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TWO DIRECTORS OF UNION LIFE COMPANY ARRESTED

Harry Symons, K.C., and F. G. Hughes, Taken in Toronto and Edmonton Respectively—Dr. Millichamp Ill and H. P. Evans in Europe.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Jan. 26.—Following the investigation into the affairs of the Union Life Assurance Company and the true bills returned by the grand jury against the president and three directors for conspiracy, Harry Symons, K.C., was arrested at his office this afternoon. He was allowed bail in $15,000, six hours later.

[Canadian Press.]

F. G. HUGHES, TOO.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 27. — F. G. Hughes, against whom a bench warrant was issued in Toronto yesterday, charging conspiracy to defraud in connection with the Union Life Insurance Company, was arrested here last night in response to a wire from the Toronto police.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—Dr. Millichamp, for whose arrest a warrant has been issued, is at Homewood Sanatorium, Guelph, suffering from nervous breakdown.

No effort was made to locate H. Polmian Evans, as it was learned that he had taken his departure for Europe about two weeks ago. It was stated at his office, 49 King street west, where he has been doing business since his return from London to give evidence before the investigating committee several weeks ago, that he had gone to France to recuperate.

Specifically the indictment states that between the years 1912 and 1909, Symons and his three colleagues were charged with conspiring to defraud by reason of misrepresenting to the public the value of shares in the National Agency, the parent company of the Union Life Assurance Company, and misrepresenting the connection of this concern with the defunct Union Life Company.

BYRON RESIDENTS WANT SUNDAY CARS RUN TO SPRINGBANK

Claim That Their Claims For Seven-Day Service Should Be Recognized.

While it is understood that the Sunday car service which is to have its inception at some near future date, will not be operated on the line to Springbank Park, there is another phase to be considered than that of the citizens' or company's will in the matter.

The residents of that section—and there are many of them who take advantage of the line o*' city—have been watching the culmination of affairs with more than usual interest. The feeling is prevalent with many of the suburban patrons of the park cars that they should be provided with some means of access to the city by car on Sunday as well as during the week.

"If Sunday cars are to be operated in London, they should be run to and from the park," a resident of Byron said to The Advertiser today. "There are many people in our locality who would take advantage of a Sunday service into London. From the company's standpoint, I am sure that it would be profitable, while on our part, it would be very convenient. Speaking for myself, I have many friends in the city, whom I would often visit, were there some means of transportation. The feeling is strongly in their favor."

GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO PAY PUBLICATION

So Bill For "Protection of Children" Will Have To Be Paid by Superintendent.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Jan. 27.—The Ontario Government has declined to pay a bill amounting to close on $300 for publication of a book entitled "Protection of Children" by J. J. Kelso, Ontario Government superintendent of children's aid societies, which the author says was not intended for general circulaton, but for the informaton of fellow-workers.

According to officials, the order for the book went down with the Government printing in the usual way from the children's aid branch of the provincial auditor Clancy, with the result that, after dragging along for several months, Mr. Kelso was ordered to pay the account himself.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 12 hours preceding 8 a.m. today: Highest, 35; lowest, 17.

The official temperature for today: Highest, 39; lowest, 32.

TOMORROW—CLOUDY; TURNING COLDER AT NIGHT.

Toronto, Jan. 27, 8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Southerly winds; cloudy and mild.

Wednesday—Northerly winds; cloudy; turning colder by night.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

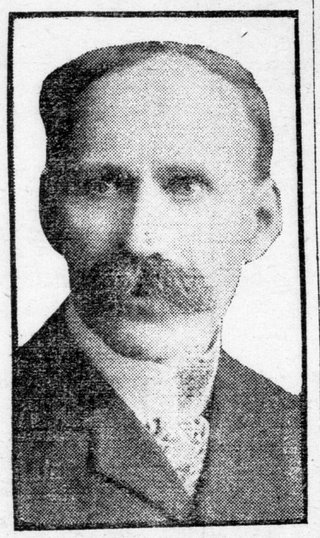
Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	42	32	Snow
Calgary	—2	—20	Clear
Winnipeg	2	—18	Clear
Port Arthur	16	2	Cloudy
Parry Sound	24	18	Rain
Toronto	33	32	Cloudy
Ottawa	8	4	Snow
Montreal	4	zero	Cloudy
Quebec	8	2	Cloudy
Father Point	8	2	Cloudy

(—) Minus, below zero.

Weather Notes.

