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SURE THAT "HALL" IS DENSHAM, AN ENGLISHMAN

Indentification of "Unknown Soldier" Complete

He Will Be Deported—Hamilton Man Tells of Other Things He Is Said to Have Done, One a "Silence Strike."

(Canadian Press.)

Toronto, April 14—The identification of Frank Hall, who secured a free passage from England to Canada as a shell-shocked Canadian soldier and who appeared to be suffering from loss of memory, was completed yesterday in the jail here.

It was begun yesterday, when Immigration Inspector James C. Mitchell of this city revealed "Hall's" record as that of an ex-convict who had served terms of several prisons for theft and contrented the stranger with figures and Berlillion measurements, and with what the inspector regarded as additional confirmation of his belief that Hall was Clyde or Arnold Densham, a native of Exeter, England, who had been deported to England in 1915.

Yesterday, in the presence of the authorities and Mayor McBride, Brantford, two employes of the Massey Harris Company in Brantford—McKlin and Lundy—positively identified Hall as Arnold Densham, a former fellow employe. Mrs. Nellie Diamond of Brantford at the same time recognized him as Arnold Densham, whom she had known in Exeter, Eng.

Information from the federal authorities in Ottawa to the effect that finger prints taken of Hall correspond to those taken of Densham, in connection with his prison record, was received here yesterday. He will be deported.

Other Alleged Acts.

Toronto, April 14—A despatch from Hamilton, Ont., states that a Hamilton man, Fred Taylor, has recognized the picture of "Frank Hall" as that of Clyde Densham, who, in 1913, lived in Taylor's home in Hamilton and who went on a "silence strike" that lasted for many months just to "fool" the people.

Another ironish action of Densham, while in Hamilton, according to Taylor, was to announce that the dead body of his sister was being brought from England, then to pretend to go to New York to meet the body.

GERMAN REPORT

Allegation as to Hopes of France in Connection with the Rhine.

Berlin, April 14—A semi-official statement published here quotes from what purports to be a report of a conference of French officers of high rank, recently held at Mayence, at which it was said to have been agreed that the "line of the Rhine" was necessary for the protection of France against the "revenge ideas of German military circles."

It was therefore considered, adds the report, that a buffer state must be created which should include that part of the right bank of the Rhine, comprising the Duesseldorf industrial district, the Ruhr region and Frankfort and its neighborhood.

Every embarrassment of Germany should, the report says, be exploited to the best advantage. The statement continues: "The conference also agreed that it would be best to divide Germany into five or six states of republics in alliance with Belgium. France could then on the basis of the various paragraphs of the peace treaty march into Germany and remain there.

"This definite and clever policy would put France within one or two years in posession of what Marshal Foch wants, namely, a military Rhine frontier with strong bridgeheads without any serious opposition on the part of the Allies or Germany."

BUILDING STRIKE IN OTTAWA MAY 1 IS PROBABLE

Ottawa, April 14—That a strike of all the employes engaged in the building industry embraced by the local trades and labor council unless the latter body recedes from the stand which it has taken on two vital points embodied in the new agreement which is being negotiated as to working conditions, is certain on May 1 is the opinion of prominent officials of the association of Canadian construction and building industries.

These points are the contention that the foremen on every job, no matter what craft he may belong to, shall be a member of the building trades union, and that before overtime is allowed on any job a permit must first be obtained by the contractors from the building trades council.

Rhode Island Beer Law.

Providence, R. I., April 14—By a vote of 21 to 12 the senate yesterday adopted an amendment to the Rhode Island law defining beverages containing four per cent or less of alcohol as non-intoxicating, which would extend the provisions of the law to incorporated clubs and associations.

Three Killed in Cyclone.

Charlotte, N. C., April 14—Three persons are known to have been killed and half dozen or more injured, some seriously, in a cyclone which swept portions of Union county Monday night.

More Than 100,000 Feet Cut Off City Property Is Report

Engineer Reports That the Operations Were Extensive

Investigation Under Oath Before City Solicitor is Ordered — The Playgrounds — Daylight Saving and Other Matters.

