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# ONE CONFERENCE FOR TORONTO METHODISTS

### Stationing Committee May De- cide That Toronto is Large Enough to Be Treated Separ- ately and Divide Ontario Into Several Smaller Dis- tricts.

The stationing committee of the Toronto Methodist Conference began its sessions yesterday afternoon at the Metropolitan Church.

At the reading of the reports considerable comment will be made on the method of appointing men to the mission fields. It has been stated by a member that the proper method should be to collect the funds and appoint men to missionary work afterwards. The present system has the detrimental effect of preventing rapid progress, because the net expenditure exceeded the income by a considerable amount.

Considerable trouble has been brewing in Brampton and Weston centres. The church members there state that they are of sufficient importance to be included in the Toronto west district, and have instructed their delegates to the conference to assert their claims, which they undoubtedly will, and before the present sittings are over the more prejudiced members of the committee will be prevailed upon, with pleasurable results to the westerners.

### Earliest Court Also.

Earliest court, too, is suffering from growing pains, and they resent the fact that their district is still a "mission" area by the Methodists, and are petitioning the conference to increase their area by taking Downsview Church, which will increase the appointments to four in that section of the city, this making the area a fully qualified city district.

### Changes in Toronto.

Some like changes are expected in Toronto, with regard to the reorganization of the three Toronto districts, as one well-known minister said, "Toronto is becoming so large that we will have to redistribute the localities, making Toronto one conference in itself and splitting up Ontario into several minor spheres of activity. This will eliminate the discontent that is prevalent in certain circles." The present Toronto conference's jurisdiction reaches as far as Saint Ste. Marie.

### The Committee.

The stationing committee consists of the following: Toronto East District, Rev. J. H. Haslewood, D.D., J. H. Oke. Toronto Centre District, G. W. Robinson, B.A.; R. H. Hinkley, D.D. L.B. Toronto West, J. J. Ferguson, M.A.; J. F. Ockley, D.D. Brampton District, Jas. A. Lang, Ph.D.; F. A. Barse, B.A. Uxbridge District, A. Bedford, A. B. Haines, Orangeville; H. Hooper, M.A.; Chas. Langford, Bradford District, W. Buchanan, R. J. D. Simpson, Barrie, I. G. Bowles, B.D.; J. J. Spargling, B.A. Collingwood, W. K. Hager, B.A.; Robert McKee, Owen Sound, Jas. Young, Bracebridge, F. L. Brown, B.A.; J. S. I. Wilson, B.A. Parry Sound, C. W. Watch, W. W. Angus, South Ste. Marie, A. A. Wall, A. E. Owen, B.A. North Bay, A. P. Lutter, C. H. Elliott, Lindsay, E. J. Adams, Jas. Duggan, Sudbury, E. J. Paul, B.A.; Archer Wallace.

# FIREMEN HAD A RECORD DAY

### Seventeen Alarms Answered, With Most Serious Damage Only \$2000; and the Lowest \$2

Yesterday was a record day for fires in Toronto, and although most did much damage—the most was \$200, and occurred at the Laxfer Print Glass Works, 109 West King-st.—the firemen were kept busy from an early hour in the morning until late at night, when the smallest fire of the day occurred at 123 McGill-st., and did \$2 damage. In all there were 17 fires.

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## What the Council Did.

Formally appointed R. C. Harris as commissioner of works. Decided to engage Engineer E. A. James to report upon the feasibility of getting water from island wells. Repealed by-law preventing officials from discharging employees who had given evidence before a civic investigation. Agreed to release the firm of Miller, Cummings & Robertson from their contract to re-lake repair work. Decided to get plans for duplicating the filtration plant. Carried a by-law to issue debentures for \$149,100 for the construction of special sewers. Refused to establish two chlorination plants for the sewage disposal. Instructed Dr. Hastings to take the necessary steps to control the heavy infantile death rate. Voted \$1000 to entertain the International Association of Chief Constables here July 9 to 12. Accepted \$17,501 for the Brockton Hall property. Voted \$30,000 to the board of highway commissioners to improve the roads near the city limits. Voted \$5000 to secure a topographical survey of district surrounding the city. Passed a motion asking for more decorum in the council meetings.

## SEEK TO TIE UP ALL PORTS IN BRITAIN

### Incensed at Utter Refusal of Employers to Negotiate, Transport Workers Order a General Stoppage of Work— French Steamers Hampered by Mutiny of Crews.

LONDON, June 10.—(Can. Press.)—Three hundred thousand transport workers in this island will give up their jobs, and all foreign and coastwise shipping will be tied up indefinitely, if the union men obey the orders of the General Council of the Transport Workers' Federation, which tonight sent telegrams to every port in England, Scotland and Wales calling for a national strike.

