

HAMILTON

HOUSING PROBLEM REFUGEE INMATES WAS EXPLAINED ARE TERRIFIED

By N. W. Rowell in Speech Project to Remove Harmless
to Hamilton Board of Patients From Hamilton
Trade. Asylum Rouses Alarm.

ORGANIZATION STARTS BOLD JEWEL ROBBERY

Government Should Assist in All Rooms But One of Dwell-
Work Says Opposition ing Ransacked—Arrest
Leader. Will Follow.

HAMILTON, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—A proposal that the government of Ontario should make provision for work under one of the departments of the government similar to that being done by the local government board of Great Britain to insure proper housing accommodation in the cities and towns was an important feature of the speech on the housing problem given on Wednesday night to the Hamilton Board of Trade by N. W. Rowell, K.C., M.L.A.

"This question of poor housing," said Mr. Rowell, "and the possibilities of remedy is not any fanciful or theoretical subject for us in Canada. There are already existing conditions in many of our cities and towns. All who believe that one of the main functions of the state is to secure the health, happiness and social well-being of its citizens must be deeply interested in this problem, and although we have not yet developed the unfortunate housing conditions characteristic of older civilizations, the existing conditions demand immediate action. Our chief work, however, should be primarily one of prevention."

Healthy Housing.

Mr. Rowell gave interesting examples and figures to show that healthy housing led to an intensive improvement of population, and that it reduces crime. He emphasized the fact that the ordinary law of supply and demand did not meet the situation in regard to good housing, and that to solve the problem there must be a sense of communal responsibility followed up by organized effort towards reform. At the same time experience shows that such organized effort for housing reform and the building of better houses in definite districts has not proved a discouragement to private builders or to private enterprise, but has, on the other hand, had a tendency of stimulating such independent activity.

Mr. Rowell pointed out that at present Toronto is the only place in Ontario, or in Canada for that matter, which had a regularly organized housing company, but that a number of other cities, including Hamilton, Berlin, Windsor and Quebec, were commencing the establishment of similar bodies.

Mr. Rowell outlined the legislation passed unanimously at the legislature at the 1912 session, whereby city council may guarantee the bonds of housing companies under certain conditions, and gave a detailed account of what the Toronto Housing Company had accomplished under the act.

"In spite," he said, "of the recent promising beginnings, Ontario and Canada as a whole are still ten years behind the rest of the civilized world, except the United States."

Garden Cities.

Mr. Rowell, in proof of his assertion, gave a most interesting survey of the housing question in various parts of the world. He traced the English cities from 1881 to the present time, and told of the work of John Burns and the local government board, and of definite "garden cities" such as the one at Letchworth. He gave considerable attention to conditions in Germany, and outlined some of the particularly interesting features there, such as the custom of German municipalities in owning lands themselves, the use of workmen's insurance money as loans on workmen's homes, the extra tax on vacant lands, and the increment tax varying from 5 to 10 per cent. Other countries considered in the survey were France, Italy, Australasia, Brazil, Chile and the United States.

"This question," Mr. Rowell said in conclusion, "is not one of charity, but an economic problem in the eyes of the state, to provide suitable dwellings for the laboring classes, and, he added, "indications are not lacking that more and more as time goes by the problem will be one not only for workmen, but for all classes of the people. The housing problem is one of that important series of questions relating to the general welfare of the people. We are now beginning, feebly enough to be sure, to think in terms of people and human lives rather than in terms of vested interests and traditions."

GREAT VICTORY FOR ADAM BECK

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In its favor. The eastern portions of the city voted almost unanimously in its favor. The residents of West London themselves did not show the same faith in electrification that their friends in the east did in the broader water. This fact was commented upon adversely by some residents of the other parts of the city.

The necessity of storm sewers was impressed upon the ratepayers some time ago, and the handsome majority the bylaw received was anticipated.

Hon. Adam Beck went to The Free Press early and was soon joined by Mayor Graham, Philip Pocock, president of the London Liberal Association, and a number of the prominent supporters. The early returns showed how the campaign was going and the enthusiasm was unbounded. In response to demands for speeches, all three addressed the electors.

LIGHTNING BOLT KILLED TROOPERS

Three U. S. Cavalrymen Met Death Near Houston, Texas.

HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 22.—(Can. Press.)—A bolt of lightning struck a column of the sixth United States cavalry, marching between Texas City and Galveston today, killing Privates Monroe, George Morris and John Zimmerman. Veterinary Surgeon Devin was slightly injured.

Several horses and mules were killed. Several troopers were said to have been unhurt.

Cold Cause Headache and Grip.

LAXATIVE BROCK QUINN'S is the remove cause. There is only one "BROCK QUINN'S." It has signature of E. W. GROVE on box. 25c.

FIRE IN REAL ESTATE OFFICE.

Fire caused by an overheated register did \$150 damage at 620 last night at 1408 East Queen street, owned by J. Russell and occupied by the real estate firm of Mean & Mean.

HAMILTON, Oct. 22.—(Special.)—One of the most daring robberies reported to the police in some months was committed at the city hall between the hours of 8 and 10 last evening, at the home of Thomas Hobson, barrister, 86 Herkimer street. Jewelry valued at \$1000 was stolen.

Entrance was made thru a rear window on the ground floor, and during their operations the thieves allowed only one room to go untouched, that in which the maid was asleep.

