

# LEADING HOME BANK OFFICIALS PLACED UNDER ARREST

Report of Curator A. B. Baker Shows the Failure to be an Extremely Bad One—Charges Under Bank Act.

Ten arrests represent the results of the Ontario Government's action upon the anxiously awaited report of Curator A. B. Baker, of the Home Bank, which was made public last week.

The fact disclosed was one of a bad failure. To meet deposits and other liabilities totalling \$15,531,552, there was declared to be available only \$2,687,625 of quick assets, and "special" assets nominally worth \$9,229,997. The prospect held out by the Curator was one of lengthy liquidation and he further stated that the hoped-for arrangement by which an immediate dividend of 25 per cent. was to become possible had not yet been effected.

As a result then of a spectacularly rapid round-up by the Provincial police, the following were placed in custody: President H. J. Daly; Vice-President E. P. Gough; Directors C. A. Barnard, K. C. J. F. M. Stewart, Lieut.-Col. Clarence F. Smith, S.

Casey Wood and F. J. B. Russell; Chief Accountant O. G. Smith; Auditor Sydney H. Jones. The general manager at the time of the bank's suspension, Mr. A. E. Calvert, was out of town, but was placed in custody when he arrived back.

The charges upon which the group are held are three, all laid under the Bank Act, viz.:

Against Messrs. Daly, Gough, Calvert and O. G. Smith it is charged that they did "negligently sign a false or deceptive statement respecting the returns of the bank."

Against Messrs. Barnard, Stewart, Russell, Col. C. F. Smith and Wood it is charged that they did "negligently approve or concur in a false or deceptive statement respecting the returns of the bank."

Against Mr. Jones, the auditor, it is charged that he did "negligently prepare a false or deceptive statement respecting the returns of the bank."

## BRAIN PIERCED BY SHARP WIRE

Toronto Lad Instantly Killed While Playing With Companions.

A despatch from Toronto says:—Twelve-year-old Alonzo H. Verrian, 213 Pearson Avenue, was almost instantly killed when a length of fine galvanized wire in the hands of Joseph F. Harris, aged 12, of the Carpathia Apt., 31 Wilson Avenue, entered the back of his neck and pierced upwards into his brain. The unfortunate lad was discovered by his father, who pulled out the wire, then called for a doctor. The lad's body was removed to the morgue, where an inquest was held by Coroner McConnell.

Questioned by Sgt. of Detectives Mitchell in Cowan Avenue Station after the tragedy, the Harris and Sinclair lads told their stories. Sinclair's tale was corroborative of that told by Harris, who stated that he and Sinclair were playing soldiers in the side entrance of 213 Pearson Avenue when young Verrian joined them. Harris and Sinclair each had a piece of wire, with which they were fencing. Verrian asked Harris for the loan of his wire for a while, and when Harris refused this, Verrian struck him on the elbow. Wheatat Harris gave chase to Verrian, at the same time, in play, thrusting forward the piece of wire. The sharp instrument penetrated the lad's neck, and piercing the brain, caused him to fall forward on his face. Meanwhile, the McGrath and Roden boys had been playing in the backyard of the Verrian home. Hearing a scream from Verrian they ran out to see what could be amiss and were just in time to see the Sinclair lad and Harris leaving the side entrance and Verrian lying on the ground with the wire sticking out at the back of his neck. The lad's father was informed and he at once repaired to the side entrance, where he found his son. The father pulled out the wire, meanwhile calling to the lad to speak; then, as the boy remained silent, he carried him to his home, then called the doctor. But the boy was dead.

## CATTLE FROM CANADA ARRIVING TOO SLOWLY

Scottish Meat Traders Complain Greater Numbers Were Promised.

A despatch from London says:—A complaint that Canadian cattle were not coming forward in sufficient numbers was made at the annual meeting of the Scottish Federation of Meat Traders' Association in Glasgow. Mr. Welch, president of the Glasgow Fashers Society, said that that body had helped to secure the removal of the embargo and the promise was then made that the price of beef to the public would be reduced. That the promise had not been fulfilled was not the fault of the meat traders because cattle had not come from Canada in the numbers expected or promised. He denied that Glasgow meat retailers were charging higher prices than those quoted in other centres.

## THIEF AIMS TO STEAL FOUR DEADLY COBRAS

Attempt to Burglarize Reptile House in Bronx Park, New York.

A despatch from New York says:—Dr. William F. Hornaday, Director of the Zoological Gardens in the Bronx, declares that he would give a great deal to know what possessed the man who tried vainly to steal four deadly cobras from the east wing of the reptile house. Dr. Hornaday termed it Bronx Park's luckiest failure.

