

Another Strike is Pending on the N. S. & T.R.; Say That Agreement Has Not Been Carried Out Amendments Are Suggested to The Ontario Temperance Act; Liberals in Favor of Referendum

TORONTO, April 22.—For five hours yesterday, the members of the Ontario Legislature engaged in a "free-for-all" on the McCreary resolution asking the Dominion Government to take a referendum on the prohibition of liquor importation. When the House adjourned late last night, two amendments were in the Speaker's hands, but a division seemed still far away. The first day of the debate showed the balance of sentiment in favor of the resolution, but while the Government has reason for believing that the resolution will carry, it was evident last night that the opposition to the proposal will be extensive enough to jeopardize the success of the referendum when it is submitted to the people. The division in the temperance forces was strongly reflected in the debate in the House, and with one or two exceptions, the opposition to the resolution as it stands was based upon the probability that the Federal Act under which a referendum would be held does not apply to Ontario and that any attempt to apply it would be upset in the courts.

Liberal Amendment
This view found expression in the Liberal amendment introduced by R. L. Mackin, of West Keok, which was seconded by Karl Homuth, the South Waterloo labor member. The amendment is not a bar to a referendum but demands that before the referendum is submitted, the province submit a stated case to the courts to secure a decision upon whether Ontario comes within the scope of the Federal Act or not. If the courts hold that Ontario, despite its permitted sale of native wine, is a "prohibition" province, then under the amendment the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council is authorized to ask for a referendum.

Government Responsibility
The position of most of the Conservative members is summed up in the amendment moved just before adjournment by Hammett P. Hill, of West Ottawa, and seconded by Rev. C. H. Buckland, of South Wellington, declaring:

"This House recognizes Ministerial responsibility as the bulwark of British institutions and declares its adherence to the principle of responsible Government, and in accordance therewith, believes that the Government should assume full responsibility for action within the limits of provincial jurisdiction."

The line-up in the House at adjournment showed no support from the U. F. O. ranks and the addition of four Liberals—Tolmie, Windsor Hall, Parry Sound, Calder, North Oxford, and Gurry, South East Toronto. This quartet spoke during the day in favor of the resolution. From the L.Labor ranks the resolution secured but one recruit, though others are expected. The solitary one was Wilson Crockett of South Wentworth, who was ready to let the people settle it.

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WELL STOCKED CELLAR DRAWS BOOZE THIEVES

BRIDGEBURG, April 22.—Thief robbers have been active along the lake shore as revealed by complaints made to Chief Edwards of the Ontario police at Port Erie.

Buffalonians owning summer cottages along the lake shore have entered complaint to the effect that their cellars, in many cases filled with Canadian whiskeys and ales, have been entered by an organized gang and much of the contents taken. In one case complaint is made that thirty quart bottles were stolen.

Three men have been arrested in connection with the charges and a general investigation is being conducted into the affair.

Owing to the fact that the summer season has not yet opened along the lake shore, and the owners of homes are absent as yet, looting cellars in this section has apparently proven

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RAILROAD COURTESY WINS PUBLIC PRAISE

MONTREAL, April 22.—"The Observant Citizen" who writes a widely read weekly feature in the "Boston Post" has this to say of the Grand Trunk service.

"Returning from Gorham, N. H., to Portland, Me., on a train of the Grand Trunk railroad recently I was sitting behind a party of Boston people, when a woman with her husband and baby, started to leave the car at a small station. The brakeman called out the station and as he saw the woman start to rise, he came into the car, took her suitcase and then helped her out, while her husband carried the other bags. The same procedure occurred. I noticed, at several stations at which we stopped, the brakeman courteously assisting every woman with her luggage. 'That makes friends,' said one of the party of Bostonians, and they continued to comment on it. 'If we had one of that same politeness and courtesy on other railroads, traveling would be robbed of much of its discomforts for women.'"

police station in Hamilton on Tuesday afternoon and brought him to Grimsby in Ex-Chief Swayze's new "gasoline wagon" and locked him up in the local calaboose.

About fifteen minutes after being placed in the cell Miracle was seen running out the lane onto the street and up the hill. Chief Konkle was notified but by the time he reached the coop the bird was gone out of sight. He cut up through Andersons peach orchard and went up the mountain on the old Robinson street trail. At the top of the trail he met Thos. Sandy and informed that gentleman that it was easy to escape from Grimsby jail as the Chief went away and forgot to lock the door tightly.

