PHONE RATE CASE HEARD AT OTTAWA

Bell Telephone Company Concludes Application for Increase.

HOLD OVER FOR YEAR

I. S. Fairty, Representing Toronto and Hamilton, Makes Suggestion.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The case for the Bell Telephone Company in support of its application for an increase in rates was completed before the railway commission this afternoon. At a special sitting of the commission which will be held in Ottawa on the 22nd of this month, the case for the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and Ottawa will be presented. Before the conclusion of the sitting this afternoon, Mr. I. S. Fairty, representing Toronto and Hamilton, argued that the application should be rejected or held over for a year. The company, he contended, had set aside extraordinarily large sums for depreciation, and piled up a large surplus which could be applied on operating expenses before increased rates were asked. Mr. H. D. Gordon of Toronto, argued that, even at the worst, the company would show a surplus of about a million dollars in 1919.

Wait Till Ruined.

Lawrence MacFarlane, acting for the company, said that opposing counsel seemed to think that the company should wait until it was ruined before asking for an increase in rates.

W. F. Winter, general plant superintendent of the Bell Telephone Company, was called at the afternoon session. He said that 600 of the company's best men had enlisted for the war, with the result that the plant had not been maintained in the condition the company would have liked. It had, however, been maintained in a fairly creditable manner.

I. S. Fairty, representing Toronto and Hamilton, argued for the applications's rejection, or at least its being held over for a year. On the company's own statement, the application, he thought, would not be justified. He emphasized that the company had set aside extraordinarily large amounts for depreciation. In 1918, he said, after paying bond interest, eight per cent. on common stock, and meeting all charges, the company had an undivided profit of about a quarter of a million dollars. During the war period, on its own showing, the company had heaped up $1,200,000 of undivided profit. During the same period, depreciation reserves had increased from upwards of $4,000,000 to upwards of $12,000,000.

Voluntary Efforts.

The company, before the war, never made any voluntary attempt to reduce its rates, altho it had so much money that it "found half a million dollars accidentally."

Mr. Fairty argued that, with the close of war, prices of materials and labor would fall. Further, the company's common stock was regarded by the stock market as a gilt-edged security, and was quoted around 130.

Sir Henry Drayton remarked that the price at which a stock was quoted on the market might also mean that interested people were able to maintain it at a certain level.

Mr. Fairty said that the company had heaped up a surplus during the war years, and this should be used, if necessary, to offset increased expenses, before rates were raised.

"In other words," said Mr. MacFarlane, "you think we should wait until we are ruined before we ask for an increase in rates?"

Sir Henry Drayton disagreed with this statement, remarking, that the company had a surplus of $3,200,000, which it was suggested should be used to meet increased expenses.

Hear Toronto's Case.

Mr. MacFarlane argued that it was necessary for the company to maintain a surplus in order to take care of future business.

Sir Henry Drayton remarked that the company had earned surpluses which might have been kept in such a form as to take care of necessary expenditures in future.

It was argued by H. D. Gordon of Toronto, that the very worst the Bell Telephone Company could do in 1919 was to have a surplus of about a million dollars.

The application for increased rates was based on the assumption that conditions would remain the same as at present, but it was likely tha wages and materials would cheapen.

Discussion of the application will be continued at a special meeting of the board in Ottawa on January 22, when Montreal and Toronto will present their cases. There will also be sittings of the board in Toronto on the 13th, and Montreal on the 16th.

FATAL INJURIES TO CHILD.

An accident occurred yesterday afternoon at 5.30 which resulted in the death of John Brown, aged six years, the son of Alexander Brown, 185 Prescott avenue. A motor truck, driven by Douglas Irvine, Laughton avenue, had been unloading flour in rear of the grocery store owned by J. W. Venn, 86 Prescott avenue, and in backing out struck down the boy who it is supposed was passing on the sidewalk, crushing him and inflicting fatal injuries. The child was taken home and Dr. J. B. Brown, 131 Oakwood street, was called immediately. The boy died before the doctor arrived. Irvife, the driver of the truck, was placed under arrest, charged with criminal negligence.

"The Follies of Pleasure."

