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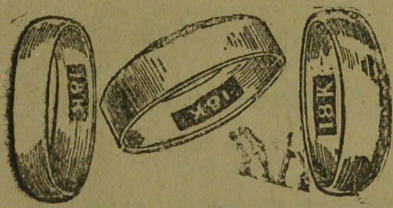
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A SAILOR'S SUICIDE.

Hanged Himself in North Sydney Jail After
Deserting His Ship, and Being Arrested
For Drunkenness.

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., May 13.—(Special)—Angus Kerr, who deserted from the steamer Waincock, at Sydney on Friday committed suicide by hanging himself in the jail here yesterday afternoon.

Kerr came here on the ferry boat from Sydney Monday afternoon, and that evening about five o'clock was arrested by Police Officer McGrath, for being drunk and incapable. Yesterday morning he appeared before Magistrate Archibald, and was fined \$6 or ten days in jail. As he was penniless the magistrate suspended sentence with a view to having him shipped on board the steamer.

Shortly before 2 o'clock Police Officer McGrath and Joseph McIntyre, happened to be near the jail, went into see Kerr, and were horrified to find his lifeless body hanging from the bannister of the stairway leading to the court room above. He had torn a strip of blanket, which he had tied on the stairway and hung himself from this loop on the stairway. His feet were hanging about one foot from the floor. He was cut down at once, and Doctor McLeod was called and pronounced him dead. The deceased was a native of Greenock, Scotland, and was aged about 45 years.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Big Steal in Silver—Ontario Nomination—
Fatal Train Accident and Other News.

TORONTO, May 13.—(Special)—About a thousand dollars in Colbat silver ore was found in a trunk and hand bag of Joseph J. Hall, a well-known Colbat jeweller, doing business in the Opera house block, at Silver city. He was arrested in this city as a receiver of stolen goods, and as a receiver of stolen silver ore.

John Shaw was nominated by Conservatives as a running mate to W. K. McNaughton in North Toronto for the Ontario legislature.

Stephen Swryda, a Pole, was arrested, charged with the murder of

Heksa Loutick, in a bush near Erin-

dale. HAMILTON, Ont., May 13.—(Special)—Labor men have expelled Mr. William Berry from the party for seconding the nomination of Mr. J. J. Scott, in East Hamilton.

LONDON, Ont., May 13.—(Special)—It is reported that the Empire Accident and Surety company of this city has been absorbed by the Imperial Accident company.

WINNIPEG, May 13.—(Special)—Gesla Johnston was killed, and Christian Gudmundson probably fatally injured last night by being struck by a train from the city quar-

functions and duties and very many of the women felt that they could do better work along their own line without being burdened with the public work of the country. He had not observed thus far, any general sentiment among women in favor of the franchise.

After further remarks from Miss Peters the delegation thanked the government for the audience and withdrew.

TOMORROW NIGHT.

If you want to spend an hour in as pleasant manner as possible, read our program and go to the Opera house and see the moving pictures and hear the illustrated song, "The Pawnbroker." We have a very fine sensational film, "The South Sea Islands," is a late feature that has attracted large crowds wherever shown.—d.

A ST. MARY'S BILL.

The municipalities committee met this morning and had under consideration the bill to amend the act incorporating St. Mary's village for fire and water purposes. The bill provides for increasing the amount of the undertaking by \$15,000, but no provision is made for a sinking fund. Mr. P. J. Hughes, for the promoters, will undertake to add a section providing for this and the further consideration of the bill was adjourned till Friday.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

Mr. Smith, M. P. P., is to be commended for his opposition in the public accounts committee to members of the government and legislature rewarding their immediate relatives with public positions. The member for Carleton no doubt had in mind Mr. Glasier's securing a job for his brother-in-law Mr. Louis Bliss, and Dr. McInerney's dumping of this nephew Mr. H. O. McInerney into a government office the first week the new government was in power.

One of the edifying spectacles at the parliament buildings these days is Mr. Pinder expressing horror at what he alleges are dishonest expenditures of the late government. Shades of the Bear Island Bar, what funny things happen in the name of honest government.

THAT BOND GUARANTEE.

The Public Accounts Committee Set Straight
on an Important Matter—The Agent
General's Grant.

Hons. C. W. Robinson and H. A. McKeown appeared before the public accounts committee of the legislature this morning and made a full and satisfactory explanation of the bond guarantee to the International Railway, concerning which the graft organs have been throwing out insinuations during the past few days. They showed that the company's bonds to the extent of \$400,000 were endorsed on January 28th last and a previous bond issue of \$150,000 held by the Eastern Trust Company was cancelled at the same time.

Matters pertaining to the Agricultural Department, including the bonuses to roller mills, horse importation, and expenditures on account of the brown tail moth were also discussed and criticized.

Chairman Pinder, who seemed to be in a particularly jovial state of mind was present and the others on hand were Messrs. Smith, Prescott, LaBilloy, Tweeddale and Bouque.

It was decided on the recommendation of Mr. Smith to have Dr. Anglin, Mr. Quinton and Mr. Boyne of the provincial hospital staff here Wednesday next to give information in regard to the hospital expenditures.

Hon. Mr. LaBilloy suggested that the matron also be called, but Mr. Smith thought it was hardly necessary this year. He added that they might think the new government was getting extravagant.

AGRICULTURAL EXPENDITURES

Mr. Smith made some enquiries in regard to a bonus of \$1000 granted to the Perth Milling Company.

Mr. Tweeddale replied that the mill was well equipped and was doing good work. A bonus had also been received for a mill at Grand Falls, but it had not yet been erected.

Mr. Smith said that the farmers of his county were opposed to bringing speakers in from outside points to talk at institute meetings.

