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Good Management

The Turgeon textile commission in the inquiry recently held in Montreal drew from Sir Herbert Holt the remark that the profits made by the Dominion Textiles Co. Ltd. in the past year were due to proper management. He did not agree with J. C. McRue, commission counsel, who made stock of unfavorable tariff laws. Sir Herbert, a national figure in business, told the commission that first and foremost in his company's importance was good management, a good lesson to the business public. We believe many failures in business come from poor management.

Census of Construction

The total value of construction work performed in 1934 was \$186,199,000, a greater gross value than that shown by any manufacturing industry. Of this \$115,989,000 was entirely new construction and the balance was classified as alterations, repairs, etc.

There were 9,527 reports received, 7,140 of which were submitted by construction and trade contractors and sub-contractors, who reported a total value of work performed amounting to \$99,382,000. The other reports were received from cities, towns, villages, municipalities, harbour commissions and provincial and Dominion government departments.

The capital invested in the industry in 1934 was reported at \$131,042,000, of which \$94,561,000 or 72 per cent. was supplied by construction and trade contractors and sub-contractors.

The industry furnished employment to 173,153 persons, paying them \$101,08,000 in salaries and wages. Of this number 15,294 were classified as salaried employees, 14,101 males and 1,193 females, their remuneration being \$16,928,000.

The average number of wage earners was 157,895 and their wages amounted to \$84,679,936. This works out at an average wage per man per annum of slightly over \$536, which appears a pretty small wage. It must be borne in mind, however, that the construction industry had reached its lowest ebb in 1933-34, also that there was a great deal of broken or part-time work, particularly in the winter months. Furthermore, included in this amount are wages or their equivalent received by farmers in return for labor on roads or highways. In such cases farmers only work a few days each year, sufficient to pay off their taxes, and to arrive at any figures which would show an equitable average employment was most difficult in their particular case. In cities and large town we find relief allowances in return for labor on construction projects and this also had to be taken into consideration. These two circumstances tend to reduce substantially the average earnings of each man.

There was a monthly average employment by construction and trade contractors and sub-contractors of 37,561 men, who were paid \$27,975,257 in wages, or an average of \$745 per man per annum, while an average employment of 120,298 laborers by municipal, Dominion and provincial government departments and harbour commissions received \$56,704,729 in wages or allowances, an average of \$471 per man per annum.

The report covering the building and construction industry in Canada for the year 1934 is the first since 1920.

John Hays Hammond

As stated in The Daily Mail yesterday John Hays Hammond, who died at his home at Gloucester, Mass., on Monday at the age of 81 years, was the world's most famous mining engineer. His career was a most remarkable one. Going to South Africa in the early nineties he attracted the attention of Hon. Cecil Rhodes, the great empire builder, and was engaged by him to look after his extensive mining interests at a salary of \$75,000 a year. The Transvaal was an independent state, under the suzerainty of Great Britain, and serious trouble was brewing because of the action of the Boer President, Paul Kruger, in refusing to grant the franchise to some eighty thousand Uitlanders who were mostly British subjects. Mr. Hammond, although an American, sympathized with the cause of the Uitlanders, and joined in a raid into Transvaal territory organized by the late Dr. Jamieson of Cape Colony. The raid utterly failed to accomplish any good purpose—in fact it was a disastrous failure. The leaders, including Mr. Hammond, were arrested by order of President Kruger. They were fined heavily and sentenced to death. The fines were paid by the death penalty in all cases was remitted through the influence of the British Government. The leaders in the raid were afterwards taken to England and again tried on a conspiracy charge, but only nominal penalties were imposed.

The gold and diamond mines in South Africa, which were under Mr. Hammond's supervision, are the most valuable in the world. Mr. Rhodes amassed a huge fortune from them, and his will made provision for the establishment of valuable scholarships for the benefit of students belonging to Empire countries, the United States and Germany.

SNAPSHOTS

The three or four women who called to one another and called loud enough to awaken those who were sleeping, on two city blocks, at one o'clock this morning, should have been considerate enough to remember that other persons have rights. Most people who know what is the right thing to do, try to go along quietly when returning from a party at one o'clock a.m.

Over three hundred Normal School students are sweltering these days writing exams. at the Normal School. Over three hundred others will swelter at the High School in another week or two. If there was a proper system of determining the students' standing from month to month, these exams. would not be necessary. They do not bring out what the pupil knows and does not do his justice. He crams a lot for an exam. and the cramming does him no good in the way of knowledge. The exams are about as much good as the present system of teaching French in our High Schools which is nil so far as educational value is concerned.

