

May Now Probe Dept. of Finance

Hyndman's Shortage May Lead to Royal Commission

Ottawa, Sept. 21. — It is believed here that should G. W. Hyndman, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance, be found guilty of defalcations from the Department of Finance on which he is now awaiting trial, there will be a call by the Opposition in Parliament for a thorough investigation of this department.

It is stated that the broadcasting throughout the country of the news of Hyndman's arrest will cause considerable uneasiness and that a Royal Commission may be appointed to go thoroughly into the details of the department and show how it is possible for speculations to occur over such a long period of time without the guilty parties being discovered.

Reports state that the amount missing from the department in liberty bonds may amount to a very large figure.

This is the second time in the past six years that a finance department official has been charged with the loss of liberty bonds.

In the first case the accused was convicted and received a sentence of three years.

The charge was only for a few thousand dollars but it is understood that the actual amount involved was over \$50,000.

It has been definitely stated here that further charges would be laid against Hyndman, who is now on remand awaiting trial on four charges of theft of bonds amounting to \$4,000.

Continued investigation by the special auditors and by Finance Department Investigator, Duncan, are disclosing further deficiencies. It is also established that it is not yet definitely ascertained whether any other persons are involved.

Arthur G. Claght, K.C., prominent Toronto barrister, who has acted on many occasions for Guarantee Companies in similar cases, has been retained by the government as an advisory counsel and to assist in the prosecution. Mr. Slaght has been in close conference during the week with officials of the Justice and Finance departments.

Movement to Reinstall Deposed Police Chief

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—A considerable movement has grown up in the Sault seeking the reinstatement of Chief S. B. Graham, who was recently dismissed by the police commission following a technical breach in his driving for a motor tour a car on which the driving and operating licenses had been cancelled.

Following a petition signed by all the clergy of the city, Dr. George Thornley, retired Archbishop of Algoma, has written to the commission suggesting that they reconsider their decision, and several other petitions are in circulation in the city.

Magistrate Elliott favors the reinstatement of the chief and Mayor Irwin opposes it, while Judge Stone, the chairman, is non-committal, merely stating that the petitions will receive consideration.

30 Horses Entered Lindsay Fall Fair

Lindsay, Ont.—Lindsay's 53rd annual fall fair opened Wednesday. Prospects for record entries and attendance are bright. Over 30 horses from Ontario, Manitoba and United States are here for the trials of speed. Entries in live stock are surpassing last year.

Canon Cody, of Toronto, will open the fair officially. Wednesday's horse shoe pitching contest was won as follows: 1. Wallin and Henry, of Janerville; 2. McLachlin brothers, of Burkton; 3. Ray and McKay, of Lindsay; 4. Brown and Coulter, of Toronto.

Labor Repudiates A.B.C. and Guild

London, Ont., Sept. 19.—At their regular meeting last night, members of the London Trades and Labor Council passed a resolution stating that they wished to go on record that they have no connection with the Amalgamated Builders' Council or Heating and Plumbing Guild, or any such combine, and that organized labor in London does not support any such methods but believes in fair competition and just and honorable methods of doing business.

Ald. John Ashton declared nothing more cowardly has happened in the history of the city, and that offering to return the graft money would not right the wrong.

Fleets the Cause of Ex-service Men

Quebec.—The cause of the ex-service man, grown prematurely old in consequence of intangible injuries sustained during the war, and for whom no pension scheme has been devised, was pleaded eloquently by Major-General Griesbach, president of the Dominion Army and Navy Veterans' Association, the annual convention of which opened under his chairmanship here on Sept. 13.



Recent Scenes from East Area of Holy Land

BRITISH TROOPS IN PALESTINE MAINTAIN ORDER

The photographs shown here are the first to be received of British troops in Palestine rushed to the scene of late Jew-Arab disorders to quell further conflict. The first two reproductions show victims of the riots. (1) Rabbi Dr. Tohenkin, who was wounded in Arab uprising at Hebron, is here shown in bed recovering from the effects of his injuries. (2) Three surviving members of the Kisselstein family, father, daughter and young boy. Borderers on roof of a damaged house at Talpioth, while these three survivors were wounded. (3) A lone sentinel of South Wales taken at Talpioth, a wealthy Jewish suburb of Jerusalem, where many residences were wrecked by Arabs.

Premier Ferguson Starts Campaign

Huge Banquet Marks Opening of Government's Election Activities

There will be no plebiscite on liquor nor on any other matter of public policy so long as Hon. G. Howard Ferguson is head of the government of Ontario.

Standing firm on established British constitutional practice, Premier Ferguson will continue to take responsibility at the polls for his handling of Ontario's affairs.

In such words, the prime minister fired his opening gun of the 1929 provincial general election campaign with a frontal attack on the position taken by W. E. N. Sinclair, K.C., the Liberal leader.