The temperature continues low over the Western Provinces, but has risen everywhere between Ontario and the Maritime Provinces. A shallow disturbance is moving eastward across the Great Lakes, with no indication, however, of any storm developing.

ADDRESSING LOCAL EDUCATION BOARD THIS AFTERNOON



DR. F. W. MERCHANT, Inspector of Industrial Schools.

DUTY-FREE FOOD URGED AS FIRST RELIEF MEASURE

Liberal Caucus Discusses High Cost of Living Frankly.

CONDITIONS ARE IRKSOME

All Classes Should Get Together To Agree Upon Measures For Adjustment.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The high cost of living problem was on the carpet this morning before a caucus of the Liberal members of Parliament. There was a full attendance and a frank eqpression of opinion. Members from every part of Canada were heard, and all had one story to tell. Every speaker reported that in his constituency there existed business depression; that in most of them there were men out of work, and that everywhere there was complaint that the cost of living had reached a point where it could no longer be endured, and a remedy was demanded.

GROWING DISSATISFACTION.

It was also rported that there is growing dissatisfaction with the interests behind the Government, which insist that there shall be no change in the tariff, or any of the fiscal conditions of the country, looking to the improvement of the conditions which people now find irksome and distressing.

FREE FOOD FIRST.

It was the opinion of the caucus that the Opposition should continue to apply as much pressure as possible upon the Government to force it if possible to grant free food as the first measure of relief, to be followed by such other measures as conditions require.

CONFERENCE SUGGESTED.

The general opinion of the caucus was that the time has arrived for a thorough overhauling of the machinery of government and the economic conditions. It was declared that the relations of all classes in Canada should be thoroughly studied, and that the farmers, the manufacturers, the workmen, the transportation interests and the banking interests should get together with the approval and co-operation of the Government and agree upon measures for the improvement of the unsatisfactory conditions which have naturally resulted from the rapid development of Canada during recent years. For immediate relief, it was decided that free food was the proper remedy.

CO-OPERATION NEEDED.

It was also felt that the co-operation of the interests mentioned was essential to improvement, because the present Government is so much under the authority of special interests that it could not be depended upon to devise and enforce measures essential for the common good. The discussions of the caucus will be voiced by speakers in the budget debate, which is still in progress.

SAYS ALLOWANCE IS INSUFFICIENT FOR PARK WORK

General Manager Glaubitz Declares Present Rate Is Far Too Small.

The park commissioners are waiting for the auditors' statement before making any extensive plans for London's park system this year. When the estimates are being struck, the commissioners will be in a position to know how much money may be expended on the parks this season.

General Manager H. J. Glaubitz states that it is practically impossible for the parks commission to make any permanent improvements to the system with the small sum allotted for that purpose. Only one-half mill is allowed for park purposes, and the amount, according to the general manger, is quite too small.

Before Springbank Park was included in the park system, all improvements then were made out of the waterworks finances, but as it is now all the parks have to be looked after with the one-half mill allowed, and it takes some careful financing to make both ends meet and avoid deficits.

ANOTHER THEATRE FOR LONDON IS BEING PLANNED

Grand Rapids Man May Erect One on Dundas Street Property.

The possibility of another new theatre in London is included in plans now under consideration by Peter Smirlies, of Grand Rapids, in connection with extensive alterations shortly to be made to the National Bowling Alley on Dundas street. In conversation with the Advertiser this morning, Mr. Smirlies stated that he had under consideration the building of a vaudeville theatre in the rear of the present building. The plans had not yet taken definite shape, however, he said. He intends making several alterations to the interior of the building. The most important of these will be the installation of an up-to-date New York barber shop in the basement.

WATCH DOG FAWNS ON THIEF; TEARS HOLES IN COP'S UNIFORM

Big Bullterrier Reverses Usual Order of Things When Night Prowler and Officer Pay Visits to Richmond Street Store on Monday Night.

"Br-rr-rr. bow wow wow, Bow, WOW. WOW," said Towser, the big bull terrier, who nightly guards the grocery store of Blinn and Legg, 354 Richmond street, when P. C. George Dickinson, tried to enter on discovering that the rear door was open. "SNAP, rr-rr-RIP, rippety-rip" went the officer's nicely pressed uniform. Dickson had to sue his club to beat off the dog.

"Nice Towser, poor old Towser," said a diminutive-looking fourteen-year-old newsboy, three hours previous, and Towser wagged his tail affectionately when the boy broke a window and reaching in with a stick, pulled back a crossbar and opened the door.

