

FIRST PASSENGER HOP TORONTO-TO-MONTREAL

Canadian Airways Company Plane Makes Interprovincial Journey in 3 Hours

OVER AIR MAIL ROUTE Wemp, Davidson Convinced of Practicality—Suggest Air Fields en Route

By C. ROY GREENAWAY Special to The Star by Staff Reporter Montreal, May 9.—Air mail service between Toronto and Montreal began last Sunday and yesterday afternoon saw commencement of regular passenger service by the Canadian Airways Company between the two cities over the air mail route.

The first trip of the passenger air service made the crack International Limited look antiquated. The time between Montreal and Toronto was cut to exactly one-third. Instead of the long nine-hour journey, the flight was reduced to three. In three hours and seven minutes after leaving Leaside field, Toronto, we stepped out of our plane on the Cartierville flying field at Montreal.

The field was a revelation. Not that it is a better one than Leaside. It isn't. But the scene there was significant of what is already happening in Canada this year. The prospect of the pioneers of a travel, are being fulfilled. This one summer will probably see flying become commonplace.

Cartierville field was bustling with planes. It looked like a harbor. Only, instead of ships of the water, there were ships of the air. Their bright colors flashed in the brilliant sunshine. There must have been seven or eight planes moored near the offices. There were Curtiss, Fairchild and Mothair and close by was the giant tri-motor Fokker belonging to Capt. Arthur Loewenstein, the famous Belgian financier who is making American mill-towners look tame.

There were four men in the plane. Capt. A. P. Saunders was the pilot. Behind him, on a single seat, was A. E. Davidson of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, who was making the trip especially to test the use of planes for patrol work over Hydro power lines. On the double bench seat was Controller Major Bert Wemp, who was present to survey the air route from the point of view of passenger safety. Keeping him company was The Star representative.

The main conclusion of the trip from the point of view of the airways' future was the decision of the captain and the major that there should be airfields all along the way for emergency landings. Especially was this noticeable in the country around the Quebec-Ontario border, where fields are long and narrow, running north and south.

Alports Needed "It would be tough work landing here," the captain explained, pointing down. "One would have to land into the wind. To do that you would have to cross these narrow fields at right angles."

"There should be an air field," said Capt. Saunders, "every 25 miles along the route; not a field such as at the terminals, but just large enough and clear of obstructions for a plane to come down. There should be no difficulty for every large town along the line to provide such a field."

A train trip to Montreal is a hardship after a plane ride. Aeroplane travel is clean, swift, exhilarating. The nonchalance of the whole affair becomes impressive.

The lack of a soft matter-of-fact engine is put into a compartment. The door of the FCZ Fairchild monoplane is opened. In two minutes we are in our seats. Saunders does not wait for the starter ship that is carrying the mail to take off. He starts towards the east and makes his run. He "gives it the gun." The engine roars and the plane gathers speed, then catapults up. He circles, waiting for the mail plane. You catch sight of its yellow wings and blue nose. Both planes turn for the east. The Lake Ontario town pass in succession. The Ontario hospital at Wilby and the lighthouse catches the eye. They are passed at 12.05. Oshawa flies by at 12.06. The altimeter says 3,000 feet. Bowmanville is left behind at 12.11 p.m.

Pembroke Men Must Face Jury

Special to The Star Pembroke, May 9.—D. A. Jones and J. McMill Honey, stock brokers, who appeared in police this afternoon on charges of misappropriation of funds, were committed for trial at the June sittings before a Judge and jury. Judge J. H. McMillan, of Ottawa, and the Renfrew county judge presided at the court. Bail of \$15,000 for both Honey and Jones was renewed.

Then the bumps begin. Just before Kingston. It's bad country with a great deal of water in the bays and many patches of bush. "There's a good one," somebody remarked. "It's reminiscent of the shoot-the-chutes at Sunnyside. Oh, boy, there's another." The captain pushes up his plane's nose. Up it goes to 5,000 feet, then past that. A panorama of Kingston passes at 1.20. There are two freighters in the lake, like two steamers. Gananoque, 1.30 p.m. The mail train is making its way to Toronto far below the old method.