A very pleasing bill is being presented at the Star this week in the "Follies of Pleasure." There is a beauty chorus of thirty pretty creatures and fifteen jolly songs, which are sung in a catchy manner. There are numerous specialties introduced, which make the very glummest laugh. The costumes of the chorus are creations of the highest order, and worn with effect. For pure rollicking entertainment without vulgarity, see the "Follies of Pleasure."

NOMINATE DR. A. S. GRANT.

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 8.—Dr. A. S. Grant of Toronto has been nominated for moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly for the next year, by the Presbytery of Westminster at a meeting here.

BYLAW NECESSARY BEFORE HYDRO ACTS

Sir Adam Beck Says Radial Purchase Partly Depends on Ratepayers' Views.

Willoughby Ellis, a member of the Hamilton Hydro Board, offered a suggestion to Sir Adam Beck yesterday as a solution of the present difficulty existing in the matter of the operation of the Hamilton Electric Radial line between Hamilton, Burlington and Oakville. Mr. Ellis advised the purchase of this line by the Ontario Hydro Power Commission, and its incorporation in the radial line planned by the commission to operate between Hamilton and Toronto. Sir Adam in reply, pointed out that before any such step could be taken, bylaws would have to be submitted to the ratepayers of the various municipalities thru which the line runs, in order to get their views on the matter.

HAMILTON NEWS

Hamilton, Jan. 8.—It is predicted that when the council meets tomorrow night three out of the four committee chairmanships will go to the Liberal members of the council.

Sir Arthur Pearson addressed the members of the Canadian Club of Hamilton tonight.

Judge Gauld announced that in his court the Bible will no longer be used in swearing witnesses. They will instead, hold up the right hand while taking the oath.

Under auspices of the G.W.V.A. branches in Hamilton a Christmas tree entertainment was held in the armories tonight, attended by 2000 soldiers' children.

Tomie Glodviski, an Austrian, 32 years of age, was pronounced guilty of the "wilful killing" of 12-year-old Walter Kozyk, a Polish boy.

J. Bottis, the young man who on Tuesday accidentally shot himself in the head, died today of his injuries.

RIVER AT PARIS IS RISING FAST

Shipments of Coal and Flour by That Route Have Been Stopped.

Paris, Jan. 8.—The Seine continues to rise steadily, and today its level was the highest since the present flood conditions set in. Navigation is at a complete standstill, while all shipments of coal over the river route have been stopped since Jan. 3. Several large barges loaded with flour were forced to tie up along the river banks before reaching Paris, causing many bakers in the sixth ward to close their shops early this morning because of a lack of flour.

The rain has ceased and the barometer is rising. The weather is clear, but the river continues to swell at the Austerlitz bridge, showing the largest rise, while at Pont Neuf, the Pont St. Michael and the Pont des Arts it also registers a steady increase. The people line the banks of the river and talk reminiscently of the 1910 flood. The railroad to the Invalides station is submerged in several places and the Voltaire wharf is under water, as is also the Louvre wharf.

At the bridge Alma, the stone Zouave, which stands guard over the bridge, is taking an icy bath. The cellars of houses adjacent to the river are flooded thruout Paris, and the American soldiers on the Quai d'Orsay are busy saving the stocks of coal lining the river from being buried deep under water. Meanwhile the Yonne and Marne rivers, the former with a granite bed and the latter with swampy banks, continue to rise.

CITY ITEMS

A Christmas treat to 400 returned soldiers was given by Mrs. O. B. Sheppard, when dinner and tea was served at Victoria Hall. Later a concert and dance were held.

The following are the newly-elected officers of the Williamson Road Home and School Club: W. Davis, school principal, honorary president; Mrs. Harris, president; Miss Graham, first vice-president; Mrs. E. Verner, second vice-president; Mrs. Hartwick, third vice-president; Mrs. Silman, secretary; Mrs. Wickens, treasurer.

At the annual meeting of the Women's College Hospital, held yesterday afternoon, reports showed that the number of patients received during the year was 425; of these 156 were maternity cases. The cost of maintenance had been $17,422 for a period of 9447 days. Reports from the nurses' training school showed that there had been 415 days' illness among the nurses. Mrs. A. O. Rutherford presided at the meeting.

