LIVING COST PROBE

Pringle's Close Examination Into Harris Abattoir Profits Starts Flare-Up.

MEMBERS DISAGREE

Session Nearly Ends-Say Harris Seek Local Support to Build Firm Had Sixty-One Per Cent. Earnings.

Ottawa, June 24.—There was a lively row in the cost of living committee of the commons this afternoon, and for a apparent the examination of J. S. McLean of the Harris Abattoir Com-

stored, and attho alragonism was still appearent the examination of J. S. McLean of the Harris Abattoir Company was continued.

The trouble developed over the close examination by R. A. Bringle, K.C., counsel for the committee, and H. H. Stevens, M.P., into the capitalization of the Harris Abattoir Company. Early in the sitting Mr. McLean had stated that the capital stock of the company was two million dollars, all common and paid up. On this statement the net profits of the company in the financial year ending March 31, 1918, were \$522,014, or about 26 per cent. Later it developed that the original capital 19 years ago was \$150,000, that when the war started it was \$880,000, and that it was increased to \$2,000,000 in September of last year.

"Theve been misled as to these statements," said Mr. Pringle. "Believing that the capital was two millions, I stated that the returns were \$522,014 for the year ending March, 1918. I asked you if that represented 26.10 per cent. You acquiesced. As a matter of fact your capital was \$880,000 and your carrings 61 per cent. That was a little misleading, and I don't like it."

Then Mr. Stevens stated that what

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Then Mr. Stevens stated that what was impressing itself on his mind every day was that some companies started with a certain capital, after a started with a certain capital; after a few years they found they had made high profits; they capitalized these profits and figured that they must be allowed by the public profits on both their capitalization and their accumulated must be allowed by the public profits on both their capitalization and their accumulated must be constant in scaling. migh profits; they capitalized these profits and figured that they must be allowed by the public profits on both their capitalization and their accumulated profits. "This country is going on with a system of financing," he said, "which can't continue. We are getting to the apex. Something has got to break. This country can't bear it. These things ought to be frankly faced by this committee."

Says Turnover Small.

The committee appointed by the Y. M. C. A. for erecting a new building in the Earlscourt district is to meet on Friday In gight to discuss ways and means for raising money to buy land upon which to build. Mr. John Henderson, chairman of profitered by an Oakwood landowner, which amount is said to be \$30,000, and the northwest district residents are to be asked to contribute this sum.

COMRADE TEMPLET

Says Turnover Small, McLean stated that his company's business was done on 12-5 per cent. on the turnover, or a quarter of a cent per pound.

get from everybody." Mr. Davis remarked that this firm had been in business for nineteen years, and now they had got twenty

Mr. McLean urged that the packtude of the public, instead of abuse. On 100,000,000 pounds of frozen meat, one year, the profit was only onepound. He

thought that very little for the con-

nuestion the witness as to his ideas on this point, when E. W. Nesbitt broke in with the remark: agree with Mr. Stevens at all. This is for the committee to argue out." added, "I take off my hat to any institution which can make a profit." "I am not going to be overruled by you," retorted Mr. Stevens.
Mr. Nesbitt: "We haven't treated every

Davis protested against that re-Mr. Stevens: "If the committee is going to take an attitude of that kind then there is no use sitting here."

Mr. Nesbitt grew very excited, and somewhat incoherently he shouted that Mr. Stevens' remarks and questions to witnesses were unfair. He also questioned the fairness of Mr. Pringle's examination.

amination.

Mr. Pringle rose to his feet, "I have got to do my duty," he stated, "and I do it fearlessly. I have done it with absolute fairness. I did not come here to smooth over, or hide, or suppress, and Mr. Nesbitt should not say so."

Mr. Nesbitt: "I think that statements were sent out to the ublic thru your cross examination which were unfair."

Mr. Pringle: "If the committee does not desire me to bring out the truth."

Chairman Nicholson interrupted to say that the committee desired to get the truth.

By this time some of the members had become very excited, Mr. Nesbitt was on his feet gestulating, but Mr. Pringle insisted upon being heard: "Some members of this committee for some reason or other," he declared, "don't want the truth brought out."

