

SAYS CHIEF TOOK DEFECTIVE TRUCKS

Department Made by Motor Mechanic.

THORO PROBE ASKED

Long-Standing Dispute, Once Denied, Now Comes to a Head.

Serious charges against the fire department were made at the meeting of the board of fire commissioners yesterday morning by Ald. Hill. The alderman presented a letter from Andrew Kennedy, motor mechanic, who charged that he had been forced to prepare reports on certain trucks, recommending that they be accepted, whereas he knew that the trucks were not up to the standard required for public safety.

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Controlled By Chief. Mr. Kennedy stated that he had often been censured by the chief for objecting when asked to report a truck as satisfactory, when his own judgment as a mechanical expert assured him that the truck was defective. "I want the board of control to investigate the whole matter and if I am wrong I will resign," concluded the letter.

"The parties responsible for this state of affairs should be dismissed if these charges are proven," said Ald. Hill.

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FIFTY TONS OF FOOD HAD TO BE DESTROYED

Almost fifty tons of vegetables and apples were destroyed at the western crematorium and the Don destructor in the week between April 4 and April 10, according to George Wilson, street commissioner.

At the crematorium 12,335 pounds of turnips and onions were destroyed. At the destructor 36,229 pounds of onions, 10,100 pounds of turnips, and 6,400 pounds of apples were fed into the furnaces.

All these foodstuffs, Mr. Wilson said, were so rotten that they could not be used for food. They were sent to the destructor and crematorium by commission merchants and others, by whom they had apparently been held.

CONTROLLER MCBRIDE AFTER DR. HASTINGS

Charges against the department of public health were made at the board of control meeting yesterday. Controller McBride read a letter from Mrs. Toser of 31 St. Andrew street, in which she charged that she had been unnecessarily inconvenienced by Dr. Hastings' nurses and doctors. Her child had been examined by a city doctor, who ordered the family quarantined for scarlet fever. The placard remained on the house six weeks, although her family doctor said there were no traces of scarlet fever. The controller mentioned the Sisley case.

Controller Maguire. "The less you say about the Sisley case," he said, "the better it will be for you. A second case of scarlet fever broke out in that home after the family doctor had said there was no trace of it."

Controller O'Neill insisted that the charges were highly exaggerated, but it was decided to give Dr. Hastings an opportunity to make a reply.

WILL BACK HOG-RAISING.

Rather than see the city lose an opportunity to get into the hog-raising business for lack of the necessary capital, Controller John O'Neill states that he is willing to loan the money himself. About \$7000 is needed.

FUND'S NEW OFFICES.

Part of the second floor of the new registry office building has been rented to the patriotic fund at an annual rental of \$2000. The city will pay new linoleum on the floor at a cost of \$1400.

The Convenience of Travelers' Cheques.

Up to twenty-five years ago there were no travelers' cheques. People traveling had to be satisfied with letters of credit. Conditions are different now. In 1891 the American Express Company put in operation a system whereby cheques by them or their agents could be cashed in all the countries of the world as local currency. So simple and convenient a method are they carry funds that not only the experienced tourist but the time-hardened globe trotter find them essential to their comfort. If you contemplate a trip to some resort in the United States or to Europe, Asia, etc., you should not start without converting your funds into travelers' cheques. A. F. Webster and Son, 33 Yonge street, are the agents for the American Express Company in Toronto.

LETTER CARRIERS' SEND FIGURES TO BORDEN

Statistics Given Showing That Request for More Money is Justified.

Under date of April 10 the Letter Carriers' Association has written to Sir Robert Borden setting forth the urgent necessity of increasing the wages of this important class of public servant.

Reference is made to statistics on the cost of keeping a family of five, compiled by the department of labor. These statistics show that in October, 1914, it cost \$14.23 per week to provide food, fuel, light and rent. In March of this year this same cost of government information gives \$19.75 as the cost of supplying these four necessities. An increase of \$5.52 per week is the result.

Including the bonus of \$100 which was granted last year and deducting \$45.52 which is set aside as a retirement fund, the letter carriers today receive \$92.05.

Government statistics are again referred to showing the average cost of four living necessities in the 60 cities of Canada to be \$19.75 per week or \$1,027 per annum. The premier is assured that additional living necessities would cost \$450, or a grand total of \$1477.

In support of their request for higher wages, the letter carriers call the attention of Sir Robert to the wages of \$1254 and \$1404 paid respectively to the Toronto firemen and policemen.

Two definite requests are made in conclusion:

(1) That the \$15 per week now given as a bonus to the carriers in western Canada be added as wages to the carriers in all provinces.

