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Merchants Bank Shareholders Ratify Merger With Bank of Montreal

RESOLUTION HAD
BIG MAJORITY

One Share of Bank of Montreal Stock and \$10 in Cash to be Given for 2 Shares of Merchants—Confidence in General Manager Misplaced.

Montreal, Feb. 8.—By an almost unanimous vote of shareholders of the Merchants Bank at a special general meeting held here this afternoon and evening the proposal that the bank be absorbed by the Bank of Montreal was ratified. The voting stood 87,534 shares in favor of the proposal and 135 shares against. Under the proposal, two shares of Merchants Bank stock will be exchanged for one share of Bank of Montreal stock plus \$1,050,000 in cash which represents an addition of \$10 a share.

Prior to this result two amendments were placed before the shareholders and each was voted down. One was by N. K. Laflamme, the well known lawyer whose examination of Sir Montagu Allan, president of the Merchants Bank, formed an outstanding feature of the meeting. It set forth that the shareholders should not approve the proposal unless more information was furnished as to the condition of affairs of the Merchants Bank and circumstances under which negotiations with the Bank of Montreal were initiated. The other was by W. F. Nickle, M. P. P. for Kingston, and directed the attention of the federal minister of finance to the "deplorable affairs of the Merchants Bank" and urged that an inquiry be instituted by the government to ascertain upon whom the responsibility for the condition of the bank should rest.

President's Address.

In the course of his address, Sir Montagu Allan said that he regretted to state that the confidence of the board of directors in D. C. Macarow, former general manager of the Merchants Bank, and J. D. G. Kippen, manager of the Montreal branch, had been misplaced. He charged that their reports furnished to the directors were "grossly incomplete."

With reference to the bank's loans to Thornton Davidson & Co., bankrupt stock-broking firm, Sir Montagu said that when the bank's books closed at the end of April, 1916, advances to the firm stood at \$579,200 against securities which apparently left a good margin in the bank's favor. These advances, however, gradually increased without the authorization of the board of directors amounted to about \$4,500,000 against securities, "lamentably deficient." "It now appears," he said, "that the bank is involved in a loss of about four millions."

The bank through loans "which went far beyond the bounds of prudence" lost about one million dollars by the failure of the Exclusive Ladies' Year, Ltd., and allied companies. Sir Montagu said. These loans had also been made without the authority of the board of directors of the bank. "It would be inadvisable," he said, "in the interest of customers to give other similar instances of losses resulting in the Montreal office in accounts of credits which the directors were not made aware of."

"The bank's shareholders may fair-

CHATHAM AWARDED THE DECIDING GAME

The Score was Two to Two When Dispute Took Place—Wilkie Missed the Train.

Chatham, N. B., Feb. 8.—In one of the most sensational games of the season, Chatham won the Northern section of the N. B. and P. E. I. league by defeating the fast Campbellton aggregation by the score of three to two. The game was fast and furious from the start with Chatham having the territory play and Lavoie the Campbellton goal tender, saving his team time and again by his brilliant work in the nets. The first period ended one to one, the second period two to two, and neither team scored in the final period. It was agreed to play two five minute periods. Chatham scoring after two minutes of play, and then Campbellton walked off the ice because Sharpe, when penalized, would not go off for the referee. He was said to strike Currie on the arm with his stick. The Chatham team was in the pink of condition and won on their merits. The line ups were:—

Chatham	Campbellton
Goal	Lavoie
Eagles	Point
Currie	Mott
Duncan	Cover Point
McMahon	McLean
Keoughan	Centre
R. Cripps	Sharpe
Spares: Chatham, D. Cripps; Campbellton, Wilks, Lavolette, Rattray and Murray.	Matthews
	Left Wing
	Thomas

Kiry Murray and Thos. Gilbert handled the whistles in a very creditable manner, being appointed by President Sterling when it was learned that Neill Wilkie of Halifax missed his train. About two thousand fans witnessed the game.

CLOSED LAST NIGHT

Drawing For Car at End of Ten Day—Large Attendance.

The Fair of All Good Neighbors held in the Armory through the joint efforts of the Fredericton Labor Council and the Ashburnham Branch Red Cross, closed Wednesday night. Although the season was not the best for the holding of a fair the attendance on the three nights was good and the patrons enjoyed themselves. Music was furnished by the York Regt. Band. The drawing for the motor-car which is the chief prize of the Fair will take place after ten days' time. The gate prize was won by ticket No. 1196.

There also were a large number of prizes awarded for the various games and drawings, which met with good patronage.

ly enquire why its directors permitted such adventurous banknig to be carried on. The answer is that it was done without the authority of the directors."

Wholesale Kidnapping in Ireland; Craig Issues Manifesto to Ulsterists

Numerous Disturbances in Some of the Northern Counties—

Unionists Kidnapped From Their Homes and Taken to Unknown Destinations—Prisoners Taken in Sligo Were Released in the Afternoon.

