

## PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ENDS INQUIRY

### Kellogg Company Expects To Double Production In Year

#### BIGGS CHARGES HE WAS 'SHADOWED' BY POLICE DURING DETROIT TRIP

Former Minister of Public Works Leading Figure at Probe Today. Decision Is Made to Investigate the Bank Accounts of Matthews, Former Assistant Prov. Treasurer.

#### EVIDENCE GIVEN ON COL. MASON'S TRANSACTIONS

Special to The Advertiser.  
Toronto, April 17.—Charges by Hon. F. C. Biggs former minister of public works, that he had been "shadowed" both during and since a trip to Detroit two weeks ago were the features of principal interest at the closing session of the public accounts committee of the legislature today. The committee early this afternoon took a recess until 2:30, when it will reassemble to hear the report drafted by the chairman for submission to the House later in the afternoon.

The committee received a further statement from Mr. Biggs with reference to his dealings with Mr. Morgan, Dean, Harris & Mulvaney and with Browning, Harris & Northey, and also on his views, as a former minister of the crown, on the policy of redeeming succession duty free bonds, which he strongly defended as sound business for the province.

#### HAD NOT MET MATTHEWS.

In the course of Mr. Biggs' testimony, Col. Currie inquired whether the ex-minister had met Charles Matthews, suspended deputy treasurer, during his trip to Detroit. It was then that Mr. Biggs told the committee that he was being shadowed.

"Why don't you ask the man who shadowed me?" he demanded, telling of one occasion on which he had offered the man trailing him a lift "in order to save the government the price of a taxi."

#### Probe Matthews' Account.

Further evidence regarding the bank accounts of J. Cooper Mason, late general manager of the Home Bank, was given to the committee by A. E. Nash, representing the liquidators of the bank. He told of numerous deposits of thousands and five hundred dollar bills, in Mr. Mason's account in the Central Canada Loan Company and also touched upon the account of the late James Mason, father of Cooper Mason, in the same institution. Cooper Mason, Mr. Nash testified, had been indulging in heavy speculations up to the time of his death.

A motion by Mr. Belanger that the Clarkson firm go into Matthews' business account with the province with any banks and to produce any papers that might be found, was unanimously carried.

#### Tells of Mason's Account.

A. E. Nash, of the Clarkson firm, gave evidence concerning the account of J. C. Mason, manager of the Home Bank in the Central Canada Loan Savings Company. Mr. Nash said he found nothing of great significance in the account, although there were some deposits of large sums, one deposit of \$1,800 corresponding with one of Mason's checks out of \$2,400.

Mr. Price announced that G. R. Harris had telephoned from Hamilton that he was making up a statement of his wife's account. The manager of the bank corroborated this. Mr. Price said Mr. Harris could not possibly be before the committee before 1 o'clock with the statement, and it would be useless to have him without it. Mr. Nash was recalled to tell about his investigation into the current accounts of the Harris firms. He told Mr. Harris that he should produce his personal accounts. He had asked Mr. Harris if his wife's account had anything to do with the business, and Harris had said it was personal. There were very few checks, said Mr. Nash, and a bank account was useless without vouchers. Mr. Price suggested that the committee give power to Mr. Nash to issue subpoenas for the documents, and the statement be handed to the attorney-general, as all the evidence and everything about the transactions were very extraordinary.

#### Probe Matthews Accounts.

Mr. Belanger moved that Mr. Nash be given power to investigate the bank accounts of C. A. Matthews since 1914. This was carried, although Mr. Price said the case of Mr. Matthews was now in the hands of the crown.

Mr. Nash, returning to give evidence on Mr. Mason's account in the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company, said on Nov. 19, 1919, \$24,000 had been deposited in five accounts of the Mason family.

#### LABOR MINISTRY FORMED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Associated Press Despatch.  
Perth, Australia, April 17.—Premier Cottle has formed a Labor ministry in Western Australia in succession to the government of Sir James Mitchell, which was defeated in the recent general election.

#### FRENCH TO RECOGNIZE NEW GREEK REPUBLIC

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, April 17.—The French government has sent instructions to its minister in Athens to extend recognition to the Greek republic as soon as he is officially notified that it has been established.

#### Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Summer home to let.  
Maid wanted.  
Used car for sale.  
Electric motor for sale.



OLIVER BALDWIN, son of former Premier Stanley Baldwin, who is contemplating opposing David Lloyd George in the Carnarvon district in the next election. Baldwin will enter the field as a Labor candidate.

