

WIRING EPISODE AT LABOR BUREAU INCENSES G.W.V.A.

Writes Sir James Loughheed
Rev. J. A. Miller Accepts
Responsibility.

NOT D.S.C.R. FAULT

S. Stalford, D.S.C.R. representative at the Government Employment Bureau, 45 West King street, in a personal interview yesterday with The World, made it abundantly clear, not only that he is an ardent sympathizer with labor, but also that he is determinedly opposed to the hiring of strike-breakers by the bureau from the ranks of the veterans. Mr. Stalford's hands have been tied in the matter as his office is advisory rather than executive, his duties being to guard the interests of veterans seeking employment. That this is not understood by the veterans as a body is clearly shown by the complaints brought to this office by returned soldiers in connection with the hiring of factory police and strike-breakers by the Tuel detective agency, an American firm, for work in Hamilton, presumably at the Steel Company's plant. Ever since non-employment grants have been made to out-of-work veterans at the King street bureau this office has been associated in the minds of veterans with the D.S.C.R., a notion that the placard, "Department of S.C.R." has done nothing to dispel. When sent by Mr. Stalford to seek employment at the counter they have considered Mr. Stalford personally responsible for information given by the clerks at the counter and apparently nothing has been done by the Ontario Employment Bureau to remove this highly erroneous impression.

There has been trouble for some time between Mr. Stalford and the superintendent, Rev. J. A. Miller, over this and kindred matters, which culminated on April 17, in the following letter from the D.S.C.R. representative to the bureau superintendent.

Letter to Superintendent,
April 17, 1920.

To Rev. J. A. Miller,
Superintendent, Government Employment Bureau.
"It has come to my knowledge that Mr. A. H. Williams, of the Thiel Detective Agency, has applied for an engaging men in the bureau, including returned soldiers for the purpose of strike-breaking, this fact being confirmed by Mr. Williams himself, in conversation with me, when questioned."

"Having in mind the fact as representative of the returned soldier in this bureau, I would, therefore, respectfully request, that he be fully informed as to the conditions of employment of this work and at the same time all introduction cards issued to him be written across in red ink 'STRIKE BREAKER', this procedure I feel necessary in order that it cannot be said, such position was given to the returned soldier without his knowledge of the fact."

Protest ignored.
In spite of this protest, men, as returned in The World of Thursday and Friday, were still hired by the bureau to act as strike-breakers in Hamilton without being fully informed of the nature of the work. That they did not know is obvious from the fact that two, in Mr. Stalford's experience, broke their contracts as soon as they arrived in Hamilton, refusing to work on a "scab" job.

Rev. Mr. Miller Accepts Onus.
This new aspect of the case was explained by a World representative to Rev. Mr. Miller, who, when informed that it was intended to publish a copy of the above, said: "I have nothing to say. Mr. Stalford's letter lays the onus on us. We accept it. We do not wish to enter into any controversy with the D.S.C.R. representatives. We cheerfully accept the blame, and, beyond that, nothing need be said."

When asked why the introduction cards had not been marked in accordance with Mr. Stalford's wishes, Rev. Mr. Miller replied that he did not think the job referred to could be described as strike-breaking. The men were required to protect a firm's property from possible damage, and, in his opinion, that is not strike-breaking.

The government official behind the counter at "wicket, Clark, stated most emphatically that he had had nothing to do with strike breaking. When asked what reason he thought some of the men had for leaving the job within a day or so of accepting it, Mr. Clark replied that some of the men who had been sent "scab" watches and were fired.

J. V. Conroy's Opinion.
J. V. Conroy, district secretary of the police work referred to was distinctly strike-breaking and that the government officials were not expected to tell them that. Returned men, he said, had been unfairly dealt with in this case, and many other cases, and he felt that it would be a serious mistake to close the D.S.C.R. information and service branch at the government employment bureau as there would be no influence then exerted on behalf of the veterans. Mr. Conroy thinks that the position of superintendent at the bureau should be entrusted to a returned man as he would be more likely to sympathetically deal with the numerous ex-soldiers who were unemployed. "This is not the first occasion," continued Mr. Conroy, when the Rev. Mr. Miller has failed in his duty to returned soldiers, and he felt quite sure that Mr. Stalford and department also fears that much dissatisfaction will result among ex-soldiers if the D.S.C.R. branch closes and he was written Hon. Sir James Loughheed requesting that the office remain open.

Two of the men who went to Hamilton and returned, at once explained to The World that they had discovered that they were expected to do "scab" work and had applied to the government bureau for another position and was told that nothing could be done for them as he had not stayed with the Hamilton concern. He is still out of work on that account and complains rather bitterly that the bureau will not find him another job because he is believed to have "broken a contract which was not fully explained to him."

