

MACDONALD BUSY ON BIG PROBLEMS WITH COLONIES

British Premier Devotes Nearly Whole Time Evolving New Policy.

NEGLECTS MINISTRY

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 28.—Ramsay MacDonald, the new prime minister, appears to have very little time to spare from his self-imposed task of mastering the work of the foreign office, for completing his ministry.

One new appointment was announced tonight—John William Muir, member of parliament for one of the Glasgow divisions, as parliamentary secretary to the minister of pensions. Mr. Muir, the son of a blacksmith, is an engineer by profession, and has given 20 years voluntary propaganda work to the Labor party.

He suffered 12 months' imprisonment in 1918 under the defence of the realm act, for the publication of a series of articles in a paper—the Worker—the organ of the Clyde workers' movement, of which he was then editor. These articles the government held as likely to create dissension.

Premier MacDonald is expected to take up his residence in No. 10 Downing street in the course of the week, and will have for neighbors at No. 11 the family of John Robert Clynes, lord privy seal and deputy leader in the House of Commons, although No. 11 by tradition is the official residence of the chancellor of the exchequer, Philip Snowden, who holds that office, however, already has a town residence.

Mr. MacDonald's intense devotion to the study of foreign affairs is no surprise to his colleagues, but is simply characteristic of his methods throughout his career. More than once on this account he has been near a breakdown and obliged to take a long holiday, and friends are now urging him to take more relaxation, especially as gossip says he has no present intention of availing himself of the privilege of occupying Chequer Court, the country residence of the prime minister. The general opinion is that the double task of premier and foreign secretary under existing conditions of European affairs is too great a tax on any one man.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT REPLIES TO BRITAIN

Offers Suggestion in Controversy Concerning Palatinate Question of Administration.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Jan. 28.—The French government, it is understood, has informally suggested to Great Britain that the chief questions in controversy between them concerning the administration of the Palatinate be submitted to the conference of ambassadors.

The suggestion was made following one from the British side, in which the whole Palatinate question, including the separatist regime, be submitted to arbitration.



GEORGE LANSBURY, who may prove a stormy petrel to Ramsay MacDonald's government. He refused a minor post because it would not provide him with a seat in the cabinet.

LAMBTON WINTER FAIR NEXT WEEK

Three Organizations Combine in Effort To Secure Success.

Special to The Advertiser.
Petrolia, Jan. 28.—The stage is all set for the Lambton County Fair at Petrolia on February 6, 7 and 8. This annual exhibition of corn, grain, seeds and poultry, together with the pure-bred livestock breeders' consignment sale, is unique in that this annual event is confined to a single county effort, staged by the Corn and Grain Growers' Association, the Lambton Poultry Association and the Lambton Pure-Bred Livestock Breeders' Association.

The Corn Growers' Association have standardized their prize list, and offer prizes only for the varieties of seed corn that have proven, by experience, adapted to conditions in the county. The Poultry Association specialize in utility poultry, as well as interesting the school children of the county in the special school children's department.

The Pure Bred Breeders will include only 16 Shorthorn, Hereford and Aberdeen Angus herd sires. The association feel by the strictest enforcement of their rules as to accept only sires for the sale that have breed, type, character and conformation, can improvement work be accomplished. This season's offering is of a high standard.

GUELPH WOMEN OPPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON "OLEO"

Canadian Press Despatch.
Guelph, Jan. 28.—The Guelph branch of the National Council of Women is opposed to governmental restriction on the importation and manufacture of oleomargarine, and at their regular meeting adopted a resolution urging the federal government to make possible both the importation and manufacture in the interests of those who cannot afford the luxury of butter. The local member, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, is asked to do what he can in furthering this resolution, a copy of which will be forwarded to the prime minister.

NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH BY FLAMES

Three People Driven From Country Home Into Bitter Cold Night.

SMOKE WAKENS WOMAN

Special to The Advertiser.
Simcoe, Jan. 28.—The magnificent new country home of Mr. Eliza Farr near Marburg, in Woodhouse, was destroyed by fire in the early hours of yesterday morning. It was bitterly cold at the time, with a biting west wind blowing, and the thermometer many degrees below zero. The fire, it is believed, originated in the kitchen and spread so rapidly that none of the contents of the building were saved.