It was a campaign opening unequalled in size, enthusiasm and respectability in the history of the Conservative party in Ontario. Nearly 3,000 cheering government supporters packed every available dining room of Toronto's two largest hotels, the Royal York and the King Edward, while hundreds of others for whom there was no room rowded the lobbies.

To all these and to a vast unseen audience all over the province, reached by the largest radio hook-up ever arranged in Canada, the premier reviewed the financial history of his government, sketched the work being done on the humanitarian problems attached to the care of the underprivileged, pleaded for a courageous, far-reaching development of the resources of the north, and finally made his trenchant declaration for a fully responsible government.

One Killed, Two Hurt In Crossing Mishap

Stratford.—When the light service truck in which they were riding was struck by a C.N.R. passenger train in the Village of Atwood at noon on Wednesday, Royal Todd, age 21, was fatally injured, and John O. Killer, age 23, and Fred W. Ritchie were injured but not seriously.

Todd died in the Listowel Memorial Hospital from a punctured lung and fractured skull, while Killer and Ritchie are confined to the Stratford General Hospital. All are Stratford men and employees of the Ontario Department of Highways.

The three men, comprising a survey party, left the city about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning and in little more than an hour later their truck was struck and demolished at the crossing in Atwood. How the accident occurred is not yet known definitely, but witnesses believe that Ritchie, the driver of the truck, did not see the express train approaching. The truck drove on to the crossing directly in the path of the train and the engine crashed into it from the front, the light truck, hurling it approximately 40 feet along the tracks.

The train, C.N.R. No. 195, bound for Kincardine, was in charge of Engineer D. Freeland and Conductor G. Becker, both of Palmerston. It was slowing down prior to coming into the station when the crash occurred. The truck was travelling at about 22 miles an hour.

Canada Buying More U.S. Furniture

Charlotte, N.C.—United States exports of wood furniture to Canada have shown a consistent increase over a five-year period, averaging 42 per cent. each with the exception of 1925. Total exports of Canada were \$31,331,271 in the year 1928, an increase of 41 per cent. over the previous year. According to Canadian customs statistics, the amount of furniture imported from the United States in 1928 was 70 per cent. of the total imports from all countries. The United Kingdom was the nearest competitor, furnished 1 per cent. of the total imports.

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Larkin Says Hague Conference Model

High Commissioner to London Describes Reparations Meeting

Quebec.—A vivid description of the recent meeting of the Reparations Conference at the Hague, and the firm stand taken by Right Hon. Philip Snowden, of Great Britain, in seeking what amounted to return of the Spa Agreement, was given newspapermen by Rt. Hon. Peter C. Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner to London, upon his arrival in the Dominion on board the liner Montcalm.

Hon. Mr. Larkin, who was met at the dock by Premier Mackenzie King and Hon. Lucien Cannon, Solicitor General, stressed the friendly feelings that prevailed among all present when the conference adjourned, and of Hon. Mr. Snowden's triumphal return to London, but he declared, one of the most important points of the entire conference, and one not concerned with reparations at all was the successful effort made by Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, of the British Cabinet, to evacuate the French to hurry their evacuation of Germany.

When Mr. Snowden first presented his argument, declared Mr. Larkin, it seemed certainly not very favorably received by those who benefitted by the total amount Germany had to pay to the Allies.

It was claimed that the Commission of Experts, held in Paris, had no right to touch percentages, even though they had a perfect right to settle the amount Germany was capable of paying.

Everyone interested had naturally taken less, because the experts came to the conclusion that German could not continue the amount she was paying under the Dawes agreement. The percentage each nation received of the total amount, was altered to the great disadvantage of Great Britain.

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Dominion to Care For Historic Sites

Premier King Announces Government's Intention Regarding Preservation

Quebec.—From now on the Dominion Government will look after the historic sites and monuments in Canada, an interview was informed by Premier Mackenzie King when he was in Quebec for the purpose of greeting Hon. Peter C. Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner to London.

Work will start on the ancient walls and fortifications of Quebec, but in addition to this province there are several other points which deserve consideration, among them Louisburg and Hudson Bay.

The Prime Minister said: "The policy of the Government is to maintain, and where necessary, to reconstruct, to such extent as may be in the public interest, the historic sites and monuments of Canada."

"In this connection, it is the Government's intention to see that the ancient walls and fortifications of Quebec are properly cared for and preserved. An appropriation of \$50,000 was made during the recent session of Parliament for the restoration of one of the gates and the rebuilding of the Earl Grey Terrace, which lies between the citadel and the river, and which, for some time past, has been closed to the public on account of the dilapidated and dangerous condition in which it has been left. I fully expect that this work will be completed this autumn."

"Provisions will be made at subsequent sessions for the effective prosecution of the Government's policy with respect to the maintenance of historic sites and monuments, including, in particular, the walls and fortifications of Quebec. It is, I believe, generally recognized throughout the Dominion that within the British Empire there is no monument of greater historical significance than is afforded by the Citadel and its immediate environments, including the properties at present under the immediate supervision of the Battlefields Commission."