Towser didn't seem to mind the youthful burglar rifling the cash register of $16.50 and carrying off a quantity of fruit. He even licked the boy's bleeding hand that had been cut in smashing the window.

The identity of the "daring burglar" was discovered by Detective Egelton observing a boy stealthily wrapping a wounded hand in front of a restaurant. The boy ran when he saw the detective who followed him and took him to the police station where he confessed to the burglary. His story implicates a number of other young boys who will likely appear in the juvenile court as a sequence.

SIR GEORGE ROSS NOT SERIOUSLY ILL

Says Reports Are Exaggerated —Premier and Finance Minister Recovering.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—"Reports of my illness are greatly exaggerated," said Sir George Ross, at the Chateau Laurier, today. "I am suffering from a cold and fatigue, but there is no cause for alarm."

Premier Borden and Hon. W. T. White, who have been indisposed, are also recovering. Mr. Borden expects to take his seat in the House this afternoon.

FOUR BURNED TO DEATH.

Montreal, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Napoleon Rodin, her little daughter and two children of Joseph and Mrs. Labricque, all of Notre Dame Du Rosaire, Que., were burned to death in spite of Rodin's efforts to save them, when their clothing and the house caught fire from kerosene with which Mrs. Rodin was lighting a fire.

ENTERS STORE BUT TAKES NOTHING AWAY

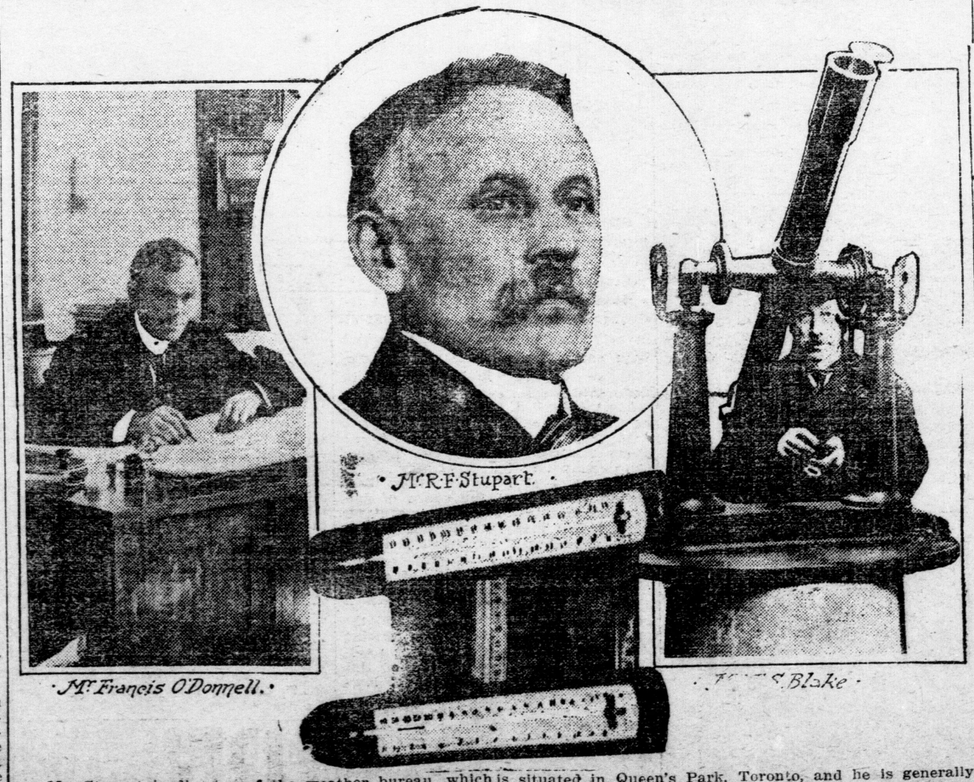
Mysterious Visitor After Removing Glass and Entering Fails to Remove Anything.

Ernest Meers, manager of the Moore Fruit Company, King street, complained at police headquarters today that his store had been entered Monday night. Detectives Robert Egelton and Harry Down have been placed in charge of the case.

When the store was opened this morning, it was found that a pane of glass had been taken out of one of the back windows and footmarks were traced from the back of the building to the front of the office. Nothing in the place had been disturbed, nor have the owners as yet missed either fruit or money. The putty had been scraped off the window and the glass dropped on the ground outside of the building.

