

# HYDRO-RADIAL POLICY ALARMS THE FARMERS

### U.F.O. Convention Passes Many Important Resolutions and Recommends New Policies.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—At last night's meeting of the U. F. O. Convention resolutions to the following effect were unanimously adopted: A resolution approving the decision of the Canadian Council of Agriculture to hold a conference, leading to concerted political action in Canada.

A resolution demanding the abolition of the Canadian Senate.

A resolution recommending that the expenses of the Canadian Wheat Board be paid out of consolidated revenue.

A resolution demanding that orders in Council prohibiting importation of certain economic and religious books be rescinded.

A resolution expressing doubt as to the value and advisability of Hydro-radial railways, involving the expenditure of millions and unnecessary duplication of railways, and requesting that the Legislature "go slowly" in this matter.

A resolution recommending that a definite good roads policy be put into effect in Northern Ontario.

A resolution recommending that the proposed sale of the T. & N. O. Railway to the Dominion Government be postponed, and that the presidency of that railway be placed in the hands of a competent and experienced railway official.

A resolution recommending that the provincial Legislature be memorialized regarding the policy of grants for community halls, so that boards of trustees or other corporate bodies be empowered to receive such grants.

The U.F.O. leaders apparently overlooked this morning when the farmers gathered for the clean up session. "Nobody on the job" exclaimed Secy. J. J. Morrison, when he opened the meeting 45 minutes after schedule time. "Burnally is not here, Amos is not here, Halbert is not here," he declared. There were only two hundred delegates present.

The first business was a resolution, "To re-increase the County Directors of the U.F.O. in a satisfactory manner." Prof. John Sharp moved the six months hoist. Another speaker wanted to leave the matter to the local clubs. The resolution was snuffed under.

Joseph Lowden proposed to memorialize the Ontario Government to amend the act re grants to community halls in order that ownership may be vested in a board of trustees or other corporate body as well as in a municipal council. The resolution carried.

Local option in taxation was carried. A resolution that so far as possible all French clubs on request be supplied with literature in their own language, was unanimously carried.

Another resolution condemned the present method of appointment of directors of the Canadian National Railway. It favored provision for the election of directors of a number of employees and superintendents.

# BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICIALS THE GUESTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

### Public School Board Winds Up 1919 Business. Proposed Building Conference Will Be Held Soon.

#### TEACHERS' BONUSES BEFORE YEAR'S END

The public school board wound up business for the year last evening when the last meeting for 1919 was held. After the meeting the members were the guests of Chairman E. D. Lang at the restaurant of Messrs. Gettas and Gettas.

There was nothing special before the Board at the last meeting aside from a reference to the building proposals for 1920. The Board had intended to secure advice and information from the expert architect but as the chairman of the building committee, Mr. N. B. Detweiler was out of town, no steps were arranged to be taken.

It was decided last evening to proceed with arranging this conference with a Toronto architect.

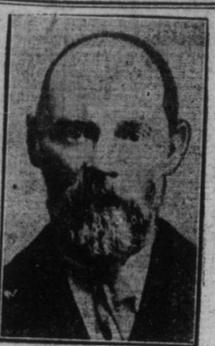
The necessity of providing more accommodation was alluded to by several members after Chairman Lang had referred to the fact that the Board at the last meeting had decided to hold a conference with a consulting architect.

Mr. D. Hibner alluded to the position in which the Board is placed. There was doubt as to the proper course. Prices of building material were going up and would be still higher. Next summer it would cost even more to build than it does now.

Mr. G. M. Debus asked how much more it would cost in 1921 than in 1920. The fact was the Board would have to build regardless of the cost. If they would not they would lose the confidence of the public and arouse hostile criticism.

Mr. Hibner replied: "There'll be a reaction some day. There's bound to be. However, we know that the school would not only for eight rooms but in such a way that we can add to the rear when it is necessary. It seems that the next new school will be needed. That section of the city will be a little city in itself some day."

