

STANDARD HOTELS WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM TAX 2 YEARS

Provincial Secretary Amends
Temperance Act.

TO SCAN EXPRESS BOOKS

License Board Given Power to
Learn Who Is Getting
Liquor.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
TORONTO, March 23.—Hon. W. D. McPherson, provincial secretary, brought down in the Legislature this afternoon proposed amendments to the Ontario temperance act. He declared they in no manner affected the principles of the act, but merely concerned its operation. The most important is to extend the exemption from business assessment until the end of 1919 to all holders of standard hotel licenses. Express companies will be required to permit officers of the license board to examine their books with the view of ascertaining to whom shipments of

liquor are consigned, but the information thus obtained will be used to no other purpose than to assist the board in the enforcement of the act. There will be incorporated in the act an Indian list for protection of those addicted to the excessive use of liquor.

Deliveries in Ontario.
Mr. Rowell asked if the Government had considered the question of delivery in Ontario, and if any action was contemplated on that point. Premier Hearst replied that no change in the legislation was contemplated.
Mr. Rowell: "Have you considered the question of soliciting orders for liquor in Ontario?"
Sir William Hearst: "It is under consideration."

Mr. Rowell: "May we expect some legislation dealing with it before the House adjourns?"

The Premier: "I would not say so."
G. C. Hurdman, East Ottawa, inquired if there was any legislation proposed to restrict the sale of malt liquor to standard hotels.
The Premier: "It is receiving consideration."
Hartley Dewar: "Do the amendments provide for the abolition of the Ontario license board?"
Sir William: "No."
Hon. Finlay MacDiarmid assured Mr. Mageau, Sturgeon Falls, that no licenses would be issued to fish in Lake Nipissing during the present year. In consequence, Mr. Mageau withdrew his motion for a return of copies of correspondence in the matter.

FRANCE ADMITS LOSS OF BATTLESHIP DANTON

Official Report Says 286 Men Were
Drowned.

LONDON, March 23.—In the sinking of the French battleship Danton in the Mediterranean on March 19, says a statement from the French admiralty received here, 286 men were drowned. The Danton was torpedoed by a hostile submarine.

The sinking of a French battleship of the Danton class by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on March 19, was reported in a statement issued by the German admiralty on March 20, and received in New York by wireless, the statement from the German admiralty said that the battleship, which was protected by destroyers, listed heavily after being hit and capsized 45 minutes later. Lieut. Captain Morant was named as the commander of the German submarine.
The battleship Danton displaced 11,025 tons and her complement before the war was 681 officers and men. The Danton was built at Brest, and was commissioned in 1915. She had a speed of 19.2 knots and was 481 feet long. She carried four 12-inch guns and 38 of smaller calibre.

GOOD RUN AT MUNCEY.
MUNCEY, March 23.—The farmers of this vicinity have practically all tapped their maple trees. All are expecting a big run of sap and an unusually heavy syrup and sugar crop this season.

U. S. RAILROADS WILL NOW JUMP RATES TO OFFSET WAGE RISE

Application Coming Before
Interstate Commerce Board.

WANT OVER 5 PER CENT

Adamson Law Makes In-
crease Necessary, Is
Argument.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—A general increase in freight rates throughout the United States will be sought by the railroads in a formal application to the Interstate Commerce Commission, which was informed this afternoon by the presidents of several of the larger eastern and western roads of the intention to make the application. The amounts to be asked were not indicated, but they are said to be over 5 and less than 15 per cent.
The application will say that wage increases necessary under the Adamson law make increased rates imperative. The new rates would apply generally, but exceptions would be made in the case of coal, coke and ores, on which specific advances have been recently authorized or are under consideration. The formal application probably will be filed tomorrow. Passenger rates will not be included.

AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANIES ARE FAVORED

Mr. Rowell Calls Attention to Unfair
Competition.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
TORONTO, March 23.—In the Legislature today N. W. Rowell (North Oxford), said he had been asked by a number of his constituents to raise a question under the insurance act, particularly as it relates to wealthy insurance companies. The complaint was that a number of American insurance companies operating in the same territory did not come under the provisions of the insurance act, and were permitted to rate insurance at a lower figure than domestic companies. He inquired as to what the domestic companies objected to was unfair competition.

