

RETAIL MERCHANTS UNABLE TO COMPETE

Freight Rates Increase, While Parcel Post Charges Are Unchanged.

ATTACK LUXURY TAX

Oppose Making Workmen's Compensation Act Apply to the Retail Trade.

Mail order houses and their system of delivering goods by parcel post in competition with merchants who have to ship by freight and express, were strongly criticized by Mr. Hugh Blair at yesterday afternoon's session of the Ontario Retail Merchants' convention held in The World building.

The meeting heartily concurred with him. Collect at Source. It was also decided to support further representations to be made to Sir Henry Drayton for relief from the luxury tax.

"That it is the opinion of the association that the luxury tax is an absolutely unfair system of taxation, and that we ask to have the same removed, and that we heartily endorse the recommendation of the Dominion Board as follows: 'The committee recommends that instead of placing the collection of the luxury tax on the retail trade, that it be collected at the source of supply, namely, from the manufacturer and importer, and in this way it would be absorbed in the same manner as all systems of taxation are absorbed.'"

E. M. Trower, Dominion secretary, stated that all the other provinces had adopted this resolution. "Leave the details to the people who are working it out now," he advised. "We must let the government know they are not going to pass anything relative to the retail trade unless the retail trade have a voice in it. Let me tell you we are going to have a class government. The manufacturer, the farmer and labor have each a voice, and we are going to have a very big voice."

Guided by the report of a special committee as to the wisdom of bringing the workmen's compensation act, the association adopted with unanimity a resolution opposing any attempt to make the retail trade workmen's compensation act apply to the retail trade, as we understand it is the intention of the provincial government to include all classes in its operations. The convention being invited to consider the application of the Bell Telephone Co., for increased rates, Secretary Miller reported that his office had completed statistics based on questionnaires of the average telephone use by retailers of Toronto, Ottawa and Hamilton, these being the three cities of this province affected by the telephone company's request for increased tolls by the introduction of metered service. Worked out. It would mean that the retail business man would be allowed but four calls a day before being called.

MEN YOU HEAR OF Seen as Their Friends Know Them



MR. ROBERT CORVILL, president and managing director of Adams Furniture Company, Limited, Mr. Corvill, who has been in business with the firm for seventeen years, was born in Toronto, and was educated in the Model School and Parkdale Collegiate. He is a member of the Rotary Club and of the Parkdale Canoe Club, and is fond of bowling and motoring.

NEW LIVE STOCK ARENA TENDERS CAUSE SURPRISE

Prominent Contractors Place Cost Over Two Million Dollars—One Million Originally Decided Upon—Committee to Consider Whole Question—Housing Question Goes to City Council Again.

When tenders for the new live stock arena to be erected at the Exhibition Grounds, were opened by the board of control yesterday everybody got a surprise, including members of the exhibition board who were present, all the size of the figures. The cost was placed by prominent contractors at between two and two and a half million dollars. A million-dollar building as originally decided upon and the city was to pay 60 per cent of the total. After the figures were read out yesterday Mayor Church suggested that all the tenders be referred to the proper officials for a report. "Whom are the proper officials," asked ex-controller Sam McBride, who is an official of the exhibition. "The city finance commissioner, works commissioner, the parks commissioner and city architect," he was told. Mr. McBride said that while he was anxious to have the arena built, yet he would not ask the citizens to spend \$2,400,000 on the building. He suggested that the tenders be referred to a committee including the city officials named by the mayor, as well as representatives of the board of control, Exhibition board and winter livestock association, to go over the figures and also revise the plans and bring them down to a figure within reason. The board of control accepted this suggestion. There were 27 tenders in all, but only two covering the entire building. These were \$2,255,000 and \$2,460,000.

CONSERVATIVES ELECT OFFICERS

Ward Four Association Returns Aid. Nesbitt as President.

