to guide the country through the troubled water in which the adjournment of the Joint High Commission has left it.

It may be said that the interest in the proposed meeting of the Commission in August is purely academic, the general impression is that it will not meet again, certainly not under the same circumstances as when it adjourned. The feeling is that the opportunity is now afforded Canada of taking entirely in hand the control of its own destiny. On this point I will quote a passage from an article in the last number of Events, a vigorously written organ of the young Nationalist party published in Ottawa. Speaking of the failure of the Commission, it says:

"If a treaty could be concluded that would be honorable and creditable to both countries, one that would result in mutual benefit and mutual respect on the part of the American and Canadian peoples, it should be welcomed in this country as a blessing and as the earnest of an international friendship; but there appears to be little hope of such a treaty at present or in the near future. Of course, it is almost treason to express the opinion, but it is more than probable that a settlement would be more easily reached could Canada go to Washington with her own free and plenipotentiary credentials to arrange a treaty. Even the Canadian people themselves or a goodly portion of them are unduly jealous of their interests being sacrificed on account of the well-known and often-expressed desire of the Imperial authorities to secure a treaty at any cost.

This is a fairly accurate statement of Canadian feeling on the matter, as well among French as among English-speaking Canadians. One requires to have lived some time in this country to understand how completely imperial considerations have had precedence over colonial interests of late years. The sacrifices that this policy has entailed have been heavy, and the people are no longer inclined even if they were in a position to continue to make them.

The wisest course for the British Government to pursue at this juncture would appear to be to come to some direct understanding with the Canadian by which the latter could treat independently with Washington, without the intervention of a third party. The regrettable accident which has deprived the British Government of the services and experience of Lord Herschell affords the opportunity for allowing the next meeting of the Commission, if it is to take place, to be purely American-Canadian delegation. Such an arrangement would be very favorably considered on this side of the boundary, and might avert consequences which the too urgent insistence of alien tutelage is not unlikely to produce.

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FATHER GEOGHEGAN'S FATE

Now Lies in a Sealed Envelope and Awaits Bishop DuMoulin's Return on Wednesday.

SPECULATION AS TO THE VERDICT

It Does Not Matter What the Court Does, the Congregation Will Stick to Him.

Hamilton, March 3.—(Special.)—The Synod judges climbed down from their benches this afternoon, laid their sealed verdict in the vault to await the return of Bishop DuMoulin on Wednesday, and then returned home.

Little New Evidence.

There were two chief witnesses to-day—the boarding house lady and the Buffalo cabby. The former stated very little new evidence, and the cabby, although called as a witness by the prosecution, failed to identify Miss Hore.

The Judges Get to Work.

After this the judges excluded Canons Bland and Forneret, and, sorting up the twenty-seven foolscap pages of evidence, began to boil it down. It took two hours, and when finished looked like an arithmetic sum, with the pros and cons arranged side by side, as in a ledger.

A Number of Leakages.

The result on paper will be zealously guarded until Bishop DuMoulin breaks the seal on Wednesday, but it hasn't prevented a number of leakages already. From these it is safe to say that the court, while it will not bring in a straight verdict of guilt, is in favor of at least temporary suspension.

Degrees of Punishment.

The three degrees of punishment which Bishop DuMoulin has within his power to inflict are unfrocking, suspension and rebuke, and, from statements made by the court, it will be the middle course that will be pursued.

"Father" Geoghegan is Happy.

Father Geoghegan has recovered his high spirits, and returned home this evening as light-hearted as a boy. He and his friends put up a fine fight in court, in spite of being denied the assistance of a lawyer, although the court made free use of legal talent all through, and one member or another left the room every few minutes to telephone some lawyer for fresh pointers.

What is the Alternative?

The question is being asked all over the city to-night, "What will Father Geoghegan do if the court decides against him?" The query was answered by the churchwardens of St. Peter's this evening.

Will Stick to Him.

At the cottage were gathered the wardens, officers and backers. "We believe," said the wardens, "that Father Geoghegan will come off without a scratch, but, if the Synod court should happen to go against him, the congregation will stick to him to a man, and there will be an independent church. We have had offers of financial help from all over the city and shall not have any difficulty in getting all the funds we want."

