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THE ONTARIO SCANDAL.

The investigation conducted by the Public Accounts Committee of the Ontario Legislature has "lifted the lid" partly at least on the administrative scandal which has shocked the public conscience of that Province. Hon. Peter Smith the Provincial Treasurer in the Drury Government is under arrest and is facing trial before the criminal courts. There seems to be substantial ground for the contention made by the Toronto Globe that the investigation did not go far enough. The Globe argues with much reason that if Hon. Peter Smith "took toll" from persons and firms having financial dealings with the Province he was not establishing a new "toll-gate" but merely taking over an established business which has yielded the former keeper or keepers of the toll-gate in the month of September 1919 (when the former Conservative Government was in power and Hon. T. W. McGarry was in office as Provincial Treasurer) the large sum of \$39,500.

This sum was taken from the funds of the Home Bank in September 1919 by Col. Mason, General Manager of the Bank as well as \$9,000 drawn by Col. Mason in June of the same year. These sums totalling \$48,500 were drawn in "large legals" that is to say, in Five Hundred and One Thousand Dollar notes. The question of interest to the public is who got this money? There is evidence of the disposition of the money which was subsequently paid out by the Home Bank during the Smith administration. The Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature however adjourned without throwing any light upon the destination of the funds which apparently were paid out in secret commissions during the term of the old Government.

Close examination of Col. Mason's private bank accounts and of his stock speculations in the two brokerage houses with which he did business fail to disclose any traces of this money that is to say, the two sums of \$39,500 and \$9,000 drawn by Col. Mason in "large legals." In December of 1919 a large amount including the "legals" withdrawn in September was charged up against the profits derived from the purchase by the bank of Four Million Dollars of Province on Ontario bonds.

This bond transaction was authorized by Hon. T. W. McGarry, Provincial Treasurer in the Hearst Government on September 23, 1919. On the same day Col. Mason drew \$25,000 from the bank in large bills. As to this the records of the bank give irrefutable testimony, and nobody seems to know who got the money.

It will be remembered that when the probe into the New Brunswick timber land steal was about to begin a government official who had acted as a sort of go between, hastily pulled up stakes and decamped for the United States. He was afterwards located in Boston, but refused to return to give evidence and the government of the day made no effort to bring him back. When the enquiry into the bond scandal started in Ontario a few weeks ago the assistant Provincial Treasurer took a notion to make himself scarce. He drove down in his car to an office building in Toronto while the investigation was in progress entered the front door and it is now known, slipped out through a back way and has not been seen since then. It is suggested that he was allowed to get away for it is believed that he, whether involved personally or not would be able to throw light upon the transactions and reveal who, if any of his former principals, were involved in these transactions. There is therefore a strong demand for bringing back the Assistant Provincial Treasurer so that the whole truth may be laid bare to the public. Meanwhile the coming trial of Hon. Peter Smith promises to furnish Ontario with a first class political sensation which may go far before the end is reached.

Carleton County politicians are usually well versed on the bible and when speaking in the House seldom fail to work in a scriptural quotation or two. Towards the end of the recent session Mr. F. W. Smith con-

cluded a speech on the budget with this quotation: "When the righteous rule the people rejoice, but when the wicked have sway then do the people mourn." Strange to say the last wicked ruler New Brunswick had came from the county now represented by Mr. Smith and the people rejoiced when he was removed from office.

One of the mistakes of the past which has been most completely done away with is that of building houses with heavier timbers than necessary.

Things are stirring again politically in China, which, at last report, was approximately one crisis and three situations behind the rest of the world.

The war's over: A sculptor carved a memorial at Manchester, Mass., symbolized war with a skeleton dangling over a barbed wire entanglement and aroused loud protest.

An Eastern writer announces his opinion that "about" and "abrupt" are two of the awkwardest words in the English language. What's the matter with "awkwardest?"

Carpentry found in King Tut's tomb is reported to differ but little from the carpentry of today. This is the first intimation that in Tut's time the clapboards and shingles were sprayed on, as now.

Another good thing about fishing is that it induces thought and thought one of the most useful of human accomplishments and much too rare.

One side of the argument seems to be opposed to the vaccination of dogs while the other side contends that it ought to be a howling success.

Greece declares for a Republic thereby slipping another man a membership card in the Royal Society of Ex-Kings.

All the dirt that is removed by spring housecleaning seems to come back the next year. But we can't live in dutsproof houses.

If fewer husbands are assaulted with rolling pins nowadays it may be only because fewer wives are handy with those implements.

After getting all the money he could grab Stinnes died and passed the hard job of keeping it on to his sons.

An aviator has described how it feels to drop 22,400 feet in a shaky parachute and many are inclined to take his word for it.

A New York judge made a barber refund \$1.90 he had overcharged a customer. At last a real restorer!

Doctors have operated on a woman's heart quite generally regarded as not to be trifled with.

Anyway it is clear that Harry Thaw is crazy to get out.

THROUGH OUR SEIVE

Down South they're calling 'em bobbershops.

An expensive way to start an argument is to hire a lawyer.

