

CANADA
ATLANTIC
RAILWAY
AND THE
RUTLAND
TAKE OVER
DEAL OF 1902.

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An old deal in connection with the Canada Atlantic Ry.—In 1902, W. S. Webb, then President Rutland Rd., and some associates entered into an agreement to buy the Canada Atlantic Ry., along with some other lines in Canada. A deposit of \$250,000 was paid in Jan., 1902, on an option expiring in May of that year. One of the members of the syndicate was to do the financing, and it was understood that the Rutland Rd. would take over the purchase. The financial houses refused to aid in getting the \$11,000,000 necessary to carry through the deal, because W. S. Webb could not secure the guarantee of bonds from the Rutland Rd. H. L. Sprague, the third member of the syndicate on the option failing, and owing to the fall in Rutland Rd. stock, which ruined Meyer, sought to recover damages from Webb, alleging that it was on account of his negligence that the deal fell through. The action was decided in New York, Nov. 20, when judgment was given in favor of Sprague, damages being fixed at \$239,750.

Illegal Insurance.—It has been brought to the notice of the British Board of Trade

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