

## TREMENDOUS COST TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY

### MARCONI SCANDAL AGAIN INTERESTS GREAT BRITAIN—BIG SALARY FOR BASEBALL PLAYER

#### VERY DULL DAY IN HOUSE GOVERNMENT BILLS READ

THE TIME TAKEN UP WITH DISMISSAL OF ALLEGED PARTISANS IN NOVA SCOTIA

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Ottawa, Feb. 13.—There was nothing exciting in the house of commons today. A few government bills were advanced a stage. The estimates were also voted on. Private bills considered. Much time was taken up in consideration of the dismissals by the government of alleged partisans in Nova Scotia. The proposal to limit the time

during which railways shall commence construction was discussed. It was suggested that they be allowed one year to commence and complete in three. J. J. Douglas' bill respecting the Calgary and Edmonton railway received its second reading. A bill to amend the Canadian Shipping Act was introduced by Hon. J. D. Hazen, who said that the new provisions do not apply in inland waters.

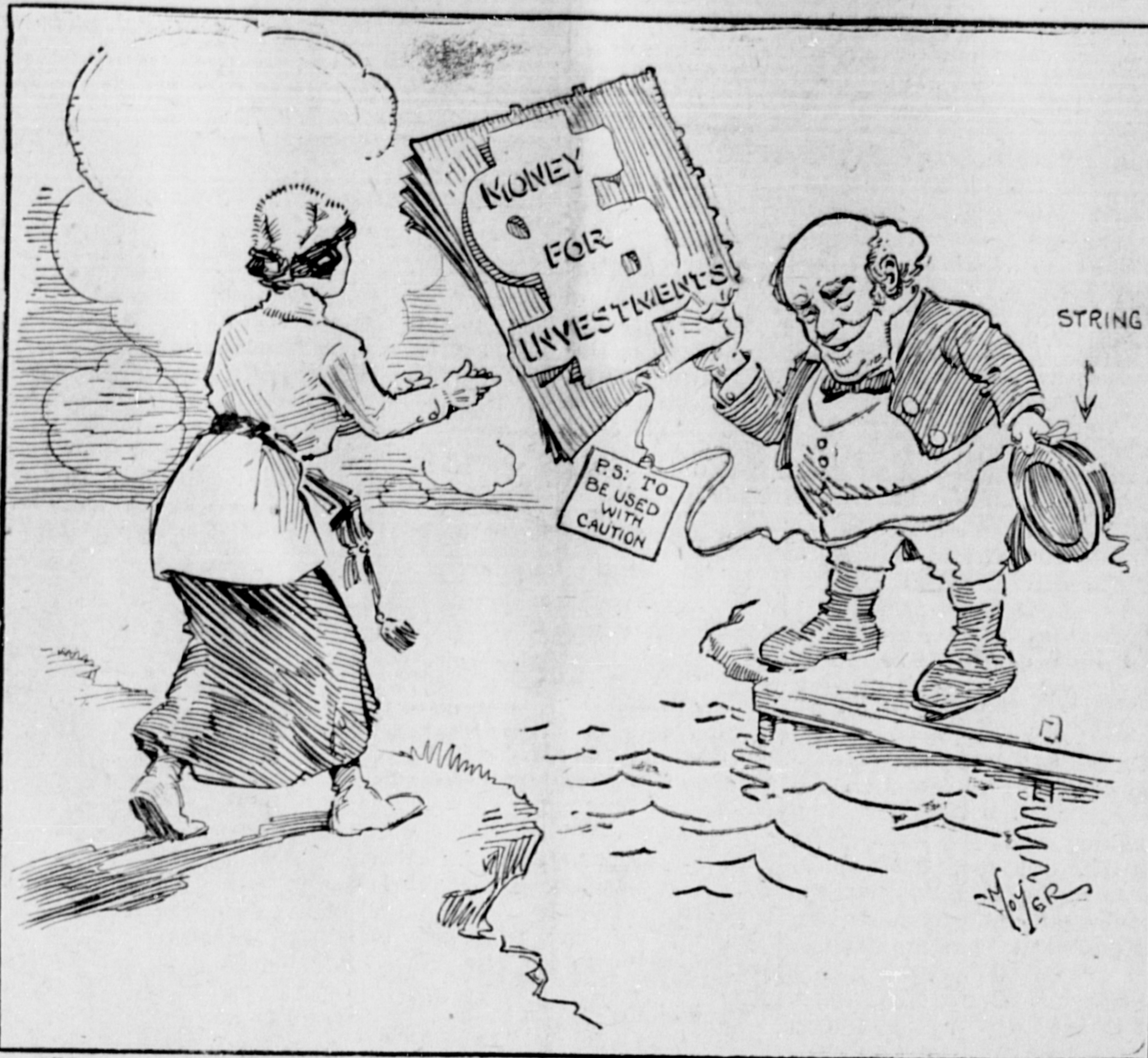
#### HOUSE OF LORDS ACTIVE MARCONI SCANDAL RESUMED

CHIEF WITNESS IN INVESTIGATION ARRESTED IN PARIS—WHOLE TRIAL MAY BE GONE OVER AGAIN

(Special to The Daily News.)  
London, Feb. 14.—The conflict between the two houses of parliament is already emphasized by the house of lords passing an amendment to the address. This will be further illustrated next week in another direction. It is announced that the Unionist

members in the lords intend to reopen the investigation into the Marconi share affair which created so much excitement last year. This announcement is coincident with the report of the arrest in Paris of C. E. Fenner, the stockbroker interested in the Marconi deals, who bankrupted and absconded.

MISS CANADA'S NINETEEN-FOURTEEN VALENTINE



It is very pretty and has a little string to it.

—By Harry Moyer

#### EASTERN SECTION WILL COST G. T. P. \$15,000 A DAY RENTAL

POSSIBILITY THE GRAND TRUNK MAY REPUDIATE DEAL AND THROW ROAD BACK ON GOVERNMENT'S HANDS

(Special to The Daily News.)  
Ottawa, Feb. 14.—The real significance of the report on the construction of the National Transcontinental railway lies in the possibility of the Grand Trunk Pacific repudiating the agreement with the government and refusing to take over the eastern section on completion. The terrific cost of the road, amounting to \$234,000,000, will entail rental charges upon the lessees of nearly \$15,000 