Coal Comes Back

Victoria Times (Lib.): "Electric power can now be generated cheaper by steam than by water-power."—Thomas Edison). This is good news for Vancouver Island, with her great coal resources. With the progress made and economic perfection lately attained by high pressure steam turbines, and the use of pulverized coal under boilers built on the unit system, the increased consumption of coal would appear to be assured. Last year the United States used in this way more than 15,000,000 tons of pulverized coal.

Long Point Light Slays 900 Birds

Lured by Deadliest Beacon in Canada, Warblers, Thrushes Killed

While flying southward one foggy night about two weeks ago, some 900 little warblers, sparrows and thrushes were dashed to death against Long Point lighthouse—lured to their destruction by its brilliant beacon.

Mr. Saunders, well-known ornithologist, of London, Ont., hearing of the calamity, repaired to the wild inaccessible tip of the point which runs out into Lake Erie for some 20 miles from Port Rowan Ont. He counted more than 850 victims, but estimates that for a day or so on the point, Mr. Saunders sent the Royal Ontario 95 specimens, not all in good condition, and about half of which the museum experts have skinned for mounting.

For years Long Point light has been a menace to small birds. It stands right in the line of a main flight, and takes toll on both northerly and southerly migrations. Wild duck and plover, flying mostly by day avoid it, but song birds, flying by night, succumb.

Mr. Lewis a Government ornithologist of Ottawa, has made a study of the destructiveness of Eastern Canadian lighthouses in this respect, and finds Long Point beacon, by reason of the quality of its light and its situation, the deadliest.

Silver Fox Fur Gains Favor In All Markets

Many Countries Now Seeking
Pure Bred Stock From
Canadian Ranches

The principal market for silver fox furs up to the outbreak of the war had been in Europe, but after hostilities began the silver fox breeder sought a market in the United States, where sales hitherto had been comparatively small.

Despite the recent heavy duty levied by the United States on imports of silver foxes and their pelts, there is still an increasing demand in that country for Canadian silver fox stock. Ranch-bred silver fox furs are an important item at the Canadian Fur Sales at Montreal, and there are also indications of a marked revival in the European market for these furs.

Large sales of live foxes for foundation stock are made to the New England States and to central and western United States and Canada, which, coupled with shipments to England, Scotland, Norway, Sweden, France, Germany, Switzerland, Cuba, and other countries, indicate the wide distribution of Prince Edward Island pure-bred stock.

Five-Gaited Horses Arouse Interest For Royal Fair

Exceptional interest, according to a Canadian Press message from Louisville, Ky., was manifested among state-wide gatherings of horsemen at the Kentucky State Fair in the announcement that the Royal Winter Fair at Toronto would introduce five-gaited horse classes at the big Canadian fair next November.

This pioneer move by the Royal Winter Fair was warmly commended by veteran rider-owners, including Mat Cohen, of California; Robert Moreland, Lexington, Ky.; H. S. Caywood, Middleton, Ky.; and others. Important entries are assured for the coming Royal Winter Fair, including horses from the Minton Stables at Barboursville, Ky., and Uplands, Pa.

After the sensational win of his \$10,000 Seelbach stake over the cream of American five-gaiters, William M. Robinson, Philadelphia, the owner, remarked enthusiastically: "Now I can bring my stable to Toronto. I had no good reason to come before."

Five-gaited horses are claimed to be a special product of Kentucky. Old-time breeders bought Ontario horses of great speed and endurance to cross with American saddle horses. Marguerite Farlee Bayless, well known throughout the United States as an authority on the history and bloodlines of horses, says that Peter the Great traced directly to a Canadian stallion of whom nothing is known except that he was brought south from Ontario. . . . He was also the ancestor of the southern saddle horse breed whose descendants form several horse strains throughout saddle horse history in Tennessee, Kentucky, West Virginia and Missouri.

The alert, animated movements of the five-gaiters should appeal instinctively to Canadian horsemen, as the type is virtually unknown in the Dominion. All through the "horse states" one hears of a coming boom for the saddle horse, especially the five-gaited type.

Three Barn Fires Within 48 Hours

Second Horse Victim of Flames — Authorities Seeking Firebug

Stratford.—The third barn fire within 48 hours, believed to have been set by a firebug, working in this city, caused \$1,000 loss at an early hour on Thursday morning, when flames detonated a large barn, at the rear of the home of Fred Robinson, Milton Street. The main item lost was a valuable mare, owned by Mr. Robinson, which was suffocated before help could arrive. The other loss besides the frame building was in harness, equipment, and five tons of hay.

The other two fires were on Tuesday morning, a valuable racing horse being lost in one. Another fire of unknown origin destroyed the bowling club clubhouse early last Friday morning, causing over \$2,000 damage. A report is being made to Toronto by the local chief.

The projected Chicago skyscraper of the record height of just over a thousand feet is believed to be the outcome of an increasing desire to get away from the underworld.