A Kick From the Court.

The World has been handed the following:

We, the undersigned members of the Board of Triers, hereby certify that the reports of our proceedings in the Rev. T. Geoghegan's case, which have appeared in the Hamilton papers and The Toronto World, are for the most part incorrect and most misleading.

The reference in this morning's World to the Rev. Canons Bland and Forneret is false, as they have been most temperate in both their language and conduct. We would also add that as soon as a member of the board suggested an adjournment for a day it was at once concurred in by all present. We believe that the presentors have been actuated throughout solely from a sense of duty.

William Belt (Canon), Chairman.
W. R. Clark (Canon), Secretary.
George A. Bull (Canon).
Joseph Fennell, Rural Dean.
Hamilton, March 3, 1899.

In spite of the foregoing statement, The World is informed that its report, considering it had to come from indirect sources, was quite correct. It is a strange coincidence that the word "presentors" in the above statement was typewritten "prosecutors" and changed in ink to "presentors." But this was only a typewritten error.

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A Day for Men at Dineens'.

To-day you will notice an increase in the family of new spring hat styles for men, in the spring hat display at Dineens'. Something new in new headwear arrives at Dineens' every day to be added to the entries for Dineens' grand Easter Reception. The arrivals come from the best English and American makers; and, as they come to Dineens' from the makers direct, they are shown here a little earlier than in other stores, which depend on their supplies from the jobbers. And no hat house in Toronto can compete with the qualities offered at Dineens' at Dineens' spot-cash prices. More varieties of new hat styles at Dineens' today than you will see in other stores a month hence, and to-night Dineens' remains open till 10.

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Bessie Bonehill at the Toronto, 2 and 8 p.m.

"Cyrano's" last appearance at the Princess, 1.45 and 7.45 p.m.

Banquet R.M.C. Club, National Club, 7.30 p.m.

George-street Old Boys meet in Shaftesbury Hall, 4 p.m.

General Mutton at the Armouries, 10 a.m.

Macdonald Club meets in Temple Building, 8 p.m.

What is Psychosophy?

A BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT.

Little Dicky and Wilfrid discover that their favorite doll was merely stuffed with sawdust,

MR. JOHN STARK RESIGNED

As President of the Union Loan and Savings Company on Wednesday Last.

SAID TO HAVE BEEN FRICTION.

When Mr. J. C. McGee Was Appointed Managing Director a Few Days Previous.

Movements of various kinds are going on in loan companies at this time. They amalgamate, change offices and officers almost daily. The latest is the removal of John Stark of the firm of John Stark & Co., investment agents, 26 Toronto-street, from the presidency of the Union Loan and Savings Company, 28 and 30 Toronto-street.

President Stark has had charge of the company for more than a year, having succeeded Dr. Gelkie in this position.

The other members of the Board are Messrs. Francis, Gelkie, Eastwood and Gilmore.

For some time friction has heated the even tenor of the board's deliberations, but a crisis was reached within the last week or ten days, when, without consulting President Stark, Manager J. C. McGee was made managing director. A vote was taken, but four voted for the appointment, leaving President Stark alone.

On March 1 Mr. Stark sent in his resignation.

Last night the board met to consider the resignation. "It was soon disposed of," said one of the board, speaking to The World.

It is thought that Vice-President Wellington Francis, barrister, will be promoted to the presidency. The board have the utmost confidence in his ability, The World is told, and he knows the business thoroughly.

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HEAD OFFICE IN TORONTO

Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company To Locate in the Queen City Without Delay.

CAPITAL INCREASED $500,000.

Senator Cox Elected President at the Annual Meeting Held at Montreal Yesterday.

Montreal, March 3.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company was held at its head office, Canada Life Building, here to-day.

Among those present from Toronto were: Robert Jaffray, Elias Rogers, W. T. Murray and E. Strachan Cox.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. Cox, Senator George A. Cox was obliged to go to New York, and was unable to attend the meeting.

Head Offices Here.

