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## THE FINANCE COMMITTEE CONTINUES ITS CRITICISM

### Officers of Justice Department May Get Better Salaries and Outside Expenses be Reduced—The Grant to Duff-Miller—Lower Insurance Expected

FREDERICTON, May 12—The public accounts committee met this morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Smith, of this committee, who was absent yesterday, was present today and at his request the administration of justice and agricultural expenses already passed upon were reopened.

Mr. Smith strongly criticised the amount the province paid for legal prosecutions. He condemned the large cost of the Collins' trial. In this trial he pointed out that the country paid a well known St. John lawyer the sum of $694.00 for eleven days' services. This was over half the solicitor general's annual salary. From his point of view he could not see the need of such expenditure. The system as carried on in the past opened the door to a large family of hungry lawyers. On the motion of Mr. Smith the committee recommended that the crown officers should be paid increased salaries and that they should be liable for expenses incurred in the prosecuting of crown cases.

In respect to the agricultural expenses Mr. Smith said he believed that many of the diary superintendents were paid for days they did not work. There was considerable discussion over this. Deputy Minister of Agraculture, Peters being examined at length. The committee finally recommended that in future every diary superintendent and employe engaged in the promotion of agriculture send to the department each day a detailed statement of the time spent. Mr. Smith strongly urged the committee to recommend that the annual grant to Duff Miller of $2,000 be cancelled.

He could not see how the money spent was of any advantage to the province and believed that this sum could be better spent on the roads. At the request of Mr. Labillois the matter was allowed to stand until the morrow to re-rate the city. It is ex- will be heard as to the services rendered by Mr. Miller. The meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock to meet again tomorrow morning.

The president of the board of trade has been notified that Mr. Peter Clinch of St. John, secretary of the fire writers' association will be in the city tomorrow to re-rate the city. It is expected that it will result in a considerable reduction of insurance.

## HORSES RAN AWAY WITH BIG CIRCUS WAGON

### A Panic in Cleveland When the Hippo Van Broke Loose.

CLEVELALND, Ohio, May 11—Eight horses, attached to a big circus wagon with a hippopotamus in it, became frightened during a parade today and ran away down Scranton Hill at full speed. The brakes broke and the crowd, panic-stricken, scattered in terror. There were many narrow escapes from death.

Finally the two front horses broke loose from the wagon. The whiffletree snapped and the last two horses were entangled in the harness, both falling. The great wheels rolled over them and they were crushed to death. The back wheels caught on the bodies of the horses, however, and the chariot came to a stop.

The big, frightened animal inside jammed himself against his cage and tried to break loose. Had he got out, there would probably have been many killed. The keepers quieted the terrified beast after the wagon came to a standstill.

## DEPRESSION IN JAPAN

### Government Bonds Have Fallen to Below Eighty.

TOKIO, May 11.—Nothing could more strikingly illustrate the depression which is now prevailing in business circles than a comparison between the transaction on the Tokio Stock Exchance on the March settling days in 1907 and 1908. The amount of transactions at the Tokio clearing house on March 30, 1907, was 56,893,220 yen against 15,009,291 yen for the corresponding date this year, a diminution of no less than 41,884,032 yen.

The latter figures goes to show that general business is as badly depressed as the share market. Nor can it be said that there are any signs of an early change for the letter. The depression has now lasted more than a year.

Government bonds are below 80; the standard valuation hitherto has been 90. Financiers are conferring with the financial department with the object of restoring confidence.

## A COLD-BLOODED MURDER COMMITTED IN P. E. ISLAND

### Joseph D. McMillan Shot and Killed by Alonzo Docherty While Walking With a Young Lady.

CHARLOTTETOWN, May 12—One of the most sensational murders that has ever exercised this almost crime-free province occurred on Sunday night at Miscouche, a small village about five miles from Summerside. The victim is Joseph D. McMillan, aged 25, a prominent young farmer, and his slayer is Alonzo Docherty, aged 21.

