

BOARD WILL HEAR REPORT ON ASSESSMENT WORK

Mayor Graham to Address the Members on Civic Affairs Friday Night.

Gordon Phillips, secretary of the London Board of Trade, has sent out notices of a general meeting of the board to be held Friday night, at 8 o'clock. Mayor Graham will address the meeting on civic affairs.

A report that will be of special interest to all members will be made by the committee appointed to look into the local assessment situation. The committee has learned many things of interest concerning local assessments, which are set forth in the report.

IN POLICE COURT

Pledge Signing Daniel Still Gets Drunk—And Fined.

Daniel Buchanan signed a pledge two weeks ago, swearing to abstain from intoxicating liquor for one year. This morning, he was in police court, charged with being drunk. Magistrate Judd took up the pledge and fined Buchanan \$20 and costs, or 21 days in jail.

"I hope you have to take the \$20," said his worship, "I would give you a month if I could. The next time you come back here, you will go on the list."

Richard Ross, who is on the prohibitory list, pleaded guilty to being drunk. Fined \$20 and costs, or one month in jail.

Six first-time drunks were discharged.

MAY DROP PROCEEDINGS

Possibility of Slander Suit Against London Township Reeve Being Abandoned.

It is possible that the proposal of the Dominion Abattoir Limited, to institute proceedings against Reeve J. Hodgins of London Township, for an alleged slanderous statement said to have been made by the reeve concerning conditions at the abattoir during the recent conference on the subject of inspection of slaughterhouses, may be abandoned.

The matter was put into the hands of the company's lawyer, Mr. Elliott, K.C. But Mr. Reitzner, president of the abattoir company, said this morning that, in view of the fact that Mr. Hodgins had declared that he did not refer to the Dominion Abattoir at all, it might be decided not to issue a writ.

"However," he added, "before we decide I want to investigate and find out for myself just what Reeve Hodgins' statement was so that we can decide whether any reflection on our company could have been imputed."

PRAISE FOR SEVENTH

Col. Hodgins Congratulates Major Becher On Tactical Day Exercises.

Col. W. E. Hodgins, officer commanding the First Militia Division, has sent the following letter of appreciation of the Seventh Regiment's tactical exercises on Victoria Day to Major Campbell Becher, at present in command of the regiment:

"I want to express to you and to all officers and men of your regiment who took part in the operations of yesterday my appreciation of the good work which was done. I am very glad to see such a good spirit evinced by the corps, and a desire to improve themselves in practical work. If you can extend this spirit throughout the whole regiment, it will be very gratifying to us all in the division staff, and will redound to the credit and advantage of your regiment. In any event, you have made a good beginning, and I wish to congratulate you and express my appreciation of what you have been able to do."

NO INQUEST

Coroner Ferguson Decides Michael Fitzmaurice's Death Was Accidental.

After conducting an inquiry into the death of Michael Fitzmaurice, the elevator man of the Tecumseh house, who died on Tuesday, as the result of a fall, Coroner Dr. Robert Ferguson decided today that an inquest was unnecessary.

"I found that death was accidental, and therefore decided to hold no inquest," said the coroner.

HOLDING COUNCIL EXAMS.

Eleven Doctors Trying For License to Practice in Examinations Being Held Here.

Annual examinations of the Ontario Medical Council are being held at the Western University Medical School. Eleven doctors are trying their final "exams" under the supervision of Dr. Robert Ferguson and James MacArthur. The exams will be completed at Victoria Hospital on Monday.

Council examinations, for the right to practice medicine in the province, are being held simultaneously at Hamilton, Toronto, Kingston and London.

ABSOLUTE SECURITY.

SECURITY.

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Carter's

Little Liver Pills.

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See Pictorial Wrapper Below.

Very small and as easy to take as sugar.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

FOR HEADACHE.

FOR DIZZINESS.

FOR BILIOUSNESS.

FOR CONSTIPATION.

FOR SALLOW SKIN.

FOR THE COMPLEXION.

QUESTIONS HEADACHE.

OFFICERS LEAVE FOR INTERNATIONAL MEET

Salvation Army Delegates of London District Go to Big Congress in England.

Major Frank Morris, head of the Western Ontario division; Ensign Martin, special financial agent, and other representative officers of the Salvation Army in London district left yesterday to attend the international army congress in London, England. They will be absent six weeks or two months.