The new Orthopaedic Hospital on Christie street will be ready for occupation on Feb. 1. All crippled soldiers from this district and from the others as well will be fitted with artificial limbs at this great centre.

The entire cost will be about a million and a half dollars. Lieut.-Col. MacVicar will be the O.C.

POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS TO INSPECTOR KENNEDY

Announcement was made yesterday in Ottawa that Mr. George Kennedy, whose resignation from the position of head of the Toronto Detective Department, takes effect at the end of this month, has been appointed assistant commissioner of Dominion police. Mr. Kennedy was in the capital yesterday conferring with Commissioner Coughlin, who is in charge of the Dominion police since Sir Percy Sherwood stepped out.

It is quite probable that Geo. Guthrie, who is sergeant of detectives, will be appointed inspector, and Detective Austin Mitchell will be promoted to the position of sergeant of detectives.

Sergt. Guthrie has a record of fifteen years on the detective staff, and for five years was acting inspector after Inspector Walter Duncan retired.

Others mentioned for the position of chief of detectives are Alex. Mackie of Markham Street Division, Detective William Wallace, and Inspector Daniel McKinney of the morality department.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

EARLSCOURT

EXPRESS RATES UNDER DISCUSSION

Earlscourt Ratepayers Claim Same Privileges as Other Communities.

A slimly-attended meeting under the auspices of the Citizens' Express and Freight Campaign Committee was held last night, in Earlscourt School, North Dufferin street. L. L. James presided in the absence of A. Craig, president.

The chairman briefly outlined the work of the committee, and referred to the uphill battle for extended express delivery in 1916 successfully fought before the Dominion Railway Board, and which relieved thousands of citizens. "The city council has at the present time seen the necessity of coming to our assistance, owing to the attempt of the express companies to increase the rates and limit the free-delivery zone," said Mr. Jarvis.

"If people were conversant with the express delivery situation, this building would be packed to capacity tonight," said the president of the citizens' committee. "We are here because the express companies do not want to deliver in the Earlscourt district north of St. Clair avenue except at an increase of rates equivalent to 45 cents a parcel, and they want the same rate to apply in the Damforth and Beaches districts.

"The express companies do not want to deliver at any price in North or East Toronto, and they are going before the railway board with this plea. We are entitled to absolutely the same privileges as any other municipality, and the limits of the free deliveries should be the city limits," declared the speaker, who added that the Citizens' Express and Freight Committee would ask for such an order from the railway board.

"This is the fifth time the citizens have had to fight the express companies, and the matter of free deliveries should be settled now and for all time on the basis of municipal limits, and compelled to extend their free delivery limits automatically as suburbs are taken in," said the speaker, who added that if the express companies are not making a legitimate profit they are entitled to an increase, but the fact is that one express company in 1917, on a $2,000,000 investment, made a net profit of $529,415, and the C. N. R., with a $1,000,000 investment, made a net profit of $323,828 during the same year on express deliveries. "It is drawing a red herring across the trail, and in face of the market coming down in prices, the express companies want to go up," he said.

Harry A. Newman, solicitor, gave figures of express companies' statements showing handsome profits for several years. Mr. Newman claimed that the profits for the year 1917 estimated 83½ per cent. "We only want what the late Commissioner Maybee said we were entitled to, namely, free express service in every town and village," said Mr. Newman, who added that the parcels post system, if established, would settle all parcel delivery troubles.

Ex-Ald. Gibbons, Ald. Brook Sykes and others also spoke.

BETTER SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION.

Citizens residing on McRoberts and Caledonia avenues, Earlscourt, are complaining of the distance their children have to travel to school. Hughes Public School is in the city limits, and children living in the township are charged a fee of $3 monthly, which works a hardship on poor people in this section. The York Township Council is to be asked to supply better school accommodation, and a deputation will wait upon the council for that purpose.

At St. Chad's Men's Club supper, held in the basement of the church, reference was made by the first rector, Rev. R. Seaborne, to the growth of church work since 1910, when St. Chad's began its mission work at the corner of Dufferin and St. Clair, where now stands the large building of the Wm. Davies Co. Among the speakers at the supper were Rev. A. J. Reid, rector; Rev. H. W. Brain, St. Michael and All Angels; Rev. J. McKittrick of Silverthorn, Capt. Franks, C. T. Lacey (G.W.V.A.), J. H. Wales, H. Cole, F. Buss, Sgt. Walsh, W. Cole, F. Black, J. Mullin and Fred D. Clark (president).