The shipowners to-day decided to reject a compromise, the terms of which the government has been attempting to arrange. The principal points of the government's proposals were a general organization of the employees to treat with the unions, and money guarantees by both sides as insurance against violations of agreements.

### Employers Are adamant.

The employers maintain that their interests are so diverse that any organization would be impossible; they consider the cabinet's proposals, particularly the financial features, impracticable, and set their faces strongly against giving a tacit monopoly to the unions.

When the Federation Council learned of the employers' decision it sent telegrams broadcast, signed by Robert A. Williams, secretary, and Harry Gosling, chairman, reading: "The employees' political action to accept the proposals for a national strike. The national executive recommend a general stoppage of work."

### France Has Her Worries.

HAVRE, June 10.—(Can. Press.)—The strike which was begun by the crew of the French liner France yesterday is spreading, and 1500 men are now on the port, being almost tied up. The steamship company has informed the passengers of the France that the government has been requested to provide blankets to man the liner, but an answer is still awaited. In any case the France will not sail until Tuesday night and the company has decided to refund the passage money to all who desire to leave the ship. The emigrants who were aboard the vessel have been placed temporarily in the company's hotel.

The steamship St. Louis, which is expected to arrive here tomorrow, is to bring a certain number of sailors, who will be transferred to the France. The company's steamer Basse-Terre is also without a crew, and the departure of the Quebec for Havre tomorrow will have to be canceled.

The country has not been thrown into a panic by the calamity which threatens, because there is general hope that comparatively few of the men will respond to the leader's manifesto. Notes of disaffection are reported in several cities. At Newcastle, one of the most important ports, Peter Miller, the leader of the northeast coast unions, said there will be no strike. Manchester, on the other hand, appears to favor a strike.

### Spells Dire Disaster.

If successful, the strike will be the most disastrous of the labor revolts which have kept the country in a turmoil for the past year, disturbed business and strained the diplomacy of the Liberal government in keeping the good will of its labor allies. The real question to-day being fought out is the recognition of union labor, and the cause of the trouble which has already cost business and wage earners hundreds of thousands of pounds, is a stevedore named Thomas, who refused to join the union. The employers desiring to discharge him, and the dockmen stopped work. They took advantage of the occasion to demand a general readjustment of terms from their employers, who, on their side, asserted that the men had already violated last year's agreement.

The transport federation comprises the following unions: Sailors and Firemen's Union, 50,000; Dock, Wharf and Riverside Workers, 75,000; London Car-men's Trade Union, 50,000; Gas Workers, 77,000; Watermen and Lightermen, 5000; Stevedores, 5000; Enginemen, 6000; and some 20,000 laborers belonging to special unions.

Persistent efforts have been made to persuade the railway men to join the federation, but they have always refused.

## In The Toronto World you can Reid Howe Dick Baker Maguire the North Toronto City Council.

## POSTMASTERS ASK FOR MORE SALARY

### Want Ten Per Cent. More in Commission on Stamp Sales Up to \$3000, Reduction in Parcel Post Rates, More Assistance and Extension of Rural Free Mail Delivery.

The Postmasters' Association of Ontario meets at its annual convention, in the Labor Temple to-day, an agitation will be raised for increased remuneration. The contention will be raised that the present rate of salary of \$35 per year, or about ten cents a day, is hardly enough to keep a man's shoes repaired, let alone live. This is the way the executive, which met at the Walker House last night, expressed the salary question to The World.

At the executive meeting, which was composed of President James Scott, P. M., of Clinton; Secretary-Treasurer H. E. Proctor, P.M., of Aurora; H. S. Morris, P.M., of Norwich; W. Hamilton, P.M., of Uxbridge; L. V. Conroy, P.M., of Oakville, and A. E. Fernan, P.M., of Wilton, it was decided to bring before the convention the question of increased assistance for the extra work brought about by the rural free delivery system; the adoption of the rural free delivery system in the counties where it has not yet been put in force, and a substantial reduction in the rates now charged for parcel post.

### Much More Work.

While believing in the rural free delivery system as a progressive policy, the postmasters argue that with it should come an increase in remuneration. Not only do they lose the revenue that would otherwise be obtained from the rental of boxes, but instead of handing the mail out as it is called for during the day, they must sort it out and make it up in packages ready for delivery the moment it arrives.

For this extra work they receive nothing, their only revenue in addition to their yearly salary being a commission on the sale of stamps. It is thru the raising of this commission that they seek added compensation for the additional work.

