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Mr. MacKay Would Make Com-
pany Prospectuses Compulsory.

Discussion on Changes Proposed in Mr. Hoyle's Bill—Mr. Hanna Not Afraid That Companies Will Be Floated Without a Prospectus at All—His Reason For His Belief—Matter Is to Be Discussed Again.

Toronto, March 27.—In the Legislature yesterday some changes were brought in the provisions of Mr. Hoyle's bill respecting company prospectuses, among them the provision that the commission to be paid to any subscriber or one who procured other to subscribe, be by letter patent or supplementary letters patent. Another change is that which strikes out the word "discount" in relation to the remuneration to brokers for disposing of stock, and in full definition of what is meant by a prospectus, the term itself is used along with the other specific terms "notice, circular or letter of advertisement."

"There is nothing in a bill which covers cases where a company is floated without a prospectus at all," objected Mr. MacKay.

Hon. Mr. Hanna wasn't afraid of the suggested contingency.

"The moment a company gets into print at all it will be held to have issued a prospectus," he argued, referring to the sweeping nature of the definition of what a prospectus was.

Mr. MacKay said that in his opinion it should be made compulsory for agents to show prospectuses to intending subscribers, showing what was set forth in the letters patent. Many people subscribed for stock who would not do so if they knew that a large portion of the stock was practically a bonus to influential men who had lent their names as directors to help float the company.

The speaker cited a case where \$250,000 had gone in this way, in amounts from \$10,000 up to \$30,000 or \$40,000. He urged that special protection was needed for unwary investors who were induced to invest by the use of men's names.

Goos the Limit.

Hon. Mr. Hanna replied that the points raised had been gone into at great length, and that the present bill went as far as it could safely go without causing complications. Mr. MacKay urged that the commission given should be shown in the prospectus or letters patent.

Hon. Mr. Foy said that the act would prevent brokers from doing other than handing stock on a commission basis. No discounts would be allowed a broker for taking stock on his own account. The provision was for a commission or its substantial equivalent.

Mr. MacKay argued for the insertion of a clause providing that purchasers be advised of what others had paid. Some men paid 100 cents on the dollar and others considerably less.

The Premier said that if purchasers were to be shown every document, why shouldn't this extend to every business transaction, the vending of land, for instance. All particulars connected with it could be found out at a certain institution, and this was true also of the stock companies.

"But the subscriber might be thousands of miles away from the Provincial Secretary's department," objected Mr. MacKay, who said he wanted to put a stop to the work of dishonest agents.

Hon. Mr. Hanna said the matter could be discussed later.

Second Readings.

Second readings were given Mr. McNaught's bill to make the expiry of the two years' term of office for the Board of Education coincide with that of the proposed two-year civic term, and Dr. Jamieson's bill to allow cement and concrete structures to be included in fire limits with brick and stone structures. Several other bills were read a second time.

Mr. Little was allowed to introduce a bill respecting the North Midland Railway, although no petition had been presented and the time had passed. The Premier explained that the petition had been lost and was found only on Monday.

Judge Favors the Lash.

Belleville, March 27.—Judge Deroche yesterday morning sentenced Alex. Patterson, convicted of assault with intent to do bodily harm, to six months in the Central Prison. The judge said he was sorry it was not possible to inflict the lash in such cases. Robert Mitchell, for stealing clothing and other articles, was sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary.

Four Years For Shooting Daughter.

Brantford, March 27.—Kaspar Kasparian, the Armenian who shot his daughter for marrying another local Armenian without his consent, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Hardy to four years in the Ontario Penitentiary. The prisoner was also convicted of attempting to take his own life and sentenced to one year, the two terms to run concurrently.

The Militia Inquiry.

Ottawa, March 27.—The proposed commission of enquiry to test the efficiency of the permanent corps for the discharge of their educational work among the Canadian militia will probably not begin its work until after the session of Parliament. Their report will be available for the session that is to open next November.

Farmer Hange Himself.

St. Catharines, March 27.—Bill Oille, farmer, aged 70, living a few miles from here, hanged himself in his barn yesterday morning about 6 o'clock. His son found his father's dead body when he went out to do the chores. His family had watched him closely, fearing suicide, and he had only been missing for a few minutes.

Seized Shipment of Fish.

London, March 27.—Fishery Inspector James O. Welden last night seized 80 cases containing 684 pounds of pickled fish at the Grand Trunk depot. The fish were under the 15 inches required under the act. The fish were taken on at Jeannette's Creek and consigned to New York firms.

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Postoffice Robbed.

Hartney, Man., March 27.—The post office here was burglarized Sunday night and the safe blown. Registered mail was all rifled, but the exact amount of money secured is as yet unknown, although it is considerable. A package of jewelry was also taken.

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THERE ARE FIFTY VARIETIES, ALL OF THEM VENOMOUS.

With the Exception of the Cobra and Bushmaster of Africa, No Serpent on Land Kills So Quickly and Terribly as Do Those of the Ocean.

Fearlessness is one of the most striking characteristics of sea snakes, and it adds greatly to the danger that is to be apprehended from them, for it often leads them to attack fishermen and swimmers, and even to climb up the anchor chains and through the hawse holes and attack the crew, and as the bite of every one of the fifty known varieties is fatal there is great fear felt of them in the ocean spaces which they inhabit.

These fifty varieties are all classified under the general title of thanatophidia. None of them is able to live anywhere except in ocean water. Every variety and subvariety is as poisonous as the cobra or the bushmaster of Africa. Indeed, with the exception of these two land varieties, there is no snake on land that kills so swiftly and so terribly as do the sea snakes. Owing to their fatal weapons and their ease and celerity in swimming there are practically no enemies which destroy enough of them to diminish their numbers.

