

BANK ORDERED TO GIVE UP BOOKS

Strong Objection to Producing Fowler's Account Proved Futile

WILL TRACE MONEY

Insurance Commission Firm in Its Resolve to Find I. O. F. Funds Used in Speculation—Ottawa Journal (Independent Conservative) Assails M. P. for Kings and Others.

Toronto, Oct. 2.—When the insurance commission resumed today C. A. Masten, representing the Bank of Nova Scotia, submitted a long legal argument raising the question of the jurisdiction of the commission in regard to the production of the books and accounts of the bank in which George W. Fowler is concerned. Mr. Masten said Mr. Fowler was not in town, and the bank had not been able to communicate with him to learn whether there is any arrangement possible by which he would concur. Under the circumstances the Bank of Nova Scotia had no alternative but to submit to the commission what they were advised is their legal position in the matter.

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been merely a stool pigeon. Mr. Lefurgey, one of the younger Conservatives of the house of commons (the politician named are Conservatives), was examined yesterday, and apparently acted in good faith, and in ignorance of any grafting. But as regards the real, sufficient evidence seems to be forthcoming. Mr. Fowler's evidence did not suggest any good explanation. Mr. Fowler has so far not been examined and seems to dodge it.

"In regard to the transactions with the money of the Independent Order of Foresters, which the evidence given before the insurance commission indicates to have been dishonest, two parties existed. One party comprises those who had the Foresters' money in trust, through the Union Trust Company. The party included Messrs. Foster, McGillivray and Matthew Wilson. Those who were directors of the Union Trust Company took a financial interest in an option on C. P. R. lands, which option they practically sold to the Union Trust Company at a figure which netted themselves a profit. In other words, they used their official positions as trustees and the money of their clients to make a private deal which was a sure gain for themselves and a gamble for the Foresters.

"There was another deal, the Kamloops Lumber Company purchase. Stated roughly and briefly, Mr. Fowler formed a syndicate to buy that company out, got privately an option on the \$170,000, persuaded his partners that \$225,000 would be a fair price, which they paid to Ryan, and took \$35,000 back from Ryan as a private perquisite. As the evidence goes at present it was a simple steal from his partners (and they were using Foresters' money) by Fowler and those who knowingly shared it with him, of whom Pope is indicated as one.

"There may possibly be something yet to come out regarding the complicated facts to exhibit some or all of the parties concerned in a better light, but it is difficult to see how unless there are new developments. We would imagine that so far as public life is concerned the usefulness of the parties implicated is gone.

Toronto, Oct. 3.—The result of the examination of the books of the Bank of Nova Scotia was the disclosure before the insurance commission, of the manner in which some of the \$35,000 received by Geo. W. Fowler from Peter Ryan in connection with the Kamloops Lumber Company purchase, was disposed of. The names of Peter, Clare, Bennett, Lefurgey, MacKenzie Mann, Taylor, Haines H. Pope and Pen-chen appeared in the bank ledger as recipients of money from Fowler or Pope and Fowler. There was a number of other payments against which the names of recipients did not appear in the books.

Hon. Mr. Foster again gave evidence and volunteered the statement that the \$25,000 which, according to the account produced, he had received from Fowler, was not the only amount he had obtained. The aggregate advances made by Fowler to himself he placed at between \$5,000 and \$7,500. He had appealed to Fowler for financial assistance, because of pressing obligations, but he claimed that he had a contract claim against that gentleman which was fully equivalent to the total of advances, and that there would be an accounting between them.

Mr. Foster stated that Fowler was acting in the negotiations for the purchase of the Kamloops Lumber Company, and that the understanding between McCormack, Irwin and Fowler on the one hand, and the Union Trust Company on the other, and while declining to define the relationship of Fowler as that of "agent," admitted, in reply to Mr. Shepley that he would be likely to ask for an accounting of any profits made by a person in Fowler's position.

DR. JOSEPH ANNAND NEW MODERATOR OF MARITIME SYNOD

Thirty-Third Session Opened at Moncton Tuesday Evening With Good Attendance.

Moncton, N. B., Oct. 2.—The third synod of the Maritime provinces of the Presbyterian church of Canada met in St. John's church this evening, a large number of delegates being present. Public worship was conducted by the moderator, Rev. Dr. Miller, of Yarmouth, after which he preached from Psalms 77-10 and Acts 13-12. He said in part: The Presbyterian church was planted in the maritime provinces under circumstances of very serious difficulty. There were no Presbyterian chaplains appointed by royal authority or supported by government salaries. There was no great non-missionary society with ample funds and a keen eye on the strategic points of colonial settlement. These were advantages which our brethren enjoyed and which made their way easy. There was no great missionary organization to send its agents into the ends of the earth and encourage them, should all support could be developed. That was the position which the great Methodist church enjoyed.

