DIPHTHERIA CARDS ALARM RUNNYMEDE

Situation in Humber Crest Also Bad, But Progress Favorable.

MANY CARRIERS

Use of Swabs Shows Number of Walking Infection Cases.

The increasing number of "diphtheria" placards in South Runnymede and Humbercrest districts in the past few days has caused considerable alarm and misunderstanding in these districts, which include the areas of the King George and the Humbercrest public schools.

Dr. C. A. Warren, medical officer of health for York township, stated to The World last night that the situation was "pretty bad at present." The doctor advised that any publication be explanatory rather than of an alarming nature.

At the meeting of S. S. No. 29, which includes George Syme and King George schools it was learned that the epidemic was confined to the section south of Dundas served by King George school and that there had been two deaths. Examination had been made of over 400 children, and assurance was given that matters were progressing favorably.

Dr. Warren explains the spreading of the epidemic at the start as coming from carelessness on the part of those homes under quarantine, or disregard of the restrictions of law in those cases. The swab reports since the meeting of the board show that there were eleven "diphtheria carriers," one of whom was a teacher. The homes of all these carriers have been placed under quarantine, thus giving outwardly the appearance of an increasing epidemic. "The breadwinners of these families have freedom to come and go," explained the health officer, "but steps had to be taken to bring the trouble under control. If those afflicted will stay at home two weeks and abide instructions the trouble will be over. But where you have diphtheria you may expect deaths."

Supervision Best.

Asked regarding the closing of the schools, as was being advocated by some in the district, Dr. Warren said, "No, the authorities have found that better results are obtained where there is some supervision, and the sick pupils sent home, rather than have them mixing promiscuously without supervision.

Four rooms were disinfected a few days ago and others are to be gone over on Thursday.

Answering inquiry regarding diphtheria in Weston, Dr. J. A. Meldrum, medical officer, informed that Weston had nothing whatever of that nature. There was one case in Cottage Row a few weeks ago, but that has recovered.

Last winter 30 carriers were found in the 700 pupils attending the Weston schools. The carriers were all placed under quarantine, but it was not considered necessary to do so with the homes because instructions were followed.

NO FOUNDATION TO CLEAVAGE STORY

U. F. O. Leaders Repudiate Statements in Evening Paper to This Effect.

Yesterday's session of the U. F. O. political-co-operative movement closed at 11 o'clock at night and at the close officials in interviews with the press repudiated statements appearing in an evening paper to the effect that cleavage in the ranks of the U. F. O. had come to a crisis, and that the "scrap" between Premier Drury and J. J. Morrison was to extend thruout the province and in the immediate future. "There is no scrap between Mr. Morrison and Premier Drury," said one of the leaders to The World. "There is come difference of opinion respecting the superannuation billl, but any statement inviting belief that there is any cleavage is based firstly upon misapprehension, and in the second place, upon prejudice. Mr. Morrison is merely the mouthpiece of the executive of the U. F. O." A strong feeling existed that the recent letter from Mr. Warren to the press against the action of the executive opposing superannuation was ill-advised, and resolutions to this effect may be passed at today's session.

During the course of yesterday afternoon's ession, Mr. Morrison, touching upon the progress of the U. F. O. co-operative movement stated that 40 new clubs with an aggregate membership of 3,500 members, had been organized since February, and that the outlook of the movement had never been better. The twenty store managers of the U. F. O. Co-operative Stores, Ltd., met in conference, ratifying amended bylaws.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY MEETS IN OTTAWA TODAY

Ottawa, June 1.—(By Canadian Press).—The expectation is that the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church, which meets in Chalmers Church tomorrow and succeeding days, will be a memorable gathering because of the matters slated for discussion. It is not a certainty that church union will come up for consideration. Many of the men, especially from the west, it is stated, think the finding of the assembly at Montreal is not binding on this assembly. Indeed, the argument made by a lot of church lawyers is that no assembly can bind any subsequent assembly.