Almost all the thanatophidia are beautifully colored, even more gorgeous than any of the land snakes, with the possible exception of the coral, crass and carpet snakes. They are banded, striped, speckled and blotched with green, olive, yellow, blue and black and present a most brilliant spectacle as they are seen swimming below the surface of the transparent blue of the Indian ocean. When they are swimming the ordinary rate of speed they seem to undulate all over. They do not wind through the water as the eel does, but their locomotion resembles that of the caterpillar except that it is far more graceful, and as they move and twist the colors play along their sides and backs as they do on the dolphin. When they dash at their prey at full speed they move like an arrow, with their heads and necks thrust straight before them if they are swimming under the surface, or if they are darting along the top of the water, with their heads elevated just enough to clear the waves. When they are racing along thus their sole means of locomotion is their broad, paddle shaped tail, which is peculiar to all the sea snakes and forms the only striking difference between them and the ordinary land serpent.

This paddle is used like a steamer's screw and has immense power. Bent sideways it will stop the snake immediately as if the creature had anchored suddenly. When dozing or resting over reefs, which are common in the coral banks, snakes hold fast to the rocks or bottom with their broad tails and will often stay in this way for hours in calm weather.

Men may have recovered from the bites of these serpents, but there are certainly none on record. Most of their victims are Malay and other native fishermen, and shore dwellers and physicians rarely get to see them. Statistics are not kept in that part of the world, so it is impossible to ascertain how many are killed in this way each year. Travelers say that there is hardly a fishing village which has not its tale of death to tell.

Scientists once held to the opinion that the deadliness of the bite was due not to the venom, like that of the land snakes, but to some property that caused blood poison, as does the bite of many fishes which are not poisonous in themselves. But this opinion was changed after the medical men on board the British warship *Albatross* had made careful observations of a sailor who had been bitten. They proved that the snakes were directly poisonous and that they carry fangs charged with venom exactly like the cobra.

The open ocean is the home of the sea snakes. They do not even ascend the rivers. Their favorite haunts are the arms of the sea, which separate the islands of China, India and the south Pacific seas. They don't stay near the shores, but remain at some distance from the land. They are incapable of much movement on land, and after wriggling about and biting savagely they will still till they die. They are found in many parts of the world—in the Indian and Pacific oceans, from Cape of Good Hope and Madagascar to the western shores of Panama and from New Zealand to Japan, in the bay of Bengal and the sea around Nicobars, Molucca, Timor and New Guinea.

Double Flowers.

Nearly all the double flowers of gardens were first found wild. Double buttercups, double primroses, double daisies, double roses and many other things were first discovered among their wild fellows and introduced into the gardens. The florist, however, can produce double flowers. He watches this tendency in nature. If a flower usually has five petals, and he discovers that some of the stamens have somewhat of a petal-like character, the pollen is taken from these flowers and others in a normal condition fertilized with this pollen. The tendency, once started, is then given to the progeny. Almost any species of plant will in this way be capable of producing double flowers. It is surprising that, with this knowledge, more attempts at this line of improvement in ordinary garden flowers are not made.

There is as much difference between genuine patience and sullen endurance as between the smile of love and the malicious gnashing of the teeth.—W. S. Plumer.

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"Before I wrote to you, telling you how I felt, I had doctored for over two years steady and spent lots of money on medicines besides, but it all failed to help me. My monthly periods had ceased and I suffered much pain, with fainting spells, headache, backache and bearing-down pains, and I was so weak I could hardly keep around. As a last resort I decided to write you and try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am so thankful that I did, for after following your instructions, which you sent me free of all charge, I became regular and in perfect health. Had it not been for you I would be in my grave to-day."

"I sincerely trust that this letter may lead every suffering woman in the country to write you for help as I did."

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MONEY NOT FOR HOLLAND.

Others Got There First in Claiming Relatives' Legacy.

Toronto, March 27.—Christopher Holland, ex-bookkeeper for the Ideal Bedding Co., will arrive in Halifax from Liverpool, Eng., on April 12, if the steamship *Victorian* is on time. He will be in charge of Detective Mackie. Holland is charged with stealing \$13,800 from the Bedding company.

Since Holland skipped from Toronto, a relative died, leaving him \$500. R. S. Le Vesconte, counsel for the Bedding company, went to England for the purpose of attaching this money. Detective Mackie, in a letter to Sergt. Duncan, states he was unsuccessful. The English lawyers who acted for Holland claimed \$150. The balance has been claimed by the father-in-law.

Confidential Clerk is Missing.

Montreal, March 27.—Frederick C. Pola, the confidential clerk of McCuag Bros., stock brokers, is missing, and so are \$4,200, which was realized from converting 25 shares of C. P. R. stock into cash. Henry J. Strain, who was arrested on a charge of complicity, is out on \$3,000 bail. Pola could not convert the certificate into cash himself so got Strain to do the work.

Convict Murders Guard.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 27.—Yesterday when the convicts at the penitentiary were called for breakfast, Guard J. W. Woods of Macon, Mo., was stabbed three times by a convict and died instantly. Another guard immediately killed the convict. The convict's name was "Sonny" Anderson, colored, and he was under sentence for assault to kill.

Mr. Fielding Out.

Ottawa, March 27.—Hon. W. S. Fielding was able to be out for a drive yesterday, being the first time he has left his house since the accident to his ankle about a month ago.

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