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GOOD TO THEIR FRIENDS

How Equitable and New York Life Companies Gave Gifts.

Stock-Jobbing Transactions Which Netted W. S. Fanshawe 5 Per Cent. on \$937,500 He Did Not Own, Andrew Hamilton \$18,000 and J. W. Alexander, J. H. Hyde, T. D. Jordan and W. H. McIntyre \$18,900.

New York, Nov. 28.—Just before the insurance investigation committee adjourned yesterday, Charles E. Hughes, counsel for the committee, produced a policy written by the Mutual Reserve, upon the life of an unnamed man, which policy stipulated upon the first page that the insured should pay a premium of \$100,000 and stated that the benefits and requirements elsewhere stated. On page two of the policy he read a clause that the executive committee of the company could require the holder of the policy to pay any multiple of the amount of the premium stated on the first page which the committee saw fit. George D. Eldredge, vice-president and actuary of the company, to whom Mr. Hughes read the policy, said that the number of such policies issued was small.

Previously Edmund D. Randolph, treasurer of the New York Life, had said that it was true that he removed \$700,000 worth of New York City stock from the vaults of the company and put a cheque of the Central National Bank for that amount in place of it in Jan. 5, 1905.

Mr. Randolph understood that the bank wanted the stock for clients, one of which was the Merchants' Trust Co. He promised to give the committee later the names of any officers of the New York Life then in the Merchants' Trust Co.

Squire's Deposition.
The deposition of George H. Squire, formerly financial manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, in which he described some of the operations of the syndicate, which included officers of that society, was read. Mr. Squire stated that in 1901 the Equitable Society bought 2,000 shares of the stock of the Lawyers' Title Insurance Co. and re-sold 1,500 shares to several of its officers and directors at the purchase price of \$174. Some of the Equitable men sold their stock later, said Mr. Squire, and subsequently large blocks of the stock were sold to the Equitable at \$310 to \$350 by the firm of Williamson & Squire, New York.

Mr. Hughes also brought out that a profit of \$22,000 had been paid to Mr. Squire for the stock of the Equitable Society, and that Mr. Squire had divided profits from an unknown operation, aggregating \$18,900, among four officers of the Equitable—J. W. Alexander, J. H. Hyde, T. D. Jordan and W. H. McIntyre.

Hamilton Fared Well.
The fact that the New York Security and Trust Co. paid \$18,000 to Andrew Hamilton, the legislative agent, out of moneys belonging to the New York Life, was also brought out.

W. S. Fanshawe, a dealer in investment securities, told the committee that in 1904 he bought New Orleans Traction bonds of a face value of \$1,250,000 from the New York Life Insurance Co. and George W. Perkins, trustee of the giving fund, giving them his cheque amounting to \$937,500, in payment, and then borrowed \$937,500 from the New York Life, using the bonds as collateral. He then sold the bonds, giving the New York Life 95 per cent. of the profits and keeping 5 per cent.

THE TARIFF ENQUIRY.
Wellington Farmers Blame the Companies Upon the Present Tariff.

Guelph, Nov. 28.—The Tariff Commission held an enquiry in the Court House yesterday, when representatives of various bodies and concerns presented views. The attendance was fairly large.

A deputation from the farmers of Wellington County was introduced by Mr. James McEwen, who read a resolution that the unanimous opinion of the farmers of Wellington is that the tariff is the direct cause of the creation of those combines now under investigation, and the object of which is to obtain extortion of profits from the consumers. That the proper remedy for such combines will be found not in criminal prosecution or the removal of protection from certain specified articles; that an effective remedy will be found only in the reduction of the whole tariff to a purely revenue basis; we are furthermore of opinion that the evidence given before this commission by manufacturers themselves, evidence of which shows after the writing off of large sums to meet depreciation of plant, the payment of a dividend of 1 per cent. and upwards is abundant proof that any manufacturing industry adapted to our conditions can easily bear such reduction. Certain it is that farmers whose surplus is represented on the average by the rate wages properly due their families should not be expected to continue bearing even their present burdens. To suggest an increase in these burdens would, under existing conditions, be an act of injustice.

