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Official Positions.

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UPHOLD HONOR

Powers Cannot anic ermitted to Alter Fixed Principles.

Continued From Page 1), and frank letter of today.

are right in assuming i are right in assuming that do everything in my power he United States out of war, the country will feel no une bout my course in that respond many enxious months land for that object amidst different manifold than can have not upon the surface, and a surface, and a surface and a surface. nt upon the surface, and so succeeded. I do not doubt sider a revision of the constitution, and while the discussion on this subcontinue to succeed. The courthe central powers have d their intention of fo ure with regard to under e seems for the moment in insuperable obstacles, but nt meaning is so manife ent with explicit assuran

given by those powers we to their treatment of merch on the high seas, that I me that explanations will present the which will put a differ upon it. We have had no requestion their good faith idelity to their promises in and I, for one, feel confident till have none in the future.

U. S. Duty is Clear, in any event our duty is clear, in any event our duty is clear, the state of t As an opening shot Colonel Brown. who was at a previous meeting successful in getting an additional grant of \$500 for the 127th York Rangers, said that T. O. Anderson, honorary treasurer, had accused him of having the cheque made payable to himself. He thought that such a remark was unfair and ungentlemanly, and explained that the cheque was made payable to Major T. H. Brown, the commanding officer of the 127th Battion, no group of nations, tht while war is in progress or disregard the princip r disregard the principal nations have agreed sioners to allow the league to hold another tag day without their first receiving a detailed statement of how gation of the horrers and s of war, and if the clear rig erican citizens should ever be abridged or denied by the moneys were spent was again disction, we should, it seems

ave in honor no choice a our own course should be. my own part, I cannot cons-abridgment of the rights an citizens in any is involved. We covet per all preserve it at any cost onor and self-respect of t ss of honor. To forbid to exercise their rights e might be called upon to them would be a deep h indeed. It would be an all but an explicit, acqu in the violation of the rinkind everywhere and er nation or allegiance, be a deliberate abdication nitherto proud

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CKVILLE, Feb. 24.—Dr. Wacksom of this town, and one of the known medical practitioner

Opposition Developed

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next election.

Common Schools.

Col. Brown: "Well, if we are to work in this league we want to know where aw might crumble under ing for in this matter is of the money is going." Charen: Details of th ice of the things that h Mayor amounts should come here, but the merica a sovereign nation. xecutive has the right to make any yield them without con payments, and they should appear in impotency as a the executive report. Oliver Hezziewood: Isit not in that report? The weat is all this chewing

virtual surrender of her t Some matrion was made of the league har aig paid for display advertising accounts for battalions, and in reply to this, T. Stevenson stated that speaking, my dea lemnity, without he nsciousness of the bah res of my office, and a your devoted friend. If ly differ, we shall d

fusing for any regineent had been paid for, and that the bills for the 168th Battalion had not been paid. On motion of waiter Brown it decided to send the auditors report to the police commissioners with a re quest for a tag day.
Gran s of \$500 each to the 98th, 201st

VILLE DOCTOR TO FRONT and 97th Battalions were approved, altho there was some discussion regarding that to the 97th, as the amo given to that battalion now totals

ern Ontario, has enlisted and Mayor Church wanted to know the details of the money given to the 97th, to which T. A. Stevenson replied that he was sorry the mayor was not at scepted for military service with the executive meeting when the grant was made, and that he didn't want to

Had Leg Fractured.

1 4 o'clock yesterday afternood tunning across the road on Sevenue west, nearly opposite Mempostoffice, Harry Tucker, aged residing at 57 Mackay avenue, urt, was knocked down by a modriven by John Gray, 86 Wellard, and sustained a fractured legy was conveyed to the Hospital Children. go into details again.