Hon. Mr. Lucas, attorney-general, said he would have a report made.
IN SERIOUS CONDITION.
HIGHGATE, March 23.—Miss Francis Sifton, eldest daughter of H. P. Sifton of Highgate, who was so badly burned by the explosion of a lamp on March 7, is in a critical condition as a result of the burns and shock. Her clothing was ignited by the flames.

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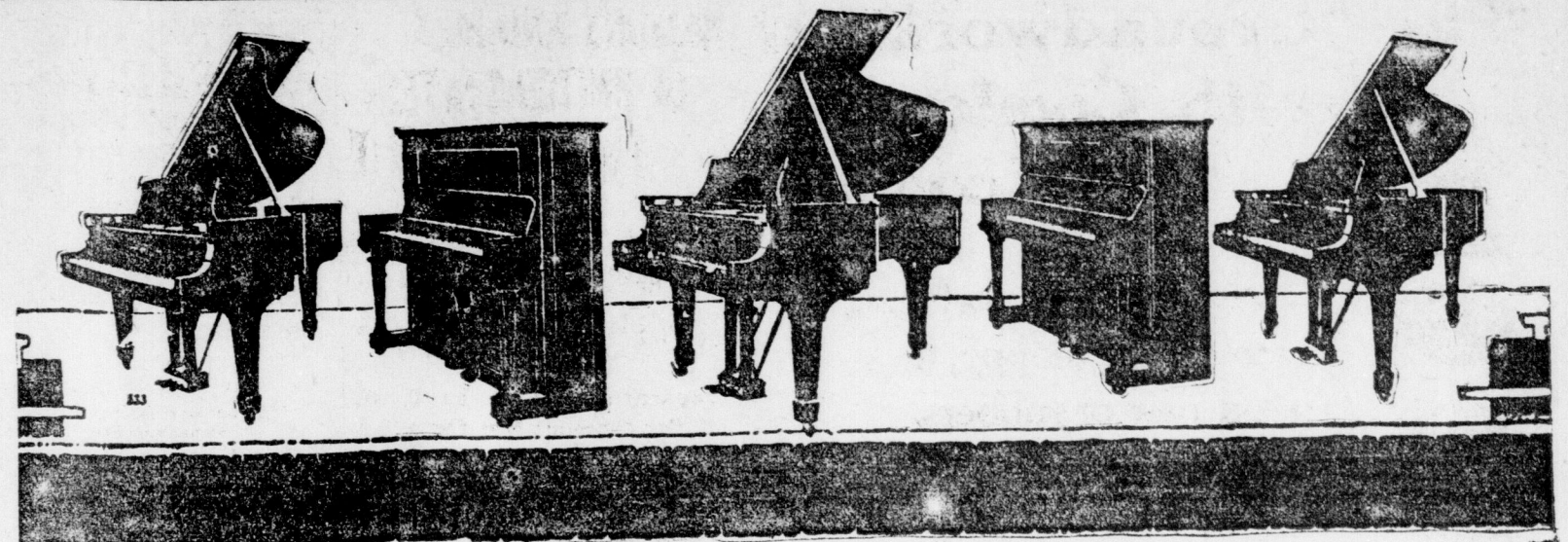
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NEW GODERICH RECTOR

Rev. A. L. G. Clarke Takes Charge of
St. George's Church.

GODERICH, March 23.—An impressive function was held on Thursday evening in St. George's Church, Goderich, when Rev. A. L. G. Clarke, recently appointed to the parish, was duly inducted as rector. The ceremony was performed by Ven. T. B. Richardson, D.C.L., archdeacon of London, and the officiating church warden was A. L. Parsons. The choir rendered the chorale part of the service in splendid form.



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EMPIRE NEEDS FOOD; FARMERS NEED HELP; MEN THINKING HARD

Organization of Resource
Committee Makes Appeal.

LOCAL BUSINESSMEN BUSY
Retired Farmers and Returned
Soldiers in City May Get
Behind the Plow.