J. Fox acted as toastmaster. A program of music was rendered by members.

EAST TORONTO

The regular meeting of Cambridge Lodge, No. 97, S.O.E.B.S., was held in Snell's Hall, Main street, recently. Eleven new members were initiated by W. G. Jones, D.D.S.P.B., who also installed the new officers for the ensuing year. Short addresses were delivered by Bro. E. J. Otter, Bro. Geo. Neil and Bro. J. Lindley (Eastbourne). Refreshments were served and a musical program was rendered by A. Francis, Henry Boyle, Jessie Day and W. Summers.

The lodge, which is only four months established, has a membership of 77.

TODMORDEN

The first regular meeting of the school trustees of School Section 27, Todmorden, was held yesterday afternoon in Torrens Avenue School.

J. A. Macdonald, J.P., was elected chairman, W. Burgess secretary-treasurer, and Dr. R. F. Fleming school trustee.

The matter of the overcrowding of Torrens Avenue School was discussed and left over to a future meeting.

Earlscourt Public School football team, who recently won in the match played with Earl Grey School, are not champions of the league.

WESTON

J. A. McLean, principal Earlscourt School, is at present confined to his home at Weston owing to the injuries received in the recent train wreck at Woodbridge.

Several members of Mr. McLean's family are at present suffering from the influenza. His eldest son, J. McLean, Greenlaw avenue, is also confined to the house with injuries to the hip received in a munition works a short time ago.

DANFORTH

Ex-Councillor Chas. McKay, York Township Council, is at present confined to his home, as the result of an accident received while cranking his motor car. His face and nose were bruised thru the back-firing of the engine.

For some time past suspicious characters have been noticed loitering in the neighborhood of Broadview and Danforth avenues. The manager of the Playtorium Theatre, Danforth avenue, reported an attempted holdup by a gang consisting of three men and one woman, when counting his receipts a few evenings ago. The names of the parties are known and the police have the matter in hand.

RIVERDALE

Mrs. Frances Stott, 704 Pape avenue, gave a social evening to the pupils of St. Barnabas' Church primary Sunday school, of which she is teacher, recently. Sixteen children sat down to an excellent supper, and a varied program of songs, dances, recitations and choruses was given.

Prizes were given to the guests and an enjoyable time was spent.

SOCIETY

Conducted by Mrs. Edmund Phillips.

Lady Hendrie will receive at Government House this afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Miss Hendrie has returned from a few days' visit to Ottawa.

Col. H. C. Cox is giving a dinner at the Ontario Club on Jan. 17 in honor of the overseas battalion of the Mississauga Horse.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Andrus, 2 Rue de Breboeub, Quebec, announce the engagement of the second daughter, Kathleen, to Mr. C. Dean Cotton, second son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Milton Cotton, Toronto. The marriage will take place in the cathedral, Quebec, very quietly, on Wednesday, the 15th inst.

Miss Vera Barstow, who has been playing the violin for the soldiers behind the line, has returned from overseas and will play at the Women's Musical Club this afternoon at its meeting in the Masonic Hall.

Miss Fraser has returned from a visit to General and Mrs. Victor Williams.

Mrs. Edward Raynalds, who has been in England since the first year of the war, doing war work, has sailed for home.

Major-Gen. E. W. Wilson is in town from Montreal, and is at the King Edward.

Lady Gibson and Mrs. Sanford, Hamilton, are in Kingston for the executive meeting of the Local Council of Women.

At the carnival in the Arena on Friday night by the 109th Regiment, there will be many prizes, which will be presented by Lady Pellatt. The mock hockey match which is being arranged, is reputed to be "a perfect scream."

Miss Pauline Hayes, Guelph, arrives in town today to stay with her aunt, Miss Marie Macdonell for the Rosary Hall Guild Ball at the King Edward on Friday night.