Chairman Lang remarked he was strongly in favor of getting started in the way of securing all information necessary so that something in the way of integrated accommodation would be needed for next year.



THE MAN WHO REFUTED ISAAC NEWTON'S THEORY.—Dr. A. C. S. Crommelin, who headed the Eclipse Expedition to Sobral, Brazil, which verified the revolutionary Einstein theory and upset Newton's famous principle.

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# BORDEN IS NOMINAL HEAD AND GOES FOR HOLIDAY

### Colleagues Keep Sick Man in Office and Public Affairs Will Drift Along Without Captain in Command.

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# WASTED ENERGY

### Thieves Steal 40,000 Boze Prescriptions and Government Issues New Ones.

CALGARY, Dec. 19.—Information has come from Edmonton to the effect that one of the reasons for the sudden substitution of a new series of counterfeit-proof boze prescriptions was a recent burglary.

The report states that a certain printing establishment was broken into in that city, and between 40,000 and 50,000 of the former prescriptions stolen.

The stolen prescription blanks were printed on a kind of brown paper, which, while difficult of imitation to some extent, cannot compare with the new prescription forms, which are printed on watermarked fibre paper.

# WHERE TO SEND

Cash Subscriptions for the Community Christmas Tree will be received at the office of the News Record at any time during business hours.

Presents of any kind for the kiddies are to be brought to the dining room of the Brunswick Hotel at any time after Saturday noon.

Everybody join in!

# U.F.O. PRESIDENT BOTH FARMER AND BUSINESS MAN

### His Opponent Elected Vice-President.

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—R. W. E. Burnaby, who has a farm up Yonge street at Jefferson, 17 miles from Toronto, has been elected president of the United Farmers of Ontario at today's general meeting of the convention in Massey Hall. He defeated W. A. Amos of Perth.

Mr. Burnaby is at present of the United Farmers Cooperative Co., but he announced his intention of retiring from that position at today's general meeting of the Company. Mr. Burnaby farms about 770 acres and is a prominent breeder of Holsteins. He is a Nova Scotian, a former manager in the City of Toronto for the Imperial Life Assurance Co. and for four years was a member of the five hundred thousand club (Men who have \$500,000 of insurance in a year).

This is the first that the U.F.O. have elected a president by a vote, the retiring President, R. R. Halbert, M.P., having been given five successive terms by unanimous choice. Contrary to expectations Mr. Halbert was up for election but he withdrew, all other nominees did likewise. The latter made a close run with Mr. Burnaby for the position and was then elected Vice-President after all the other candidates had retired in his favor.

# NORTHERN WOMEN HANDLE BOOZE

(Special to the Record.)  
TIMMINS, Dec. 19.—Women are the real bootleggers of the North. This is shown by the fact that in the Timmins court out of six O.T.A. violators in one day, four were women.

Victoria Wichwaechy was fined \$300 and costs Mrs. Brier got a out in \$500 in all; E. Desonia, a veaher, \$300.

Mrs. Edmund said she would take three months at North Bay sooner than pay \$300 for accommodating friends at \$4 a bottle. She told the court that she would likely meet those gentlemen again, meaning the special officers.

Percy and Mrs. White were each charged. The husband begged to be allowed to assume both charges and he pleaded guilty to them. He was fined \$500 and costs or six months and his wife went free.

# COLD TABLETS CAUSE DEATH

(Special to the Record.)  
COBALT, Dec. 19.—The ten-month-old son of James Airstrop is dead as a result of eating cold tablets. The child had been sitting in his high chair beside the window, while the mother and the sister were out of the house and was playing with a bottle containing tablets for colds.

The bottle was securely corked, but evidently the child struck it against something and broke it, then got the tablets and ate quite a number. When the mother returned to the house, the little one was very drowsy and the usual remedies in cases of poisoning were used but death was almost immediate.

Eleanor H. Porter, author of the "Pollyanna" stories, born at Littleton, N.H., 81 years ago today.

Australia has nearly 300,000 acres of untouched forests.