(2) That in any amendments to the Civil Service Act the salary of letter carriers be placed at \$1000 minimum, with \$1000 added annually till the maximum of \$1400 a year is reached.

PEOPLE FROM FARMS IN MUNITION PLANTS

Many of the Grain Raisers in West Are Not Canadian Citizens.

There are varied points of view regarding alien and industrial conscription among members of the Ontario branch of the Ontario Grain Raisers' Association. This was evidenced yesterday in the course of interviews held with representative men of the association.

G. Y. Gustar, secretary of the Ontario branch, expressed the opinion that the remarkable fact was brought to light that while the government and the country in general were clamoring for increased food production, there were certain definite ways and means not yet considered.

"There are Bulgarians and Austrians working in certain plants in Toronto who could be better, more safely, employed on the farm," said the secretary. "There are also enemy aliens at work in the plants who are the abattoirs. But what strikes me as strange of all is the fact that large numbers of farmers, farmers' sons and their daughters are employed at munitions here in Toronto in face of the fact that they are needed and their place is on the farms. The government should send them to the farms. Why should they take our city boys and girls to the farms when so many really skilled farmers and farm women are available in Toronto? I discussed the matter with one of the managers of a large munitions plant only the other day. 'Why, my good man,' he said, 'they couldn't be sent away from Toronto. They are making too much money to be enticed landward.' Of course this is the crux of the whole matter."

J. C. O'Connor, district secretary for the York County executive, was of the opinion that the alien problem was so diverse in its various elements as to be almost impossible of solution.

"What are you going to do with the farmer of the northwest who is also an enemy alien by birth?" he asked. "Those of us who have traveled far into the west are conversant with more than one phase of the question. Do you know, for instance, that more than 90 per cent. of the farmers of the northwest are so-called enemy aliens, such as Ruthenians and other brands of Austrians and Germans? These men are producing a huge percentage of the grain which finally reaches Britain and France. What shall we do about them?"

It was a strange fact that only an hour previously Roy Hughes, financial secretary of the Greater Toronto Labor party, had expressed identical views upon the subject.

WILLS PROBATED

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Smyth, who died in Sunnyside Township, Simcoe, April 1st, last, left an estate valued at \$9800, \$7000 in pictures, plate and jewelry.

Henry Flood, 79 O'Hara avenue, and Joseph A. Flood of 24 Grove avenue will share equally in the estate of their mother, Mrs. Sara Cotts, who died in Toronto in March, leaving an estate valued at \$1940.

POSTPONE NIAGARA BILL.

As Sir Adam Beck will not be able to be in Ottawa next Tuesday, Mayor Church has wired Hon. J. D. Reid asking him to postpone the consideration of the Toronto-Niagara western bill, which is scheduled to come before the railway committee on that date, for another week.

GOOD HELPERS' SALE.

The "Good Helpers" sale, which opened yesterday at the old Jenkins stand, held a sale of boots, clothes, furniture, etc., in aid of soldiers' comforts. The sale continues today. The organization consisting of fifteen women members, work under a permit from the "Friends of France."

QUESTION SHELVED AGAIN.

The board of control did not discuss its policy in connection with the municipal abattoir at the meeting yesterday morning, but asked the city treasurer and the property commissioner to prepare a financial report.

HON. JOHN OLIVER TO GIVE EVIDENCE

British Columbia Details Up Before C.N.R. Arbitration Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE READ

Mr. Oliver, in Letter, Denies Certain Sum Was for Terminal Purposes.

The greater part of yesterday's hearing of the C. N. R. arbitration proceedings was taken up with the reading of a mass of correspondence relating to certain claims by the British Columbia Government for alleged breach of contract on the part of the C. N. R. in not completing certain lines at the beginning of the hearing in order to give evidence, but it was stated that he would be unable to be present for three weeks.

Following the reading of the correspondence, the question arose as to whether the evidence was wanted. Sir William Meredith was of the opinion that if Mr. Oliver desired to testify he should be permitted to do so. A strong protest was entered by Hon. F. H. Phippen, K.C., counsel for the C. N. R., on the grounds that the claims disputed had no bearing on the inquiry, and that the arbitrators had no power to inquire into these claims. Following considerable discussion, it was finally agreed by all parties that the evidence be heard, but on condition that no mention be made of the claims.

Mr. Phippen stated that \$800,000 had been set aside by the railway to meet contingent claims, and another amount to meet specific claims. Apart from the contractor's claims, there was no large claim against the C. N. R. except that of David Russell and the British Columbia Government.

Mr. Phippen then proceeded to read the correspondence, remarking that no penalty had been imposed in the failure to build lines. The correspondence stated that the company had contracted to build a first-class ferry thru British Columbia branch lines, extensions, and also stated that in New Westminster over \$1,000,000 had been expended on the project.