At a meeting of the city commissioners this morning various matters were recommended to the council. Among these were an investigation under oath into the cutting of timber on city lands near Loch Lomond, the matter of play grounds, the leasing of certain city lots, and daylight saving.

Adjournment was made until this afternoon when the commissioners will meet in council and among the items to be taken up will be the paving tenders.

The mayor said two offers had been received for the publication of reports. The lower was for $739, from Barnes & Co., and was accepted.

Playgrounds.

Commissioner Fisher submitted his report as to a general playground as follows:—

"Regarding the providing of a general play ground, your commissioner recommends that a portion of the Rockwood Park grounds at Gilbert's Lane be developed for this purpose at an estimated cost of $10,000, payable by bond issue, and that the development be along the lines suggested in the road engineer's letter of 3rd inst.

The commissioner said that the greater part of the $10,000 would be used for the filling. The estimate might seem large, but he thought that as the work proceeded it would not be large enough.

Commissioner Bullock, after some questions as to the method of filling, seconded Mr. Fisher's motion for adoption of the report. He said he would like to see the work done. There had been enough talk; it was now time for action.

Commissioner Jones said there was still some difference of opinion as to the location of the grounds and he did not favor the spending of money upon the scheme until after more consideration. He thought it should be left for the incoming council. If he were satisfied as to the desirability of the site he would support it, but because of something he heard the other day he could not do so at present. He understood there was a possibility of the ground in question being taken for railway yards.

The mayor said that he felt in favor of the report. He would like to see the work gone on with.

With Mr. Jones voting nay the matter was recommended to council.

A recommendation for permission to the Salvation Army to erect an electric sign at 36 St. James street, one for permission to John J. Maynes to erect a gasolene tank and pump at 405 Haymarket Square, and one for purchase of parts costing $272.06 for No. 2 crusher from the Sawyer Massey Co. were sent to council.

City Lots.

Commissioner Bullock recommended the sale of a lot at 141 Leinster street to Mrs. Allie E. Taylor at $300. It is now under lease to her. The lot is 40 x 100. Commissioner Jones thought the price very low for such a lot. She was given a fee simple to the property.

Mr. Bullock also recommended issue of a lease to Walter Lord of lot No. 819 in Rodney street at $25 for seven years, the lessee to attend to the protection of the sewer and the matter of a retaining wall. Mr. Lord, it was said, intends to erect a machine shop there. The matter was laid over.

The commissioner recommended the sale of a lot in Fairville at $500, now under lease to Mr. Cullinan, to J. Harvey Brown.

The mayor asked if the present lessee had had the same chance to purchase as Mr. Brown. The matter was left until this chance should be given.

The commissioner also recommended a lease to Wilfred B. Guthrie of a lot in Navy Island where his house now stands at $10 a year; leases on the island at the same rental to Fred Lord, William B. Guthrie, James Donovan and Edward Bennett, all for seven years, and a year's lease of land in front of some fishing properties on the island owned by Hilton Belyea and McCormick & Zatzman at $1 a year.

Commissioner Thornton asked if the conditions which had previously been complained of by the board of health still existed. He thought if this was so that no lease should be granted until steps had been taken to remedy conditions.

Commissioner Bullock said there were places about the city which the board of health should look after as well as Navy Island. He had been promised that an effort would be made to improve the sanitary conditions of the island.

The recommendations were passed to the council.

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HUNS OUT OF CONTROL SHOOT 26 PERSONS

Essen, April 14—(By the Associated Press)—Twenty-six persons were shot dead and two seriously wounded by members of the Reichswehr who got beyond control of their officers on last Wednesday in the triangular district between Botrop, Essen and Mulheim, according to a statement made to the correspondent by Colonel Von Baumbach, commander of the Reichswehr.

The troops were incensed, said Von Baumbach, by reports that the Red army had mistreated prisoners and also by the abolition of military tribunals by orders of the Berlin authorities. The Socialist commission, Baumbach declared, stated that prisoners had been well treated.

IN PARLIAMENT

Franchise Act Makes Progress — Senate Debates Chime of Bells in Tower.

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, April 14—Yesterday in the house of commons, non-contentious clauses of the franchise bill were adopted in committee.