# WILL TAKE MOVING PICTURE TO-MORROW

To-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock the parade of the grown-up newboys who will help dispense good cheer to the kiddies of the city at the Community Xmas Tree to be held next week, will leave the J. Forsyth Co. and congregate in front of the Allen Theatre where a moving picture of the scene will be taken. After being shown in this city, it will be sent broadcast throughout Canada and used in connection with the Weekly Review which is considered one of the best advertising mediums possible. The newbies will be there in all their gaudy and comical costumes and while the picture is being filmed everyone on hand will get a chance to get on the picture. The committee are looking forward to this, their undertaking, being the biggest ever pulled off in the city, and as crowds are necessary to make it effective every body is invited to be on hand at 2 o'clock sharp to-morrow afternoon. Following the taking of the picture the boys will march to the corner of King and Queen streets where the festivities will be continued. Mr. Oscar Rumble will have charge of the picture machine.

# LABOR GOVERNMENT NOT SUCCESSFUL

(Special to the Record.)  
Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Mr. A. Hughes, son of the Premier of Australia, stopped over in Winnipeg yesterday to make train connections to Chicago where he will study sociological questions.

Prices prevalent in the big island, as quoted by Mr. Hughes, show butter selling at 19 cents per pound, bread 9 cents for the 36 ounce loaf, milk 12 cents per quart, sugar 9 cents per pound and wheat at \$1.25 per bushel. He showed a pair of all leather tan shoes, retailing in Winnipeg at \$15, which he bought for \$7 in Sydney.

"It must be terrible living in Canada and United States," Mr. Hughes remarked. "I have no doubt that the people here get good wages, but with our lower scale in Australia, we are able to put more by than you people here."

The result of the Australian elections he described as a great vindication of his father's policy for reconstruction. "Labor is being defeated all along the line," Mr. Hughes said. "At one time they held six out of seven State governments and the Commonwealth government. Now they hold control over one State only. The great middle group in Australia, which belongs to no party, gave labor a chance and when it did not make good, voted it out of office."

# MORE FARMERS AS LAWMAKERS

### Hon. T. A. Crerar Speaks Against Class Rule, But Wants Fair Share for Farmers and Labor.

#### WILL HAVE WHOLESOME INFLUENCE

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Hon. T. A. Crerar spoke to the United Farmers of Ontario last night as follows: "The national policy formulated by the Canadian Council of Agriculture is not a class document. The statement that the farmers of this country are seeking to impose upon the people of Canada a set of political principles that are purely selfish and designed alone to benefit agriculture is not a true statement."

"I am not among those who believe that one class in this Dominion, whether it is farmers, or labor, or bankers, or manufacturers, or transportation, should have the sole right in the ruling of this Dominion. The farmers have not had their fair share in the making of the laws of the country in the past."

Particularly in the Federal House, I think probably the Farmers have not 10 per cent of the representation. I am sure that but a larger infusion of Farmers and of Labor into our Parliament will not exert a wholesome influence on the character of the legislation that is there enacted."

# KOWALSKI PAYS PENALTY TODAY

### Had Murdered Countryman and Killed Two Guards.

Hamilton, Dec. 19.—The triple murderer, Paul Kowalski, was hanged this morning at sunrise for the murder of his fellow countryman Knot Tremluk. Some weeks ago, while awaiting execution, Kowalski got loose and attacked his death ward, lodge when a civilian nearby, policeman was wounded.

# FRENCH ESCAPES CIVILIAN SHOT

Dublin, Dec. 19.—An attempt was made at one o'clock this afternoon to assassinate Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Lord French was driving near the vice-regal lodge when a shot was fired which instantly killed a civilian nearby. Policeman was wounded.

# STILL TALKING SECESSION

COBALT, Dec. 19.—A meeting of the Timmins ratepayers decided to lay over a discussion of secession until a more representative gathering could be got together.

# BYLAW CONFIRMED BY COUNTY COUNCIL

### Sessions of That Body Continued This Afternoon.

The County Council after hearing both sides of the case decided that their duty was to confirm by-law 678 of Woolwich Township providing for the closing and sale of a road space in Crook's Tract between the third and fourth concessions. They did so.