In the house at the time were Mr. and Mrs. Farr and Mrs. Farr's mother, Mrs. Sharp, aged 81. The household was awakened by Mrs. Sharp crying for help, saying she was being suffocated by smoke. Mr. Farr carried her out, but had his lungs filled with smoke doing so, and is now under the doctor's care. All escaped in their night attire. Mrs. Farr carried her out, but had his lungs filled with smoke doing so, and is now under the doctor's care. All escaped in their night attire. Mrs. Farr carried her out, but had his lungs filled with smoke doing so, and is now under the doctor's care.

The house was a very handsome one and was equipped with all modern conveniences. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, with very little insurance.

Mr. Robert Churchill, one of the old residents of Simcoe, died yesterday.

Go to California.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKee will leave on Wednesday for Southern California. They propose to return via Victoria, B.C., and visit their daughter, Mrs. Jackson, there.

Purchases Block.

Mr. Willis Kindy, furrier, has purchased the large block on the corner of Peel and Norfolk streets, formerly occupied by the Bank of Commerce, and will move his business there.

DRYS ARE WARNED FIGHT IS COMING

Rev. Ben Spence Appeals For Funds To Carry On Campaign.

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, Jan. 28.—Sounding a note of warning to be ready for another temperance fight in the near future in Ontario and denouncing government control as they have it in Quebec and British Columbia, Rev. Ben Spence occupying the pulpit at the Baptist Church last night called upon his hearers for a campaign fund to continue the cause of temperance in Canada completely dry.

"We are going to be asked some of these days to adopt the Quebec system of government control and we must be ready for the onslaughts of the enemy," said the speaker. Continuing, the speaker wished the people of Ontario had radio eyes so they could see the true condition of affairs in Quebec. The liquor interests do not like the Ontario temperance act because of the rigor of its enforcement. There was a generous response to his appeal for funds.

HYDRO INCREASES DOMESTIC RATES

Approximately Fifty Per Cent Advance Decided Upon by Commission.

COMMERCIAL RATE UP

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, Jan. 28.—New rates for hydro current have been decided upon by the public utilities commission at a meeting held this evening, but will not become effective until after another meeting scheduled for next Saturday.

A change is also made in the domestic consumers will have an increase of practically 50 per cent in their rates. At present the rate is 2c per kilowatt for amount used up to 30 to 90 k.w., depending on the floor space of the building, and 1c per k.w. above that. The new rate will be 2c per k.w. for 80 per cent of the total amount used and 1c per k.w. for the balance.

It is estimated that the commercial rate is raised from 4c per k.w. to 1c. The increase in the commercial rate is raised from 4c per k.w. to 1c. The increase in the commercial rate is raised from 4c per k.w. to 1c.

Schedules Resumed. With the lack of snow over the week-end the Canadian National Railway took a strong stand on the Division is concerned. Freight service was practically cancelled as a result of the heavy snow. In some places the snow is still drifting, but the plows are able to handle the situation.

Situation Critical. Speaking at the chamber of commerce at noon today, Hon. Hugh Guthrie took a strong stand on the Ruhr problem, stating that while Canada's sympathy went out to France in the hardships she had endured, Canada could not help blaming France for stubbornly refusing to retire from the Ruhr.

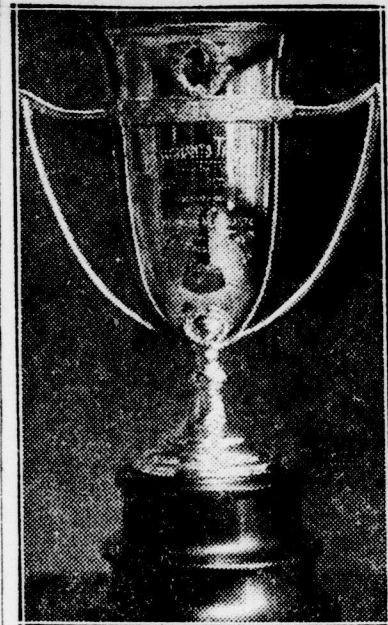
In staying in the Ruhr France was violating the Treaty of Versailles, Mr. Guthrie said, and was most ungenerous to Great Britain. During his speech he said: "There is nothing left of the Treaty of Versailles but threads and patches." Great Britain, as a trader nation, needed a peaceful Europe most badly, and there would never be that until France withdrew her occupation, he declared. In fact, Mr. Guthrie did not hesitate to predict another great war if France maintained her present attitude.

