

Simultaneously by delegates. Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Wilmington, N.C.

This was the death toll today: Ontario and Quebec 57; New York 21; Pennsylvania 20; Carolina 18; Virginia 12; Maryland 11; New Jersey 7; Delaware 4; Washington 2; South Carolina 1; Massachusetts 1; Connecticut 1.

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The OSSTF reflecting on the teacher shortage, recommended a plan to the provincial department of education, whereby graduates of recognized universities be allowed to attend free summer courses in lieu of a year spent in the College of Education to permit them to teach.

Those qualifying under this suggested plan, would then be required to participate in two more courses in order to obtain a high school assistant's certificate.

Approval was given to the licensing of teachers to prevent qualifications being lowered by an influx of unqualified teachers.

It was decided that life membership in the OSSTF now be made possible at the discretion of the district executive, rather than at the provincial level. The life membership award is eligible only for members who advance federation activities. It was pointed out.

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Road Engineer

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50-221, 50-222, and 51-23. Mr. Dubin explained that the first number is the year in which the contract was let. He outlined the manner in which contracts are let.

The duties of the divisional engineer is to see that the work is done and the contractor is paid, the payments being on a monthly basis. The Toronto office of the department depends on the divisional engineer for certification.

With regard to contract 50-221, Mr. Mills was apparently "impressed by a plea" made by Tomlinson Brothers Limited that the costs had gone up considerably. The divisional engineer allowed for the increased costs by authorizing payment "padding the amount of work done."

"Much of the work was not performed as Your Lordship will see in the evidence," Mr. Dubin said. He held that engineering data must be "falsified" to show these amounts. Mills had this work done by his subsidiaries.

This process of falsifying engineering data and forwarding it to Toronto was not completed on in the investigations carried out in Fort William and the crown obtained some of these documents for comparison purposes.

The crown prosecutor told the court that \$100,000 was paid out in this unauthorised work. "In fairness to the accused, they show work done not provided in the contract," he said. That money was not a complete loss to the province as the work would have passed on to the claims committee and therefore, the loss may be reduced.

The crown is in a position to recover any sum of money from the Tomlinson Brothers Limited. "There will be no loss in the end result."

Former Deputy Called

The first witness called was John David Millar, former deputy minister of highways, who identified the three contracts as being quantities shown in the tender were estimates only and the work may be less or more. The tender price was significant but the unit price became the governing factor of payment. There was a 10 per cent. holdback on all contracts, the witness testified. The accounting office and drafting office in Toronto are completely dependent on the documents sent in by the divisional engineer.

The contract number and amount recommended for payment by Mr. Mills were \$1,202,234, 50-222 - \$752,110, 51-23 - \$262,900. The figures represented total estimated payments, the witness stated.

A. T. C. McNabb, an employee of the Department of Highways who began investigating the year ago, in Fort William, testified that Mr. Mills made payments of unauthorized monies available by "increasing the quantities of work done."

The witness testified that net overpayment after the holdback on contract 50-221 was \$133,641. On contract 50-222 the net overpayment was \$157,272.

On contract 51-23 the overpayment was \$73,145. A report of a select committee may reduce the total amount over paid by \$40,000, leaving a balance of \$360,000.

Better Highway

On questioning Mr. McNabb, G. Arthur Martin, Q.C., counsel for the company, determined that the highways were well-constructed and that the standard of one highway was raised during its construction. Mr. Martin contended that the people of Ontario suffered no loss because of the better grade of highway that was built.

Additional Work

He pointed out that additional work was performed by the contractor outside of the contract. The unit prices in Ontario had been driven extremely low by competition and the people of Ontario had received very good value for their money.

The fraud was only in the unauthorized handling of the contracts in which the contractor received money for extra work at increased costs. "Mr. Mills was making adjustments on the spot. This method was used by Mr. Nelson on other occasions," Mr. Martin told the court.

William H. Stewart, construction engineering consultant, pointed out that the contract 50-221, 50-222 was known as the "Ripple highway" and was constructed through rugged terrain. The standard of workmanship was equivalent to any in Canada. The contract involving the Kakabeka Highway was comparable to any in Canada.

On one contract a large amount of work, not in the contract, was carried out by building a diversion road, about 400 feet long. The unit cost as per contract would

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Headmasters Elect Officers for Year

A. H. Dalzell, principal of Fort Arthur High School, was elected president of the Northwestern Ontario Headmasters' Association at the annual meeting concluded Saturday. He succeeds Gordon Dalzell, principal of Fort William Collegiate Institute.

A. G. Richmond, principal of Kenora high school, was elected vice president and F. V. Deamude, principal of Fort William Vocational school, secretary-treasurer for the ensuing year.

The unit cost of education came under discussion and it was suggested that school buildings should be constructed for use rather than

A. H. DALZELL

show with due regard to maintaining educational standards of quality. With regard to the teacher shortage, the principals urged encouraging the better or higher standing students to take up the profession of teaching.

Considerable discussion surrounded the problem of the slow learner and association members heard the various plans of the different schools.

The NWOHA, which is affiliated with the Ontario Educational Association, has been holding annual meetings heretofore, but it will be the endeavor to gather semi-annually because of the worthwhile discussions. It was explained.