THE EMPIRE IS MY HOME

When asked before his departure for Australia, when he would be "home" again, the Prince of Wales said: "I hardly know what you mean by 'home'; surely the empire is my home."

Announcement

Our Retail Order Department, formerly at 28 King St. West, has been transferred to 56 King Street West.

Elias Rogers Co., Limited
56 King St. West, Toronto

CLUB HOUSE FOR AMPUTATION MEN

Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E.,
Will Aid in Vets' Tag Day
—Many Appeals.

"It's easy to be brave in tragic moments, but it's a bigger task for a man of 35 to begin at the A.B.C. of things than being at Vimy Ridge." This was the statement made by Captain Lambton to the members of the Municipal Chapter, I.O.D.E., yesterday afternoon. The returned soldier was making an appeal for assistance for the "tag" for amputated cases to take place on May 29. The idea is to get the Maple Leaf Club at No. 7 College street, which was conducted so well by Mrs. Glazebrook for returned soldiers, and to turn it into a club house for the men who have been amputated. As the speaker explained, these men wish for a place for themselves because they want to be with men on the same level as themselves, as far as efficiency is concerned. To play billiards with a man who has two arms is no inspiration for a man with only one. The work was promised the earnest co-operation of the chapter.

Many Appeals.
There were a number of other appeals with all of which the members were sympathetic, but in some cases it was only as individuals they could help. One appeal was for the self-protection, material to be supplied by the institution; still another for four workers from every primary chapter to help in the war memorial fund. For the war memorial fund Mrs. A. E. Goodenham reported that \$14,000 is already in hand through the sale of subscriptions of the past two weeks.

Mrs. P. Kieley reported that the Veterans of 66 Chapter had adopted the "tag" for the sick and wounded, were helping him educationally, and report of the year's work, which will be read at the coming meeting of the National at Calgary, was submitted by the secretary, Miss Hornbrook, and approved. On motion of Mrs. Lincoln Hunter, an invitation to hold the next annual meeting in Toronto was given with the delegates. Mrs. Spence, who will represent the Municipal regent, was given power to use her judgment in the matter.

A report from the Dominion Council of Immigration was given by Miss Kathleen O'Brien, who stated that 80 girls had already passed this year's hostel on Carlton street. The Dominion government pays the hostel \$125 for the first 24 hours, after 25 cents for her bed and the same for each meal. Miss O'Brien reported a very attractive menu for the amount paid. That the interests of the returned soldier should be on the executive of the Veterans' Hostel, arrangements were made for the "tag" day sale of the order, the proceeds of which go to their prevention for children pre-disposed to tuberculosis. Mrs. E. F. B. Johnston, impressed upon the members that prevention is open to visitors any day, at any hour, and she wished them to go to see their own institution and take direct interest in it.

Educational Subjects.
Eight copies of historical subjects attractively framed and bearing inscription, "For the Toronto schools," were on view. These are part of the educational work of the I.O.D.E. and they will be distributed shortly to a loan among different schools by the Janet Carnochan Chapter.

R. F. GREEN OF TORONTO FORMS BAND IN COBALT

Cobalt, May 14.—R. F. Green, Toronto, has been secured by the local G.W.V.A. to head the band now in process of being formed here, and whose ranks will be open to soldiers and civilians alike. The new bandmaster will arrive here on Sunday. The intention is for the band to make its first public appearance on the veterans' field day on July 1. Mr. Green was bandmaster of the 37th Battalion Band overseas.

PENSIONS COMMITTEE PLANS STATE INSURANCE

Ottawa, May 14.—(By Canadian Press).—Further public sessions of the special committee on pensions and fore Tuesday next, the committee spent Wednesday afternoon on the problems of state insurance for sub-standard men. The whole matter of state insurance is being fully gone into, it is understood, and the committee hopes to work out a system whereby the insured will be available for men who cannot secure policies with the regular companies because of their war service.

FAST ENROLLMENT BY FLYING MILITIA

Expect Initial Lists Will Be
Completed by the First
of June.

Ottawa, May 14.—(By Canadian Press).—The initial lists of officers and men of the Canadian flying militia will be closed probably at the end of this month. Applications have been received from ex-Royal Air Force men provided for in this season's plans of the air board, and it is expected that a date will be fixed when the air board meets on Monday next in Ottawa, setting the time limit in which applications will be received.