Belfast, Feb. 8.—Sir James Craig, premier of Ulster, issued a manifesto to the people of Northern Ireland this afternoon declaring that the British government was responsible for today's kidnapping outrages because of its demobilization of the special constabulary following the Irish truce. The kidnapping incidents of today, declared Sir James, would strengthen the Ulstermen's determination that what Ulster has she holds.

Word was received this evening that all the men who had been taken prisoner by the raiders in Sligo were released this afternoon.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ACTS

The government this evening telegraphed the provisional government of Ireland asking it to obtain the release of all prisoners taken across the border from Ulster.

The government also telegraphed the commander of the British troops in Ireland to give the northern government all necessary aid in defence of the northern Ireland boundary, and not to hesitate to ask for reinforcements if necessary.

Those who were kidnapped in Sligo early this morning by bands of young men in motors, a Sligo correspondent reported this evening, included Alderman Kerr, a popular Unionist member of the corporation; George Lewis, a local merchant; R. Dodd and Kristie Bellew, both members of prominent commercial firms, all of whom were removed to an unknown destination. The houses of other were visited, but the occupants were away.

The correspondent adds that it is supposed the raid was in reprisal for the failure of the Ulster authorities to release the Londonderry prisoners.

A large number of the leading Unionists of counties Fermanagh and Tyrone, in the Ulster area were kidnapped from their homes early today and taken to unknown destinations. Fifteen arrests have been made.

The raiders are believed to have come from counties Cavan and Longford, near the border. The forces known as "B. Specials" are being mobilized today in Tyrone and Fermanagh and rushed to the scenes of the kidnapping. The Ulster government has announced its intention of taking drastic measures.

Among those kidnapped was Major Moutry, son of Anketell Moutry, head of the Tyrone Orangemen. Former High Sheriff Carson, of County Fermanagh, whose house was raided resisted single handed for an hour until he was wounded and carried off in a motor car. The house of Major Moore, at Belleek, Fermanagh was similarly attacked, but Major Moore succeeded in escaping.

A merchant named Elliott, at Enniskillen, fired on the raiders when his house was attacked and it is believed he was successful in wounding one of them. The merchant was not wounded himself and escaped.

Attacks were also made on the houses of former county inspector McGuire and various other prominent Unionists in the vicinity of Enniskillen who were absent at the time from their dwellings.

Dublin, Feb. 8.—Michael Collins, head of the provisional government interviewed this afternoon with reference to the raids in North Ireland said: "It was what I feared and what any sensible person would expect. Naturally the peoples whose feelings were outraged by the impending Derry executions would take some action of this kind, and the blame lies with those who delayed until the last moment a decision of the fate of the Derry prisoners."

CANADIENS AND HAMILTON

Montreal, Feb. 8.—Canadiens temporarily saved their chance for second place in the National Hockey League tonight, when they circled around Toronto St. Patricks and carried off the honors at the Mount Royal Arena here tonight by a score of 6 to 4.

Hamilton 9, Ottawa 1

Hamilton, Feb. 8.—Hamilton outclassed Ottawa in all departments of the game here tonight and handed them a 9 to 1 licking before the smallest crowd that has witnessed a professional fixture in two years. No time after the first ten minutes of play were Ottawas in the hunt and only the good work of Benedict in the nets saved them from a far worse beating.

Mr. S. W. Davis of Ottawa is at the Queen.

ACADIA BEAT KINGS 12 TO 5

Wolfville, Feb. 7.—The King's College hockey team were in Wolfville tonight returning the visit of Acadia to Windsor last week. Acadia won 12 to 5. The fact that Kings won the first friendly tussle by 8 to 3, and that Acadia had since defeated U. N. B. by 4 to 3 in the opening inter-collegiate game of the Western series versed this match with keen curiosity. Acadia played the same team as on Friday night.

Agricultural Society.

Agricultural Society No. 34 directors held a special session in the Mayor's Office today for the purpose of conferring with the solicitor J. J. F. Winslow and signing the application for the charter of Fredericton Exhibition, Limited.

Mr. T. S. Sharpe of Montreal is a guest in the city.

General Strike Has Been Ordered in the Cotton Mills of State of Maine

RESULT OF LAST NIGHT'S GAME STANDS

President Sterling Has Heard Nothing From Campbellton So Far—He Named Referees.

Dr. Allan Sterling of this city president of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Hockey League, up to an early hour this afternoon had heard nothing from the Campbellton team relative to the award of the game at Chatham last night to the Chatham team after Campbellton had refused to continue. President Sterling says that the award of the game must stand as far as he knows.

