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Daily News on Daily Doings

BREAKING THE RECORD.

Our present city council is a record-breaker. Many citizens have recognized the fact, but today it is established beyond doubt. The council has broken the record. No credit attaches to the achievement for like other achievements of the present administration it is only destructive. With the farseeing wisdom which has characterized so many of its efforts the council has withdrawn the employee stationed at Shallowford and Woodworth lakes for the purpose of taking the water records. The continuous record of the water conditions maintained by the engineering department from the inception of the idea of using Woodworth lake for a water-storage for the city has been broken. Data necessary for the calculations for the much vaunted hydro-electric scheme have been robbed of their continuity, and the basis of important calculations has been damaged.

WORST POSSIBLE FOR IT.

It would have been poor policy in view of Prince Rupert's expectations from the hydro-electric project, to have destroyed the continuity of this valuable record even under the most ordinary conditions, but the council has gone one better. The record-keeper has been withdrawn at a critical time, just when an abnormally light snow-storage has been followed by a particularly dry summer, and the autumn rainfall is beginning to become noticeable. The records taken at this period would certainly have a most important bearing on the calculations of engineers designing a hydro-electric plant, and allowance for special conditions would have to be carefully made. The

much greater enterprise of a similar nature which is being carried on steadily outside of Prince Rupert has employed men with strictest instructions to take regular and frequent readings of the water conditions at this time. But what does our clever city council care about continuity of records important in the city schemes? What village council ever did care about the things of a city?

THE WEST'S NEED FOR WIDER MARKETS.

While Canadian Colliers has not the hardy optimism of those who believe the old reciprocity proposals will be revived in Canada within the next few years, at the same time we think that the western farmer's demand for a wider market for his grain is gaining in strength. Many a good farmer is tempted to drive across the border of a dark night and dispose of a load or two of grain at American prices. The Manitoba government, long since proved inefficient, stands a good chance of being put out next election, and meantime the associations and alliances of the grain producers continue to grow and gain in power. The one thing which will give final impetus to the western farmers' movement for larger markets will be the collapse of the real estate boom. Just now many a farmer is blinded to the wider market appeal by the fact that he is helping out his income by real estate profits. When the boom collapses and the land shark ceases to be an influence in the communities, the loan and mortgage companies and the banks will throw their weight into the balance with the farmer. It will be then their aim to help the farmer to markets which he cannot now reach.

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(Special to Daily News.)
San Francisco, Aug. 9.—Daniel Ryan, attorney for the State Board of Harbor Commissioners said today that he is contemplating civil and criminal action against prominent shipping men on charges of having defrauded the State of approximately \$60,000 for a number of years through the rendering of false weights.

The prosecution he said would depend upon the results of investigations being made.

Attorney Ryan methods were employed similar to the ones which the sugar trust was accused of having used.

