

ONTARIO FACING TWO BIG PROBLEMS

Premier Drury, at London, Says His Government Will Do Best to Solve Them.

FARMERS MORE FARSEENING

London, March 4.—London welcomed Premier E. C. Drury with mixed emotions when he addressed two thousand representatives of capital and labor, city and county, at a banquet tonight in the Masonic temple, closing the convention of the Mutual-aid League of Ontario. The farmers cheered him enthusiastically; the representatives of the chamber of commerce voted him an excellent speaker, and the speakers who represented the labor side, the R.C.O. soldiers, the city of London and the manufacturers paid him sincere tributes.

John Bridge, representing the chamber of commerce, admitted that the mildness and reasonableness of the new government's conduct since its election had been a considerable but a reassuring surprise to those who had anticipated blue ruin when the old party forces went down to defeat last autumn.

Frank Glass, M.P. for East Middlesex, evoked loud applause when he urged the London Chamber of Commerce, largely represented at the banquet, to change its name and common sense to leave daylight saving alone this coming summer. "They do not understand the inconvenience it meant to the dairymen and other agriculturists," he said.

Mayor said little welcomed the premier to London, and expressed the belief that the Province of Ontario was going to enjoy better government in the future.

The Premier's Address.

There were two great problems to be faced intelligently, said the premier, beginning his address. There was the problem of reconstruction and the problem of changing its policy after the war. These two problems confronted the new government at a time of great social unrest. The important thing was to find constructive and reconstructive channels.

One heard a lot about serious consequences these days. But something wider and broader was wanted, a citizen consciousness. Many cities had heard that the new government would upset the industrial generally, and the premier said they did not intend to.

The farmers had formerly one big fault. They were inclined to see further than their own line fence. But organization had changed all that. The farmers had learned to understand the city people and had made up their mind to make the city people understand them. More sympathy was needed between the city and country, and between capital and labor. There was a great work to do and he had confidence that aided by the people generally, his government would succeed in doing it.

Referring to the question of immigration, Premier Drury said: "We want immigration of people that we can put into Canadian life, not an immigration that will form merely a laboring class for the employing class to exploit."

Road Improvement.

As to road improvement, he said the roads from every man's gate to the market point, and main thoroughfares that would reasonably take care of the traffic of the province. The government proposed a system of road maintenance and did not intend to build new roads and then let them deteriorate without repairs until new roads had to be built again.

On the school question he said that a system of education was not complete when it sprinkled a university here and there. All the schools must be improved so that every boy and girl would enjoy a reasonably excellent education.

Reproduction of timber resources, protection of forest areas against fire and restoration were important matters that the new government proposed to further. One thing that ought to be done was to loosen up the land which made private members mere voting machines. Why not let a man in whom they had confidence sufficient to elect him, use his own good sense in voting for measures that came up. According to census government the government would be expected to resign if a government bill to dig a ditch, say down in Essex, was defeated.

Lieut.-Col. Brown, J. W. Freeborn, G.A., United Farmers elected in East Middlesex; E. H. Stonehouse, president of the National Dairy Council; Dr. H. Stevenson, M.L.A., labor victor in London, and E. Whelan, B.S.A., who presided, were other speakers.

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YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

ABATTOIR EMPLOYE RETIRES.

An interesting presentation was made to one of the employees of the Abattoir last night when C. W. Reid was presented with a fine leather club bag, subscribed for by his fellow workers. Superintendent Scott in making the presentation said the firm was sorry to lose the services of Mr. Reid, who had accepted a position in another packing plant in the United States.

RELATED TO KUT HERO.

Ronald Townshend of Sutton, England, is visiting relatives on St. Clair avenue. He is an ex-imperial soldier and was attached to the R.A.F.C. during the war and was at the front for three and a half years. Townshend is related to General Townshend, who surrendered to the Turk at Kut. A. Douglas, pilot in the R.A.F.C., was killed in France while flying over the German lines. Young Townshend is taking up farming at Beamsville, Ont.

DANCERS SUFFER THEFTS.