A. R. McMaster moved in amendment to clause ten that all except private subscriptions to a candidate's funds be prohibited and that these should be limited to $10,000, and further that full details of all subscriptions be published. The amendment was later declared lost and the clause carried without division.

Second reading was given to a bill to amend the fish inspection act.

In the senate royal assent was given to the $26,000,000 interim supply bill. A bill amending the industrial disputes act was given a third reading.

The senate also discussed a proposal by Senator Bradbury that there should be chimes installed in the tower of the new parliament building tower.

Senator Bradbury said that it would be in keeping with the finest parliament building in the world that there should be installed in the tower a chime of bells which would become known throughout the country and the continent for their beauty. He said that the installation would not involve a great expenditure. Only three years ago, during the war, there had been a chime of thirty-two bells installed in England at a cost of $22,000.

Senator Domville thought that the country was looking for economy rather than bells. The tower was not yet completed, there was no estimate of what a chime would cost. He thought action should be deferred.

Sir James Lougheed thought, in view of the fact that the construction of the tower had not commenced and there had been no estimate of the cost of a carillon, that it would bep remature for the senate to make the declaration proposed by Senator Bradbury. It would be better to appoint a committee to consider the matter with the architect, and in the meantime the resolution migh be withdrawn.

This was done, and the senate adjourned until Wednesday afternoon.

POLICE COURT

In the police court this morning, Michael Collins, who was arrested last night by Policemen Spinney and Stevens, was charged with having liquor in his possession other than his private dwelling. He pleaded guilty and was remanded for sentence.

Thomas Carle, charged with having liquor in his possession other than his private dwelling, pleaded guilty and was remanded.

Ezra White, given in charge by Captain Robinson of the R. M. S. S. Chaleur for being a stowaway from the West Indies, is being held until the vessel leaves on her return trip.

Three men were taken in last night for protection but did not appear in court this morning as they were let go; but the magistrate gave orders to have these protectionists brought before him in the future.

Four men charged with drunkenness pleaded guilty and were remanded.

WAS BODY OF GIRL SEEN IN THE FALLS?

It became known today that workmen employed with the Foundation Company on the sub-structure for the new C. P. R. bridge over the reserving falls, say that on Monday, April 12, they saw the body of a little girl floating through the eddies. They say she had on a pink dress, had her arms extended over her head, and apparently one leg was missing. The tide was very strong at the time and in the swirl of the water and the eddies they lost sight of the body.

BILLY SHARON SOLD FOR $3,500

Fredericton, N. B., April 13—Billy Sharon, 2.16 1-4, champion four-year-old trotter of the maritime provinces, was sold here yesterday for $3,500 to Archie Alcorn, lumberman, of Blackville, N. B. Billy Sharon, now five years old, is a handsome young chestnut trotting stallion, bred and raised by Samuel J. Boyle of this city, who named him after his trainer, William Sharon. Last year, as a four-year-old, he never was headed in any of his six races; he reduced the four-year-old trotting record of the maritime provinces to 2.16 1-4 here in September. He is a son of Captain Aubrey, 2.07 1-4, by Peter the Great, while his dam was a chestnut mare, Norroway W., a full sister of the famous Nowaday Girl. He will be campaigned on the maritime and Maine circuit.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO U. S. TREASURY CERTIFICATES.

Washington, April 14 — Secretary Houston announced last night that subscriptions to the issue of treasury certificates dated April 1 totalled $209,669,000. This issue will mature on July 1, and bears interest at 4 3-4 per cent.

He also announced that it was the treasury's plan to close subscriptions to the issues of five per cent and five and a quarter per cent certificates when they aggregate $250,000,000.