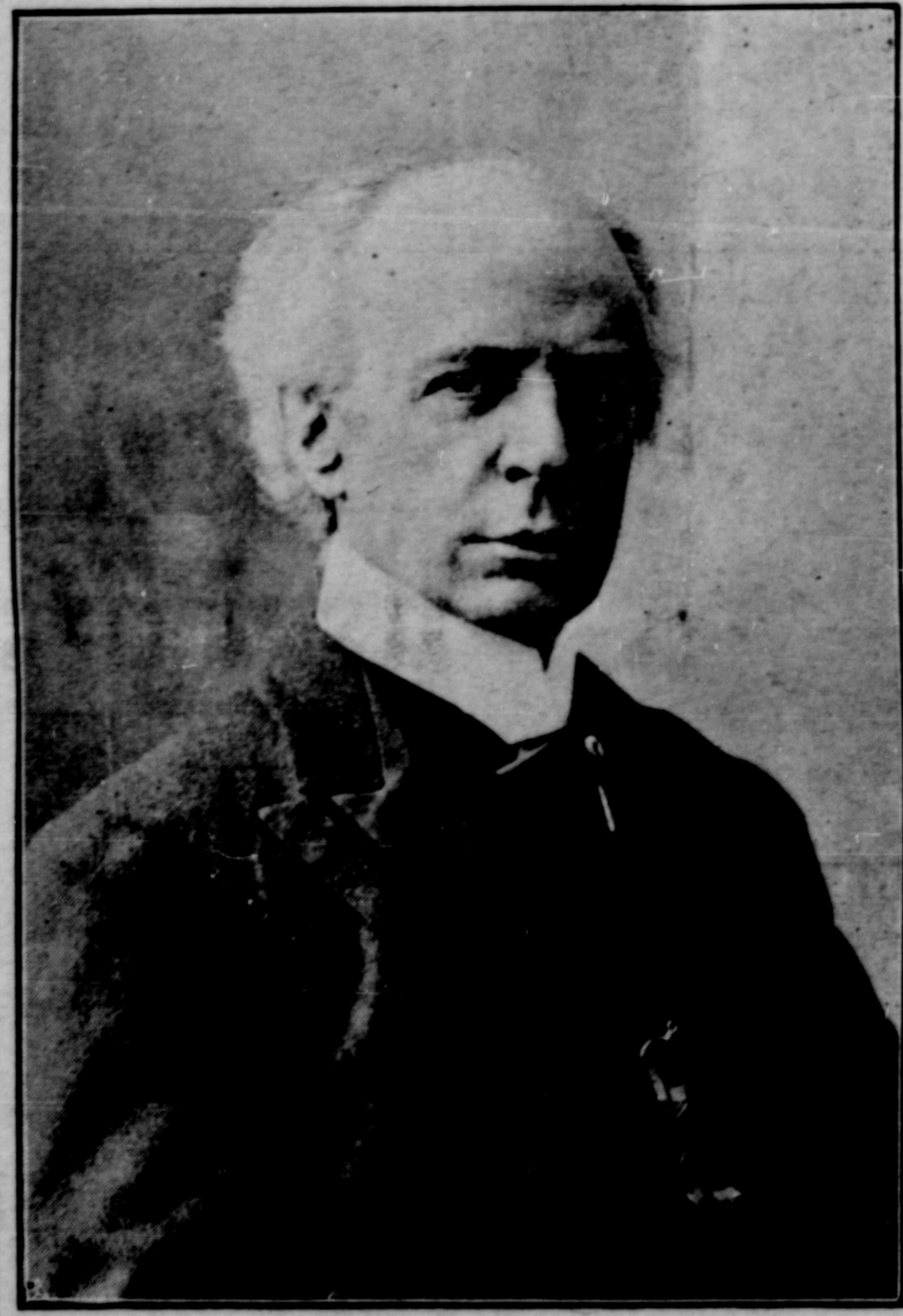
Clerks and gents of the ships involved, it is said, filled in the blanks provided by the state with a false set of figures, the tonnage being reduced to a figure in each case considerably below the real amount.

After an investigation had been quietly begun, the officials

of the Board demanded that shippers turn over the ships manifests declaring that in some cases only half the real tonnage had been registered when the figures of tonnage in the manifests were compared with the returns made to the state. He said that in the case of one company involved in the supposed fraud a considerable amount of money had been paid to the state.

BRITAIN THINKS OF WAR WHILE CANADA THINKS OF COMMERCIAL CONCERNS

FAR-SEEING CRITICISM BY SIR WILFRID LAURIER, WHO DECLARES THAT A BAD ARBITRATION IS BETTER THAN A SUCCESSFUL WAR—LAURIER AND GERMAN MENACE.



Ottawa, Aug. 28.—At luncheon given to the visiting British financiers and legislators at the Chateau Laurier, the guests included several members of the Dominion cabinet and the former Liberal government. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. W. T. White, W. T. Crothers, W. B. Nantel, J. D. Reid, W. J. Roche, Rodolph Lemieux and W. S. Fielding were present.

In proposing the toast to the guests, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in pointing out how Canada's dif-

ferences with the United States had been settled during the past hundred years without resort to arms, said a bad arbitration was better than a successful war. He said: "In England you think of armaments and war; in Canada we think of canals and railways and public works."

As to the German peril, he believed that Germany was only seeking territory for colonization. He believed there was enough for Germany without embroiling Great Britain into a national war.

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