

RURAL HYDRO AID EASY-SAYS BECK

On Return From Overseas Declares Commission Realizes Requirements.

London, Ont., Jan. 31.—Much improved in health, Sir Adam Beck, accompanied by Lady Beck and his daughter, Marion, returned to London today after a sojourn of over a month in Britain and France. Sir Adam is tanned like an athlete, due to long trips in the saddle and gymnasium work while in Paris.

Two lots to offer opinions on Hydro and rural matters until he regains touch with Ontario conditions, Sir Adam, after stating he had not seen the report prepared by a committee of the Ontario legislature which suggests the taxing of Hydro power so that electrical rates for the farmers may be cheapened, declared that electricity of power is available for rural purposes even at the present time, and so far as supply is concerned, there is no need to wait for the Chippawa development.

Easy to Supply Country. The load on rural lines is scarcely perceptible, he said, and 10,000 horsepower would be sufficient to take care of practically any application of power. The commission, he said, is in the total of 300,000 horsepower controlled by the H. E. P. C. is not so great a quantity that could either threaten a shortage or carry any substantial part of Hydro's responsibility.

Must Save Country. The commission, Sir Adam said, has maintained a staff of experts trained in rural power problems and was vigorously working to bring the energy to farm and hamlet when the excessive costs provoked by the excessive price of the acute power shortage then prevailing, compelled the suspension of activities.

Now, he said, prices of materials are falling, labor costs are not, and by the spring it is hoped that conditions will justify rural extensions.

We can get electricity out into the country if we are to keep the people on the farms, said Sir Adam.

Give Speedy Aid. "That has been our endeavor for years. Through the government we secured legislation that gives expedient facilities to aid the rural districts. Cities, towns and villages, however, are building construction, but the government supplies only at a low rate of interest to pay for their power lines. The lines would be possible if they had to provide their own transmission stations, and to overcome that we require the urban municipalities to step down power and sell it at cost for the country.

Toronto Railway Busy. Sir Adam answered: "No comment," when asked if he would accept the suggested railway bill, rather than by arbitration. "Are you in favor of buying the Toronto street railway by friendly negotiation rather than by arbitration?" he was asked.

"I am not certain as to what authority I have to negotiate a purchase, while I am an arbitrator," Sir Adam answered. "That may be a matter for Toronto to decide to deal with."

He will probably confer at once with Mayor Church on the Toronto situation. On Way Toronto.

Sir Adam goes to Toronto tonight, and will immediately take up matters relating to the acquisition of the Toronto street railway, Chippawa power disposal and rural requirements, and Hydro radial issues.

FEAR THE "SYSTEM" MORE THAN THE LAW

New York Police Sergeant Goes to Jail Rather Than Disclose Facts.

New York, Jan. 31.—Refusal of Detective-Serg. John Armstrong, resulting today before the grand jury, resulting in a jail sentence and fine for contempt of court, was characterized by former Governor Whitman tonight as an example of the power which "the system" exerts over police officers.

The automobile phase of the corruption investigation came to a climax when Armstrong refused to answer questions relative to the acceptance of rewards for the recovery of stolen automobiles. The court sentenced him to jail for 30 days and fined him \$250 for contempt of court.

In discussing the attitude of Armstrong, Mr. Whitman said: "So far as Armstrong refusing to testify goes, things happened as I expected they would. It shows that the police are more afraid of 'the system' than they are of the law. They will go to jail rather than tell the truth, though by telling the truth they would obey immunity from prosecution. This officer's defence, which incidentally is a legal defence for his refusal to answer, is that he himself has committed a series of crimes, but his testimony would incriminate others, and I know they are powerful enough to seal his lips with prison staring him in the face."

The payments made to Armstrong to the recovery of stolen automobiles were made by persons who were instructed to pay him at police headquarters in cash, the prosecutor stated.

"This is the worst thing I ever saw," Mr. Whitman concluded.

Detective-Serg. William J. Hussey was indicted today. He is the third member of the automobile squad to be accused of receiving bribes in the recovery of stolen automobiles.