Bylaws were passed authorizing the increase of the capital to $2,000,000, the increase ($500,000) to be allotted to the shareholders at par, in the proportion of 1 to 3, and transferring the head offices to Toronto. Transfers of shares will be made there forthwith, no further business being done in Montreal.

Directors Elected.

Messrs. E. Strachan Cox and D. W. Baillie were appointed scrutineers, and the following gentlemen were elected directors: Hon. Senator Cox, Robert Jaffray, Elias Rogers, H. M. Pellatt, Thomas Walmsley, J. W. Flavelle of Toronto; J. A. Gemmill, Q.C., Ottawa; David Morrice, William Hanson, S. Finlay of Montreal, William Fernie of British Columbia, and J. D. Chipman of New Brunswick.

Senator Cox President.

Subsequently, Hon. George A. Cox was elected president, Robert Jaffray vice-president and J. A. Gemmill, Ottawa, secretary-treasurer of the company.

A Big Representation.

The statements of the manager and treasurer were of a most auspicious character, and the prospects of the company were referred to in the most glowing terms. Fifty-four thousand shares out of the capital of sixty thousand were represented at the meeting.

The allotment mentioned refers to the increase of $500,000 in the company's capital, or 20,000 shares at $25 per share. Each three shares of stock will be entitled to one share in the new allotment.

English billiards on the new regulation table at the Rossin House is now the proper thing.

ROSSLAND NEWS.

One Hundred More Men Put to Work on the Le Roi Mine—C. P. R. Extension Talk.

Rossland, B. C., March 3.—(Special.)—One hundred additional men have started work on Le Roi and shipments have been resumed. The mine will produce 300 to 400 tons daily.

The C. P. R. has decided, it is said, to build a branch of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway to open up Fort Steele, Wild Horse Creek and Windermere districts. It is reported that the C. P. R. will also build a branch of the C. & W. to Republic.

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GASPESIA GOT UP STEAM

And, Aided by a Southeast Wind, Got Three Miles Nearer to the Shore.

NEARING THE POINT OF SAFETY.

Lake Ontario Will Not Take the Chance of Trying to Get Through the Ice to Paspebiac.

Halifax, March 3.—A moderate southeast wind this evening loosened the ice off Etang du Nord. The steamer Gaspesia got up steam, and between her own efforts and a favorable movement of the ice, she made an offing of about two miles. If this wind keeps up for any considerable time she will be out of immediate danger. As dark was coming on, the ice was seen to be becoming more open outside, and her chances of getting into deeper water were considered very good.

Will Go to Halifax.

A special from St. John's, Nfld., says the steamer Lake Ontario will come to Halifax instead of attempting to force a passage through the Gulf ice to Paspebiac. She has 320 steerage passengers, and will sail for this port to-morrow morning.

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MR. KIPLING'S CONDITION.

The latest bulletin regarding Mr. Rudyard Kipling was issued yesterday at 2.15 p.m., as follows: "Mr. Kipling has continued to improve, so that to-day his temperature and pulse are but little above normal."

The children are said to be doing well.

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Armeda Tea has the Flavor.

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BIRTHS.

HAY—On March 2, at 24 Bellevue-avenue, the wife of W. D. Hay (Inspector of Federal Life), of a daughter.

DEATHS.

HECK—On March 2, 1899, Eugene Bernard Heck, infant son of Bernard and Mary Heck, aged 7 months.
Funeral Saturday, at 3 p.m., from 106 Sherbourne-street.

NIGHTINGALE—At the residence of his father, 194 Palmerston-avenue, on the 3rd inst., John Alexander Nightingale, only son of Albert and Lizzie Nightingale, aged 9 years and 3 months.
Funeral (private) Saturday, 4th inst. Hamilton papers please copy.

JOHN BULL GETS EVEN

A Belief That Italy's Move in China is Backed by Great Britain.

AND THE OPEN DOOR POLICY

Is to be Supplanted by a Policy of Partition, or "Spheres of Influence."

