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Inspector of Prisons Arrested on Charge of Defrauding Government

TWO PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS ARE CHARGED WITH THEFT

Inspector W. W. Dunlop and Associate are held—The Shortage Reported Large—Irregularities Found in Connection With Finances of Government Brick Plant at Mimico.

Toronto, March 17.—The audit which the Ontario Government has been making of the various branches of the public service created a further sensation yesterday at the parliament buildings when it resulted in the arrest of W. W. Dunlop, inspector of prisons and public charities, in the provincial secretary's department, and of F. C. Williams, his associate in the work of inspection. Both officials have lengthy records in the civil service, and both are now being held upon charges of theft connected with their stewardship of the government brick plant at Mimico.

The arrests were carried out yesterday afternoon by officials of the provincial police. Mr. Dunlop was apprehended at his home on Sunnyside avenue, to which he was confined at the time by illness. The provincial officer remained there in charge of him. Mr. Williams was arrested in the usual manner, but later obtained his freedom on bail pending his trial.

The government operates a brick plant at Mimico, and it is in connection with the sale of its product that the allegations against Dunlop and Williams arise. These officials were in charge of the sale of the bricks, and it is claimed that they have failed to turn over in full the amount of money which they thus received. The irregularities in Mr. Dunlop's case are placed at around \$8,000.

Both officials have splendid records in the service of the provincial secretary's department. Particular interest attaches to the Dunlop arrest because of the fact that Mr. Dunlop has served for some years as a member of the provincial parliament, which is the body which passes upon the applications of inmates of the provincial prisons for liberty before the expiration of their terms. Mr. Dunlop was an appointee of the late Hon. W. J. Hanna, and has been in the department upwards of ten years. Mr. Williams' length of service extends over a much longer period, being a matter of some 32 years.

THE BUDGET DEBATE ENDS IN LEGISLATURE

Toronto, March 12.—It is expected that the budget debate will be concluded today. W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal leader, will come on first this afternoon and be followed by W. E. Raney, Progressive leader. The premier will wind up the debate. The premier will not say anything about the Ontario Temperance Act and beer in his address today, reserving his announcements on this question until the amendments are brought down, probably tomorrow.

CONFLICTING CLAIMS OVER SCHOOL STRIKE

Strasbourg, France, March 17.—Conflicting claims are made regarding the extent of the Catholic school strike which was called throughout Alsace by the Bishop of Strasbourg in protest against the Herriot government's institution of the interconfessional or religiously neutral schools. Catholic newspapers and authorities say it was a great success, while the socialists term it a failure.

AN ULTIMATUM BY FERGUSON

That Members Must Not Sell Goods to Province.

TO AVOID SCANDAL

Practice Not Illegal But Interests of the Province Are Better Served Without It.

Toronto, March 17.—Premier Ferguson, while merely expressing an opinion, practically gave an ultimatum to the legislature yesterday afternoon, that no more buying of articles or goods from a member of the House by the government would be tolerated. It is legal for a member of the legislature to sell goods to the government if the interest in which he is concerned is a limited concern, but the premier even frowned on this, stating that the interests of the government would be better served if such limited companies refrained from any government business.

MAY REDUCE NUMBER OF LIQUOR SCRIPTS

Toronto, March 17.—There is a diversity of opinion as to what is to become of the O.T.A. amendments when taken up for consideration by the Conservative caucus on Thursday morning. One who is in close touch with the government stated today that the number of liquor prescriptions to be issued by doctors will be reduced, but there will be no wholesale tinkering with the act.

HIGH FINANCE IS DISCUSSED

In the Commons By Progressive From Saskatchewan.

WATERING OF STOCK

Is Strongly Denounced—Beaverbrook Attacked—People of Canada Fleece.

Ottawa, March 17.—Higher finance in its varied forms was the subject of discussion in the House of Commons yesterday, when Milton N. Campbell, Progressive member for Mackenzie, Sask., proposed a resolution that, in the opinion of the House of Commons, legislation should be enacted which would make difficult, and if possible prevent, the practice of issuing what is known as "watered stock." The mover of the resolution, Mr. Campbell, is a farmer from Saskatchewan.

Mr. Campbell injected more than ginger in to the debate, and he was supported by Messrs. Woodsworth and Garland, of Bow River. Certain of the large corporations whose names are household words in the country were subjected to strong criticism, and a famous Canadian, now resident in England, Lord Beaverbrook, was mentioned by Mr. Campbell as having in the matter of the merger of the Canada Cement Company "fleece the people of Canada."

Mr. Campbell alleged that Lord Beaverbrook had been recommended by a speculative government for a baronetcy and "was now living in England in opulence and luxury on his ill-gotten gains, the money he plundered from the people of Canada." Sir Donald Smith, later Lord Strathcona, was described by Mr. Campbell as a man who had grown rich in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company chiefly through the plundering of the Northern Indian tribes.