The Director explained that the four reptiles upon which the visitor apparently had designs, two common hooded and two spectacle cobras, were healthy specimens of the dreaded Indian variety which annually took a death toll of probably 18,000 lives in the land of sandalwood and temple bells.

When head keeper John T. Toomey opened up he found in the rear of the cage of the cobras various tools, sawdust, splinters, burnt match ends, etc. This led to discovery that a hole had been bored in the tin-lined wooden door in the brick wall which attendants used.

Investigation revealed that the marauder had attempted to cut through the plate glass.



## FRANCE TO OCCUPY RHINELAND IF MONARCHY IS RESTORED

If Nationalists Seize Power and Concentrate, French Will Push Forward Troops and Take Over Strategic Points.

A despatch from Paris says:—No new military measures to increase the zone are envisaged by France, although certain slight rectifications of the areas occupied may be necessary if the situation beyond the Rhine becomes menacing.

Thus, if the Nationalists seize power and concentrate, the French probably will push forward troops and take over strategic points, like railroad junctions, to prevent the Germans from coming too close. No such measures are under consideration.

It is understood that Great Britain would not protest against measures British troops will not participate but would merely remain in the Cologne area.

## LONE FRENCH WOLF IN TOILS OF POLICE

Bendit Who Played Butler to Rob Rich Home.

A despatch from Paris says:—The international search for Gabriel Alphonse Mourey, who 18 months ago, in the guise of a butler, robbed the New York home of Albert R. Shattuck of \$84,000 in jewelry, after locking the family in a vault in their cellar, ended near here when the bandit was shot five times by municipal and national police sent to arrest him. He is lying in a dangerous condition in Saint Antoine Hospital.

Mourey, the police learned some time ago, returned to France and took up his old trade of mechanic. Several times he escaped police nets set for him. So elusive did he prove that Mr. Shattuck, who came to Europe with the avowed determination to hunt him down, recently gave up the search and went to London.

The Paris police persevered, however, and eventually learned that Mourey was practicing his trade at Ivry.

Mourey drew two automatic revolvers when he was surrounded in a cafe, and wounded one of the police before he was wounded by the others. At first he feigned death, and this led to the report that he had been killed, but at the hospital it is said that he will recover. If he does recover he will face a charge of attempted murder because of his attack on the police, but this may not be pressed if the New York authorities demand his extradition to face robbery charges there.



The Only War Premier at the Imperial Conference

Major Massey, of New Zealand, who of all the British premiers assembled at the Imperial Conference, was the only one who had held the same office during the period of the war.

## Japan Shaken Again.

A despatch from Tokio says:—A strong earthquake shock was felt here Thursday last, but had no serious consequences. On Tuesday 14 severe shocks were felt and five more were recorded on the seismograph, but all were counter-vibrations and of little importance.

A slight earthquake was felt at Riverside, California. No damage was reported.

## TURKISH REPUBLIC TO HAVE PRESIDENT

The Constitution Provides for Five-year Term for Head of State.

A despatch from Constantinople says:—The new Turkish Constitution will provide that Turkey be a Republic, with a President elected for a period of four or five years.

The National Assembly will have legislative power only, the executive power being entrusted to a Cabinet responsible to the Assembly.

A Council of State will fulfill the function usually cared for by a Parliamentary upper house. The members of this Council will be appointed.

## Former Enemy Athletes May Attend Olympiad

A despatch from Vienna says:—The Austrian Athletic Association, by a vote of 17 to 5, decided to accept the French Olympic Committee's invitation for Austrian athletes to participate in next year's Olympic games. It was decided, however, not to nominate competitors until it had been learned that Germany also was invited to participate in the games.

## Canada from Coast to Coast

Halifax, N.S.—The surface plant of the Malagash salt mine on Northumberland Strait in Nova Scotia, which was destroyed by fire in July, has been rebuilt, and the mine and mill are being operated again under improved conditions. The salt mined at present from the Malagash deposit is of unusually high grade, running over 9.9 per cent. sodium chloride and containing only a trace of magnesium chloride.

St. John, N.B.—Present indications are that the movement of New Brunswick potatoes to Cuba will be heavier than last year and representation has also been made to have large shipments from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island handled through this port. The Federal Government has been asked to arrange additional space to handle same as the present potato sheds were taxed to capacity last winter.

Montreal, Que.—Another cargo of British Columbia lumber is now en route to Montreal from Vancouver via the Panama Canal, consigned to a Montreal firm. It comprises about 5,000,000 feet. The magnitude of the lumber import trade to Montreal was made apparent recently when it was estimated by one firm that, in the course of ten months, they will have brought into this port eight cargoes of lumber from Vancouver, estimated at from thirty-five to forty million feet.