The number of men enrolled in the air force, including all ranks, will probably reach 5000 this season. The first training camp will be opened at Camp Borden, Ont., this summer, as soon as provincial committees have completed their work of classifying applicants and have made their recommendations to the air board. Major-General Sir W. G. Watkin, C.B., will probably be the first camp commandant. His staff will be chosen from ex-R.A.F. men enrolled in the air force.

BABY'S SKULL FRACTURED

Little Hope for Four-year-old Struck
by Motor Truck—Driver Not
to Blame.

Clarence Shafer, aged four, 36 Henderson street, sustained a fractured skull yesterday afternoon when he was run over by a truck owned by the O'Keefe Bros. following an investigation by the police, the driver of the truck, Albert Goodman, 265 Niagara street, was not detained as it was found that he was not to blame for the accident.

According to the story told by the police, Goodman had driven up to the back of the curb on the north side, and quite unknown to him the child, along with a companion, climbed onto the back of the vehicle to steal a ride. While backing the truck to proceed south on Claremont street, Baby Shafer is said to have lost his balance and fell over the rear wheel, which passed over him. He was moved to the Hospital for Sick Children, where little hope is held for his recovery.

ADDITIONAL RESULTS IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Many Names Added for Degrees
in Applied Science and Social
Service.

The senate of the University of Toronto publishes the following additional results of the annual examination:

Degree of Civil Engineer—G. T. Clark, J. M. Gibson, A. M. MacKenzie, J. A. P. Marshall, W. Smith, E. E. Underwood, W. D. Walcott.

Degree of Mechanical Engineer—C. B. Hamilton.

Bachelor of Applied Science—C. E. Gage, T. R. Manning.

Social Service.
Class A—P. A. Anderson, B.A.; L. M. Conlin; M. A. Cooper, B.I.; G. Goldie, B.A.; M. R. Healey, P. H. Held, H. E. Lawrence, B.A.; A. M. Mann, M. McCallum, S. McKenzie, L. J. Murray, A. Ross, M.B.; B. M. Ross, M. E. Serson, H. M. Smith, G. E. Trivett, M. Valentine, C. J. Walker, B.A.

Class B—N. L. Cruikshank, B.A.; E. E. Grainger, A. V. Hagerman, M. F. Halliburton, N. A. Harrison, E. C. Hutchinson, B.A.; M. I. MacInnes, M. A. MacKenzie, H. C. Payne, D. Reid, M. O. Sawyer, B. Sher, M. Troun, C. H. H. Adams, G. Atkey, L. Fleming (conditioned in Evolution of Industry); H. G. Hudspeth, K. R. Jackson, M. R. Jenkins, J. M. MacPherson, J. A. McGillicuddy (conditioned in Evolution of Industry); M. Musselman (conditioned in Psychology); E. W. Rogers (conditioned in Psychology).

MORDEN SURE MERGER GAINS OTTAWA'S CONSENT

Ottawa, May 14.—(By the Canadian Press).—Col. W. Grant Morden, member of the British House of Commons, and organizer of the huge steel merger, declared a representative of the Canadian Press that he felt confident the application before the government would be granted. "It is a mere formality," he said.

DEWART FURTHERS THE BON ENTENTE

Induces Government to Increase Grant to Montreal University.

"RUBBER STAMP"

Civil Service Commission is
Thus Described by
Premier.

The Liberal leader, Hartley Dewart, in the legislature last night struck a sympathetic chord and incidentally gave an impetus to the bon entente when he suggested that the proposed grant to the University of Montreal be increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000. The money was to aid that historic seat of learning in rebuilding after the recent fire. It was recalled that Quebec came to the assistance of Toronto University when it was in a similar plight some twenty-five years ago.

The premier agreed with Mr. Dewart and the increased grant was voted. In replying to Mr. Dewart the minister of public works said he realized that members of the house had very little privacy and but few conveniences in the way of writing rooms, etc. The buildings were much overcrowded and he was making a careful survey of them, with a view to making more room. Several departments had been moved down town, and if the large office rents were capitalized the government could provide fully fifty per cent. more office accommodation.

When considering the grant of \$20,000 to Toronto University, the premier said that institution should render an account of how the money was expended. The premier explained to Mr. Dewart that the government had no desire to side-step making the much needed reforms in the civil service, but through press of work it was found absolutely impossible to deal with it this session. However, the most investigations were being made and it was hoped legislation would be brought in next session that would prove satisfactory to everybody. Mr. Drury agreed with the Liberal leader that there should be a civil service commission and not one commissioner and described that official as a "rubber stamp" and would probably remain what he had all along been—a secretary.

THREATENED HYDRO STRIKE SERIOUS

Government Will See Com-
missioners With View to
Preventing Trouble.