WINDSOR CELESTIALS ARE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT

Windsor, Jan. 28.—Three Chinese are in the custody of Windsor police following an assault on Lee Ying, 29 years old, at the quarters of a Chinese club, 155 Sandwich street east, late Saturday evening.

The men held are Lee Gooyee, Yau Si and Lum Hong. They are charged with assault with intent to maim, and were remanded to jail for one week by Judge Gundy in Windsor police court today.

Sergeant Patrolman Johnson answered a call to 155 Sandwich street east and found Ying lying unconscious on the floor. They were unable to revive him and rushed him to Grace Hospital. There was a generous response to his appeal for funds.



MERCHANTS' TROPHY, donated by Palmistown businessmen to the Horticultural Society for annual competition in home and garden beautification. Thomas Morsen won the trophy three years in succession, and it now becomes his property.

ROBERTSON HELD FOR AUTHORITIES

Physicians Declare That He Is Dangerous To Be At Large.

WIFE IS ALSO HELD

Special to The Advertiser.

Woodstock, Jan. 28.—Wearing a large coat and a hat, and with a face, Peter Robertson walked into the courtroom this afternoon untrussed, and accompanied by Turnkey Forbes and Provincial Constable Baugh, one of the officers who assisted in Peter's capture.

Peter, who lives near Ratho in Blainville, town which has been a source of considerable trouble to the authorities of Oxford for the past three years because of his repeated failure to provide his children with the proper education and living conditions. Last Tuesday eight provincial officers raided Peter's farm, and while making a forcible entry, the accused struck the first constable, breaking his wrist.

Dr. Andrew McKay, Dr. Welford and Dr. Williams, the latter of the Ontario Hospital, who examined Robertson and found him insane, were present.

When examined by Magistrate A. S. Ball of Woodstock, who sat on the bench with Magistrate Peterson, Robertson strongly denied having hit any of the officers. He said he hadn't sent his wife to the hospital, but February as the teacher didn't want to teach them. He said he took newspapers, and that the only book in the house was the Bible.

Magistrate Peterson said: "You have been examined by three doctors and found dangerous to be at large, and I have decided to put you in a place where no one can harm you and where you can be taken care of." Mrs. Robertson, a white-haired and fair-complexioned woman, was next examined. His wife said Mr. and Mrs. Robertson to jail, awaiting action by government authorities.

WILL PUT CROPS IN COMPETITION

Agricultural Society Extends Activities—Departmental Judges.

Special to The Advertiser.

Tillsonburg, Jan. 28.—The annual meeting of the Tillsonburg and District Agricultural Society this afternoon proved to be one of the best meetings in the 50 years of the society's existence. The receipts for 1923 amounted to \$7,603.82. Over \$4,000 was spent in special attractions last year, which included several first-class bands.

August 26, 27, 28 were selected as the dates for this year's exhibition. It was decided to hold a standing field crop competition and to employ departmental judges for the livestock. Charles H. Denton and A. E. Raynes were appointed as delegates to the Fairs Association meeting in Toronto next week, with the vice-president, Roy Moore, as alternate.