He said that reports that the treasury had not reserved the right to allot subscriptions "in part" were incorrect but that the federal reserve banks were authorized to make allotments in full in the order of the receipt of applications.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I sat in the window of my friend the barber at Reed's Point early last evening, and watched a four-master swinging at anchor just below. The wind and tide were up the harbor and the freshet from the river tried to ride them down. It was a sight to see the long rollers following each other in from sea, some of them breaking in white lines of foam. The schooner's bow and stern lifted and fell, and her masts swayed as she rolled a little in the gale. I would rather have slept in her cabin last night than in a royal bedchamber. I had a nest once in the forked top of a tree that swayed in the wind. The birds and I knew that tree, and the wind murmured a lullaby in the leaves. I was a boy, and the big world was a dream-world, waiting to be traversed—a wonder-world, appealing to a boy's imagination. How I would have liked last night to sway and lift and fall with the hull of the four-master, and try to imagine myself back in that boyhood nest. And later, when a lad gone home and to bed, the winds lashed the windows and moaned and whistled, a challenge to the boy in me, and the rain beat upon the house, just as they did in years long gone. Hiram, there are some things that do not change—some impressions that do not fade—even while we wrangle and haggle and jazz. Blessed be memory and the age-long simple things of nature and of life."

"Mister," said Hiram, "the's some hope fer you yit. Some folks gits so crazy to make money, an' some so crazy to grab what they didn't earn, an' some so 'fraid somebody else 'll git ketch 'n they do, an' some so crazy about bein' in the fashion an' doin' what everybody else does, that they don't know the's a star in the sky, shinin' there fer a million years. We got to put up with 'em, same as we do with 'tater bugs—but we don't hev to be like 'em—No, sir."

BUSINESS NOTES, CITY AND PROVINCE

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, April 14—William Titus and Joseph Patrick Scott, both of St. John, have formed a partnership as Universal Vulcanizing Company to carry on a business as vulcanizers and repairers in St. John.

Thomas R. McIntyre and John Stewart Knight, both of St. George, have formed a partnership as The Magaguadavic Garage.

Robert W. Rutherford, farmer, of Studeholm, Kings County, has made an assignment to S. A. McLeod, sheriff

The capital stock of the Chestnut Canoe Company, Ltd., of Fredericton, has been increased from $48,000 to $97,000.

The capital stock of Bathurst Hockey and Skating, Ltd., has been increased from $20,00 to $60,000.

Fredericton Co-Operative, Ltd., has been incorporated with chief place of business in Fredericton and capital stock of $40,000, with shares of $5 each. Those incorporated are Nelson W. Brown, farmer; Harry Ryan, bricklayer and mason; William L. O'Donnel, plumber; Patrick Burns, laborer; Edward C. Barry, contractor and builder; Weldon Burden, trainman; Thomas B. Williams, auditor; William Fross, bricklayer and mason; James D. Leger, shoecutter; all of Fredericton. The company is empowered to carry on business as merchants and manufacturers and dealers. The place of business is now being prepared in Queen street.

BROSSEAU ILL, NO FIGHT WITH LEVINSKY

Montreal, April 14—Eugene Brosseau, who was to have met Battling Levinsky here next Monday night, has cancelled the fight. He pleads sickness.

His physician says Brosseau has not been well since he returned from Halifax, where he was knocked out. He is suffering from a cold.

"SEETHING POT" SAYS ARCHDEACON CODY.

Montreal, April 14—Archdeacon Cody of Toronto preached last night at an Anglican synod service in Christ Church Cathedral. His subject was the disturbances and menaces threatening organized society of today. "Sexually, economically, educationally and religiously we see a seething pot," said the archdeacon.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The trough of low pressure mentioned yesterday has moved northward and now shows two distinct forces, one near Yarmouth and the other near White River. Heavy rain has fallen in Quebec and the maritime provinces. Light falls of rain and snow have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Showery.

Maritime — Decreasing southwest winds, showery. Thursday, southwesterly winds, showery.

Gulf and North Shore—Strong easterly winds, showery.

New England — Fair tonight and Thursday; slowly rising temperature; fresh west and southwest winds.

House In Morning Session; Taxation Of Corporations Measure

Moncton Asking for Two Representatives in Legislature

Mr. Byrne Expects Revenue of $30,000 to $40,000 a Year Under Corporations Taxation Bill — Tax on Banks Included—Pinder and Potts Keep Up Debate.

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., April 14—In order to leave the assembly chamber to the decorators who will be busy this afternoon preparing it for the governor's ball this evening, the legislature met this morning at 10.30 o'clock.