Mrs. Simonsky gave a very smart luncheon yesterday in the royal suite at the King Edward in honor of Mrs. A. J. Freiman, Ottawa, when the hostess looked extremely well in a handsome gown of silver-gray georgette crepe and satin, a black hat, with gray velvet crown, and black burnt ostrich feathers; a corsage bouquet of pink sweet peas, and a magnificent diamond necklace. Mrs. Simonsky, jr., was in a Belgian blue georgette crepe, embroidered with chalk beads and bands of blue satin; a black hat and diamond ornament. The guest of honor, Mrs. Freiman, wore a Parisian gown of bronze satin, embroidered with black, combined with black silk Jersey cloth and fringe, a black hat, diamond ornaments, a corsage bouquet of orchids, and a silver fox stole. Mrs. Clarence I. de Sola, Montreal, wore gray Jersey cloth, embroidered and faced with royal blue; a black velvet and ostrich hat, and a rope of large pearls. Mrs. Allen looked very graceful in black, with diamonds, and a black transparent hat. Mrs. Rosenthal, Ottawa, wore black silk Jersey, with diamonds and sables. The guests were seated at three large, round tables, decorated with jonquils, in green glass vases. Miss Pearl Brodey sang most acceptably after luncheon, accompanied by Mrs. Auerbach. Others present included: Mrs. S. Merker, Mrs. C. Rotenberg, Mrs. C. Draimin, Mrs. Schoenbred (Chicago), Mrs. M. Greenberg, Miss Merker, Miss M. Draimin, Miss M. Solway, Mrs. E. Lesser, Mrs. N. Rosenberg, Dr. Bessie Singer, Mrs. H. King, Mrs. M. Greisman, Mrs. E. Scheuer, Miss Alberna Simonsky, Mrs. Hutner, Mrs. J. Cooper, Mrs. Abramson, Mrs. Leiberman, Mrs. J. H. Seigel, Mrs. S. Lewis, Mrs. R. Greenberg, Mrs. J. B. Danson, Miss Robinovitz (Montreal), Mrs. H. Davis, Mrs. Goldsaler, Mrs. S. Harris, Mrs. J. Selick, Mrs. F. Allen, Mrs. S. Jackson, Mrs. M. Simonski, Mrs. Y. Auerbach, Mrs. M. Bloch, Mrs. Murray Simonski, Mrs. J. Scheuer, Miss J. Draimin, Miss P. Rosenberg, Miss H. Greisman, Miss F. Wilson, Mrs. S. Willinsky, Mrs. G. Solway, Mrs. Sedearsky (Hamilton), Mrs. M. Levy (Hamilton), Mrs. N. Helpert (Hamilton), Mrs. H. Freeman (Hamilton).

Miss Ethel Goldstein, St. George street, is giving a dance tonight.

The members of the committee of the dance of the 74th Battalion, C.E.F., Auxiliary, tonight in Jenkins' Galleries, are: Mrs. J. F. W. Ross, Mrs. J. Wilson, Mrs. J. Manning, Miss Sarah Currie, Miss Olive Mills, Miss Marion Armour, from whom tickets can be obtained.

Col. F. E. Perriott, Regina, has arrived at the King Edward.

Mr. W. D. Matthews and Miss Ina Matthews, who have been visiting Mrs. Ross in Montreal, have returned to town.

Col. and Mrs. Andrew T. Thompson of Ottawa announce the engagement of their only daughter, Margaret, to Arthur Owen Armstrong, formerly lieutenant in the 58th Infantry Battalion, C.E.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Armstrong, Toronto. The marriage will take place at an early date.

About two hundred were present at the very successful dance given in the Metropolitan last night by the paymaster and staff of the Royal Air Service. The floor, as of old, was the best in Toronto, and the music most inspiring. A buffet supper was served, decorated with pink and silver. A few of those present were Lady Hearst, Captain and Mrs. Bowler, Major Denton, Major Rubie, Capt. and Mrs. Seymour, Capt. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Croydin, R.A.F., Mr. Blackmore, R.A.F., Mr. Macdonald, R.A.F., Mr. Bulmer, R.N.A.F., Mr. Harling, R.N.A.F., Mr. Peach, R.N.A.F. After supper some of the actors from Shea's and Loew's arrived and entertained the assembled company.

