

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

SHOULD PUT IN OWN WATER AND SEWERS

Says Deputation to Woodbine Heights Ratepayers—Withdraw From Central Body.

A well-attended meeting of the Woodbine Heights Ratepayers' Association was held last night in Savoy Avenue Mission Hall. The live question of water and sewers for the eastern section was discussed at some length, and the views of a deputation from the Danforth Park and Eastdale Ratepayers, consisting of W. C. Curtis, R. J. Wood, W. Moore and J. Walters, were put before the meeting and discussed.

W. C. Curtis, convener of the deputation, expressed the opinion that York Township Council should install their own water and sewer service, which is favored by the majority of residents, and is considered more favorable than the suggestion to purchase water from the neighboring township of Scarborough.

Urges Public Ownership.
W. Miller strongly urged public ownership in all utilities for the township, and endorsed the delegates' proposal. It was decided to appoint a deputation to visit York Township Council and lay the views of the joint association regarding the installation of sewers and water before the council and council.

The amalgamated Ratepayers' Council came in for some criticism regarding their methods of conducting ratepayers' associations' business. W. Miller censured their lack of expediency in matters of importance to the ratepayers brought up at their regular meetings by the different delegates.

Want Further Grant.
After considerable discussion, it was resolved on the motion of W. Miller, that Woodbine Heights Ratepayers' Association withdraw from the central body unless some progress is made along the line of general business and more live interest shown by the organization.

The matter of district nurses under the auspices of the Canadian Red Cross Association was discussed, and it was decided to interview York Township Council regarding a further grant. R. J. Thompson was appointed a delegate to represent the association.

The annual picnic was discussed and a committee appointed to make arrangements. The date was fixed for July 17 at Woodbine Heights.

NEW TECHNICAL SCHOOL TO COST NEARLY HALF MILLION

The proposed new east end technical school building for which the site has already been secured on Greenwood avenue north of Danforth avenue, will cost, it is estimated, in the neighborhood of \$400,000.

DAY NURSERY CARES FOR FOUR THOUSAND CHILDREN

According to the sixth annual report of the Danforth Day Nursery, 4,137 children were cared for in the institution during the past year. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$426.

DRILL AND PARADE

Under the direction of Assistant Instructor D. Lawson, the 51st Troop of Boy Scouts held a parade and drill on the Stewart Manor estate last evening, in preparation for the gathering to take place in St. Aiden's Church on Tuesday evening when a batch of new members will be sworn in.

CULTIVATING PLOTS

Under the supervision of J. Moore, principal, and teaching staff of School No. 12, Danforth avenue, the pupils are cultivating a plot of ground adjoining the building in connection with the Rotary Club scheme of greater production. Prizes will be awarded to the successful growers at the forthcoming fall fair to be held in the district.

EARLS COURT TO CELEBRATE JUTLAND

At a joint meeting of the executive committees of the British Imperial Association and Navy League held at the Royal George theatre last night, final arrangements were made for the great anniversary meeting in commemoration of the Jutland battle, to be held at the Oakwood theatre, on Sunday evening next.

The Earls Court boys scout 250 naval cadets and veterans, who will meet at the corner of Lansdowne and St. Clair avenues on Sunday evening at 7 p.m., and march, headed by the B.I.A. boys' brass band and the bugle band of the navy league.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS

The 32nd annual meeting of the Toronto Baptist Sunday School Association was held in the Waverly Road Baptist Church last night, a large number of Earls Court people being present. Mrs. J. G. Brown, president, was in the chair, and an address was given by Rev. Andrew Inrie, Boon Avenue Baptist Church, who was strongly represented at the meeting.

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INSPECTOR WOULD ELIMINATE SECTIONS

Suggests Separate Board of Education for Semi-Suburbs.

The work of York township council yesterday afternoon was one dealing largely with school accommodation troubles. S. S. No. 29 appealed for advice and assistance regarding the Harwood district, which adds 150 pupils to the already overcrowded King George and George Syme Schools, which are themselves giving only half time to juniors. The trustees of No. 29 were informed that it is responsible for the children's duty was plainly to build a portable school.

A letter was sent to Inspector Campbell asking him to co-operate in making matters plain, as no measure can be taken toward the forming of a new section for Harwood this year. The trustees stated that 80 per cent. of the ratepayers were opposed to building for Harwood, and that they were already the highest assessed section but one in the township.

