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## ASK PROVINCE TO LIMIT LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED

### Aldermen Hotly Repel Allegations Imputed to Heyd

At Stormy Session of City Council Ald. Heyd is Challenged to Repeat Charges of Corruption Fund by Liquor Interests, But Declines—Controllers' Names Mentioned.

During the debate on the temperance question, which consumed about two and one-half hours of the city council's time yesterday afternoon, there was a lively tilt between Ald. McBride and Maguire on one side, and Ald. Heyd on the other as to certain assertions said to have been made by the last named that the liquor interests had furnished snivels of war to candidates whom they favored in the third ward.

The subject was introduced during the discussion of Ald. Sweeney's motion to memorialize the Ontario Government to have the power of limiting shop and tavern licenses taken out of the hands of the municipalities and placed with the provincial secretary's department.

Ald. McBride arose and accused Ald. Heyd with circulating a story that he had received \$500 from the liquor interests at the last election. Further than that, the same gentleman was credited with the statement that Ald. Maguire had received a like amount, and that the Controller Ward and Controller Church were alleged by Ald. Heyd to have received \$1000 each. This story had been circulated against these gentlemen in the recent campaign.

In defence of himself, Ald. Heyd said he had been approached by the liquor interest and promised financial aid for furthering their cause. He had been presented with a check for \$500, which he was told would be worth his while, and on repudiating the liquor interests, he was informed that he was foolish, as he might as well get what was going.

Ald. Maguire sprang to his feet with all the evidences of a desire to fight in his eye, and not only denied the charges, but declared that Ald. Heyd had gone to the liquor interests, asking for support. Ald. Heyd had shown him a letter purporting to come from the liquor interests, the validity of which he doubted.

"I will issue a writ for libel at once if Ald. Heyd will dare to stand upon the floor of this council chamber and repeat the statement he is credited with making," declared Ald. Maguire. "I have never received a cent from anyone, and I defy Ald. Heyd or anyone to prove that I have."

No sooner had Ald. Maguire been seated than Ald. McBride arose and hurled the gauntlet of defiance in the teeth of the apparently crestfallen Ald. Heyd.

"I have never received 5 cents to towards my election expenses from anyone," declared Ald. McBride, "and if Ald. Heyd will repeat these statements here, I will issue a writ for libel immediately."

With that he glared at Ald. Heyd, who arose and explained that he had been given to understand that funds had been contributed to some of the candidates in the last campaign.

Ald. McCarthy's Withdrawal  
In announcing the withdrawal of his motion to ask the government to shorten the hours for the sale of liquor, Ald. McCarthy referred to the opposition encountered in Controller Spence and Rev. Ben H. Spence, secretary of the Dominion Alliance, and then proceeded to explain that he had no apologies to offer for troubling the council with the motion, which reached so close to the home as municipal government, and the question was one which touched the home more closely than any other. He then proceeded to show the percentages of drunkenness in the cases coming before the police magistrate tending to show that the drunkenness resultant therefrom were reduced with the reduction of licenses. Furthermore he declared he had evidence to show that the number of arrests were greater after the hours of sale, which his motion was intended to cut off at the time of sale. The fault had been found that he had not consulted the Dominion Alliance before introducing his motion, but he felt that he did not purpose to go to this body or that body as to what his action in the council should be. He withdrew his motion, not because of any revision of opinion, but because he did not think it fair to ask the city council to line up on a question on which temperance people were divided. His object was to line up the members of the city council on any question.

Ald. Sweeney's Resolution  
The real discussion on the liquor question started with the following resolution, introduced by Ald. Sweeney and seconded by Ald. Maguire: "That this council memorialize the provincial legislature to amend the Ontario License Act so as to provide that the limitation of the tavern and shop licenses be removed from the jurisdiction of municipalities."

### Out of Civic Politics.

The vote in the city council yesterday on Ald. Sweeney's resolution to memorialize the Ontario Government to remove the limitation of tavern and shop licenses from the jurisdiction of municipalities, indicated clearly that the members of city council who wish the temperance question made a football of in municipal politics, are decidedly in the minority. The vote was: For: Controllers Ward, Ald. Anngerson, Maguire, McMurrich, Dunn, McCasland, Pieland, May, Sweeney, McBride and Rowland—11.