On Sunday afternoon McMillan, accompanied by Stella MacDonald and her sister, walked from Miscouche to Summerside. In the evening McMillan and Stella left on return to Miscouche, walking along the railway track. When about one and one-half miles from their destination they met Docherty coming towards them. It was a bright moonlight night. He had a revolver in his hand.

"Hold on," he said.

"Is that a revolver you have?" asked McMillan. "Yes," replied Docherty, and pulled the trigger.

A 32 calibre bullet crashed into McMillan's heart. "My God I am shot," he said, and staggered and fell. As he lay on the ground Docherty fired two more bullets into the head of his victim, whose struggles ceased for ever.

The railway track was bordered with thick bushes. Docherty dragged the body into the woods and accompanied the horror stricken girl to her home. He stayed there several hours and at daylight went with the girl to Father Monaghan's, the priest's, and told him the whole story and where to find the Joseph D. McMillan, aged 25, a prom- authorities and the body was found in the spot indicated. Docherty went to the house of his father, informing him of the terrible deed. The old man, a respectable farmer, fell in a faint when he heard the awful news. The murderer then drove to Miscouche, waited the arrival of the police officer from Summerside, and gave himself up. He is now lodged in Summerside jail.

To a representative of the press he said: "I did the deed and know I shall suffer for it. It means either the gallows or penitentiary for life. I would not like the latter, for I would pine away and die anyway. I had no quarrel with McMillan. He was one of the best fellows in Miscouche. My deed was not prompted by jealousy. I was in the habit of carrying a revolver through the woods and had placed that one in my pocket on Sunday. Some uncontrollable impulse seized me when I met McMillan and Stella. I had kept company with her for three years.

Docherty then told how he dragged the body into the woods so that no one would see it. Doherty is a fine, strapping, good-looking fellow about six feet. McMillan is also a splendid specimen of physical manhood.

An inquest was held by Coroner Bowness today and the jury returned a verdict that he McMillan came to his death from shots fired from a revolver in the hands of and fired by the prisoner. Doherty has been remanded till Thursday, when he will be tried before Stipendiary Wright.

The affair has created intense excitement all over the province. The general opinion is Docherty was madly in love with the girl and jealousy promptd him to remove his rival. McMillan had not been keeping company with Stella to any extent. They were merely good friends. Stella MacDonald was a witness at the inquest. She confirmed what the prisoner had said when he met McMillan and her. They were eight feet apart when the shooting began. Docherty made no threats. McMillan never uttered a word after he fell. Docherty told her he fired the shot in a fit of passion. He never made threats of violence. He said he was sorry he did it. She believed jealousy was the cause. Some months ago Docherty said he would part them. He saw them together Sunday and knew they went to Summerside. After the shooting he handed her the revolver and cartridges, which she handed over to the priest.

MONCTON, May 12.—Mrs. Percy McMahon, of this city, is a sister of young MacMillan, who on Sunday night at Miscouche, P. E. I., was shot down from ambush presumably by a rival for the hand of a young lady. Mrs. McMahon received the sad intelligence last evening and was naturally greatly shocked. Owing to the broken cable she received no particulars and is at a loss to know who the young lady was over whom the quarrel arose. She leaves this afternoon for Miscouche.

## HOW A WELL-TO-DO FARMER DID NOT GET A BRIDE

### A Romance of the Hospital Which is Lacking in the Regular Story-Book Ending.

An interesting romance has developed during the past few weeks at the General Public Hospital, as the result of which one of the lady patients has found it necessary to refuse an urgent offer of marriage.

The patient, who is a charming young English woman, landed at St. John from one of the C. P. R. steamers earlier in the spring. When boarding a train she slipped and fell, sustaining injuries which made it necessary for her to go to the hospital.

A few days after her entry in the institution she was surprised to receive a letter with the postmark of an I. C. R. station not far from St. John. As she had no friends there she opened it with some curiosity.

The letter proved to be from a resident of that vicinity who said that he had noticed an account of her accident in the papers. As she seemed to be alone he took the liberty of offering her a home on his farm if she was not averse to farm labor. The letter also hinted quite boardly that matrimony was his ultimate object.

