

### GUELPH WILL SIGN CONTRACT FOR FAIR

#### Council Provides for Holding Winter Show This Year.

Guelph, Ont., April 22.—(Special).—A communication from Hon. Manning Doherty, Ontario minister of agriculture, was read at a special meeting today of the city council, in which the city was asked to sign a contract for the holding of the Winter Fair here for another year.

### TORONTO DOPE ADDICT SENT TO PENITENTIARY

Woodstock, Ont., April 22.—John A. Higgins, the Toronto dope fiend, arrested here on April 6th, in possession of morphine, heroin and other drugs, was today sentenced to two and a half years, with hard labor in Kingston penitentiary by Judge G. Wallace. Three charges were read against Higgins, stealing \$2,200 worth of bonds from Dr. C. C. Cornish, Ingersoll, having drugs in his possession, and also carrying skeleton keys and housebreaking tools.

### BOY SAYS STEPMOTHER TREATED HIM CRUELLY

Chatham, Ont., April 22.—(Special).—Mrs. Sarah Butcher was today arraigned in the county police court on a charge of assaulting and attempting to do bodily harm to her thirteen-year-old stepson. She was remanded to jail for a week. The boy alleged that the defendant stuffed soap into his mouth, and on another occasion placed a butcher's knife in his body.

### CATHARINES VOLUNTEER.

St. Catharines, Ont., April 22.—At a meeting of twenty members of the Catharines Social Democratic party here last night, twelve volunteered for service in the armories last night and the sum of \$2,200 was subscribed for relief of the sufferers in Galicia.

### JOHN CHICK DIES IN HIS 101ST YEAR

#### Was Windsor's Oldest Citizen and Sole Survivor of Family of Nineteen.

Windsor, April 22.—John Chick, father of Thomas Chick, president of the Chick Contracting Company, passed away last night at the home of his son, 225 Bruce avenue, after having just passed the middle mark of his 101st year. Mr. Chick was Windsor's oldest citizen, and was loved and respected by all who knew him. Death came after an illness of only four days.

Mr. Chick was born in the town of Dennington, Somersetshire, England, during the reign of George IV, but came to Canada almost 75 years ago. He came of a family noted for their longevity, one of his brothers having lived to celebrate his diamond wedding, dying at the age of 102 in Illinois in 1916. His grandfather attained the age of 103. Mr. Chick was the sole survivor of a family of nineteen children.

### PRICE OF GAS ADVANCED IN CITY OF KITCHENER

Kitchener, Ont., April 22.—(Special).—It was announced here today by Superintendent V. S. McIntyre, of the light commission, that the price of gas to local consumers had been advanced from \$1.45 to \$1.50 per 1,000 feet. The raise was made necessary by the increase in expenses experienced by the commission in connection with the manufacture of gas. It was pointed out that the commission would have to face a heavy deficit if the old rate was maintained.

### Trades Council of Brantford Opposed to Overall Movement

Brantford, April 22.—The Brantford trades and labor council last night went on record as being opposed to the "overall club" movement, believing it would have an injurious effect upon the workers in the affiliated trades of garment workers and tailors.

### DON OVERALLS.

Chatham, April 22.—(Special).—Art Green and Bill Chalmers, members of the local postoffice staff, are the first to don overalls locally in the campaign against the high cost of clothing.

### WILL HOLD REUNION.

Chatham, Ont., April 22.—(Special).—Former officers and men of the 186th Kent Battalion held a meeting in the armories last night and decided to hold a reunion on Empire Day.

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### BRANTFORD TO INSIST ON MILK PASTEURIZATION

Brantford, April 22.—(Special).—The activity of some local milkmen who are opposed to enforced pasteurization has been brought to naught. A largely signed petition which they presented, including the names of a number of doctors, was rejected by the board of health, which will recommend to the board of health that the by-law for pasteurization be enforced to the limit. One milkman has endeavored to dissuade the others against taking any steps pasteurization plants, the by-law goes into effect May 1.

### BRANTFORD'S TRIBUTE TO ST. JULIEN HEROES

Brantford, April 22.—(Special).—At the signal given by the tolling, citizens of Brantford of every vocation stopped work at 11 o'clock today, and by their silence and inactivity paid tribute to the men who at St. Julien checked the German gas. At the college, Sgt.-Major G. H. Gustar of Toronto, who is here aiding the Jewish relief campaign, and who was thru the battle, quietly but forcefully told the story of the Canadians' stand to the pupils. Governor Jones of the county jail, himself a son of the county in that fight, recounted his experience, declaring that Bob Scott of this city was the first Canadian to fall when the Germans launched their attack.

### HOTEL CHANGES HANDS.

Woodstock, Ont., April 22.—The Commercial Hotel has been bought by John Brunner, local hotel man. The price paid to have been paid was \$16,000. The building is a fine three-story brick structure, and a few years ago cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000 to construct.

### A VETERANS' PROTEST.

Brantford, Ont., April 22.—(Special).—An objection will be raised by the returned soldiers' organizations of this city against a recent appointment as janitor of the public library. They claim that the post could well be taken care of by crippled veterans unable to tackle harder work.

### NEW CAINSVILLE SCHOOL.

Brantford, Ont., April 22.—(Special).—A new school will be erected at Cainsville to accommodate the children of two sections. It will be a four-roomed school, double the capacity of the present building, and will cost \$45,000.

