

SYNDICATE OF THREE.

Independent Toronto News Denounces in
Unmeasured Terms One of Foster
& Co's Land Deals.

NASTY UNDERHAND WORK WHOLLY INEXCUSABLE.

The disclosures in connection with the use of Union Trust Company funds for speculation in western lands are startling in the extreme.

There have been some exceedingly dirty transactions brought to light before the Insurance Commission. It is a question, however, whether anything more grossly improper has been revealed than the action of the three directors of the Union Trust Company, Messrs. McGillivray, Foster and Wilson.

Rufus H. Pope, ex-M. P., G. W. Fowler, M. P., W. H. Bennett, M. P., and A. A. Lefebvre, M. P., held an option on 200,000 acres of Western land.

A syndicate composed of Col. John A. McGillivray, Supreme Secretary, of the Independent Order of Foresters; Hon. George E. Foster, managing director of the Union Trust Co., and Matthew Wilson, K. C., the company's solicitor, all directors of the Union Trust Company, arranged to take over these lands at \$4.50 an acre.

Then this syndicate interested the Union Trust Company in the lands. This was easily done, for these three men, with Hon. Sir John Boyd, whom they appear to have deceived and used as a tool, were a majority of the Union Trust directors.

For the better handling of the lands the Union Trust (really these three directors) formed the Great West Land Company, a subsidiary concern.

The syndicate of three turned these lands over to the Great West Land Company at an advance of fifty cents an acre, or a profit of \$100,000.

That is, three directors of the Trust Company sold lands to the Trust Company at a personal profit. The formation of the Great West Land Company, to take over these lands, and the manner in which it was financed are interesting.

As has come out in evidence, practically the whole financial capital of the Great West Land Company was in the shape of money loaned to it by the Union Trust.

Again notice the hand of the three directors. As directors of the Trust Company they made a loan of nearly \$1,000,000 to the Great West Land Company, to take over their lands. The Union Trust had an option to take either stock or security for its advances. These three men, as directors of the Union Trust, were in position to decide whether that com-

pany should take stock or mortgage security. The Trust Company eventually took part stock in the Land Company and a mortgage on the land. According to Mr. Stevenson's evidence, Mr. Wilson suggested a scheme whereby the Trust Company was to be eliminated, and all profits accrue to the same three directors. This suggestion, while characteristic, has about it a distinctly brazen flavor.

To illustrate how smooth are the workings of high finance we quote from the report of the investigation: "On the 28th of February, 1905, Messrs. Foster, McGillivray and Wilson, the three members of the land syndicate, who were also members of the Executive of the Union Trust Co., constituted the meeting of directors of the Great West Land Co., at which the annual report to the shareholders was adopted. These three gentlemen were also the only persons recorded as being present at the meeting of the shareholders, which adopted the report. The same three gentlemen, according to the minutes constituted a meeting of directors at which a proposition for a lease was dealt with." It sounds easy—the way McGillivray and Foster handled it.

The proposition in which the Union Trust was placed, was most precarious. This company carried the whole risk. It advanced all the money. It stood to make no money. The gain, if any, was to go to the three men, not to the Trust Company, whose funds financed the deal. If the speculation had not proved a lucky one, who would have borne the loss? The Trust Company could only have been recouped by the personal loss of the directors. This source of protection may or may not be sufficient, but it should never be necessary to rely on it for the safety of trust funds.

If the profit of \$600,000 had been a loss of \$600,000—then what?

To tell the bald truth, the whole deal was nasty, underhand and wholly inexcusable. And the members of the syndicate, while in this instance good luck has prevented loss, do not appear to be men whose tendencies fit them to hold trusteeships.

Nothing is the investigation into the Manufacturers' Life was worse than the cheerful and unhesitating sacrifice of duty to selfish interest displayed by these three directors.

REVELSTOKE DOOMED.

Townsite Being Laid Away by the River.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 1.—During the past few months the Columbia River has swallowed up twenty-five acres of the town site of Revelstoke, and the town is threatened with grave and imminent disaster unless immediate steps are taken to prevent the destruction of the river bank. Where once lay broad acres and flourishing industries and smiling homes, now is a rushing, turbulent, relentless flood, relentless in its awful grip and increasing in violence and magnitude month by month. The local press asserts that the river is surely and rapidly eating the vitals of the fine little city of 5,000 people and carrying all before it.

One paper says: "Are we going to stand by quietly and see acre after acre engulfed before our eyes being capable of detecting the destruction of our property? With all due respect to the government, it has been and is doing little towards coping with the danger. The work has been totally inadequate, and, in fact, it is in plain, unvarnished words, a waste of money and labor. The government hardly realizes the importance or the significance of the danger that is threatening Revelstoke today."