The young lady did not answer the letter but a few days later she showed it to a young Baptist clergyman, whose parish is in the region of the hospital and who is in the habit of visiting the patients to administer spiritual consolation to the sufferers.

It chanced that the clergyman came from the district from which the letter was written, and was well acquainted with the writer. He wrote the farmer in a somewhat jocular way, referring to his correspondence with the fair patient.

The farmer seemed to find encouragement in the parson's letter, for shortly after this the young lady received another letter from him, this time pressing his claims a little more vigorously. He stated that he was a widower, not more than forty-five years old, that he had a fine farm, twenty cows, three sons and a large variety of other possessions which he carefully catalogued. He begged her to consider his claims to her attention and if she viewed them favorably he would come to town for a personal interview.

Even this impressive document did not elicit an answer from the lady. A few days later the patient was advised that a man wished to see her, giving the name of her insistent correspondent.

Before the nurse could return with the message whether she would see him or not, the gentleman himself entered the ward; his impatience having led him to follow the nurse.

Although somewhat abashed by the row of white beds and the curious glances of the other patients in the ward the farmer stepped up and in a manly fashion stated who he was. As evidence of his devotion he produced two fine big red cheeked apples which he said he had grown in his own orchard, and which he wished to present to the object of his admiration. He then went over the list of his own good qualities and his position as regards worldly goods, ending with an appeal to her to take pity on him and his three sons, to marry him and look after the family and the twenty cows.

Even this touching appeal did not reach the lady's heart, and in a manner kind but firm she assured him that there was no hope for him, and his sons would have to go motherless and the cows without a mistress until he found someone more willing to share his lot, to say nothing of his farm.

MONTREAL, May 12...Employees of the Dominion Textile Company and 350 employees of the Magog branch of the same company, went out on strike this morning. This makes a total of about 2,600 cotton operatives on strike. The local stone masons this morning declared a sympathetic strike in sympathy with the striking bricklayers. Building operations here are at a stand.

## FULL DETAILS OF THE GUINNESS MURDERS WILL BE KNOWN WITHIN A FEW HOURS

### Police in Possession of Much Information Secured Chiefly from Lamphere Now Under Arrest---Mrs. Guinness Said to Have Been Always Armed.

CHICAGO, May 12.—A despatch to the Tribune from Laporte, Ind., says: A complete solution of the mystery of the Guinness murder farm is expected within forty-eight hours. The officials who have been conducting the search for the victims of the house of many victims admit this fact today.

They refuse however, to make known their purpose further than to say that final steps may be taken today or tomorrow at the latest. The mystery surrounding four of the fourteen deaths which are known to have occurred at the place is cleared up by the allegation that Ray Lamphere, the former farm hand, prisoner in the country jail set fire to the home of Mrs. Bella Guinness on the morning of April 28, and thereby caused the death of the widow and three children. For this, if proven guilty, he is liable under the provisions of the Indiana state laws to conviction for murder in the first degree as well as for arson. Indictments against him upon both these charges will be asked of the grand jury on Wednesday.

As to the manner of death of the 10 murdered persons whose bodies were discovered in a little patch of ground guarded by closely woven wire netting the silence of the officers in response to queries as to the arrest of one or more accomplices provides the only answer.

That the victims came to their death through the administration of that deadly amount of choiral has been proven. The places at which the drug was purchased during the last eight years have been found. That the inanimate corpses then were dismembered either in a chamber of horrors on the second floor in the Guinness home, or in the basement, has been shown to the satisfaction of the investigators. Two knives, one a six inch dagger and the other a needle pointed double razor edged surgeon's knife, have been found in the ruins.

That the big stolid Norwegian woman enticed some of them into her lair by the bait of matrimonial advertisements and then had an active hand in killing them and disposing of their bodies, is said to have been established without doubt. The one remaining question, that of whether she had assistance in her crimes, is to be met by the action that is expected almost hourly.

The arrival at this point has been preceded by a hunt for minutial rumors of which have been made public. Here and there bits of evidence have leaked out, but the great array of facts, it is said, was secured from statements made by Lamphere.