TORONTO, March 23.—"The call of the Empire for more food is urgent, but Ontario farmers cannot respond unless labor is available for seeding, which commences early in April. Immediate action is imperative if assistance is to be given. Will you please interview the men who have been active in patriotic work, with a view to having them call an emergency meeting and ascertain whether retired farmers and others in your community are willing to help in co-operation with boards of trade and other organizations interested?"

The above appeal comes from the organization of resource committee for Ontario, of which Sir John Hendry is chairman, Sir Wm. Hearst and N. W. Rowell, vice-chairmen.
"The board of trade already has this matter under consideration," said Industrial Commissioner Gordon Philip last night. "Some action will be taken at a meeting next week. I understand the Government will open a labor bureau here, in charge of Dr. Riddell, and the board of trade will co-operate with this in any way it can."
Shortage in This District.
"There is unquestionably a great shortage of farm help in London district, as well as other places," said Roscoe Finn, the Government agri-

meeting to discuss means of helping the farmers with their seeding might have beneficial results in several ways. There are many retired farmers in London who could give valuable assistance in seeding-time and they might go out and help their friends, or in other places where needed."

"The Returned Soldiers' Association, I am sure, will be only too glad to help in any way it can in a matter of this kind," said Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles, president of the London Returned Soldiers' Association. "While we have not a great many men available for the work, those who can go, I think, will do so gladly. There should be in London a number of other men who have had some training in farm work and I think it would be a most excellent idea to call a meeting and find out just what we can do to help the farmers. Food production is a matter that is vital to the men at the front and to people at home, and all cultural representative. "Calling a

should do what they can to produce the maximum of supplies."

Sir George Gibbons said: "Such a meeting as is suggested should be called as soon as possible. I am satisfied that London people will do everything they can to help. All realize the situation and although labor is scarce everyone will do what he or she can. Hundreds of Londoners are going in for gardening this year in an endeavor to aid in increasing the general food supply. There are many former farmers here, and their help would be invaluable in seeding time if they could only get away for a short time."
Geo. T. Brown, chairman of the London Soldiers' Aid Commission: "This is a matter in which everyone should lend all the help possible. A meeting should be called at once to mobilize all the help London can give to the farmers. The men who help with the seeding can also do invaluable work in harvesting. I am satisfied that a number of the returned soldiers if they are

physically fit, would be glad to go out and help the farmers with their seeding for a couple of weeks."

"I believe the returned soldiers can do a great deal to help in this emergency," said ex-Mayor Spencer. "A meeting to discuss the situation might have excellent results."

ST. THOMAS WOMAN HURT IN CRASH AT WINDSOR

Eight Badly Shaken Up When Street

WINDSOR, March 23.—Mrs. J. Jones of St. Thomas, had her collarbone fractured and sustained other serious injuries today when an auto in which she was riding, was struck by a Sandwich street car. Seven other occupants of the auto were shaken up. They are Mrs. G. B. Murray, Misses Marion and Gladys Murray, Florence and Louise Horton. Dunlop was driving the car. A full investigation into the collision will be made by the police.

How Russian Revolt Will Help Allies Win the War

The crucible of war has produced the Russian revolution, and others are apparently expected by observers who note that the peoples of all the belligerent nations are taking stock of their rulers with a clear-eyed vision induced by the stern reality of suffering and death.

"The Russian people," says Russkoye Slovo (New York), "are opposed to war and to militarism, but they believe that their own success as revolutionists will mean revolution on the part of the Germanic peoples. Then they hope and believe there will come a consolidation of all the revolutionary peoples, Russian and Germanic, a combination that by its very force and weight will compel the militarists of Europe's warring nations to cease their strife. And so, out of revolution will come the great peace."

You should read THE LITERARY DIGEST for March 24 to form an accurate opinion of the cause and result of the Russian revolution, and the effect it will have in deciding the fortunes of war for the Entente Allies.

Other features in this number of immediate and pressing interest to Canadian and American people are:

Arming American Ships With American Guns and Gunners

The Record of Public Opinion in America and Germany is Graphically Expressed in This Article.

Both Sides of the Railway Fight
The Extent of Hunger in Europe
Effects of Germany's Retreat on the
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The Red Cross "Dogs of War"
The Naval Smoke-Screen
Who Writes American Plays?
"War-Sunday" in New York
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