Mayor Quieted,

Mayor Church: The American Le sion gets \$2000. and some of the others aven't had any. But his worship was quieted down by Oliver Hezzlewood that handn't received grants. At this point a resolution was intro-duced by George H. Allan, seconded by CH MEMBER QUITS Hook, M.L.A., as follows: "That whereas the employment in mportant official positions in Canada of those who are suspected or may reasonably be suspected of sympathizing MANITOBA LIBERALS with the enemies of our empire, has a

idency to discourage enlistment, and in addition is regarded by us as a dan-Ferous practice.
"That the Toronto Citizens' Recruit respective governments the necessity for taking such measures to relieve the public mind of suspicion, and prevent the possibility of a calamity thrumsplaced confidence." Abolishing Bilingualism in

that the league would be going outside of its business to adopt such a resolution. He believed the govern-ments were fulfilling the spirit of the lution and that they were wideawake to the necessity for taking every precaution. "A is just a question if we are not going out of our way and that there is some business that we ought to do better than

the governments of this country the many of the people we will aid them in deciding along the lines we suggest, because this will show them the danger of employing alien enemants in public offices." Mr. Fetherments in public offices." haugh urged that many officials

misplaced confidence. Resolution Unnecessary.

Hon. Thomas Crawford hought upied a seat in the legislature. years, Aime Benard, Iberville, today. The subject was the ealing the bilingual clause in olic Schools Act, and the prewe have been doing it along the lines for which we were formed." F. B. Fetherstonhaugh: "I quite en elected had they told then rstand Mr. Crawford's view in this matter, but these are extraoriry times and we don't want to ake any chance, and if we can show

NEWS EROM THE CITY HALL

Unfair to Canadians. Miss Lucy Doyle favored the resolution, declaring that it was unfair to ask men to recruit when alien enemies were being employed in municipal and provincial positions.

Walter Packer of the Park Theatre declared that at a number of animals in the west and Germans. Turbulent Scene in City Hall

of factories in the west end Germans and Austrians were employed, and that men asked why they should go to the front when allens were allowed to WANT NO ALIEN ENEMIES do their work at home.
Oliver Hezzlewood thought that the Called Upon Governments to league should convey to the govern-ment that the employment of alien enemies was detrimental to recruit-ing and to have these men holding Extreme turbulence was the order of the day at the semi-monthly meeting the Citizens' Recruiting League at it is a foolhardy and suicidal policy

the city hall yesterday afternoon. The for them to go ahead as they often meeting was ostensibly called to con-do. He thought the resolution should pass unanimously.

T. A. Stevenson: "I am surprised that the mayor doesn't move an amendment that the government be

asked to discontinue giving contracts for war munitions to aliens."

Time to Wake Up.

Mr. Allan, the mover, thought it was time for Canada to wake up when American papers had to point out that the government had Germans in its employ, and Mr. Packer added that a factory in the west end, where they were making food for the nen were greatly in the majority. despite this fact the meeting where they were making food for the allied armies, had a lot of Austrians and other aliens employed.

Col. Brown: "Who will make our munitions if we send all our own men away and won't let aliens do

Oliver Hezzlewood: "The ladies will before we will let the Germans and Turks do it." Sixty-seven ladies have volunteered, and Col. Brown declared that he would like to see them at work it they are going to do it. The resolution carried unanimous

Advocate Conscription. Hon. Thomas Crawford thought that the Sportsmen's Battalion should have nothing to do with such a tag day.

"The Sportsmen's Battalion is not a leave and if they were allowed to be with a copy, and deal with it the league, and if they were allowed to have a tag day every other battalion has the same right," he declared. "It the Dominion of Canada has issued the Dominion of Canada has the

is a polite hint to you that your use-fulness is ended and that we had bet-in the present war of 250,000 additional men, making our total Canadian contingent 500,000, exclusive of those pied the chair, changed the topic some-what by announcing that the league Army, and whereas a large percent-"The police want full details of our that the proportionate enlistment has not and will not be maintained; so

Colonel Brown: "A grant of \$500 was made the other day without its "Whereas the system of voluntary T. A. Stevenson: "The president has proposed grants that have not been before this league, but there should be

enlistment now prevailing is neither equitable nor democratic, but is conducive to confusion, shaos and failure in our essential industries. "Therefore be it resolved,
"First: That this league respectfully

rges the Government of Canada to consider the advisability of adopting scription or registration which will promote the economic as well as military strength of the country and that no male Canadian citizen of military age be permitted to leave Canada of fire.

without a passport.
"Second: That we urge the Government of Canada or the Government of the Province of Ontario to adopt and enforce compulsory military training thruout the Dominion or province. "Third: That the Ontario Governnent be respectfully requested to obtain permission to employ interned aliens, and war prisoners in such way that they will become factors in

producing new capital."