"I don't want it brought out unfairly to the men," shouted Mr. Nesbitt.

Pringle Gathers Papers

OCTOGENARIAN FALLS FROM

LADDER.

While doing a bit of carpenter work on his premises, Thomas Gibson of Scarboro Junction, fell from his ladder on to some lumber beneath and cut his ear both the had to have several stitches put in and got shawen up a bit, but is progressing favorably. Mr. Gibson spent his \$3rd birthday on the 29th of May. and has lived in Scarboro most of his office for eight years.

STEARING GEAR BROKE.

Another auto accident occurred on Scarboro road yesterday afternoon, when

prices for hogs were from one to two cents per pound higher in Canada than the company was recapitalized in September, 1918, there was \$1,200,000 ac-United States, the reason being the class of hogs. In Canada they had the bacon hog, which commanded a premium in the British market. Witness stated that last year the company manufactured eight million pounds of oleomargarine, in which 724,500 pounds of creamery butter was prices were normal would be able to sell it at 15 cents per

\$1,200,000 Accumulated Profits. It developed that the Wim. Davies was ended.

YORK COUNTY

EARLSCOURT

BUILDING SCHEME

Citadel Accommodating Four Hundred.

The Earlscourt branch of the Salvation Army Lave entered upon a new build ing scheme and are making a strong that body would terminate abruptly, but eventually an armed peace was restored, and altho antagonism was still known as the Salvation Army Citadel, a replica of the Danforth institution. Some

Y. M. C. A. SEEK MONEY TO BUILD

Mr. McLean stated that his comany's business was done on 12-5 per thorn G.W.V.A. met with an accident yesterday by falling off a ladde on which he was working, and dislocated his shoulder. He was removed to the Western Hospital test from everybody."

Mr. Davis remarked that this flow

REGAL SCHOOL PICNIC.

times the original capital.

He drew from the witness that since the \$150,000 had been subscribed, new capital had been put in to the extent of \$200,000,

TODMORDEN

SOCIETIES HOLD JOINT MEETING:

Invest Somewhere.

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Mr. Mrs. W. H. Adams, president, occupied the chair. Mrs. John H. Taylor, president of the Ladies' Aid, was unavoidably astendance.

REV. AND MRS. WESCOTT RECEIVE.

Rev. W. A. and Mrs. Wescott, who recently retaurned from their honeymoon trip, held a reception at Don Mills Methodist Church parsonage, and are now at their home in Queensville, Ont.

MEMORIAL HALL NEEDED.

SCARBORO

OCTOGENARIAN FALLS FROM LADDER.

The net profits of ... Harris Abattoir Company during the last five years were given as follows: 1914-15, \$251,895; 1915-16, \$408,232; 1916-17, \$444,357; 1917-18, \$522,014; 1918-19, \$206,242. The capital stock was two million dollars, all common and paid up in cash.

Mr. McLean explained in reply to Mr. Pringle, who asked why the difference in the last two years, that during eight months of the last year they had been months of the last year they had been chief business had been preparing bacon and frozen beef for France.

Mr. McLean said that since the war prices for hogs were from one to two

tember, 1918, there was \$1,200,000 accumulated profits. When the cost of living committee met tonight, E. W. Nesbitt, M.P., said: "I desire to say Mr. Chairman, that

DANFORTH

ROBBERY RIFE AT WOODBINE HEIGHTS

of members of Northeast Toronto, South
York and East Riverdale, do respectfully
declare ourselves in favor of Hartley
Dewart at the coming convention to be
chosen for leadership, as the person having the greatest ability to advocate the
principles of Liberalism, and to give the
people of Ontario the best of true citizenship."

Dr. Thomas Butler was made the recipient of an illuminated address by the Adult Bible Class of Simpson Avenue Methodist Church on the eve of his departure from the district.

Dr. Butler, who was for 13 years a teacher in the class, was very popular among the members of the congregation. Rev. J. R. Patterson, pastor, presided.

LEASIDE

JITNEY TRAIN FOR WORKMEN.