An important government bill relating to the taxation of corporations was introduced by the attorney-general. It provides for a tax on fire and life insurance companies, telephone, telegraph, and express companys and banks. Hon. Mr. Byrne said that he expected that revenue would be between $30,000 and $40,000 annually.

Hon. Mr. Byrne said relative to the corporations tax act here that it was proposed to impose on all corporations doing a fire insurance business in the province a tax amounting to two per cent of the net premium, also a tax of $100 on each life insurance company with an additional tax of one and one-half per cent on net premiums; on other insurance companies a tax of two per cent of net premiums. Net premium was to be the gross premium received from the province during the year preceding May 1 less re-insurance within the province and other deductions. So far as the banks were concerned it was proposed to impose a tax on their business. Each bank would have to make a return to the provincial secretary-treasurer of the last day of each month of the business done. The rate would be one-third of one per cent.

Telegraph companies would be required to pay one per cent on total gross revenue on business arising within the province and express companies one-half per cent on gross revenue. Both telegraph and express companies pay provincial taxes under the present arrangements. Telephone companies would be required to pay one and one-half per cent on gross earnings with an additional tax of twenty-five cents for each telephone under rental. The present tax was fifty cents on each telephone under rental. The bill contained provisions for collecting and making returns.

Hon. Mr. Robinson introduced petitions from several hundred citizens of Moncton praying that assessment and franchise bills introduced by the city council of Moncton should not be passed. He also presented another Moncton petition praying that this growing city should be given two representatives in the legislature instead of only one as at present.

Mr. Pinder

J. K. Pinder, who shares or disputes with Hon. J. P. Burchill the honor of being the patriarch of the house, resumed the debate on the budget this morning. Time, even that portion of it which has elapsed since the last session, seems to have had a melting effect on the veteran legislature, or else his mood is more genial for the morning than when he has to sit up late to address the house. Watever the cause, Mr. Pinder's growls were much bear-like than usual, and as he ambled along through the course of his speech he gave the impression that bruin was in a playful mood, and his verbal antics gave the house one of the most enjoyable half hours that have marked the session. Some of his humor may have been conscious, much of it was not, but the effect was equally provocative of laughter and chuckles.

But even the sunshine of his rare geniality could not drive back the lowering clouds of pessimism which always surround Mr. Pinder's horizon. He is convinced that the country is going straight to the bow-wows, and while he seems to enjoy the spectacle, he felt it a duty to protest. He objected to the expenditure of money; the idea of increasing taxes seems to cause him severe pain; he did not think that there were many good Liberals, nor efficient board of health officials. The road policy of the government filled him with gloom, and at that he feared that it would be necessary to treat the minister of public works to an oyster supper if he wished to distract his attention from efforts to serve the automobile owners who had stood him a banquet. As he talked he so convinced himself of the sad plight of the province that the gloom clouds seemed to obscure everything bright and cheerful. The more he reflected on said state of affairs, the more melancholy he became, and at times his sad picture of the ruin which faced the country almost reduced the members to tears.

Opposition Insists

When Mr. Pinder concluded, the government again refused to put up a speaker in the hope of ending the debate and getting down to business, but the opposition still insisted on going on. Dr. Taylor of Charlotte and Mr. Potts of St. John both arose to speak, but the former yielded the floor and Mr. Potts embarked on a long discourse.

It appears that the prospect did not please him, for he frankly admitted that too much time was being wasted. Going further, he said that the average session of the legislature could be reduced to three weeks if they would follow his advice and eliminate the week-end recesses.

Mr. Potts talked until after the hour set for adjournment, but on the suggestion of the premier adjourned the debate and will resume tomorrow. The house arose at 12.50 to give the members an opportunity to hear a delegation which was awaiting to address them on the matter of the liquor referendum. Adjournment was made until 3 o'clock tomorrow.

This afternoon will be occupied with committee work, the municipalities and public accounts committees being slated for afternoon sittings.

ARREST IN PARIS

Russian Taken on Conspiracy Charge — Alleged Intrigue With Germans.