The difficulty of finding an appropriate site in S. S. No. 14 was solved by making the proposed site central by reason of a section from the north being given to S. S. No. 15, and a section from the south going to S. S. No. 30, by-laws to this effect being drafted for approval. Inspector Jordan suggests a board of education for the east and west of Yonge street for those areas that are semi-suburban, thus eliminating sections.

FLANDERS POST, G.A.U.V.

Flanders Post, G.A.U.V., No. 32, held a meeting last night in Moose Hall, Dundas street, West Toronto.

MANCHESTER UNITY BANQUET

Manchester Unity, I.O.O.F. Loyal James Mitchell Lodge, No. 6578, held a banquet in Young's Cafe last night for their returned soldier members, with 180 present. A good program was given by P. G. Rev. Brown, D.P.S.M., Bro. Heathfield and P.P.G.M. Bro. Tilly were visitors.

MOUNT TWO GUNS

In connection with the new memorial school at present in course of erection in Fairbank, North York, the court Avenue Fairbank Ratepayers' Association has applied to the military authorities at Ottawa for two guns to be mounted in front of the building.

HAMILTON

Hamilton, May 28.—A resolution protesting against the ruling of the inland revenue department obliging merchants to supply the department with a copy of the sales check of every article taxable under the luxury tax, was passed unanimously at a largely attended forum meeting of the board of trade tonight. Stuart Lees, who moved the resolution, said that paper was scarce and the printers would be swamped with orders from every merchant.

That it was not improbable that the city council, at its next meeting, would demand an apology from E. H. Gray, city engineer, for having designated Controller Hutchinson as lying at Thursday's board meeting, was learned at the city hall today.

Under the auspices of Loreto Alumnae, Rev. Father James B. Doland of Toronto, delivered an interesting lecture on poetry at Loreto Convent this evening.

A newly-formed musical organization, which bids fair to reach the front rank, is the Ladies' Choral Society, which gave its first concert at the Normal School this evening, under the baton of H. A. Stares, Mus. Bac. The Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, by an almost unanimous vote, has decided to reject the award of the board of conciliation which heard the dispute between the union and the Dominion Power and Transmission Company.

START AIR SERVICE TORONTO TO HAMILTON

Hamilton, May 28.—The first Toronto to Hamilton airmail service was inaugurated this afternoon. Pilot A. K. Colley of the Colley Aerial Service, swooping gracefully to terra firma at Eastwood Park, after a 40-minute run from the Queen City, embarking at 4:05, Adam Brown, postmaster, and J. L. Woolner, assistant, being among the reception committee. A sealed canvas bag, addressed to Postmaster Brown, was delivered by Pilot Colley, and received a bag addressed to the Toronto postmaster. Fifteen minutes after arrival the plane started on the return trip, scooting due to Toronto.

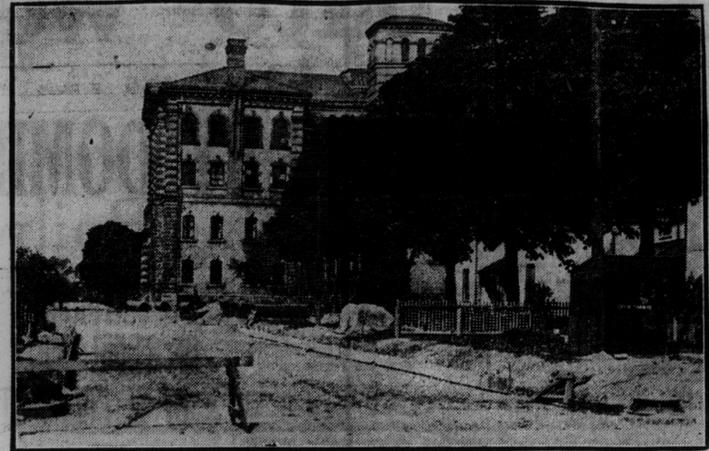
GREAT LAKES STEAMSHIP SERVICE

Commencing on Wednesday, June 2, and each Saturday and Wednesday thereafter, the Canadian Pacific Railway will operate steamship express, leaving Toronto at 1 p.m., eastern standard, for Port McNicoll, making connection with steamships Kewatin and Assiniboia for Sault Ste. Marie, Port Arthur and Port William. This train carries coaches and parlor cars.