Other Western Ontario officers attending are Ensign and Mrs. Smith, Wallaceburg; Ensign and Mrs. Wright, Woodstock; Capt. and Mrs. Bowles, Essex; Capt. Clarke, Leamington; Capt. Gibb, Ridgeway; Capt. Treasurer, Dresden; Adj. and Mrs. Neering, St. Thomas; Ensign Mercer, Strathroy, and Capt. Miller, Ingersoll. Mrs. (Major) Frank Morris will not attend the congress, but will spend the summer visiting relatives in St. John.

A big farewell of all the Canadian delegates from Toronto and westward will be held tonight in the Salvation Army Temple, Toronto.

Commissioner Rees and Col. Maidment, who will head the Canadian delegation, will be in charge of the service.

The Canadian contingent will number nearly five hundred, including the Territorial Staff Band of 35 pieces, and the Peterboro Corps Band of 30 pieces. The delegates are made up from all districts throughout Canada.

After the service there will be a monster march to the union station, in which all the Salvation Army corps of Toronto will participate, and the party will be conveyed to Quebec by special train.

ONLY ROUTINE

Little Else Stated For County Council Session.

It is expected that nothing but routine business will occupy the attention of the Middlesex County Council when it meets next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The assessment of the county's 22 municipalities, comprising 15 townships, 2 towns and 5 villages, will be equalized. Arrangements will be made for the disposal of the old courthouse furniture.

The special committee appointed to look into the advisability of a prison farm for Middlesex will make its report.

SEVENTH NOT GOING

Men Cannot Get Off For King's Birthday Celebrations at Kingston.

"The Seventh will not be able to accept the kind invitation of the Fourteenth Regiment, Kingston, to visit it on the King's birthday," said Major Campbell Becher this morning. "Unfortunately, the majority of the men are unable to get off work, so we were forced to decline."

WATER BOARD'S REPORT

Annual Message to Council is Twice the Size of Former Books.

The thirty-fifth annual report of the water commissioners for the year 1913 has been presented to the council. It is nearly twice the size of reports previously issued by the board.

All the substantial matter relating to the operation of the waterworks, electrical and parks departments is set forth. A half-tone of the temporary works in the Spencer block, is shown as the first illustration. The new workshop and garage, under construction, is also shown, together with photographs of machinery and scenes in Springfield Park.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Helping All Crops.

Rain and Warm Weather Offset Late Spring.

Bumper crops for Middlesex county are reported this year according to the statements of farmers frequenting the local market. Fall wheat is coming on well and the prospect for the season crop touching a high percentage of the standard are very good according to J. W. Noble, of the local department of agriculture. Bulletins issued by the Dominion Agricultural Department state that in parts of the province a percentage of the standard was on May 6th down in the eighties. A higher percentage of the standard, however, is shown in Western Ontario according to recent reports to the Ontario department.

The chinch bug, which in the past two or three years had wrought considerable havoc in Middlesex county, is reported to be getting in its fine work in the meadows and pasture lands around Strathroy. In other districts, affected in previous years, no considerable damage has been reported so far this season.

The improvement in farm crops the last few days following the heavy rains is remarkable. The rain was badly needed in the country and was particularly welcome as there is no reason why the farm crops should not overtake the backlog resulting from the long, late spring. Yesterday the thermometer touched 87.5 degrees, the record for this season so far.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Thomas Evans, of Yale street, left yesterday for Calgary, on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. A. E. Marshall.

J. E. Kelly, of London Township, underwent an operation for appendicitis this morning.

Miss Muriel Cooper and Mrs. James Woods, of Hamilton, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Fred Smith, 728 Waterloo street. Mrs. Woods recently from California, and is visiting her sister after a tour of the continent of four years' duration.

Miss Lydia E. Young, of New York, was in the city today, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Lucy Young, 618 Talbot street.

IS RECOVERING FROM STREET CAR ACCIDENT

Woman Who Fell Beneath Ottawa Car Reported To Be Improving.

Mrs. McAuliffe, wife of John McAuliffe, a G. T. R. conductor, of 233 Grey street, who was badly injured on Saturday night, when an Ottawa street car ran over her, is reported to be improving.

