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## Twelve Men Control Half Of Canada's Wealth Says Stevens

Cahan Says Average Citizen Is Thrifty Through Investments - "Unless We Divide Control There Will Be Some Trouble", Says Stevens.

"Twelve men control \$9.9 billions of Canada's commercial and industrial wealth of \$20.4 billions," says Hon. H. H. Stevens, former Minister of Trade and Commerce, and regarded in many quarters as unofficial leader of the left wing of Conservatives.

"I could give you their names, but I won't. I have no wish to be accused of injecting personalities. But I challenge anyone to prove that these men have had a conscious policy of using their power for the good of Canada. I don't think there is a country in the world in which there is greater concentration of wealth," said Mr. Stevens in Toronto.

**Two Alternatives**  
"Unless we diversify control, there are only two possible endings—a super-fascist state or a bitter spirit of resentment which will sweep these men out of power," he warned.

"The door to opportunity is being closed to youth all over Canada by men who run 42, 39, 35 and 26 companies at once and draw fat salaries. If I had my way I'd call them into conference tomorrow. I'd put this job on their shoulders. I'd let them alone for a month, then call them back again and ask them what they had done. If they fell down, then I say the government would be justified in stepping in," states the former Minister of Trade and Commerce.

**Concentration of Trusts**  
"Eighty-six per cent of the trust assets of Canada are in four companies. Seventy-five per cent of the assets of all loan companies in Canada rest under the control of three companies. Thirty years ago we had 42 companies in Canada. Now we have 18," stated Mr. Stevens.

He stated that total assets of all loan, trust, and insurance companies in Ontario amounted to \$4 billions, an increase of over \$2.1 billions in ten years' time.

**Six Insurance Companies**  
Coming to insurance, Mr. Stevens said that the six largest insurance firms controlled \$939 millions of the slightly more than \$1 billion of the assets vested in all insurance companies. Thus, he said, 75 per cent of all the trust, loan, and insurance companies' assets were controlled by 16 firms, a total of \$2.5 billions.

"This is not criticism of the companies," he added. Ownership, he continued, was no longer control. Great corporations were controlled by small managerial groups. Men controlled these groups, drawing salaries from 20 to 30 offices, who "couldn't earn \$100 a month if they were out of their offices tomorrow."

"Huge fortunes, they are. Fine fellows, I admit. But why should they have ten millions, twenty millions, thirty millions."

"Who are these myrmidons of capitalism whose necks are to be laid under the guillotine of popular vengeance?" asked Hon. C. H. Cahan, Secretary of State, speaking in Montreal.

"I have recently sought to discover who are these self-seeking capitalists who are so frequently criticized and condemned, and I have ascertained some salient facts of general interest."

"The recent revision of the voters' lists for all Canada disclosed that there are 5.7 million men and women of 21 years and over, who are entitled to vote in Dominion elections. They comprise practically the whole of the adult population of Canada."

"A recent Department of Finance return showed that there was standing

## Protect Our Forests

The Forests are our best asset and they are being burned up mostly as the result of what is in many cases criminal carelessness on the part of those who frequent the woods.

During the week-end there were no less than twenty one forest fires outbreaks in nine counties of the province. Today more than one thousand men are engaged in fighting fires.

Weather conditions were unfavorable, with low humidity and wind of almost hurricane velocity in the northern part of the province yesterday and throughout the night. There was no immediate promise of rain. In addition, the woods had dried out and there was indication that fires would spread in the greenwood as well.

The most serious outbreaks were in Madawaska County, where nine fires were being fought. This unexpected opening of the forest fire season resulted in orders issued to cancel, until further notice, all fire permits. It is probable that orders will be issued today to close the woods altogether to the public until further notice.

Too much care cannot be exercised by private individuals as well as by the government in the protection of our forests. And extreme penalty should be handed out to those who carelessly start fires in our New Brunswick woods. The Forestry Department and the Bureau of Information and Tourist Travel are both doing their part in educating the public both tourists and residents to protect our forests. Let us all do our part in helping to preserve this valuable asset of our Natural resources.

## R. M. Fowler, Well Known Here, Dies In Saint John

Rafael M. Fowler, prominent Saint John yachtsman and musician, and well known in Fredericton, passed away at his summer residence at Gondola Point on Sunday after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was well-known throughout the province and spent a winter in this city. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Walter P. Fenety, University Avenue. Deceased had lived at Gondola Point and Saint John for the past five years and previous to that he had spent the summers in Saint John.