Many farmers gave their individual opinions.

K. O. T. M. NOTICE
Election of officers for 1906 takes place Friday night, Dec. 1st. Be on hand.

A. CARTER, G. W. SULMAN, Com. B. K.

BOSS TEACHES BUT MEN WORK

Crown Attorney's Cutting Comment on Bible Class Tutor Who Operates Sunday Wells

Bitter Fight in Bothwell Oil Case—Wells Ruined if Work Stopped, Says Supt.

It is evident that the legal battle between the Lord's Day Alliance and the Bothwell oil corporations will be strenuously fought out to the end. All day yesterday at County Court Crown Attorney Smith and Barristers O. L. Lewis and W. R. Hickey disputed every inch of debatable ground, following the legal arguments of the morning with busy examinations and cross-examinations of witnesses in the afternoon. At six o'clock in the evening an adjournment was taken till Friday, the Crown Attorney intimating that he had still many witnesses to call in rebuttal.

Thomas Wade, part owner of the wells in question, was put into the box at the opening yesterday afternoon. He said that to close down the wells and cease operations on Sunday would cause a serious and permanent loss. The working of the wells on Sunday was a necessity, as if they were stopped the water would flow in and it might take 24 hours after restarting to pump it out. Supt. McLeod, of the Garmen & Fairbanks wells, always called for Sunday work.

"And this is the gentleman who makes his engineers work on Sunday, while he teaches the Bible class," was the sarcastic comment of the Crown Attorney as he rose to put the witness through a rigorous cross-examination. He declined to let the witness do any guess work and pinned him down to the statement that the only way to accurately ascertain an estimate of the loss by ceasing to work Sundays was by actual experiment, which had never been tried. Witness admitted the books might not show any loss.

"And your 'permanent loss' merely means a slight falling off in profits," declared the Crown counsel as he concluded the cross-examination.

To Mr. Hickey Supt. John McLeod said to stop operations on Sunday would "be the ruin of some of our best wells." It would mean a loss of at least 20 per cent. It was absolutely necessary that the wells run on Sunday.

The cross-examination the Crown Attorney secured the following monthly statement from McLeod. The cost of operating the wells per month was \$210 wages, \$200 fuel and \$150 incidentals and wear and tear, totaling \$560; the yield was an average half a barrel per day, at \$1.32 per barrel, or a total for the month of \$1,248—a net profit per month of \$679.

Henry Brewer said he had tried shutting down on Sundays on orders from the Crown Attorney. It took from Sunday midnight to Wednesday noon to get the water out and the field could not be operated under those conditions.

John A. Clark had similar experience. His yield had fallen from 111 barrels to 82 barrels by reason of Sunday closing. Mr. Harrington corroborated.

The Crown put Dr. Chas. Fairbanks in the box in rebuttal. Dr. Fairbanks had been in the oil business for 20 years. In the Bothwell field he owned the Moore, Lutes, Gosner, McElvin, Grever, Smith, Garmen & Fairbanks, Sudex and Geo. Brewer plants. He had 70 wells and did not operate them on Sunday—they had not been operated on Sunday for seven years. He found them profitable without Sunday work. On the Garmen-Fairbanks Goodyear well a test had been made for four months as follows:

March, working Sundays, 1,000 barrels.
April, not working Sundays, 954 barrels.
May, not working Sundays, 933 barrels.
June, working Sundays, 1,009 barrels.

It was a matter of slightly increased profits by working on Sundays.

James McLister, foreman of the Fairbanks wells, had 25 years experience in the oil business. His wells never operated on Sunday and the shut-down had apparently no effect. There would be a loss in profit, but the life of the well was longer by the rest one day in seven and the oil accumulated, Monday always being a better yield after the Sunday rest.