After some further remarks on the denomination's progress the synod was then declared constituted and Moderator Miller addressed it, briefly referring touchingly to brethren who had passed during the year, namely, Rev. J. D. McKay, missionary to Demerara; Rev. J. D. Murray, of Miramichi presbytery; Rev. E. Gillis, of Pictou presbytery. He referred to the death of former members of the synod, Rev. G. Johnston and Rev. Dr. J. S. Black.

The synod then proceeded to the election of a new moderator. Two nominations, Dr. Joseph Annand of Santo, New Brunswick, was nominated by the presbytery of Lunenburg, Yarmouth, Halifax, and Miramichi, and Rev. Dr. J. S. Black, by the Truro presbytery. Dr. Falconer then moved that Dr. Annand be appointed moderator of the synod. After laudatory remarks by several this was carried unanimously. The new moderator was born at Gays River, Halifax county. He studied at Halifax. In 1872 he graduated and immediately upon being licensed to preach he was appointed to the New Brunswick. Some years ago he was appointed principal of a seminary established at Bangor. This is Dr. Annand's second furlough in thirty-four years. He is still healthy and vigorous.

Moncton, N. B., Oct. 3.—At this afternoon's session of the Presbyterian synod the time and place of the next synod was first considered. Rev. Thomas Fowler extended an invitation to the synod to meet with St. Matthew's church, Halifax. On motion of Judge Forbes the invitation was accepted and it was decided to meet the first Tuesday of October at 7.30 p.m. French evangelization in Quebec was next taken up. Dr. Mowatt, of Point Aux Trembles, reported on the state of this work in Canada. He stated that the necessity of greater knowledge at the present time for pushing French evangelization. It would simply be enough to give the part of the church to give up this mission.

Dr. Mowatt described conditions in Quebec, the effect of his statement being that French-Canadian Romanism was today burning the Bible. Free speech there is gagged. In China they could leave a hall and a religious service in a hall could not be done in the French quarter of Montreal today. They could not rent a hall from a French-Canadian. In China they could rent a hall from a Chinese. A place of worship in the streets, but this could not be done in French Quebec. Yet this was Canada, the land of the free, a land over which the British flag flies. If there was ever a day, he declared, when the spirit of old Geddis and old Knox was needed in this country, it was today. They were celebrating their golden jubilee and they were enlarging their buildings at a cost of \$60,000.

Dr. Mowatt said English Protestantism was slowly dying out in Quebec. It looked as though within a few years the denomination would be an English-speaking Protestant church in Quebec east of Montreal. Dr. Sedgewick presented a report on agricultural fund. This year there were sixty-one congregations on the list, to fifty-nine last year. The receipts for the year totalled \$10,000. The balance on hand was \$18,116, leaving a small balance on the right side.

The Salary Question. The report dealt with the proposal to increase the minimum salary from \$750 to \$800, and the maximum from \$1,200 to \$1,500. The church for \$1,100 this year. If this is forthcoming, the committee could almost guarantee the augmented churches \$800 a year and the minister \$1,100. The church had to deal with this question of increased stipend to ministers. The cost of living had increased and the situation had to be met.

The amounts allotted to different presbyteries were as follows: Sydney, \$900; Inverness, \$400; Pictou, \$1,200; W. Valley, \$800; Truro, \$1,210; Halifax, \$1,225; Lunenburg and Yarmouth, \$440; St. John, \$1,630; Miramichi, \$825; P. E. Island, \$1,430. The report was adopted.

