

### COURT PROCEEDINGS MAY FOLLOW CHARGE AGAINST M'CONKEY'S

#### M. H. Ludwig Challenges Assertion of Temperance Council That Many Young People Have Gone Wrong as Result of Impeached Hotel — Commissioners Hold Over Decision Regarding License Renewal.

"More young men and women in Toronto have been started on their downward career in McConkey's than in any other dozen hotels and bars in Toronto," declared H. E. Irwin, K.C., who represented the W.C.T.U. at the annual meeting of the license commissioners, held in the Temple building yesterday. The whole time was taken up with the question of the renewal of the McConkey license, and so large was the attendance of the temperance forces that the offices of the commissioners would have been wholly inadequate to have accommodated them, and the meeting was held in the assembly hall. After listening to both sides of the case the commissioners reserved judgment.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Speer, representing the Methodist Ministerial Association; A. H. Hiltz, representing the Methodist laymen; Rev. Dr. Burns, representing the General Ministerial Association; Russell Hewison, representing the Christian Endeavor Union; H. E. Irwin, representing the W.C.T.U.; Rev. Dr. Grigg, representing the Baptist Social Reform Association, and Rev. Father Minchan, spoke against the renewal of the license. Mr. Ludwig, K.C., representing Mr. McConkey, and Howard Ferguson, for the purchaser, spoke in favor of the renewal.

Fifty petitions against the renewal of the license were presented from the adult Bible classes of the city.

Russell Hewison of the Christian Endeavor Union submitted petitions from twenty societies and promised to send in sixty more. The petitions were signed by 1500 young people.

Asserting that the application being made was nothing more than a blind, Mr. Irwin said that the application on behalf of the new company was being made by Charles Dunning, a man who had had no experience in the conducting of a licensed hotel, and that Mr. Furey, who had been chief assistant of McConkey during the past few years, is to be manager of the new hotel, under the name of Casa Grandia. He did not know where the name came from, but a rose by any other name than McConkey would smell sweeter, he said.

Mr. Irwin deplored the fact that a number of religious organizations were still in the habit of having luncheons there.

**Methodists Protest.**  
On behalf of deputations representing the ministers and laymen of the Methodist Church of Toronto, the following petition, signed by a number of the leading Methodists of the city, was presented by Rev. Dr. J. C. Speer: "That in the best interests of the city it is undesirable that the liquor license of the house known as McConkey's restaurant should be granted on the following grounds, among others: "That the McConkey house has for years had a reputation of a most undesirable and doubtful character. "That on February 24th last its liquor license was suspended for 60 days by order of Police Magistrate Denison for flagrant disregard of the liquor laws. Of such a character was the disorderly scene on New Year's Eve that the magistrate was impelled to characterize it as a disgraceful affair, a drunken brawl, an orgy, in the course of which thirty or forty women had been taken out drunk. "That we are informed that on a previous occasion serious complaint was made of the house being disorderly, and the license only renewed on the proprietor undertaking to close what was then known as 'The Red Room,' and giving an assurance of more orderly conduct. "That in the proposed transfer of the license, if granted, there is no guarantee that the character of the house will be improved, especially in view of the fact that the present manager will remain as manager and part proprietor. "That the existence of a licensed house of the character borne by McConkey's restaurant, having at the same time a certain pretension to respectability and professing to cater to what are known as the better classes of society, is a menace to the morality and sobriety of the city. In the very fact of the gloss of its so-called respectability is a danger of a peculiar and subtle kind. "That a license in this neighborhood is neither necessary nor desirable owing to the proximity of several other licensed houses."

**Toronto's Great Asset.**  
The assertion was made by Dr. Speer that Toronto was being sold under a disgrace as a result of the McConkey affair. One of Toronto's greatest assets had been the high tone of morality maintained. "The liquor men themselves must feel that this has been a serious blow to them," he said, "and they must feel that the renewal of the license under any subterfuge would hurt them still further."