Kinsmen Plan Aid For Flood Victims

The Kinsmen clubs across Canada today voted to join in a national effort to raise emergency relief funds for the flood victims of southern Ontario.

L. E. Woodgate, Fort William governor of District Two, comprising the Kin clubs of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, this morning voted with other members of Kin National council to participate in a telephone vote taken by Toronto headquarters.

Three thousand dollars was voted to be turned over to relief work immediately from the Kin national emergency fund.

Keith Large, vice-president of the Fort William Kin club, announced at noon today that they will act as public agents for all who care to subscribe to the relief fund, as well as raising funds among club members.

Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. Large at 115 Catherine Street, Block or to Box 281, Fort William, and receipts will be duly given for all donations.

A. J. Kangas Of Ware Dies

Resident of Ware township of the past several years, Fort Arthur, died in the Park hospital Saturday.

Native of Finland, Mr. Kangas lived in Denmark before coming to Canada and this district 33 years ago.

A good worker, Mr. Kangas survived by his wife, Edith, daughter, Anna, Mrs. J. Czerniecki, grandchild at Caramat, mother and sisters in Denmark.

The funeral will be held Tuesday from Sargent's chapel at 2 p.m. to Riverside cemetery.

\$250,000 Gift To Flood Area

TORONTO (CP) - The Toronto Atkinson Charitable Foundation is donating \$250,000 to the flood relief fund for the storm-battered central Ontario.

It will be the largest donation ever made by the fund, established upon the death of Joseph E. Atkinson, publisher of the Toronto Daily Star and the Star Weekly.

Obituary

Reginald B. Pope

Word has been received by Mrs. M. Mulvihill, 321 North John Street, of the death of Toronto, Ontario, Reginald B. Pope, a brother-in-law, and family moved to Toronto 27 years ago after residing in Port Arthur for a number of years.

Mrs. Pope was the former Helena Neville. Survivors are Mrs. Pope and three daughters.

Funeral of Thomas Howard Burk

The funeral of Thomas Howard Burk, 11 Peter street, Port Arthur, who died last Thursday, was held Saturday under Sargent's chapel at 2 p.m. to Riverside cemetery. Services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Mercer of St. Paul's United Church and Legion rites by Major S. H. Wilson, assisted by Bugler Hugh Paxton and F. Lane, flag bearer.

The pallbearers, all Legion members, were Jack Grant, Alex McFadden, H. Hancock, W. Hotchkiss, Neil H. Pearson and W. Street.

SUEZ OBSTACLES CLEARED

CAIRO - (Reuters) - Maj. Salah Salem, minister of national guidance, said tonight British-Egyptian negotiations on the future of the Suez canal base have finally cleared all obstacles and the evacuation agreement will be signed at the end of this week.

"definitely not" be adequate to take care of the work done in the diversion, he stated. Changing the standards also added burden to the contractor, he stated. Unit prices in British Columbia and Newfoundland, where the terrain is similar to Ontario, is considerably higher. Mr. contract said. A spirit of competition which amounted to "dog eat dog" had driven the unit price down.

"The Imponderables"

"The defence witness admitted when questioned by Mr. Dubin that contractors should abide by contracts but stated that, since where contractors are usually compensated for "the imponderables." Unit prices in British Columbia and Newfoundland were "not particularly material" in comparison with Ontario.

Arthur W. Tews, consulting engineer and former employee of the Minnesota Department of Highways, was called as a defence witness. He found the Ripple highway an "exceptionally well constructed highway," and the Kakabeka highway was a "very high class paving job." Such a contract would have cost between one-quarter and one-third more in Minnesota, he testified.

His Lordship said to the witness: "You wouldn't recommend the contractor falsify records to make up the difference in contracts?" The answer was "no."

J. J. Robinette, counsel for Mr. Mills, introduced five character witnesses who vouched for the honesty and integrity of Mr. Mills as a person and a citizen. They were Gordon F. McDougall, R. J. Prettie, Dr. R. K. Maure, T. A. Waugh and Aid. R. A. Robinson.

No Fraudulent Conduct

Mr. Robinette, in speaking for his client, pointed out that the divisional engineer was technically guilty under the Criminal Code section but there was no fraudulent conduct on his part. He merely misconceived his authority, counsel said.

The divisional engineer was justified in thinking he had this authority because the late Mr. Nelson, chief engineer, had authorized Mills to make settlements on the spot.

The people of Ontario "did not lose a penny" although the divisional engineer was doing things wrong, Mr. Robinette stated. His client was a man of good reputation in the community and, taking into consideration his age, he asked the court to grant a suspended sentence.

Classes Are Held In Home Making

Classes for leaders of 4-H Home Making clubs are being conducted at the Slate River community hall today and Tuesday by Miss Elsie Irvine, home economist for the department of agriculture, Port Arthur.

The girls will be taught the making of various cotton accessories for the bedroom. Similar classes will be held Wednesday and Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce board rooms, Public Utilities Bldg., Port Arthur. Hours for the classes are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The leaders taking part will be later required to give instruction to their respective groups.

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