Turbulent Scene. The proceeds from the massed band oncert in Massey Hall will enable the league to give \$100 to each overseas battalion band.

Col. Brown objected in no uncertain way to the adopting of the constitution as amended, as the amendmen presented were not in accordance with hose made by the constitution nittee. His many objections were powled out, however, and the new con stitution was adopted while a tumult raged, it being almost impossible to what was going, on by reason of the number of people all trying to speak at the one time.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE HELD SHORT MEETING

Thirty-Seven From This Depart ment of Board of Education Have Enlisted.

In answer to Trustee Dr. Noble's military age in the various departments of the board of education, the property committee reported yesterday there are 134 employes, 37 of whom nave enlisted. Ninety-two employes are married. Eleven have offered emselves for overseas service, but have been rejected At the next meeting of the commit

tee the solicitor, E. P. Brown, and Su perintendent of Buildings Bishop will eport on the complaint that one of the contractors is not paying the prevail ing rate of wages.

Many detail matters were dispose of, but the session was not long.

EXPERTS' FEES TOO HIGH. Opinion of Board of Control Regarding Bathurst Street Arbitration

When Assessment Commissioner Forman reported to the board of control yesterday regarding engaging experts for some arbitration proceedings in connection with the Bathurst street grading, some of the members voiced their opinions on the matter of counsel. It was thought that the fees to be charged, namely \$300, plus \$50 a day, for giving evidence, were much too high and that the city solicitor too high and that the city solicitor should engage counsel and deduct the fees from the salary of Corporation

gin. He thought we should be very careful in dealing with people who are German or who may have any possible connection thru their name or otherwise with the enemies of the

Deputation Asks for Explanation of Delay and Point is Cleared Up.

BOARD OF CONTROL BUSY

Matters' Disposed of at Only Meeting of Week.

More than a usual amount of business confronted the board of control yesterday because it was the first meeting of the week, and matters which under ordinary circumstances would have been disposed of Tuesday and Wednesday were piled up. In spite of this, however, the order paper was gone thru, details cleared In spite of this, however, the order paper was gone thru, details cleared up and several deputations heard.

Alderman Risk, speaking for a deputation representing ward two, asked the board why there had been delay in the Mount Pleasant road matter. He said nothing had been started, altho the citizens thought work would have been commenced long ago. "Why, when a contract is awarded are there no funds reported for the work?" he funds reported for the work?" he asked. "We want to know when the work is going to start." Commissioner Harris, who was called into consultation, assured the deputation that there had been no unnecessary delay, that the plans had been approved by the railway board and that everything was ready to go on.

J. R. L. Starr, K.C., appeared on behalf of a Hamilton firm which had tendered on sewer contracts.

behalf of a Hamilton firm which had tendered on sewer contracts and asked for an interpretation of the wording "local firm." He claimed that his firm was as local as any other becase of yards and offices in Toronto, and hinted at a lawsuit for damages if any other construction was put. Ald. McBride, who was in attendance, said "This is only a subattendance, said, "This is only a subterfuge to open the whole matter again," and Mayor Church held that it was a departmental affair. It was decided to go into the matter more fully next Tuesday. Chief Smith of the fire department recommended again in favor of a siren whistle as a fire alarm in North Toronto to cost \$550. The re-