LITHUANIANS MAY ATTACK POLISH ARMY IN REAR

London, May 28.—Negotiations are proceeding between the Lithuanian minister of war and the Russian soviet government, says a Central News despatch from Berlin, whereby Lithuania would attack Vilna and Grodno. Thus, it is pointed out, the Lithuanians would be attacking the Polish army from the rear, while the Russian soviet forces would attack Dvinsk.

It is reported that the soviet government, in return, would cede Vilna and Grodno to Lithuania, and the despatch adds, if Germany does not cede the Memel district, the Bolsheviks are planning to march on East Prussia with the aid of the Lithuanians.



WILL RELIEVE CONGESTION AT BUSY CORNER
The new roadway being made at the corner of Broadview Avenue and Gerrard Street, showing the Broadway Avenue end, looking west.

FAIL TO OVERRIDE PRESIDENT'S VETO ON PEACE RESOLUTION

U. S. Senate Lacked Twenty-Nine Votes of Two-Thirds Needed to Carry.

RESULT WAS EXPECTED

Washington, May 28.—Lacking 29 votes of the necessary two thirds, the house failed today to pass the Knox resolution, ending the war with Germany and Austria, over President Wilson's veto.

The result was not unexpected. The vote was 220 to 152, seven Democrats joining with Republicans in attempting to override the veto, while two Republicans voted with the Democrats to sustain it. Before starting the fight on the floor Republican leaders predicted that the veto would stand by a margin of ten, but nevertheless, announced their determination to make the fight just the same and let the record go before the people.

Preceding final action, which again ended efforts to establish peace, there was an hour of debate which the president's position was assailed by Republicans and defended by Democrats. Attacking the Republican leadership of congress, representative Connally, democrat of Texas, challenged the party in control to present a straight-out resolution for repeal of all war-time legislation, and promised Democratic support in an effort to pass it in the event of a presidential veto.

Later in the day, however, Mr. Connally, without comment, threw into the house hopper a joint resolution providing for repeal of every bit of war-time legislation, effective on the date of the resolution's passage. Soon after representative Ackerman, Republican, New Jersey, presented a similar resolution. Neither resolution is expected to be called up before the summer recess or adjournment. The Connally resolution calls for repeal of all acts and resolutions passed since April 6, 1917, and which by their terms are to be effective only during and for a specified period, after such war or such present or existing emergency.

MOOSE LODGE

Moose Lodge, No. 87, of West Toronto, held a masquerade ball last night in the Masonic Temple on Annetta street.



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RAILWAY FARES BILLS KILLED

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powers as the Dominion body and he insisted on a further reading. His bill did not deal with renewal of franchises or anything else other than the placing in the hands of the railway board authority to deal with street car fares.

Cries of "Lost," "Lost" followed and the measure received its death blow.

Proved a Boomerang.
But Mr. Price's triumph proved a boomerang. The McCrae bill disposed of his bill, which he had introduced at the morning's session of the house, providing that no change may be made in a street railway franchise without a vote of the people.

McCrae was promptly on his feet. The bill he said, related directly to street railways and it's effect would be to deprive the city of London of the right to increase fares without first taking a vote of the people. There, too, the measure was out of order for the same reason as the North Electric bill, it could not receive a further reading by the unanimous consent of the house.

Mr. Price insisted that the house unanimously consented to giving his bill a first, second and third reading when he introduced it in the morning.

Mr. Dewar pointed out he had objected to the bill being read a second time, and had asked that it be left over until the afternoon. Furthermore Mr. Price's bill was designed to override the courts of the province.

What the Rules Are.
Hon. G. S. Henry—The rules of this house provide that a bill shall only receive one reading at anyone's session unless by the unanimous consent of the house.

The Speaker ruled that a second reading could not be given unless the house unanimously agreed, and as this permission was not forthcoming, Mr. Price's bill met the same fate as Mr. McCrae's.

