

### BIG COMMISSION FOR GARAGE MAN

#### Sold Battery of Motor Trucks to the Ontario Government.

### FIRST SAW MINISTER

#### Further Conferences Were Held and He Then Got Contract.

Purchases of motor trucks by the provincial government came under the probe at yesterday's meeting of the public accounts committee of the legislature. Dundas was queried with regard to the following items: Storage, repairs and supplies, \$1,157.20; one touring car, \$2,800; contract for eight five-ton chain-driven, dump trucks, \$72,800; six 3 1/2-ton Sterling motor-driven trucks, as per contract, \$45,000.

To W. H. Price, witness said Hon. Mr. Biggs had called at his garage in Dundas.

Wanted the Tender.

"Did you tell Mr. Biggs you would like the contract?" "I said I would like to tender."

"I see the contract was entered into on December 30, 1919. How many times did Mr. Biggs call to see you in that month about these trucks?" "I think about half a dozen times. He said they would need about 12 trucks."

"Did he say the amount to be paid for them, or did he ask you?" "No. "Did anyone else put in a tender?" "No."

"On what occasion was Reynolds, who claims the commission, present?" "Once in Dundas and once in the parliament buildings."

"When you came to sign up the contract?" "Yes."

"On Dec. 27, 1919, you started to make up your tender?" "Yes."

"After you knew you were to get the contract?" "No. He got the information, on what he filed out the contract, out of price lists."

"How did you get the contract to Toronto?" "I think Mr. Biggs brought it to Toronto. There was a heavy snow and he called at my garage and I drove him to Hamilton."

"The contract was not talked about." "Did Mr. Biggs say when you would bring him again?" "No."

Got Big Commission.

Witness said his commissions would amount to \$13,800—7 1/2 per cent. on dump trucks and 15 per cent. on other equipment. He will appear again with his hand full of cheques issued from the time the transactions were under way.

Ministers' Chambers.

The housekeeper of the parliament buildings, F. G. Lee, was examined with respect to the furnishing of the various ministers' quarters. He thought that the three \$18 quilts purchased were for Hon. Beniah Howland, Hon. R. H. Grant and Hon. H. H. Mills. He recalled that for Mr. Grant's retiring room there had been purchased: Davenport chair, \$111; chair, \$89.50; and a pair of upholstered smokers' stand, \$75; parlor table, \$15.75.

While not quite sure, Mr. Lee thought that the \$125 Wilton carpet was for Hon. Harry Mills. For Hon. Beniah Howland a \$125 mahogany chair was purchased. He was not sure who got a \$55.50 tapestry rug.

WOMEN'S PRESS CLUB ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Women's Press Club took place last night at the Grand Hotel, among the guests being Mrs. H. R. Richards, Mrs. W. H. Mills, Miss Alice Higgins, Ottawa; Mrs. W. H. Mills, Ottawa; Mrs. H. R. Richards, Ottawa; Mrs. W. H. Mills, Ottawa; Mrs. H. R. Richards, Ottawa; Mrs. W. H. Mills, Ottawa.

SALVATION ARMY CHIEF ON EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL

"Alcohol is harmful to health and morals and to temperance," said Commissioner W. J. Richards, head of the Salvation Army, at a luncheon meeting yesterday, under the chairmanship of Commissioner John A. MacFarlane.

RECEPTION FOR THE CHAMPION BOWLERS

A reception to the Saunders bowling team, winners of the world's championship at the big American Bowling Congress tournament in Philadelphia, will take place on the arrival of the team at the Union Hotel this morning.

ASSAULT IS CHARGED.

William Adams 216 Linton boulevard, was arrested last night by P.C. Frank Crowe on a charge of assaulting Joseph Sawa, Simcoe street, in a hotel at Queen and Simcoe streets. Adams was under the influence of liquor when he committed the assault, the police say.

