

## THE DAILY MAIL

Published every afternoon (except Sunday) at 327-329 Queen Street, Fredericton, by  
**THE MAIL PRINTING COMPANY.**  
 Subscription Price, \$4 per year by carrier; \$3 per year by mail.  
 Telephone 67.

FRIDAY, MAY 28, 1920

### UNPROFITABLE INVESTMENTS

In dealing with the question of the national debt in his speech in the Commons last week the Finance Minister referred to certain "miscellaneous" investments totalling on paper \$39,314,000. He admitted that if these investments were to be set off against the debt they could not be considered as representing more than about \$28,000,000, or \$11,000,000 less than their paper value. Presumably, as the Sydney Record points out, members of the Commons will ask for information as to what these investments are which are below par in value. They should ask for it, and insist upon obtaining it. Quite possibly the Government may be able to give a satisfactory reason as to why there should be this shrinkage of value in investments; but whether that can be done or not it should be shown exactly where this \$39,314,000 of public money was placed. Other items in the investment list are easily understood—loans to provinces, loans to banks, advances to trust and loan companies, for example. But what does "miscellaneous" cover. Where did the money go and why the decline of \$11,000,000 in the investments' value? Thirty-nine million dollars is a good deal of money, even in this country where national finances have now to be considered in terms of billions, and when it is so used that the nation gets less than thirty-nine millions in return the people can scarcely be looked upon as too exacting when they ask for some explanation.

The people of the country are willing to provide the necessary revenue to carry on the expenses of government but they expect the authorities at Ottawa to spend the money judiciously and with some regard to economy. There is a feeling abroad that large sums of money have been wasted in recent years, and this is one of the reasons why there is so much dissatisfaction over the new taxes imposed by the Finance Minister. The people are being constantly told that they should economize and practice thrift, but the government at Ottawa shows no disposition to set an example.

American Legion Weekly: On the public square of a town in Louisiana is a new monument in memory of the soldier dead of the parish. Carved in the polish granite on one face of the monument, in large letters, are the names of the members of the Parish Council of Defence. On the face opposite are the names of the Building Committee. There are no other names on the monument. A few words on the front are the proof that it is a soldiers' memorial. Which reminds us of the funny man on the stage who stands in the shadow while his teammate is singing, but jumps alone into the spotlight and bows when the applause starts.

Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works has an excellent program of road construction mapped out for the present year. The welcome announcement is made that between \$250,000 and \$300,000 is to be expended on what are known as the branch roads of the province. In fact the Minister has a four years program mapped out for this class of roads and the work will be done by the department independent of any federal aid. The Minister is determined that the farmers of the country shall receive the fullest possible benefit from the government advanced road policy.

Dr. Michael Clark the free trade member for Red Deer, contributed a good speech to the budget debate in the House of Commons. He quoted Bernard Shaw's opinion that "it looked as if other planets were using this planet as a lunatic asylum" and went on to say that the Drayton tax proposals were a bad imitation of taxes which died two centuries ago in the Old Country. The member for Red Deer found fault with the Fielding amendment because it did not go far enough.

New York Herald: Dr. Wiley writes to one who protests against the use of concurrent power to tap 2.75 per cent beer that "it is a great mistake to confuse the word intoxication with drunkenness." To be intoxicated, the doctor patiently points out, is to be in any degree affected by imbibing anything having in any degree toxic potency. Then those in Arizona, who refer to a fellow man in a certain condition as being "pizen drunk" are not,

as some purists have maintained, guilty of tautology, but of the use of contradictory terms.

Among the "budget" questions fired at the Toronto local C. M. A. offices have been: Are fountain pens jewelry? Is mustard spice? If tea and coffee are free, is cocoa also? Is vinegar taxable? Are newspapers manufactures? Are electric power and gas subject to a sales tax? And so on.

Fur exchange sales at St. Louis were made at the rate of \$9,000 a minute; a transfer of skins to new owners with a celerity of equalling that with which they were removed from original owners.

\*\*\*\*\*  
**THROUGH OUR SIEVE**  
 \*\*\*\*\*

As an eye-opener we still have the alarm clock.

Twenty years hence men will call these "the good old days."

A guest at a lobster dinner always works for what he eats.

Nothing can look as hideous as a man in a bathing suit unless it is a man in a nightshirt.

An inflated salary is what the average co-ed thinks a man must get before he can be her husband.

When a worrying man cannot find anything else to fret over he agonizes about conditions in Russia.

We always feel sorry for a man who is taking care of a baby in a dry goods store.

As between belts and suspenders the argument is in favor of the latter. If one suspender breaks there is another to fall back on.

A fortune awaits the genius who can invent a mirror that will convince a woman that she is as pretty as she thinks she is.

Let's not worry about summer. The time is almost at hand when there will be as many mosquitoes as there are generals in Mexico.

Like the boy with the first dollar he ever earned is the backyard gardener when he pulls up the first little radish of the season.