"Which I am sure are not for terminal purposes," stated Mr. Oliver's letter. In answer to this part, it was stated that the company had purchased other than that which it had been reasonably expected would be used for terminal purposes.

Mr. Phippen then stated that the company had been prepared to build a first-class branch line to a point on the C.N.R. which would be used for terminal purposes, when it was used for townships," asked Sir William. But Mr. Phippen said also he would explain this he was not disposed to do so then. Another letter read stated that \$2,252,000 had been paid over to the company when only \$1,582,000 had been spent on the project, which would require about \$1,612,000 to complete. Another line had been released to the company when only \$742,000 had been expended on it, and yet another branch only \$569,000 had been expended, although \$809,000 had been paid over by the government.

Referring to the issue of correspondence, Mr. Phippen indignantly refused the allegation of Hon. J. Oliver that \$622,000 had been expended on bonds by the C.N.R. This allegation, Mr. Phippen explained, had been based only on those bonds sold, when as a matter of fact all the bonds had been sold. Mr. Phippen read part of the agreement from statutes of the British Columbia Government of 1910, and Sir William stated that if the agreement let the matter entirely to the company as to the terminals they should acquire. The total amount of the claims was \$2,252,000, but out by Mr. Phippen, but the British Columbia Government claimed that to complete the lines contracted by the C.N.R. it had expended \$2,500,000, but the amount as stated by the C.N.R. to do all the work was \$14,000,000. Mr. Tilley, however, said that a statement had been prepared as to the account existing between the British Columbia Government and the C.N.R. which would be available in a few days.

MEDALS FOR BRAVERY.

Boy Scouts Honored and Presentations Will Soon Be Made.

The following scouts in the Province of Ontario have been awarded medals for bravery:

Scout John Anderson, Kincardine, for rescuing a young lady from drowning in Lake Huron; and Scout William Leitch, Cobalt, for his promptness in organizing his patrol and going to the rescue of a little girl who was lost in the swamps at Grout's Lake, Cobalt. A certificate will also be presented to his patrol for their prompt co-operation. This certificate has been duly signed by His Excellency, the Duke of Devonshire, and H. G. Hammond, assistant commissioner for the Province of Ontario, goes forward to Cobalt at once to attend the presentation.

John Anderson's medal will be presented in the near future, arrangements for which are now being made.

GOES TO SUPREME COURT.

The supreme court of Canada will hear the appeal of the Grosvenor Presbyterian Church from a decision of the local appellate division, which reversed the judgment of the lower court in the church's action against the city. Justice Mastron allowed the church \$57,500, but the appellate division found in favor of the city.

FLOODS AT KEW BEACH.

Acting upon a complaint made by Controller McBride at the board of control meeting yesterday morning, Mayor Church has wired to Thomas Foster, M.P., and E. L. Cousins of the harbor board, at Ottawa, to see if action cannot be taken by the minister of marine to prevent the flooding of Kippendavie avenue at Kew Beach.

TRIBUTE PAID SPORTS.

The athletic committees of the five branches of the G.W.V.A. met last evening to formulate plans for the baseball, soccer and cricket games which are to be played at the athletic meet on May 4. An excellent program was considered and the prospects for the field day are very bright.

NEWSBOYS FIGHT FOR MAGAZINE PRIVILEGE

Toronto newsboys are up in arms against the proposed city bylaw which will prevent them from selling magazines on the streets.

Henry Robert, president of the Newsboys' Union, has sent a letter to every member of the city council protesting against the enactment of such a bylaw. The letter states that there is no city on the continent which has such a bylaw in existence. On the contrary, cities the same size as Toronto allow their newsboys large stands (three times as large as here) to display not only weekly and monthly publications, but picture post cards, souvenirs, etc.

The letter adds that the bookstalls make a "holler" every few months, and have done so for the last five years, but the newsboys claim there is no reason why this should affect the council now any more than it has done in the past.

A large deputation of newsboys will also appear before the board of works on Friday afternoon, when E. W. J. Owens, M.P., will give their side of the question.

APPEAL IS READY FOR OSGOOD HALL

Volume of Evidence Prepared in Sister Basil Case—Kingston News.

Kingston, April 11.—It was stated today by A. B. Cunningham, counsel for Sister Mary Basil, recently awarded \$24,000 damages in her suit against Archbishop Spratt for abduction, that everything would be ready for appeal at Osgood Hall early next month. A volume of evidence has been prepared for the judges.

At the Royal Military College a flag is being made which will decorate the building. It will be decorated with 1100 maple leaves on which will be inscribed the names of the cadets of the college. The centre of the flag will be composed of red leaves with the names of the cadets who have fallen in battle. The flag will be 24 by 18 feet.

