

COL. LESLIE TO RESIGN

Has Given the City Ample Security—Says He Had Money Ready to Deposit.

IS EXONERATED FROM ALL BUT CARELESSNESS

Resignations of Three City Auditors Accepted by Controllers.

THOROUGH OVERHAULING OF THE WHOLE SYSTEM

Will be One Result of the Search—Statements by Several of the Officials.

Following quickly upon the reported shortage of \$10,000 in the accounts of Col. J. Knox Leslie, treasurer of the Industrial Exhibition, are some of the most important changes that have taken place in the departmental history of civic administration.

The resignation of Col. Leslie as treasurer of the Industrial Exhibition will take effect within the next 24 hours, and the probability is that a member of the Provincial Auditor's staff will be asked to accept the appointment as his successor. The officials are that the Board of Directors of the Industrial Exhibition will fix a salary for the position that will induce a most competent bookkeeper to accept the position.

Ample Security Given. Manager Orr of the Exhibition stated this morning that both the city and the Exhibition Association had been fully secured by Col. Leslie. He has secured the accounts within the next 24 hours, and the probability is that a member of the Provincial Auditor's staff will be asked to accept the appointment as his successor.

Col. Leslie Silent. "I will make nothing in the shape of a statement," Col. Leslie said in the hands of the auditors, and I cannot discuss the matter, said Colonel J. Knox Leslie, treasurer of the Industrial Exhibition, when he was asked to make a statement.

Not Shown in Bank Book. The most serious feature in connection with the reported shortage in the Industrial Exhibition Association's account of \$10,000 was the fact that the reserve fund at the close of last year's Exhibition. The auditor's report to the Mayor stated that the amount of \$10,000 carried forward from 1907 had not been entered in the ledger by the treasurer, and the amount was that it had been carelessly omitted and that the bank book would show the amount deducted.

Upon an examination of the bank book it was found that the amount was there, but very little of the audit of the books for several years back, the Mayor insisted upon Col. Leslie giving the security for the amount of the shortage.

The Mayor's Statement. When seen this morning the Mayor stated that the city had been fully secured and that a thorough audit of the books of the Exhibition Association would be made, with a view to ascertaining the conditions of the books before and after the appointment of Col. Leslie to the position of treasurer.

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STATEMENT BY LIEUT. COL. LESLIE.

Col. J. Knox Leslie, treasurer of the Industrial Exhibition, was at his office in the City Hall when seen by The Star this afternoon. He was busy signing his books for the auditors to make.

PRINCE TIP-TOED OUT OF CANADA DURING NIGHT

At 3.30 This Morning British Fleet Wrenched Anchor and Unostentatiously Crossed Out of Quebec Harbor—Not a Gun Was Fired—In Improbable and Minorata to Establish New Record.

By a Staff Correspondent. Quebec, Que., July 29. The Prince of Wales left port of Canada during the night for the Atlantic coast. The ship was seen by the British fleet at 3.30 this morning. At half past three this morning the British fleet was in the east bay and the evening day, a small signal gun was fired on board the flagship, the entire fleet of eight British warships weighed their anchors, and in a few minutes were out of the harbor, except for the first signal and the blowing of the anchor chain.

Will Probe Whole Fair Association

The System Will be Overhauled and Put Upon an Improved System.

A new searching investigation into the whole management of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition may be the outcome of the developments to-day.

At the suggestion of Controller Hocken the Board of Control will order Messrs. Barber and Vigeon, the special auditors, to make an examination of the books of the association for five years back.

Why Larkin Ignores Boobs. Ottawa, July 29.—There was an attempt to get Larkin to assist in welcoming Lord Roberts to Ottawa, but it has fallen through.