According to the injured woman's story, the car started to back up before she could step down and the car rolled over her. In some way she fell under the rear platform and could not get out. She was under a wheel, but her back and shoulder were badly strained and at first it was thought that her arm had been broken.

When the crew of the car realized what had happened, they at once took steps to have part of the car flooring removed, and the injured woman was lifted through the opening thus made. She was in a state of absolute collapse from fright and the shock of her terrible experience, but after being attended by Dr. Drake, she was able to be moved to her home.

At present her arm and shoulder are still badly swollen and until the swelling subsides the attending physician cannot tell the extent of the injury. It is thought, however, that no serious after effects will supervene.

VICTORIA NURSES

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Priston, Adeline Lucy Bodkin, Florence May Weldon, Albert May Simpson.

Miss Grace Brock of London, winner of the gold medal for general proficiency, Miss Ethel Wilson of Clavering, and Miss A. M. Hicks, Windsor, the silver and bronze medals respectively, were presented with them by Dr. Niven, chairman of the medical board.

The class pins were presented by Trustee Meredith.

At the conclusion of the exercises, musical numbers, were rendered by the Tony Cortese orchestra.

Welcomed by Alderman.

The graduates were warmly welcomed to the Alumnae Association at the eighth annual meeting of that body in the nurses' lecture room last evening.

The address of welcome was given by the president, Miss Gilchrist.

A report of the work of the past year, submitted by Miss McIntosh, the retiring secretary, showed the association to be in a good condition both as to membership and in the matter of finances.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President—Miss Gilchrist.

Vice-President—Miss McVicar.

Secretary—Miss Wilson.

Program Committee—Misses Land, Miboy and Ross.

Representative to the Canadian Nurses' Association—Mrs. W. Cummins.

At the conclusion of the meeting the trustees and officers of the hospital tendered a reception to the alumnae in honour of the graduating class.

Shuttleworth—Belton.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Kingston, May 27.—The marriage of Miss Florence Beryl Shuttleworth, daughter of Lieut.-Col. C. W. Belton and Mrs. Belton, formerly of London, to Edgar Howell Shuttleworth, of London, was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents here, on Monday morning.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. S. Jordan, assisted by Rev. S. J. McCompton, in the drawing room, where quantities of spring blossoms were used to make an effective scheme of decoration. Dr. Belton gave his daughter away and the grateful bride looked charming in a wedding dress of white crepe de chine with bodice of handsome rose point lace and bridal veil, arranged in effect caught up with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

The young bride's gown was of white silk, daintily trimmed with point lace, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The bride veil was tastefully arranged with roses and fell in soft folds to the end of the train.

Miss Tringham was attended by Miss Lucy Wright, who wore a handsome gown of white satin and carried a bouquet of red carnations. The groom was supported by Percy J. Shaw.

The bride was the recipient of numerous gifts, that of the groom being a beautiful travelling case.

After partaking of a delicious wedding breakfast, Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth left for a tour of western points, after which they will be at home to their friends.

FLETCHER—KERR.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at the deanery of St. James' Church, South London, on Saturday, May 23, when Miss Mary Elliott Kerr, daughter of Mrs. Clara Kerr, of Wonderland, to Sergeant Earle S. Fletcher, of the Signal Corps, United States Army. Only the immediate relatives were in attendance.

YOUNG WOMEN SERVED 9,000 LUNCHEONS LAST YEAR

W. C. A. Shows Successful Work by Annual Report.

Encouraging reports of the work accomplished by the different departments of the W. C. A. were presented at the annual meeting of the association.

The boarding home at 510 Wellington street had had a successful year on the whole, and while the high prices of food and the fact that the home was only about half filled brought about a bad financial condition for several months, matters had improved considerably. The home is now filled to capacity and generous contributions had relieved the financial stringency.

Summer Cottage Filled.

"Summerholme," the cottage at Port Stanley, owned and managed by a committee of the members of the W. C. A., had a successful season, being filled during July and August. The receipts, amounting to \$68.50, were expended in repairs.

The membership of the Sunday Bible Class was reported to be 57, and the average attendance 20.

The educational department was reported as being flourishing. One of the most important features of its work being a class in first aid, from which had sprung also a class in home nursing.