YONGE STREET FIRE DOES MUCH DAMAGE

Hot ashes igniting a basement partition is said to have caused the fire, which broke out last night in Burger's, Ltd., confectioners and candies, 33 Yonge street. The damage to the building was \$300 and to contents, \$2,000.

The fire was confined to the basement of the building by the firemen, who used chemicals in combating the flames. Had water been used to extinguish the blaze, the loss would have been considerably greater, it is said.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR BIG BROTHERS

C. L. Burton Elected President at Annual Meeting of Movement.

Last year was the most successful in the history of the organization, not only in the number of cases for supervision of delinquents from the juvenile court, but the large increase of preventive cases brought in by parents and the field secretaries. It is a thousand seven hundred and eighty-one investigations were made.

The report presented by the chairman of the club work showed an increase of membership. The east end club now has a membership of 337, with an average nightly attendance of 150. The north and west end clubs have a membership of 185, average nightly attendance of 75 to 100. The boys are entertained by educational talks, motion pictures and games and play a Sunday class on citizenship.

There are eight teams entered in hockey leagues of the city and the same number were entered in football. In the baseball leagues last summer.

In each of these clubs there is a trained boy worker permanently employed, who is in close touch with the families of the boys. They have rendered valuable services in cases of illness and securing employment for the teen age members. It is interesting to note that where clubs are established boys from these districts do not appear in court. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. C. L. Burton; vice-president, Mr. C. P. B. Tupper; secretary, Mr. John Macdonald; general secretary, Mr. St. G. Freer; auditor, Mr. John I. Sutcliffe.

URGES EXCLUDING BOLSHEVIK TALK

Canadian Club Speaker Would Bar Reference on Platform and in Homes.

The importance of keeping the English-speaking nations together, and that as the only remedy for radicalism, was emphasized in the address at the Canadian Club yesterday of Paul Shorey, an eminent American writer and managing editor of university and scientific journals in connection with the University of Chicago. He strongly advocated gradual liberal reforms and a systematic effort to bring the nations into both Canada and the United States, and especially into the universities, scientific and pacifist propaganda of Russian and German origin.

Mr. Shorey thought Bernard Shaw, a mischievous lecturer who could do much harm among certain classes, and the so-called general club, should be quoted a lecture in the Chicago University bulletin board to be given by Rev. John Haynes Holmes before the so-called general club, which was the sermon had been quoted and discussed with much favor by the radical in the Canadian Club. "Such an address as well as being used to further German propaganda," he said, "is furthering German socialist ideas. Bolshevism is a most dangerous and harmful platform or at the private dinner table," said Mr. Shorey. "Such an address is only playing into their hands."

Radical procedure rarely succeeded, he added, and where it did succeed, it was only in part and the cost of incalculable misery to a whole generation. In speaking of the empire as a power for good Mr. Shorey was of the opinion that as empires went, it was spoken much more strongly, he said, but he would reserve that for American consumption. No matter how imperfect the methods of the empire had been, it had created a precedent in educating its dominions in self-government, and Americans would forfeit their liberties by preserving American tradition if they did not maintain the most harmonious union with Britain.

LAKE SHIPPING MAN DEAD AT CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 31.—William H. Becker, connected with lake shipping for many years, and one of the most prominent men in the trade, died at his home here tonight. He was 81 years old.

Mr. Becker was president of the Valley Steamship Company, manager of the Interstate Steamship Company, and a member of the advisory committee of the Great Lakes Protective Association.

RIAND RECEIVES VENIZEOS. Paris, Jan. 31.—Premier Briand this morning received Venizelos, the former Greek premier. It is presumed that the two statesmen discussed the Greek question.

POLICE CONCERT A BIG SUCCESS

Uniformed Pipe Band at Massey Hall Fine—Other Numbers.

A good program and a good-sized audience marked the second annual concert of the Toronto Police Association held at Massey Hall last night when the uniformed pipe band of the organization followed the National Anthem in Scottish selections played with fine verve under the direction of Pipe Major Thomas Ross. Two numbers, "My Ah," Bohn, and "Tomeo in Georgia," received artistic treatment from Arthur Blight, one of Toronto's finest vocalists. Miss Alma Simpson, New York, possessor of a light soprano voice, sang a varied group in which she showed versatility of expression and artistic skill. The opening number, "Chi Vuol la Zingarella," being given with light airy effect which provided contrast for the modern Russian "In the Steppes," by A. Gretchaninov. Other numbers were Czech Christmas Carol "Jal Pleure en rene," Georges Hue, and "Carnival" by Felix Foudrain. The accompaniments were sympathetically played by Bozka Hejtmanek. Both were presented with flowers.