#### THAW FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

Expected to Take the Witness Stand on His Own Behalf.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Philadelphia, April 17.—Expectation that Harry K. Thaw would take the witness stand in an effort to have himself declared sane and freed from the asylum where he has been confined for seven years, attracted a large crowd to common pleas court today. It was the fourth day of the trial before a jury of twelve men to determine Thaw's sanity. Judge Monaghan announced that when court adjourned today it would be to meet next Monday.

Thaw presented the same natty appearance he did yesterday. He walked briskly into court, and was removed by the jurors as he took a seat.

#### OLIVER BALDWIN WILL OPPOSE LLOYD GEORGE

Son of Former British Premier To Be Labor Candidate in Carnarvon Riding.

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, April 17.—Oliver Baldwin, Socialist member of parliament and son of former Premier Stanley Baldwin, is said by the newspapers to be contemplating opposing David Lloyd George as the Labor candidate in the Carnarvon district at the next parliamentary election.

It is stated that branches of the Socialist party have been established in most of the towns throughout the constituency and that Mr. Baldwin has spent several months there learning the Welsh language.

This is apparently one of the many "hostile acts" of which the Liberals are complaining, and in regard to which the Liberal newspapers today carry caustic editorials.

#### DRAKE ASKS REASON SECRET L. P. S. PARLEY

Public Business Should Be Talked in the Open, Alderman Declares.

Ald. Gordon Drake wants to know why the last meeting of the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission was held in camera. This should not be, he insists, asserting that meetings of this and all other public bodies should be open when the public are under discussion. "I was there and found the door locked. I couldn't get in," Ald. Drake explained. "I wanted to be in attendance that morning."

Had he been a member of the Port Stanley directorate, Ald. Drake says he would have gained entrance, even had it been necessary to break in.

#### ALL DIVISIONAL HEADS ATTEND TORONTO PARLEY

All divisional heads of the C. P. R. are in Toronto today attending the meeting of the Ontario District Transportation committee. E. W. Beatty, president of the C. P. R., who passed through London early today on his return from Windsor will address the gathering. Several important matters relative to freight rates will be discussed.

#### DRAYTON SAYS REPORTS FILED BY HOME BANK DID NOT SUIT

Minister of Finance in Meighen Government Testifies at Probe.

#### SAVED ONE BANK

Testifies That President Daly Had Always Told of Improved Conditions.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, April 17.—Examination of Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance during the Meighen administration, before the royal commission investigating the Home Bank, this morning, brought out some important facts. In answer to Mr. Lee, counsel for the Home Bank depositors, Sir Henry stated that in 1921 he had advanced money to the extent of \$8,200,000 to the Banque Nationale to enable it to carry on business. "If that had not been done there would have been a bank failure," said Sir Henry. No such advance was made to the Home Bank, although examination of Sir Henry revealed the fact that he was far from satisfied with the condition of that institution.

When he went out of office, he had drawn the attention of his successor, Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding, to the condition of the bank. When Mr. Fielding expressed "horror" in regard to the action which had been taken to assist the Nationale, Sir Henry said he told him (Mr. Fielding) that he would probably have to take similar action with regard to the Home Bank before long.

Sir Henry appeared before the commission with the private file of communications which passed between him and officials of the bank and others in regard to its condition. It contained statements from the bank, all designed to show that the condition of the institution was improving. When asked if he had delved into the statement, he said that he had. He was never satisfied with some of the collateral for the loans, but he had no reason to regard the statements submitted as being anything but true. He pointed out the gravity of taking action which would wreck a bank, but said that if he had been suspicious he would have forced the management to allow him to get a man into the bank to find out its true condition. He felt the bank needed "nursing" and pointed out that there had never been any requests for assistance from the officers of the bank as in the case of the Nationale.

Sir Henry denied any knowledge. Please See Page 4, Column 1.

#### CITY FIREMEN SAVE CENTRAL AVE. HOUSE

Roof of Edward Linell's Home Ablaze When Firemen Arrive.

The roof of the house occupied by Edward Linell, 486 Central avenue, taking fire yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock, caused damage estimated at \$100.

When firemen arrived they found the fire had gained considerable headway, but extinguished the blaze before the interior of the house was damaged. The upstairs suffered a little from smoke and water. It is thought that a spark from the chimney ignited the shingles.

#### CITY TEACHERS WILL ATTEND CONVENTION

Toronto Educational Session Will Be Addressed by Three Londoners.