Work is now in full swing at the new C. N. R. layout. Leaside. All tracks thruout the plant are ballast-The need of a memorial hall for the convenience of the returned soldiers and residents of Todmorden is the subject of much discussion in the district A movement is at present on foot among the war veterans, ratepayers and other public bodies in the section to co-operate in furtherance of the object.

ed, and eight dead engines are at present in the round house waiting overhauling and repairs. The old rolling stock, baggage cars, coaches, etc., from Rosedale, and a large and a large and repairs are at present in the round house waiting overhauling and repairs. The old rolling stock, baggage cars, coaches, etc., from Rosedale, and a large and repairs. ed, and eight dead engines are at overhauling and repairs. The old good attendance,

The new jitney train of two coaches convey the workmen to and from North Toronto, daily.

YORK

COUNCIL WILL MEET TO DISCUSS SEWERS

A special meeting of York township council will be held on Monday afternoon to receive and discuss a report on Road Baptist Church, which will take A special meeting of York township on his feet gestulating, but Mr. Pringle insisted upon being heard: "Some members of this committee for some reason or other." he declared, "don't want the truth brought out "each the men," shouted Mr. Nesbitt.

Pringle-Gathers Papers
Mr. Pringle "If any man thinks my examination unfair, then all he's got to do is to say so." He began to gather his papers together. When it looked as if the committee was going to break up the chairman poured oil on the troubled waters, and the examination of Mr. McLean procested against sensational headlines in newspapers. Some of these, he said gaze the public a wrong impression.

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STEARING GEAR BROKE.

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SWANSEA

FIFTH BOOK FOR SWANSEA.

A fifth book class will be opened in Swansea School next September, in accordance with a decision made by the school trustees at their last meeting. This will provide first-year high school work for pupils who pass the entrance examinations this year and will remove examinations this year and will remove the necessity of their going to another one teacher.

BURIED IN GRAVEL PIT.

I was rude to Mr. Pringle and Mr. Stevens this afternoon, and I desire to withdraw the remarks which I made."

Mr. Pringle said it was a hot afternoon, and there was no doubt they were all trying to get the facts. So far as he was concerned, the matter was ended.

Wm. Wood was severely injured yesterday when the bank of Grenville gravel pit collapsed, burying him to the neck pit and been drawing gravel from the post of the bank caved in. Ha was refulling his wagon when part of the bank caved in. Ha was refulled him. Wood's nose was broken by a boulder.

CHARGE FALSE PRETENCES.

Huron streets. A bylaw for \$70,000 is being drafted, which sum is required to complete the sewerage scheme passed upon by the ratepayers at the policy retently. The roads and bridge committee were attended him. Wood's nose was broken by a boulder.

PASSING MOTORISTS **DEFILE SCARBORO**

Deputation Waits on York Council to Protest Against Immorality.

Robbery is rife at the present time in the Woodbine Heights district. Two cases of daring theft were reported within the past week.

About 3 o'clock 'yesterday morning a load of dressed lumber was stolen from a vacant lot adjoining the residence of Harry Rowe, corner of Barker and St. before the property of the stoles of Harry Rowe, corner of Barker and St. before the property of the members and estimates for a memorial to the form at the property of the stoles of the form at county and family. The neighbors the stoles of the property of o

EAST TORONTO

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SINKE TABLET TO FALLEN.

At the present rate of progress in building houses, by the Toronto Housing Committee was appointed by the memory of the men of the memory on Sunday, July 6. Rev. Dr. On Sunday, July 6. Rev. Dr. On the dist. fallen in battle, which will be seemly unveiled with special correction on Caxwell avenue, he family unveiled with special correction on Caxwell avenue, he for the conditions that any of prokibitionists was held in Broadview and the second three memory of the men of the part of the conditions that any of the part of the conditions that any of the part of the conditions that any the provided the second three memory of the men of the part of the conditions that any of the part of the conditions that any of the part of the conditions that any the provided that the provided the provided that the provided the provided that the prov

A new ratepayers' association for the residents in the section bounded by Coxwell avenue and Main street; the C.P.R. and the city limits, was inaugurated last night in the Y.M.C.A. buildings, and the following officers were elected: D. B. Stone, manager Royal Bank, local branch, president; C. Rimmer, secretary; executive committee, B. Turner, A. E. Bannister, R. G. Hughes, D. Hocken, G. H. Thomas, J. T. Dostlin.