Hon. Mr. LaBilloy thought that much good had resulted from the institute meetings.

Mr. T. A. Peters, deputy commissioner for agriculture, was called and made explanations in regard to orchards set out in different parts of the province. He said that in cases the owners of a farm signed an agreement to care for the orchard. In the case of the orchard at East Florenceville, the agreement was violated and the orchard not thriving it had to be abandoned.

Mr. Smith said he thought that more stringent regulations should be adopted, governing illustrated orchards.

Mr. Peters said that once the orchard was set out and the land owner neglected it, there was not much the department could do about the matter.

INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY BONDS

Hon. C. W. Robinson was called and explained the bond guarantee to the International Railway Company. He said that he read a report in the newspapers of a discussion on the subject which took place before the committee.

He explained that the first bond guarantee made the company was to be at the rate of \$5,000 per mile and under this agreement bonds to the amount of \$150,000 had been issued. Afterwards the bond guarantee was increased by Act of Assembly to \$80,000 per mile, but before any new issue was made Mr. Gilmore Brown was sent over the road to examine it and make a report on the amount of work done. On the strength of this report the government decided to guarantee the bonds to the extent of \$400,000, which was less than had been asked for. He (Robinson) had the matter in hand and consulted Mr. E. M. Shadbolt, manager of the Royal Trust Company. The old bonds were held by the Eastern Trust Company, and Mr. Shadbolt gave him to understand that it was just as much in the interest of the company he represented to have them cancelled as it was in the government's interest, as they were hindering the new issue.

The issue in connection with the transaction was placed in the hands of the law officers of the crown and on receiving reports from Attorney General McKeown and Mr. Shadbolt that everything had been arranged he ordered the new bonds for \$400,000. The old government went out of office shortly afterwards, and naturally some matters were not completed, and he was ready to lend the new government every assistance in having them straightened out. He suggested that Mr. McKeown be called to tell the committee of the legal arrangements in connection with the transaction.

To Mr. Smith the ex-premier said that wet weather last year interfered with work on the International road. The road, he said, was to be 112 miles long, and about fifty miles

had been completed. The total bond guarantee made was \$400,000, and the former guarantee of \$150,000 had been cancelled. The cancellation had been recorded in the record office at St. John's. There should have been a record filed with the government, but they went out of power in a hurry, and it was natural that some matters should have been overlooked.

To Mr. Smith, Mr. Robinson said that the proceeds of the bonds had all been expended on the road. The engineers' report showed that the work had cost over one million dollars. He had no doubt that a record of the cancellation could easily be obtained from Mr. Shadbolt.

THE AGENT GENERAL.

In regard to the grant to the agent general of the province at London, Mr. Robinson said that the question of continuing the same was largely one of opinion.

The allowance made to Mr. Duff Miller was merely for expenses, as he gave his services free of charge. He was very active in looking after the interests of the province, and frequently made reports by letter.

All of the provinces of Canada maintained agents general on the other side, and he thought that New Brunswick should have one. Mr. Summer and others from New Brunswick who had visited England, spoke very highly of Mr. Duff-Miller. He saw by the press that the present government was taking an interest in immigration, and had made a \$2,000 advertising contract with an English newspaper. This was equal to the amount paid to Mr. Duff-Miller in a year.

Hon. Mr. LaBilloy read a letter from a St. John business man testifying to the good work done for the province by Mr. Duff Miller.

Hon. Mr. McKeown said that Mr. Duff Miller was a gentleman who stood high in the old country, and was in a position to do much good for the province. He ranked second to Lord Strathcona in the list of colonial ambassadors. There was no doubt that he was doing splendid work for the province.

Answering Mr. Smith, Hon. Mr. McKeown said that Mr. Duff Miller might continue to work for the province if his allowance was cut off, as the title of agent general gave him a certain amount of standing.

HON. MR. McKEOWN'S STATEMENT.

Hon. Mr. McKeown, being called upon to make an explanation in regard to the bond guarantee, said that the custom where there were a large number of bonds to be cancelled, was for the interested parties to agree upon one person to perform the duty.

The Eastern Trust company, the Royal Trust company, the government and International Railway companies were the interested parties in this case, and they had selected Mr. Fred R. Taylor to attend the defacing of the bonds and coupons. Three hundred \$500 bonds were destroyed by Mr. Taylor on the 29th of January last, and he had been paid for the work by him (McKeown) out of his own pocket. A certificate from Mr. Taylor, setting forth that the bonds had been cancelled in the usual way, was then read by the speaker for the benefit of the committee. Mr. McKeown explained that the bonds referred to were endorsed by the province and secured by a first mortgage. The mortgage had since then been cancelled and a new one executed for the \$400,000 bond issue.

On motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Prescott, a hearty vote of thanks was extended to Messrs. Robinson and McKeown for their attendance and the information they had supplied.

Hon. Mr. Robinson, in acknowledging the compliment said he would be pleased to appear before the committee at any time and explain any matter with which he had been connected.

On motion of Mr. Smith the item on the International Railway was passed.

Mr. Prescott wanted the matter in connection with the grant to Duff Miller disposed of.

Messrs. Smith and Prescott both expressed themselves as being in favor of the abolition of the grant. At the suggestion of the chairman it was decided to allow the matter to stand until after the budget had been brought down on Thursday.

ILLUSTRATION ORCHARDS.

Mr. Prescott said that he had lately set out some pear trees and they were getting along well. He felt that the agricultural department had done good work in ascertaining the sections of the province where fruit could be grown to the best advantage. It was Mr. Peters' duty to inspect the orchard, and he could tell.

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