Miss McBride, who is in charge of the "Red Cross" committee, reported that much good work had been done at the depots by the secretaries, Miss Currie and Miss Lang.

Served 9,000 Luncheons.

The luncheon supplied over nine thousand lunches during the year, and was well patronized, as were also the reading and rest rooms.

The following ladies were elected unanimously to the board of directors: Mrs. J. M. McEvoy, Miss Gower, Mrs. Robert Wallace, Miss McCall and Mrs. J. H. Chapman.

Receipts and Expenditures.

The receipts and disbursements for the several departments were given as follows:

Lunch Room—Cash in hand, \$2.49; total receipts, \$13.05; disbursements, \$2.11; balance, \$13.43.

Office—Cash in hand, \$126.89; receipts, \$2,062.18; disbursements, \$2,049.61; balance, \$12.57.

Home—Cash in hand, \$27.72; receipts, \$5,955.52; disbursements, \$5,998.08; deficit, \$42.51.

MEDIATORS OFF

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rapid, harmonious developments at Niagara Falls. The President was encouraged by statements that substantial agreement on many of the cardinal points involved in the settlement of the dispute had been reached by the two missions. Hope for an early solution, expressed in Niagara Falls, was reflected in Washington.

What About Carranza?

Some of Carranza's friends, who have closely followed the Niagara Falls proceedings, have intimated that the northern chief would be ready for representation at the conference after his army took the city. Carranza's capital they take for granted. Carranza remained in close touch with his Washington agents, and an early statement of his intentions was not unexpected.

To Assault Zacatecas.

El Paso, Texas, May 27.—Reports from the south today said that Gen. Villa's forces were making haste in preparations for an assault on Zacatecas City, capital of Zacatecas State. It was asserted that the attack would be made by the two missions. Hope for an early solution, expressed in Niagara Falls, was reflected in Washington.

San Luis Potosi had been postponed because of the destruction of the railroad to the south of Saltillo, while the movement by train against Zacatecas was quicker and easier.

Also Zacatecas, lying northwest of San Luis Potosi, offered an opportunity for a rear attack upon the city. Villa's entire force without fear of a Federal rally.

Coming Around.

Washington, May 27.—Representatives on the Constitutionalists here took steps today to reopen the question of representation at the Niagara mediation conference.

John Lind and C. A. Douglass, legal representatives of the Constitutionalists, held what was termed a neutral conference with the representatives of the state department to take up the subject with Secretary Bryan, who had gone to the capital to confer with senators of the foreign relations committee. Their conference with the secretary was, on account, deferred until later in the day.

Nathaniel Mr. Lind nor Mr. Douglass would disclose under what conditions the Constitutionalists were willing to participate.

Rebels Not Wanted?

Niagara Falls, May 27.—No one of the official party was here to receive the announcement from Washington today that the representatives of the Constitutionalists had taken steps to reopen the question of representation at the mediation conference. When rumors to similar effect were circulated several days ago the mediators were not at all enthusiastic about the possibility of the Constitutionalists could only be received on terms originally laid down by the mediation board.

Although there have been no declarations of the subject it is known that one of the primary objects of the conference here is to prevent, if possible, the despoiling of the country by a victorious Constitutionalists force.

Audience Arranged.

Toronto, May 27.—At 4:45 p.m. today His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada, will give a fifteen minute audience at Craigleigh, the residence of Sir Edmund Osler, M.P., to the A. B. C. mediators and the United States and Mexican delegates. The audience will take place immediately prior to the reception of the foreign party at the royal garden party.

The foreign party arrived in the city shortly before noon and registered at the King Edward Hotel. They were accompanied by a large party of staff representatives of American newspapers.

Diaz Not Invited.

Gen. Felix Diaz, who is in Toronto, was not invited to the function.

There were 2,900 invitations to the garden party, and there have been 2,300 acceptances.

Annual Meeting.

The annual congressional meeting, with election of society representatives, and an adjourned meeting of the trustee board of Colborne Street Methodist Church will be held tonight.

NEWS

A Disclaimer.—Fred Robinson, 821 King street, is not the Robinson who appeared in police court yesterday.

Pigeon Loft Raided.—A pigeon loft above the garage of W. J. Clark on Ridout street south, was entered Monday night and two valuable carrier pigeons taken.