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BORDEN NOT AWARE OF INDEMNITY "ROBIN"

Ottawa, June 1.—(By Canadian Press.)—Speaking on the orders of the day in the house this afternoon, Sir Robert Borden said press statements had been called to his attention to the effect that members of the house had signed a round robin, asking for an increased indemnity and that attendance of members in the house had been affected because of non-compliance on the part of the government. So far as he was aware, Sir Robert added, no such round robin existed. At any rate, he had not seen it. Further than that, he had no reason to suppose that attendance of members on the government side of the house had been in any way affected by the reasons assigned.

EXPORT PRICES FOR NEWSPRINT

Canadian Export Company Issues Schedule Showing Large Advances.

Montreal, June 1.—The Canadian Export Paper Company, Limited, this morning announced its schedule of export newsprint paper prices for the third and fourth quarters of the current year, the new prices showing very large advances over those prices presently prevailing on their export paper prices.

For the third quarter of 1920, which commences July 1 next, the new prices will be 5½c a pound, mill, which is equivalent to $110 per ton.

For the fourth quarter of 1920, which commences Oct. 1 next, the new price will be 6½c a pound, mill, which is equivalent to $130 a ton.

The Canadian Export Paper Company, Limited, controls approximately $25,000,000 per annum of the export paper output of five of the leading Canadian newsprint producers.

It is generally expected that the other Canadian producers of newsprint paper in Canada will advance their prices in line with those adopted by the Export Paper Company, as is usually the case, and that for the last six months of this year the highest prices yet paid for export newsprint from Canada will be netted by the companies.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION OPENS IN WININPEG

Winnipeg, June 1.—The seventh annual convention of the "biggest public-owned institution in Canada," as the president, S. L. Squire, Toronto, of the Canadian Good Roads Association put it, was opened here today.

At the afternoon session President Squire delivered his annual address, which dwelt upon the importance of good roads to Canada. Afterward various phases of road construction were discussed by experts.

Tonight the delegates to the convention and their women friends were guests of the Lieut.-Governor and Lady Aikins at a reception at Government House.

FELLED WITH WRENCH, BURGLAR IS CAPTURED

John Casey, 255 Sumach street, was caught in the act of attempting to break into the home of Arthur Ashton, 251 Sherbourne street, last night. Casey was climbing in the back window when Arthur Garland went to place the milk bottles on the back doorstep. When Garland saw Casey halfway in the window he offered to strike him with one of the bottles. Casey said he would shoot if Garland did not stand aside, and then pulled a Stillson wrench from his pocket. Garland, snatching it from his hand, struck Casey on the side of the head with it, rendering him unconscious.

Casey was held to the floor when he regained consciousness by other occupants of the house, while the police were telephoned to. Operator Pountney instructed the people to hold the man while he sent the police patrol to the house. Casey is held on a charge of attempted housebreaking. Garland, thru whose efforts the prisoner was captured, is a returned man.

FAVOR TEN-HOUR DAY AT CHIPPAWA

Niagara Falls, Ont., June 1.—Several witnesses at the resumed hearing before the legislative committee probing the Hydro canal dispute today spoke strongly in favor of a ten-hour day on the job, many of them saying that it is necessary on a job of this kind. Mr. Buck, divisional superintendent, denied stories of waste of large quantities of material on the job. Adequate equipment and safety appliances are provided, said R. T. Gent, plant superintendent. The only fatality due to electrocution was due to the man's carelessness. His glove was torn and the wire had touched his naked wrist. Sergt. Neame, Hydro hospital superintendent and sanitary inspector, said that sanitary regulations are enforced on the various camps and boarding houses. Mr. Scrivens, who was accused of having an eloquent brand of profanity, said he had never sworn at the men unless it was necessary. "A man would have to be a dead one on this job if he did not swear occasionally," he said. He had not the happy faculty of being able to swear inwardly. All the evidence was from the Hydro staff point of view. The hearing adjourned until tomorrow morning.

