

THE BLOW THAT KILLED

Or, The Beginning of the End

CHAPTER XV. Edith Melville woke up the next morning in the chamber where her girlhood was passed. The birds of early spring were singing under her window as her...

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

WHAT THE LEGISLATURE AT TORONTO IS DOING.

THE ESTIMATES. Hon. Col. Matheson, in presenting the estimates, said the estimated receipts include \$1,339,287 subsidy, \$170,000 interest on investment and trust funds...

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

Toronto, March 27. - Wheat - No. 2 Ontario red winter, 76c bid outside on C.P.R., and it offered at 76 1/2c shipped to Portland...

UNITED STATES MARKETS. Minneapolis, March 27. - Wheat May, 77c; July, 78 1/2c; September, 79c; No. 1 Northern, 76c; No. 2 Northern, 75c; No. 1 hard, 77c; Flour - No. 4 changed, Bran - In bulk, \$13.50 to \$11.75...

CATTLE MARKET. Toronto, March 27. - The tone of the market was firm, and even cattle which at other times would have sold as short-keepers were bought up for shipment abroad...

COUNTRY PRODUCE. Apples - Choice stock, \$2.25 to \$2.75 per bbl., and in other qualities, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Beans - Hand-picked, \$1.75 to \$1.80; Primes, \$1.65 to \$1.70...

THE DAIRY MARKETS. Butter - Point rolls are quoted at 20 1/2 to 21c; large rolls, 19 1/2 to 20c; good choice dairy tubs, 20 to 21c, and inferior at 16 to 17c...

HOG PRODUCTS. Dressed hogs in car lots are nominal, but a low clear, 11 to 11 1/2c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$18 to \$18.50; short cut, \$22 to \$22.50...

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL. Montreal, March 27. - There are no new features of interest in the local Grain Market. There is no change in the local market for coarse grains, and prices are steady to all intents. The market for oats seems to have reached the bottom of the present decline...

THE NEW LIQUOR LAW

The Fees Are to Be Increased and Bartenders to Be Licensed.

The Ontario Government's promised amendments to the Liquor License Act, embracing a large number of radical and progressive changes, were introduced in the Legislature on Tuesday afternoon by the Hon. W. J. Hanna...

THE ACT IN A NUTSHELL. Regulations to be uniform throughout the province. Bartenders in cities and towns to be licensed. Third offence by licensee to cancel license...

Radical increase in license fees in all municipalities. In cities of over 100,000 to be \$1,300 for tavern and \$1,000 for shop licenses. Municipalities and province to get revenues from licenses, share and share alike...

Special census for determining number of licenses permissible, according to population, to be abolished. No "tied" houses to be allowed. Municipalities passing local option laws allowed to participate in their enforcement...

Votes for local option by-laws to be taken on an annual municipal election day, and to be compulsory on petition of 25 per cent. of voters. Three-fifths of vote polled to carry local option by-law and three-fifths of vote necessary to repeal it. To be in force for two years, at least, if carried. Provision made against the adulteration of liquors...

More protection given for witnesses who give evidence to secure conviction against license-holders.

THE RAILWAY BILL. In moving the second reading of the Government bill respecting steam, electric and street railways Hon. Col. Hendrie briefly reviewed the proceedings of the special sessions of the Railway Committee, which had investigated the whole question of railway legisla-

HOSTILE TO RUSSIAN DOUMA

The Workmen Refuse to Vote for Delegates.

DELEGATES IMPRISONED. A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The primary voting for delegates to represent the workmen in the final election for members of the Douma demonstrated that the State-controlled factories throughout the country are the most active centres of the revolutionary propaganda...

DEATH FOR THEFT. A despatch from Riga, Russia, says: Three revolutionists were sentenced to death here on Thursday for breaking into a store and stealing ammunition.

CRIME IN RUSSIA. A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Lawlessness and crime are keeping pace in Russia with the respective measures of the Government. Columns of the newspapers are daily filled with records of murders and robberies, and side by side are brief chronicles of condemnations and military executions of political offenders...

EDITOR GOES TO PRISON. The London Times correspondent writes from St. Petersburg as follows: The editor of the Russ will have to undergo a year's imprisonment for printing a revolutionary manifesto last December. The court's recommendation to reduce or defer sentence was ignored by the Government...

ANOTHER WORKMEN UPEHEAVAL. A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The growing unrest and agitation among the Russian workmen is largely due to the Government's repressive measures in the provinces, and especially to the threatening situation in the Don and other regions. At Ekaterinoslav 16,000 men of the Hughes Iron Works are already reported to have struck, and at Moscow great agitation prevails in the industrial sections. Undoubtedly the

worth that in cases where postmasters and their staffs were paid fixed salaries, the department received all the revenue collected from box rents. In post-offices where the salary was not fixed the postmaster obtained 50 per cent. of the rents, and in cases where the postmaster installed the boxes at his own expense he received the whole rent since 1896 the fittings in all post-office buildings had been furnished by the Government.