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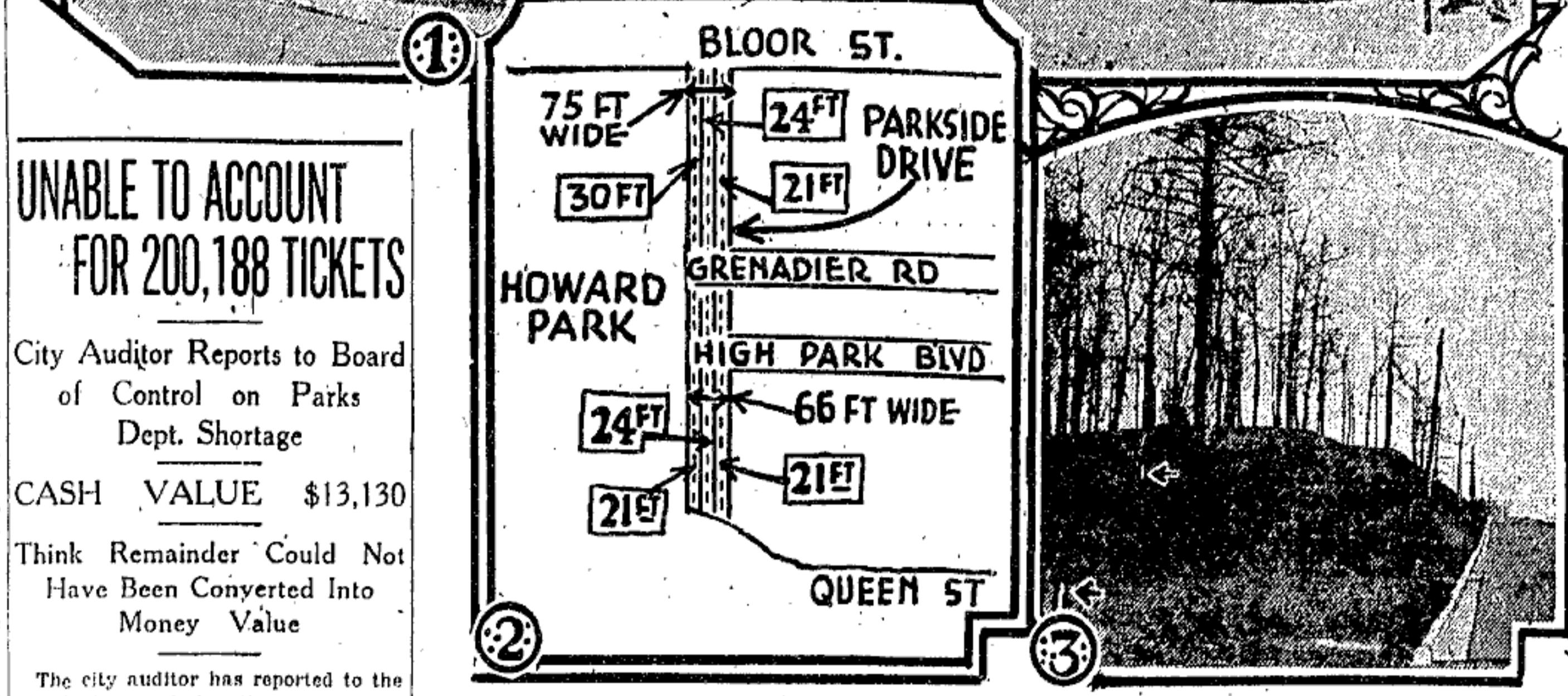
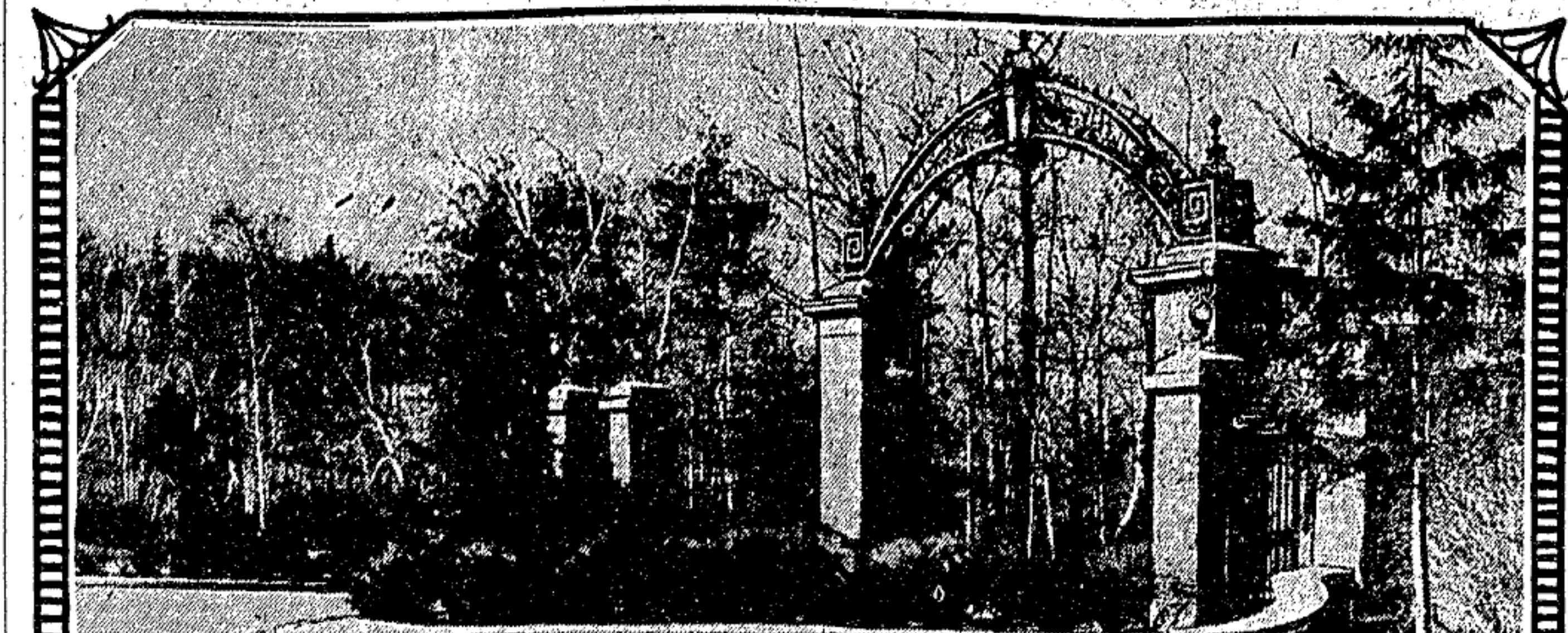
"I suppose they are likely burnt," put in Con. Robbins. "Likely used, you mean," said the mayor. "How can you find out how much money a man is giving back when he doesn't show the tickets? This is just one of the loose systems we have here."