### Present Rate.

The present rate of commission on the sale of stamps is 50 per cent. on the first \$1000 sold, 30 per cent. on sales from \$1000 to \$10,000, and 20 per cent. on sales from \$10,000 to \$20,000. This came in to force in 1908. At that time the rate was 45 per cent. on the first \$1000; 27 1/2 per cent. on sales from \$1000 to \$10,000, and 17 1/2 per cent. on sales from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

### Much More Work.

It is pointed out that in addition to the extra work entailed owing to the rural free delivery system, the work of the postmaster has been increased to a large extent since the rate of revenue was raised by great growth in circulation of advertising matter and newspapers, for which the postmaster gets no revenue whatever, as there is no stamp sale on them. The statement is made that this part of the work has increased fifty per cent. during the past five years.

### Ridiculous Rate.

The postmasters in demanding a reduction in the rates charged for parcel post term the present rate charged as "ridiculous." It now stands at a cent an ounce, 18 cents a pound, as compared with 12 cents a pound on English deliveries. It is pointed out that practically all express companies are a monopoly of the business.

### Two Thousand Members.

The Ontario Postmasters' Association is composed of more than two thousand postmasters, out of the 2600 postoffices in Ontario, or more than 50 per cent. of the total number of postmasters.

At to-day's convention, at which President Scott will preside, the question of increased pay, being necessary under the rural free delivery system, will be brought up by Postmaster A. Wright of Renfrew and Postmaster J. F. Tamblyn of Ottawa. Joseph Armstrong, M.P., of West Linton, will address the convention in the afternoon on the rural free delivery and parcel post questions.

## INSULTING LANGUAGE TO GIRLS AND WOMEN ON THE HUMBER RIVER

### Gangs of Ruffians Pass Remarks and Swear at Canoeists, Who Must Listen to Insults as They Pass— Lack of Police Protection is Blamed for Existing Conditions.

Because there is absolutely no police protection on the Humber River at any hour of the day or night, that beautiful water course, frequented by hundreds of young people from the city, is rapidly becoming the favorite haunt for a gang of young hoodlums, who have no respect for themselves or anyone else, and who take keen delight in insulting women and girls. During the past few weeks, the language that has poured from the mouths of these young toughs, while either boating or fishing on the river, has been so disgusting that escorts are becoming ashamed to take lady-friends up the stream.

All day Sunday a number of boys were standing on the bank at the second bend. Some of them wore bathing suits, while others wore only trunks or nothing at all. As girls went by in canoes with gentlemen friends, these youths cursed in loud tones or passed suggestive remarks about the occupants. The slightest rebuke from the escort would be met with a stream of profanity and there was nothing left for him to do but to paddle on.

Even the foreigners who are working on the G.T.R. construction work have sufficient command of English to make insulting observations to the occupants of boats and canoes.

One young man became so incensed at a remark passed by a lounge that he lost control of his temper and threatened to punish the offender then and there, but he was restrained by the young lady accompanying him.

At night parties of these young ruffians make a practice of lying along the wooded banks of the river for the purpose of watching those who should chance to draw beneath the trees. On several occasions fights have ensued where the canoeist has discovered the watchers.

Altho arrangements have been completed for a police patrol along the Lake Shore road at the Humber, the question of protection for the river has never been taken up, and as the county has its hands full immediate relief is not promised.

## GAS EXPLOSION WRECKED CAFE MEET TO-NIGHT

### Foundation of Building at Queen and Beverley Streets Badly Damaged and Fire Broke Out.

A terrific explosion of gas in the basement of G. Kaphalago's restaurant, corner of Queen and Beverley-sts., last night, caused considerable excitement in that neighborhood. The employees of the restaurant immediately rushed to the street and found flames issuing from the cellar windows. The fire department was quickly summoned and soon had the blaze under control, before any great damage was done. It is said the building will have to be torn down, as the explosion has completely wrecked the foundation. The plate glass windows were not broken, and the trays of candy were scarcely disturbed. The foundation, however, was badly cracked.

## SEARCHING FOR TRAFFIC EXPERTS

### Mayor Returns and Drayton Stays in New York to Secure Men to Clear Up Rail- way Problem.

Mayor Geary returned from New York yesterday morning, where with Corporation Counsel Drayton, he went to negotiate with a firm of traffic experts regarding the securing of a report upon the city's transportation problems. His worship stated that nothing had been definitely settled but that Mr. Drayton was still in New York, and hoped to make satisfactory arrangements before returning.

The mayor would say nothing as to what firms had been approached in the matter, but he was optimistic that the city would get the best advice obtainable.

## ENGINEERS' STRIKE AGAIN THREATENED.

PHILADELPHIA, June 10.—(Can. Press.)—The committee representing the Orders of Conductors, Trainmen and Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers on the Pennsylvania Railroad east of Pittsburgh and Erie, in the dispute over certain working arrangements, this afternoon sent out a call for a referendum vote on the question of giving the committee the power to call a strike. About 25,000 men are said to be involved.