CANNINGTON POSTMASTER. Col. Hughes was informed by Mr. Aylesworth that the late postmaster at Cannington had been engaged as a grocer prior to his dismissal. Different residents of the village had complained against the postmaster, being subsidized by the Government to assist them. An investigation had been made by the inspector personally, and he had reported the result to the department.

VOYAGEURS' MEDALS. Col. Hughes was informed by Sir Frederick Borden that the Canadian Nile voyageurs, under Sir Garnet Wolsley, had been given the Sudan medal by her Majesty's Government, and the Khedive bronze star. They had not been recognized by the Canadian Government in any official way except as stated above.

QUEBEC BRIDGE. Mr. Monk was informed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the Quebec Government and the City of Quebec for the Quebec bridge, amounting to \$250,000 and \$300,000 respectively had been paid in cash, with the exception of the provincial subsidy at the rate of \$30,000 a year, of which \$180,000 had already been paid, and \$200,000 remains to be paid. The bonds of the Quebec Bridge Company, amounting to \$472,000, had been redeemed at their par value. Mr. Monk was also told by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that no inspection were as yet made by the Government of the books of the Quebec Bridge and Railway Company.

PORT COLBORNE HARBOR. Mr. Bennett was told by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that on dredging at Port Colborne, and \$438,750 upon rock excavation, the total under-water excavation had cost to date \$581,505. The Government elevator at Port Colborne had cost to date \$98,199.

VOYAGEURS NOT RECOGNIZED. Col. Hughes was informed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the Voyageurs under Sir Garnet Wolsley in 1870 had not been recognized in any official way by either the British or Canadian Governments. It had been decided by the Government of the day that these men were employed as civilians, and were not eligible for medals or scrip. They, had, in fact, been treated precisely the same as the teamsters employed at the same time. It was not intended to depart from the decision then reached.

TRENT VALLEY CANAL. Mr. Ward (Durham) learned from Sir Wilfrid Laurier that surveys for the outlet of the Trent and Valley Canal had been made from Rice Lake to Port Hope, Rice Lake to Colborne, and Rice Lake to Trenton. The Government had not come to any decision as to the proper route to be adopted. The reports of the surveys had not been submitted to the Department of Railways and Canals by the engineers in charge. The probable amount of damage caused by the break in the Trent Valley Canal at Peterborough and Kirkfield was \$2,000.

POSTMASTERS AND STAFFS. Mr. Boyce was informed by Mr. Ayles-

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING.

TRANSCONTINENTAL SURVEYS. Mr. Crockett was informed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the following portions of the route of the Transcontinental Railway had been surveyed: From Quebec to Moncton, approximate distance 1,366 miles, all surveyed, of which 325 miles have been located and advertised for tenders, and 149 miles have been submitted to the commissioners as first location, and the revision of the said location is proceeding. The location of these surveys is as follows: From Quebec Bridge westerly, 150 miles; in the vicinity of Huronville River, 45 miles; eastward from boundary between Quebec and Ontario, 8 miles; westward from same point, 55.8 miles; the vicinity of Red Lake, 37 miles; Pelican Lake to a point about 10 miles from Winnipeg, 24 miles. Total, 544 miles. Moncton to Quebec, centre route, approximate total distance, 514 miles, all surveyed, of which 428.7 miles have been submitted to the commissioners as first location, and the revision of the said location is proceeding. These locations are as follows: Quebec Bridge to boundary, 220 miles; Quebec boundary eastward to Grand Falls, 62 miles; Plaster Rock eastward, 68 miles; west to Chipman, 20 miles; Chipman to Moncton, 58 miles. Total, 428.7 miles.

Via St. John or river route, approximate total distance 531 miles, all surveyed, of which 407 miles have been submitted to the commissioners as first location, and the revision of the said location is proceeding. These locations are as follows: Quebec to Grand Falls, 220 miles; Grand Falls to Chipman, 62 miles; Chipman to Moncton, 58 miles. Total, 428.7 miles.

Mr. Martin learned from Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the Government had no information except what appeared in the press regarding the statements that the officials of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, of New York, had been charged with grand larceny in the first degree and forgery in the third degree. He assumed that the charges would be promptly investigated and dealt with in the New York courts. He was not aware of any action that could be taken in Canada in such a matter for the benefit of Canadian policy-holders.

AMERICANS IN THE WEST. Mr. Taylor was informed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the Government had no information regarding the statement in a recent report of Mr. Vandusen, special examiner of the United States Department of Justice, that it was conservatively estimated that 50,000 native and naturalized citizens of the United States had taken up wheat lands in Manitoba in the last five years, many of them entering upon Government homestead lands as British subjects, while still retaining their citizenship in the United States citizenship and exercising such rights when in the States.

POSTMASTERS AND STAFFS. Mr. Boyce was informed by Mr. Ayles-