What Bill Means.
At the morning session of the house, Mr. Price introduced his bill and caused a great deal of discussion. The measure is a resolution to apply to the street railway situation in that no modification or alteration of a franchise shall be made without a vote of the electors, repeals subsection 3 of section 3 of the municipal franchise act, and substitutes hereof:

"No renewal or extension of any franchise for a street railway, tramway, or other public utility, shall be lawful until the same has been sanctioned by a vote of the council of the municipality which has been submitted to and passed by the electors in the manner provided by the municipal act with respect to bylaws requiring the assent of the electors."

The amendment made shall take effect as if the same had been enacted at the time of the passing of the municipal franchise act.

Would Clear the Air.
"This bill is intended to clear up a misapprehension," said Col. Price. "The intention of the bill of 1909 was to make private amendments to corporations to give or change a franchise without submitting the matter to the ratepayers. Recently a decision was given in our courts in Ontario saying municipal councils could change a franchise without a vote of electors, the reason being that they could modify the franchise."

"This is a very far-reaching matter. It is only by this bill that we can know the specific object of the bill," said Attorney-General Raney.

"The situation is a general one," said Col. Price, "but it particularly affects the case of Joyce v. City of London. There, the city changed the rates and certain small points in connection with the franchise. If such a material change as a change of rates is to be called a modification, then the Beck act is really defective."

Mr. Raney: "It takes it that it would affect the present situation in Toronto." Col. Price assented.

John O'Neill (Southeast Toronto) thought the bill would improve the situation. The old measure was not sufficiently tight and the present one would tighten things up.

Purpose is Apparent.
H. H. Dewar: "It's rather a striking thing to say that minor changes can be made without a vote of the electors. The clause is a very ingeniously drawn amendment, but its purpose is quite apparent. I can quite understand renewal and extensions going to the people, but it is startling to see that the elected representatives of the people should not be allowed to pass on minor changes. I do not think the bill should be given its three readings today, if the bill should be introduced at all."

Mr. Dewar complained that the Price amendment was to be retroactive.

"What does it cover?" asked Mr. Raney.
Col. Price: "It is intended to cover the London case."

Mr. Dewar: "Is this bill introduced at the request of the city of London?"
Col. Price: "It is done at the request of the Hydro-Electric Commission."

Mr. Dewar: "I am going to vote for the bill but I prefer to leave the second reading until this afternoon."

But when the afternoon came the bill fell a victim to parliamentary rules.

DEATH BLOW TO RACING FEARED

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run from \$18 to \$25 a day), we must take in at the least \$200,000 a day. At ten per cent, as we now take, a revenue of \$20,000 is derived. Now, in the aggregate, the mutuels take in \$50,000 or more on a race, which means that we can take only three per cent. Thus, on a day when we take in \$200,000, we will only get \$6,000. Yet in the face of that the government tax is \$7,500, which means that we lose \$1,500 a day, exclusive of any expenses of any kind, which have to be paid. The conclusion is obvious."

There is another angle to be considered. Some races (usually the first seven of each day), see comparatively little betting. On these, possibly the average per cent. might be taken. But then again, to make the thing pay at all, the succeeding races of the day must take in large amounts. This means that on all but first or second races more than \$50,000 must be taken in. When it is averaged up, it is thought that possibly four per cent. on the money passing thru the mutuels might be taken. Even at that they would only break even with the tax, exclusive of expenses of maintenance.

Ridiculous Proposition.
"It's ridiculous—unheard of," said Controller Sam McBride. "Also I cannot see what purpose there lies behind it, any more than an indirect attempt to kill racing. The government is not deriving any revenue thereby, and the public are quite content to pay the existing ten per cent. This fact is evidenced by the crowds betting at the Woodbine. If their idea is to kill racing, why don't they come out and say so. It simply means that racing must go and when it does, the horse-breeding industry must go with it."

In my opinion it is a contemptible trick. The public want racing, and are willing to pay for it. Of course, if they want to make it a sport that only rich men can attend, by boosting admission prices to \$10 or \$15, let them go ahead.

As far as our association (half-mile) is concerned, we must quit. It is a shame, too, when you consider that seventy-five per cent. of the people in the Dominion want racing.

LEAVES FOR SARATOGA

Owing to ill health, George Smith, Endean avenue, secretary of the Riverdale Ratepayers' Association, left the city last evening for Saratoga Sanitarium, New York, for two months, in order to recuperate.



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