"The police want full details of our finances," continued Mr. Crawford. "They can get a detailed statement of the amounts received and the amounts paid, out, but in the face of what has been said now it is a reflection on the men who have handled those funds. If what the police say is true it is time that the proportionate emintained; so much so that the number aimed at reaches approximately 10 per cent. of the whole of that population out of which recruits are mainly obtained and "Whereas it is essential and desirable to throw up its hands for the league to throw up its hands the league to throw up its hands for the league to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the war be prosecuted to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the war be prosecuted to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the war be prosecuted to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the war be prosecuted to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the war be prosecuted to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the war be prosecuted to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the war be prosecuted to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the war be prosecuted to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the war be prosecuted to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the war be prosecuted to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the war be prosecuted to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the war be prosecuted to the limit of Canada's ability able not only that the matter will wait for another son will take place today from his late of the limit of the limi commendation carried. In regard to the appointment of a secretary, the chief was asked to bring in a re-commendation, stating the salary he

the money on Toronto prisoners in Germany. Controller that a private conference be held to discuss the question of soldiers' insurance. He believed it was time a new method was adopted, but gave

little idea as to what the new method should be. It was decided to take the matter up.
At a cost of \$700 the board cided that fire ladders should be placed where workers in the attic of the city hall could use them in case of fire. Some further devices are necessary and are included in that

figure.

It was decided to get information regarding the report that two persons are being confined in dungeons at the jail. "I'd fire right straight any person that would keep another in a dungeon in these days."

CITY HALL NOTES

A day will be set aside next weel for the consideration of estimates by the board of control.

M. H. Stewart has been given pernission to attend the roadways con vention in Pittsburg. Action against the University Rifle Association for the recovery of two rifles loaned by the city has been with-

Lieut.-Col. Hagarty is to have a re cruiting sign on the city hall lawn as soon as his battalion commences ac-

The works committee will meet this morning at 10 o'clock because of the funeral this afternoon of the late City Treasurer Patterson.

It is expected that the city's appear to the privy council regarding the extension of the Toronto Railway tracks enquiry as to the number of men of on North Yonge street will be heard

M. J. O'Leary is an applicant for a property committee reported yesterday position on the Toronto Hydro-Electric Commission, and the application will be considered at next meeting of the board of control.

The plumbers of the city are opposed to the transfer of the plumbing inspection department from the medi-cal health department to the jurisdiction of the city architect. No permit will be issued for altera

tions to the Gem Theatre, despite the fact that the city council authorized the same at its last meeting. City Architect Pearse refuses to violate the hylaw, in which action he is endorsed the police if necessary to prevent the

TRIBUTE TO LATE OFFICIAL. Mayor Speaks Highly of Services
John Patterson.

At the meeting of the board of control yesterday, Mayor Church referred to the death of City Treasurer Patterson as a great loss to the city. "He was a highly respected official and rendered valuable services to the city. In his death we suffer a great loss. He had been in the city's employ for "An attack directed on Samogneux has been repulsed."

WESTERN ASSURANCE TAKES OVER COMPANIES

Assumes Business of Anglo-American and the Montreal-Canada.

THE CONTRACT CLOSED

Expect No Profits, But Will Protect Agreements Until Maturity of Policies.

The arrangements which, as indi-The arrangements which, as indicated in these communes a few days ago, had practically been completed for the assumption by the Western Assurance Company of this city of the outstanding policies of the Anglo-American Fire Insurance Company of Toronto and the Montreal-Canada Fire Insurance Company of Fire Insurance Company of Montreal, have now been approved by the courts in Toronto and Montreal and reinsurance agreements comsum-mated. The "Anglo-American" and the "Montreal-Canada" will go into liquidation and the "Western" will assume the liability of these two con-

panies for any losses which may occur under all their posicies in force to Canadian policyholders covering property in Canada, and also for the un The "Montreal-Canada" commenced business in the year 1859. Its authorized capital is \$1,000,000 and its income for last year amounted to \$136,-

