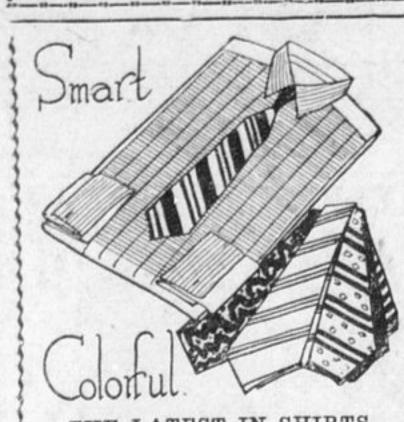
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## William O. Langdon Summary of Last Sittings Here of Royal Commission

Some of the Last Witnesses to be Heard Included A. E. O'Callaghan, Arthur Mortimer, Mine Officials, Mine Inspector and Others.

all but the last couple of days of the quiry. sittings here. Below will be found a brief summary of the evidence taken.

In announcing the adjournment of the sittings of the commission, His Lordship Judge Godson said that the commission must not be left in the position of not having thoroughly probed the matter and he appealed to any who had any information to come forward and assist the enquiry. He referred to what Mr. Brigham had said as to the protection of any giving evidence. In reply to a question from Mr. Peter White, K.C., counsel

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In reviewing the proceedings of the for the commission, the general man-Royal Commission enquiring into the ager of the Hollinger had said that if disaster at the Hollinger, The Ad- any man in the Hollinger organizavance has attempted to give a brief | tion imagined he would be penalized review of the evidence of each witness. for giving evidence, he could assure On account of the large number of that man and every man thinking witnesses any complete report was that way that he (Mr. Brigham) impractical and The Advance did not | would protect him and he would not consider it would be either fair or in- prejudice his position in any way by formative to pick selections that telling the truth. Mr. C. G. Williams, might be more or less sensational to general superintendent, also said that feature, while the necessarily crowd- the Hollinger would not deal unfairing out other evidence that might ly with anyone, and that it would have a bearing. In previous issues certainly be unfair to discriminate The Advance summarized the evidence | against any who testified at the en-

E. A. O'Callaghan, formerly on the Hollinger engineering staff, but now consulting engineer for the Quartz Lake Mine, gave evidence that he had seen powder house waste in different stopes, and that in one case some four or five years ago he had called the attention of Capt. Young to the condition of the thaw house refuse in one of the stopes. Either he or Capt. Young had then called Mr. Emery's attention to it. Capt. Young had thought there was a danger of fire from the condition and the witness had agreed. There had been orders at once to cover the rubbish with waste rock and to have no more rubbish dumped in the stopes then ex-

Recalled to the stand Mr. J. Knox, assistant general manager of the Hol- Moore's evidence in suggesting that linger, denied having received a let- straight oxygen was not as satisfacter from the I.W.W. as stated by D. tory as a mixture of oxygen and Mackenzie. W. L. Hogarth, secre- dioxide for treating gas poisoning. tary, also said the letter was not on Dr. Robson thought the doctors fyle as it would be if received. He should take up the matter of the re had no recollection of ever seeing it sucitation of asphixiated persons and or hearing about it till the enquiry. the best apparatus available, while The Dept. of Mines also informed the the men should be specially trained commission that it had no letter on in the use of such equipment. Dr fyle from the I.W.W., as would be the Byers thought the men should be incase were one received. Mr. Knox, structed in the use of inhalators. in reply to Mr. White, said he would Drs. Byers and Hague both thought not hold Mr. Emery responsible for the inhalator useful. Dr. Hague said orders not carried out by those under the Hollinger had adequate equipment him. Pressed as to who should for the ordinary emergency. Dr. shoulder the responsibility in such a Geo. D. Nasmith, Toronto, suggested should be able to explain.

had never spoken to him regarding his duties when he was appointed thought gas masks would be useful transportation boss, nor had Mr. O'Brien told him anything about the powder house waste.

