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CANADIAN TREASURY MAY HAVE BEEN DEFRAUDED OUT OF MANY THOUSANDS IN EXCISE DUTIES

Ottawa, May 26—The possibility that the Canadian Treasury has been defrauded of more than a million dollars through non-payment of excise on liquor, is raised in an interim report submitted to the Customs Committee today by its auditors.

The report signed by Clarkson, Gordon and Dilworth, deals exhaustively with liquor transactions carried on over a period of seven years by the George Companies in Canada. These comprise a number of companies of which the shareholders are practically the same and the auditors find that their books and record are incomplete, mutilated and recopied until "they do not reflect the complete transactions of the company."

Liquor sales totalling \$7,622,000 have been reviewed by the auditors. Their report draws particular attention to the sale by the Dominion Distillery Products Company, Limited, of \$2,989 proof gallons of denatured spirits, which was designated for export but were shipped to a company in Canada. Alcohol, denatured under the Canadian process, is forbidden entry into the United States because it is said to be easily rendered potable.

Sales Most Irregular.

Commenting that the sales of this alcohol "had been most irregular," the auditors add: "If the spirits were sold in Canada for beverage purposes there would appear to be no doubt that excise duty should be collected."

At \$9 a gallon, the excise on this quantity of liquor would amount to \$769,396.

In another place the report recalls the investigation into the voyage of the Frank H., which brought a cargo of liquor from St. Pierre, Miquelon, to Canada for export via Vancouver to Yokohama, Japan. It was insured only as far as Walkerville, Ont., and the consignee in Yokohama, G. Harbert, bears the same name as a shipper for the Dominion Distilleries.

No Record of Duty.

"The importance of these facts is that if the liquor included in these return shipments is dutiable, the amount of excise duty at \$9 per gallon would be approximately \$235,000. We have not seen any record of duty being paid on these shipments," the auditors state.

This consignment was handled by the W. George Company.

Dealing with the method of handling the huge quantities of liquor which this company shipped from Walkerville, Ont., presumably for export via an Atlantic port, the auditors find that the "shipping records conflict. While half a million dollars worth actually is traced to the Atlantic, a number of shipments of which the total value is \$2,153,165 are billed to St. Pierre, Miquelon, but shown on the export entry as going forward on the boat Kilmarney.

This boat plies between Walkerville and Detroit.

Companies Linked.

The report is very long and covers the activities of about half a dozen companies.

"The distinction between the several inter-related concerns was lost sight of in the actual handling of the business by Gregory George and those associated with him," says the report, which adds that in the absence of explanations from Mr. George, it is impossible "to separate one from the other."

The absence from Canada of Mr. George and his accountant, A. Nicol, has greatly handicapped the investigation, the report says.

The interim report covers the activities of the Dominion Distillery Products Company, Limited, the W. George, Limited, W. J. Hushion and "officials of the George Companies."

The auditors, Clarkson, Gordon and Dilworth, report that the affairs of these companies were closely related.

Record Badly Kept.

Record of transactions were badly kept, says the report, and the books of the Dominion Distillery Products, Limited "do not reflect complete transactions of the company." Purchases of liquor from Walkerville, Ont., and sales are imperfectly recorded. There is every reason to believe that the books have been recently rewritten; many clerical errors appear; the books do not balance; from one book the first 82 pages have been torn out; others are also incomplete; in one book the first seven pages are pasted together and "on loosening these pages we found records of sales of liquor which did not appear on the rewritten pages."

Many other irregularities in the books of all the companies are reported by the auditors.

\$3,209,972 Liquor Sold.

The Dominion Distillery Products

Company, from records in the Inland Revenue Department and elsewhere, have made sales of liquor amounting to \$3,209,972 since the inception of the company in May, 1923. No record was kept in detail of these sales and the money receiver was deposited to the credit of G. A. George, instead of to that of the company.

Four of the shareholders of the Dominion Distillery constitute the directorate of the W. George Limited, the report says: This firm dealt chiefly in whiskey purchased in Walkerville and consigned to certain individuals in Detroit and the various "George companies in Saint John, N. B., St. John's Nfld., and St. Pierre, Miquelon."