The threatened strike of employees of the Hydro-Electric Commission at Niagara Falls was brought to the attention of the legislature yesterday afternoon, and, as a result, the government will take a hand in the trouble, with a view to bringing about a settlement.

C. F. Swayze (Niagara Falls) brought the matter to the attention of the house. He and some others, he said, had an appointment with Sir Adam Beck to consider the trouble, but Sir Adam had not turned up. The situation at the Falls was very serious. He would not say the men were entirely in the right, but certainly they were not far wrong. They asked that the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission appoint a board of arbitration to settle the grievance. This had not been done and Mr. Swayze suggested that if the commission refused, the government should appoint an arbitrator. The government should either consider the trouble, or in the event of refusal, appoint a man themselves.

There were between 2000 and 3000 men involved, and their demands were neither unjust nor unreasonable. The whole affair was serious, and might result in a big tie-up. The seriousness of the situation, and said that circumstances warranted the government in taking the matter up with the commissioners and see what could be done.

DE LA SALLE HOLDS ORATORICAL TESTS

Large Challenge Trophy and
Cash Prize Awarded to
Gordon Watson.

St. Michael's Cathedral Hall was filled to overflowing last evening by the relatives and friends of the De La Salle pupils to hear the annual contest in oratory. The speeches, both prepared and impromptu, were of a very high standard, in fact much superior to what might be expected from high school students. The speakers were: Gordon Watson, Thomas Johnston, Francis Mogan and Randolph Barron.

J. C. Gilmore, a former pupil, showed in a most practical way his deep interest in the future welfare of the boys by donating a large challenge trophy and \$25, which were awarded to Gordon Watson, and \$15 as second prize, which was awarded to Thomas Johnston.

The school was honored by having as judges of the contest: Rev. Fr. Murphy, C.S.B., Hon. Justice Kelly and Dr. Radcliffe, principal of Toronto Normal School.

SO TEMPERMENTAL

After a man has spent an hour ridiculing, criticizing, harrasing and gongding a woman into an explosion that lasts ten minutes, he pities himself immensely for having to deal with a creature "so temperamental."

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THE STERLING BANK OF CANADA

MRS. SHEPPARD GIVES CONCERT TO SICK

Patients at College Street Hospital
Enjoy Great Musical Treat.

The farewell concert given by Mrs. O. B. Sheppard to the sick men at College Street Hospital on Wednesday night, May 12, was a grand success. As Major Baillie, medical superintendent, could not be present, Dr. Cameron was left in charge, and by his presence and that of Matron Wallace, Sisters Apter, Matheson, and others, helped to contribute to the success of the evening.

Among those who assisted were Mrs. Partridge, Miss B. Foster, Master Walker Tuttle and Miss F. Boal, whose Scotch dances did much to add to the pleasure of those present. G. H. Goolah, who has a pleasing voice, sang several songs in his usual entertaining manner. Mr. Brown, who gave some crayon sketches, drew much applause by the cleverness of his deliberations. Miss M. Marks presided at the piano. The evening ended with a donation of a beautifully carved table, dance after which refreshments were served by Messrs. Sheppard, Ellis, Fairbank, Pollard, Miss Oates and the fair representatives of the Knights of Columbus passed around cigars, tobacco, candy, chocolates, etc.

A pleasing ending to a delightful evening's entertainment was the presentation of a beautifully carved table, dance after which refreshments were served by Messrs. Sheppard by one of the patients, and some of the brothers gave her a bunch of red roses. This was in addition to a large box of carnations and American beauty roses which the boys sent Mrs. Sheppard for mothers' Sunday.

SESSION AT ROME OF LEAGUE COUNCIL

Discussion of Internal Admin-
istration at Public Session
Tonight.

Rome, May 24.—The fifth session of the council of the league of nations met at the ministry of the colonies this afternoon, and on a motion by Leon Bourgeois, France, Signor Tittoni, president of the Italian senate, was elected president and delivered the inaugural speech.

Private sittings were held today, and others will take place tomorrow to carry forward the preliminary business. The first public sitting of the council will occur tomorrow evening. At it there will be discussion of the internal administration of the council. International questions will be held over until next Wednesday morning, when a public sitting will be held in the capital, at which King Victor Emmanuel will formally receive the members of the council. Later he will entertain them at dinner. On the eighteenth the cabinet will give a luncheon in honor of the delegates.