Ottawa, Ont.—A heavy production of pig iron in Canada as well as of steel ingots and castings during the month of August is registered by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Pig iron produced in August amounted to 92,587 gross tons, against 81,647 tons in July. Production of steel ingots and castings during the month was 105,056 long tons, an increase of 43 per cent. over July, when 73,532 tons were made.

Fort William, Ont.—The largest day's shipment of wheat this season was made on September 19th, when 1,297,000 bushels of wheat went out on nine vessels, including the big American carrier C. O. Jenkins, with 345,000 bushels.

Winnipeg, Man.—Approximately 3,000,000 lbs. of dressed fish were taken from the Winnipeg Lake this year, according to advices received here. Fishing was not good this year, and, as it appeared unlikely that the total summer catch would exceed 2,000,000 lbs., it was found advisable to extend the season to help relieve the position of the fishermen.

Edmonton, Alta.—Alberta, according to the last government agricultural report, has 400,000 dairy cows, valued at approximately \$19,500,000. The product of these cows last year was worth \$23,500,000, or \$4,000,000 more than their own value.

Calgary, Alta.—Probably in no other year in its history has tourist travel to Alberta been as heavy as this year, and an even heavier year is anticipated for 1924. The Canadian Pacific Railway reports heavy tourist traffic, and the reports of auto traffic show that this has also been very heavy. Nearly 5,000 cars, many of them from United States points, have been registered at the Banff Park alone up to the end of August.

Victoria, B.C.—Nearly five hundred saw and shingle mills in British Columbia are producing annually approximately three and a half billion feet of lumber and about the same number of shingles. This year the lumber production of the province is estimated to be worth \$85,000,000, and a survey of world markets gives promise of a steady increase in the next decade.

Prince Rupert, B.C.—During the month of August the air force has been co-operating with the fisheries authorities for the enforcement of the fishery laws and regulations in the vicinity of this city. Reports indicate that the innovation has proved so successful that the service will be continued for the rest of the season. In all likelihood the flyers will be permanently engaged to prevent illegal fishing.

## NO BAD BLOCKADE AT HEAD OF LAKES

Government Has Grain Movement Well in Hand, Says D'Arcy Scott.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—D'Arcy Scott, chief counsel of the Royal Grain Enquiry Commission, has returned from Winnipeg. Mr. Scott says that the grain is now freely moving to the head of the lakes. About two thousand cars are inspected daily at Winnipeg. There are no indications of any serious blockade at Fort William, and Mr. Scott is satisfied that the Government, through the Board of Grain Commissioners, has the matter well in hand.

## BATTLE IN PRISON ENDS IN SLAUGHTER

Hail of Bullets Poured Into Convicts' Refuge.

A despatch from Eddyville, Ky., says:—Rifles and machine guns, which had been pouring a hail of bullets into the mess hall of the State Penitentiary here, where three convicts had been barricaded since a dash for liberty in which three guards were killed, were silenced soon after dark when besiegers who ventured from cover were not fired upon by the tenants of the improvised fortress. Opinion was that the desperadoes were dead or desperately wounded. In view, however, of the possibility that the convicts withheld their fire to conserve a small stock of ammunition for a last desperate stand when the attackers should enter the building, it was determined to maintain a guard about the place and await daylight for further action.

## LIST OF IMPORTANT LOSSES SUSTAINED BY THE HOME BANK

Many of Large Advances of Doubtful Value and Others May Take Years to Realize Upon.

The following are the important losses sustained by the Home Bank as given in the report of the curator, Mr. A. B. Barker.

The King Shoe Company and Canadian Shoes, Ltd., \$517,558. Advances of \$577,558 were made, and it is estimated that only \$60,000 will be recovered.

Advances in loans to Toronto brokers against the security of South African War Veterans' scrip, \$250,347.

Advances to the estate of the late Brigadier-General Mason and loans to the late Colonel J. C. Mason, \$97,214.