"That reminds me," said Con. Hacker, "I would like to find out if there have been any more cheques like the Jackman one of yesterday. I have been told that there are others. It is very funny that that one should have been cashed."

The board took no action in the matter.

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Plan Wider Highway on East Side of High Park



UNABLE TO ACCOUNT FOR 200,188 TICKETS

City Auditor Reports to Board of Control on Parks Dept. Shortage

CASH VALUE \$13,130

Think Remainder Could Not Have Been Converted Into Money Value

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MURDERED MAN TOLD DAILY OF PREVIOUS DAYS SALES

System Outlined to Exchequer Court Included Verbal Notification to Carling Dock of Balance Due Brewery

—Telephoned to J. A. Kennedy

The inner workings of Ontario's "border export beer pool," officially known as the Bermuda Export Company, were further described before Mr. Justice Audette of the exchequer court at the city hall yesterday in the hearing of the dominion government's suit to recover alleged arrears of taxes from the Carling Brewery of London, Ontario.

Earlier in the day it had been explained that the eleven breweries composing the Bermuda Export Company were linked by a joint contract and individual agreements whereby the company was constituted the sole forwarding agent of each.

Under the Carling agreement, which was read in court, prices were fixed on the basis of \$3.25 per case of two dozen pints, or \$2.50 per dozen quarts. It provided for a first payment to the brewery of \$2.50 and \$2.20 respectively on these two types of packages. From the balance the Bermuda Company was to deduct \$75 per month from the brewery's account, the residue, minus ratable expenses, being turned over to the pool and distributed to the eleven breweries in proportion to the volume of their individual business with the pool.

Harry Cornwall, bookkeeper for the Bermuda Company, yesterday gave some description of how the beer docks at La Salle, Riverside, Amherstburg, Port Lambton and Kingsville were operated.

Mr. Cornwall was taken through a series of interrogations by Mr. Rowell with a view to ascertaining the nature of the Bermuda company's duties to the Brewers' Trust and how they were carried out.