The public and high schools close today for the Easter holidays, and reopen on Monday, April 23, for the summer term. During the holidays while the pupils are having the best of all possible times, many of the teachers will go to Toronto to the annual meeting of the Ontario Educational Association, both as visitors and in some cases as speakers. The convention lasts for three days beginning on Monday, April 21. Among the teachers and school officials who will address the gathering are: Principal Beal of the Technical School; M. M. Sims, the attendance officer; and J. C. MacEachern.



DR. W. J. BLACK, European manager of the Immigration and colonization department of the C. N. R., who declares there will be no difficulty in securing help from Britain for the Canadian farmer or any other industry.

#### THINK PRISONER IS WANTED HERE

L. M. Brokaw Arrested by Georgia Police as a Swindling Suspect.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Macon, Ga., April 17.—L. M. Brokaw, alias Philip Edward Andreau, and J. H. Bieggar, who gave their addresses as New York, are held here for Montreal police. They were arrested last night upon their arrival in an expensive roadster from Miami, Florida, on suspicion of being involved in extensive swindling.

A message from the Canadian authorities said that Andreau was wanted in London, Ont., on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences, and while they gave no details of charges against Bieggar, ask that he be detained.

Inspector Thomas Nickle of the London detective department is inclined to believe that Brokaw is the man wanted here in connection with the swindling of several local banks a year or two ago, when several thousand dollars were secured under false pretences.

In an endeavor to stimulate the old and aristocratic pastime of breeding pigeons, the mayor has offered for competition a large silver shield to the pigeon fanciers of London. The shield is to be presented to the owner of the pigeon which is returned the winner in a 400-mile race to be held in Western Ontario this summer.

Administering a local anesthetic the physician was successful in removing the object after one hour and half of labor.

#### "JAZZ SPIRIT OF THE TIMES" CAUSING MANY SUICIDES

Dr. Harry M. Warren Declares Youthful Marriages Lead to Much Unhappiness.

#### ADVISES LESS SPEED

Associated Press Despatch.  
New York, April 17.—Placing the number of deaths by suicide in the United States last year at between 15,000 and 16,000, Dr. Harry M. Warren, president of the Save a Life League, in his annual report, attributed the majority of efforts at self destruction to the "jazz spirit of the times" and the failure of many parents, teachers and clergymen to impress upon children the sanctity of human life.

"During the past five years," Mr. Warren says, "about 4,000 children, between the ages of 5 and 18, have been on the suicide list. One girl made twelve different attempts to die. Most of these children and young people ended their lives because of unhappy home conditions, unpleasant school experiences, youthful marriages (599 last year in the United States at the age of 15 being listed as widowed or divorced), and the jazz spirit of the times. The lives of many are highly emotional. Life becomes one whirl of gaiety and excess. So long as people young or old, continue at this high pace of living we may not be surprised at even a greater harvest of suicides."

Statistics gathered by the league show that among the suicides last year were: "Sixty-two physicians, 48 lawyers and judges, 17 ministers, 64 bankers, 72 brokers, 43 actors, 26 editors and writers, and 110 presidents and owners of large business concerns."

#### Chesley Editor Intimates Agnes MacPhail Is Latest Victim of Cupid's Arrows

William MacDonald Hints That Preston Elliott of Dundas Other Party to Romance.

#### WHEN AGNES BLUSHED

Businessman Tells of Two Taking Stroll Along Ottawa Street.

#### Special to The Advertiser.

Owen Sound, April 17.—Is the world about to hear of another romance in high life? In today's issue of the Chesley Enterprise, Editor William MacDonald, for eight years Liberal member of the Ontario Legislature for North Bruce, strongly hints at what would be one of the most interesting romances Grey County has ever seen, and the principal figures are persons of no less importance and widespread interest than Miss Agnes MacPhail, Progressive M. P. for Southeast Grey, and the bachelor member, also of the Progressive party from Dundas, Ont., Preston Elliott.

The Enterprise even hints at the possibility of the need of a new candidate by the Progressives of a Grey riding. After telling about a luncheon given in the parliamentary cafe by Miss MacPhail for the wives of ten Progressive members, the Enterprise says:

"It is hard to keep out of the social life in Ottawa, and these functions do not in the least detract from a member's usefulness. One bright summer day in 1923 saw Miss MacPhail strolling along the street in company with the bachelor member for Dundas, Ont., who is a kindred spirit of the only lady M. P. in Canada, for both are Progressives. Our informant is not naturally of a suspicious nature, but he thought it looked as though Dan Cupid's keen arrows had found another mark when Miss MacPhail blushed to the very roots of her hair when the businessman came across the street to speak to her and her partner."