The case was then enlarged till Friday.

HOOKEY
A meeting of the Chatham Hockey Club will be held in the Garner Hotel to-night, when arrangements will be made for the coming season. A meeting was held last Wednesday, when the club was organized and officers elected. It was decided to adjourn until to-night, when a larger attendance is expected and the club will be in a better position to discuss this year's prospects.

They are rich who have friends.

STORM SWEEP LAKES

One Crew of Twenty-Six Perishes—Rescuers Late.

Steamer Mataafa Driven Ashore Off Duluth Harbor and Sailors Believed to Have Died of Exposure—Two Other Steamers Wrecked—Hurricane of 60 Miles An Hour and Blinding Snowstorm.

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 28.—In one of the most terrific gales in the history of the great lakes, three large steamers were yesterday driven ashore in sight of the lighthouse at the Duluth Harbor, the local harbor, and several members of the crew of one of the boats, the Mataafa, were believed to have perished. The wrecks are the Crescent City and the Mataafa of the Pittsburgh Steamship Co., and the R. W. England, owned by the England Transportation Co. of Cleveland.

As soon as interrupted telegraphic communication with other lake ports resumed it is expected that further reports of wrecks will be received.

Wind 60 Miles an Hour.
For thirteen consecutive hours, between 11 o'clock Monday night and 12 o'clock Tuesday, the velocity of the wind averaged sixty miles an hour. The Mataafa is being slowly pounded to pieces. The crew of the Crescent City escaped, but the boat is a total wreck. The England is lying on the sand, and is in no danger of going to pieces.

The Mataafa left here Monday night with the Nasmith in tow. A mile or two out in the lake she left the Nasmith, which immediately anchored, and came on alone, endeavoring to make the entry. At the entrance the waves were almost mountainous in height, and great clouds of water kept sweeping the laboring vessel from stem to stern. She cleared the pier and went on the beach broadside.

Rescuers Late.
There, with thousands of people watching them, almost within a stone's throw and unable to do anything the poor fellows huddled on the stern of the boat awaiting rescue. The life-saving crew had not reached the Mataafa until nearly 6 o'clock, and by that time the stern was almost under water, and some time before that the men slipped down ventilators in the hold of the boat, and none were seen on the stern. Their only chance is that there may be some compartment there watertight to hold them until rescued. Two of them crawled along the boat through the fearful waves, and made the forward part. A third tried it and gave it up.

26 Men Frozen to Death.
Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 28.—A Sentinel special from Superior, Wis., says that the life-savers have been unable to get the crew off the Mataafa. The boat has broken in two, but the decks are still out of water. It is thought that the 26 men have frozen to death, as there is no sign of life on board.

Michigan Storm Swept.
Detroit, Nov. 28.—Lake Superior from Duluth to the Soo, the upper peninsula of Michigan, the upper ends of lakes Huron and Michigan, and the northern counties of lower Michigan, have been swept Monday night and yesterday by a terrific storm. The blizzard raged with a velocity of from 40 to 60 miles an hour, and all the harbors from Port Huron north on Lake Huron and the Soo north on Lake Superior are filled with vessels which have run in for shelter.

OLIVER MOWAT ASHORE.

Crew Rescued After Eight Hours' Cruel Exposure.
Oshawa, Nov. 28.—A Grand Trunk special, bearing a life-saving party from Port Hope, thirty miles distant, and a mile's overland haul of the large fishing yawl brought by the rescuers, were sensational features of the successful attempt made to bring ashore Capt. Robinson, his wife and the crew of four belonging to the schooner Oliver Mowat, which grounded about 300 yards to the east of Bluff Point, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Those rescued were: Capt. George Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, Port Hope; James Bloomer, Bathurst street, Toronto; Isaac McEvoy, Port Hope; Charles Hollenbeck, Colborne and Ed. McClelland, Port Hope.

