

NATIONAL COUNCIL FIGHTING DISEASE

Fifty Speakers Empaneled to Address Meetings Upon Evils of Vice.

In co-operation with the provincial government, the National Council for the Prevention of Venereal Diseases will institute a booth at the Canadian National Exhibition, with a view to the better education of the public, relative to the insidiousness and real dangers of the disease in Canada. The aim of the booth will be to make people realize the need of fighting the disease with might and main. The Toronto committee within the next few weeks will organize a panel of speakers, whose duty it will be to address clubs, factories and various societies with this object in view. Co-operation is also being had for the furtherance of the propaganda work, of which the film, "The Road and the Road," forms the centre-piece. This film, to date has been viewed by 200,000 Canadians, and will recommence showings in September in the maritime provinces.

A new membership drive is being inaugurated, and those interested may join on the payment of only \$2. They will be supplied with all literature extant upon the subject. The central office has worked out a budget of \$40,000 for general propaganda, speakers, lantern slides and moving pictures.

A new and decidedly interesting feature will be the investigation of jails and clinics by social workers to establish basic causes behind the present condition leading to prostitution and its attendant ills. The facts gleaned from the minute inquiries of these investigators will, it is hoped, prove of the greatest value both to the government and to organizations generally throughout the Dominion.

Col. F. W. Marlow, former A.D.C. for Ontario, is chairman of the Toronto committee, and Dr. A. H. Abbott is honorary treasurer, while Dr. H. C. Cruikshank is the honorary secretary.

Plans are under way to finance this great work.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL REOPEN SEPTEMBER 1

Contrary to previous announcements, public schools will reopen on Wednesday, September 1, and high schools on the following Tuesday, September 7.

On Thursday night the trustees in committee of the whole voted 9 to 6 in favor of opening September 7, but later when it came back to the board the resolution was lost by a vote of 6-4, those in favor of September 1, and those against being the following:

In Sept. 1: Rawlinson, Dr. Noble, Laxton, Dr. Brown, Dr. Hunter, Hambley-6.
Against: Bell, Powell, Mrs. Groves, Douglas-4.

SCENERY FOR PANTAGES.

It required two cars to bring to Toronto the first consignment of scenery for the new Pantages Theatre, which opens Saturday evening, August 23. These arrived by express yesterday. It took all day to transport the scenery to the theatre. Mr. John Wenzor, the famous Russian artist of the Capital Theatre, New York, who was the designer, will reach Toronto on Tuesday to personally superintend the installation work.

This scenery is done in the same style as Zeitgield in "The Follies," and the Pantages is the first vaudeville theatre to adopt this method of stage decoration.

NOTABLE GATHERING TO HELP IMPERIAL TRADE

Ninth Congress of Chambers of Commerce Will Open in Toronto Next Month, With Lord Desborough Presiding — Post-War Conditions Render Gathering of Extreme Importance.

When the ninth Congress of Chambers of Commerce meets in Toronto on Sept. 18, a labor of experts which was interrupted by the great war for the benefit of imperial trade and the cohesion of the empire will be resumed. Under the presidency of Lord Desborough, an empire builder and sportsman, representative business men from every part of the empire will gather once more, and the gathering, if it follows the precedent of earlier congresses, will initiate movements which will mean much to British trade.

The Earl of Eglinton, then colonial secretary, who welcomed the delegates to London on the occasion of the 1906 congress, in addressing the members, said: "You are business men. You come from every part of the empire. Each one of you has knowledge of the products, of the necessities, and the capabilities of the countries from which you come and which you represent. You are conversant with the means of communication which they enjoy, and also the want of means of communication. Therefore take it that each of you may be termed an expert. And if I look at the object of the congress, what is that to be? I imagine that we meet here on the basis of a common interest—that we may take counsel together with regard to that interest—that we may be enabled to understand the aims and aspirations and needs of one another. And having got to that measure of agreement, then I suppose it is for the congress to take action in the name of the commerce of the empire."

Canada has felt "the measure" of the action which Lord Eglinton referred to in the development which has resulted directly from the work of the imperial trade congress. In 1886, the date of the first meeting, emigration from the United Kingdom to Canada was trifling. The result of the closer relationships, brought about by the congress, was a steady rise in immigration. In 1913 no less than 139,000 persons came directly from the British Isles. The post-war conditions in the empire render the coming congress of the supreme importance, and it is fortunate for Canada that the turn of the Dominion to be the meeting place should have come round in what must prove one of the most momentous conferences of British traders.

The members of the congress represent 116 chambers of commerce from every part of the empire, and among the most vital matters which they must discuss will be that of inter-imperial tariffs, which will be proposed to offer the maximum benefit for the expansion of imperial trade.