Promissory Note Case.—A writ has been issued by W. G. R. Bartram on behalf of John T. Bobby, of this city, against George Fulcher, of Stratford, for \$250, alleged to be due on a promissory note and for balance of account.

Special Service.—Adj. and Mrs. George Smith, of the London division, Salvation Army headquarters here, will conduct special week-end meetings at St. Mary's on Saturday and Sunday, and on Monday night Adj. Smith will deliver a lecture on Newfoundland.

Mayor Goes to Toronto.—Mayor Graham went to Toronto today to attend the final sessions of the National Town Planning Conference. City Engineer Asplund and Industrial Commissioner Philip, who went to Toronto early in the week for the conference, will return tomorrow.

Crowds at Springfield.—Despite the inclement clouds in the west many Londoners took advantage of the Springfield cars last night and fully enjoyed the breezy trip down the river.

Shrivers Present Pens.—Local Mocha Temple Shrivers met at the Masonic Temple last night and presented Enrie Russ and W. R. Davidson, of the Grand Truck, with gold engraved fountain pens as a token of gratitude for their efforts in looking after the Shrivers' convention at Atlanta, Ga.

Londoners at Toronto.—A number of London doctors, among them Dr. H. A. McCallum, J. A. Macgregor and C. E. Brown, left the city this morning to attend the annual convention of the Ontario Medical Association, which opened in Toronto today. The convention will continue for three days, but most of the local physicians will return to the city tonight.

Is on Sound Basis.—According to officials of the local postoffice, the parcel-post delivery system, inaugurated last February, is now established on a perfectly sound basis. Up to the present the new service has not been utilized to any extent by the farmers as a channel for marketing their wares in the city, although this may be done when its usefulness in this respect is more thoroughly realized.

Heat Kills "Horse".—While the driver was making a purchase in a downtown tobacco store, a valuable horse belonging to Frank Hutchinson, Empress avenue, suddenly dropped dead this morning. The animal had never been sick, and the hot weather is attributed to the cause of its death. The high temperature of the past several days had taken heavily on the dry horses of the city, according to local teamsters.

Building Permits.—Building Inspector Pipe today issued permits for new houses to J. E. Thurbly at 973 Hackett street, for a two-story brick-veneer dwelling to cost \$2,000; to M. A. Little, one-story brick-veneer dwelling at 41 Garfield avenue, to cost \$1,725; to W. Vice for one-story brick-veneer dwelling at 157 Wharfedale road, to cost \$1,200; to T. Wilkey, two brick-veneer dwellings, two stories, at 817 and 821 Leavelle avenue, to cost \$2,200 each; and to J. Dennison for one brick dwelling on Mary street, for \$1,600.

Effects of Alcohol.—A comprehensive and carefully-prepared paper on "Alcohol and Its Effects on the Human System" was read by Lionel Bishop before the Memorial Methodist Church Epworth League last night. From a scientific standpoint, Mr. Bishop pointed out all the evils that result from the use of intoxicants. Musical numbers were given by Miss Harriet Corbett and Miss Grace Pearce, Rex Pearce, vice-president of the citizenship department, presided. The young people of Memorial Church have recently organized a tennis club, and equipped a court on the church grounds. The club membership is growing.

Hydro and London Electric in Dispute.

Former Claims All But One Consumer in Thornton Avenue Block.

The ornamental street lighting on Thornton avenue, between St. James and Grosvenor streets, is being done on the petition of two-thirds of the residents.

The petition calls for the removal of poles on the block, and there may be some trouble over this, as the hydro people claim all the electric users on the street as patrons, with one exception, while the London Electric says several of the residents are using their power.

There are twenty-four residents on the street, and they petitioned to have the poles removed and underground wiring done at their expense.

END OF FERRY SERVICE

C. P. R. Will Cross Detroit River By Tunnel After Sunday.

Sunday, May 31, will see the end of the Canadian Pacific Railway steam passenger ferry service on the Detroit river, and the inauguration of the new route, that of the Michigan Central tunnel, through which all C. P. R. passenger trains will pass.

As the result of the agreement between the Michigan Central and the Canadian Pacific, to run the latter's trains through the tunnel, two of the fastest and best equipped trains in Canada will now run through London. They will be known as "The Canadian." Number 19, westbound, will leave London at 9:33 p.m. and arrive at Detroit at 12:10. Number 32, eastbound, for Toronto, is due here at 9:03 p.m.