The sailors, drenched to the skin and benumbed through eight hours of exposure to driving snow, cutting wind and waves that flooded to the deck at intervals were promptly taken to the Oshawa House, where they were cared for.

SKATED INTO A HOLE.

Peterboro' Lad Was Drowned in the Trent Canal.

Peterboro', Ont., Nov. 28.—Louis Bell, the 13-year-old son of Wm. Bell, grocer, went skating on the canal after school Monday. Not returning a search party found his boots on the shore back of the house. The ice was thin and the lad, who was alone, evidently skated in an opening. The body has not been found.

Shot Destroys Eyesight.
Toronto, Nov. 28.—Last night about 11 o'clock W. G. Heintzman, a piano maker, saw a man leaning against an advertising board with blood coming from a wound in the right temple and a revolver lying on the ground. The injured man said he was John Wright of Brantford, and arrived from there at noon yesterday. He claims he was examining the revolver and it went off. The ball destroyed the sight of both eyes, and may prove fatal. He was taken to the General in an ambulance.

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FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

Premier Whitney on Dismissal of License Inspectors.

Regrets Resignation of the Commissioners, But Finds Their Course Astonishing—Shows How Their Position Interferes With Responsible Government, and Says the Government Is Quite Prepared.

Toronto, Nov. 28.—The action of the Board of License Commissioners in resigning their posts owing to the dismissal of the Toronto license inspectors was the absorbing topic of discussion in the streets yesterday. The developments of yesterday were a statement of the Government's position by Hon. Mr. Whitney, and a lengthy explanation of their course by the license commission, in which they say that the dismissal is a surrender to partisan greed for office.

Premier Whitney arrived from Morristown at 5.30 p.m., and joined the Ministers who had been in session all afternoon. After some deliberation with his colleagues Hon. Mr. Whitney handed out this statement:

"I have read the Toronto newspapers with reference to the change of license inspectors in this city. Precisely similar action has been taken by the Government with regard to inspectors in a great number of counties during the past six months. There were good reasons for making those changes, and no such outcry occurred as we have heard with reference to the changes in Toronto."

"The Government would have been entirely justified in changing the inspectors months ago. But for good reasons—reasons which will appeal to every fair-minded person—the Government determined to keep them on and see what would be the result. They have found that the change was necessary in the public interest, and they have made the change."

"All sorts of motives are imputed to us by men who are actuated by various reasons, but we are prepared for all that sort of thing.

"The astonishing feature of the hubbub is the ground taken apparently by the commissioners that they should have been consulted, and the change is a reflection on them. They are no more responsible for the act of the inspectors than the inspectors are responsible for the acts of the commissioners. Otherwise the Government would be obliged to appear before the commissioners and lay before them the reasons which prompted the Government in desiring a change, and ask permission to make the change. This would not be responsible Government.

"The commissioners did good work while they held office, and the Government regrets the course they have taken, which is simply astonishing."

ATTACKED BY FRENCH MOB.

Presbyterian Evangelist Victim of Another Montreal Outrage.

Montreal, Nov. 28.—The attacks upon the Presbyterian evangelist, Mage, reached another stage Sunday evening, when the residence of Rev. Calven Amaron was stoned by a lot of hoodlums, though, fortunately, the inmates escaped unhurt. Rev. Mr. Amaron is pastor of St. John's French Presbyterian Church, and on Sunday evening he ejected from the Mage meeting, which he was attending, a young man who persisted in raising a disturbance.

In retaliation for this act he and his wife were followed home by a gang of men and boys, who hanged as they proceeded through the streets to their home on Milton street.

The party reached their residence without any personal violence, but they had no more than entered their door when the house was showered with stones. Fortunately, Mr. Amaron possesses a telephone, and he was thus enabled to summon the police.

A half-dozen constables dispersed the gang and a couple of officers now guard the house regularly throughout the night. No arrests were made.

Three large window panes were broken, for which the city will be asked to pay.

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