The new association strongly opposed the pension grant to Mr. Wilkinson, of the board of education, and a letter to that of the board.

The urgent need of lavatory accommodated

of the board.

The urgent need of lavatory accommodation in the district was discussed at some length, and it was resolved to send a letter to the board of control requesting, lavatory accommodation at the foot of Woodbine avenue for women and children.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION.

The forty hours devotion which closed with special service and bene-diction of the blessed sacrament at St. John's Catholic Church, East Toronto, was well attended during the past two days. Rev. G. A. Williams, rector officiated.

BEACHES PREPARE TO WELCOME SOL-

The women of the congregation are parish, returned from overseas yes-

LADIES' AID OPEN MEETING.

The Ladies' Aid Society connected with Waverley Road Baptist Church have organized an open meeting for Friday evening, to discuss their work of improving and decorating the Mrs. (Rev.) J. H. Boyd, president, will preside. A musical program will be contributed, and refreshments

CONSIDER REFERENDUM.

A well-attended meeting of the parishioners of Waverley Road Baptist Church was held in the Sunday school room last night in connection with the Ontarie referendum.

E. V. Duggan, organizer, occupied the chair, and in a brief address outlined the plan of campaign in connection with the temperance movement, and the steps to be taken to carry on in Ward Eight district.

trict.

Rev. J. H. Boyd, pastor, emphatically declared that the prohibition act should be continued, and pointed out the bressings conferred on the entire country thru the temperance legislation. He said that every effort should be put forth by the members to maintain prohibition.

PLEASE MAKE ONLY NECESSARY CALLS

A tie-up of street car service always means very heavy telephone traffic. It makes it very difficult also to ensure a full operating staff at each of our ten Toronto exchanges.

May we not ask that until normal conditions return, subscribers make only necessary telephone calls? will make it easier for the operators, and enable them to give better service.

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY OF CANADA



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HAMILTON NEWS

With between 300 and 400 delegates present the Ontario Jewelers' convention opened in the Revat Connaught this evening. W. D. Conner, president, presided and read his report on the proposed Ontario provincial jewolers' association and submitted the constitution for both the provincial and district association.

SCORE'S COOL TOGGERY

A good old Indian who has been reading the weather signs to a man we know, says: "June hot-July hotter - August more hot." The man who deems comfortable dress the first consideration in

selecting of the summer wear will be interested in the excellent assortment of high-class tog-gery displayed in "the house that qual-

ity built" - lightest of underwear coolest of shirts-comfortable soft col- i-es. lars and other things—special values. Score's, Tailors and Haberdashers, 77

PERMANENT COMMISSION
ON THE COST OF LIVING
Committee Will Recommend Three Members—Call it inland Trade Commission.

Ottawa, June 24.—It is probable that the majority of the cost of living committee of the commons which has been hearing evidence for some weeks, will report to the house in favor of the appointment of a permanent commission to be called in all probability, will report to the drouge in favor of the appointment of a permanent commission to be called in all probability, and clear.

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John Gatto, 16 Years Old,

ed the engineer, A. E. James, to advertise for tenders for the installation of sewers on Eagle, Water, Main and part Huron streets. A bylaw for \$70,000 is being drafted, which sum is required to complete the sewerage scheme passed upon by the ratepayers at the polls recently.

GERMANS TO SIGN ARE HARD TO FIND

Weimar, June 24.—The plenipotentiaries who will sign the peace treaty for Germany have not yet been chosen. They may, however, be named

tomorrow.
It is still proving difficult to find men who are willing to affix their signature to a document which is to be such a momentous historical cord. EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Chas. F. Noves Company, the broker in the transaction According to the Noyes Company, the plot brought a higher price a square foot than any heretofore sold

in New York City other than a corner.
The Merchants Bank will occupy it as soon as Post & Flagg, the present This is the fourth Canadian bank to purchase quarters in this city, the Bank of Montreal being the first, followed later by the Royal Bank of Canada, and more recently by the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

PARKDALE LIBERALS'

CONVENTION DELEGATES The Parkdale delegates for the local Liberal convention are as follows: C. E. Bachly, J. H. Wilkinson, Mrs. Johnston, Mrs. S. Wieks.
The Northwest Toronto delegates
are: J. G. Cane, J. Duthie, S. Wieks,
J. O'Leary.