Men on the N. S. & T. R. May Go on Strike

There is another strike impending on the N. S. & T. R. The men had a meeting this morning and discussed the question, but took no action. Another meeting is to be held tonight when it is understood final action will be taken. The men say the agreement made by the Conciliation Board is not being carried out and that old men are being discharged and new ones brought in. That is the burden of their complaint they say.

The Fruitgrowers Are Up in Arms Against Threatened Rate Raise

A fair sized crowd of fruit growers turned out to the specially called meeting of the Niagara Peninsula Fruit Commissioner's Office, Ottawa. The meeting was hurriedly called by the president of the association at the request of Mr. Macintosh of the Fruit Commissioner's Office, Ottawa, to discuss the threatened raise in express rates by the express companies.

Last spring the express companies were not allowed to raise their rates when they appeared before the Railway Commission, on necessary commodities of life, which included fruit but were allowed to raise on other products. The ruling given down by the Commission was to the effect that the companies might appeal to the Board again if they found that they could not continue to carry commodities at a profit. Apparently they cannot for they have intimated that they intend to again appeal to the Commission for increase in rates. They claim that for the last four months their losses

have totalled \$774,000. The companies have laid out the new schedule of rates in a sort of a haphazard way, for instance, the rate between Niagara Falls and Toronto is to be increased 100 per cent. This amount of increase is known as a group and the rate is the same from Clarkson to Oakville into Toronto as it is from Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Grimsby or any other point east of Hamilton. It is a group rate. The new rate would be sixty cents a hundred into Toronto from any point east to the Falls.

Some of the growers were inclined to allow the company a slight increase in their rates providing they receive some service for their money. A committee was appointed to work with Mr. Macintosh in securing data, and for conferring with the express companies to see what arrangements can be made in the matter.

The meeting was attended by growers all the way from Clarkson to Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Grantham Council Decides on What Culverts and Roads To Be Built and Improved

The Grantham Township Council met at a special meeting on Tuesday the 20th inst., with members all present.

The object of the meeting was to consider the necessary culverts to be built, and roads improved, after the general inspection of the roads and bridges by the council on Saturday the 17th inst. After much deliberation the following culverts and roads were outlined.

Moved by Councillor Clemens seconded by Councillor Baker, that contractor George North be authorized to build or improve culverts on the undermentioned roads.

Road leading to Niagara Gardens sub-division between lots 10 and 11, 12 feet of an extension to be built on the end of culvert. Bridge near Bench's, 24 feet long. Bridge near Swayze's, 16 feet long. Culvert near Grape Juice Factory, 16 feet long. Carried.

Moved by Deputy Reeve Stewart seconded by DDeputy Reeve Haynes that the following named roads be outlined for improvements for the present year under the Provincial Highway Act.

Roads in Niagara Gardens, sub-division be graded and cinder paths made. Road between lots 2 and 3 from the Government road to the mountain, better known as the (Lampman Road) graded and later stoned.

Road between lots 4 and 5 graded from the Niagara Stone road to Scott street, Road between 6 and 7

graded from Homer to the Lake road, road between lots 2 and 3 graded from Scott street to the Lake road, road between lots 10 and 11 graded from the Government road to Carleton street, Scott street to be graded from Niagara street to the Niagara township line, road between the 2nd and 3rd concession, better known as (Church street) graded from Niagara street to the Welland Ship Canal, Carleton street graded half mile on the east end, Geniva street stoned from Carleton street to the New Welland Canal and graded from Church street to the Lake Road. Carried.

Council adjourned to meet again at the same place on Monday May the 12th at 1:30 o'clock p. m.

THE WEATHER
TORONTO, April 22.—An important disturbance now centered in Iowa is moving northeastward, a heavy rain fall has occurred over the great part of Ontario and showers have been almost general in the Western Provinces.

FORECASTS—Easterly winds, fair and mild. Friday, Southeast winds, showery and somewhat warmer.

Sterling exchange in New York was weaker at \$3.91 to \$3.92. Manager Gibson of the Pittsburgh National League team denied that Carey and Cooper of the Pirates would be traded for Hornsby and Doak of St. Louis.