The "Anglo-American" was incorporated in Toronto in the year 1899. Its authorized capital is \$1,000,000 and its yearly income is about \$264,000. To take care of the agencies and the lusiness of the "Anglo-American" and "Montreal-Canada," two new organications will be at once established.
One will be formed by the Western Assurance Company and will be known as the "St. Lawrence Underwriters' Agency" and the other will be formed by the British America As-surance Company and will be known as the "Britannia Underwriters'

Agency."
Owing to the weak financial position into which the "Anglo-American" and the 'Montreal-Canada" had fallen, it was not easy to find reinsurance for their outstanding policies and unpaid losses in Canada, and it is due to the way the negotiations were guided by the insurance department at Ottawa that a scheme satisfactory to the li-quidators and to the courts was devised whereby a contract was closed with the Western Assurance Company fully protecting the Canadian policy-

The Western Assurance Company state that they do not expect a profit from the business, but have readily extended their support so that the contracts of these two Canadian compunies would be fully protected until the maturity of the various policies.

son will take place today from his late residence, 67 Walker avenue, to St. James' Cemetery. The service will be conducted by Rev. Sydney A. Selwyn of the Church of the Messiah, assisted by Rev. Robert Sims, a former pastor. The funeral will be private, but today at 2 o'clock the city council will hold a special meeting for the purpose of passing a resolution of condolence to the family, following which the memthe family, following which the mem- An order was made for production there will attend the service in a body. of correspondence on the subject.

LET MUNICIPALITIES BUILD OWN BRIDGES

The Good Roads Association Does Not Favor Construction by Government.

TO INVESTIGATE RATES

Professor Lang Spoke on Education Policy Relating to Highways.

> The Ontario Good Roads Association at the closing session of their annual meeting in the city yesterday refused to consider seriously the proposal brought forward by some of the members that the provincial department of works be memorialized to submit plans of a standard bridge and favoring th building of steel bridges by the department with a view to furnishing them to the municipalities at cost.

The proposal to ask the government to enter into competition with privat companies was strongly opposed by E A. James, York County Highway Engi A. James, York County Highway Engineer; Reeve McNair of Vaughan, Mr. Bowman, engineer of Berlin, and others, on the ground that the construction of steel bridges thruout the counties has been superseded by concrete, and that local municipalities could construct bridges to better advantage than a department.

Education Policy.

It was decided to inaugurate a policy of education thru the province in rela-

of education thru the province in rela-tion to good roads, while another reso-lution that the Ontario department of works be authorized to construct model roadways in the counties wher the work has not been undertaken, was voted down on the ground that the cost ought to be borne by the munici-

The Dominion Railway Board will be asked to enquire into the matter of freight rates on road material such as stone and gravel. Complaint was made that great delay often occurred in the delivery of these materials, while the demurrage changes were held to be too demurrage charges were held to be to

demurrage charges were held to be too exacting.

F. L. Senecal. representing the United Counties of Prescott and Russell, just before the close of the convention, in moving the adoption of the report and a vote of thanks to the president, gave an eloquent address, touching on the cordial relations between the British and French citizens of Canada. Prof. Lang of Toronto University spoke briefly on the need of a policy of education along the lines of good roads in the Province of Ontario.

UNCLAIMED BALANCES FOR PATRIOTIC FUND

WILL BE BURIED TODAY | Senator Choquette Had Bright Idea, But Lougheed Was Not impressed.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—That unclaimed balances in Canadian banks, amounting to over \$1,000,000 should be turned over to the patriotic fund was proposed to the senate today by Senator

Choquette.

Hon. Mr. Lougheed, governmen leader, said according to the Bank Act after the lapse of a number of years unclaimed balances were turned over to the government. The proposal by Senator Choquette appeared to be the equivalent of confiscation.

Official War Statements

The British official statement issued onight on the campaign in the western zone reads: "We sprang a mine opposite Hulluch last night and occupied the crater. Today an artillery duel about Bac St. Maur ended in our favor. "Our artillery bombarded hostile trenches near Frelinhein, on the Ypres-

Comines Canal, and east of Boesinghe with success.'