#### Piece of Pork Sticks In Throat

Difficult Operation Performed on Komoka Woman.

When a small piece of pork lodged in her throat yesterday noon, Mrs. Steel of Komoka, was rushed to this city after physicians there had unsuccessfully attempted to remove the object. Suffering much agony, Mrs. Steel was taken to the office of a prominent throat specialist, where steps were taken to remove the piece of pork.

Administering a local anesthetic the physician was successful in removing the object after one hour and half of labor.

#### CAPT. TAYLOR TELLS OF FIRE PREVENTION

Adanac Club Hears Fine Address by Member of City Department.

"Fire Prevention" was the subject of a talk given by Capt. Frank Taylor of the fire department to members of the Adanac Club at the Y. M. C. A. last night.

Capt. Taylor showed how an apparently insignificant fire often reached huge proportions and pointed out ways and means to check small fires. The speaker also emphasized that when a fire is noticed, the department should first be called, while the men are on the way attempts can be made to extinguish the flames, but that to try and put out a spreading fire before turning in an alarm is a mistake.

President Elgin Spieran was in the chair. A. Ramer, Jack Barr, J. Pritchett, Warren Smith, Charlie King, and Harry Sugden were also present.

#### BRITISH AIRMAN HOPS OFF TODAY FOR CAIRO

Associated Press Despatch.  
Athens, April 17.—Stuart McLaren, the British aviator, who arrived here yesterday on his attempted round-the-world flight, hopped off at 8:30 o'clock this morning for Cairo, where he is expected to arrive about 4:30 p.m.

#### FIVE ARE FINED.

Five citizens who committed breaches of the traffic by-laws were each fined \$10 and costs in police court today. One case was adjourned, while the summons was not served in another action.



MISS AGNES MacPHAIL, Progressive member for Center Grey, whose name is linked with a romance said to have had its inception in Ottawa during the last session.

#### BARTHOLOMEO BELIEVES PROBLEM SOLVED

Reparations Commission Considers Attitude To Be Adopted If Germany Accepts.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, April 17.—The reparations commissions engaged this morning in an unofficial exchange of views concerning the attitude to be adopted following receipt of Germany's reply accepting the experts' reports as a practical basis for solution of the reparations problem. The commission is meeting in plenary session this afternoon when it is expected its official decision will be taken. In reparations circles it is believed the commission will immediately refer the reports to the interested governments. At the conclusion of the unofficial session, Louis Barthou, president of the commission said: "Solution of the reparations problem appears to be in a fair way of realization. There are excellent reasons to be optimistic, although all the difficulties are as yet far from being solved."

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#### BLACK SEES NO TROUBLE IN GETTING BRITISH HELP

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, April 17.—There will be no difficulty in getting workers from the European continent for the farmer or any other Canadian industry as fast as Canada can absorb them, according to W. J. Black, European manager of the immigration and colonization for the Canadian National Railways in London, England, whose address was broadcast from the C. N. R. radio station here last night.

#### The Weather

#### FORECASTS.

Today—Strong southeast winds; cloudy, with scattered showers.  
Friday—Local showers, but partly fair and warmer.  
The pressure is high over the St. Lawrence Valley and New England, and towards the Pacific coast, while a moderate depression is centered near Lake Superior. The weather has been rather cool over the Dominion, and snow and rain have occurred from Central Manitoba to Lake Superior.

#### Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

| Stations.        | High. | Low. | Weather. |
|------------------|-------|------|----------|
| Victoria         | 54    | 42   | Cloudy   |
| Calgary          | 45    | 28   | Fair     |
| Winnipeg         | 54    | 28   | Snow     |
| Port Arthur      | 24    | 32   | Cloudy   |
| Sault Ste. Marie | 44    | 34   | Rain     |
| Toronto          | 44    | 27   | Cloudy   |
| Kingston         | 50    | 24   | Fair     |
| Montreal         | 48    | 32   | Clear    |
| Quebec           | 44    | 28   | Clear    |
| St. John         | 44    | 26   | Clear    |
| Halifax          | 40    | 24   | Clear    |

#### LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 53; lowest, 38. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 41; lowest, 37.

#### Barometric Readings.

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—29.25.

Today, 8 a.m.—29.17.