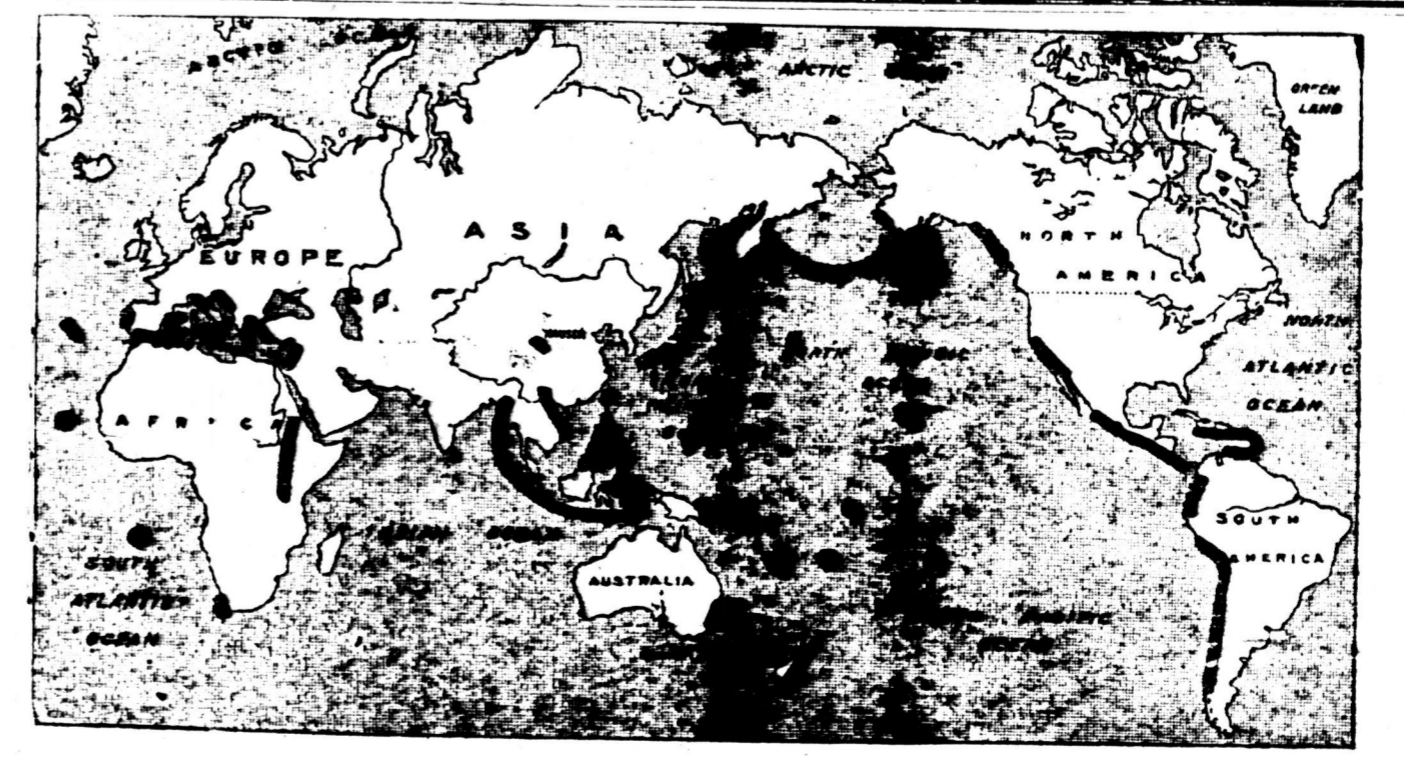
Loans to the Arrprior Cabinet Co., Ltd., \$120,410. This will be a total loss unless Mr. H. J. Daly makes good his guarantee to the extent of \$48,000. J. Daly for \$95,000.

The False Creek Timber Co., Vancouver, B.C., \$126,394. No recovery can be expected.

The County Investment Co., Ltd., \$787,887. The value of the bonds and shares will be entirely dependent upon the success which may be met in realization of the assets over an extended period.

British Dominion Holding and Investment Corporation, Ltd., Montreal, \$1,409,845. The definite value of the securities must be determined with realization. The debt is guaranteed by Mr. C. A. Barnard, Montreal, one of the Home Bank directors.

Manufacturers' Holding and Investment Co., Ltd., \$661,228. The bank has collateral notes as security for \$165,821, and the guarantee of Mr. H.



THE DANGER SPOTS FOR EARTHQUAKES. Since the Japanese disaster all the world has been asking where else these terrific earthquakes may occur. The map shows the danger spots on the earth's surface, and it will be noticed that the only part of Canada believed by scientists to be in danger is the northern part of the Pacific coast.

## Weekly Market Report

TORONTO.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.08 3/4.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 CW, 52 1/2c.

Man. Barley—Nominal.

All the above track, bay ports.

Am. corn—Track, Toronto, No. 2 yellow, \$1.12.

Barley—Nominal.

Buckwheat—No. 2, nominal.

Rye—No. 2, nominal.

Peas—No. 2, nominal.