### WORST STORM OF WINTER RAILWAYS' HARD BATTLE

### Weatherman Says Blizzard Was Not Widespread, But it Was Severe.

"Blow, blow whistle and blow, across the raging main," shouted the wind all yesterday, but even at that it couldn't compare with the marvelous minions of R. J. Fleming, who blew all over town that they had kept the company's tracks clean despite a 40-mile blizzard, the worst that has swooped down on the city this winter.

No matter if the car tracks were drifted deep with the fluffy mass, no matter if everybody was so late for dinner that it had to be thawed out in the oven, that didn't worry the officials.

"Why, we've just been running as if it were an ordinary day," they one and all answered, while poor, frozen humanity snivelled and snaudered at the street corners.

For, be it known, that when our old friend, the snow, swept down on Toronto last night, the Toronto railway cars, while not completely immobilized, as might be expected in any other city where street railways are not reasonably well protected, were not "running just as they would have been on an ordinary day." Ever since the storm started, their fifteen snowplows worked for dear life and copper for the life of the poor fellow who depended on the generalship of "Trade" Manager McCasland and a little more to keep the line open. There are more miles in this section than in the down town districts, and into the howls the clouds of snow would rush as if beckoned from some great icy furnace of the north.

Bothered Steam Railways.  
The street railway service was of a high order compared with that of the steam railways coming into Toronto. From the north and east, and south and west they came—albeit somewhat dimly—loaded with snow and weary passengers, tired and weary in such unfriendly weather.

It is remarkable, however, that no trains were blocked on any of the many lines where they were likely to be held up by the high winds of the storm. The authorities at the Union Station found great difficulty in directing the movements of the trains with the accompaniment of the smoke and steam from the locomotives increased the haze caused by the drifting snow.

Not Widespread Storm.  
"It's not a record-breaker," said the weather man, "the wind is the worst part of it, but we've had several storms in other years that have been much worse. It's confined to a comparatively small district, too," he went on, "and up in Montreal and Ottawa they have as bad a flake of snow. Kingston had one inch, Parry Sound is the farthest point north where there is any fall recorded, and that is very slight. The storm centre seems to be confined to that section of the province around Lakes Ontario, Erie and St. Clair."

"And how deep is it?"  
"Oh, about nine inches," was the reply, "but that may easily grow to a foot by morning."

"How about to-morrow?"  
"Oh, moderately cold, and moderately cloudy, with very little snow. The temperature has risen from 2 degrees above at 8 o'clock this morning to 18 degrees at 3 o'clock to-night, but it will not rise much during the night. No, it won't turn to rain."  
"Buffalo had a bad spell this morning, and that city is also wearing some slat of snow. The wind, however, never reached the velocity it did."

## NEITHER SAFE NOR SEASONABLE.



MISS CANADA (invited out): But you're the gentleman who rocks the boat, aren't you?

## WAS OVERWORK CAUSE OF WRECK?

### Conductor Meecham Said to Have Not Had a Moment to Himself for Three Weeks—Inquest at Princeton Tomorrow—Investigation Will Be Thoro.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—Conductor Wm. Meecham, in charge of the light engine at the Richwood wreck, was in the city Sunday for some hours. A reporter called at his home, 406 Rectory-st., and was told that he had not been at his home since Saturday night.

Meecham, it is said, reached London on train No. 7 Sunday morning.

Superintendent Bowker received word that Meecham was to be ordered to Stratford, and he sent a message to the house last night to that effect.

"I do not know whether he has been in the city or not," said Superintendent Bowker.

A brother-in-law of the much-waited man said to-day, in answer to the question, if Meecham had been home: "We have heard nothing about him. We know that he was in the wreck, but he has not been here and we have not seen him."

"Have you heard from him?"  
"No, we have not heard a thing. They worked the poor fellow to death. He was not home for three weeks until Saturday night, and then he had to go right out. He has not had a minute to himself in three weeks."

Meecham is a man of 30 years of age, and lives with his wife and baby in a small cottage near the corner of King and Rectory-sts.