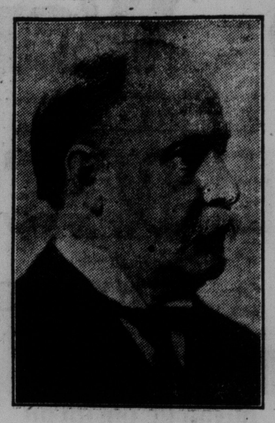
HAMILTON

Hamilton, June 1.—At a meeting of the legislation and reception committee this afternoon, it was arranged to hold a public reception for Sir John Kirk, at the Royal Connaught Hotel on Thursday evening.

Originals, headed by C. A. Ricketts, asked Assessment Commissioner J. P. MacLeod today to take advantage of the clause in the assessment act which permits partial exemptions on soldiers' properties. Mr. MacLeod replied that this was a matter for the city council to decide.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the T. H. and B. Railway Company, the following directors were elected: Alfred H. Smith, Albert H. Davis, W. L. Scott, Lord Shaughnessy, Edward W. Beatty, Grant Hall, H. B. Ledyard, Wm. P. Torrance, Wm. K. Vanderbilt, jr., Dyee W. Saunders, J. N. Beckley.

It was announced today that a Toronto syndicate has secured an option at $50,000 on a tract of mountain-top frontage west of the sanitarium.



SIR JOHN AIRD.
A member of the Ontario executive of the Canadian Air Force.

FIRE DANGER WEST OF NEW LISKEARD

Families Forced to Leave Their Homes in Hudson Township.

Cobalt, June 1.—Families have been compelled to leave their homes in Hudson township, west of New Liskeard, because of bush fires, reports received here today indicated. They were in danger of being cut off by fire and were moved out to safety.

The situation in this township is serious, but reports available from other sections of the north show little change in conditions over night. The wind has fallen and the smoke clouds are not so heavy today, but the sky remains clear with no evidence of rain.

BRITAIN'S NAVAL POLICY NOT YET FOR DISCUSSION

London, June 1.—In the course of a discussion in the house of commons today on the naval estimates, an attempt was made to elicit details of the future naval policy. Carlyon Bellairs, Unionist, wanted to know whether the fleet would be concentrated in home waters, or whether Great Britain should have a great Pacific fleet. He thought that now there was no menace in the North Sea, England must have an outlook on the Pacific.

Walter Hume Long, first lord of the admiralty, deprecated a discussion in parliament. He said there was a whole series of questions regarding future policy before the committee on imperial defence and whatever statements of policy were possible would be made at the proper time.

HAMILTON SETTLING STRIKE TROUBLES

Early Adjustments Anticipated—Electricians Accept Award.

Hamilton, June 1.—Hamilton's labor troubles are nearing an end. Sheet metal workers and furnace men and about the same number of hoisting engineers are now on strike, but early settlements are anticipated.

The Brotherhood of Electrical Workers have decided to accept the award of the board of conciliation. Before the vote was taken the men were addressed by the federal fair wage officer.

Settlement of the trouble with the hoisting engineers will likely be effected within a day or two. Officers of the union and members of the Construction Contractors' Association had another conference today.

H. G. Fester and G. F. Webb, representing the bricklayers and the contractors, respectively, discussed a probable award this afternoon, but came to no decision.

KING SAYS BUDGET PROTECTS PROFITEER

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position members objected to? "If they had any manliness in them they would retract their statements," remarked Mr. Rowell, amid ironical laughter from the opposition.

Unaccounted Expenditure.

The president of the privy council referred to the charge that an expenditure of $121,000,000 made by the government remained unaccounted for. This amount was largely used to pay Canadian soldiers serving overseas, and the vouchers had not been received at the time the auditor-general's report was published. The reason for the non-receipt of the vouchers was that two vessels carrying a number of these had previously been torpodoed by submarines, and the government was afraid to trust any more on the ocean. Again Mr. Rowell said that the opposition members who had made this charge should publicly retract it.