TO CENTRALIZE DEPARTMENTS AT OTTAWA

Civil Service Commission Has Plan to Save Large Sum in Rentals.

Ottawa, May 26—Broad recommendations for centralization of departments in the inside Civil Service are made in the annual report of the Civil Service Commission, tabled in the House of Commons today.

The plans submitted in the reports involve a drastic change in the manner of housing government departments. At present there are in Ottawa, besides 12 main government buildings, 73 buildings leased in whole or in part to the government at a gross rental of \$680,000 a year. In some cases branches of one department can be found in different buildings; the interior department occupies 16 rented buildings, besides a part of a government block. The department of national defense, rents 10 buildings for storage only. The cost of administration would be greatly reduced if these branches were assembled under one roof, the report suggests.

One department of engineering and scientific services should be formed, it is suggested, in the report in regard to centralization, instead of these being services carried on in five different and distinct departments. This suggested central service would control surveys, resources development, physical and natural science investigations, and mining and chemical research. It would also have a design, construction, and maintenance branch for water powers, public works, railways and canals and marine and fisheries. Forestry and Dominion parks also would come under its jurisdiction.

Central services also are recommended to perform accounting, purchasing, translating, multigraphing, distributing and blueprinting for the whole government services. The radio telegraph service and the St. Lawrence Signal Service might be transferred to the Canadian National Railways, it is suggested.

MANY TO WRITE GRAMMER SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

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they could not enter the classes of that institution this year.

There is a movement on foot, in Halifax, it is said, to have the matter considered by the Education Board, and the graduates are remaining in Truro until Thursday, with a hope that the doors of the Provincial Normal will be opened to them.

One of the young women graduates who failed to qualify for Normal said that some people seem to think the young people should stay in the Province, and that she would be very glad to stay here, but after this she would go to the States, "so quick you will not be able to see me for dust."

Dr. Sloan, interviewed tonight, said he did not wish to parade the failure of the University graduates to pass the entrance exams to the Normal College before the public. He thought it would be cruel to do so. "It is regrettable that they were unable to pass the M. P. Q.," he said.

It is said twelve graduates from Dalhousie and the whole contingent from Mount Allison, seven in number were among those who went down in the exams.

Game Law Cases.

L. A. Gagnon, Chief Game Warden, was in Moncton Wednesday in connection with cases against violators of the Game Act. Today he is in Salisbury on like business.

BABY NOT WHOLE SHOW IN DRIVE'S BABY PARADE

New York, May 26—Riverside Drive is New York's best baby parade. Any sunny day brings out miles of perambulators, carriages, and carts or mothers carrying little ones.

Riverside Drive is a street of cliff dwellers—though there are some homes tucked in among the apartment houses—and if baby, is to have sunshine and fresh air, the park way is the only answer. That being true, the Drive, from Seventy-second street to Dyckman street becomes a vast nursery open to the inspection of those who ride in motors or atop the busses.

Nor is all the attention given the babies. Nurse girls are employed by battalions and regiments by the cliff dwellers and many a nurse girl is pretty. Consequently, the adults are not all feminine—not by any means. This holds true especially whenever a battleship or a cruiser or any other part of the Navy is anchored in the upper Hudson. Between sailors and nurse girls—pretty nurse girls—there seems to be a natural affinity. So, with the miles of babies, there are miles of sailors. And in the evenings, when the babies are asleep, there are miles of sailors and miles of nurses.

From the venerable Columbia, with its many traditions, and its gated bridge, there are many yacht clubs along Riverside Drive. Many of them are just modest little shacks, some not much larger than boat wells. But they all have their enthusiastic memberships and are now in their full glory, the Hudson resounding with the popping of exhausts and gleaming with sails. Many of the captains, however, had their troubles early this season. During the winter, contractors dumped the product of excavation along the water front and the shore line was extended consequently. That meant that boat owners had quite an

overland trip before they got their craft to water.