## Whole City Council Will Join Deputation With Mayor and City Clerk They Will Swell the Numbers of the Fruit Growers in Protest to Government.

ST. CATHARINES, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The thousand-fruit man who will go to Ottawa on Friday will be accompanied by Mayor McBride, City Clerk Jay and the whole city council, in accordance with the following resolution, passed with only one dissenting voice at the regular meeting to-night.

"That it being the opinion of the council that the business interests of the Niagara peninsula, and particularly of this city, are deeply concerned in the prosperity of the fruit growers of this section, and feeling that the agreement for reciprocity which is now being considered by the parliament of Canada, and whereby it is proposed to remove the duty from tender fruits, will result in serious financial loss, not only to those engaged in fruit growing, but to all business interests in this city, and that the consumer at large is now and will be increasingly hereafter benefited as result of improved scientific methods of cultivation, packing and shipment of fruit, which are being developed in connection with this industry. Therefore, be it resolved that this council appoint a committee, to be named by the mayor, to accompany the deputation of fruit growers who propose to interview the members of the Dominion Government, and protest against the abolition of the present duty upon tender fruits."

## PLEGGED THE PARTY

Democrats Formally Vote to Support Reciprocity Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Favorable action of the house on the Canadian reciprocity agreement was assured to-night when the caucus of Democratic representatives formally pledged the party to the vote for the agreement.

The resolution pledging the party was adopted by a vote of 90 to 22, and on motion of Chairman Clark was made unanimous.

The 22 who voted against the resolution, it was explained later, were those who voted for free lumber, etc., and their action in caucus was to make their position consistent. It was stated that they would vote with the party.

## VOGT AND STOCK IN A SUPERB PROGRAM

### Mendelssohn Choir Achieve Another Brilliant Success—The Fashionable Audience Ignores the Tempest in Homage to Musical Genius.

If the Mendelssohn Choir gave such a series of concerts in an English city as Toronto is favored with this week the occasion would be designated as the Vogt Festival, in Toronto there is nothing more distinctive or more honorable to be thought of than the Mendelssohn Choir itself, and it is sufficient to know that Dr. Vogt is having his annual performances in Massey Hall and that Frederick Stock with the Theodore Thomas Orchestra is assisting.

In spite of the terrific weather very few seats were vacant and from their position they were evidently those of people unfortunately storm-bound. Indeed, the storm and Massey Hall itself was the only drawback to the opening of the Mendelssohn concert series. The need of a portico or some sort of shelter at the entrance to the hall was a matter of course, and the storm itself was packed with vehicles, cabs, carriages, motors of all descriptions, and from the shelter of the hall there was no transition, but a direct plunge into the teeth of the wild night. It is necessary to realize the blizzard to appreciate the audience that filled Massey Hall with the few scattered exceptions mentioned. It was the triumph of music over meteorology.

Orchestra Night  
Dr. Vogt will not mind either because Mr. Stock and his orchestra took the honors of the evening. Whether it be that a god has visited him, and touched him with a new grace, or whether there be some virtue in a new concert master and some other new bows in the string choir, it is certain that the orchestra played with a precision, a unanimity and a positive quality not far removed from what is called assurance in theology, which all made for the most exalted musical righteousness. The orchestra, in short, exhibited a dignity and virility which is doubtless the result of prolonged striving, but which is none the less a welcome revelation of strength and beauty. Perhaps Mr. Stock's determination to be equal in all things and worthy of cooperation with the Mendelssohn Choir has been the inspiration and the stimulus which have led to such a triumph.

Mr. Stock's Reception.  
Mr. Stock was received with the most enthusiastic plaudits as the third of the series of recitals was to come. The first number was the Duet for Overture, "In der Natur," op. 51. The motive is a simple one recalling the cuckoo cry of European spring fields, and in picturesqueness the rendering fulfilled every demand of the score.

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## RECIPROcity WAS DENOUNCED IN THE IMPERIAL HOUSE

### HOW KIPLING SEES IT.

MONTREAL, Feb. 6.—Mr. Rudyard Kipling, in a personal letter to a friend here, written from Engleberg, Switzerland, says:

"I am more worried than I like to be about this Canadian-United States reciprocity game. It seems like a whole battalion of 'colored persons in the woodpile.'"