WILL ACCEPT OFFICE

Dr. H. T. Reason Sure to Succeed G. N. Weekes as Boy Scout Commissioner.

Dr. H. T. Reason will probably accept the commission which has been offered him by the local Boy Scouts' Association. A meeting was to have been held last night, but owing to the fact that a number of leading men interested in the movement were unable to attend, the meeting has been postponed until Thursday, June 4, when the preliminary arrangements will then likely be made for the annual summer camp of scouts.

The position of commissioner has been vacant since the resignation of G. N. Weekes last fall.

BRITISH PEELED IS SCORED BY JUDGE

FOR HIS GRAFTING

Lord Saye and Sele Tempted Aged Army Officer, Who Fell.

DEFENDANTS SENTENCED

Pathetic Scene When Veteran Officer, Pleading for Mercy, Gets Six Months.

London, May 27.—Some seathing remarks were uttered today by Justice Darling in reference to Lord Saye and Sele, controller of the King's house hold, and a direct descendant of one of the twenty-five barons entrusted with the enforcement by King John of the provisions of Magna Charta.

The incident occurred at the Old Bailey where sentence was pronounced today on the nine British army officers and eight civilians, employees of Lipton's, Limited, who were charged with conspiracy to offer or accept bribes in connection with the allotment of the army canteen contracts.

Col. Whitaker of the second Yorkshire Regiment, the highest in rank of the prisoners was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

A pathetic scene occurred when Whitaker pleaded for mercy. The gray old veteran, who has served in the British army for thirty-eight years, broke down and said he had acted on the persuasion of Col. Flenness, now Lord Saye and Sele, who was then lieutenant colonel of the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

The Denunciation.

"Justice Darling, referring to Flenness' lie which Whitaker declared had led him astray, said:

"The letter shows sad decadence in a great family. I myself, if I belonged to such family, would starve rather than my living by edging for orders for beer."

Flenness' letter had invited Col. Whitaker to use his good offices in behalf of a firm of brewers.

Others Fined.

John Canfield, general manager and director of Lipton's, Limited, and Archibald Minto, formerly head of the military department of the same firm, were each fined \$2,500. The other seven defendants were fined \$250 each.

The other military defendants were bound over to come up for judgment in connection with the case for the prosecution, remarked that it was not fair to the Thomas Lipton say that so far as the prosecution knew, there was no document and no evidence which suggested in the slightest that anyone besides those who had been brought before the court should be prosecuted.

The attorney-general, in closing the case for the prosecution, remarked that it was not fair to the Thomas Lipton say that so far as the prosecution knew, there was no document and no evidence which suggested in the slightest that anyone besides those who had been brought before the court should be prosecuted.

The funeral of Duncan T. McColl, who died last Saturday, was held Tuesday from the residence of his brother-in-law, J. A. McKellar, 163 30th street. The services at 1:30 were conducted by Rev. H. A. Bingham, of Talbot Street Baptist Church, and Rev. T. H. Mitchell, of New St. James' Presbyterian Church.

The body was forwarded on the 2:05 to Woodland Cemetery.

WEEK-END AT PORT.

Among those who spent the week-end holiday at the "Log Cabin," at Port Stanley, were Messrs. George Short, "Case" Haldy, Jack Greer, Ernie Shaw, Frank Shaw, J. A. McDonald, Laurie Gilles, Jack Stewart and Ralph Loughhead, H. A. Bramwell, of Syracuse, N. Y., was a guest over the holiday.

ENGLISH AND FRENCH FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

Senator Belcourt Supports Motion to Make Dual Language Compulsory.

Ottawa, May 27.—Senator Belcourt, of Ottawa, has come out in favor of civil servants in all departments being able to speak both English and French. He made the declaration in the Senate, on Senator Choquette's motion that all postoffice department employees in Ontario and Quebec should know both languages. The motion was carried by a vote of 19 to 12.

During the discussion, Senator Belcourt declined to support the amendment of Senator Choquette, on the ground that it was too limited and should extend to all civil servants in Canada.

Senator Belcourt also argued against the amendment because it would be a hardship on postmasters in small places in Quebec where hardly anyone could speak English.