"If granted to the present applicants we would still have the same applicants regarding it."

Representing 150 ministers and 50,000 Methodists in the city of Toronto, he believed he was speaking for 95 per cent. of the Christian citizens of Toronto in opposing the renewal of the license.

**"Pest Hole" Says Hiltz.**  
A. H. Hiltz, representing Methodist laymen, said it was not a matter of a few months, but that things had been going from bad to worse during the last few years. McConkey's was a pest hole in the city.

"If the aspect was not so serious it would be humorous to think that because a man is caught in a bad net he could overcome it by transferring the license to someone else," he said.

"There is no hotel or barroom in Toronto that can do so much damage in so short a time as McConkey's," said Russell Hewison of the Christian Endeavor Union.

Rev. Dr. Grigg, representing the Baptist Social and Moral Reform Association, said he had the endorsement of every Baptist man, woman and child in Toronto, numbering more than 25,000, in his opposition to the transfer of the McConkey license.

**Encourages Anarchy.**  
"If I wanted to encourage the red and black flag to float in the streets of Toronto; if I wanted to stir up the dangerous elements of society; if I wanted anarchy to prevail, I would

organize a few such orgies as that at McConkey's," said Rev. Father Minchan. "The punishment you are asked by McConkey is the privilege of selling out for the sum of \$50,000, allowing someone else to carry it on."

M. H. Ludwig, K.C., who appeared for McConkey, said the matter resolved itself into a question of whether, because of the mistake made on New Year's Eve, a valuable asset to the city was to be lost; that the punishment be a fine to the extent of upwards of \$70,000. The fact that Mr. McConkey, instead of selling out for what it was worth, was selling for half price, should be considered punishment enough.

**Asks for Proof.**  
"Mr. Irwin says that many young men and young women have gone wrong as a result of McConkey's," said Mr. Ludwig. "He and others who have said so may get an opportunity to prove that in court."

"Dr. Speer says that the renewal is just a substitute. A minister should be the last man to make a statement of fact unless he knows it is so. This is a real agreement of sale, and Mr. Dunning is the purchaser."

"I think it is serious to charge that anything improper would occur under Mr. Furey's management. He is a man above reproach, and anyone who knows him loves him."

In reply, Dr. Speer said he was quite prepared to stand by any statement he had made. "I think that it is the most disreputable affair that has ever transpired in Ontario, and I am surprised that Mr. Ludwig could be hired to defend anything of the kind," he said.

**Has No Fear.**  
Mr. Irwin said that he was not going to be intimidated by Mr. Ludwig's threats of a court action because of his statement that McConkey's had led young men and young women of Toronto to the downward path. "We want this board to let the citizens know that we guarantee that this license, run by the same man who ran it in the past, will not in the future be run along the same lines."

He added that half a dozen bars 200 feet long would not do as much harm as an institution allowed to present itself as a purely restaurant business, but in reality a place for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

**Personal Attention.**  
Howard Ferguson, on behalf of Mr. Dunning, said that Mr. Dunning, who was a man with a fortune at his back, would give his personal attention to the business, and that it would be such a relief to the city as a whole. He had already received sufficient warning from what had occurred to know what might be expected if such should occur again.

Under the terms of purchase, Mr. Dunning was purchasing outright from Mr. McConkey and free from all contracts. Mr. McConkey was to have absolutely no connection with the new business, and was prepared to go on oath to that effect.

A signed statement made under oath by Mr. Dunning was read, in which he declared that with the exception of Mr. Furey, who is given a small interest in the business, no one else has any interest in it.

**Reserve Judgment.**  
Mr. Ferguson said that the new business would be conducted under the name "Dunning's." He said that the company had been incorporated by himself and two clerks in his office, and that Mr. Dunning had been given sole control.

In reserving judgment, Chairman Coatsworth said: "We will do our best as far as we can see it in the interests of the citizens. We will consider what has been said and try and arrive at what seems to be a fair solution to everyone."