The officers are: Hon. presidents, Donald Sutherland, M.P.; V. A. Sinclair, K.C.; W. H. Chambers, M.P.P.; president, Chas. H. Denton; first vice, Roy Moore; second vice, W. C. Coloff, secretary, Messrs. A. E. Raynes; board of directors, G. Burn, J. M. Clark, G. H. Hollier, C. Williams, J. D. McAlpine, C. E. Imrie, M. Ostrander, R. A. Darrow, A. S. Rennie, F. E. Aldrich, V. McDonald, W. H. Jackson, G. Prouse, H. McElhone, W. D. Robertson; hon. directors, D. Ellis, W. Cadman, R. B. Moulton, W. McGuire, A. Turnbull, H. Fairs, W. Williamson, L. R. Short, O. H. Pettman, C. Hawkins, W. S. Scott, T. E. Early, J. G. Herron, J. Fulton, R. J. Kelly, R. F. Williams, R. J. Brookfield, W. N. Burn, H. D. Sherwood, J. T. Ferguson, E. P. Finch, C. Yokom, W. C. Prouse; committee of management, attractions and amusements, A. S. Rennie, W. C. Coloff, G. H. Hollier, R. A. Darrow; advertisements, F. E. Aldrich, Roy Darrow, A. E. Raynes, W. H. Jackson; booths and privileges, C. Williams, C. Imrie, V. McDonald, R. Moore, G. Prouse; dairy products, C. Williams, M. Ostrander, C. Imrie; fruits and flowers, V. A. Sinclair, F. E. Aldrich, H. Fairs; gates and tickets, G. H. Hollier, C. Imrie, M. Ostrander, L. R. Short, grain and roots, J. D. McAlpine, V. McDonald, R. Moore; heavy horses, W. D. Robertson, C. Youkon, H. McElhone; light horses, C. Yokom, T. E. Early, C. Prouse; ladies' work, Mrs. V. A. Sinclair, Mrs. A. E. Raynes, Miss Maddock, Mrs. J. T. Mitchell; main building, C. Imrie, W. H. Jackson, J. D. McAlpine, C. Williams, poultry, M. Ostrander, W. C. Burn; sheep and swine, R. Moore, J. McAlpine; subscriptions, M. Ostrander, W. H. Jackson, C. Imrie, R. Darrow; trials of speed, C. H. Denton, J. M. Clark, R. B. Moulton.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL EDIFICE PLANNED

Several Civic Organizations Unite in Indorsement of Scheme.

PLAN IS COMPREHENSIVE

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Jan. 28.—At a very interesting meeting of the board of education, city council, separate school board and vocational committee, a standing vote was taken in favor of a high school building to be erected on the corner of the plan as outlined calls for seven commercial rooms, including typewriting room; seven academic and library rooms; 10 vocational rooms for wood-working, household science, iron work and any other trades deemed necessary by the vocational committee, and an auditorium and gymnasium, at an estimated cost of \$275,000. The plan in this case would amount to \$137,000, leaving a total net cost of \$141,000 to the city.

The other plans of a complete new high school and of adding wings to the present building were considered inadvisable.

Trustee Bains, in explaining the three proposals, emphasized the fact that conditions demand a more thorough schooling in the crafts in preference to so much Greek and Latin.

Several of those who committed themselves favored confining the age limit for public school entrance to 6 years to relieve public school congestion.

The motion to receive estimates for plan number one and to require the council to issue debentures was passed by a considerable majority.

Fire Report.

The opening session of the fire committee was held this evening in the city hall, when reports for the past year showed 93 calls were received, in which the services of the fire department were required 41 times with a total fire loss of \$28,852, of which \$7,930 was uninsured. It was suggested that a man and his wife be appointed to care for the lavatories beside the fire engine, and action was taken regarding the furnishing of a light truck with which the men could inspect boxes and attend smaller fires. It was also suggested in chief's report that \$28,852 of which \$7,930 was uninsured, it was suggested that a man and his wife be appointed to care for the lavatories beside the fire engine, and action was taken regarding the furnishing of a light truck with which the men could inspect boxes and attend smaller fires.

Many Attend Funeral. The funeral of the late Harry G. Roberts, who died at his home Maple street, Friday, following a lengthy illness, took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Paul's Roman Catholic church. The pallbearers were W. W. Scott, F. H. Valley, Vicary and W. C. Masterman as neighbors, J. Sterling and Jas. Waddick representing the P. M. shops, where he was employed, and Jas. Farber and Ed. Trump representing the Sons of England. The floral bearers were nephews of the deceased, Harold Tanner, Harley McKinnon, Ernest Tanner and Alfred Joffile. Rev. Robert Hicks conducted the services.

Neil Burton.

Neil Burton, reeve of Southwold, passed away at his home on the Union road this morning, following several weeks' illness. Mr. Burton was elected to the reeveship of Southwold at the January elections. He had also served considerable time in the township council, and as the leader of the Burton orchestra. Burton's home is on the Union road, Southwold, where he was born 44 years ago. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Survivors are the widow, one sister, Mrs. McIntyre Alvinson; and four brothers, Edward, city, Jim, Sparta; John and Albert of Southwold.