A CENTRAL UNION FOR UNAFFILIATED LABOR BODIES TAKE STEPS TO AMALGAMATE ALL OUTSIDE A. F. of L.

Steps to form a central labor union, which will take in all labor bodies not affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, were taken at a meeting held at Sons of England Hall last night. M. F. Tumpane, president of the Canadian Federation of Labor, presided. It is contended that the outcome will be a trade union composed of labor unions of a national or international character, who will resist all control on the part of the American Federation of Labor and support all Canadian branches of the latter who wish to sever their A. F. of L. connection.

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TO MAKE CATFISH POND INTO ATHLETIC FIELD

The parks committee accepted a motion by Ald. Birdsaal yesterday that Catfish Pond should be converted into an athletic field with the understanding that it would not be used for senior league games. This proposal was suggested by Commissioner Chambers. He will provide for this work in the estimates.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN CITY SHOW MARKED DECLINE

The city health department reported fewer cases of communicable diseases last month than in January, 1920. Following is a comparative statement:

	Jan.	Dec. Jan.	1920	1920
Diphtheria	275	289	256	187
Scarlet Fever	187	198	218	105
Typhoid	21	20	31	10
Measles	27	26	203	24
Smallpox	24	29	628	77
Tuberculosis	77	41	102	110
Chickens	150	102	101	130
Whooping Cough	130	102	48	3
Mumps	31	44	27	14
Diphtheria carriers	14	44	27	3

REDUCE HOURS OF WORK

Brookville, Ont., Jan. 31.—The James Smart plant, Canada Foundries and Forgings, Limited, possibly the most important local industry today, went on reduced working hours. All employees, except moulders, will work five days a week at the rate of eight hours a day, a total of 40 hours a week, while moulders will work four days of nine hours, a total of 36 hours a week.

CHRISTIE HOSPITAL DOING GOOD WORK

The work being carried on at the Christie Street Hospital is certainly a great credit to those responsible. The fireproof garden clinic for treating tubercular cases, is doing effective work. The chest clinic is also an outstanding one. The federal department of the S. C. R. took over the operation of the hospital from the militia and defence department some three months ago. There were then 200 patients being treated, but their number rapidly increased, and now there are about 500 patients. Apart from the medical and surgical cases treated, there are special groups of cases being treated for the whole Dominion, such as leprosy and other peptic cases. Christie Street Hospital is the largest of its kind in the Dominion.

RACES OF HISTORY TO COME INTO OWN

Rev. Canon Howitt Delivers Address on Biblical Studies.

Rev. Canon Howitt, of Hamilton, who prophesied the great war and the fall of Jerusalem and of Constantinople, two years before the war was declared, delivered a striking address last night before a large gathering at the annual meeting of the Toronto Jewish Mission, held at the Bible College, College street, upon the symbolism of certain Biblical studies with respect to the deliverance of the Jews. He stated his opinion that the three peoples of the earth, the Jews, the Gentiles and the coming race, were the ensuing people who were to be blended together as to form the epitome of Christian idealism. Very strongly did he emphasize his opinion of many years ago, that the great historic peoples of past history, the Babylonians, the Greeks, the Israelites and the Romans were now about to come back into their own. This has been partly proven already in the re-establishment of Jerusalem and in the great victories of the Italians in collaboration with the other allied nations.

FEDERATION DOING EFFECTIVE WORK

Institutions in Satisfactory Condition Despite the Unemployment.

In bringing in its report of the work of the institutions in the Toronto Federation for Community Service for the month of January, the new budget committee finds that despite the unemployment situation the institutions are all in very satisfactory condition. According to Mr. Geo. A. Howitt, chairman of the permanent campaign committee, who along with other members of the budget committee visited the Aged Men's Home, the Aged Women's Home, and the Industrial Refuges, all on Belmont street, it is found that provisions, supplies and repairs of buildings were the main items to be dealt with in the January expenditure.