The police have a clue to the identity of the culprits, and an arrest is expected.

Arch Masons Go Visiting.

The members of the local Chapter of St. John, No. 5, E. A. M., will leave tomorrow evening for Toronto, where they will be the guests of the King Solomon Chapter, No. 5, E. A. M.

To Sue Contractor.

Believing that the streets were being made the dumping ground of unnecessary large amounts of material, and taking the stand that a number of the trenches were not properly protected at night, Controller Cooper gave instructions to the police today to take cognizance of the state of affairs. It is altogether likely, according to information given out at the city hall this morning, that Contractor G. M. Guest will be summoned to the police court on two charges—obstructing the streets and failing to properly protect the conduit trenches.

The action of the police will be watched with interest. It is an unusual thing for a city corporation to desire the prosecution of a contractor engaged on that corporation's work.

There is a sort of wild terror among the inmates of the city's house of refuge, according to the authorities there. Ever since the demand of Dr. English, of the asylum, for the city to take and keep twenty-one aged patients from the institution on the hill, the people at the refuge have been worked up. Rumor has some serious results if the scheme is carried thru.

Is Jones in Hamilton?

Word was received this morning that Elijah Jones, the much wanted Montreal man, who it is alleged, defrauded moneyed men in that city out of thousands of dollars, was in Hamilton. The local police are exercising vigilance, so that the man will not escape if he lands here.

SPANISH-AMERICAN TREATY IN COURTS

Question of Responsibility for Obligations of Spanish Government Involved.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—(Can. Press.)—The supreme court was called upon today to interpret the Spanish-American treaty which is ending the war of 1898, and settle the question of whether a British firm, the Australasia and China Telegraph Co., is entitled to annual subsidies from the United States which the Spanish Government agreed to pay for the construction of a cable line from the Philippines to China.

Justice Day of the supreme court was chairman of the American delegation which drafted the treaties. Attorneys for the government argued that the American delegates thru Justice Day repeatedly refused to become responsible for the obligations of the Spanish Government.

"But that did not prevent the United States becoming responsible under international law," Justice Day commented.

SACRIFICE SALE OF PIANOS.

Fifty Cents a Week Will Buy a Good Square Piano.

To make a quick clearing of an accumulation stock of square pianos, taken in exchange, ye old firm of Heinemann & Co. Limited, 192-193-197 Yonge street, will close sales on payments of fifty cents a week. Pianos range from \$50 to \$125, a mere fraction of original price, and are guaranteed thoroughly overhauled and in good condition.

CHILD'S NARROW ESCAPE.

A runaway horse created consternation Tuesday night and a little boy in a wagon had a narrow escape from death.

Standing at the corner of Gerrard and Hastings ave., with J. Jakeman and his four-year-old boy in the wagon, the horse took fright and bolted, jolting the man out. The lad hung on and was carried down Carleton past Queen street, where, bumping into the curb, he, too, was thrown out. The animal tore straight across Eastern avenue, dashing into Ashbridge's Bay, where it was drowned.

The boy was not seriously hurt.

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as much as you need us, for our large turn-over and dealing direct with the great Scotch mills in the "land o' the heather" enables us to sell you a suit or overcoat for \$10.95 that most tailors would sell from \$18.00 to \$20.00. Last week we received over 4500 yards of pure wool material which consists of suit and overcoat cloth in Scotch Tweeds, Fancy Worsted, Blue Serge and Cheviots, in blue, black and grey; overcoating in Tweeds, blue, black and brown, Melton and Beaver Cloths in grey, blue and black, and all the season's shades in Chinchilla Cloth.

FREE \$5.00 TROUSERS

with every suit or overcoat from \$13.00 upward: For the rest of this week, with every suit or overcoat from \$13.00 upward we will present an extra pair of \$5.00 trousers absolutely free. OUR PRICES RANGE FROM \$13.00 TO \$30.00. We hope to see many of our old customers as well as new ones. You should not miss this valuable opportunity.

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JAMES ROSS LEFT FIFTEEN MILLIONS

Son is Given Million Dollars and a Large Annuity.

MONTREAL, Oct. 22.—Among the bequests made by the late James Ross, the president of the Dominion Coal Company, whose will was probated today, is a gift of \$1,000,000 to his sister, Mrs. Mary Grace Ross, "in addition to the other provision already made."

Mr. Ross' only son, John Kenneth,

is given a million dollars and an annuity of \$75,000.

The total value of the estate is \$15,000,000, half of which is in C. P. R. stock.

STOLE MONEY FROM NEIGHBOR.

Charged with the theft of \$100 from Mikolay Petrovach, 324 East King st., Traisac Marloff, 380 East King st., was arrested at his home by Detective Armstrong yesterday.

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Notice—Waldorf Remains Open

The directors controlling the Waldorf Hotel, Hamilton, Ont., have decided not to attempt the demolishing of the Waldorf until next spring, and travelers, tourists, etc., may receive the usual first-class accommodation under the proprietorship of B. B. Gardner.

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The Stratford-upon-Avon Players

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MON.: Much Ado About Nothing. TUES.: King Richard the Second. WED. MAT.: Romeo and Juliet. WED. EVE.: The Merchant of Venice. THURS.: King Henry the Fourth. FRI.: The Taming of the Shrew. SAT. MAT.: As You Like It. SAT. EVE.: Hamlet.

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