The following have been elected by the graduates to fill the vacancies on the council of Queen's University for a term of six years: A. B. Cunningham, Miss Marion Redden, J. A. Minnes of Kingston, Dr. Minnes, E. L. Bruce, of Ottawa, and J. MacLennan, of Toronto, and E. J. Crumphy of Winnipeg.

Because they had not made good in the way of increasing production on the farms a local tribunal today refused further exemption to a batch of a dozen farmers of this district. The tribunal does not consider raising a price of grain and a few tons of hay as increasing production as called for and for this reason put the men in khaki. Two farmers were given till July 1 to see what they can produce.

REGRETS WITHDRAWAL OF HEALTH BULLETIN

A resolution was carried at the last meeting of the Academy of Medicine, 12 Queen's Park, as follows:

"That the Academy of Medicine, Toronto, expresses its keen regret at the withdrawal of the 'Health Bulletin' issued by the department of health of the City of Toronto, and that in view of the great importance which is rightly attached to education of the public in health matters, the academy wishes to express its appreciation of the value of the 'Health Bulletin' to the citizens of Toronto."

NO RED CROSS CHAIN

Col. Noel Marshall Repudiates Letter Now Being Sent Around.

In a letter to The World Col. Noel Marshall, chairman of the executive committee of the Canadian Red Cross Society, declares that the society does not authorize any appeal in the shape of a chain letter. He cites the case of a Toronto woman who received what was termed a "Red Cross Chain," a letter which she was asked to forward to the party who allowed the chain to be broken. Fortunately she had the good sense to forward the letter to the Toronto office of the Red Cross, and a repudiation of any connection with the Red Cross is the result.

"LEST WE FORGET."

Thousands of People See Great Picture at Regent Theatre.

"Lest We Forget," the great war photodrama, which has been drawing thousands to the Regent Theatre, will this evening, in connection with which Rita Jolivet, one of the survivors of the Lusitania, and an actress of well-known ability, has been appearing occasionally at the performance. The tremendous success of this production can only be comprehended by a visit to the Regent, where stirring music and excellent accommodation make the witnessing of this picture an enlightening entertainment. War in truth is shown upon the screen. "Lest We Forget" recounts the actual experiences of the passengers on board the fated ocean palace, and the leading feminine role played by Miss Jolivet is acted with vividness and reality, a sympathy and sincerity only capable of being portrayed by one who has actually suffered from the horrors of war.

A feature of the picture is its truthful presentation of great occurrences in the great conflict. The sinking of the ship presents a scene in which a great Austrian liner, detained in a United States port was used in order that reality of action would not be sacrificed to scenic splendour. The scene is not yet availed themselves of the privilege of seeing the masterpiece based on the havoc wrought by ultra-modern warfare should take advantage of the performance today and tomorrow, especially the morning matinee, which will commence at 10.30 o'clock.

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PRIVATE PATIENTS PAY HIGHER FEE

Board of Health Raises Rates at City Isolation Hospital.

DEATH RATE HIGHER

Veneral Disease Legislation Will Be Effective Against Quacks.

On the recommendation of Aid. Risk the board of health yesterday increased the fees for patients at the Isolation Hospital. In the future patients in the private wards will pay \$3; in semi-private wards, \$2; and wherever possible patients in the public wards, \$1.25 per day. Dr. Hastings endorsed this move. He said that in the days gone by special inducements were often offered to patients suffering from contagious diseases to go to the hospital rather than stay at home under quarantine.

The board ignored the action of the city council in striking \$22,000 from the estimates. There is a feeling at the hall, however, that Dr. Hastings will probably keep within his estimates as amended, but will not accept the dictates of council as to where he will reduce his staff.

Quacks Barred Out. In his monthly report Dr. Hastings congratulated the Ontario Government on passing the act for the control of veneral diseases. The doctor pointed out that wide powers had been vested in the local board of health in this regard. Dr. Hastings said:

"A most important clause of the act is that which bars the quacks from prescribing for and treating these cases and from inducing instances where men have been under treatment by unqualified men who have pronounced them cured and who have been taking patent medicines and have been pronounced by the vendor of the patent medicines as cured. These parties have married, only to infect their wives, and probably bring the academy of medicine into the world. None but a legally qualified practitioner can determine when a man or woman is free from infection and when it would be safe for them to enter into a marriage contract."

"The whole bill, in my judgment, together with the regulations, copies of which I have gone over carefully, is most creditable, and I feel that the Ontario Government and those who are concerned in the compiling of this bill for them to enter into a marriage contract."

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