Paris, April 14—Aloie Osnoshkine, a Russian, was arrested here today charged with having had intelligence with the enemy and conspiracy with the Germans to bring about civil war in Poland and restoration of imperialism in Russia.

The leaders in the alleged conspiracy are said to have received subsidies from Berlin. The sum of 30,000,000 francs is mentioned. He returned to Paris from Berlin on last Sunday. Before being locked up he protested friendly sentiments for France.

During the day several Russians, members of a group known as "Integral Russia" were questioned, but were left at large. Search is being made in a score of banks in which it is supposed the alleged conspirators rented strong boxes.

APRIL BRIDES

Goodday-Bayard.

A military wedding of interest took place this afternoon at 2.30 in Trinity church, when Miss Dorothy M. Bayard, daughter of Mrs. Bayard and the late Robert Bayard of Welsford, became the bride of Captain Reginald L. H. Goodday of Ottawa. The church was artistically decorated. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong in the presence of many relatives and friends. The bride, who was given away by Major Stewart Skinner, was becomingly attired in a wedding gown of white duchess satin with pearl trimmings and carried a bouquet of white roses. Miss Margaret Teed was bridesmaid, attired in pale blue satin trimmed with pink roses and pearls with hat to match and carrying a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas. Lieut. W. V. R. Winter of local military headquarters, supported the groom, while Capt. Bayard Coster and Capt. R. L. Murdoch acted as ushers. The bridal party proceeded to the altar to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march and while the witnesses were signing the certificates in the vestry Miss Louise Knight sang "O! Perfect Love." As the party left the church the choir sang "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden."

Both the bride and groom were surprised as they left the church to find a guard of honor drawn up on the steps. It was made up of eighteen warrant officers and staff sergeants and was under the command of Regimental Sergeant-Major William Pitt.

After the wedding a reception was held at the LaTour Apartments. The toast to the bride was proposed by Brigadier-General A. H. Macdonnell, C. M. G., D. S. O., and responded to by the groom, and Rev. Canon Armstrong proposed the toast to the bridesmaid, which was responded to by the groomsman, Lieutenant Winter. Dr. W. W. White proposed the health to the hostess, Miss Ada Bayard, aunt of the bride, and this was responded to by Major Skinner. At the conclusion of the reception Captain and Mrs. Goodday motored to the station and left on the Montreal train amid showers of confetti and hearty congratulations and wishes for much future happiness. They went to Montreal and Ottawa on a short wedding tour. On their return they will reside in Bear River, N. S. Among the guests at the wedding were Lieut.-Col. A. H. H. Powell of local military headquarters and other staff officers. Captain Goodday is well known in this city, having been assistant provost marshal for this district for several months, before which he had been overseas, where he has a distinguished record.

Kelly-Grady.

A wedding of interest took place in Holy Trinity church this afternoon at 5 o'clock, when Rev. Simon Oram united in marriage Miss Mary Veronica Grady, daughter of Mrs. Ellen Grady, and Dr. Clement M. Kelly, a prominent physician and surgeon. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Jeremiah McCarthy, was costumed in a navy blue tailored suit with hat to match and mole scarf and wore a corsage bouquet of violets. She was unattended.

Following the ceremony Doctor and Mrs. Kelly will leave on a bridal trip to Boston and New York. Returning they will reside at 165 Princess street. They were the recipients of a large number of magnificent presents, testifying to their popularity. Many friends will unite in wishing them all happiness.

Dale-McGowan

In St. Luke's church at 7 o'clock this morning a quiet wedding was solemnized when Frederick H. Dale, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Dale of Summer Hill, Queens county, was united in marriage to Beatrice M. McGowan of Lawfield, N. B. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. R. P. McKim, in the presence of a few immediate relatives. The bride, who was attired in a navy blue traveling suit with satin hat to match, was given away by her uncle, Mr. Seward. She was unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Dale left this morning for a trip to Boston, Caribou and other New England cities. On their return they will reside at Summer Hill.

CONVOCATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, MONTREAL

Montreal, April 14—At the annual convocation of the Presbyterian College here last night an illustrated address was presented to Rev. Professor Welsh by the faculty and students in recognition of the fortieth anniversary of his call to the ministry. Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. Hugh Campbell Southerland, of Knox church, Lancaster, Ont.