### BRICKLAYERS TO JOIN BUILDING TRADES BODY

By an overwhelming majority the bricklayers of Toronto have decided to join forces with the Toronto Building Trades Council. This means that the council will now represent every craft and trade employed in the building industry and will be one of the best organized bodies of its kind in any city in the United States or Canada.

The vote was the result of addresses on the work of the council delivered at a meeting of the bricklayers at the Labor Temple by the president and secretary of the Toronto Building Trades Council and puts all A. F. of L. buildings in Toronto in one joint organization.

EDUCATION NEEDS STRONG REVIVAL

So Declares Premier Drury Before the Ontario Educational Association.

"One thing we must not have in our educational system is stagnation," Premier Drury declared before the Ontario Educational Association at Convocation Hall yesterday afternoon. The hall was packed and hundreds more were turned away.

"What we need in Ontario is something like an old-fashioned Methodist revival meeting in educational matters," asserted the premier, who contended that aggression should be in the front of the educational progress of this province, and that the same attitude we can have in education," he declared, "is that everything is all right and that nothing needs improvement."

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### UNDENIED SUICIDED MAN ENDS LIFE IN LAKE

Policeman Too Late to Avert Fatality Off Pier at Sunnyside.

A cuff button with the initials "R. W." is the only clue the police have to the identity of a man who ended his life last night by jumping into the lake from a pier opposite the Sunnyside pavilion. The man was in the water about ten minutes before being notified and by P. Fry (647) of Cowan avenue police station, who was told what occurred by a woman eyewitness.

The life-saving crew were notified and Superintendent Saunders and two of his men responded in a motor car. Dr. H. L. Reazin, 1622 West Queen street, was also summoned.

To the World last night Superintendent Saunders stated that he worked over the man for 45 minutes without results, and Dr. Reazin then pronounced him dead.

P. C. Fry was patrolling his beat when an excited woman ran up to him with word that a man had jumped into the lake. Fry, on reaching the pier, saw the man in the water and jumped in.

The description of the dead man given at the morgue was as follows: Height, over six feet; age, about 55 years; thick set in build, a round full face, hair gray and the head bald at the top. He wore a medium gray overcoat with a brown velvet collar, navy blue suit, white negligee shirt with a black stripe pattern, black boots and white stockings.

No arrangements had been made for an inquest last night, although it is probable that one will be held.

### NO INQUEST ON BODY OF MRS. BUCHANAN

There will be no inquest on the body of Mrs. Mary Buchanan, who on Tuesday night shot herself through the heart in an apartment at 102 East Adelaide street. The body was released last night to the woman's husband, Thomas Buchanan, who will arrange burial.

Mr. Buchanan has been separated from his wife for some time and living in Montreal with his two sons. When he heard of his wife's death he came to the city to claim the body. He is staying at 205 Dundas avenue.

The decision of the chief coroner that an inquest was unnecessary was made when police investigation proved beyond doubt that Mrs. Buchanan's death was a case of suicide.

The work of Mr. Zimbalist, who opened the evening with the "Grande Concerto in D Minor," the distinguished pianist, was given with the highest artistic order, in which refinement and musicianship were given the most perfect execution.

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### SAY WOMEN SHOULD BE ON EVERY SCHOOL BOARD

That women should be on every school board, urban and rural, was the decision arrived at yesterday by the Ontario Education Home and School Association, at the second day of their convention.

Mrs. J. L. A. Hunt of the London Board of Education, Miss McCully, a St. Bonifant of Toronto addressed the one way to get women trustees on every board was to encourage women in the use of the ballot.

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The petitioners are said to be in excellent spirits and have taken some trouble to inform themselves upon the necessary points which each applicant is supposed to know, and both the Citizens Liberty League and the Referendum Committee had perfected their information posts.

These two factors materially helped to reduce the congestion, which had prevented the applicants crowding into the rooms and round the tables of the revision officers.

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### NEW ATTRACTIONS AT LOCAL THEATRES

"Beggars Opera" at Royal—"Robin Hood" for the Princesses.

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