One Diplomatic Agent Said to Have Suggested International Control of China—Italian Government Acknowledges That Steps Have Been Taken to Secure a Share of Influence in China, and Says Other Interested Powers Are Agreeable.

Pekin, March 3.—The demand of the Italian Government upon the Government of China for a lease of San-Mun Bay as a coaling station and naval base on the same conditions as those under which Germany holds Kiao-Chou Bay, including a demand upon the part of Italy for the concession of three islands off the coast of the Province of Che-Kiang, with the right to construct a railroad from San-Mun Bay to Po-Yang Lake, and preferential mining and railroad rights within a sphere of influence covering the southerntwo-thirds of Che-Kiang Province, has caused great excitement here, not only among the Chinese, but also among the diplomats. The Chinese are firmly convinced that Great Britain is chiefly responsible for the Italian demand, and that it was made in order to emphasize Great Britain's displeasure at the turn which the Northern Railroad question has taken. They declare in proof of this assertion that Great Britain has determined upon a sphere of action and the abandonment of the "open door" policy. The diplomatists openly say that the new development is the beginning of a policy of partition upon the part of the powers. The agent of a great power, during a conversation, is said to have suggested that the moment had now arrived for international control of China, and it was added that if the policy of the "spheres of influence" should be really inaugurated, the United States would be expected to have a say in the matter; and he further said that there were indications that America would be likely to protect the Province of Pe-Chi-Li.

Confirmed the Report.

Rome, March 3.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, Admiral De Canevaro, Minister of Foreign Affairs, replying to a question on the subject, confirmed the report that the Government is taking steps at Pekin to secure a lease of San-Mun Bay, Province of Che-Kiang, China, and has given notice of its intention to the other nations interested in China, all of which, the Minister said, were friendly to the Government's project.

THE QUEEN AND FRANCE.

London Times Intimates That England Will Know Where to Place the Blame for Any Outrage.

London, March 3.—The papers to-day are showing uneasiness at threats of certain French papers that if the Queen visits France at this time, she can expect to be the victim of outrages. The Times says that if any unfortunate incidents occur, England will know where to place the blame.

To-day is the last chance to buy colored shirts for 50 cents, regular price $1.00, $1.25 and $1.50. Harcourt & Son, 57 King-street west. 246

THE WORLD TO-DAY.

The World's advertising pages to-day are a study for readers. The commercial, mining and financial condition of Canada today is pretty well shown in these columns. Every page of The World to-day signifies business and prosperity. The reputation of The World to-day as one of the best advertising mediums in Canada is a matter of comment everywhere. Read The World's page of mining advertisements and its page of "auction sales" intended to reach the people who have the wherewith to buy. Everybody reads The World.

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Fair Weathey.

Meteorological Office, March 3.—High pressure is now approaching the lakes from the northwest. An area of low pressure extends from Texas to the Lower Lakes, its tendency being now to move to the middle Atlantic coast.

Minimum and Maximum temperatures: Victoria, 36—48; Calgary, 18 below—6; Qu'Appelle, 20 below—6; Winnipeg, 28 below—2; Port Arthur, zero—18; Parry Sound, 24—38; Toronto, 22—38; Ottawa, 26—42; Montreal, 24—36; Quebec, 18—28; Halifax, 28—32.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Winds between northeast and northwest; fair; stationary or lower temperature.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fair, a little lower temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Cloudy to fair, light local falls of snow or rain.

Maritime—Winds, mostly easterly; mostly fair; local rains; chiefly at night; no decided change in temperature.

Lake Superior—Fine and cold to-day and on Sunday.

Manitoba—Fair, with a little higher temperature.

Oak Hall Clothiers have made a special purchase of waterproof coats, which they are offering at $5 for choice. The regular values are $7.50 and $8. There are various patterns of tweed and black paramatta, made in Chesterfield and cape styles. This is a good opportunity to get a good waterproof below regular values, at 115 King-street east.

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March 3.	At	From.
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Pennsylvania	New York	Hamburg
Werkendam	New York	Rotterdam
Alsatia	New York	Genoa
Lucania	New York	Liverpool
Gera	Bremen	New York
Campania	Queenstown	New York