## GRAFT ENQUIRY REPORT IN GOVERNMENT'S HANDS

### Premier Whitney and Colleagues Strictly Muzzled to Judge Snyder's Summing Up.

Judge Snyder's report on the alleged payments of commissions to former members of the Oxford County Council, has arrived at the parliament buildings. It is in the keeping of Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary, to whom it was officially addressed.

Hon. J. J. Foy, attorney-general, under whose department the startling and sensational investigation has been proceeding for the past two months, was notified of the arrival of the portentous document, which had been pending for several days.

Mr. James Whitney said to The World yesterday afternoon, respecting the publication of the report, that it might be a report which should be first presented to the house. The judge's findings and recommendations would be carefully considered by the cabinet before a decision was arrived at regarding its publication.

Hon. W. J. Hanna said that Judge Snyder's report would be kept absolutely secret until it was presented to the cabinet, and that any reports which might be published purporting to give any of its findings or recommendations would be equally untrue, even, and that it would be "absolutely useless" for anyone to seek for any information from him regarding it.

## THE WORLD VINDICATED

### Justice Riddell Finds Fair Report of Meeting of License Commissioners.

The regular jury of the assize court having been paid off, a special twelve were sworn in before Justice Riddell yesterday afternoon to hear the case of Mrs. Kate Devaney versus The Toronto World, Rev. G. B. Fasken, Presbyterian minister; Thomas Urquhart, and Thomas Keough, asking \$3000 for alleged conspiracy, slander, and libel. Mrs. Devaney was formerly proprietress of the St. Albans Hotel, Bloor and Bathurst-streets, and towards the end of 1909, the church people of the neighborhood held that the hotel was a nuisance, and the three persons in the defence list went to a special meeting of the license commissioners and told what they thought about it. The World of the next day printed their assertions, and that way became a party to the suit.

The first rank of Ontario's legal talent were present on the case, which was not finished yesterday, except for The World's share of it, as Justice Riddell threw out the case against the paper, declaring the report to have been a fair one. George Lynch-Staunton, K.C., worked for the plaintiff, while the defence attorneys were T. Louis Monahan, K.C.; Hartley Dewar, K.C.; M. K. Cowan, K.C., and Robt. McKay, K.C. Inspector John Smith, Charles McMorris of the Mail and Empire staff, and Robert Durand of The Telegram all gave evidence which showed that the defendants (exclusive of The World) had declared the hotel a nuisance to the neighborhood, and one of them had said: "Devaney was unfit to run a hotel. Other accusations were that the hotel was disorderly, and Rev. Fasken declared that in passing with his children he always crossed to the other side in order to have them avoid the proximity that came from the neighborhood of the hotel."

The last witness of the afternoon, Rev. Mr. Fasken, disagreed with some of the witnesses, but all the evidence had the same general trend, however, showing that the temperance men had declared the hotel a nuisance, and not so far proving that they said anything stronger. The case will proceed to-day, when some other witnesses will be called on the stand.

Justice Riddell, in referring to The World, the action against which he dismissed at the close of the plaintiff's case with calling on T. L. Monahan, K.C., the defence attorney, said: "The World acted in accordance with the law of 1909, and gave a fair report to the public of a matter of public interest."

## MR. MCNICOLL COMING.

MONTREAL, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Vice-President McNicoll of the C.P.R. is ready to go to Toronto and meet the city authorities any day this week that suits. An intimation to that effect has been sent to Mayor Geary. Plans for extensive improvements in Toronto and in Western Ontario are well forward.

The board of control express readiness to meet Mr. McNicoll when convenient to him.

## Both Lansdowne and Balfour Refer to Agreement—Asquith Advises Withholding Criticism for the Present—Premier Gives Formal Notice of Veto Bill.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The formal opening of the new parliament to-day was marked by gorgeous ceremony and was attended by King George and Queen Mary and their suites, most of the dignitaries of the empire, many members of the diplomatic corps and all others who could crowd within the doors of Westminster.