It was on account of Canada and the sending of a deputation from the Dominion to Europe closer commercial union found itself in London when there was the greatest difficulty in getting a representative meeting. It was this, want, then felt, for the first time, which led to the formation of the London chamber.

Evidence has shown that it had taken 72 hours for some of the shippers to reach Montreal. One shipper, when asked why he was not there, replied: "We do not know that they have reached Montreal, I am inclined to doubt."

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BRIGHTEN LIVES OF WOUNDED VETERANS

Many Pleasant Outings Arranged for Heroes—Reading Matter Wanted.

During the past week several Toronto organizations have most generously entertained the men from Spadina Hospital, different social gatherings being held at the home of Charles Ackland, of Highland Creek, and a happy day was spent at the Dominion bowling tournament at Victoria recently. The Toronto Bowling Association has invited the Bowling Association of the hospital to join in a six-field-day tournament, commencing on Saturday afternoon, for a ball on the lake. Parties of from 25 to 40 men have been the guests of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club on Friday afternoon, and the Toronto Baseball Club, police gangs and Liberal picnic at the island. Passes have also been provided for the boys by the Arena section of the Toronto Base Ball Club, and the management of the motorcycle games at Exhibition Park.

Many patients in the hospital cannot enjoy the outdoor activities, and movies are shown three nights a week for them, the films being provided by the following companies, to whom the boys are very grateful: The Universal Film Co., the Regal Co., Exhibitors' Distributing Corp., and the Regal Co. The Red Triangle ladies under Mrs. Frank Anderson, visit the hospital and distribute ice cream, berries and cake.

The men wish to express their thanks for all these invitations, and also appreciate the song services conducted each Sunday morning by the various churches in the community, particularly College Street Presbyterian.

There seems to be a dearth of illustrated reading matter during the past months, and as this class of reading matter is so essential to the patients, a special appeal is made for more of the illustrated weekly and monthly magazines. A. N. Riley, the treasurer of the hospital, will be glad to receive parcels.

"What's in a Name?"

By MILDRED MARSHALL

The exquisite name of Miriam seems to be a predecessor of Mary. It, too, signifies "bitter," and comes from the Hebrew word marah, which has that translation. But, Miriam, according to the Scriptures, antedates Mary.

Miriam first named the sister of Moses and Aaron, who led the songs of the Israelites when they saw their enemies dead upon the seashore. It was not repeated until after the captivity, when it took the Greek form of Miriam and Marianne, and became much used by Jewish women. The Amosian prince from whom the brave Maccabean line was extinguished by Herod the Great, was called Miriam. Later it is found designating the poor soul who is cited as having fulfilled the most terrible of all the woes denounced by Moses upon the daughters of Jerusalem.

Miriam was at one time the name by which the Blessed Virgin herself was called, and also it named two popular saints from the Dominican Order, the Magdalen and the Penitent of Egypus. A Magdalen derivative, is sufficiently important to be discussed separately at a later date.

The pearl is Miriam's talismanic gem. Its legacy of tears will be set aside for Miriam, to whom it will bring sweetness, charm and true friendships. Her lucky day and 7 her lucky number.

METAMORPHOSIS

"Have you ever met your ideal man?" sighed a young maiden. "I met him two years ago," returned the lady novelist. "And is he your ideal man?" "By no means," returned the novelist. "He's my husband now."

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THE NEW UNION STATION

The Railways Propose Overhead Bridges, and a Delay in the Viaduct — Passengers to Get to Their Trains Underground and Then Up — Incoming Passengers to Go Up Steps to the Street Level.

Alternative plans for grade separation on the Esplanade as suggested by the railways to take the place of the viaduct and mud wall which was ordered 10 years ago by the railway board of Canada, have been handed to E. L. Cousins, chief engineer of the harbor board. The cost of the viaduct scheme as proposed was estimated at \$40,000,000, and the railways have all along side-stepped the viaduct order. Some weeks ago they suggested that some temporary scheme be adopted to get the new union station open, with grade separation, and that the viaduct question be allowed to rest for ten years. The railways also asked for a conference with the city authorities, but from what The World hears, there will be no conference at present.

When seen by The World yesterday, Mr. Cousins said he was in possession of the details of the railways' alternative scheme and was preparing a report on it for the harbor board and the city officials. He was also preparing a counter proposal to the viaduct, and would require four weeks more to get his facts and figures ready. Mr. Cousins declined to make a statement of his views of the suggestions coming from the railways, but the fact that he is preparing counter proposals indicates that the railways' scheme is not acceptable to the harbor board, and it may not be to the city.