### WHEAT ACREAGE INCREASE SMALL

#### Less Than Five Per Cent. in Saskatchewan—Large Area Ready for Seed.

**Canadian Press Despatch.**  
REGINA, April 16.—Wheat seeding has started throughout Saskatchewan. Present indications are that the wheat acreage will show less than five per cent. increase. In those districts where special attention is being given to mixed farming, there will be a slight decrease. Forty per cent. of the land is ready for seed and forty-five per cent. still remains to be plowed. About fifteen per cent. of the crop will go in on stubble, which will receive some form of surface cultivation if time and weather permits. There is a general scarcity of good seed oats.

The heaviest fall of snow was in the southeast and as a consequence wheat seeding will not be general until April 20. Cultivation work started on the drier land on April 15. In the middle and northern districts the land is in good condition, although a little dry in places. Very little work has yet been done. Seeding has started and will be general by April 20. The increase in acreage will be very small. Until now spring has been very backward. Warm weather is needed. In the south central districts work has commenced. The land is dry in spots, and more moisture will be necessary to start the grain evenly. Good progress in cultivation is being made. Seeding is well started. The land in the north central and southwest. Seeding was started in this district earlier than in any other part of the province. Farmers are busy along the Saskatchewan-Edmonton and Goose Lake lines. The weather is ideal and there is plenty of help. The land is in good condition, and a large acreage will be seeded this week if the present good weather continues.

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### TEACHERS OBJECT TO NEW REGULATION

#### Will Ask Department to Drop Clause Enforcing Annual Medical Test.

### A RETROGRADE STEP

#### Educationist So Characterizes Motion to Abolish Military Training in Schools.

The Ontario Educational Association closed its 53rd annual meeting at University College, by a meeting of the public school department, when the draft of the new public school regulation was studied in part and a decision made to ask the department of education to drop a clause that would force every teacher to undergo a medical examination each year to prove fitness for the profession. It was held that forcing such an inspection was not desirable for children, but that adults of the standing of teachers would have sufficient intelligence and care to recognize when they were ill and have their maladies attended to by a physician without waiting for the annual medical overhauling.

It was also decided to ask that on the entrance examination paper the grammar paper should be based on the following delimitation of grammatical cases: containing the use of the nominative to the subject, nominative and predicate nominative; limiting the use of the possessive to the modification of a noun, or its use without a noun, and the limiting of the objective case to direct and indirect objects, and objects of prepositions.

A recommendation was also ready for presentation to abolish examinations in history for high school entrance, but owing to shortness of time it did not come up and a lively discussion was avoided.

A number of technical changes in the wording of the regulations were also adopted.

**Suggests Local Committee.**  
Charles G. Fraser, secretary, said that they had assumed that their recommendations would be carefully studied by the education department, and he deemed it wise to name a committee of five local representatives to lay their views before the department.

This suggestion of putting the matter in the hands of a local committee led to protests from outside teachers. "I shall pay my way, and if I cannot pay my way to Toronto I shall beat it," said J. W. Plewis, Chatham.

"This is the most retrograde suggestion I have seen since the days of the 'I shall pay my way' and 'I cannot pay my way to Toronto I shall beat it,'" said J. W. Plewis, Chatham.

"We rural teachers do not get a chance."

Mr. Cole, Orillia, said that he had been connected with the executive committee for some time and he could say that the institution that rural teachers were not given a chance was ungrounded. Outside teachers, he said, had been doing most of the work.

**Committee to See Dr. Seath.**  
The committee chosen to lay the suggested alterations in the new rules before Dr. John Seath, Ontario superintendent of education, was as follows: Prof. J. McCreedy, Kingston; Miss I. G. Seattle, Porcupine; J. Macdonald, Guelph; George A. Cole, Orillia; M. Kerr, Hamilton, and W. J. Sinsgrove, London.