Checked at Each Dock Witness described the voucher system by which the trips of the truckers were registered with a list of the contents of each vehicle, which record was checked at each dock and credited to the brewery shipping.

When the witness agreed that on occasion he would know of shipment coming before it arrived at the dock, his lordship instantly countered with: "But you wouldn't take cognizance of that?"

"Oh, no," replied witness. "The system included notification to the Carling dock each day of the previous day's sales and the balance due the brewery."

"How was that notification made?" asked Mr. Rowell. "Verbally, by phone."

"And to whom?" "To J. A. Kennedy usually."

Witness said the Bermuda company had a representative at each dock, and the money was paid to the office each day with a sheet and vouchers, also a summary showing amount collected for each brewery.

CONNOR APPEALS

Carries Libel Action Against William Croft to Higher Court

Arthur W. Connor, engineer, yesterday entered appeal at Osgoode hall from the judgment of Chief Justice Meredith and a jury dismissing his \$10,000 libel action against Wm. Croft for publishing of alleged libel contained in a letter published in the Mail and Empire of March 16, 1927. In the letter someone, whom the plaintiff alleges was himself, was called a "so-called expert" and attributed to be a "shrinking violet," and this person's abilities to refute statistics of Mr. Harris, the commissioner of works, when questioned.

The appellant claims that the trial judge failed to direct the jury properly with reference to the law regarding libel and the law applicable to the case.

BANK SYNDICATE BIDS

Successfully For Province \$30,000,000 40-year Bonds

The Bank of Montreal syndicate were the successful bidders for the province of Ontario's \$30,000,000, worth of 40-year bonds, Hon. Dr. J. D. McEwen, provincial treasurer, announced yesterday. Their bid was \$4.10 for the loan and \$8.69 for the treasury bills. The daily and national city syndicates also tendered bids for 93-133 and 90-4887.

Property Given To City for Park A Real Paradise

The gift of Sunnyside Farm to the city by the widow of the late Joseph Kilgour, for park purposes is greatly appreciated by citizens in general and artists in particular.

Everybody connected with the art interests of the city will tender their heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Kilgour," said Fred Bridgen, president of the Ontario Society of Artists, to The Star yesterday. "It is one of the most beautiful places that I know of. I hope the city will preserve it in its native simplicity and not spoil it by too much fixing up."

Twins Graduate

Graduation exercises at St. Joseph's hospital took place at that institution yesterday, with Dr. G. S. Buck acting as chairman, and the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Whelan the principal speaker of the happy occasion.

The following young ladies were presented with their diplomas: Miss Adelaide Ong, Toronto; Kathleen Gallagher, Pownassan; Grace Dunbar, Toronto; Loretto Dunbar, Toronto; Ruby Jean Marie Judd, Hoven, Ontario; Henry Byberg, Timmins; Elsie Volson, Toronto; Aileen Curran, Clarkson; Frances Small, Colton, Ontario; Genevieve Davis, Toronto; Olive MacKenzie, Toronto.

BACK TO COMMITTEE

The recommendation from the property committee that gasoline stations be permitted to do minor repairs work as well as sell oil, gas and grease, was yesterday referred back to board's afternoon session to the committee until gasoline station owners, garage owners and combined garage and oil-filling stations may have a joint meeting with the property committee to thoroughly discuss the question.

Survey Parkside Drive for Widening

A 28-foot pavement, the widening to be on the west side of the street only, side to Bloor St., Commissioner of the park, will be provided from the Lake Shore Blvd. to Rigor St. As Parkside Dr. connects with Keele St. at Bloor, those who favor the plan see the opening of a new main north-south artery

MRS. BEATTY IS BURIED

Queen's Park Resident Carried to Her Last Rest

The funeral service for Mrs. Charlotte Louise Beatty, wife of the late William Henry Beatty and mother-in-law of the Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, was conducted yesterday from her residence at 6 Queen's Park to the Mount Pleasant cemetery, his lordship, the Bishop of Toronto, assisted by the Rev. Brierly Brown of St. James Cathedral, officiating.

TOO MUCH NEO-PAGANISM

Sacredness of Marriage Must Be Recognized, Speaker Says

Special to The Star Welland, Ont., May 9.—"That too much 'neo-paganism' of the evolutionists has come into the life and thought of the world to-day, and this was what was wrong with the family relationship in every land, was the contention of David Goldstein, speaking here last night under the auspices of the Welland Knights of Columbus. Mr. Goldstein was happy to observe how comparatively few divorces were granted in Canada. Out of 800,000 members of the Knights of Columbus, not one was divorced, he said. Only eight failed in the Christian practice of the sacredness of the marital state could remedy the situation."