Queries on Newsprint.

J. R. Wilson, Saskatoon, asked if the government had taken any action in the matter of supply of newsprint.

Sir Henry Drayton replied that a committee of publishers last October reached an agreement with the newsprint manufacturers, under which the mills agreed to a certain price, not as a matter of control, but of ordinary business. The agreement provided for a fixed price to the end of June, and for the supply of paper to the Canadian newspapers. Last Saturday, the publishers' committee reported that they were unable to provide for proper newsprint supplies, and that there was danger that 27 Canadian publications would have to suspend publication, not because they were not willing to pay the price, but because the paper was not available for them.

Call a Conference.

Telegrams had been sent out to the different newsprint manufacturers, and the matter would be taken up with them tomorrow morning. Sir Henry hoped to be able to give a more definite answer later.

Hon. Charles Marcil asked if any suggestions had been made to the publishers, that they might reduce the size of their publications.

Sir Henry Drayton said the suggestion had been made. But the whole quantity necessary to supply the 27 publications in question amounted to only 2 per cent. of the output of Canadian mills.

Should Provide for All Papers.

W. F. Maclean (South York) asked how it was that the Association of Newspaper Publishers had secured contracts for themselves when they had taken the position that any agreement was to cover all papers. All papers should be cared for.

Press Borden About Decelles.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux asked if the King's printer was to be promoted to the position of librarian and the latter official superannuated. Sir Robert Borden said Mr. Decelles had a very creditable service to his record and was to be superannuated. He was 76 years of age. Mr. Tache had been promoted from King's printer to the position.

Hon. W. S. Fielding asked if it was Mr. Decelles' own request that he had been superannuated, to which Sir Robert replied, "it was with his consent."

"Was it at his own request," persisted several members. "I will not say that," replied the premier.

"It is a shame," said several opposition members, led by C. A. Gauvreau, (Temiscouata).

King Discusses Budget.

Remarking that there was little left to be said on the particular matter before the house, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, in opening, paid high tribute to the minister of finance for the manner in which his budget had been prepared and presented and for the honesty with which the financial condition of the country had been made clear.

It was a debatable point if the proposed taxes really placed the burden on those who were best able to bear it.

Says Election Promised.

The government was holding office for the sake of office, said Mr. King. It had promised the electors to hold office only for the period of the war.

"When was such a promise made?" demanded Sir Robert Borden.

"I did not hear the prime minister's election speeches, and I cannot quote chapter and verse," answered Mr. King. "But I do know that the people understood from his election speeches and those of his supporters that the coalition was solely for the purpose of carrying on the war, and that when that purpose was accomplished the members of the coalition would revert to their former principles, and would give the people of this country an opportunity of electing a government competent to frame a sound peace policy."

Should Stop Unionists.

The government proposed to hang on; but, in the opinion of Mr. King, they should be prevented from doing so, if it was possible to stop them. One reason why this government should resign and go to the country was that it had acquired the "war habit of mind." What did he mean by the war habit of mind? asked Mr. King. He meant the habit of mind which encouraged autocratic rule and lavish expenditure. So long as the present administration was in power just so long would the war habit of mind persist.

Mr. King declared that an expenditure of $121,000,000 made by the government during the war was at present unaccounted for, and the auditor-general himself had been unable to find out where the money went.

He could refer, said Mr. King, to the estimates for further evidence of government extravagance, but that would take too long. However, it was only necessary to mention that militia estimates had been increased by $4,000,000. The people of Canada would have been better satisfied with a decrease of $4,000,000.

Quotes Mrs. McClung.

