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"Various Persons" Still Loom Up in the Auditor's Report

THE MARKET HAD GOOD TONE TODAY

New York, March 19.—Opening was active and about the same as yesterday's close. While trading was dull during the first half hour the market in general had a good tone and some of the industrials displayed considerable strength. The indifference of the anthracite issues to the suit against Lehigh tended to promote a better sentiment. Petroleum issues were strong. Mexican Petrol being helped by rumors of a change for the better in the Mexican political situation while the rise in California Petrol was accompanied by a report of a new well on the property.

There was a show of strengthening in American Car and Foundry.

Quotation by J. M. Robinson & Sons Bankers and Brokers, Fredericton, N. B.

	Open	Noon
Copper	75 1/2	75 1/2
Smelters	69 1/2	69 1/2
Tobacco	252	252
C. P. R.	206 1/2	207
Lehigh	145 1/2	145 1/2
Great Northern	127 1/2	127 1/2
Reading	164	164
Penn	111	111
Union Pacific	157 1/2	158
U. S. Steel	64	64
Sales to 1 o'clock, 63,900.		

CITY DELEGATION MET PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Legislation for Retirement of Police Magistrate to be Sought—City Bill Tomorrow

A delegation from the city council waited upon the Provincial Government this morning and discussed matters connected with the proposal to retire Police Magistrate Marsh. Tomorrow morning at 9.30 the delegation will confer with the representatives of York County on the same matter. It is desired that legislation be enacted empowering the city to retire the magistrate. It is expected that satisfactory arrangements will be made in connection with the matter. A retiring allowance will have to be provided by the city. The names of Havelock Coy and George Bidlake are mentioned in connection with the appointment of Police Magistrate Marsh which it is understood will take place May 1.

City of Fredericton bills are to be considered tomorrow morning. There is considerable public interest displayed in them particularly that amending the Election Acts by providing for a two year term of office for aldermen after 1915 and the retirement of half the council each year.

WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, March 19.—U. S. Steel Corporation reports 11.01 per cent. earned on common stock in 1913, compared with 5.71 per cent. the year before.

Government files suit to compel Lehigh to comply with direction of Supreme Court commodities clause of Hepburn act.

Despatches say Huerta will again renew negotiations with Wilson through Mr. Lind.

Bank of England rate unchanged. U. S. District Court in Brooklyn holds Marconi patents filed in this country are valid.

Federal Court orders Frisco receivers to pay interest due April first, amounting to \$835,560.

London Times editorial commenting on U. S. express dissolution, Americans are tempted to regulate big business.

Americans in London quiet and irregular. 20 active rails off 1.02.

Many Thousands of Dollars Expended by the Government Last Year on Public Work and Details Hidden—Kent County Bridges Came in for a Lot of Attention—Over \$3000 Expended on a Days Work Job in Madawaska

An old friend or enemy of the people continues to appear from year to year in the auditor general's report under the guise of "Various Persons." This vague and unsatisfactory group of a lot of people who get public money appears to have more prominence in the expenditures upon public works in Kent county than in any other constituency in the province. It is worth while to mention a few of the bridges and to observe how little the auditor general has to say in his report concerning expenditures of very large sums of money. For example, there is the Bastarache Bridge, where "Various Persons" received \$953.93, very nearly a thousand dollars of the public money distributed and the people are no wiser by reason of the report of the auditor general. The bare fact is stated that \$953.93 has been paid to this conglomeration of individuals, whose names may be found in the archives of the department, and of whom the people of Kent county will never be any wiser. They may be assured that the names of these persons will remain in the archives of the department and the number of days they worked and the rate of wages that was paid them will also be in the archives. What a farce it all is to give so much information or so little information in a report of public works concerning which the people are entitled to know the name of every man who worked upon the structure, to know how many days he worked and to know how much he was paid for his work.