For several weeks past articles of value have been missed by the patrons of the Belmont Hotel dances, which is run under the auspices of the G.W.V.A. In charge of Sgt. Jim Stockley. A complaint was made at last week's dance of the loss of a coat with the result that Algie Morton of Harvie avenue was arrested and charged with the theft. She was sent to the jail farm for five days.

CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT.

Joseph Smith of the Toronto police force, member of the co-operative movement in Toronto, gave a short talk last night at Belmont Hall at the regular meeting of the veterans. An effort is to be made to interest Earlscourt in the local end of the movement and a committee is to be formed here for that purpose. The returned men are to be asked to assist.

EARLCOURT RIFLE CLUB.

The new rifle club to be formed in the Earlscourt district has for its president, A. G. Clark of the Imperial Bank branch at Boon and St. Clair. The membership is to be limited to 25 members and the annual fee is \$5. Arrangements are being made to hold a banquet, after which the season's work will be laid out.

DANFORTH DWELLING BURNS.

An outbreak of fire from some unknown cause occurred at the residence of T. Douglas, 182 Browning avenue, at 8.25 yesterday morning, causing damage to the amount of \$600. The fire raged promptly on the scene and the loss, it is stated, is covered by insurance.

JONES MEN'S CLASS PROGRESSES

The men's class of Jones Avenue Baptist Church is comparatively new organization—is rapidly progressing in membership.

The regular Thursday evening gatherings are provided with games and other amusements, under the supervision of W. Howard, chairman, and committee of management, J. T. Bowes is president. As a special attraction, Rev. David Blackett, who visited the war zone as representative of the Young People of Canada, will deliver an illustrated lecture on an early date in the war zone at an early date.

RED CROSS AT DANFORTH

A resident Red Cross nurse for the Danforth Park, Woodbine Heights and Edendale district has been appointed recently by the M.O.H. and York Township Council. The nurse has a staff of assistants under her supervision, and all urgent cases of sickness requiring aid receive attention. The scheme was adopted chiefly, it is stated, on account of the difficulty of securing accommodation for township patients in city hospitals for some time past and during the periods of outbreaks of infectious diseases.

The officials of local ratepayers' associations, if applied to, can procure nursing assistance for residents. Red Cross nurses are also resident in other sections of the township.

WATER RATE BY METER

It is not generally known throughout York Township that the water is being charged to residents by meter rate by York Township Council since Jan. 1, and that the rate has been reduced from last year's figures.

ADVERTISING PAYS FANCIERS

A good showing of poultry and rabbits was held at the regular monthly meeting of the Todmorden and Feathers Association, held in Torrens Avenue School last evening. E. R. Durand gave an interesting talk on the advertising and production and show business. The speaker pointed out that the American poultry men have "put it over" the Canadian man, not because of the superior quality of their birds, but thru grasping the great advantage of judicious and clever advertising. "Advertising your activities in the production and show lines will enhance the value of your birds more than fourfold," declared the speaker.

There was a good attendance.

BETHANY CHILDREN ENTERTAINED.

Under the auspices of the officials and superintendents, the children of the primary department of Bethany Baptist Church, Todmorden, were entertained to tea and a social evening yesterday in the church. The pupils, to the number of 60, with their parents and friends sat down to table presided over by Mrs. Knight, superintendent, and Mrs. Lunham, assistant superintendent. During the given by Rev. E. Gray, pastor. It was pointed out that additional accommodation will be provided for the primary class, which is growing in numbers with marvelous rapidity.

DR. GRAHAM EDITS PAPER.

During the illness of Rev. Dr. McKay, editor of The Canadian Baptist, who is suffering from the prevailing

NEWMARKET UNVEILS MEMORIAL TO SLAIN

Newmarket, March 4.—A memorial tablet bearing the names of forty-five soldiers who were members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church here, four of whom made the supreme sacrifice, was unveiled last night in the church auditorium. A very fitting service was held, led by Rev. H. E. Thomas, pastor of the church, who paid tribute to the part played by St. Andrew's Church in the war. "Those who died," he said, "yielded up their lives willingly in a great cause to safeguard the freedom of the world."