The Hon. Frank A. Dudley, Niagara Falls, N.Y., is at the King Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Applegath and Miss Grace Applegath have left for California, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Carrington are at the King Edward from New York.

The central committee of Hadassah for Canada met yesterday afternoon at the King Edward, representatives being present from Hamilton, London, Winnipeg and Quebec, who were taken into the central committee of Hadassah, the women's department of the Zionist movement. The main object of the meeting was the collecting of clothing for the refugees in Palestine, and a campaign was planned to take place the beginning of February thruout the Dominion. Mrs. A. J. Freiman, Ottawa, was unanimously appointed convener.

The regular fortnightly musicales of the Women's Art Association have commenced for 1919. If yesterday's attendance is a criterion, the year will be a very successful one.

The musical program was arranged for by Mrs. Von Kunits, the tea hostess being Mrs. A. E. Gooderham.

The entire program was given by Mr. Welsman and Mrs. Von Kunits, accompanied by Miss Algala Von Kunits, Viola d'Armore, lent for this concert by Mr. R. S. Williams. Among those present were: The president, Mrs. A. C. McKay, Mrs. A. W. Austin, Mrs. Frederick Mercer, Mrs. Gerhard Heintzman, Mrs. Melville White, Miss Vera Barstow, Mrs. Alfred Cameron, Mrs. Horace Eaton, Miss Rodgers (P.E.), Mrs. H. M. Wetherald, Miss Forsyth, Mrs. R. S. Williams, jr., Mrs. Frank Welsman, Mrs. R. Wilson Smith, Mrs. Norman Allen, Mrs. Hirschfelder, Mrs. W. W. Pope, Miss Campbell, Mrs. A. L. McCrimmon, Mrs. J. J. Kelso, Miss Hopkins, Mrs. G. Hamilton Jarvis, Mrs. Fred Jarvis, Miss MacKenzie, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. R. E. Murray, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Keesce, Mrs. F. O. Loft, Miss Rose Anderson, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. W. A. Ellis, Miss Ellis, Mrs. R. Pettigrew Smith, Mrs. Parker, Miss Scott, Mrs. Otto Palm, Miss Ruby Graham, Mrs. J. M. Bascom, Mrs. Wm. MacPherson, Mrs. Van Nostrand, Mrs. J. M. Warren, Mrs. Murray MacFarlane, Mrs. G. M. Rose, Mrs. Gaynor, Mrs. Cascaden, the Misses Vigeon, Mrs. Alfred Morgan, Miss Evelyn Murphy and Miss Katherine Bigley.

Receptions.

Mrs. Frank Stewart Park, formerly Miss Helen Murray, will receive for the first time since her marriage on Thursday afternoon and evening, the 9th inst., at her house, 461 Avenue Road. Major Park will receive with her in the evening.

Mrs. John Hackett Firstbrook, formerly Miss Minetta Bradshaw, will receive for the first time since her marriage this afternoon at 16 Rowanwood avenue, from 3.30 to 6 o'clock.

Engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Kent announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Margaret Oliver, to Dr. Alex. Dunbar McKelvey, son of Mrs. and the late Dr. Alex. McKelvey of Brussels; the marriage to take place early in February.

CONVICTED UNDER ORDER-IN-COUNCIL

Ex-Policeman Watson and Harry Cheeseman Possessed Banned Literature.

Charles Watson, formerly of the police force, and Harry Cheeseman, a carpenter, were found guilty by Magistrate Kingsford yesterday of having on their premises and in their possession socialistic literature which was banned from the country by an order-in-council, and were remanded for sentence until today. Both the accused denied having knowledge that the literature had been banned.

On New Year's Day Detective Levitt affirms that he searched Watson's room at 57 Parliament street, and found several pamphlets entitled "Social Evolution," "Wages, Labor and Capital," "Industrial Democracy," etc. When the accused was searched at No. 4 station, among other literature found on him was one, "The Red Terror."

Mr. A. W. Roebuck, who appeared for Watson, asked the detective if he could point to anything in the pamphlets which had any connection with the Bolsheviki. "I believe Detective Maurer has certain passages marked," replied the witness.