Millfeed—Del., Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$28.25; shorts, per ton, \$31.25; middlings, \$33.25; good feed flour, \$2.10.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, 95c to \$1, outside.

Ontario No. 2 white oats—40 to 44c.

Ontario corn—Nominal.

Ontario flour—Ninety per cent. pat., in jute bags, Montreal, prompt shipment, \$4.90; Toronto basis, \$4.80; bulk, seaboard, \$4.70.

Man. flour—1st pats., in jute sacks, \$6.50 per bbl; 2nd pats., \$6.20.

Hay—Extra No. 2 timothy, per ton, track, Toronto, \$14; No. 2, \$13.50; No. 3, \$12.50; mixed, \$11 to \$12.

Straw—Car lots, per ton, \$9.

Cheese—New, large, 26 to 27c; twins, 27 to 28c; triplets, 28 to 29c; Stiltons, 28 to 29c. Old, large, 33c; twins, 33 1/2 to 34c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 39 to 41c; ordinary creamery, 37 to 38c; No. 2, 36 to 37c.

Eggs—Extras in cartons, 44 to 45c; extras, 42 to 43c; firsts, 38 to 39c; seconds, 32 to 33c.

Live poultry—Spring chickens, 4 lbs. and over, 28c; chickens, 3 to 4 lbs., 25c; hens, over 5 lbs., 24c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 22c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 17c; roosters, 15c; ducklings, over 5 lbs., 22c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 20c; turkeys, young, 10 lbs. and up, 25c.

Beans—Canadian, hand-picked, lb, 7c; primes, 6 1/2c.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.50; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.40 per gal.; maple sugar, lb, 25c.

Honey—60-lb. tins, 11 to 12c per lb; 10-lb. tins, 11 to 12c; 5-lb. tins, 12 to 13c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 13 to 14c; comb honey, per doz., \$3.75 to \$4; No. 2, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 27 to 29c; cooked hams, 40 to 42c; smoked ribs, 22 to 24c; cottage rolls, 23 to 27c; breakfast bacon, 30 to 34c; special brand breakfast bacon, 34 to 38c; backs, boneless, 34 to 40c.

Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$18; 70 to 90 lbs., \$17.50; 90 lbs. and up, \$16.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$3.60; heavyweight rolls, \$3.30.

Lard—Pure tierces, 17 to 17 1/2c; tubs, 17 1/2 to 18c; pails, 18 to 18 1/2c; prints, 20c. Shortening, tierces, 15 1/2 to 15 3/4c; tubs, 15 1/2 to 16c; pails, 16 to 16 1/2c; prints, 18 1/2 to 19 1/2c.

Heavy steers, choice, \$7.25 to \$7.50; butcher steers, choice, \$6.50 to \$7; do, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$5 to \$5.75; do, com., \$3.50 to \$5; butcher heifers, choice, \$6.25 to \$6.75; do, med., \$5 to \$5.50; do, com., \$3.50 to \$4.50; butcher cows, choice, \$4.25 to \$5; do, med., \$3 to \$4; canners and cullers, \$1.50 to \$2.50; butcher bulls, good, \$4 to \$5; do, com., \$2.50 to \$3.50; feeding steers, good, \$5.50 to \$6.50; do, fair, \$4.50 to \$5.25; stockers, good, \$4.50 to \$5; do, fair, \$3.50 to \$4; milkers and springers, \$80 to \$120; calves, choice, \$11 to 12.50; do, med., \$8 to \$10; do, com., \$4 to \$7; do, grassers, \$3.50 to \$4.50; lambs, choice, \$10.75 to \$11.50; do, bucks, \$9.25 to \$10; do, com., \$8 to \$8.50; sheep, light ewes, good, \$6.50 to \$7.25; do, fat, heavy, \$4 to \$5; do, culls, \$2 to \$2.50; hogs, thick, smooth, F.W., \$9.35; do, f.o.b., \$8.75; do, country points, \$8.50; do, select, \$10.30.

MONTREAL.

Lambs, good, 70 lbs. and up, \$10.50; do, com., \$8 to \$9.50; veal calves, good, \$9 to \$10; hogs, thick, smooths, and ungraded, \$9.50; select hogs, \$10.25.

Cheese, finest westerns, 23 1/2 to 23 3/4c; do, finest easterns, 22 1/2c. Butter, choicest creamery, 36 1/2c. Eggs, fresh, 42c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, \$1.10.

Safety matches were invented in Sweden in 1855.

As customers preferred fish with red gills, a Parisian fishmonger painted his wares with red ink. Unfortunately, a police inspector relied upon his nose rather than his eyes, with the result that the fishmonger was fined for selling bad fish.