And this bridge is but a sample of many others. Just to show how utterly careless these large expenditures are treated in the auditor general's report, a few of the bridges—just a few of them—are given below with the amounts paid to Messrs. "Various Persons":

Arseneau Bridge, "Various Persons"	\$1,030.86
Charlote (Simon) Bridge, "Various Persons"	781.54
Collet Bridge, "Various Persons"	601.34
Big Brook Bridge, "Various Persons"	884.26
Gallant (Polycarpe) Bridge "Various Persons"	1,555.35
Nowlan Bridge, "Various Persons"	679.24
Louis Simon Allain Bridge "Various Persons"	616.42
Lower Moulis Bridge, "Various Persons"	971.14
Main River Bridge, "Various Persons"	901.64
Mount Carlyle Bridge, "Various Persons"	726.12
Red Bridge, "Various Persons"	1,659.91
Scott's (Tom) Bridge, "Various Persons"	1,526.47

IN MADAWASKA COUNTY.

Kent county is not alone, although it seems to be the most conspicuous for, on turning over the pages of this wonderful public document that tells the amount of expenditures of one million and one-half of money, it fails to tell us where hundreds of thousands of it goes. We find a bridge called Baker's Lake Bridge in Madawaska, where \$3,226.26 was paid to "Various Persons." Surely a bridge that needed repairs costing \$4,000 or \$5,000 could have been put up to public tender and the pledge made by this government when in opposition carried out, but the minister of public works no longer believes in the Fairy Fables he used to tell the people when he was shouting in opposition. He has deserted the policy of "Public works by public tender" and he has gone to the ex-

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THE COLONIZATION COMPANY'S BILL PASSED IN THE HOUSE

Mr. W. Leonard Palmer is Said to be Taking an Interest in the Venture—Commodore Stewart Objects to Being Credited With a Speech Made By Premier Flemming—More Notices of Enquiry

The Legislature met on Wednesday at 3.30 p. m.

Mr. Baxter moved that the order for the third reading of the bill to amend the Act providing for the Government of St. John by an Elective Commission be rescinded and the bill referred back to the Committee of the whole.

The House went into committee with Dr. Morehouse in the chair, and agreed to the bill with an amendment providing that polling at civic elections should take place between the hours of 8 a. m. and 7 p. m....

Mr. Baxter presented the report of the Committee on Standing Rule.

Mr. Munro presented the report of the Committee on Municipalities.

Mr. Young introduced a bill to amend section 29 of the New Brunswick Election Act.

Mr. Dugal introduced a bill to amend the Towns Incorporation Act respecting the Town of Edmundston.

Mr. Young introduced a bill to amend the Act relating to the Administration of Justice in York County.

Dr. Taylor introduced a bill to amend the New Brunswick Medical Act.

Dr. Morehouse introduced a bill to amend the City of Fredericton Assessment Act.

Hon. Dr. Landry introduced the usual supply bills, which were read a second and third time; referred to

a Committee and agreed to; read a third time and passed. Mr. Baxter introduced a bill relating to the Fernhill Cemetery Co. Mr. Dugal gave notice to the following inquiries:

As to the amount spent for postage by the different Departments; as to the subsidy given to the Steamship Maggie Miller; as to the value of School Books in the hands of the vendors at the close of the last fiscal year; as to the total cost of stationery, typewriter supplies, etc. used by the various Departments during the last fiscal year; as to the construction of the Xalley Railway; as to what amount has been spent on the new Agricultural Building; as to the replacing of the Perry Point Bridge.

Dr. Price gave notice of inquiry as to the oyster beds belonging to the Province.

The House went into Committee with Mr. Swim in the Chair and agreed to the bill to provide for Balconies at St. John Public Hospital.

The bill relating to the General Public Hospital at St. John was then taken up and discussed at some length.

The Committee finally reported progress....

Mr. Stewart (Northumberland) brought to the attention of the

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DISCUSSED IN CAUCUS

Looks Like Government Guarantee of Bonds of the C. N. R.

The Bull Moose Party Led by R. B. Bennett is Strongly Opposed to It

Ottawa, March 18.—As a result of a prolonged and decidedly unharmonious caucus of the Conservatives in parliament, lasting from 10 o'clock this morning until after 1 o'clock this afternoon, it looks as though Sir William MacKenzie and Sir Donald Mann will once more succeed in "shaking the plum tree."