Ward Four Conservative Association and women's auxiliary executive committee held a meeting at "Inglebrook," corner Bloor and Bathurst streets, last night, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected. The officers elected by acclamation, there being no contest: President, Aid. Russell Nesbitt; vice-presidents, James Hogack, A. A. Gray and Wm. Magill; recording secretary, W. R. Flett; secretary, F. R. Emery, and treasurer, W. H. Saunders. Delegates were also selected for every polling sub-division in the ward to be representatives at the coming provincial conservative convention.

WOMAN'S PURSE TAKEN IN CROWDED STREET CAR

No money, not even a car-ticket, and without a friend at whose place she could spend the night. It was in such a predicament that a pickpocket left an out-of-town woman resident, late yesterday afternoon. The woman, in the city to do some early Christmas shopping, was boarded a street car at Yonge and Queen streets, during the rush hours in order to get to the railway station. Her arms were full of parcels and her pocket, thirty or forty in number, were trying to get on the car, and in the excitement the woman lost her purse. With tears streaming down her face she explained to the conductor what had happened; the latter announced the loss of the purse, requesting that if any person in the car had "picked it up," to return it to its owner. Altho sympathy was lavished on the woman, no person stepped forward with the purse.

HONEYFORD EXPLAINS HIS TAX MOTION

At a private meeting of the single tax committee, held last night at the Y.M.C.A., Alderman Honeyford addressed a gathering of representatives of eleven different organizations on a motion of amendment, which he will raise at a meeting of the city council on Monday night. The motion, he declared, would be the talk of the city, since some of the strong organizations would be behind it. The organization also reported progress of their end of the campaign, which was not divulged to the press.

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD TAKES A JOURNEY

Little Norman Barnhart, 8 years old left his home, stop 17, Lake Shore road, at about six o'clock last night, boarded a westbound train at Sunnyside, and was taken by the conductor to Hamilton, where he was handed over to the police, who now have charge of him. He was returned to Toronto, and is now at station No. 1.

NEW TORONTO DEFERS SELECTING TREASURER

Owing to the deadlock that arose on Monday night, it was thought that another meeting of New Toronto council would be held at the end of this week to decide upon a successor to Treasurer G. D. Scott, but Mayor C. J. Lovejoy gave it out yesterday that nothing further will be done meantime in making an appointment. The citizens are wondering if the right man will be found before Treasurer Scott's resignation takes effect on the last day of the month.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE

Progressive euchre was the form of entertainment enjoyed last night at Occidental Hall by members and friends of the Canadian Metal Polishers' and Buffers' Union. About twenty tables were in use. Euchre has been held every week by the union, and at the close of the session in April or May next year a grand prize and a grand trophy will be donated to those lucky (or unlucky) enough to deserve and win them.

SPRACKLIN TO FACE CHARGE OF KILLING

Attorney - General Decides Minister-Inspector Must Stand Trial.

Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin is to stand trial for shooting and killing the Sandwich hotel-keeper some weeks ago. "After a conference with Crown-Attorney Rodd of Windsor, it has been decided to put Mr. Spracklin on trial at the extra court of competent jurisdiction at Sandwich," explained Attorney-General Ransay yesterday.

Mr. Rodd had been summoned to the attorney-general's office to talk the situation over, and as a result of the conference it was decided to give Mr. Spracklin a preliminary hearing at the Sandwich police court as soon as Mr. Rodd returns.

Manslaughter will be the charge that the minister-inspector must face. He will be allowed out on bail after the hearing until the high court sits at Windsor, which will not be until about six months hence.

"A thorough investigation of all the other charges launched against the border cities inspectors will be made," said Crown-Attorney Rodd. "The attitude seems to be that the atmosphere will be cleared, and by laying definite charges with rumors of misdeeds will be cleared up. After investigation on the part of the attorney-general, the inspectors invite charges and action against themselves. They claim there is another side to the situation, and when this is published the public will understand the work of the special officers, and some of the underground methods of being carried on along the Detroit River front."

Speaking of the cornerer's jury which acquitted Mr. Spracklin, Mr. Rodd said: "Five of the jury were French-Canadians," he declared, "and the rest were from any denomination. There may have been one Methodist, the cornerer."