The chief agent in securing the confidence of the prisoner has been the Rev. E. A. Schell, pastor of the First Methodist church, who ever since the day of the prisoner's incarceration has been a visitor at the cell. On the reports of the clergyman the investigators have been building their case.

LAPORTE, Ind., May 12—The "mining" operations which have been promised by Sheriff Smutzer for several days, started in earnest today in the ruins of the Guinness home. Louis Schultz, who was employed by the sheriff to sluice the ashes in the cellar, completed his apparatus early and began work.

Additional evidence regarding the methods by which the persons whose corpses were found in the Guinness' farm met death, was unearthed this morning. Almost two dozen pairs of scissors bent and curved in the fashion of surgical instruments are said to have been found in the cellar and in addition three knives, two of a surgical character, and the other an unmistakable dirk, were picked up. It was believed by some that the dirk may have been the chief instrument employed in the series of murders, but the fact that there was no mark of penetrating wound on Andrew Helgelein's body, is a refutation of this theory. Chloroform or some other deadly drug is thought to have been used to encompass his death.

On all the other bodies on the farm there is no negative evidence to disprove the dirk theory, the knives and scissors are thought to have been used in dismembering the bodies.

Mrs. C. O. Lapham, of Laporte, who for six years was a neighbor of Mrs. Guinness, says that on only one occasion on which she called upon her, a strong breeze coming through an open window, blew aside the folds of a loose house dress which Mrs. Guinness ws wearing and revealed about her body a wide belt containing pouches of various sizes and sheaths which seemed to have been constructed for knives.

There is a possibility that the grand jury which convened yesterday will begin investigation of the charges against Ray Lamphere today. A few days ago this investigation was postponed until May 18, but yesterday prosecutor Smith again declared himself ready to proceed and last night prepared the dispositions which the sheriff and his deputies will swear to for grand jury purposes. Last night Prosecutor Smith said that he might take the case before the jury today or tomorrow.

## THE MINING STRUGGLE IN CAPE BRETON

### Suspended Lodges Claim the Grand Secretary Has No Power to Revoke Charters.

GLACE BAY, May 12.—The lodges of the P. W. A., Ironsides, Aberdeen and Keystone at New Aberdeen, whose charters were revoked by order of the Grand Secretary on Saturday night last, have appointed a committee who will receive legal advice on the matter.

It is claimed by the lodges that a charter can only be revoked by authority of the sub-council, which they claim the Grand Secretary did not have. Again, they claim that if the charter of the Aberdeen lodge is revoked Grand Outside Watch Nicholason, who is a member of that lodge, is no longer a grand officer. The lodges have retained a local solicitor to look after their interests and expert legal opinion will be secured from Halifax on the matter of revocation of charters. The situation in labor circles here is becoming most interesting.

## EIGHT PERSONS PERISHED IN OKLAHOMA STORMS

WOODWARD, Okla., May 12—At least eight persons were killed, and scores of others injured in the several tornadoes in Northwestern Oklahoma Sunday evening. Telephone communication is entirely cut off from the storm swept area and the only other means of getting information is by stage. The most serious results were in the vicinity of Arnett, where fully thirty persons are believed to have suffered broken limbs. Nearly all of these victims are residents of farms. The only town known to have been destroyed is Vici, a postoffice in the southern part of Woodward County, where it is said there is not a house left standing.

## TWENTY FIVE HURT ON NEW YORK ELEVATED

### Serious Collision Between Two Trains Resulted in a Panic — No Lives Lost.

NEW YORK, N. Y., May 11—Twenty-five persons were injured by an accident of the Third Avenue Elevated road tonight. A southbound train was discharging passengers at 145rd street, when another train bound in the same direction, whirled around a curve. The motorman of the second train did not see the rear coach until he was almost upon it. A row of tenements hid the standing train from view.

The force of the collision broke the windows of the two colliding cars. Passengers were thrown from their seats to the floor and cut by flying glass. The trucks of the second train jumped the tracks and hung on the ties of the elevated structure. Terror-stricken passengers jerked open the car gates and men, women and children scrambled from the cars over the ties, narrowly missing contact with the third rail.

None of the victims was considered to be in a serious condition tonight.

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