The one big question which was up this morning was that of the proposed bond guarantee of approximately \$40,000,000 to the Canadian Northern to complete their transcontinental line. The proposal was submitted to caucus by Hon. W. T. White in a somewhat lengthy statement of the whole situation, emphasizing the danger to the financial institutions of the country which might ensue were the government now to go back on the policy adopted last session of seeing the road through.

While no definite proposition was submitted to the caucus, and the whole question was dealt with gingerly, it is understood that the trend of Mr. White's pleas, as well as those of Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. Dr. Reid acting minister of railways was in favor of granting C.N.R. application on the best terms that could possibly be obtained from the railway knights.

Premier Borden, it is said, spoke very briefly on the subject, declaring that the government wanted to leave final decision in the matter with the Conservative members, as a whole, and did not want to force hands at all.

CLOSURE ON OUTSIDE TALK

A special plea was made for closure on all outside talk by members of the caucus. The rather free way in which a number of the Conservatives had been expressing their views on the C.N.R. question has already been the cause of very much embarrassment to the government, and has made the task of bringing the recalcitrants into line very much more difficult.

There was, however, considerable speaking out in caucus this morning. The bull moose party, led by R. B. Bennett, was strongly in evidence, and their opposition to the whole proposal for assistance obtained considerable backing not from the western representatives, but also from Ontario and Quebec. The French speaking members on the government side of the house are for the most part against the proposition "at present." The majority of the caucus, however, seemed to agree on the principle urged by the government that the bond guarantee should be given.

LIBERALS WINS IN QUEBEC ELECTION

Three Rivers, Que., March 18.—A hotly contested by-election, following the appointment of Hon. J. Tessier, to the new portfolio of minister of roads in the Gouin cabinet, closed today the government retaining the seat over J. A. Desy, Conservative by a majority of 293.

The actual figures with all polls heard from give Hon. J. A. Tessier 1,792 and J. A. Desy 1,516, a majority for the new minister of 276. The old lists has 3,043 names and the new one, 3,950 of which about 84 per cent voted. The majority is only seven less than that recorded for Tessier in 1912.

The successful candidate claimed the result was a mark of confidence in the Gouin government and a recognition of its splendid record.

LIEUT. GOVERNOR WOOD VISITING IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, March 17.—His Honor Josiah Wood, Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick and ex-Premier Robinson of that province arrived in Ottawa tonight. They state that they are on private business.

MAYOR MITCHELL'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Refers to Changes in the Personnel of the Council--Believes the City to be on the Eve of Great Development and Growth ---Many Important Questions to Come Before the Board---City Legislation was Discussed

The City Council held its first real meeting since election last night and by the prompt despatch of business made an excellent impression upon the large number of citizens who were in attendance at the meeting. The regular business of the session was taken up consisting of little but routine and the council adjourned at 9.15 after about an hour's session. The appointment of standing committees was confirmed and arrangements made to have the Legislation Committee deal with the city bills to be placed before the legislature. One bill was amended so as to increase the annual grant to the Board of Trade from \$1500 to \$2500. The inaugural address of His Worship Mayor Mitchell was delivered and well received.

The members present were Mayor Mitchell, Ald. Everett, Ald. Ebbett, Ald. Kitchen, Ald. Wilkinson, Ald. Lemont, Ald. Osborne, Ald. Reid.

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL

The inaugural address of His Worship Mayor Mitchell which touched upon a number of important topics was as follows:—

Since the last regular meeting of the city council an election has taken place which has somewhat changed the personnel of the council. Four members of the last council retiring and four contesting the election of Monday March 9th with two Aldermen of last year seeking the office of mayor. The result of the vote has returned two members of last year to their seats at the board and we know the result of one of the keenest contests for the mayoralty that has ever been placed in the history of the city. Four members of the new council were elected by acclamation and six by the vote of the people giving the board four members who have served at the council board on former occasions.

I very much regret the sad occurrence that has taken place, which resulted in the death of one of the Aldermen elected by acclamation for Carleton Ward. This leaves a vacancy in the Ward.