WILL PROSECUTE RAIDERS

Mr. Rodd also announced that the Oil-Trail raiders would be prosecuted and that the charges laid against Rev. Arthur Spracklin of handling a prominent citizen of Windsor would be inquired into.

CANNOT FIND TRACE OF HARRY KINSMAN

Young Man Missing From Rooming House in Jarvis Street Since Tuesday Night.

Harry Kinsman, who rooms at 243 Jarvis street and is only 19 years of age, left his room on Tuesday night at eight o'clock for the residence of his aunt, Miss N. Delyear, 2153 East Gerrard street. Since that moment he has not been seen or heard of by his friends. Kinsman, who is employed by the T. Eaton Co. All the hospitals, police stations and the detective office have been notified of the disappearance as well as the morgue. The description of the young man is given as follows: Age 19, height 5 feet 9 inches, complexion fair, eyes blue. He wore glasses with tortoise shell rims, and at the time noted he was wearing a blue suit, tan shoes, with a grey felt hat. His overcoat was grey-green. He was of slight build. So far as is known there was no business or other matters causing Mr. Kinsman any anxiety. Any information as to Mr. Kinsman's whereabouts would be gladly received at B. 1622.

U. E. LOYALISTS MEET

Major Boehm was the speaker at the meeting of the United Empire Loyalists at the Peacock Inn last evening. The speaker told of his experiences in the United States in after-war work, in which he was very favorably impressed with things generally in the neighboring republic.

PANTAGES VAUDEVILLE

Langdon presents "THUNDER MOUNTAIN" The Hiding Lloyds; Browning and Arthur; Bennett; Ryan and Moore; Joe Carr; the Up-Side-Down-Millets.

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MOTHERS' PAYMENTS WILL BE EXPEDITED

Treasury Will Hand Over Money After Applications Have Received Approval.

It was announced yesterday that the payments to mothers with dependent children will be made by the treasury after the applications have received the approval of the mothers' allowances commission.

The following municipalities will be represented when the first payments are made: Hamilton, Guelph, Kingston, London, Owen Sound and Woodstock.

EDUCATION OUT-PAID BY SOCIAL ECONOMICS

Miss A. E. Marty, first woman school inspector for Toronto, was the speaker at the meeting of the Political Education League, held at the Peacock Inn last night. Mr. Hector Prenter presided. Dinner preceded the address on "Education of the New Era," the speaker giving it as her opinion that education has not kept pace with things economic and social. The present system does not reflect the changes that have taken place among the people. Miss Marty recommended adult education and the opportunity for democracy to express itself. She would give the basic instruction the same opportunities as the professional. She believed in co-education and a fifty-fifty system which would give half time to academic and the other half to physical and recreational training.

CONSUMPTIVE HOME ASKS BIG GRANT

Government Aid, However, Will Depend Upon What City Gives.

Requesting a grant of \$75,000 on capital account to the Muskoka and Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives a deputation waited on the Ontario government yesterday which included Mayor Church and the board of control, Sir Wm. Gage, A. E. Ames, Dr. N. A. Powell, Hon. W. A. Charlton and Geo. Reid.

Premier Drury told his visitors that as 68 per cent of the patients treated by the association came from the city of Toronto, the municipality should put up that percentage of the amount required. He thought the government would be quite willing to provide the remaining 32 per cent. Mayor Church argued that the city was doing its share in supporting charitable institutions. Its commitments, for this sort of work, were now close to a million dollars, he said. The time had come when Toronto had to curtail its expenditures.

PRINCESS - TONIGHT HENRY W. SAVAGE OFFERS

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His Worship Mayor Church and Hon. Hugh Guthrie Will Address

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As the association took in patients from all over the province, he thought that the government should assume a greater responsibility.

The government agreed that the proportion of patients treated from Toronto and those from the rest of the province should be worked out. It was then suggested that Sir William Gage and other members of the association executive approach the city council and get what they could from that body. Whatever sum Toronto gave, the government agreed, would be taken as approximately 68 per cent of the total grant, and it would pay the remaining 32 per cent.

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