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Chief States Step Taken For "Good and Sufficient Reasons."

WILL MAKE TEST CASE

Four taxi drivers have had their licenses revoked by the police department. The Advertiser learns.

One of these men stated that he is not prepared to accept this verdict without further questioning, and he proposes to combat the police authorities in the courts.

"I will make a test case of it," he stated (desiring his name be withheld until definite developments have occurred). Three others have been refused their licenses for 1924.

As to be anticipated, Mayor Wenig, chairman of the police commission, declined to offer any comment other than to state that the cases would be dealt with at a regular session of the commission, if complaints were made through the proper channels and in the customary manner.

Chief of the Police Robert Birrell stated that certain taxi licenses had not been renewed for 1924, and in his opinion there was little likelihood that they would be renewed. He explained that this course is adopted for "good sufficient reasons."

BOYS OF "Y" ENJOY THREE FINE FILMS

Pictures of India Were Especially Interesting to Local Lads.

Last night the boys of the "Y" enjoyed four fine motion picture films. The Opening of the New Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, and also "The Winter Sports of Canada" proved very interesting. Two films on India, of which country the boys are so fond, were also shown. The first of these was "The Production of Silk," which showed the different stages, right from the mine to the table.

Following the pictures, Alex. Knox and his clever assistants, Fred, mystified the boys with their stunts. Out of an empty box Alex. produced several handfuls of candy, which he naturally apportioned to the boys. His first number of producing a bowl of golf from a bowl full of ink was very cleverly done.

The Best Cough Syrup is Home-made.
Here's an easy way to save \$5, and yet have a really good remedy you ever tried.

You've probably heard of this well-known plan of making cough syrup at home. But have you ever used it? When you do, you will understand why thousands of families, the world over, feel that they could hardly keep house without it. It's simple and cheap, but the way it takes hold of a cough will quickly earn it a permanent place in your home.

Into a 16-oz. bottle, pour 2½ ounces of Pinex; then add plain granulated sugar syrup to fill up the bottle. Or, if desired, use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup instead of sugar syrup. Either way, it tastes good, never spoils, and gives you 16 ounces of better cough remedy than you could buy ready-made for \$2.50.

It is really wonderful how quickly the home-made remedy conquers a rough-cough usually in 24 hours or less. It seems to penetrate through every air passage, loosens a dry, hoarse or tight cough, lifts the phlegm, heals the membranes, and gives almost immediate relief. Splendid for throat tickle, hoarseness, croup, bronchitis and bronchial asthma.

Pinex is a highly concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and has been used for generations for throat and chest ailments. To avoid disappointment, ask your druggist for "2½ ounces of Pinex" with directions, and don't accept anything else. Guaranteed to give absolute satisfaction or money refunded. The Pinex Co., Toronto, Ont.

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TEN-MINUTE FIGHT COSTS THREE \$1 "PER"

J. McLarnan, U.S.A., "Laughed a Little" in the One-Minute Lunch.

THEN THE ROW STARTED

Constable Claims P. Sansone Threatened "To Get" the Officers.

The New Year was ushered in at the One Minute Lunch with ten-minute fights, which cost three of the participants \$1 per minute. Joseph McLarnan, of the U. S. A., and Louis Slobosky of this city, pleaded guilty and paid their fines without argument in police court today.

"Why can you get through the holiday with a row?" asked Mr. Graydon.

"I was just there and laughed a little," replied McLarnan, "and got a good poke," proving beyond doubt that there are times when it is wise to keep gurgling mirth under cover.

"You can't drink without fighting, you better leave it alone," advised Mr. Graydon.

Peter Sansone, however, was not among those present when his name was called by Clerk John Moule. The magistrate issued a warrant for his arrest, but the young man turned up after court was officially over, and the magistrate consented to hear what the accused had to say.

Constable Thompson told of arresting Slobosky and Sansone on the street, stating Sansone had used vile language. He threatened to "get" the officers on the way to the police station.

"Nobody else heard the language. They must have all been deaf and dumb," submitted Sansone.

Sergeant Montiel stated a man ran into the police station to tell about the scrap, and he despatched Constable Ayres to the trouble zone.

"I stood on the police station steps and I could hear them swearing," declared the sergeant.

"I was in the place, and I didn't hear any swearing," said Sansone. "His word is better than mine though. I knew that before I went to sleep last night. The officer swore at me. He called me a —"

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"I know he did," declared the accused.

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"I guess that's right, too," agreed Sansone.

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Chief Denies Holding Horses

It was never necessary to hold the horses during a race, Fire Chief John Aitken stated, referring to the suggestion recently that the motorization of his department has eliminated that task.

The chief states that it was always considered advisable, of course, to tie the horses to a post, but it was not imperative to leave them in charge to watch them throughout the race, as the fire department's work to tie the horses, he said.

PRISONERS GET ORANGES AND SOUP

Feast of Christmas Day Is Not Repeated at County Jail on New Year's.

"On Christmas Day we got turkey and fruit," said one of the prisoners. "On New Year's Day we gargled the soup."

So ran the refrain at the county jail yesterday. Governor Dawson's gang of holiday visitors had to forego the "trimmings," and when the noon hour whistle blew there were no heaping platters of turkey. There was no plum pudding, nor was there any mistletoe.

However, there were a few oranges, apples and a little candy left over from the Christmas spread.

"Oranges and soup don't go bad together," one "trustee" told the Advertiser. "That stuff don't pack the kick of lemon extract, but of course we ain't particular. The only thrill I got was when a piece of orange slid down my throat and splashed in that ocean of soup in my stomach."

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"OLD 27" IS NOW RAISING REAL CROP OF WHEAT

Aged Damsel of Street Car Barns Introduces Entirely Novel Stunt.