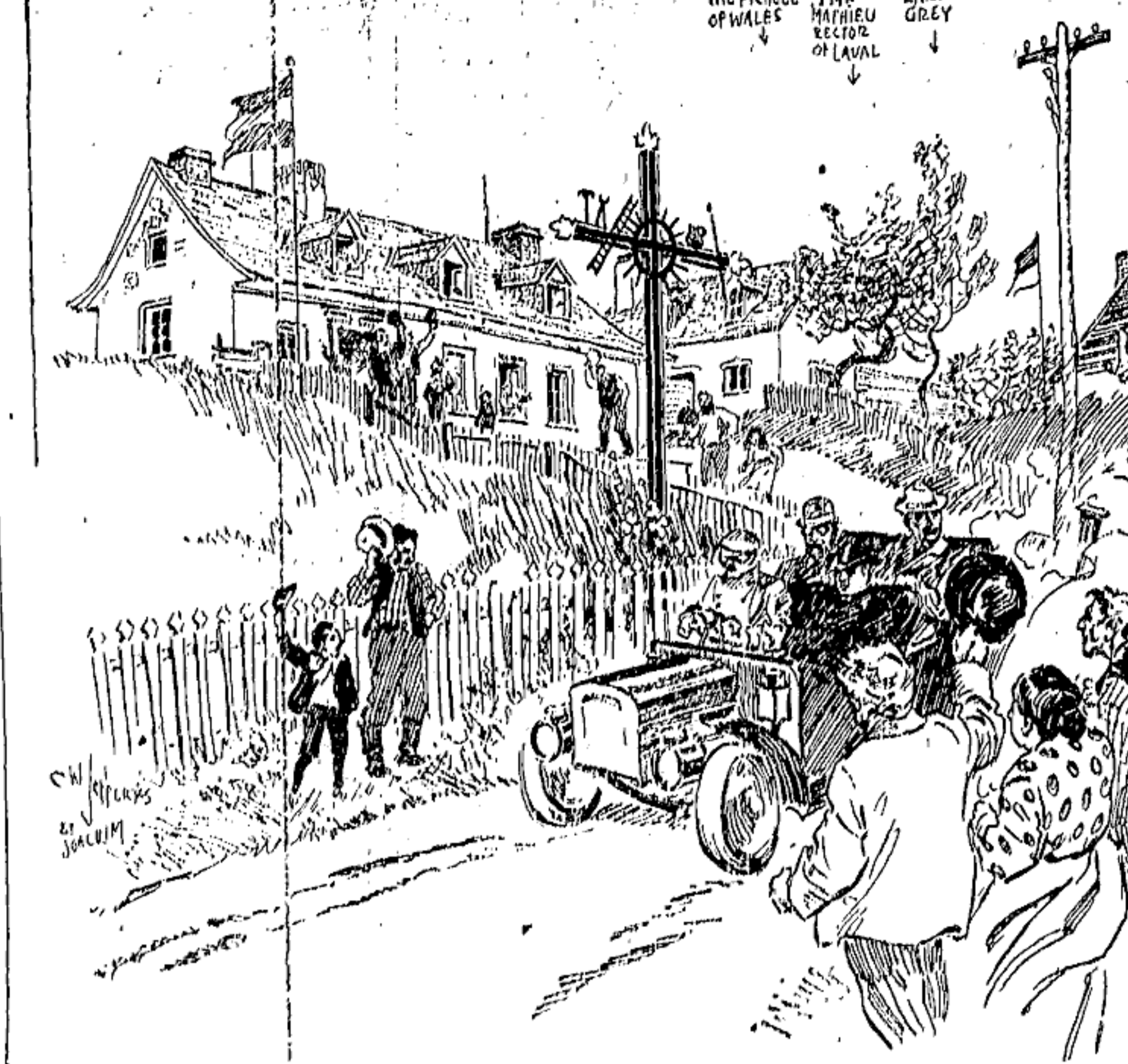
Many New Canadians. Ottawa, Ont., July 29.—According to a report received by the State Department, 44,444 aliens have taken out naturalization papers as British subjects in Canada since the act went into force in 1902.

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THE PRINCE AMONG THE HABITANTS. Passing through the village of St. Joseph on his return from the Capt. The day was the most informal and the Prince's whole visit. He chatted freely with the habitants and shook hands with hundreds of them.

THE MAPLE LEAFS PATCHED UP TO-DAY

To-day's Line-up in the First of Double-Header Gives Toronto Queer Aspect.

WITH CATCHER AT 1ST BASE Schally, Injured Yesterday, Manager From Bench—Better Things To-morrow.

Special to The Star. Maple Leaf Park, July 29.—Toronto and Providence played a double-header to-day, commencing at two o'clock.

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SHARES IN A FORTUNE.

Edwin Bentley, whose Mother Lives in Toronto, is Lucky Man.

The Toronto police received a letter from Roland Holt, of the Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, Cal., asking them to locate Edwin Bentley, a cement worker, who lived here four years ago.

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SCHOLES AND BOWLER LOST, ARGOS WON THEIR HEAT

Surprise To-day at the Olympic Regatta Over the Defeat of the Champion Canadian Sculler—Argo Eight Made Faster Time Than the Leaders.