### Can't Scare Langlois.

MONTREAL, June 10.—(Special.)—Langlois, M.L.A., who returned today, gave out a statement to the effect that as Le Pays had published nothing against the church or any other gentlemen on the Pennsylvania Railroad, he will publish the archbishop's letter this Sunday, and will reply at length to the referendum vote on the question of giving the committee the power to call a strike, and believes that men of all denominations will stand by him.

## POLICE HAD LONG CHASE FOR BODY

### Got Coroner's Warrant and Visited Two Undertaking Establishments Before it Was Found.

The police were led a merry chase last night when they went to Grace Hospital to get the body of John J. Hart, who died at the hospital on Sunday afternoon from injuries received when he was knocked off the top of a G. T. R. box car in the Bathurst-street yard on Saturday evening. When the patrol wagon arrived at the hospital the driver was informed that the body had been removed by Miles the undertaker. The undertaking establishment was then visited, but Mr. Miles' employes stated that the body could not be removed. A visit then was paid to Dr. Pickering, the coroner, who promptly issued a warrant. When the patrol wagon went back to Miles' establishment and exhibited the warrant, the undertaker said that they did not have the body, and that they did not know where it was. The patrol wagon driver later located the body at J. Meyers' undertaking rooms at Eglington, from whence it was removed last night, and an inquest opened at the morgue by Dr. Pickering. The inquest was adjourned until Thursday evening.

## P. D. CRERAR, K.C. DIED, SUDDENLY

### One of the Best Known Lawyers in Canada Seized With Apoplexy in Hamil- ton Home.

HAMILTON, June 10.—(Special.)—P. D. Crerar, K.C., one of Hamilton's most prominent lawyers and business men, died suddenly this morning, after an attack of apoplexy. He had resided in this city for a number of years, coming here from Oriskany, Scotland, his birthplace. He was a member of the legal firm of Crerar & Crerar, and in addition to his extensive legal practice was connected with a number of large companies. He was president of the John McPherson Shoe Co., Royal Distillery and the Ontario Leather Co., and was also the director of the Imperial Cotton Co., Ontario Lumber Co., Tangleton Lamp Co., and Baynes' Carriage Co. He was solicitor for the McCacons and Royal Banks and the Hamilton Provident and Loan Co.

Mr. Crerar took a deep interest in curling and was president of the old Leander Rowing Club for years. He was also a director of the Hamilton Golf Club and past president of the Hamilton Liberal Association. He is survived by his widow, three sons, Harry, Alister and Malcolm, and a daughter, Miss Violet.

## PRESBYTERIANS PLEDGED TO TEST OF CHURCH UNION

### Assembly, While Not Legally Binding Itself, Entered Into Solemn Covenant to Proceed With Plan and Abide by Consequences—Discord Melted Into Harmony.

EDMONTON, June 10.—(Can. Press.)—"We give praise to Thee for the great and blessed interest of this afternoon. We give thanks to Thee for all that our ears have heard. We thank Thee and praise Thee as we think of the years that are to come. We praise and thank Thee as we think of all that this will mean to the endeavorers of Thy people in other lands, foreign lands. We praise and bless Thee that in Thine infinite and divine mercy and compassion, Thou hast brought these negotiations to so blessed and happy a conclusion."

In these words Rev. Dr. Gilray of College-street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, to-day committed the Great Presbyterian Church in Canada to the cause of organic union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches, with which negotiations have been carried on for eight years.

### Bridges Are Burned.

The actual statement adopted by the assembly does not formally and legally bind the body to this course, but the denomination will never forget the solemn ceremony of the afternoon and can never, even if it is desired to do so, escape its consequences. In it the chief leaders of the union cause and the chief opponents of the proposal, with the assembled delegates, entered into covenant to test the plan by actual experiment and to follow faithfully wherever they might be led by the great head of the church. Everything that was said and done, both before and after the service, in praise and prayer, which concluded the discussion of church union, was based on the idea that the denomination had terminated

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## PANAMA HATS \$4.75.

There is a belated consignment of rare good Panama hats at Hinkley's. It was delayed on route and should have been in Toronto on May the first. Every hat is made from specially selected South American straw, and cannot be purchased beyond Hinkley's. Doors for seven-fifty—the price Dineen is offering them at is \$4.75. There are only six hundred of these rare hats at \$4.75 each. A very rare bargain at twice that figure. Don't miss them.



### The Straw Hat the King Wears

Henry Dineen of London, England, maker to His Majesty George the Fifth, has shipped to his sole agent in Canada, the W. & D. Dineen Company, the very newest designs in men's straw hats. It is a ventilated hat with an air cushion leather band, which can be slackened or tightened at the wearer's pleasure. The leather fits snugly to the head with an air chamber between it and the straw. It gives perfect ventilation to the head. These hats are now on sale at Dineen's.