John A. Trask, Lindsay, read an interesting paper on "The School Readers as Portals to Literature." No examination based on the selections studied, he said, was a thoro test, but the manner of reading a selection was. It should be such that the others caught the infection of the thought expressed.

**Stand for Military Training.**  
It took only a few minutes to dispatch the resolution of R. H. Edson, minister to pray the government to abolish the practice of military training in the schools. The vote was about three to one. One teacher said that he had once saw a military instructor smoking a cigar and she, therefore, supported the motion. J. A. Smyth, Windsor, said that there was too much of the military spirit in Canada. It took up time and money and was contrary to Scripture. One teacher shouted: "This is the most retrograde suggestion that could ever be made. The cadets are here to stay."

W. F. Moore, Dundas, said that the worst boys in his school, boys who had been the terror of the staff, had been transformed by practice with the rifle. He said he had bought some rifles and the boys were satisfied, and he was going to take them out to camp in the summer. J. W. Plewis, Chatham, said: "I like a man of peace, but I do not like a piece of a man. The terms are sometimes synonymous. In my 16 years' experience of military training among boys, I have seen no evidence of a military spirit."

**SIXTEEN YOUNG GIRLS SHOWED MANY DANCES**  
Trustees Saw Exhibition of Physical Training in Charge of Mrs. Somers.

Before the trustees' section of the Ontario Educational Association in University College yesterday, sixteen young girls, attired in gymnasium costumes of short skirts and white blouses, gave an exhibition of dances that was an innovation to the Educational Association and a popular move for the trustees. The girls were in charge of Mrs. Somers, physical instructor at the Normal School.

**SHOW CITY BOYS ADVANTAGES OF FARM**  
Would Relieve Unemployed Situation and Help the Farmer, Says Educationist.

The making of an attempt to place before the city boys the opportunity of the farm was suggested by Duncan Walker, Peterboro, to the training department of the Ontario Educational Association at University College yesterday. He said that this would relieve the city of a large part of its increasing unemployed and help the farmer.

It was more or less nonsense to keep the boy on the farm, for good teachers as well as good lawyers were wanted. He said that the fault of the education training system was that many students are allowed to leave the high and normal schools with a spirit of relief, as if they had completed an odious task.

**TEACHERS DO NOT REMAIN TEACHERS**  
Only Five Per Cent. Stay Till the Age of Retirement.

**MEDICAL INSPECTION**  
Dr. Martin Says It is Needed in All Rural Schools.

Principal Reid, Owen Sound, told the trustees' section that a bare 5 per cent. of the teachers remained in the profession before they reached the age of retirement. Not providing a proper superannuation scheme was following a wasteful policy. To keep up the supply of teachers for the schools about 1600 were trained each year, and 1600 or 1700 added without certificates, but still the schools were begging for teachers. Men teachers are disappearing. They are only about one-eighth of the whole. Women have also begun to choose other lines of work.

Dr. Martin, Dundalk, told the trustees that medical inspection was needed in the rural schools. It should be done by the medical officer of health. Teachers should also give frequent health talks to their classes.

**New Officers.**  
The following officers were elected: Natural Science Section: Hon. president, Dr. Kenrick; president, F. J. Johnston, Humberstone; vice-president,

F. P. Gavin, Windsor; secretary-treasurer, Arthur Smith, Toronto; committee, J. B. Turner, Hamilton; J. R. Moore, Havelock; T. J. Ivey, Harbord; Robins, Geo. A. Carefoot, St. Catharines; P. C. MacLaurin, Belleville.

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**Physical Training and School Hygiene Section:** Secretary-treasurer, W. H. Doherty.

**Continuation School Section:** Hon. president, J. P. Hoag; president, H. Stewart; acting, vice-president, Miss Susan O'Leary, Bothwell; secretary-treasurer, C. S. Skinner, Stouffville; councillors, A. W. Cameron, W. E. Jarrott, C. Ward Butcher, Miss Inez Stafford, Miss Annie J. Stewart.

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