Mr. Fowler was a son of the late James D. and Emelia Fowler and was born in New York, going to Saint John as a young man. He was a strong advocate of temperance, had a keen mind and charming personality. He was a talented musician and a lover of this art. Boating was a favorite pastime with Mr. Fowler, who was a charter member of the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club. Only three weeks ago he had returned from New York with his wife and they both had contracted pneumonia. Mrs. Fowler, who was Miss Emma Crookshank, is still ill. Mr. Fowler's sister Miss Emily D. Fowler, arrived from Havana, Cuba three days ago to be at her brother's bedside. He was a faithful member of the Gondola Point St. Luke's (Anglican) Church.

The funeral will be held at 2:45 P. M. Tuesday, from his home to St. Luke's Church for service at three p. m. Interment will be made in the church cemetery.

## Threw Package Into Royal Coach; Later Released

LONDON, England, May 27—Scotland Yard disclosed yesterday that a man who hurled a "mystery" package into the Royal coach while the King and Queen were on a drive Saturday had been released after two hours of questioning.

Officials refused to discuss the matter further or to say what was in the package. Other sources described the man as a "foreigner."

Undaunted by the incident, the King and Queen took another leisurely drive through Northwest London yesterday afternoon.

## POSSIBLE MURDER MYSTERY NOW IN RESTIGOUCHE CO.

Body of Patrick Dempsey Found Near Jacquet River With Bullet Wound In Head

Dead Four Days

Found By Boys Walking Through The Woods Yesterday Afternoon

JACQUET RIVER, Restigouche Co., May 27—Shot in the back and in the back of the head with what police believe were .22 calibre bullets, Patrick Dempsey, 24, Becketville, was found dead yesterday afternoon near Becketville settlement by two boys. He had been dead four or five days, police believe. An inquest will be held here tomorrow morning by Dr. R. L. Ellis, Jacquet River, coroner. An autopsy will be performed by Dr. W. W. Fleck, Dalhousie, Dempsey was unmarried.

In spite of an intensive search of the area in which the body was found Royal Canadian Mounted Police failed to locate any rifle shells. The heavy ground covering of leaves and grass made the search difficult. When discovered, the young man's cap was clutched tightly in his hand. A theory that he had been first shot in the back and had snatched his cap and started to run before being shot in the head, was given some credence by authorities.

The gruesome discovery was made by Nelson Kelly, 15, and Ernest Mead 13, on property of A. E. Lapointe outside the settlement of Becketville. The boys were walking through the underbrush, searching for spruce gum, when they came on the body.

Police Notified

Horried, they hurried back to the settlement, saying they had "found a corpse lying face downward in a clearing." They first reported their discovery to two neighbors, Irvine Doyle and James Kelly, who in turn informed R.C.M.P. Constable E. A. Aube Jacquet River. R.C.M.P. from Campbellton, and J. Allan LeBlanc, Campbellton, clerk of the peace for Restigouche county, hurried to the scene, as did Dr. Ellis, coroner. After viewing the body, the coroner had photographs of it taken and then had it removed to the undertaking parlors here.

As far as could be determined to night, the victim had left his father's home on Saturday, May 18th, at 4 p. m. to go to the home of his brother Joseph in Becketville. He spent the night there and on the following day went to the home of Frank Guitier, also in Becketville. He left Guitier's house at 4 p. m. Sunday and was not seen again alive.

The victim was released from the county jail at Dalhousie only a few days ago, being one of the prisoners in New Brunswick jails freed in connection with the King's Silver Jubilee celebration. He had been given a two-month sentence by Magistrate A. A. Andrew at Campbellton for taking part in a store break at Jacquet River. His brother had been sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at Dorchester for the same break and his father had been given a suspended sentence, police recalled tonight.

The body was found at 12:40 p. m. Extensive search of the general area where the remains were discovered failed to uncover any rifle or revolver, police stated. The bullet holes were in the centre of the young man's back and in the centre of the back of the head, just above the neck.

SPENT FAVORABLE NIGHT

Friends will be glad to learn that the condition of Rev. J. W. Bartlett, was considerably improved today at the Victoria Public Hospital. The Wilmot United Church pastor underwent an operation several days ago at the hospital.

## Fires Are Menacing Provincial Forests

Dr. W. H. Laughlin Dies Suddenly At Milltown

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., May 27—The death of Dr. W. H. Laughlin, 69, Milltown, came with startling suddenness at 9 o'clock Saturday evening. He had just returned from attending a patient and was walking from the garage to his house when stricken with a heart attack. Previous to that he had been in St. Stephen and Calais.

Born in St. Stephen on June 27, 1865, son of the late Henry Cook Laughlin and Hannah Laughlin, he married Anne Martha Devlin on Jan. 18, 1887, by which union there were two sons and two daughters. Dr. Laughlin was educated at the public schools at St. Stephen and the medical department of Union University, New York State, and McGill University, Montreal. Apprenticed to the Haley and Boardman drug store, St. Stephen from 1881 to 1884, he operated a drug store at Milltown in 1886 and began the practice of medicine in 1893. He took a post-graduate course at McGill University in 1898.