After Neill Wilkie wired from Halifax yesterday morning that he had missed his train and would not be able to reach Chatham, President Sterling communicated with both Chatham and Campbellton clubs and tried to make them reach an agreement. Up to seven o'clock they had not and he appointed Gilbert of Chatham and Murray of St. John to be referees. The decision of the officials he states must stand.

WILL APEAL TO FULL BENCH

St. John, Feb. 9.—Efforts made here yesterday to save John Paris from the hangman's noose were unavailing when Mr. Justice Chandler, in chambers refused to grant an application for a reserve case. The application was made by G. H. Vernon, K. C., at Truro and argument against the granting of the application was made by the attorney-general, Hon. J. P. Byrne on behalf of the crown. Mr. Vernon said yesterday that he would now bring the matter before the appeal court at Fredericton. Failing to receive favorable action at Fredericton, the case would be carried to Ottawa as a last resort, Mr. Vernon said.

LATE GEORGE A. MILES.

Funeral of Well Known Resident of Devon Wednesday Afternoon.

The funeral of the late George A. Miles took place Wednesday afternoon from his late residence in Devon and was very largely attended the deceased having a very wide circle of acquaintances. The service was conducted by Rev. G. C. Warren and the interment was made in the Rural Cemetery.

The pall-bearers were R. T. Baird, W. A. Hay, John Machum, John Young, Charles Saunders and Whitman Brewer.

The mourners were E. J. Miles, James Miles, Fred Clayden, George Miles, Lee Miles, Guy Miles, Edwin Miles, Henry Miles, Albert J. Miles, Ralph Miles, Frank Miles, William Bone, Robert Bartlett, Arthur McGibbon, W. T. McLeod, E. B. Yerxa, Wilis Macpherson, Louis Sterling, Gordon Brewer, Roy Forbes, Charles Dunphy, Harry Hoben, Dr. R. M. McGibbon and Harold B. Colwell.

Mr. J. S. Haynes of Montreal is a guest in the city.

Mr. Albert Seymour of St. John is at the Queen.

GETTING FULL IN A PRIVATE HOUSE NOT ILLEGAL, SAYS MAGISTRATE

Brantford, Feb. 9.—Gordon MacDonald, Fred Howie and William Wright were charged today with being drunk, having been found in a private house. They were freed on this charge, Magistrate Blake holding that getting drunk in a private house was a right not yet taken away. But as they had drunk from Wright's bottle in Howie's house a breach of the O.T.A. was charged, and it cost each of them \$100 and costs.

22,000 WORKERS ARE AFFECTED

Will Resist a Twenty Per Cent Cut in Wages—Mass Meetings to be Held and Preparations Will be Made on a Walk Out on February 13.

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 8.—The emergency committee of the American Federation of Textile operators in the cotton mills of cities in Maine has voted that a 20 per cent wage reduction be opposed and orders have been issued to Organizer Langlois of Lewiston to arrange for mass meetings to be held as soon as possible and to prepare for a strike on Monday next Feb. 13. The following telegram was sent to Organizer Langlois:

"Fall River, Mass., Feb. 7 1922
Louis Langlois, 167 Park Street
Lewiston, Maine:

"The emergency committee instructs all local unions of Augusta, Lewiston, Biddeford and Brunswick to strike in opposition to wage reductions. Call open mass meetings
"In behalf of emergency committee at once in each city to prepare for strike Feb. 13.

(Signed) JOHN P. O'CONNELL.
The committee also voted to recommend that all members and unions of the federation give their generous consideration and financial support to the strikers in the mills of the Pawtucket valley.

22,000 in Maine.
Portland, Feb. 8.—More than 22,000 textile operatives are employed in mills in Lewiston, Biddeford and Augusta and Brunswick affected by orders sent from Fall River instructing local unions in those places to strike on February 13 in opposition to wage reductions recently announced.

About 12,000 of these are in Lewiston, Lisbon Falls, and Auburn, approximately 8,500 in Biddeford and Saco, 800 in Augusta, 750 in Brunswick and 600 in Waterville.

Workers in the four mill towns named in the orders from Fall River expressed the belief that no attempts would be made to resist the 20 per cent cut in wages which becomes effective next Monday.

The textile union at Augusta will meet this week to decide whether to strike. The last strike in the Pepperell mills in Biddeford which lasted twelve weeks about three years ago resulted in the operatives returning to work under the same conditions as they went out.

Twenty-four Mills Shut.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 8.—Two more cotton mills are closed in Rhode Island walkouts, making a total of twenty-four cotton mills and bleacheries shut down and four others crippled by the strike since wages were reduced two weeks ago. A crowd of about two hundred strikers from the Pawtucket valley marched to Apponaug, in the town of Warwick, and staged a demonstration before the Apponaug Bleachery.

Interscholastic Basketball.

Rothsay Collegiate basketball team will play Fredericton High at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Friday afternoon. The same team will play Normal School either Friday night or Saturday afternoon.