### CHARGE APPLE HOARDING

Ottawa, April 22.—The board of commerce, with W. F. O'Connor presiding, is inquiring this afternoon into a charge against W. J. Corby & Co., Ottawa. The charge is that of hoarding apples, and is based on information reaching the board of appeals of a certain number of cartloads of apples consigned to the Corby firm have been left in storage without an attempt being made to place them on the market.

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### M'CREARY BILL UNDER DISCUSSION

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government should itself bring down legislation and stop the Ottawa crowd from passing the bill.

As for the expense of taking a referendum, he thought that if the province was called on for an expression of opinion, the government should go also to the country among the referendum and thus show their sincerity and honesty of purpose. As things were at present the proposed referendum was simply a gold brick.

The announcement of the member for East Kent to prepare a stated case for the province's legal position, should the referendum be taken, should be supported, continued Mr. MacBride.

At the opening of the evening session the attendance was slim among all groups and the speaker raised a laugh when he said: "Shall the question now be put?"

Joseph Thompson (Conservative, North-east Toronto), who continued the debate, told the house he had endorsed the O.T.A. at the time of its introduction, and would do the same thing today. It was a good war-time measure. The present government, he thought, should bring down legislation on its own responsibility.

Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture, said the government were not concerned with a vote on the McCreary resolution, according to party lines, but rather wanted a vote according to the dictates of conscience. He added he would support bona fide legislation if the people of the province voted for it.

J. R. Cooke (Conservative, North Hastings), was against both the proposed amendments, and favored the McCreary resolution, calling for a referendum being the most effective way of dealing with present conditions.

The attorney-general then took up the fight on behalf of the government. He explained the three propositions before the house—to ask the Dominion for a referendum to secure a stated case as to the province's exact legal position to the government, on its own responsibility, introduce legislation. He told of the objections to a stated case. It would cause untold delay through appeals.

Brackin: But you have a bill before the house doing away with appeals.

The Attorney-General: Yes, but not

from Ottawa. We have not that power. During his address Mr. Raney turned his back on the speaker, so as to be able to make himself heard to the greater number of members. The speaker had no objection to this unusual procedure. He said, and while Mr. Raney was on his feet, Hartley Dewar entered the house and, not understanding what had taken place, drew the attention of the speaker to the attorney-general's attitude.

Mr. Raney explained how he had secured permission to speak as he did so as to be better heard by the majority of the members of the house.

Mr. Dewar: Yes, and by the more sympathetic audience. (Laughter.)

Mr. MacBride (Brantford), asked the attorney-general if he could give the same opinion. Prominent provincial no litigation in the event of the McCreary resolution carrying.

In honor of St. Julien, the result of a horse race or a law suit?

Proceeding, Mr. Raney went into the province's legal position. The Dominion minister of justice had given his opinion that federal bill 28 did apply to Ontario and New Brunswick. Eugene Lafleur, J. S. Ewart and the provincial attorney-general's law officers were of the same opinion. Prominent Toronto counsel also held the same view.

The question, as to whether Ontario had the power to interfere with the importation of liquor, was in short a very ticklish one. Legal opinion differed and it was not clear what was left to do?

First Pass Referendum.

The "short-circuiting" bill, Mr. Raney observed, would only be brought into force in the event of the passage of the referendum.

Mr. Dewar: In the event of the passage of the "short-circuiting" bill, has liquor the right to take whatever liquor he may be in possession of, to his residence without the permission of the government?

The Attorney-General: I think it has been intended he has that right.

It had been claimed, Mr. Raney proceeded, that the government was not responsible one, because it had not brought in a temperance measure, but had allowed a private member to do so.

"All I can say to that," answered Mr. Raney, "is to say that if anybody has any doubts as to whether this is a referendum or not, let them bring in a vote of a want of confidence." J. C. Ramden (Liberal, S.-W. Toronto) was in favor of a referendum, but he wanted first to know what the province's legal status was. Would the referendum be workable after it had been passed? The people should be the final court of appeal.

John O'Neil (Liberal, S.-E. Toronto), who seldom speaks in the house, received a splendid hearing. He thought there should be more generous treatment of the working man in the matter of temperance legislation. The present debate diverged of legal opinion, which had been read by the attorney-general. It was so confusing that members could where they stood. Had he his own way he would submit to the people the question as to whether they desired beer or amendment of the member for Kent (Mr. Brackin) for a stated case to the supreme court.

Dr. Forbes Godfrey (Conservative, West York), told the house he had never made a dollar from the house, received a splendid hearing. He proposed an amendment to the amendment, that the responsibility for any future temperance legislation, it was time pussyfooting should cease and the temperance question removed from politics.

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GERMANY STARTS TRIALS OF HER WAR CRIMINALS

Leipzig, April 22.—The preliminary proceedings for the trial by the supreme court of German war criminals has begun, but, according to the Neueste Nachrichten, they are being rendered difficult by "the partly incomplete and partly erroneous data, supplied by the allied lists of accused."

The data of the main trial has not been fixed.

The preliminaries also have begun in the case against Wolfgang Kapp and Major-General Baron Von Luttwitz and their associates in the recent uprising, who are charged with high treason. The mass of evidence in the case is still increasing.

MAY RELEASE RUSSELL

Vancouver, April 22.—A report that R. B. Russell, serving a two-year sentence at Stony Mountain Penitentiary following a conviction of unlawful assembly, is about to be released by the Dominion authorities was the word brought here by W. R. Midgeley, who has just returned from Winnipeg.

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