Mr. King quoted Mrs. Nellie McClung, who, in referring to the new taxes, said that the government, which was strong enough to conscript life, was not strong enough to tax war fortunes. R. B. Maxwell, Dominion president of the Great War Veterans' Association, had issued a call to the veterans to hold mass meetings and demand the resignation of the government, which left war wealth practically unmolested while it called upon returned men to share in the burden of taxation. Yet, said Mr. King, this government had said it proposed to hold on to office for another two years.

Mr. King read from a memorandum, prepared by the board of inland revenue of Great Britain, to show that if the British government made a levy of twenty-five per cent. on war wealth, the sum of one thousand million pounds would be realized.

How to Lower Living Costs.

What was needed today was the taking of some of the duties off the necessaries of life, which would lower the cost of living and to take the duties off the implements of production, which would also bring down the cost of living thru increased production. Whichever way they looked at it, the government must realize that it was the basic industries of the country, such as agriculture, lumbering, mining and fishing, which must be developed before any real progress or prosperity could come.

Free Food and Trade.

The Liberals stood for free food and freer trade. That had been the stand of Sir Wilfred Laurier and the present party was determined to uphold it. They would take up the flag where the old leader had laid it down when he died, and carry it on.

The government speakers sought to divide the Liberals and progressives. Mr. King warned those on his side of the house to beware of the barbed wire entanglement the government sought to throw about them.

Rowell Launches Criticism.

Hon. N. W. Rowell intimated at the outset that the government hoped to reach a vote on the Fielding amendment tonight. He then launched into a criticism of this afternoon's speech by the leader of the opposition, also of criticism coming from other opposition members. He precipitated a considerable amount of cross-firng when he dealt with the charges made by J. H. Sinclair, a few days ago. Mr. Sinclair had spoken of the public debt increasing at the rate of over $1,000,000 per day, when he knew quite well that this expenditure was quite justified. There had not been one cent spent recklessly.

Turning to the item of $200,000 for public information, which had been severely criticized, he said there was not a shred of truth in the charge that any of the money was used for political purposes. "It was chiefly to sustain the courage and patriotism of the people at home," he said, a remark which brought further ironical laughter from the opposition.

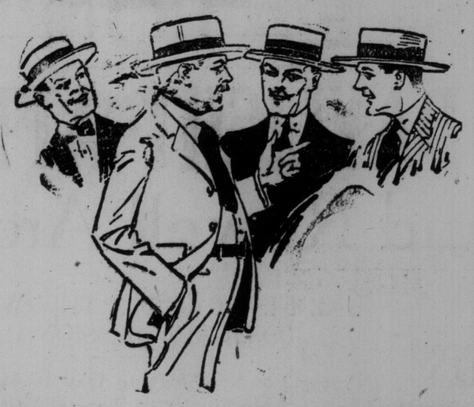
That Item of $121,000,000.

Mr. Rowell then turned to the item of $121,000,000 appearing in the auditor-general's report, which certain members of the opposition had said "in some unaccountable way had disappeared."

The member for Antigonish and Guysboro (J. H. Sinclair), the member for Chambly-Vercheres (Jos. Archambault), and finally the leader of the opposition, had said that apparently there was not a scrap of paper to show where this formidable amount of money had gone to. Mr. Rowell produced the auditor-general's report and turned up the item in question. He stated that it was headed "Expenditures by the chief paymaster-general on account payment overseas forces, vouchers not returned." Why were these vouchers not received? he asked. The reason was that earlier in the war two vessels containing vouchers were sunk by German submarines, and it was considered inadvisable to trust any more of them to vessels coming across. Mr. Rowell remarked that the other vouchers had at last arrived and there were 1000 boxes of them. The bulk of the total of $121,000,000 went to pay the Canadian troops overseas.

Calls for Apology.

Mr. Rowell declared that since the leader of the opposition and other members had made a wholly false statement in regard to this item of $121,000,000, they should make a public retraction. The statement reflected on the overseas department and on the Dominion of Canada.



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