It is thought by the police and the store owners that it was the work of some boys who were evidently scared away, shortly after they had entered the building.

Canada's Official "Weatherman" His Assistants and Some of the Instruments They Use



Mr. Stupart is director of the weather bureau, which is situated in Queen's Park, Toronto, and he is generally credited with being the advance agent for zero weather, blizzards or the heat of midsummer; but it is Mr. O'Donnell who draws the weather map and makes the forecasts, while Mr. Blake is the official astronomer. He is shown at his telescope. The official thermometers, by the way, are not hung in a vertical position like those of the average citizen, but are placed horizontally.

MAY PURCHASE MACBETH PROPERTY AS SCHOOL SITE

SCHOOL TRUSTEE WHO FAVORS PURCHASE OF MACBETH PROPERTY

W. T. STRONG.

Board of Education Committee To Consider Proposed Location of New Princess Avenue School—Opportunity to Straighten Avenue and Beautify City.

In all probability the old Macbeth property on Princess avenue will be purchased by the board of education as a new site for Princess avenue school, which is doomed for replacement.

No. 2 committee of the board of education were meeting on Tuesday to consider the securing of an option on the property, and there is a likelihood that all parties will be agreeable to this action. The board inspected the property recently, and came to the conclusion that the site was the best procurable. The price has advanced somewhat since the board last considered it, but it is thought that a considerable sum can be realized by the sale of the present school property.

Trustee A. E. Silverwood thinks that lots on the Princess avenue and Hope street frontage and the old material in the building would bring the board between $10,000 and $15,000. The Macbeth property can be secured for about $35,000, it is understood.

Trustee W. T. Strong has a plan in connection with the proposed purchase which will appeal to residents of the district. He believes that an arrangement could be made with the city whereby the "jog" that now occurs at Princess avenue at the Macbeth property could be removed at slight cost to the city, and the avenue enhanced in appearance and value. He will bring this plan forward at the meeting today.

The streets juts out for about twenty feet at this point, and breaks the view and the regularity of the street for a block. Princess avenue would be greatly improved by having it removed and the board of education would in all probability meet the city half-way in the matter.

"The city had a chance to straighten out Dufferin avenue at one time, and has regretted that it did not," said Mr. Strong. "The Macbeth property is the best available for a school. It would afford a fine site and would afford playgrounds second to none in the city. The price may be higher than it was, but with the sale of the present property and a grant from the city for the portion that would be used for a street, the board could make a most reasonable bargain. Princess avenue school must be replaced at once. I think the board is agreed on that. At the same time we have a chance to go in for a little beautification."

The report on the instruction of foreigners and several other matters are being considered.

Back to the Farm Given as Solution of "Unemployed"

Immigration Authorities, Salvation Army and Expert Are United On the Question.

"Back to the farm" would appear to be the solution for the scarcity of employment in the cities.

"Yes," said Immigration Agent John Riggs this morning, "good, capable men are needed in large numbers on the Western Ontario farms. Men who have experience in farm work are, of course, preferred, but others who are willing to learn can also find ready employment."

I. B. Whale, B.S.A., county agriculturist for Middlesex, expressed practically the same sentiments. According to Mr. Whale, agriculture in Middlesex and neighboring counties would make far greater progress were it not for the difficulty of securing farm help. The Salvation Army immigration department also declares that they have good openings for farm laborers. It appears that only female workers are required in the cities. The demand for domestic servants is never satisfied, and girls can almost always secure work in factories, offices and stores.

Agriculture is booming in Western Ontario, and is only hampered by the scarcity of help. Land values are increasing rapidly despite this drawback.

DUKE PAID A VISIT TO QUEBEC BRIDGE

Will Leave For Ottawa After Attending Civic Reception.

[Canadian Press.]

Quebec, Jan. 27.—H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by Capt. Buller and Capt. Graham, A. D. C.'s, drove from the Chateau Frontenac this morning to Cape Rouge, to visit the Quebec Bridge in Course of construction.

Today, after attending the civic reception in his honor at the city hall, he will leave for Ottawa.

SELECT THAMES VALLEY AS PHOTO PLAY "STAGE SETTING"

Moving Picture Companies Again Said To Be Contemplating Establishment of Branch Production Studios in Western Ontario.

Is London to be made a centre for the production of "movies?"