SCULLING. Von Giza, Germany, beat Scholes, Canadian Associated Press. Hungary beat Italy. Time, 10.00. Blackstaffe, England, won. Bowler, Canada, did not finish.

ARGO EIGHT. Argonauts, Canada, beat Norway. Time, 8.00. Leaders beat Hungary 2 1/2 lengths, in 5.10 minutes.

Canadian Associated Press. Bentley on Thames, July 29.—Lou Scholes of Toronto, a former winner of the Diamond Sculls, made his first appearance in the Olympic regatta here to-day in the first event of the day, and was defeated by Von Giza of the Viking Club, Berlin, by a length, in 9.47 for the mile and half.

There was deep sorrow in Canadian circles at Bentley's defeat, but not much money was lost at events on Scholes.

Canadian Associated Press. Bentley on Thames, July 29.—In their heat with the Norwegians to-day in the eight Argos led from the start, never being pushed, they won easily, 2 1/2 for half, 3.65 full course, 8.00.

WALTER BOWLER DEFEATED. Blackstaffe Finished Alone in His Heat of the Singles.

Canadian Associated Press. Bentley on Thames, July 29.—In his heat of the single sculls, Blackstaffe, England, finished alone. His opponent, Walter Bowler of Toronto, Canada, not completing the race.

DOROTHY AND CECIL HOWARD WERE BURNED TO DEATH

Horrible Tragedy at Smith's Falls—Distracted Mother Watched House Burn and Could Do Nothing.

Smith's Falls, Ont., July 29.—The home of Conductor Robert Howard was destroyed by fire at 8.30 o'clock this morning, and two little children, Dorothy, aged 5 years, and Cecil, aged 4 years, burned to death.

Mrs. Howard and the little two-year-old baby had gone next door to a neighbor's house for a few minutes' visit, and left the two children in bed upstairs over the kitchen. The house was near the C. P. R. track, and the section men noticed the fire and gave the alarm.

When Mrs. Howard began looking about to see where the fire was she was horrified to find that her own house was in flames less than thirty feet away. At once she thought of her babies, and in agony called on the men to save them, but the fire had gained too much headway, and they could not get near them.

In a few minutes it was too late, and the mother was carried unconscious into a neighbor's house. When the firemen drenched out the blaze, the little bodies were found among the debris, but a letter which stated that the forms of their bodies left.

The fire is supposed to have started from the explosion of a coal oil stove. Viaduct Expenses. The Board of Control ordered the payment to-day of \$3,300, fees and expenses, to Engineer W. F. Tye, who was engaged to consult with City Engineer Rust, in regard to the viaduct.

Mourning as Dead for Six Years, Comes Home With His Fortune

Walmesley here, and a son of Lieut. Charles T. King, of King's Park, Leek, Roscommon.

Six years ago Mr. King was a young man of twenty-seven with a wife and three-year-old son. He was living at Calgary, where he had deposited his interest in a large ranching proposition. One day he got on a train to go to Port William. He was known to be sick at the time, as he never again returned, and it was presumed that he had left the train at some intermediate point. No word came from him, and he was mourned as dead.

His brother and other relations made inquiries all over the continent, but no clue was found. Now his father has received a letter which states that he is well and sound, and coming home with enough money to live comfortably the rest of his life. He does not explain the circumstances of his disappearance, but merely says he has been in California. He writes from Seattle.

EASTERN LEAGUE GAMES.

Table showing Eastern League Games results for Providence, Toronto, Baltimore, Buffalo, Newark, and Rochester.

B. E. King, Formerly of Toronto, Dropped From Sight at Calgary.

HE WENT TO CALIFORNIA Glad News for Wife and Child—Brother in This City Hears From Him.

Missing for six years, and long ago mourned as dead, B. E. King, a former Toronto man, has turned up in Seattle, and writes to his relatives here that he has made his fortune in fruit-raising in California. He is a brother of Mr. Montague King, the well-known head agent for Scott and

THE WEATHER. Light to moderate winds; fine and very warm to-day and on Thursday. The temperatures registered at the Toronto observatory since noon yesterday have been as follows: 2 p.m., 68; 3 p.m., 70; 4 p.m., 72; 5 p.m., 74; 6 p.m., 76; 7 p.m., 78; 8 p.m., 76; 9 p.m., 74; 10 p.m., 72; 11 p.m., 70; lowest this morning, 68.