HI-JACKERS RAID DOCK IN \$12,000 RUM HAUL

Overpower Two Guards Near Ojibway, and Escape With Liquor

Windsor, May 9.—Liquor valued at more than \$12,000 was stolen by river hi-jackers, from the export dock of Rinkie Brothers at the foot of Langlois Ave. in Sandwich West township near the border of Ojibway at 3 a.m. to-day.

Joseph Rinkie, one of the partners, and the dock watchman were inside the dock sheds. They received a hail from the river, and a boat drew up. Rinkie and the watchman were chatty about admitting the three men on the boat. But the latter told a story about their boat going wrong and said they desired to use the telephone installed in the export dock. When the strangers finally mentioned the name of a man high up in the liquor circles on the other side of the river, they admitted the three men, only to face guns which the intruders produced as soon as they gained admittance to the dock.

The hi-jackers proceeded to truss Rinkie and his helper, and loaded on their boat 221 cases of liquor valued at about \$20 each and five kegs worth about \$200 each. Then the supposedly crippled motor boat left the dock for parts unknown.

Rinkie and the watchman succeeded in freeing themselves and about 4.30 a.m. called provincial police. They were able to give only meagre descriptions of the hi-jackers and could not tell very much about the boat they used. The spot where the Rinkie dock is located is one of the most secluded and lonely along the river front.

MANY PROMINENT MEN AT H. H. MACRAE BURIAL

Former Commodore Is Buried in St. James' Cemetery

With the spring sun breaking through the budding branches upon the silent green slopes of St. James' graveyard, the final tribute was paid to Hubert Hamilton Macrae yesterday when six of Toronto's most respected citizens carried to rest the body of the well known business man and yachtsman. As the solemn gathering of hundreds of friends wended their way to the graveside it was clearly evident that Toronto had lost one who could not easily be replaced.

Scores of city yachtsmen joined with the vast number of business leaders who mourned the loss of Commodore Macrae, and from all parts of the country came additional evidences of the esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

From the crews of yachts upon which the commodore had sailed came many tributes in the form of beautiful wreaths. Among these were wreaths of the Strathcona, the Stranger and the Patriot. Similar floral tributes were received by the family from the yachting clubs of the city, including the Queen City Yacht Club, the Lake Yacht Racing Association and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club and from such yacht clubs as the Toronto and the Albany clubs. Among the number of business houses which remembered him in this way was the firm of Pellatt and Pellatt.

The pallbearers, Sir Henry Pellatt, Dr. Arthur Wright, Aemilius Jarvis, Commodore George H. Gooderham, George Evans and Ross only serve to still further emphasize the important standing Hubert H. Macrae held in this city.

In charge of the service was the Rev. F. H. Brewin of St. Simon's church, assisted by the Rev. H. G. Archibald of St. Jude's church. Commodore Macrae had been an Anglican all his life and was one of the most enthusiastic members of the island church during the time that that church was under the vicarship of the late Bishop Beave. The service was conducted from Mr. Macrae's residence at the St. Regis hotel to St. Simon's church and from thence to St. James' cemetery.

FIFTY THOUSAND AT SUNNYSIDE OPENING

Great Playground Away Once More on Its Annual Fun-Making

All roads led to Sunnyside last evening, when 50,000 people attended the seventh annual opening of Canada's greatest amusement beach. West-bound T.T.C. cars discharged their heavy quotas in an interminable stream all through the earlier part of the evening, and the Lakeshore Blvd. was a never-ending river of automobiles, rolling slowly on to find parking space.

"Toronto should be well proud of Sunnyside," the new police chief, General Draper, told a vast concourse of merry-makers at the opening ceremony. "It is without a doubt the finest, although not the largest, on the American continent." General Draper stressed the fact that although he occupied the position of police chief, he too, was one of the glad-hearted revellers for the evening.

Mayor Sam McBride presided over the opening ceremony, declaring the playground open. He gave a short resume of the history of Sunnyside, from its reclamation by a far-seeing Harbor Commission to its present condition.

The main platform, where the ceremony took place, was the stage for a large number of the civic officials, members of the board of harbor commissioners, and city fathers.