He was major in the 71st Regiment previous to 1915 and was recruiting officer from 1914 to 1915. He joined the 104th Battalion in 1915 as senior major, second in command, and went overseas in 1916. He served in England, France and Belgium and in 1918 organized a convalescent camp at Baxhill-on-Sea, in which were 2,000 men. He then went to Ripon, to join the Second Command Depot, and returned as medical officer on the steamer "Grampian" and resumed practice in 1919.

## Sunbury County Candidates Heard

HOYT STATION, May 27 — The Agricultural Hall Saturday evening was the scene of an enthusiastic Tilley Club meeting, when the speakers were E. C. Atkinson, M. P. P., Fredericton and A. D. Taylor, M. P. P., of Minto, Sunbury County members, who are seeking re-election and H. R. Hanson, of Fredericton. A lunch was served by members of the Women's Institute.

In a vigorous address, Mr. Atkinson defended the government's stewardship and outlined the government's policies. He dealt with the opposition's criticism, touching particularly on road work, and declared the opposition were attempting to ride into power on the depression.

Mr. Taylor referred to the promises made in 1930 to extend the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission's line into this district when conditions warranted—that is, when cheaper electricity could be obtained at a price the people could pay. This extension would take place shortly, he said.

Mr. Hanson contended that the government's expenditures, which the opposition had maintained were extravagant, were not so and were backed by solid, substantial assets.

## Granite Hill News

GRANITE HILL, May 25—Miss Thelma M. Hagerman is spending some time with Mrs. Ambrose Hagerman.

Miss Beulah Carey, formerly of Fredericton, but now of Meductic, called on Mrs. Aulden Kelly on Sunday the 18th.

The men employed for G. A. Christie have completed the job and returned to their homes.

Mr. Aulden Kelly spent Thursday evening in Dumfries.

Douglas V. Parent who is ill with rheumatism, is somewhat improved.

Misses Grace and Glenna Corey spent Friday night in Bear Island.

Mrs. Annie Parent was calling on relatives recently.

Grave Situation in Madawaska and Other Counties With Likelihood That Forests Will Be Closed To Travel — Settlers' Homes Destroyed.

There appeared strong likelihood this afternoon that the New Brunswick forests would be closed temporarily to forest travel, owing to the serious situation which arose over the weekend, in which forest fires menaced homes and forest lands.

The outbreak of forest fires was sudden and unexpected and came in the wake of a high temperature on Sunday, the warm weather being felt in all parts of the province. The forests dried rapidly in the last ten days and breezes fanned the flames into furious blazes over the week end.

Outbreaks

The Forest Service Department here reported today that twenty one fires had broken out in nine counties and no fewer than 1,000 men are fighting the fires today, scattered through the nine counties.

Madawaska county was most seriously affected. Nine fires broke out. The suddenness of the fire attack prompted the forest officials to cancel all fire permits until further notice.

Weather conditions remained unfavorable today with low humidity and, in many places, winds of hurricane velocity prevailed. In Madawaska county, the lookouts discerned furious fires raging along the Quebec border.

Other counties in which fires had occurred were Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland, York, Queens, Charlotte, Carleton and Victoria. Probably the worst fires in the province was in St. Joseph's Settlement, a new settlers' area in the parishes of St. Jacques and St. Basil, Madawaska county.

A large outbreak was reported near a power dam at Second Falls which supplied power to the Town of Edmundston, partly on granted land, Crown land and settlers' lots. Reports last night indicated that the fire was put of control, under a heavy wind, while there were unverified reports that several settlers' homes had been destroyed.

Arrangements had been made to place a large group of men on various sections of the outbreak by the Forest Service, in co-operation with the Fraser Companies, Limited, the New Brunswick Railway Company and others.

Other outbreaks in Madawaska County were on the head of Iroquois River, at the head of St. Joseph's Settlement, where an investigation is to be made. Two fires occurred at South Brook Settlement, west of the Madawaska River, also in new settlers' areas. One of these was under control last night, but the other was reported to be near the Quebec border. Arrangements were made to place large crews of men. Two fires reported in the Baker Brook area in the same county were under control.

Two other fires in Madawaska County, on Grand River, near Fleming, and a small one at Siegas, were said to be under control, with little damage caused, while a third, on granted land in the parish of St. Basil, covered about fifty acres of granted land and it was being fought last night by a crew of ninety men, with pumps and equipment, and was thought by officials to be under control before day.

In Restigouche County there were three fires, one at White's Brook, starting from a spark from a chimney of a house, burned a barn, got away into the bush and destroyed about four acres. Quick action on the part of Forest Service officials resulted in the blaze being extinguished. Fires at Seven Mile Ridge and at Balmoral Settlement were under control.

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