

ONTARIO SAFETY LEAGUE MEETS

Tom Moore Shows Labor's Interest in Safety Devices.

GEN. GUNN'S TERROR

Employers Must Take Personal Interest in Returned Soldier.

That interest in the Ontario Safety League is developing largely among the manufacturers was shown by the attendance at the fifth annual gathering, which took place at noon yesterday at the King Edward Hotel. That the movement is becoming popular in many parts of the province was evidenced by the number of delegates present, Belleville, Brampton, Galt, Hamilton, Oshawa, Ottawa, Welland, as well as Toronto having each their quota of interested representatives.

Tom Moore, president Trades and Labor Congress, Ottawa, spoke on labor's interest in safety devices. The speaker pointed out that labor was in a measure responsible for bringing the Workmen's Compensation Act into effect. It was to the interest of the manufacturers themselves, as well as to the laborers, to see that the latter were kept safe. The ideals of employer and employee were the same, and the large percentage of good employees should be appreciated, said Mr. Moore. On the other hand, the utterances of irresponsible extremists in labor were having a bad effect on the class they profess to represent.

Suggestions as to the way accidents might in a measure be prevented were given. Make the working day shorter. Allow a whole day off. If Saturday cannot be given in full, then allow the parks and recreation to be open on Sunday. Child labor in factories was decried by the speaker, who made a plea for the education of every child and advocated the technical school. On the point of installing safety apparatus, Mr. Moore said these should be supplied in factories even where no machinery is used.

Representing the Massey-Harris Co., Thomas Findley said that for years before the passing of the Compensation Act, his firm had given compensation to employees in case of accident. They had paid full wages during the time the employee was out, and had given \$2,500 in case of death by accident. They had felt that to do this was right to the men. When this was done there was no litigation and no greater cost.

Crossing Streets.

I am in constant terror daily in crossing Toronto streets, said Brigadier General Gunn, who spoke feelingly on the subject because as he told the meeting he had lost his father when he was killed thru a motor accident. Since crossing the street he has been struck by the want of co-operation, even chauffeurs seldom giving warning on coming round a corner. General Gunn spoke of a return he had noticed in London, England, where the children are so trained that they never leave the street but come to a little island where they stand and they are helped across by the policeman.

Referring to the men who are coming back General Gunn said that it is not with lip service we are going to win. As far as the returned soldiers of the crusade on the return, he had presented a problem. He asked the manufacturers present if they knew the social conditions of their employees and told them they ought to interest themselves in the families of their men and in what they are doing.

A. B. Ingram, vice-chairman of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, presided. After the address a number of lantern slides and motion pictures illustrating how accidents occur on railways thru an open switch or thru the use of defective equipment were shown. The application of common sense to every day occurrences and education in the things that lead to the safety of the people were advocated.

Propaganda.

Reports showed that last year \$10,000 had been spent on propaganda work. Many thousands of bulletins had been sent through the Dominion. Great effort had been put forth to instruct the children of the schools. Literature, leaflets, and essays on the subject had been distributed to the children of the schools. Literature, leaflets, and essays on the subject had been distributed to the children of the schools. Literature, leaflets, and essays on the subject had been distributed to the children of the schools.