Mr. J. C. Haight of Waterloo, appeared for the Township Council and Mr. Mowat of Guelph for four residents on the west side of the road space, who have used it for 69 years or so.

Mr. J. M. Scully, city, and Mr. I. H. Horn of Elmira, were appointed county auditors.

The sessions continued this afternoon. The salary is \$70 and mileage for the year. The books are audited monthly and include the Council's books, the road superintendent's and those of the Detention Home and Shelter at Hespeler.

# MANY LIVES LOST STEAMER SINKS

### Rescue Steamer Sends Report of Loss.

Halifax, Dec. 19.—Forty-three of the crew of the British steamer Maxman have been drowned at sea according to wireless message intercepted here this morning. The survivors of the crew are on the steamship British Isle, due at New York on Monday.

Those drowned were, the captain, the first mate, the fourth engineer, the wireless operator and thirty-nine of the crew. The Maxman was founded in the Mid-Atlantic on Thursday morning. All other officers of the crew are safe on board the "British Isles." The radiogram did not state how the men lost their lives, but it is presumed they went down with their ship, though there is possibility that they may have had time to take to the boats, and that these subsequently sank.

The British Isles' sighted the distressed ship on Wednesday and stood by for twenty-four hours with a view to assisting the boat to port.

# OUR OWN XMAS BOX.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The price of newspaper paper in Canada is to be raised to \$80 per ton for mill on January 1, 1920, according to an announcement made today by Paper Controller Prince. The price now being paid by Canadian newspapers is \$69 per ton.

# THE CHRIST-CHILD

The Christ-child unto the stable came  
'Twas the midnight and the morn;  
His mother laid Him softly down  
By the beams of hoof and horn.  
The friendly kine a-near Him stood  
In the frost of the early day,  
And, little Brother of all the poor,  
He slept in the fragrant hay.

# FINDING PLACES FOR THE SEATLESS

### Drury to Run in Centre or East Simcoe, or North Norfolk, Doherty in South Wellington.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Official announcement may be expected within the next few days concerning the constituencies in which the three seatless members of the Drury Cabinet will seek election. The Prime Minister left the whole matter in the hands of his followers, believing that they were sufficiently loyal to the cause for which they stand to see that seats are provided for the ministerial members who have not as yet been elected to the Legislature.

It speaks well for the self-sacrificing spirit of those who are backing the new government that satisfactory arrangements have practically been completed whereby the three members of the Cabinet who are at present without seats may be nominated in safe constituencies in the very near future. As stated semi-officially a few days ago, Hon. W. E. Ramey, the new Attorney General, will run in North Victoria, where Rev. Edgar Watson is willing to step aside in his favor.

The Prime Minister himself would sit for his own county of Simcoe, where G. H. Murdoch of Simcoe, centre and J. B. Johnston, of East Simcoe are ready to make way for him. In the event, however, of the election protests filed by the Conservative party preventing Mr. Drury from being elected in Simcoe, which was won at the recent general election by Mr. George David Sewell, a prominent U.F.O. member of Waterloo, Mr. Drury is a former liberal, and there is no doubt that he could carry North Norfolk by a large majority.

The new Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Manning Doherty, will run in the constituency of South Wellington, if the present arrangement is carried out. The riding was wrested from the liberals at the general elections by Rev. Cash H. Buckland, a former Conservative whose acceptance of an important position in the chaplain service may be announced shortly. Mr. Doherty is an old resident of Guelph, where formerly years he was a leading member of the Staff of the Ontario Agricultural College. The by-elections will take place sometime in January.

There is in Delhi a wrought-iron column which was placed there nearly thirteen hundred years ago, and at the present time shows practically no signs of deterioration.

# CH DENIES SIGNING

17.—Mickey Roach that he had signed the Patriotic, the Toronto team. Roach admitted signing with any of his boys until he was a member of the Pacific