In explaining his position, Watson said that he had received the literature in an open social-democratic meeting in the Labor Temple several years ago, and that it was in his trunk along with a lot of other stuff. He said that two copies of "The Red Terror" had been left on his doorstep on New Year's Day, and that he had stuck one of them in his pocket before going down town. Asked whether he had read it, he stated that he had not, but had merely glanced thru it.

"Are you a socialist?" asked Mr. Roebuck. "Yes. I desire to bring about a betterment of social conditions for every man, woman and child, but only by constitutional means. I do not advocate change by violence."

Mr. Roebuck thought that if Watson were punished for having this literature, then nine-tenths of the population of Toronto were in danger. "The order-in-council was passed while the war was on and when conditions were vastly different than what they are now."

Cheeseman had two publications relating to the situation in Russia, one of which he had purchased out of curiosity and the other had been given to him.

"A conviction must be made," said the court. Both men will remain in custody without bail until tomorrow, when sentence will be given.

The Story of 1918

The results achieved by The Imperial Life Assurance Company of Canada in 1918 as indicated by the figures given below will be very gratifying to policyholders and others interested in the Company's progress:

	1908	1913	1918
Assurances in force	$23,723,050	$42,632,377	$72,741,582
Assurances Issued & Revived	4,714,584	8,365,210	15,013,517
Total Assets	4,553,844	9,111,395	15,448,031
Policy & Annuity Reserves	3,458,046	7,256,110	12,247,529
Premium & Interest Income	1,095,699	2,071,288	3,522,388
Payments to Policyholders	175,292	451,343	1,760,662

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HERO OF ZEEBRUGGE ON LECTURE TOUR

Captain Alfred Carpenter, V.C., arrives in Toronto at 7.45 on Friday morning, leaving for Hamilton on the noon train, where he will be the guest of Col. Hendrie, president of the Hamilton branch of the Navy League. He will speak in the Royal Connaught Hotel on Friday evening. On Saturday he goes to London as the guest of Sir Adam Beck, where he will speak.

Captain Carpenter returns to the city on Sunday and on Monday will address the Canadian Club at 1 o'clock and the Women's Canadian Club at 4.30. On Tuesday he speaks at the Empire Club and in the evening will be the guest of honor at a banquet given by the Navy League, and on Wednesday delivers the only official admiralty lecture of the tour in Massey Hall under the auspices of the Navy League. The subject of Capt. Carpenter's address will be "The Zeebrugge Affair," with lantern slides.

Octogenarian Mother-in-Law Of Sir Sam Hughes Dies

Mrs. Susan Burk, widow of the late Harvey W. Burk, ex-M.P. for West Durham, and mother-in-law of General Sir Sam Hughes, died at her home in Bowmanville, on the age of 82 years. The funeral will be held on Friday, the 10th inst., from her late residence.

FAULKNER WILL SET ASIDE.

By a judgment handed down by Justice Middleton, in Osgoode Hall yesterday, the will of Hugh Faulkner, who left one brother $1 and the other $23,000, was set aside. The action was brought by Geo. Faulkner, who was left the dollar, and his contention of the brother not being of testamentary capacity was upheld by the judge.

RAG MACHINE CAUSES FIRE.

Sixteen hundred dollars, $800 to contents and $800 to the building, was the extent of damage caused by fire to the building at 19-21 Edward street yesterday at noon. The premises belong to a Mrs. Gray but the firm of Zobbermen and Hemmell were the occupants. The fire is said to have started from the friction of the parts of a rag picking machine.

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To Bar U. S. President From Restoring Railways

Washington, Jan. 8.—Legislation to prevent President Wilson from turning railroads back to private management in the immediate future will be introduced in congress soon, it was said today, after Interstate Commissioner Clark had told the senate interstate commerce commission that most members of the commission believed the president should be deprived of this power.

Senator Cummins of Iowa declared a resolution taking from the president authority to return the roads at will would be presented to congress shortly as a means of insuring that congress will have time to consider suitable railroad legislation before the lines are returned to private management. This might be accomplished by amending the railroad control act.

Ontario Nurses' Association Are Invited to Kingston

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 8.—The nurses' alumnae association of the general hospital has extended an invitation to the Graduate Nurses' Association of Ontario to hold its annual meeting in Kingston and it is understood the invitation will be accepted.

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