Dr. Hague differed from Dr.



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case he thought the foremen, Messrs a "powerful stench" being sent Pond, Curtis, Delahunt and Sleigman through the mine as a warning in time of danger. He favoured controlled ven John Sleigman said that Mr. Emery tilation by means of a series of fire emergency doors. /Dr. Nasmith to keep on hand at the mine.

Mr. Thos. F. Sutherland, chief mining inspector for Ontario, considered that the only principle that works well is to make the bosses underground responsible for their men, as is done in South Africa by legislation. He urged the purchasing by the mines in the different camps of apparatus which would be interchangeable in times of emergency.

Arthur Mortimer, the man whose name was meant in the anonymous letter sent to Mr. White a week preed attention to conditions in one of lows managed to get 600. the stopes and had been told to mind

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his own business and get on with his track-laying. He was track boss at the mine for five years and had built the trestle for the cars to the stope. The purpose was for dumping backfilling and sand. It was built in 1924. With a light anybody could see the refuse, he said. He had seen so much refuse dumped, and knowing that everybody else could see it, he had paid little attention to it. The fourth reason for his not taking up the matter was in reference to a complaint he had made about loose ground. The captain in charge at that time, now in Rouyn the witness thought, had seemed to show a retaliatory spirit. Witness told of complaining to Capt. Young about pieces of timber going into central pass, and the practice being stopped.

Mr. A. W. Young, assistant mine superintendent, told the court that he had investigated conditions complained of by Mortimer, taking up the matter with the mine superintendent, Mr. Emery, and J. W. Doughtery, production superintendent. It was decided that the captains were to sign reports certifying when the stopes were safe for track-laying. Mortimer had been advised of this arrangement. Capt. Young, when asked Mortimer might not be right, and the captains wrong in regard to the safety of stopes on occasion, said that he could not personally go and see everything and he had to accept the judgment of the captains. Witness said that if Mortimer were not satisfied that conditions were safe through All the same price 75c. per pound | falling rock, then Mortimer should have come to him (Young) in the

Recalled to the stand, Mortimer produced a report from Capt. Pond saying the stope concerned was safe. The slip was dated March 6th. Mortimer said he had found some powder at the foot of the wall. He had not been satisfied, he said, with the report, but had personally investigated to guard the safety of his men.

Before concluding the sittings of the court of enquiry here, the commissioner, Judge Godson, took occasion to express the deep sympathy of the commission with those bereaved by the disaster.

The commission will study the evidence, and also, probably, secure data in the matter of precautions and safety measures that may be taken to make the mines more safe for the men. It is not likely that the commission will have its report ready for some weeks yet.

## KIWANIS IN THE LEAD IN THE FRATERNAL LEAGUE

A. S. D. Sprang a Bad One on the I. O. O. F. by Taking All Three Games

In the Fraternal Bowling League the standing is as follows:-Kiwani 8; L.O.O.M., 6; I.O.O.F., 5; Y.P.L.

5: A. S. D. 4. Honour roll-Dearden, 687-677 Tomkinson, 672; Jackson, 644; Langdon, 636; Platus, 616.

The Kiwanis by taking 7 points viously, gave evidence. He said that | from the A. S. D. and Y.P.L., jumped he had four reasons for not reporting into the lead of the Fraternal League. to his superiors the conditions he The A.S.D. sprang a bad one on the noted in regard to rubbish in the old I.O.O.F. by taking all three games stopes. On one occasion he had call- from them. Not one of the Oddfel-

A	S.D.			
Belanger		154	207	361
Barr	101			101
Cooper	137	173	147	457
Jacobs	157	176	183	516
Windgrove	191	169	186	546
Walsh	142	162	157	-461
	728	834	880	2442
Handicap	113	115	115	343
Totals	841	949	995	2785
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Brough	169			503
Campbell	163	176		521
Farnum	126	151	160	437
Davis	213	180	192	585
J. Doe	101	162	147	410
	772	827	857	2456
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