The married man doesn't always know what is good for him, but he generally knows afterward what would have been good for him.

Nowadays it seems that a "living wage" means not only enough to furnish the members of the family with food and clothing, but also to furnish gasoline, paint and a garage for the fivver.

## LOCAL NEWS

### First Tennis Tea

The first tennis tea of the season will be served Saturday afternoon at the Fredericton Tennis Club. Another tea will follow in a fortnight's time. Tomorrow will be the formal opening of the courts for the season of 1920.

### To Get Out Wood

Mr. Robert Scott, of this city, is determined that, so far as he can prevent it, there will be no wood famine in Fredericton next winter. He has engaged a crew of men to carry on a large operation on a block of land near Carson Station. He is hopeful of being able to get out at least one thousand cords of first-class furnace wood. He is now completing his arrangements, and hopes before long to be able to book orders for delivery in the fall and early winter.

### At the Picture Houses

The week-end play at the Opera House is "The Indestructible Wife," featuring Alice Brady. Miss Brady is a great favorite in this city, owing to her beauty and talent as an actress. There is also a continuation of the serial, "The Black Secret." At the Gaiety the play is "Hunting Shadows," taken from the story of The House of a Thousand Candles, featuring H. B. Warner, the celebrated English actor. There is also another installment of the serial, "The Invisible Hand."

### JACKSON'S CHOICE.

Jackson, who lived in a Texas town was bibulous. As a matter of fact his friends persuaded a doctor to frighten him.

To this end the doctor met him on the street one day, and after giving him a critical glance, told him that he had better come to the office and have his eyes examined.

"Well, doctor," remarked the patient when the examination was concluded, "what do you think of it?"

"I am going to be perfectly frank with you, Jackson," answered the doctor with a very serious air. "You have got to cut out the liquor or go blind."

"All right, doctor," resignedly returned Jackson. "I guess I've seen about everything worth seeing."

## HOW ANNA WAS WIDOWED FOUR TIMES

Northampton, May 26—The story of the first marriage of Mrs. Anna Tomaskiewicz of South Hadley, charged with the murder of her fourth husband was told in the Superior Court when her trial was resumed. State Inspector Daly said the death of Andrew Tomaskiewicz, the fourth husband, was brought to his attention on Aug. 11, 1919.

He said Mrs. Tomaskiewicz told him Andrew was taken sick after attending a Hungarian picnic. He suffered with vomiting and diarrhoea and on Tuesday she went with him to see a Polish doctor in Holyoke. The prescription given by this doctor stopped the diarrhoea but Andrew began to bleed at the nose. He complained of feeling cold all over.

On Friday she called Dr. Leland and again on Sunday at which time Andrew was taken to the Holyoke Hospital. She told him that Andrew had been struck by a trolley car on July 20, and that she had witnesses to prove it.

Regarding the illness of Peter Bilos another husband who died, she said he was sick about three days, that he vomited, frothed at the mouth, and that his knees and hands shook.

The witness said the defendant told him she had lived in this country 29 years. She was not married when she came to this country nor had she married in Pittsburg, where she lived 12 years. From there she said she went to New Haven where she lived 10 years, after which she moved to Holyoke. Here she met Peter Bilos. They lived together about eight months and then Peter died. Peter was her first husband, she told the inspector and Andrew her second. These were her only husbands she then stated.

### One Marriage in Austria

The witness said the defendant subsequently told him she had married Ignace Malczyk in Austria and lived with him in Pittsburg for nine years, after which they moved to Chicago. She had three children Jacob, Walter and Theodore. The first two were born in Austria, while she was there on a visit, and the third on shipboard. The children had returned to the old country and she had not heard from them for six years.

Ignace owned a shoe store in Chicago and this she sold for \$2500 after his death. He was sick three months with tuberculosis, she said, and "died up like a toothpick."

She said he asked her at this time if she ever had any poison in the house at South Hadley and she replied that her husband had used a green powder in July to kill potato bugs.

The witness when he arrested the defendant found, he said, a picture of the defendant and Theodore Darmatka in the formers house. She said this husband had died in Pittsfield after being struck by a trolley car.

### State Police on Stand

In a later interview with the defendant witness said she told him Peter Bilos died of cramps, resulting from drinking cold beer.

Inspector Daly said he had been unable to find any trace of the three Malczyk children.

State Inspector Maurice E. Nelligan testified that he was present at the autopsy of the body of Theodore Darmatka in Pittsfield. He was also present with State officer Griffin and Chief O'Connell of the South Hadley police when Paris Green was taken from the house of the defendant.

Witnesses heard her tell the inspector that Andrew Tomaskiewicz used to drink wood alcohol in coffee and that he might have poisoned himself. She said she had never given her boarders any hamburger steak with poison in it.

At the close of the court this afternoon Dr. Boos the State pathologist, testified that the vital organs were sent him after the body had been exhumed for examination and from his analysis of those organs he would say Tomaskiewicz died of arsenical poisoning. The State expects to rest its case tomorrow.