per diem. That burden the G. T. P. will likely refuse to assume. If the agreement be repudiated the result will be that the whole eastern section, from Moncton to Winnipeg, will remain a charge upon the government and would either have to be operated by them or allowed to pass into the hands of some other railway at a rental far below what the G. T. P. expected to pay and at a consequent loss to the country.

#### WILLIAM MANSON CHAMPIONS OTHERS BUT FORGETS SKEENA

DEBATE ON MUNICIPAL ACT SHOWS FIGHTING CALIBRE OF PRINCE RUPERT'S MEMBER—AFRAID OF WHAT THE NEIGHBORS MIGHT SAY

(Vancouver Province)  
In the discussion on the Municipal Act before the legislature in Victoria on Tuesday Dr. McGuire said:  
"It strikes me that the provincial government might as well guarantee the bonds of municipalities and be done with it. Under the present proposals the certificate from the government inspector will be an evidence to the purchaser that all the formalities of the law have been complied with, so that the only question the purchaser will have to consider will be whether the borrowing municipality is actually good for the amount. On this point, it is the well-known policy of the provincial government to sustain the credit of all British Columbia municipalities by seeing to it that any indebtedness they may incur is paid in due time. If any municipality gets into financial trouble a receiver is appointed to straighten out its affairs and if the money needed to pay its bonds cannot be collected by taxation, I have no doubt the deficit would be met from the provincial treasury rather than allow a default."  
**What Would Others Say?**  
Mr. Wm. Manson of Skeena, on the other hand, is inclined to take a somewhat different view. "If you guarantee municipal bonds out and out," says he, "you are liable to get into trouble. Municipalities will be coming here to get power to issue bonds, and when the government says 'You are already in debt deeper than you ought to be,' the municipality will reply: 'Oh, that makes no difference. As long as we have the government guarantee we can sell them all right.' How are the provincial authorities going to be able to stand the pressure? Moreover, it must be remembered that if British Columbia undertakes to guarantee such bonds the investing public in Great Britain is sure to demand forthwith that all the other provinces shall do the same. We would hear from the other provinces if we got them into a fix of that kind."