A myriad of lights, some 50,000 in all, traced a path of patterns against an almost clear sky. From atop the place was a veritable fairyland. Never, it was a riot of color and sound, and a blaze of lights.

TORONTO LOSES RESIDENT WHO LIVED HERE 60 YEARS

Mary McDonald of 607 Sherbourne St., Dies in 89th Year

Toronto lost one of its oldest citizens Friday in the death of Mary McDonald of 607 Sherbourne St. In her 89th year, Miss McDonald was born in St. John's, Que., the daughter of a well-known tanner of that town. She came to this city 29 years ago and has since lived in the Sherbourne district.

She was a member of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and also past president of the St. Michael's Sodality. She was a cousin of Hamilton McDonald, one-time premier of Canada, and was also known as a great linguist, being able to converse fluently in many languages. Two nieces, Mrs. Belle Callahan and Miss Flora Harding, both of this city, and three nephews, Rev. Angus McDonald of Grand Rapids, Mich., George McDonald of Cadillac, Mich., and William Barnes of this city survive.

TEN FAMILIES LOSE HOMES IN KEEWATIN

Flames Havage Residential Block, Destroying Homes of Firemen

WANTS TO KNOW WHY HYDRO RATES RAISED

Controller Hacker Would Secure Specific Answer From Hydro Commission

Ald. Stewart asked the board of control three questions yesterday, the first relating to the action the board was taking in the Hydro rates' increase.

Con. Hacker moved that the board ask for a specific answer from the Hydro commission as to why the rates were increased.

Mayor: "Last year when the increase was instituted, Mayor Foster was at the meetings of the Hydro. I have had too many duties from nine to five this year to attend these meetings. I think we should meet right here with Mr. Ellis at a special meeting when the council can come to see the matter fully discussed. The people don't know where they get it from, they blame me, they blame the board and they feel we should be responsible. It should be publicly discussed and thrashed out."

The board decided that a special meeting be called, as suggested, which the council will be asked to attend.

In reply to a second question by Ald. Stewart, the board said that no action was being taken in regard to the retirement of older civic employees who are frequently absent from bad health.

To a third question as to what action the board is taking regarding the civic shortages, the board ruled that Con. Gibbons' former reply to this question must stand, the cases being outside the jurisdiction of the board as the crown was dealing with them.

DIES OF INJURIES

After putting up a super-human effort for her life, Miss Violet Bowler, aged 19, of Harvie Ave., died yesterday in the Toronto Western hospital. Miss Bowler sustained a broken leg in two places on the night of February 16, when she was acting as a driver on a city bus. She was struck by a truck on Front St. as she attempted to board a street car.

WATSON, SWAINE RETIRES

After acting as superintendent and secretary-treasurer of the Hospital for Sick Children for the past seven years, Watson Swaine has retired from active work with that organization. His duties will be taken over by J. H. W. Bower, who will act as superintendent, and J. S. Crawford, who will assume the position of secretary.

CO-OPERATION ASKED TO BEAUTIFY TORONTO

Campaign Starts With Support of Several Organizations and Government

The "Beautify Toronto" campaign, which officially starts on May 12 and continues to the 26th, is already well under way. At a luncheon yesterday at which prominent manufacturers and merchants were present, and which was addressed by F. D. Tolchard, secretary of board of trade, and T. F. Monypenny, recently elected chairman of the Ontario division of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, much enthusiasm was evinced.

Mr. Tolchard spoke of the great improvements brought about on the Toronto water front by the co-operation of different societies and he urged that the same co-operation be observed in the "Beautify Toronto" campaign. He promised the support of the board of trade.

MMASTER DRIVE NETS LITTLE OVER \$400,000

His Team Captains Have Already Made Their Objectives

Returns yesterday showed the amount subscribed by the trustees of McMaster University \$400,410 toward the \$500,000 objective which the trustees are endeavoring to reach for the purpose of erecting the new buildings in Hamilton. Yesterday five team captains were reported as having equalled or exceeded their objective. Renfrew can also be credited with this honor.

SPEAKS TO KIWANISANS

Using Christ as an illustration of the best Kwanian, W. W. Staples, Lindesay, gave a very interesting talk at the Kwanian luncheon yesterday. The luncheon was in charge of the 45 members of the club present. Picturing the character of Christ, the speaker showed that He was the true Kwanian, which Kwanian members should build their characters.

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