HER EXPERIENCES

"Old 27," the Springfield "International Limited," of the London street railway, has gone into the farming business, and is raising a splendid crop of wheat in the snaking compartment. "Old 27" is endeavoring to prove all U. P. O. supporters who get a regular roller coaster trip every time they take fare on "27," that wheat can be raised at less than a dollar a bushel.

When the aged damsel of the street car barns was sent and threshed her crop she purposes sending all statistics in the matter to no less a personage than the minister of agriculture, Hon. J. S. MacIn.

Now "27" is a honest-to-Mike farmerette is a huge joke to the city cars that only get a trip to Springfield. They tease the public school picnic. They tease the public school picnic. They tease the public school picnic.

"I can raise wheat if I want to," rumbled the old girl after a particularly nasty jab from the fender of No. 152.

"I'm going to raise potatoes if my boss Arthur Rockett and Supt. Humeston will stand for it," continued "27." "Funny thing how I got into the farm game. You all know I carry a lot of farmers in the winter time and a few weeks ago an old bird who lives near Byron climbed up the steps with a leaky bag of wheat. He talked about all the trouble of raising wheat and the poor money he got for it, so I decided to raise a little myself."

"I hung on to quite a bit of it and eased it between the cracks in the board. When they wash of the floor grab all the moisture I can. The little kernels embedded there. You can see for yourself how well the high tide is doing. It's over three inches high right now. I'll have time to arrange for cutting and soon."

"I think I'll have it stored at Hon. Mr. Ashton's place. He's a good cropper and I'm sure he won't mind the aldermanic hobby in land that aldermanic hobby in land that aldermanic hobby in land."

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LOCAL CUSTOMS RECEIPTS SHOW FAIR INCREASE

Decline of \$6,704 Is Noted on the Sales Tax on Imports.

EXCISE TAXES JUMP

Although a moderate increase over December of 1922 is shown in the cashier's report of the total collections of the local customs for the past month, slight declines were recorded in customs duties. The difference was made up in domestic excise taxes, which all showed substantial increases. The report shows a decrease of \$6,704 in customs duties and a decline of \$6,704 in sales tax on imports. A large increase is recorded in domestic excise taxes amounting to \$6,208.65.

The grand total for collection for the month is \$297,957.47, which is an increase of \$3,177.21 over the returns for the same month of last year. Last month an increase of \$5,525.25 was recorded in the total collections over the corresponding month of 1922.

Since May the cashier's report has shown an increase for every month. The monthly report for December, 1923, showing the comparative figures for the same month of the previous year, is as follows:

Imports	24,184.42	30,889.15
Excise taxes	17,308.75	13,921.89
Sundries	899.36	636.26
Customs totals	\$119,748.92	\$140,858.57
Domestic excise	\$152,425.45	\$136,216.80
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Excise taxes	17,308.75	13,921.89
Grand totals	\$297,957.47	\$244,796.46

Disastrous fire rages in Winnipeg.

Firemen hampered by extreme cold in wholesale grocery blaze.

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—A fire of unusual intensity broke out in a wholesale grocery store in Winnipeg today.

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Canada's Industrial Trade With Britain Has Declined Since '18, States Official

H. Watson Asserts Shrinkage Due Partly to Cheapness of European Goods.

DEVELOPED IN WAR

Believes Poultry Trade Might Be Improved.

In view of the approaching British Empire Exposition to be held in Wembley Park, England, this summer, the following excerpt from the report of Trade Commissioner Harrison Watson, representing the Dominion in London, England, on the Canadian export trade to the United Kingdom in 1922 is interesting. Mr. Watson in the course of his report says:

"The impression gained from a general examination of the returns is that while import trade from Canada was well maintained during 1922, it consisted as before the war mainly of articles of food and a few raw materials, and the considerably varied trade in manufactured goods which, developing during the war, reached its peak in 1918-19, has declined almost as rapidly, and indeed in some items almost completely disappeared."

"That this business, which was to a large extent due to abnormal conditions, would contract as British industries revived was to be expected, but the shrinkage has been aggravated by the situation which has developed whereby Canada has found it quite impossible to compete in this market with the low prices offered from European countries whose currencies are enormously depreciated, while, moreover, Canadian funds have been at a premium in this country."

However, it must be borne in mind that 1922 was a particularly bad and discouraging year for trade, and it is to be hoped that the greater efforts which Canadian exporters are making to secure a better footing in this market will bear fruit as soon as the long-delayed revival in European affairs generally sets in. Indeed, it is possible that when the 1923 returns are published it will be found that Canada's share in some manufactured lines will already show an improvement."

He explains the reason for the drop in the export of Canadian hay into England in the following way:

"Although 1922 witnessed one of the worst hay crops on record in this country, it is noteworthy that imports amounted to only 14,573 tons as against 62,529 tons in 1913, an eloquent testimony to the development of motor traffic. Of this 1922 total, Canada contributed over 80 per cent."

He believes the dominion might do more in the way of poultry, and says:

"In 1921, Canadian exports amounted to 4,364 hundredweight and in 1922 to 11,862 with still a large demand not met."

Apple Trade Good.

Of fruit and fruit juices Mr. Watson says:

"Apples: It is satisfactory to find that for the first time for some years Canada supplied more raw apples to the United Kingdom than were shipped by the United States."

Pears: Canada's share of the trade in raw pears remains insignificant, although it has steadily revived in the last few years, and the 3,272 cwt. which arrived in 1922 almost equaled the figure of 1913.

Canned or bottled fruit, preserved without sugar: While imports have not varied much for some years, in 1922 it would seem that Canada was not followed up the advantage provided by the war restrictions in favor of imports produced within the empire, because whereas 61,958 cwt. were imported from Canada in 1919, there has been a steady decrease to the present figure of 22,623 cwt.

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