Russian

The following Russian communicadon was issued today: "In the region of Riga and the Dvinsk, on the Oger sector, German acroplanes dropped bombs. In the region of Oger the enemy developed violate the state of the control of t ent night firing, which was followed by a movement toward our trenches of scouts who were clad in white raiment, and who were repulsed by our

"On the Dvinsk sector, near the Poniewesch Railway and north Czartorysk, our detachments checked the enemy and made some progress.
"In the region of Pelsh, southwest of Olyka, the enemy sent women, pro-bably Russian, to work in the positions most exposed to our fire.

"In Galicia, northwest of Tarnopol and near the villages of Gliadki and Vorobievka, we exploded a small mine and occupied the crater. The enemy vainly bombarded the scene of the explosion with mines and trench mortars throwing projectile s which made in their flight a noise like that of a revolving propeller. Near Mikhaltche the threw into a crater which we were occupying lacrymosal bombs and then attempted an attack, but was repulsed by our fire. 'In the Black Sea, near the Bos-

phorus, one of our submarines was twice attacked by two aeroplanes, but without result. The submarine de-stroyed a sailing ship loaded with coal. "On the Caucasus front we continue o press the enemy successfully."

French

The French statement of yesterday fternoon follows: "In Artois a struggle with grenades is in progress to the east of Souchez.
"In the region north of Verdun the struggle continued all night with the same intensity along the right bank of the Meuse as far as Armes, to the south of the Orne River. Owing to the violence of the bombardment of

fees from the salary of Corporation the home government had rethe home government had rethe city solicitor for a report.

The had been in the city's employ for him," he said.

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The city solicitor for a report.

was launched by the enemy in the forest of Caures. This attack succeeded in taking one part of the forest. We still hold the southern end. All the offensives directed against Beaumont, in front of which we are established, have failed to dislodge us. To the east of the front attacked we hold our own in from of Ormes, where our forces hold a savine situated to the south of Herbe forest. "The retreat of our troops in cer-

tain sections, which was ordered to avoid useless losses, was effected in perfect order and without permitting enemy, who advanced slowly and at the price of considerable sacrifices bombardment continues in the region between Ortes and Fromizey. In Lor raine the enemy has succeeded gaining a footing in one of our ad vanced posts in the forest of Cheznet. We have driven back some advance parties to the east of Reillon "One of our airship squadrons last night bombarded with 45 projectiles, some of which were of large calibre, the Metz railway station at Sablon (on the southern outskirts of Metz) and a gas tank, in the region of which great fire was observed."

German

The German official statement of esterday says:
"Western front: The success btained east of the Meuse has been exploited further. The Villages of Brabant, Haumont and Samogneus have been captured. The entire wooded district northwest, north and est of Herbe are in our possession. "South of Metz an advance French post was taken by a surpris The entire garrison of fifty men was captured "Eastern front: On the northern sectors of the front there were lively artillery duels, and at numerou points patrol engagements occurred have been no incidents of

special importance.
"Balkan front: There is nothing to report." FRONTENAC CONSERVATIVES.

KINGSTON, Ont., Feb. 24.—The Conservatives of the County of Fron enac held their annual meeting this afternoon with the band of the 146t' Battalion, the county's own battalion playing lively patriotic airs. Thes officers were elected: President, J. W. Allison; first vice-president, Hirar Atkinson; second vice-president, Joh M. Blake; secretary, Hugh Horn treasurer, John Steart. Addresse were delivered by Dr. J. W. Edward M.P., Anthony Rankin, M.L.A., and A. H. Birmingham, Conservative organ-

Prohibitionists' Attack

PERSONAL LIBERTY

Is No New Thing in History

T would be interesting to know what view the Prohibitionists, local optionists, and others of the same persuasion really hold with regard to Personal Liberty. Not that most of them think very deeply or clearly upon the question. They see certain evil effects of excessive drink-which, by the way, are greatly exage gerated—and they at once jump to the conclusion that the passing of a law will change the whole thing. They never pause to consider the two fundamental facts: whether the law can be put into effect, and whether it is not contrary to the principle of personal individual liberty.