J. S. Woodsworth, Labor member for Winnipeg Centre, and E. J. Garland, Progressive, Bow River, were Mr. Campbell's chief lieutenants in Mr. Campbell's attacks on watered stock. Mr. Woodsworth argued that the government could provide machinery to scrutinize stock issues, and that the House of Commons could easily pass a law by which any company holding a Dominion charter would be able to sell stock only under the laws prevailing in the various provinces.

E. J. Garland suggested that the government cut out all bounties on steel until the water was squeezed out of the stock, and that the protective tariff enjoyed by certain companies be eliminated until watered stock was removed.

The Hon. A. B. Copp, speaking on behalf of the government, promised that anything that could possibly be done to improve the administration of the Companies' Act, which dealt with the issue of stock, would be gladly undertaken.

On the conclusion of the debate, the resolution was put to the House last night and was carried without opposition.

Typhoid Germs Sold to Kill

Wealthy Chicago Youth—Head of Bacteriology School Makes a Confession.

Chicago, March 17.—Typhoid fever germs which killed William Nelson McClintock, "millionaire orphan," were given to William Darling Shepherd, foster-father and chief heir, upon his promise to pay \$100,000 after the settlement of the estate. C. C. Falman, head of the school of bacteriology, told Robert E. Crowe, states attorney today.

The amount was decided upon, Falman said, after he first had demanded a quarter of a million dollars, and finally compromised upon promise of \$100,000 after numerous conferences with Shepherd. Falman said that he advised the method of administering germs and advised Shepherd as to further steps to assure the death of the rich youth.

INTIMIDATED GIRLS

Toronto Woman Sent to Jail for Five Days.

Toronto, March 17.—Elizabeth Stock, convicted of intimidating two young girls, with a view to interfering with them while they were on their way to work, was yesterday sentenced to serve five days at the jail farm by Judge Coatsworth. This is believed to be the first case of its kind to come up in the local court.

C. A. Thompson, counsel, in announcing that he would enter an appeal, stated that there was no parallel case in Canadian law. "This is the first time this section has been invoked," he said, in asking for a suspended sentence or a fine. His honor refused bail pending appeal.

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THORNE IS GIVEN THE DEATH SENTENCE

The Famous Mutilation-Murder Case of London Typist Is Concluded.

London, March 17.—The death penalty was yesterday imposed on Norman Thorne, the young Crowborough farmer, convicted on the charge of having murdered Miss Elsie Cameron, a London typist, in a lonely hut on the night of December 5th.

The jury returned a verdict of "guilty" after being absent half an hour.

During the hearing of evidence yesterday it was revealed that medical experts engaged in the case had a free and frank discussion yesterday on the conflict of opinion with regard to the marks on the back of the neck of Miss Cameron. Even after examination of the microscopic slides the experts adhered to their original views and they "agreed to differ."

Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the eminent pathologist, when recalled, said that what had been described by doctors for the defence as an injury to the skin on the neck, was due to another cause.

Dr. Gait, professor in legal medicine, stated that there was no effusion of blood to be seen on the microscopic slides prepared by Spilsbury such as there was on the slides prepared by Dr. Bronte.

The judge, summing up, declared that if there was any real doubt in the minds of the jury as to how Miss Cameron died their duty would be to acquit the prisoner.

SALE OF EXPLOSIVES

George W. Ecclestone, Conservative, Muskoka, whose name was connected with certain of the accounts in the public record, stated that his hardware firm in Bracebridge had done business with every government since the Mowat Government. He pointed out that as his firm was the only one which sold explosives in his district, of necessity, it sold to the government.

"However, I have no desire to sell any goods to the government," said Mr. Ecclestone. "I have never solicited any business from them, and I am quite in accord with the desires of the premier. I have given instructions to my firm not to accept any business from the government."

Mr. Sinclair reserved the right to speak his opinions on the matter until he spoke in the budget debate today.

Second reading was given the bill proposed by E. R. Wigle, Centre Huron, to amend the Marriage Act by making it compulsory that the license be taken out three days ahead of the actual marriage. Although not favoring the bill as a whole, Premier Ferguson said it might have the desired tendency of stopping some hasty marriages, and allowed it to go to the legal committee.

Mr. Ecclestone, Muskoka, introduced a bill providing that fees for treatment at Muskoka Sanatorium of those who could not pay themselves, be collected from the municipality in which the patient last resided.

The house passed the bill and re-

NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM OFF THE WIRES

Newfoundland gives votes to women over twenty-five years of age.

British government appoints court of inquiry into housing shortage.

The Ottawa government has plans to extend the Canadian coal mining industry.

Judge in Guelph municipal probe finds former relief officer guilty of irregularities.