## Fire Notice

Owing to the extreme dry period at present prevailing in the Province, and the numerous fires now existing, NO FIRES WILL BE SET FOR THE PURPOSE OF BURNING BRUSH PILES nor the setting of fires upon forest lands UNTIL THE PRESENT DANGEROUS PERIOD EXPIRES.

ALL PERMITS TO BURN ARE HEREBY REVOKED.

E. A. SMITH,  
 Minister of Lands and Mines.  
 Crown Land Office,  
 Fredericton, N. B.,  
 May 26th, 1920.

# House Cleaning Time

CURTAIN SCRIMS, White and Ecru

CURTAIN MARQUISSETTES, White and Ecru

SCRIM and MARQUISSETTE CURTAINS

TAPESTRY COVERINGS, CRETONNE COVERINGS.

OILCLOTHS, SANOLIN and LINOLEUMS.

BLINDS, All Colors and Combinations.

We have a very large and complete line of Blinds which were bought before the advance in price. See them just inside the front door.

## John J. Weddall & Son

Mail orders solicited.

## The Big Leak Is In The Roof

Leaky roofs cost a lot of money. Each year time and dollars are spent to repair the damage done by frost, snow, ice, rain, sun and wind.

Figure the amounts paid for repairing materials alone and you will find it runs into big figures.

Save yourself future roofing troubles and expenses by putting on a real roof, now.

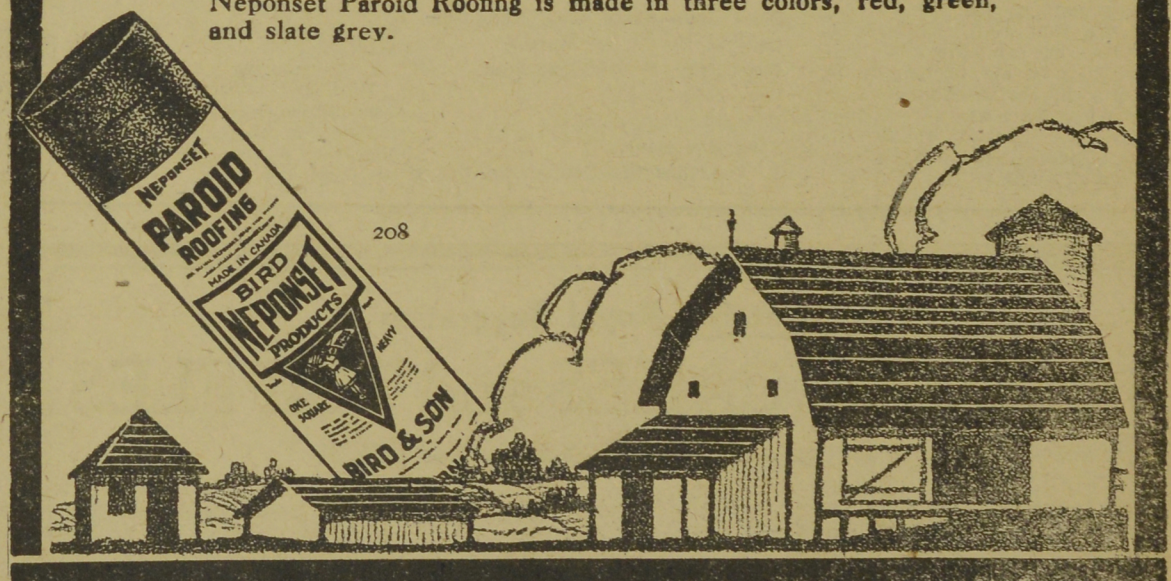
# PAROID A NEPONSET ROOF

pays—because it lasts and protects.

Every building on the farm should be roofed with Neponset Paroid Roofing, from the big barn to the smallest cribs. It defies snow, rain, sleet or sun. It is fire-resisting and proves its economy by giving perfect satisfaction and years of wear.

Roof with Neponset Paroid and save money.

Neponset Paroid Roofing is made in three colors, red, green, and slate grey.



## R. CHESTNUT & SONS, Ltd.

Wholesale

THE HARDWARE PEOPLE

Retail

## YOUR CONFIDENCE

It is our earnest wish that you place confidence in us.

We assume a great responsibility in serving you, by filling a prescription. And we fulfill this charge with exceeding care and accuracy—by using only the purest drugs.

Years of preparation and experience make us competent to serve you faithfully. We take professional pride in our work—always to do the very best we know how.

Our prices are reasonable. Our work is done right. Ask your physician.

## STAPLES' PHARMACY

## Today's : : AT: THE GAIETY : : Program

H. B. WARNER in

## The House of a Thousand Candles

THE STORY OF A CLEVER GIRL OF MYSTERY AND A SWEET LOVE ROMANCE

ADDED ATTRACTION

"THE INVISIBLE HAND" EPISODE VIII TODAY

MONDAY — WALLACE REID — MONDAY in "DOUBLE SPEED"