E. Reesor, Mrs. Bundle and Mrs. Gil-Canadians Win Heats

The alternates are: R. McKenzic, R.

salary of \$8,000 and the two other CHANCE TO TRAIN

John Gatto, 16 Years Old,

Missing Since June 10

Hamilton, June 24.—Since June 10,
John Gatto, 16 years, has been missing from his home at 458 James street north. The boy, who is stoutly built and 5 feet in height, wore dark clothes and a blue shirt at the time of his disappearance. Every effort has been make to locate him, but so far the police have been unsuccessful.

NEWMARKET

TENDER FOR SEWERS.

A special meeting of council instructs.

Missing West End Y.M.C.A. twight is the coming when the see the best ather of his disappearance in the city in competition. This will be open to all amateurs in and out the A.A.U. representatives at Ottawa, for the purpose of sending a team to find the city. The favorable reception of the favorable reception of the city. The favorable reception of the favorable reception of the city. The favorable reception of the favorable reception of the city. The favorable reception of the favorable reception of the city. The favorable reception of the favorable reception of the city. The favorable reception of the favorable reception of the city. The favorable reception of the f handicapped.
Entries may be had at any of the Y.
M. C. A.'s. The entries close with T. W.
Stafford at West End Y. Wednesday

VERY DISTANTLY

Two sons of Erin were talking together. "And so yer name is O'Hare," said one. "Are yez related to Patrick

"Very dishtantly," said the other.
"I was me mother's first child and
Patrick was the thirteenth."

WATCHFUL WAITING IN VICTORIA STRIKE

Those Out Looking to Winnipeg-In Vancouver. Returning to Work.

ON FRENCH VESSELS

Paris, June 24.—A bill limiting work aboard all public and private vessels to eight hours a day or forty-eight hours a week was adopted today by the chamber of deputies.

During the debate several deputies expressed the wish that negotiations be opened with other powers to enact similar legislation for the seamen on the ground that France would be handles promised to begin negotiations.

MERCHANTS BANK BUYS

WALL STREET BUILDING

New York, June 24.—The Merchants Bank of Canada has purchased the outliding at 38 Wall street, according to an announcement made today by Chas. F. Noyes Company, the broker in the travestic and powers and into made today by in the travestic company, the broker in the travestic company the act of the Metal Trades Council in calling a strike of the separate dispute, the situation here has developed into one of watchful watching news of a setitlement of the Winnippe strike dispute, the situation here has developed into one of watchful watching with the hope that sevents will shortly transpire to persent a resumption of work. Absolute strikers awatting news of a setitlement of twatchful watching with the hope that sevents will shortly transpire to persent and traveling news of a setitlement of twatchful watching with the hope that sevents will shortly transpire to persent and received by the Foundation Campany. It as resumption of watchful watching in the industrial area. A telegram has bee Victoria, June 24.-With the Victor

to bring about a return to work.

A cheque for \$500 was received at the Labor Temple this morning from the Machimists' Union in Seattle. It goes into the strike fund.

The arrest of J. S. Woodsworth in Winnipeg comes as a surprise in local labor circles, where he is well known.

The consensus of opinion is that Woodsworth is an "idealist rather than a Red" as one labor man expressed it. Fort William, Ont., June 24.—The strike of Canadian Pacific and Canadian National coal handlers on the docks at the head of the lakes has

work tomorrow. They have accepted the original offer of the companies to work for the same scale of pay as prevails at Duluth.

The differences between the Fort
William Coal Dock Co. and its employes still have to be adjusted and Mayor Murphy, who was largely responsible for the settlement of the C.P.R. and C.N.R. strike, has wired Senator G. D. Robertson, minister of

been settled. The men will return to

labor, asking for a board of conclia-

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Tor FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

Will take place at the Church of the ling. The bridgeroom and his friends are at the King Edward Hotel.

W. McGuiro, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. will take place at the Church of the