URGES PROVINCIAL EXPROPRIATION

Control to Urge the Railway Commission of Canada to Delay Decision on the Question of Bell Telephone Rate Increase.

The members of the committee expressed the opinion that the provincial government should take control of the telephone system. The rate would be no difficulty, it was said, but financing such an undertaking, Alderman Ramsden said, would be a matter of great importance. He believed that the municipalities have had time to get together and come to a decision on the question of expropriation of the whole telephone service.

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Personal Banking Service

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THE STERLING BANK OF CANADA

tion cards were to be issued. "Every body interested is invited to be present," said his worship, "including representatives of organizations and private citizens. Mr. Kennedy will be welcome to be present, because we want to hear all sides of the question."

"Local officials of the Bell Telephone Company have been very courteous on the whole," continued the mayor. "I don't blame them at all. If it were not for the local officials they have the company would have gone a lot further trouble here. Local officials are doing the best they can but they are governed from Montreal."

His worship then emphatically declared that Toronto must wake up, and that it was up to the board of trade, labor council and similar organizations to get behind the city in this and other matters affecting the future of Toronto.

RATEPAYERS' SHOTS AT PHONE MANAGER

able to use 40 per cent. of those applying. Our calls average about 800,000 a day. We need \$4,500,000 more in Ontario and Quebec for equipment and other purposes, and I do not think the company will object how the money is obtained. When we install lines in new districts we install not for the few who may apply on the spur of the moment, but for all the possible future applicants."

In reply to queries Mr. Kennedy stated that the shareholders were receiving a dividend of eight per cent. but the payroll of the company had gone up by millions of dollars. The intention was to charge residents only a flat rate, but for business men the measure would be adopted to ensure proportionate charges. Businessmen being enormous and therefore using several hundred phone messages a day, other businesses using only 50 messages a day.

George Shields, president of the ratepayers, pointed out that when a butcher or other business man used the telephone to facilitate service between himself and his customers, the company might charge him the extra 40 per cent. extra message, but there was no doubt he would charge the public that extra cost to his house. Therefore, the public telephone users or not, became vitally interested in the situation.

Replying to further queries, Mr. Kennedy pointed out that the revenue of the company in Toronto had been \$15,533,873.30, while the expenses had totaled \$15,469,000. The shareholders were paid a minimum of \$13 a week.

One ratepayer wanted to know what the actual cost of help was in Toronto. Mr. Kennedy said that the message above a stipulated number, it would eliminate gossip and other useless phone calls. Percy Hutchinson stated that it would also cut down operating expenses.

Mr. Kennedy replied that it would mean really more efficient service by the company.

Mr. Bullock advocated the appointment of a commission with power to fully investigate the books of the company, fore and aft and across the beam. Mr. Kennedy concurred.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Rather, what's in a plethora of names? The Hackney baby, according to a London paper, who is fated to go thru life under the marital name of Douglas Haig Beauty Jellicoe French, may, at least, have whatever good fortune he derives from the knowledge that almost on the same day, a brother baby was christened at London. The names are Joffre, Petain, Foch, names no less exalted to live up to.

It is not very many years since Arthur Wellesley Wellington Waterloo Cox was laid to rest after a long life spent in the peaceful employ of a tailor shop. And to his last day Robert Dugdale Balachava Inkerman Sebastopol Delhi Durag wielded no more deadly weapon than a yard-measure.

Judas Iscariot, Ananias Culling lived and died a weaver, noted for truthfulness and integrity, in spite of the names he bore. And Noah Flood Jennings was a vendor of umbrellas or macintoshes but made his livelihood by selling cooling drinks and harmless ice cream.

Savage Bear, Esq., who, according to the "Gentleman's Magazine," died in 1807, was a man famed for his courtesy and charity. And Saint Paul Goodman was so little a saint that he ended his days on the gallows, as penalty for a singularly brutal murder.

Horatio Nelson Meeking, who was a farmer and no "sailor bold," had a son named William Gladstone Cobden Bright who, so far from following in the footsteps of his namesakes as statesman and patriot, was wearing the broad arrow of a convict when last heard of.

ONE EVERY MINUTE

By BILLY SCOTT



KNITTING AND RIDIN'

"LOOKS like there's gonna be another war and they're gonna make the women do this time, Hil," I says this mornin', throwin' down the paper I'd been readin'.

"What?" says Hil. "Say that again," she says.

"Shore!" I says. "There's maybe gonna be another war, and I aint even learned how to knit yet."

"Well!" says Hil. "If somebody don't stop snitchin' the cream off of the milk there's gonna be a row around here what'll make the delicatessen revolution look like a prayer meetin'!" she says, lookin' right at me. She was fierce and mad.