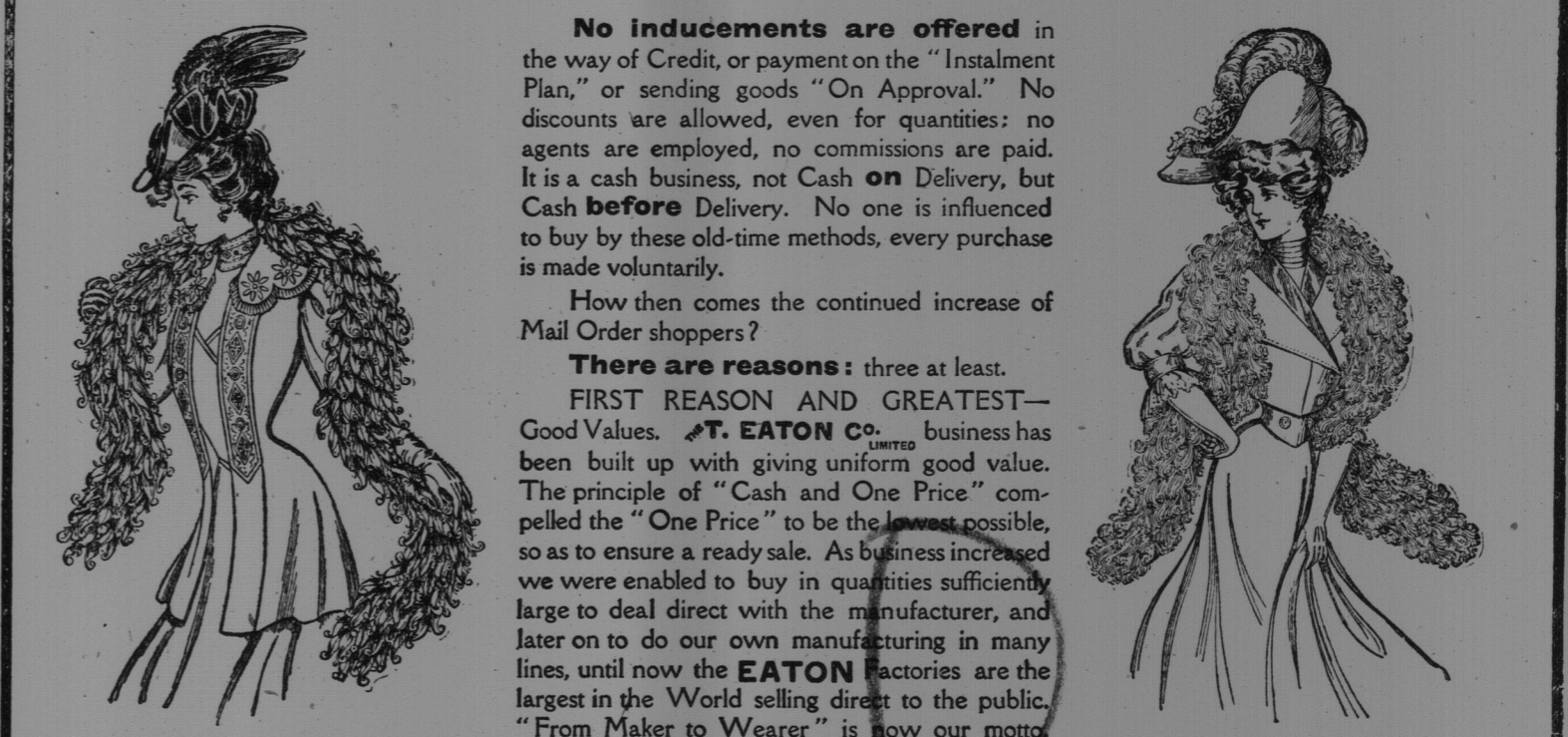
College business was next taken up, being introduced by Dr. MacMillan. Judge Forbes moved a resolution approving the report of the committee on the salary of the principal of the college, which was \$2,000 per annum, with free and board of \$2,000, with free use of house. Dr. Sedgewick seconded the resolution, which was adopted unanimously.

Principal Falconer was called upon to report from a committee on bill and overtures. He had no report to make, but gave an outline of what had been done to promote education in places called to the attention of the synod. He spoke of the earnestness of teachers, and said the distance to teachers was a disgrace to people who pretended to be educated.

Rev. Mr. MacTherson, of Inverness, told the synod of a section of the country near Inverness where there were no schools, and where people were growing up in ignorance. Considerable discussion ensued over the educational problem. Hon. B. Rogers, of P. E. Island, thought the government should be held responsible for secular education. This was thought would not meet the situation. A resolution passed on motion of Prof. Falconer, seconded by Dr. Miller, that the presbytery be asked to collect information with regard to the condition of education within their bounds and forward the same to the convener of the committee.

The synod fund report was disposed of. The Hunter church, building report was submitted by Dr. Forest. There was a total capital of \$39,776.27, including a revenue of five per cent., giving more than \$2,000 to the committee yearly without touching the principal.

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SAYS SAVARY WAS UNBALANCED

Referring to the work being done by students he said: "I have to speak in sorrow not in anger of one case to which the press recently has given a good deal of attention. As known to me he was a man of truth, honesty and integrity. I did know him in his depression, that he was troubled with insomnia. If the whole truth were told the facts would appear in a very different light. Some reporters did the worst they could do to the platform, the members of the synod will give an authoritative statement when the medical men give their judgment. We know he has been mentally unbalanced."

TEMPERANCE REPORT

The first order of the evening was the report of the temperance committee, submitted by Rev. H. Grant, of New Glasgow, in a strong speech. He moved a resolution to the effect that:

\$500,000 WORTH OF LUMBER BURNED AT AYLMER, QUEBEC

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