Why Riverside Drive was not pre-empted by wealth for home sites is always a matter of mystery to those who ride the length of this great concourse. With the mighty Hudson sweeping by and the Palisades on the other side, it would seem that this thoroughfare would be the logical location for stately mansions. But the mansions have almost all given place to great hives of humanity, apartment houses with tiers and tiers of human beings and no front yards. Sandwiched in between, occasionally, there is a home but these are becoming fewer and fewer, the urge being to do away with individuality and to reach, as high into the air as possible. The Schwab villa at Seventy-third street is the last distinctive home left.

For years, plans of extending the Drive on down town and for concealing the unattractive New York Central tracks have been under way, and in time these will be developed. At present, means of roofing over the railroad from Seventy-second north and for carrying the Drive on down to Canal street by means of a viaduct are being discussed. If this improvement is made, Riverside Drive will be one of the finest streets in the country. But until it is made, it will have a sort of a down at the heel appearance, due to railroad yards, garbage dumps, etc. Perhaps the existence of these drawbacks is the answer to the question why wealth did not pre-empt the drive.

But the busy switch engines, the freight trains the lumber and railroad yards and the garbage dumps don't seem to discourage the babies. They gurgle in the sunshine just as happily as if such things were not in existence.

RUMORED THAT BRIAND WILL MARRY

Paris, May 26—Paris is discussing a report that Premier Briand, 65 years old, and one of the most famous of the confirmed bachelors of Europe, is about to get married. No rumor has excited such wide-spread interest in both political and social circles in many years, but the only clue to the identity of the lady in question is that she is said to be the widow of a well-known French architect. The rumor is said to have originated from a close friend of Briand.

To Visit Saint John.

Saint John Globe: In reference to the coming to Saint John of members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery of Boston, Col. George Keefe received a letter, recently, advising him that the date of the visit will be set for early in June, when a meeting of the Artillery will be held. It is expected that there will be upwards of 300 visitors, who will remain for four days, during which time arrangements will be made to have them visit points of interest in and about Saint John. This organization is a military body separate from many other American army units or branches.

Health Broke Down

Could Not Get Sleep for Hours After Going to Bed.

"It is not natural for me to sit down and write a letter of praise of a proprietary medicine as I had always been skeptical as to their virtues." Thus writes Mr. Arthur Sequin, Storhocks, Sask., who further says:—"But three years ago I opened a general store here in Storhocks and placed on my shelves a few lines of the best known proprietary medicines. Among these, naturally, were Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. As there were three of my customers who were obtaining good results from taking the pills, and as I was in need of a medicine I decided to try them myself.

"I had been suffering from catarrh for years, and my inside work had completely broken down my health. I was coughing all day, suffered from indigestion, and could not sleep until three or four hours after retiring. I started the pills, not with any great confidence, but by the time I had finished the second box I marked much improvement. At the fourth box I felt quite recovered, but continued them for some further time. My cough has left me, the indigestion has disappeared and I now fall asleep almost as soon as I am in bed. In my store now I do not hesitate to recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to any who are feeling run-down or without energy, as I think they are a blessing to mankind."

If others who may feel skeptical will give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial they will be convinced as was Mr. Sequin. You can get the pills from your druggist, or by mail at 50 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

HESTER MUST BE ENTERED AS CANADIAN

Toronto, May 26—In spite of the efforts being made to have "Buck" Hester, Toronto sprinter at the University of Michigan, run for the United States in the next Olympic games he will wear the big red maple leaf of Canada on his white jersey should he be an Olympic competitor two years hence. One of the rules of the great international competitions is to the effect that an athletic cannot compete for one country in one Olympic tournament and for another later on. Hester is 23 years of age and is now beating "even time" with regularity. He is expected to improve further, although his successes have been at the "century" distance rather than in the 220-yard sprint.

Boy Stole Junk.

A boy aged fourteen years has been arrested on a charge of breaking into the premises of I. Budovitch and stealing junk. He will be dealt with in the juvenile court.



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LACOSTE PLAYS GOOD TENNIS

Prague, May 26—France won two tennis matches against Czechoslovakia in the Davis Cup elimination contests yesterday. Rene Lacoste, defeated Zokelus 7-5, 5-7, 6-3, 6-8, 6-3 and Henri Cochet beat Macenaeud, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

D. O. Roblin of Toronto is in the city today.