REFERENDUM IS ASKED FOR AT FREDERICTON

Delegations Heard Today in the Legislature

Want Vote on Question of Importation of Liquor Into Province — Attentive Hearing Is Given to Speakers.

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, April 14—Representatives of the N. B. Temperance Alliance, the Evangelical Alliance, and other temperance workers appeared before members of the legislature at one o'clock today after the House had adjourned. Their object was to urge the desirability of holding a referendum on the question of the importation of liquor, as provided for by federal legislation, in addition to the referendum which is to be held to settle the future of the provincial prohibitory law.

Rev. Thomas Marshall, vice-president of the Temperance Alliance, presented the case for the delegation.

Bishop Richardson urged the referendum on importation as a feature of consistency and common sense that the object of the provincial law should not be defeated; for the betterment of conditions, as an international obligation to the neighboring state, and as an expression of the democratic right of the people to decide for themselves regarding their laws.

J. S. Sutherland spoke for the Presbyterian Church, and for the Ministerial Association of Fredericton.

Rev. Neil McLaughlan of St. John was heard on behalf of the St. John Evangelical Alliance.

A. A. McLeod of Moncton urged the referendum on behalf of the temperance people of his city.

Rev. Frank Baird of Woodstock spoke for the up-river counties.

More than half of the members had waited to hear the delegation and the spokesmen were given an attentive hearing.

LOCAL NEWS

THE LATE MISS B. I. COOKE.

On last Monday, April 12 the body of Miss Beatrice Isabelle Cooke was taken on the C. N. Railway for burial at Sackville accompanied by her two brothers, her cousin Amos Cooke and her friend Len Johnston.

The following sent floral offerings:—The Maritime Clothing Co., spray of roses and carnations; Margaret, Annie and Len Johnston and Robt. Elliott, crescent of roses; Mrs. Claire Fairweather and Samuel Cooke, spray of tulips; Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ferris and Mrs. S. W. Duncan, spray of roses; Mrs. Adam Shand, mixed bouquet roses.

The following sent carnations:—Miss Florence McNutt, Mrs. H. C. Green and daughter Miss Carrie Green, D. McKay, Miss Irene Bridges, Jesse Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Paxton Fairweather, Mr. Fairweather and Roy Livingston, Roby H. Cooke, wife and son Eldred.

Miss Cooke's death was a great shock to her many friends, as she had been in her usual health up to two days before she died.

WILL LIKELY BE CHANGED.

It is expected that a change will be sought at Fredericton between now and the final civic elections whereby the right to receive a certificate entitling her to vote may be had by a returned nurse or other woman enlisted with some branch of the C. E. F. While there are not very many, correspondingly speaking, in the city, it has been felt that those who desire to vote in this way should be given the privilege. It has been pointed out that the act providing for a certificate being given the returned man for voting purposes refers only to "male persons," thus barring the nurse and others.

MASONIC.

Members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite are in the city today attending ceremonies of the exemplification of degrees in the Masonic Hall, Germain street. The eighteenth degree was exemplified this morning, while this afternoon at 2 o'clock a start was made upon the exemplification of degrees up to the thirty-first. This event is an interesting one with members of the order. Quite a number of Scottish Rite visitors from Nova Scotia are here for the occasion, as well as others from New Brunswick points.

ROBERT DOUGLAS.

The death of Robert Douglas took place this morning at his residence, Latimer Lake, St. John county, after a lengthy illness, at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a life-long resident of this county and was highly respected by all who knew him. Besides his wife he leaves one son, William G. of Little River, and four daughters—Mrs. Frank Hicks of Silver Falls, Mrs. William Ellis of Latimer Lake, Mrs. Peter McCann of this city, and Miss Vina at home. A large circle of friends extend sympathy to the bereaved ones. The funeral will be held from his late residence on Friday afternoon.

FIRST MONDAY IN MAY.

Inquiries have been made as to when the new council as returned at the final election takes control. It was said at city hall this morning that the new mayor and the two commissioners returned would begin their period of office on the first Monday in May.