Among the questions which will come up for discussion will be that of the first assembly of the league of nations, which is expected to take place in the autumn. According to The Tribune, the council of the league of nations decided today to reply to M. Tchitcherine, the Russian Bolshevik foreign minister, that the league's commission must be received in Russia unconditionally. This was in answer to a Moscow wireless despatch of May 9, saying that in view of the fact that certain members of the league of nations were actively supporting Poland and Ukraine, the central Soviet could not for military reasons admit into Russia any delegation which included representatives of those nations, although the Soviet supported the principle of the league's decision to send an investigating delegation into Russia.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

The little woman who used to wonder whether her husband would be able to let her have \$10 to go shopping with doesn't think anything now of asking him for \$100 right off the bat.

CHANGES IN CROWN LANDS DEPARTMENT

Minister Announces Abolition
of Present Antiquated
System.

A reorganization of the provincial department of lands and forests was foreshadowed by Hon. Beniah Bowman in the legislature yesterday afternoon. When the present administration came into power they found an antiquated system in vogue, and it was at once recognized that changes would have to be made. To this end it was found necessary to appoint a competent man to head the department. Additional appointments were also necessary in the fire ranging departments, as an organization was now being perfected which would look after the forests from the Ottawa River to Manitoba. It was proposed to secure for this service the best available men, pay them well and make their positions permanent. They would more than save their salaries. Last year 1,000,000 acres of forest lands were burned.

No More School Boys.
"Don't fall into the practice of your predecessors in office," said Mr. Marceau, "and appoint school boys for such an important work as fire ranging. No wonder you have costly fires in the north country."

Mr. Bowman also explained that Mr. Titus of Gore Bay had been appointed at a salary of \$2,500 to the position of law clerk to the department of lands and forests, a very necessary, and the province would be money in pocket, because hitherto costly outside legal opinion had to be obtained. It had been the custom in the past, said Mr. Bowman, to send college boys up north as fire rangers, on the recommendation of members of the house. The practice was not a success, and he would change it.

FAMOUS YIDDISH ACTOR SUCCUMBS IN NEW YORK

New York, May 14.—David Kessler, a pioneer of the Yiddish stage in America, and one of its foremost actors, died in a hospital here today after an operation for intestinal trouble. He was born in Kishinev, Russia, 60 years ago, and came to the United States in 1886. Kessler began his stage career at the age of 18 against the wishes of his father, who urged him to study to become a rabbi. On his arrival in the United States he quickly won fame as a romantic actor, and possessing a rich voice his singing added to his stage reputation.

David Kessler's theatre for years has stood as a monument on the east side, where his name is a household word in every home.

PERPETUAL LEASES URGED FOR TIMBER

Suggestion Offered at Lumber
Probe—To Follow Up Burglary
Revelation.

MEET NEXT IN TORONTO

Sudbury, Ont., May 14.—Timber probe sessions which have been held here all this week concluded this afternoon with the submission of statements to Justices Riddell and Latchford, by B. W. Arnold and J. A. Ferguson, of the Spanish River Lumber Co., Mr. Bell, whose statement was given in the afternoon was entirely in accord with the suggestions submitted therout. He believed leases in perpetuity should be given lumbermen as an incentive to reforestation activity, and that great development of the hinterland might be effected. That the government should be paid on a basis of lumber actually cut at the mills was his idea. He stated that the affidavits required to be sworn by culprits in the case of a fire, were not being obtained, and that the necessity of men to swear to things beyond their knowledge.

Mr. Ferguson said he would not swear to the affidavits again without first scratching out certain clauses. Probe adjourned here this afternoon to meet in Toronto Tuesday, May 25, when witnesses not available here will be heard. It is also expected that the affidavits of George Gordon Co. will be gone into. The crown's revelations as to the burglary on May 1 of Senator Gordon's office, it is expected that by the time the probe resumes the crown will know whether or not any sinister significance is attached to the alleged destruction of several bank cheques at other documents.

ARM OF LAW TOO MOTHERLY

The London policeman, invested in authority and regulation uniform during the unusually hot days of spring had duties to perform in connection with the street urinals, who, invested in nothing, considered the heat a sufficient excuse to indulge in the passion of bathing in the fountain in Trafalgar Square. Needless to say, the policeman's duties were carried out with tact and discrimination, but the startled bathers took exception to the authority of the arm of the law, as being too motherly, and protested with vigor against the election of women to civic duties.

Your presence is requested at
Loew's Theatre, Yonge St.

on Sunday Afternoon, May 16th, at 3 p.m.

John G. Kent, Esq.,

(General Manager Canadian National Exhibition)

will preside at a

Great Mass Meeting

inaugurating the Salvation Army Jubilee Self-Denial

Movement.

A Massed Band of 400 Instrumentalists, a chorus of 200

Singers, and Prominent Speakers will take part

Two of the largest Brass Bands

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University Avenue and Queen

from 2 to 2.45 p.m. preceding

the meeting.