A minister came into our office today and stated positively that he had never told a lie in his life. He and George Washington will have rather a lonely time together later on.

Who is the lady on Regent street who peaked through the blind all the afternoon watching the style of furniture that the new neighbours were bringing into the house next door?

Now the maids are smoking cigarettes. The smart set will have to start something else to show their exclusiveness.

When Mr. Bennett was talking about judges why didn't he say something about those who will not pay their bills?

JOINT PICNIC AT SUNNY SLOPE

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Members York-Sunbury Historical Society and Science Club cordially invited.

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Application for Stay

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June 24. Daniel Bannister also had been sentenced to hang for Lake's murder but an appeal to the New Brunswick Appeal Court from the conviction resulted in an order for a new trial, the grounds being that Chief Justice Barry misdirected the jury.

Appeals to both the New Brunswick Appeal Court and the Supreme Court failed in both instances in Arthur Bannister's case. At the hearing on Thursday H. Murray Lambert of Moncton will appear for the defendant and P. J. Hughes, K.C., of this city, and G. F. G. Bridges of Moncton, will represent the Crown.

Conservatives of Man.

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former mayor of Winnipeg, and Hon. James A. Bowman, former Speaker of the House of Commons, were the others nominated. They declined to allow their names to go on the ballot and Mr. Willis was declared elected by acclamation.

The new party leader assumes command when a Manitoba general election is in prospect, although not necessary until next year. In some quarters it was believed Premier Bracken's Progressive government would go to the polls this autumn, but the premier has not indicated when elections will be held.

Week-end Excursions

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Bonaventure Station at 8.40 p.m. Standard Time on Tuesdays and Fridays, from June 26 to September 4; and Northbound from the various resorts, evenings of Sundays and Wednesdays, June 28 to September 2, and also on Monday, September 7.

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Premier Taschereau

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of the Government, and would be re-placed by Edouard Lacroix, Liberal member for Beauce in the House of Commons. With Mr. Taschereau would go such men as Hon. J. N. Francoeur, Minister of Public Works, Hon. J. E. Perrault, Attorney-General, on. T. D. Bouchard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. L. A. David, Provincial Secretary, on. R. F. Stockwell, Provincial Treasurer and one or two others.

ALL DEPARTMENTS TO BE SCRUTINIZED
QUEBEC, June 10.—Opposition Leader Maurice Duplessis announced today that all Departments of the Government "will come under the scrutiny" of the Legislative Public Accounts Committee.

Mr. Duplessis said at the hearing of the committee, "that any attempts by the Government to delay this inquiry will prove futile. We have put before the public only a fraction of the scandal we intend to prove. All the Departments will come under the scrutiny of this committee."

QUEBEC, June 10.—Announcement that Antoine C. Taschereau, brother of Premier L. A. Taschereau, has resigned from his high office in the government, has come from official authority. The premier's brother has been much discussed recently on account of having admittedly received interest money personally by depositing government funds in a certain bank which granted him interest on the government money.

Hard on the heels of two secret cabinet meetings, a conference between Opposition Leader Duplessis and Lieutenant-Governor Patenaude and countless rumors came the resignation of Assistant Attorney-General Charles Lanctot.

Oscar Drouin (A. L. N., Quebec East), chief organizer of the National Liberal Action party, was the only member of the opposition to offer anything more concrete than the premier in regard to the rumors.

Mr. Drouin believed the end of the Taschereau government was near at hand but "was not prepared to make any official statement" on the rumors that flew thick and fast, predicting immediate downfall of the government, July elections and wholesale resignations of cabinet members.

Edouard Lacroix, Liberal member of the House of Commons for Beauce, rumored as ready to take over the premiership from Mr. Taschereau has returned to Ottawa, Mr. Drouin declared. He said Mr. Lacroix left yesterday but other sources contended the federal member was still in Quebec City.

Conversions of

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and about \$35,000,000 were exchanged for bonds maturing this fall.

Total Eligible

Bonds eligible for conversions totalled \$187,000,000 and were divided in three issues, one at 1 1/2 percent, one at two percent and one at five percent.

While there was no way of checking tonight, it was believed the bulk of the bonds uncovered were in the maturity paying five percent.

Hon. A. P. Paterson, Minister of Education, is a guest at the Queen Hotel today.

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