This is the Really Important Thing

WHETHER men shall or shall not drink, is a minor question. The real point is whether there is any personal freedom which the majority are bound to respect. For if such majority can decree what men shall and shall not drink, why not what they shall and shall not wear, how they shall and shall not vote, and how they may and may not worship God? These are not imaginary suppositions. All history is full of attempts to make men conform in personal matters to the will of the ruling powers. Prohibitory laws as to alcoholic beverages go back to Egyptian days. In the Middle Ages the particular style of dress of men and women was prescribed. With whom trading shall be done has been the object of numberless enactments in various lands. That the minority shall belong to a certain kind of religion under pains and penalties was the fixed policy of many a nation. The world, however, is working up from this low ideal to the present view of liberty, when man "may speak the thing

Now is the Time to Assert FREEDOM

And now, forsooth, the Prohibitionists of Ontario say that they will prescribe as to man's food and drink and will virtually confiscate his property without compensation. Not only so, but they arrogantly add that all who do not agree with them are on the side of evil in this great struggle, or, as it has been luridly expressed, in this contest between God and Satan. As a matter of fact, in many a spot in Canada to-day a man hardly dares get up and oppose Prohibition, for he would be ostracised, even as a layman, let alone a Minister.

Is it not time for Canadians to assert their British freedom and refuse to be dragooned against their conscientious opinion into legislation which will prove injurious alike to real temperance and to the true spirit of liberty?

The Personal Liberty League of Ontario believes in temperance in all things, and in its promotion; we favor the license system under proper regulation and control, but we are opposed to prohibition or any legislation which encroaches upon or curtails the purely personal liberties of our people.

Application for membership cards should be sent to The Personal Liberty League of Ontario, Head Office, 15 Wilston Avenue, Toronto.

No fees are required for membership in the League. Fill out the application for membership and forward to the Secretary of The Personal Liberty League.

Application Blank for Membership to The Personal Liberty League of Ontario

Head Office, 15 Wilton Avenue, Toronto The undersigned subscribes to the Declaration of Principles of The Personal Liberty League of Ontario, assures the officers of the League that he is in sympathy with the general purposes of the organization, and hereby applies for membership, pledging himself to the furtherance of the aims and objects of the League.

THE PERSONAL LIBERTY LEAGUE OF ONTARIO

BRITISH AIR SERVICE

IN CONTROL OF DERBY LONDON, Feb. 24.-Lord Derby's ac eptance of the chairmanship of a joint aval and military board to control the British air service was announced in he house of commons this afternoon by Property Asquith. The position is not salaried one.

WHERE IS ROLAND ROSE? Woman in England Has Important Letter For Him.

Roland Rose, who is said to have lived for some time on Ann street, is sought by the detective department, in response to a request from Mrs. Clara Glencros 26 Beach road, Weston-Super-Mare, Som erset, England, who has an important letter for him. The department has made enquiries at Ann street, but the man is not known.

NON-SUPPORT-40 DAYS. Found guilty by Col. Denison in police court yesterday of failing to sup-cort his wife. Thomas Rowat was sen-cenced to 40 days in jail.

TROUBLE IN MEXICO PLANNED BY GERMANS Mexican-German Banker

Been Arrested at New York. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.-Frederice Stallforth, a Mexican-German banker, was committed to the custody of a marshal by Judge Fayton for refusing to answer questions before the grand jury investigating the efforts of German agents to foment trouble between this country and Mexico and to instigate strikes in munition factories. Stallforth was associated with Franz von Rinteler, head of the German propaganda here, who fled under a false passport.

The federal authorities have been anxious to find out just what relations existed between Stallforth and Von Rintelen, but the banker has insisted that he could not be forced to answer any questions on the ground that he is not a citizen of this country.

Stallforth is the head of a German-Mexican bank with headquarters at Parral, Mexico. was committed to the custody of a mar-

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A meeting will be held at the par-liament buildings at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, when the Christian Scientists

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