BROWN DESERTED FROM THE U. S. REGULARS TO ENLIST WITH THE CANADIANS; GOT BAD HABITS LATER

Admitted Being Convicted at Welland and Brantford, and Escaping From Custody at Hagersville—Is Given An Indeterminate Sentence by Magistrate.

The fact that Clarence Brown had served in the Canadian forces overseas, no doubt had something to do with the leniency Magistrate Campbell used today in sentencing him for his admitted offences. Brown admitted that he had done short terms in Brantford and Welland and also that he had deserted from the U. S. regular army in 1916. Magistrate Campbell asked him if he had not gone under the names of Pritchard and Kenville and he admitted that he had. He said he would promise to reform if allowed to go. He admitted escaping from custody at Hagersville.

"Your record all the way through is none too savory," remarked the Magistrate. "I'll sentence you to the provincial reformatory for an indeterminate term, not less than six months."

Brown claims he has made restitution of the suit of clothes worth \$70, a watch and a pair of shoes belonging to the man with whom he roomed. He went to Brantford and was traced there through a girl he had kept company with in St. Catharines. His victim wanted Brantford and got the clothes but Brown had pawned the watch and spent the money. The Brantford chief of police insisted on him laying a charge against Brown and having him arrested. Brown was then brought here.

County Judge L. B. C. Livingstone has just handed down his decision in a peculiar case; that of the Hydro Electric Commission at Welland, vs. R. Hill. The hydro entered suit against Hill on charges that the noises made in his pool room, located over the Hydro offices in Welland, caused loss of business.

The case was heard last week, and County Judge Livingstone has just given out a ruling, finding that the nuisance complained of actually existed, and the defendant was responsible for it. He has ordered the issuance of an injunction to be issued immediately, and to come into force for three months to allow any change the which the defendant wishes to make to abate the nuisance.

In addition, County Judge Livingstone in his finding assesses all the costs of the case against the defendant Hill.

Hill contends that the owner of the building is responsible, as he rented his quarters to him for pool-room purposes, and that a pool room cannot be conducted without a certain amount of noise. He will likely remove from his present quarters in order to escape further suits.

SMALL CHICKS WERE ROASTED IN HEN HOUSE FIRE

The firemen had a run at 1:30 this morning to North street where a chicken house belonging to Mr. Brewster was found in flames.

The fire had started from an oil lamp in a brooder in which were about forty little chicks.

These chicks and six other chickens were roasted.

The loss will reach about \$200.

NO POTATOES FOR A MONTH, SAY TORONTO WOMEN

TORONTO, Ont., April 22.—To lose no time in organizing for the protest against the present price of potatoes, a committee appointed by the local council of women met today.

Mrs. Frederick A. Fish, Mrs. Campbell MacIvor and Mrs. A. C. Courtye who are responsible for the launching of the scheme whereby housewives will abstain from the purchase of potatoes for one month, outlined their organization and have arranged for a general conference to be held in the council chamber of the city hall on Friday morning.

At this meeting complete organization of the city will begin.

The British Rugby Football League of Toronto will open its season next Saturday.

Revolutionary Movement is Growing in Mexico; Two More States Have Joined Secession; Rebels Threaten Oil Fields

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Reports from Mexico today emphasized the growing strength of the revolution. Advice said Hincago and Tlaxcala, supported by their legislators and state troops, had joined in the secession movement. Other dispatches told of strong additions to the revolutionists led by generals Arnulfo Gomez, Rodolfo Gallegos, Albundino Gomez and Amaro Durango. General Arnulfo Gomez was said to have occupied Tuxpan with 3,000 men and to be threatening the Tampico oil region.

The Mexican embassy issued a statement declaring the revolution to be local. The statement added however, that if it secession movement should spread, it would result in the stoppage of business, curtailment of wealth and commerce and the indefinite postponement of the foreign debt.

Another statement from the embassy said General Benjamin Hill, campaign manager for General Obregon, who is siding openly with the revolutionists, had been wounded in a battle at Contreras, in which the rebel forces were defeated. Gen. Hill by birth is an American.

The senate committee investigating Mexican relations today summoned General Salvador Alvarado, who was the governor of Yucatan for Carranza during the Heneguin controversy who is now in Washington to appear before it on Tuesday.

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