A banquet was given in honor of the returned veterans of the congregation. A large attendance was on hand and the event was a notable one in the history of the church.

RECOVERED FROM FLU.

Fred McDonnell, Curzon street, section of St. Joseph's Church, who has been so seriously ill with the influenza for some time, is now recovered and able to return to his duties.

Mr. McDonnell, whose wife died of the same complaint during his illness, was unable to attend her funeral, which took place at Collingwood recently. One baby, three weeks old, Miss Kathleen Le Roy, Carlaw avenue, organist of St. Joseph's Church, who has been ill with influenza for the past few weeks, is also back at her post.

MRS. FINCH LAID TO REST.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Abel Finch, who died shortly after admittance into the General Hospital on Tuesday morning, took place from her late residence, 818 Chislandale avenue, Danforth Park, yesterday afternoon, to St. John's Cemetery, Norway. Rev. A. I. Terryberry, pastor, Hope Methodist Church, officiated. The funeral was largely attended and much sympathy was expressed thruout the section with the husband and relatives of the deceased.

DANFORTH FANCIERS MEET.

An illustrated lecture on the production and rearing of chickens was given by Miss Yates, Ontario government lecturer, at the regular monthly meeting of the Danforth Poultry Association, recently held in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue. N. Brimley, president, in the chair.

A vote of thanks was tendered Miss Yates at the conclusion of her address.

Several new members were received and the meeting was one of the most largely attended by the members of the association.

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flu epidemic, Rev. Dr. Graham, pastor First Avenue Church, is fulfilling the duties of editor of the paper.

AURORA INSTITUTE AT-HOME.

Aurora, March 4.—The women's institute here held a very delightful "at-home" this afternoon in Orange Hall. The proceeds will be used in aid of a cot in Queen Mary's Hospital, Muskoka, which is being supported by the Aurora women.

Leaside Men's Club Enjoys Social Evening

Under the auspices of St. Outiberts Men's Club an interesting evening was spent in the Parish Hall, Leaside, last night when the members debated many of the live topics of the day and discussed their pros and cons. Chas. Maxey, president, occupied the chair, and among those present was Rev. J. M. Lamb, rector.

The third number of the Leaside parish magazine is now published and the management report success with 200 paid-up subscribers.

DANFORTH SPECIAL SERVICES.

Special services are being held and will be continued next week in Danforth Methodist Church. The preachers are Rev. I. Williamson of the Christian Men's Federation, Toronto, and Prof. Alvin Roper of Chicago. The services are being well attended and are considered to be productive of considerable religious fervor among the congregation since the opening of the season.

EVANS-STRUTHERS WEDDING.

The wedding of Miss Olive Struthers, daughter of Mrs. Struthers, 881 Carlaw avenue, and Frank Evans of Limerick, Sask., took place in Danforth Methodist Church, Danforth avenue, yesterday. Rev. J. Coulter, pastor, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Evans afterwards left for Buffalo. The happy couple will take up their residence in the west.

WESTON G.W.V.A. CARNIVAL.

Weston, March 4.—The G.W.V.A. fancy-dress carnival held here tonight was well attended. The Weston band was in attendance and provided lively music for the skaters, materially contributing towards the success of the carnival. Ken McKerrick, president of the Weston branch G.W.V.A., was well pleased with the evening's enjoyment as were the other members of the branch who were present.

The following prizes were awarded by the judges: J. Mark Gardhouse and J. M. Pearen;

Best skaters, Mr. McKlassock and Miss Chanler; best gentlemen's costume, George Weiler; boys' race (under fifteen years), I. Morton, 2. MacDonald; girls' race (under fifteen years), Miss Gladys Chanler, 2. Miss Pritchard.

HAMILTON

Hamilton, March 4.—A decrease in influenza cases was reported today. The total of cases so far is 3,677.

The library board tonight voted salary increases to the chief librarian and his assistants.

The new technical school being built at the corner of Ottawa and Main streets, collapsed tonight, but no one was injured. Two storeys were almost completed.