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"Caretaker" Evon and Neal Murphy Arrested by the Border Police.

Canadian Press Despatch.

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According to an investigation made by police the liquor was shipped from the Consolidated Distilleries, Limited, at Corbyville and was cleared at Port Stanley for the United States. They maintain that the liquor was not brought to the Detroit river front legally. It is understood that an eastern brewing company is also involved in the transaction, and further charges may be laid. Police said Evon and Murphy are not the owners of the liquor, but are facing

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THAMESVILLE DOCTOR DIES.

Thamesville, Jan. 28.—Dr. R. C. Coates, a resident of this village for many years, against the scores of ailments which have their beginning in constipation, biliousness and a deranged digestive system.

You will notice that while the price of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills has been increased to 35 cents, the box now contains 35 pills instead of 25 as formerly.

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PAVING PROGRAM GIVEN SUPPORT

City Council Indorses Plan of Suburban Roads Commission.

URGE COUNTY ACTION

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Jan. 28.—Chatham is still without a city auditor and city assessors, although bylaws naming W. R. Landon to the first position, J. E. Stephens and H. Fitzsimons to the latter, reached the second reading, in which stage they were left until the next meeting for final passing. The bylaws and the indorsement given the recommendation of the suburban area commission to pave the balance of their share of the Chatham-Dover town line this year, and the passing of a resolution suggesting boxes, the county council that four concessions of the same road be paved this season, formed the chief items of business dealt with during the evening.

Milk Supply Good. Mayor C. D. Sweeney was chosen chairman of the board of health at the inaugural meeting held this afternoon. Other members of the board are: F. E. Baxter, James Miller, Dr. J. Morley and Dr. T. L. McFitchie. M.O.H. Reports showed that Chatham milk supply during the past two years in respect to quality was unequalled in the province.

Waste Is Scored. Waste in industrial and commercial life, in government administration and in luxurious living was scored by Dr. Crewe, Methodist pastor. "People are paying the penalty of high living in groceries put out in boxes, the bottom of tin cans," he said, adding that the amount of money spent in liquor, tea and coffee, if available, would feed the poor of the world.

Liquor Confiscated. Magistrate Arnold today ordered the confiscation of a quantity of liquor contained in four suitcases, seized at Tilbury station.

Long Service Medal. C. D. Sweeney, regimental sergeant-major of the 1st Battalion, today received the long service medal of the colonial auxiliary forces.

Mrs. James Bresley. Mrs. Sarah Bresley, wife of James Bresley, died Sunday at her residence Wellington street west following a brief illness. The late Mrs. Bresley was 78 years of age. Surviving are her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Robert McEachern, Mrs. Charles A. Glock and Miss Bresley of Chatham, and one son, William of Ridgeway.

Illness Brief. James T. William, a well-known member of the colored community, died Saturday following a brief illness.

Plan Reunion. War veterans of the district are planning another reunion here in February.

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HELP FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Mrs. Holmberg Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Helped Her

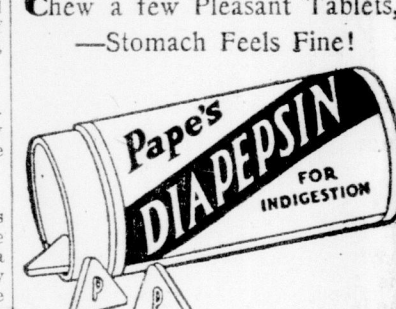
Viking, Alta.—"From the time I was 15 years old I would get such sick feelings in the lower part of my abdomen, followed by cramps and vomiting. This kept me from my work (I help my parents on the farm) as I usually had to go to bed for the rest of the day. At times I would have to walk the floor. I suffered in this way until a friend induced me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I have had very satisfactory results so far and am recommending the Vegetable Compound to my friends. I am sure glad I tried it for I feel like a different person now that I don't have these troubles."—ODELLA HOLMBERG, Box 98, Viking, Alberta. Letters like this establish the merits of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. They tell of the relief from such pains and ailments after taking it.

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