There is a rumor current at present that two directors of either the Edison or the Kalem film company visited the city Monday while en route from Buffalo to Detroit.

It is understood, that because of the ever increasing popularity of the "movie drammers," the larger companies are contemplating branching out, and Western Ontario has been approved as a promising "field" for operations.

Several years ago, while looking for a site for a studio, the then newly-founded Essenay company sent representatives to London to look over the ground in anticipation of purchasing a tract of land south of the city for their purpose.

At that time the Coves and the surrounding territory was considered an ideal locality, and arrangements were pending the purchase or lease of the property.

The deal was never consummated, however, and London missed the chances of securing a novel industry. Lately there have been persistent rumors to the effect that the same site was being considered by a "movie" company, although the names of the men behind the project could not be ascertained.

There is also a story to the effect that local capital is connected with the contemplated founding of an independent company, that would confine itself to Canadian productions.

The usual run of films shown on local screens are those produced in the United States, and which, consequently, are of a decidedly American atmosphere. It is a well-known fact that the valley of the Thames River would be an ideal location to "set" the photo plays. The big companies are always on the look-out for new scenes, and it is not improbable that the beauties of this section of the country have at least attracted the attention of the keen "stage setters."

CAR'S WILD PLUNGE INJURED NO PASSENGER

Ten People Had a Fortunate Escape at Elliott's Creek.

[Canadian Press.]

Beamsville, Ont., Jan. 27.—Ten people, passengers on the Hamilton, Grimsby and Beamsville car, which left Hamilton shortly after 8 o'clock last night, had a remarkable escape from death, when the car plunged over an embankment at Elliott's Creek, turning over on its side and resting partly in the water. No one was hurt. A broken rail caused the accident. Motorman Hewitt and Conductor Nelson composed the crew.

SELECT M'TAGGART

L. L. McTaggart, reeve of Ekfrid, will likely be warden of the county council for the next year, he being the choice of the Liberal caucus held in the Fraser House this afternoon.

Opposing him were John W. Laidlaw, John McGugan and John Morgan, of Ailsa Craig. Frank Boyes was the choice of the Conservatives. It is probable that McTaggart will be elected by an 18 to 12 majority.

DELEGATES ARRIVING.

Toronto, Jan. 27.—Registration of delegates to the convention of the Natural Clay Producers' Association began at the King Edward Hotel today. Two hundred and fifty are expected. President Charles Miller opened the afternoon session.

CLEAR UP MYSTERY OF SEMPLE'S DEATH

Two Men Held in Detroit May Throw Light on Demise of Former Londoner.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 27.—The detectives of the coroner's office, in the arrest of two men, who reside on Abbott street, may clear up the mystery that has surrounded the death of Robert Semple, formerly of London, Ont.

It is believed that the assailants of "Roddy" Semple are well known to the police and the men at present locked up have intimated to the authorities that if they were let go, they would give the necessary information that would lead to the arrest of the party who beat Semple up so badly that he died in St. Mary's hospital.

Daniel Semple, a brother of Roddy's, has received a communication from the Detroit coroner and as a result may visit the city in a short time.

"Roddy" Semple met his death as the result of being beaten up by a gang of thugs on Abbott street in December.

HARD ON SMALL SHOWS.

Toronto, Jan. 26.—Some of the owners of small moving picture shows say that the move of the Government, making the fee for censorship of pictures $15 instead of 50 cents, will soon put the five-cent shows out of business.

LONDON TOWNSHIP DECIDES ON INSPECTION OF ALL MEATS

Board of Health to Take Steps for Protection of People of the Township—Will Inspect All Slaughter Houses and Beef Offered For Sale.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Arva, Jan. 27.—At the organization meeting of the London Township Board of Health on Monday afternoon, there was a very lively discussion on the question of meat inspection.

It was pointed out that as a result of the action taken by the London Board of Health, requiring that all meat offered for sale be inspected, that the local board should take some steps to protect the people of the township from diseased meat.

It was suggested that the sanitary inspector, Dr. E. W. Heighway, V.S., who is a qualified meat inspector, with some assistance, could look after all animals slaughtered by the township butchers and reject any found diseased and put the Government stamp on all fit for eating.

Before taking any decisive action it was thought better to write to the veterinary director-general at Ottawa and find out exactly what can be done in this respect and the Government requirements.

Reeve Hodgins was elected chairman of the board, Dr. McNeill, of Arva, medical health officer, and E. W. Heighway, sanitary inspector.