A doctor recommends eating fresh fruit and catching fresh fish. But suppose they won't bite?

A woman always thinks that she is better than other women and a man thinks that he is no worse than other men.

Lima Beane thinks the girl of Cave Man days said to herself: "I'll run my doggonedst but hope he catches me."

By trying to beat the train to the crossing in early spring you may miss a lot of beautiful summer scenery.

"Beware of the fellow who is forever insisting he is a gentleman" remarked the Man on the Car "and the nation that talks a neat deal about its honor."

"After all is said and done" remarked the Man on the Car "probably the one thing above everything else the great public admires most in a fellow being is guts."

The weak point in New Thought when you have a bad cold is that you can't wipe your nose on it.—Bob Ryder, Ohio State Journal.

Something tangible seems positive ly necessary.

PUBLIC OPINION

IS SENSITIVENESS A BARRIER TO SUCCESS?

Editor Daily Mail,
Sir—Sensitiveness is a great obstacle. Some persons are always in fear of criticism. Often they desire information but are afraid to ask questions. They should remember that no one knows every thing. A girl must be inquisitive if she wants to learn, for instance about work with which she is not very familiar. If persons are very sensitive they certainly will not get very far with the tasks they attempt. Educated persons will not laugh when they hear anyone ask reasonable questions.

E. McM.
Fredericton, April 22nd, 1924.

THINKS HE HAS SETTLED THE QUESTION.

Editor Daily Mail,
Sir: I would like to settle a question for your readers right here which leaves no room for dispute. Any one with honest sense will admit that the old-fashioned girl has it all over the flapper, because a flapper is only out to get all she can from the fellow, and after thinking he's broke she throws him down. Most young men after such an experience naturally are down hearted, but not taking heed, he plunges into deeper sorrow by falling in with another flapper. Now, take a tip from me, boys; gets acquainted with the old-fashioned girl and you'll never regret it. When you get into trouble or are broke, or if you should lose your job the old-fashioned girl will keep her faith in you, and stick to you to the end. The old-fashioned girl is not extravagant or selfish, but is reasonable in everything. She can sew, cook wash and clean and take care of a home as it should be, and the main and most important thing of all is that she can bring up her children in a way to do the world credit. Just look at the difference between the two kinds of girls; the flapper puts so much paint on her face that in a few years nobody will want to look at her. After the day's work she goes to the dance or what not until one or two in the morning. When it's time to get up she has no life in her and there is a resemblance between her and her grandmother. The old fashioned girl and her beau have money when they get the knot tied, but the flapper and her beau have nothing.

F. W.
Fredericton, April 24, 129244.

TO CONSULT MORGAN ON GERMAN LOAN

(Special Cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)
Paris, April 25—J. P. Morgan, American banker will be consulted here this afternoon with reference to the International loan to Germany recommended in the Dawes report.

Morgan is due here this afternoon from Venice where he ended a Mediterranean cruise on the yacht Cousier.

His conference with French officials will be private and unofficial but it is understood that the question of the source of the loan will be put squarely up to him.

READY TO GIVE SUFFRAGE TO ALL MEN

Tokio, April 25—The avowed intention of the Japanese Government to introduce a bill in the next session of the diet to grant universal manhood suffrage has revived nationwide interest in the franchise.

In many parts of the country industrial and agricultural guilds are forming in preparation for direct participation in national politics. Farm tenants have recently formed the largest of these organizations, 12,000 farmers in Yamashiro Prefecture and the district around Fujiyama having organized the Yamahishi Farm Tenants Association with political action as its chief purpose.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of Division No. 1 A. O. H. will be held in their rooms, corner of Brunswick and Carleton Streets, at eight o'clock this evening, to make arrangements for the funeral of the late Brother Thomas Feeney. By order of the President,
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Would Make Her Feel Embarrassed.

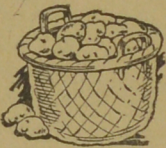
A young lady who attended the ball this week wore a dress that made her mother exclaim, "Its absolutely shameful the way you dress for parties." "But, mother," said the young lady, "if I dressed the way you want me to everyone would be looking at me."

Not So Soft.

"Pretty Soft," said a business man to a bank clerk who was enjoying a holiday on Monday. "Of course its nice to get an extra day off," replied the clerk, "but then on the succeeding day we have double duty. Business houses that are our depositors, come in with the receipts of two day's activities instead of one. Two days' work comes from our correspondence and that assimilation of work makes us hustle from morning to night, and long after the front doors, which the public believes marks the end of our daily labors, are closed, we are plugging away. 'Bankers hours!' It makes me sore to hear that talk, as if we were the fortunate ones of the working world. We're not by the proverbial jug full."

Guest of Hon^{or}.

Mrs. E. H. S. Flood formerly of Fredericton recently of Barbados, who is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Powell, St. John, Tuesday was the occasion for a luncheon last week and was the guest of honor when Mrs. Powell entertained at the tea hour. Several of Mrs. Flood's friends were invited to meet her before she leaves shortly for Montreal where she and Mr. Flood will in future reside.



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