#### PRINCE RUPERT PILOT BOARD TO BE APPOINTED SOON

Consist of Five Members Who Will Select Pilots

Now that Prince Rupert is about to become a big ocean port with transpacific steamers making regular calls, it will be necessary to have harbor pilots on the big boats. Arrangements are about complete for the appointment of a pilot board. It will consist of five members whose duty it will be to select efficient harbor pilots and establish a pilot station. The five will likely be business men of the city and, naturally, will be of the Conservative Party, as the appointment will be recommended by H. S. Clements, M.P. The board will have a secretary independent of their own members. These appointments will be made very soon.

#### Nugget in Hog's Head

Frederick, Colo., Feb. 13.—While Mrs. Kate Warren of Dillon, who is manager of the telephone company, was cutting up a hog's head to make head cheese yesterday, she discovered that of the back teeth of the hog was a large gold nugget about as large as the first joint of her finger.

Miss Maud Haslett, who left yesterday for Vancouver, will be a bride in about two weeks. She is to wed a Mr. Talbot, master mechanic of the saw shops at White Horse. They will reside in that city.

#### Victoria Won Hockey Match

At Westminster—Victoria 2, Westminster 1.  
It was necessary to play 36 minutes overtime.  
The league standing is as follows:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Victoria	8	5	.615
Vancouver	6	7	.462
Westminster	6	8	.428

#### Valentine Hostess

Miss Muriel Owen, Chief Constable Owen's little daughter was the proud hostess at a delightful Valentine tea yesterday. The centre decoration of the tea-table was a large cake decorated with a heart and from it ran streamers attached to numbered tickets entitling the lucky little guests to presents bearing the corresponding numbers. A pretty basket favour was set at each place. Judging by the gaiety and laughter everyone seems to have had a thoroughly good time. Miss Muriel's guests included the Misses Dorothy Tremayne, Constance McMullin, Helen and Mary McLean, Bernice Palmer, Irene Gamp, Georgina Hunter, Helen Morrison, Isabel Kirkpatrick, Violet Mortimer, Ruth Rix, Dorothy Tovey, Rhoda Morrison, Edna Haslett and Great McLeod.

#### Notice

The annual meeting of the Prince Rupert Liberal Association will be held in St. Andrew's hall on Friday, Feb. 19 at 8 p. m. for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may come before it. P. W. Anderson, Secretary.

#### BOARD OF TRADE GETS 13 NEW MEMBERS

Monthly Meeting Shows Lively Interest in City's Commercial Welfare

It was Friday the thirteenth and there were thirteen new members elected to the board of trade last evening. That ought to be an omen of good luck. Certainly last night's meeting showed a good interest in the organization for 1914. President Naden, who occupied the chair, took occasion to express his thanks for his election to the position. From the enthusiastic start the board had this year it looked to him as though it will be the most prosperous in the history of the board. With the efficient secretary and commissioner the board ought to be able to show results by the end of the year.

The commissioner's report showed considerable publicity being done and progress in the campaign for financial aid. It also presented the names of the following business men, who were later formally elected: V. A. Cole, Dr. Tremayne, E. Finad C. H. Handasyde, M. Lofquist, G. S. Fitzmaurice, R. F. Raik, J. A. Smith, E. D. Harris, Mason Ramsay, T. J. Jamieson, R. J. D. Smith and Sol. Mussalem. The chairman of the port committee said the commissioner had heard that the Dominion government intended appointing a pilot commission here. He suggested the board request the privilege of nominating one member, but as the information was vague it was left with the committee to deal with.

#### Blossoms From Muskeg

Last evening a meeting of the Horticultural society was held and arrangements made for holding a public meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 24. At that meeting Mr. Tomlinson, provincial horticulturist, will give an address on how to treat muskeg in order to make it grow vegetables and flowers. The society is making big efforts to encourage the beautifying of the city.

On account of the Orpheus Glee club concert next Wednesday evening, the weekly meeting of the Presbyterian club will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 17th.

#### HIGH SCHOOL DANCE WAS GREAT SUCCESS

An Informal Evening Which Everyone Present Enjoyed

The dance given by the high school students last evening was a most delightful event. The event was held in St. Andrew's hall and Principal Brady, ably assisted by Mrs. Brady and all the girls, made it a big success.

It was the third annual dance by the students and each year the affair grows more popular. The decorations in the supper room were in blue and gold, the school colors, and were very pretty. The refreshments were dainty. Werner's orchestra furnished the music.

About 80 were present, and while everyone was in formal dress, the evening was quite informal in character, and all enjoyed it thoroughly. The young ladies were all splendid dancers and were charmingly attired in new gowns.