The question of the appointment of an assistant principal at the collegiate has been referred to a special school committee for consideration.

The 70 striking cigarmakers of the Harper Pernal Company have been informed they may return to work on Monday next.

Stratford—Following a day's illness, Mother, Eucharis (Annie Twohey), mother superior of Loreto Academy, died this morning, aged 58. She was formerly superior at Toronto, Hamilton, and Chicago, and was born in Lindsay.

RED CROSS FAVORS "DISASTER" PLAN

Geneva Congress Would Have Organization Ready in Every Community.

Geneva, March 3.—The Congress of Red Cross Societies, in session here today, authorized the administration department of the International Red Cross League to proceed at once with a world-wide scheme of preparedness for disasters.

The plan contemplates a Red Cross disaster organization in every community, composed of a group of representative women. The resources at the disposal of the various communities would be tabulated and everything placed in readiness for instant use in the event of trouble.

Each organization under the plan suggested would include physicians, nurses, social workers, canteen workers, motor corps, a number of business men and supplies of cots, blankets, cooking utensils, hospital facilities and food.

FATHER FAINTED.

Joseph then ran to the barn and told his father, who fainted when he saw Davidson. The actions of the Larsons in the next two hours are not fully known, as they were naturally dazed by the occurrence. Mrs. Joe Larson was notified and shortly before 3 p.m. Dr. A. H. McFadden was summoned. On his arrival the police were notified and the arrests made without difficulty.

Some credence may be given to Joe Larson's statement that the shooting was accidental, since the shotgun must have been discharged from a point very near the floor. In the ceiling, directly over the chair, beside which Davidson was found, is the spot where the shot took effect after tearing away part of the dead man's skull. The gun could not have been aimed with any degree of accuracy from the level from which it must have been discharged. The accused and Davidson were sitting quite close together, the room where the shooting took place being only ten feet square.

T. C. Robbette will personally defend the accused if a true bill is found. The trial will take place next autumn at the Exemption assizes, and in the meantime Larson will be held in the Brampton jail. The inquest will be held next Wednesday night at Cooksville.

COOKSVILLE TRAGEDY LOOKS LIKE ACCIDENT

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drink. No one was angry; there was no trouble between my brother and my brother-in-law. Davidson sat in the corner by the window, next to a cupboard and table, while Frank was in the opposite corner by the window. I sat on the bed near the door. There were no harsh words. Frank laughed, I laughed, and Davidson laughed. We were just having a few minutes' talk. Suddenly Frank picked up the shotgun, that was standing just behind him in the corner, and cocked it once or twice just as he was examining it. I got up, looked around, and the gun went off. Davidson fell to the floor, and I ran out to tell father who was working in the barn. It was quite accidental in my opinion, as Frank and Jim were the best of friends and always had been."

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GOVERNMENT REFUSES RIGHT TO ORGANIZE

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Little's increase in Forces.

The government denies that there has been any substantial increase in the Canadian military forces and explains the increase in the national police force by the amalgamation of the Dominion police and the Royal Northwest Mounted Police.


Restrictive immigration regulations, it is explained, are already in effect.

The government asks for suggestions from the labor congress on co-operative legislation, protection of union labels, violation of the fair wage clause and changes in the industrial disputes act. It is pointed out that the federal government has already given substantial assistance in solving the housing problem, also that restrictive orders in council were for the dispersal, not the loyal, citizens of the country.

The government refuses to place rural mail carriers under the civil service or to interfere in the internal management of the national railways, pointing out that thru their railway unions labor can negotiate with the National Railway Board.

Proportional representation advocated by the Labor Congress, it is stated, will be considered at a speakers' conference.

In making a written reply to the labor council's requests and suggestions, the government has changed the official method. Usually only consideration was promised, but now each question is reviewed in detail, and the government's decision plainly set forth.



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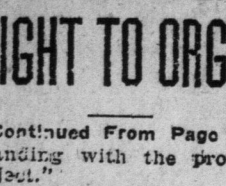
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