"BUSY BEE" OFTEN NOT VERY BUSY

H. G. Sibbald Addresses the Toronto Beekeepers on Honey-Gatherers.

H. G. Sibbald, a well-known beekeeper whose yards are situated just to the northwest of the city, addressed the Toronto Beekeepers at their meeting in Forester's Hall last evening. He discussed the difficulties met in maintaining the morale of the hive. The busy bee does not always live up to its reputation, for there are strains of wild bees, who are less inclined to rest between trips to the flowers. Sometimes the honey bee works so hard that it seems, in a frenzy, at other times it undertakes tasks that bring no productive results, and occasionally all the bees cluster on a single blossom, who are less inclined to rest between trips to the flowers. Sometimes the honey bee works so hard that it seems, in a frenzy, at other times it undertakes tasks that bring no productive results, and occasionally all the bees cluster on a single blossom, who are less inclined to rest between trips to the flowers.

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Organized Pattern Workers Say It Is Thin Edge of Wedge.

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MRS. CROSS IMPROVING

Alto very weak yesterday, Mrs. Ruby Cross, who was accidentally shot by a revolver in the hands of Stanley Halse, at Wood street a week ago Sunday, showed improvement last night. It was decided to have a deputation visit the Canadian A.I.C. Chambers Company today, and if satisfactory arrangements could not be arrived at to call another mass meeting tonight.

THROWN FROM WAGON

Falling from the wagon when his team ran away at the foot of Spadina avenue yesterday afternoon, W. Mackenzie, 136 Craigbush avenue, received a fracture of the left leg. He was removed to the General Hospital in the police ambulance.

For Colds, Grip and Influenza, and as a Preventive, take GROVE'S LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. The genuine bears the signature of E. W. Grove. (Be sure you get BROMO.) 50c.

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Announcement

The Head Offices of Shaw's Schools, including the Shaw Correspondence School, are now located at 364 Yonge Street, nearly opposite the old quarters so recently destroyed by fire at Yonge and Gerrard. Students at Day and Evening Sessions will be cared for at any one of the ten local Schools from Beaches and East Toronto on the East side to Parkdale and West Toronto on the West side of the city. The Main School Staff and students are distributed among these Schools since the fire, and we have good accommodation still available for all new students who may desire to register for any of our excellent courses.

The continuity and promptness which have characterized our Correspondence School Courses will be interrupted for a few days only as supplies of lessons which were stored in different parts of the city are ready for immediate use. Some lessons and criticisms have unfortunately been destroyed, with many of our records as well, but we will very soon remedy these losses and carry on all courses as heretofore.

Students and friends are invited to patronize our local schools and to call at our new premises for conference and consultation.

W. H. SHAW, President.

NEW Banquet

ENTERTAINER.

When arranging your banquet, phone Will J. White, Parkdale 906.

LETTER REVEALS DANGER LIES AHEAD FOR SANTA CLAUS

Latest Reform Movement Aims to Kill Off Christmas Giving.

The Santa Claus associations of the United States sent out warnings yesterday to beware lest reformers, having nothing more important to reform, undertake to reform Christmas. Propagandists already were at work seeking to prepare the United States for the "black Christmas," according to the warning received by manufacturers participating in the American Toy Fair which will open in this city tomorrow.

"The black Christmas," among other reforms," wrote Samuel Brill, president of the Santa Claus Association of Greater New York, "will advocate and try to enforce the complete elimination of gift-giving at Christmas time. The spirit has been manifested for the last many years, but its actual promotion on a national scale has been interfered with on account of the late war, prohibition promotion, etc. Some of this new is needed now, and the black Christmas will be next."

Making Your Wife Happy

In your courting days you never let a week go by without asking her to go some place to dine with you. How much you enjoyed those quiet little dinners together. Your every thought was "What else can I do to make her happy?" The happier you made her the happier you were. The same applies now.

Phone her and ask her to meet you today for noon or evening dinner at

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