The big C.N.R. storehouse at Leaside was burned on Monday night, causing a loss of \$50,000.

An international conference is to be held on the subject of a closed fishing season for Lake Erie.

Premier Herriot and British Foreign Secretary Chamberlain are again in conference on the subject of security.

A petition is being circulated in Toronto asking for the release of Charles Matthews, Jr., from Portsmouth penitentiary.

Lord Curzon, who has been ill since his collapse at Cambridge early this month, passed a fair night, but is still much exhausted.

Mrs. Mary Rock, Chatham, over ninety years of age, was taken to the hospital on Saturday suffering from a malignant growth and with both feet badly frozen. She was discovered in her home leaning on a stove which had blackened her face.

ANOTHER CASE OF "MYSTERY"

Lady Wilson-Barker Charged With Extortion of Money.

WIDOW OF THE VICTIM

Now Seeks to Recover the Money—Fraudulent Representation Is the Allegation.

London, March 17.—Another "mystery" case involving persons of high rank, came up before a British court today when the suit of Mrs. Muriel Sheldon went to trial after counsel at the judge's request, had vainly tried to effect out of court a settlement of the affair. One of the remarkable features of the case—which was merely docketed as one involving "fraudulent misrepresentation"—was the declaration of Mrs. Waterhouse's counsel that Lady Wilson-Barker was the principal defendant and that Sir David, who is a noted naval expert and geographer, was made a defendant "because he is legally liable for her wrongdoing."

Outlining the case, counsel said the victim of the alleged conspiracy was the late Alfred Francis Waterhouse, son of a wealthy family who first met Lady Wilson-Barker at Harrogate, a fashionable watering place, in 1896. His widow was now seeking, counsel declared, "to recover money extorted from him."

She alleges that Lady Wilson-Barker secured large sums of money from Waterhouse through fraudulent representations with Sheldon.

Discussing the character of the case, which was barely outlined, counsel said it was one of the kind "which of late has been too common. If it represents in any way the normal state of English society," he added, "then I am tempted to think, with exposure after exposure, that strengthening the law is the only remedy. But I am sure it does not represent anything but a very exceptional case."

Another Wheat Crash; Prices Away Down

Winnipeg, March 17.—With a crash which sent the wheat market here into a state of complete disorganization this morning, prices dropped 1 1/2 cents within ten minutes. Heavy liquidations and continued declines in Liverpool cables, combined with a general bearish sentiment, precipitated the break. May wheat went down to \$1.59 on the extreme bulge, while July underwent even a more serious loss, slumping 1 1/2 cents. A panic also seized the coarse grain markets, prices on all these commodities breaking severely.

To Start Daylight Saving On the 3rd of May

Toronto, March 17.—For the first time in the history of daylight saving in Canada, three of the biggest Canadian municipal proponents of the system, Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa, have agreed on the same starting date for the season, Sunday morning, May 3rd.

TIME NEARING FOR FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. Dr. Clarence McKinnon Sees the Opportunity After Union Completed.

Toronto, March 17.—After Church Union will come the opportunity for Dr. Drummond's suggestions for a Federated Church Movement, in the opinion of Dr. Clarence McKinnon, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, when interviewed here.

Dr. McKinnon said there was a call for another conference to settle some issues in the Church Union movement that have developed, but he did not think any good purpose could be served by such a step now.

"It is true the old Presbyterian Church has been divided, but under the new alignment each person can now worship in the particular church in which he will be most happy. We are really better off apart. Further, it would seem to me that the somewhat heated atmosphere of the present moment would make a conference difficult, and that it would be wiser to delay until the excitement is somewhat passed."

"After union is effected, there will no doubt be an opportunity for the suggestion of Dr. Drummond, of Hamilton, of a scheme for a Federated Church Movement, in which the various churches will retain their individuality, but will associate with one another for co-operative purposes."

"Should this happy result follow, and it is one I personally should strongly favor, such a federation would not necessarily be confined to the churches at present involved, but might embrace nearly all the other Protestant denominations that would wish to affiliate. This could result in nothing but good to the Dominion."

Toronto Politicians Want 15 Members for Queen City

Toronto, March 17.—Executives of ward associations in the city are submitting a proposal under which Toronto would have fifteen members in the Ontario legislature, the ridings to follow the ward boundaries as far as possible. If the associations approve the plan will be placed before the redistribution committee of the legislature for consideration.

At the present time Toronto is represented by ten members, but portions of the suburban districts are included in the constituencies of West York and East York.

Explorer Expelled From Panama

Panama, March 17.—A Presidential decree declares Richard O. Marsh, an explorer, expelled from Panama and prohibits his return in the future under penalty of arrest.

The decree contends there is proof that Mr. Marsh abused Panama's hospitality and the permit granted him to conduct scientific researches, by aiding the San Blas Indians in an attempt to establish their own republic.