The council has named the Standing Committees and good men from within its ranks in respect to qualification and ability were already obtained. And the citizens look upon the new council as consisting of men well qualified to transact the city's business.

We must not lose sight of the fact that this city is on the eve of great development and growth, and very many important questions will come before this council, such as the housing problem, extension of streets, sewerage, water and lighting systems, technical and industrial training, securing and locating industries. In these matters I hope the council will be supported and have the hearty co-operation of the Fredericton Board of Trade.

Fredericton, the capital of New Brunswick, occupying a central location in the province and being well provided with transportation facilities and ready to accommodate the great industrial and commercial growth which is expected, is being closely watched by the business men of the province. Take into consideration the great educational advantages of Fredericton, she has the University of New Brunswick, occupying a location in command of beauty and scenery equal to any in Canada, and being well equipped with good management and a very sufficient staff of professors under the careful direction of Chancellor Jones. Right here I would like to say that some of the ablest men in their professions on the continent have graduated from the University of New Brunswick.

We have the Provincial Normal School with the large and well equipped annex nearly completed and the High School and Business College in addition to our graded schools. These educational institutions are the means of bringing very many young people to our city in order to complete their education. It therefore, becomes us, as a governing body to the best of our ability

to make the city morally clean and law-abiding as these conditions will have a tendency to mould the lives of those young people that come to us. Their influence will be felt wherever they may take up their abode and Fredericton will stand as a city set upon a hill and the records of this council will follow down through the years, as that of a council which fulfilled the obligation of the oath taken by each of us on Tuesday, March 10th, 1914.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Standing Committees were appointed on the motion of Ald. Wilkinson seconded by Ald. Osborne. The committees are as previously published by The Mail.

Certain of the committees are incomplete and on motion of Ald. Osborne will remain open until the vacancy of Carleton Ward caused by the death of Ald. Elect John Mavor shall be filled by byelection.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

On motion of Ald. Reid a cheque for \$103 was ordered to issue in favor of the City Treasurer to defray the expenses of officials acting in the recent civic election.

On motion of Ald. Kitchen Monday March 30, was fixed as the date of the byelection to fill the vacancy in Carleton Ward the officials to be the same as at the civic election.

On motion of Ald. Everett the report of City Electrician Millican was referred to the City Hall Committee with power to amend and alter and to call for tenders for the necessary alterations.

LEGISLATION

Ald. Lemont moved the adoption of a resolution to the effect that the council approve of the request of the School Board that the School Law be so amended as to give the Fredericton School Board to fix the salary of its secretary, and that the resolution be forwarded to the Attorney General. Carried.

Ald. Ebbett moved that the legislation to be sought by the city be so amended that the city council be empowered to grant to the Board of Trade annually for a term of five years a sum not exceeding \$2,500. Carried.

Ald. Reid suggested that the various city bills to be presented to the legislation for enactment be carefully considered and reviewed by the council in the committee of the whole. There seemed to be necessity of making some changes. He moved to that effect.

Ald. Osborne thought the motion a wise one and seconded the motion. Ald. Kitchen thought a committee on legislation should be appointed and have power to act.

Ald. Everett thought there would not be time to report back to the council.

Ald. Lemont thought the committee of the whole could have power to act.

Ald. Everett moved in amendment that the bills be referred to the committee on legislation with power to act.

His Worship remarked that the matter was important enough to be considered in committee of the whole.

Ald. Reid withdrew his motion and the amendment was carried.

The following committees on legislation was appointed. Ald. Reid, Ald. Wilkinson, Ald. Lemont, Ald. Osborne, Ald. Everett. The chairman is Ald. Reid.

Under the head of new business Ald. Everett drew attention to the fact that the mayor had not been appointed to the Legislation Committee. He moved seconded by Ald. Lemont that His Worship be a member of that committee. Carried.

Mr. J. H. Hickman of Dorchester, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. Arthur E. O'Leary of Richibucto, chief game warden, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. R. W. Hewson, barrister of Moncton, is at the Queen.