#### St. Valentine's Day

February 14th has been kept as the festival of St. Valentine since very early times. It was believed that on this day birds began to couple, hence no doubt arose the notion of sending letters containing professions of love and affection on this day. Lovers of Scott will remember how old Simon Glover reminded his daughter Catherine, the Fair Maid of Perth, that "to-morrow is St. Valentine's Day when every bird chooses her mate."

#### RESIDENT PHYSICIAN FOR CITY HOSPITAL

Board Decided to Have One but Appointment Not Yet Made

The petition and recent agitation for a resident doctor at the city hospital apparently had its effect on the hospital management. The board met yesterday and decided to have their own physician in the buildings. This question has been under consideration for some time, and the agitation probably hurried the decision.

Among the expenditures which will be made this year are \$2,000 for X-ray machine, improved kitchen \$2,000, renovating old building \$1,000, resident doctor \$2,000, loss in maintenance \$3,000, totaling \$10,000. The city council will be asked for this amount.

Another plan proposed by the finance committee is to sell tickets at \$1 per month, payable annually. These tickets will entitle the holder to free treatment. The provincial government, which now allows 75¢ per day for each patient, will be asked to increase the allowance as the increased cost of living has made maintenance expenses higher.

Tenders for groceries were received from Lynch Bros., \$247.55 and Musalem Grocery company, \$248.95. The lowest bid was accepted. Frizzell's meat market got the contract for meat, being the only tender.

#### Another Indian Case

Wm. Nelson was in police court this morning charged with procuring liquor for an Indian. He was found in a drunken state yesterday with an Indian woman named Mrs. Nelson of Kincolith. He claimed he had been living with her four years, having met her in Vancouver. The woman was also charged with being drunk. The case was adjourned until Monday for further evidence.

#### Canadian Wrestler Won

Vancouver, Feb. 14.—George Walker, the Canadian middle-weight wrestler, defeated Sam Clapham of London, England, in two straight falls for the title, winning both falls. The first fall took 34 minutes 15 seconds, the second 30 mins. 40 sec.

#### PRINCE RUPERT CLUB WON BILLIARD MATCH

The annual billiard match between the Prince Rupert club and the Wanderers club was held last evening with eight teams on each side. The Rupert club won by 16 points. The scores were:

Prince Rupert	Wanderers
McMullin .. 250	Miller ... 149
McMordie .. 122	Melville ... 250
Brown ... 165	Davey ... 250
Carss ... 250	Pooler ... 147
Broderick .. 189	Russell ... 250
Naden ... 250	Doyle ... 226
Foster ... 250	Howe ... 239
Pillsbury .. 250	McMillan .. 199
1726	1710

#### BALL PLAYER'S SALARY \$10,000 AND BONUS

Johnny Evers Signs Four Year Contract With Boston Nationals

(Special to The Daily News)

New York, Feb. 14.—Johnny Evers has signed a contract to play for four years with Boston National league club at a salary of \$10,000 a year and a bonus of \$20,000. The contract provides that he will not be traded or sold without his consent and contains a clause that he should receive additional money if the club finishes the season first, second or third.

## EMPRESS THEATRE ...TO-NIGHT...

- PART 1—A WOMAN OF IMPULSE—A well acted drama from the Pathe Paris Studios.
- PART 2—BEAU BRUMMEL—Beau Brummel, made famous by the late Richard Mansfield, is here produced by the Vitograph Company with Mr. James Young in the title role. It is a most attractive picture.
- PART 3—PATHE'S WEEKLY REVIEW OF INTERESTING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
- PART 4—THE LOVE THEFT—A fine story from the detective, Eganay Studios.
- PART 5—THREE BLACK RAGS—A rattling good comedy from the Vitograph Studios.
- PART 6—ALONG THE COLUMB—A scenic from Pathe Studios

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THE ARABS—An Oriental from the Pathe Studios. NOTE—The program being a very long one, there will only be two complete shows given. The first will start at 7:15, the second at 9 o'clock.

## ORPHEUS GLEE CLUB GRAND CONCERT

IN WESTHOLME THEATRE  
Wednesday Evening, February 18th

Reserved Seats	\$1.00
Area Seats (Unreserved)	75c
Balcony (Unreserved)	50c

Patrons are requested to be in their seats at 8:15 sharp, as the doors will be closed during the performance of each number.