The professional display of nobility and military was one of magnificence. The streets were massed with people from dawn on, waiting to catch a glimpse of the coach containing the King and Queen and the Prince of Wales. Among the spectators were many Americans, some of whom paid large prices in order to see the great procession. The immense throngs cheered mightily for the King and Queen.

The suffragettes gave up their proposed attack upon the parliament buildings and King George at the last moment. Christobol Danhurst, one of the leaders of the militant suffragettes, issued a statement declaring that no attempt would be made to storm parliament or mob the King. However, believing this might be a ruse, the police kept up their strict guard.

The King's Speech  
Following the example of his father, the late King Edward, King George V. delivered the crown's address to parliament in person. It contained a strong plea for the furtherance of friendly relations between England and the other powers of the world. After expressing pleasure at the result of the trip of the Duke of Connaught to South Africa, the King said:

"My relations with foreign powers continue friendly. Japan intends to terminate the treaty of 1894. It is hoped that satisfactory arrangements can be made for a new treaty. The King next referred to the action taken by the British Government to restore order along the trade routes of Southern Persia.

His majesty announced that proposals will be submitted to settle the relations between the two houses of parliament, with the object of securing a more effective legislation.

That the King would go further and announce to the veto question caused great surprise among members of both branches of parliament.

Continuing his speech his majesty announced that measures would be presented to provide insurance for the industrial population against sickness and invalidity. This measure will embody the plan of a slight tax to provide the principal of the payment of the insurance pensions.

Denounced Reciprocity.  
Both Lord Lansdowne and A. J. Balfour took occasion to denounce the reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada, at the evening session was mainly devoted to

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## STRATHROY DRUGGISTS FINED

### Sold Liquor Without Proper Prescriptions—Hotelman Also Paid Penalty.

STRATHROY, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—King Magistrate John A. Yonke imposed fines on three druggists for selling liquor without proper prescriptions, and on a hotelman for selling liquor to a "dry" town. The druggists are William T. Rabley, E. Stepler and John W. Strathroy, each being fined \$100 and costs.

An examination of their books by Provincial Magistrate Yonke and a fine of \$100 was imposed on each. The doctors whose prescriptions were not submitted to the court were Charles C. McDougall and Dr. E. P. Jeffries.

Robert McIntyre, proprietor of the Queen's Hotel, was fined \$100 and costs for selling liquor on Jan. 1, and his bartender, Robert Gale, \$100 and costs for a like offence on Jan. 11. The prosecution was conducted by Crown-Attorney McKillop, and J. M. McVey appeared for the defence.

## SEES HILL'S HAND IN IT

### Hon. Price Ellison Says Reciprocity Agitation Brought About by Him.

VICTORIA, B.C., Feb. 6.—In the British Columbia Legislature to-day, the Hon. Price Ellison, minister of finance and agriculture, declared that reciprocity with the United States should not go into force before being submitted to the vote of the people. He also said that the whole agitation for reciprocity had been brought about by a handful of men in Manitoba, and chiefly in Winnipeg, who got \$50,000 from James J. Hill for people to go down to Ottawa and raise the cry for free trade to divert railroad traffic north and south, so that it would be carried over his lines.

## WANT PARTICULARS.

MONTREAL, Feb. 6.—A preliminary plea has been filed on behalf of the Pinkerton Detective Agency of New York and Mr. John M. Macnamara, their agent here, in answer to the action for damages taken against them by Mr. David Russell, an attorney, in the shape of a motion for particulars on most of the allegations made by Mr. Russell.

## King of Canada.

SYDNEY, N.S., Feb. 6.—A uncheon was to-day tendered to Sir Henry Pellett by the city council and business men of Sydney. In responding to an address of welcome from the city, Mayor Gunn referred to Sir Henry as the uncrowned king of Canada.

## Big Stock-Taking Fur Sale.

The Dineen Company are having the big annual stock-taking sale, and there have been some very large sales recorded within the last few days. A call at the showrooms will serve to convince you that there will probably never be again any more tempting fur prices than what Dineen is offering now. The price of furs for next year will be considerably in advance of those now offered.

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