"The outlook is serious and already property owners are refusing to pay their taxes on lands that will go, or practically have gone now. Year by year the lands are more and more valuable, as the river eats its way into the town. A prominent Conservative states that over 100 Socialist votes have been made in Revelstoke by the negligence of the provincial government is not taking steps to cope with the river bank destruction."

AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

Government Decides Upon an Interesting Campaign.

Toronto Oct. 1.—The Ontario government has decided upon a practical experiment with a view of educating the people of the province to the dangers of tuberculosis and the best methods to be pursued in preventing that disease. An arrangement has been made to secure a duplication of the tuberculosis exhibit, similar to that shown here, during the recent meeting of the British Medical Association for the study and prevention of tuberculosis, with headquarters at New York. This will be supplemented by materials from Europe, the whole forming an extensive and valuable exhibit illustrating the methods, appliances and mechanisms used in the fight against the white plague. The arrangements for the exhibit are being made by Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, secretary of the board of health, whose department is a branch of that of the provincial secretary's.

It is intended that the exhibit, which will then become permanent property of the province, will be displayed for a reasonable length of time in every city, town and large sized village in the province. An official of the board of health, or some competent person appointed by that body, will be in charge, and will give lectures illustrating the use of the appliances, and information respecting the methods to be followed in the attempt to prevent the spread of tuberculosis.

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MARYSVILLE NEWS.

Oct. 1.—The pulpit of the Methodist church was occupied yesterday morning by Rev. Mr. McConnell, who preached a very able and interesting sermon. Rev. Mr. Thomas preached in the evening in his usual pleasing manner.

Mrs. Frank McLean and Miss Ella Johnston returned today from Loggieville, where they have been spending a few weeks' vacation. Mrs. McLean expects to leave shortly for her home in Boston. She will be accompanied by her brother, Mr. George Johnston who intends to remain there for a while.

The pulpit of the Baptist church was occupied yesterday by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Simpson, while Rev. H. H. Ferguson held forth in the Main Street United Baptist church. Mr. Frank Merritt is confined to his home with illness.

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Witchcraft in London as Told at Sessions.

The London Daily Graphic says:—An extraordinary story of witchcraft was told at the Clerkenwell Sessions on Saturday, when a Russian Jewess named Rachel Neuhans, aged forty, was indicted for having obtained £5 14s by false pretences from Mrs. Annie Samuels and £25 from Rosie Silberberg.

Annie Samuels, a charwoman, of Brunswick street, St. George's, giving her evidence in Yiddish, through the interpreter, said her husband deserted her twenty-one months ago. Recently the prisoner called on her and asked her if she would like her fortune told for threepence. She laid out some cards, and, apparently reading them, said:—"Your husband has deserted you. I have power to bring him back again. Give me 2s. 6d. I can relieve you of all your troubles and restore your husband, so that you will have to work hard no longer." She believed that and paid the money. The next day the prisoner asked for 1s. 6d. for candles, which being burned in a peculiar way, with pins stuck all round them, would attract the husband to his home again. On another occasion she made mysterious passes with her hands over the fire, on which she had carefully deposited a red brick. The husband did not return, and the prisoner explained: "I must have more money. The more you give me the quicker I shall bring him home." She paid £5 14s in all. Then the prisoner insisted on having a nightdress, some sheets and pillow cases. She was going to prepare these with a secret process, so that one night the witness would wake up and find her husband by her side. He would be wearing the nightdress and the pillow cases, which had been treated with something which had the wonderful power of preventing her husband ever running away again. (Loud laughter.) Her husband did not come back.

In answer to Mr. W. H. Sands, defending Mrs. Samuels said she believed the prisoner to be a good witch who could perform magic. The witness produced a capacious bag out of which she brought a medicine bottle containing a magic liquid for sprinkling about the room, a paper packet containing some clippings from

the back of a black cat, and some pins which she had to sew into her chemise. All these things were supposed to be necessary to restore her husband. (Loud laughter.)

Mr. Chester Jones (laughing heartily)—This is the funniest case I have ever had before me.

Fanny Samuels, the witness' daughter, said that the prisoner provided powders and uttered mysterious words to call her father back.

Mr. Chester Jones—A sort of incantation, I suppose?

Mr. Sands (cross-examining)—Did you see the performance with the black cat?

The witness—Yes, and she threw something into the fire. It came out with a squeak. I had a fright and I ran away. (Laughter.)

Did she put the cat in the fire? A— I can't say what she did with the cat. Something was put on the fire. Did the black cat frighten you? A—The squeak did.

You thought the prisoner a good witch? A—Yes, she showed us such miracles that she made us believe her. She produced a lot of Russian gold—handfuls—from her bosom, and said:—"I don't want your money. See I have plenty of my own. All will be returned when I have finished my work, but if you do not give me what I want I have the power to stop your husband from ever coming back."

Detective Sergeant Leeson said that during the five months the prisoner had been in London she had accumulated a large sum of money by these practices.

She was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment and certified for deportation.