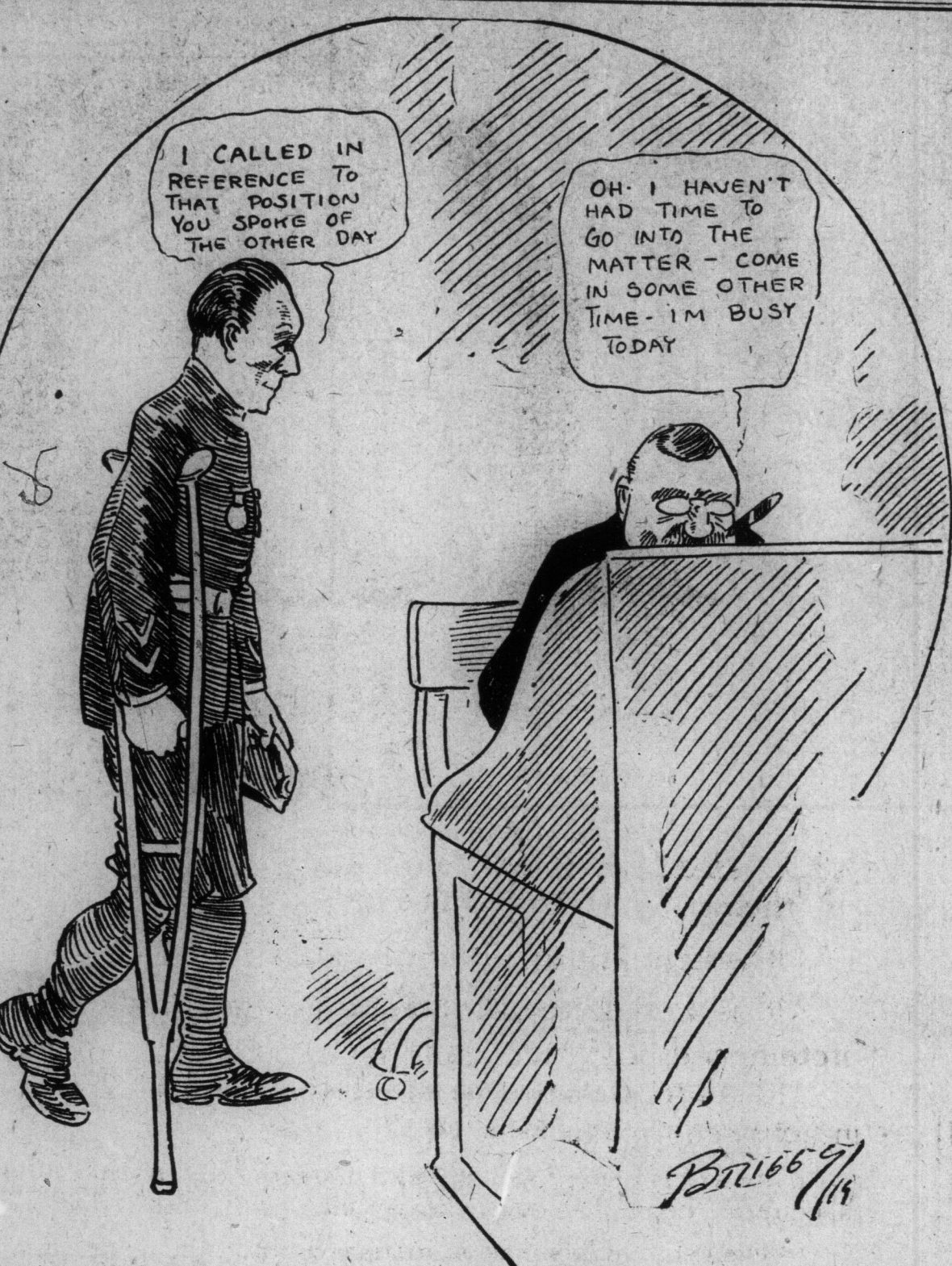
President, T. L. Church, K.C., Mayor of Toronto.

Vice-presidents, A. B. Ingram, vice-chairman Ontario Railway and Municipal Board; S. Price, chairman Workmen's Compensation Board, Ontario; Sir John Eaton, president The Toronto Co. Limited; Charles G. Book, Mayor of Hamilton.

Executive committee, David Archibald, chairman organization committee; J. T. Burke, chief inspector of factories, Ontario; A. Campbell, Ontario Automobile Trade Association; W. C. Coulter, Canadian Manufacturers' Association; H. H. Couzens, Toronto Hydro-Electric System; S. Dickson, deputy chief constable, Toronto; P. E. Doolittle, M.D., chairman membership committee; Thomas Findley, Massey-Harris Co. Limited; Harold Fisher, Mayor of Hamilton; J. H. Forrest, chairman Ontario Motor League; G. H. Gooderham, M.L.A., Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission; P. P. Hamblin, board fire marshal, Toronto; E. P. Heaton, separate school board; Arthur Hewitt, board of trade, Toronto; L. Association, Canadian Automobile Railway Company; C. B. King, London Street Railway; Lyman Lee, chairman education, Hamilton; G. C. Martin, T. H. & B. Railway, Hamilton; R. B. Morley, general manager; J. Macdonald, chairman finance committee; W. S. Maclean, electrical engineer; J. W. S. Macdonald, M.D., deputy registrar-general, W. A. Mc

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



Lean, deputy minister of highways; W. R. McKee, chairman campaign committee; W. A. Riddell, M.A. Ph.D., trades and labor branch, Ontario; C. E. Somerville, Mayor of London; J. Stevenson, Toronto District Labor Council; T. A. Stevenson, Ottawa; W. R. Whitley, chief of police, Hamilton; W. W. Wright, Workmen's Compensation Board; J. P. H. Wyse, organizer and engineer.

Among those present were: A. B. Ingram, Thomas Findley, Tom Moore (Ottawa); J. E. Alderson, Brigadier General Gunn, K. J. Dunstan, J. S. McKinnon, Controller W. D. Robbins, Hon. G. S. Henry, W. F. Maclean, W. C. McCrea, P. D. L. Smith, A. J. C. McKelvin, A. D. E. Blackburn, A. J. G. Ramsden, C. A. B. Brown, P. T. Jackson, T. Norman Dean, W. E. Groves, F. J. Sleight, H. Macdonald, A. W. Wright, H. G. Hammond, W. R. Whitley (Hamilton); P. L. Hubbs, P. Leadley, W. Crossland, W. A. McLean, G. H. Gooderham, W. S. Stout, P. G. Morley, Mrs. Ada Courtice, Hon. A. H. Riddell, Wm. Houston, Ald. R. H. Graham, C. A. C. Jennings, Ald. C. W. McGillivray, S. J. Moore, W. E. Carr, F. G. Hall, G. J. Elliott, J. H. Martin, Miss Robertson (Galt); D. Anderson (Galt); D. W. Gooderham, J. McCann (Peterboro); D. G. Buchanan, Major J. Mess, A. P. Costigan, O. St. G. Freer, G. A. Mount, (Ottawa); Thomas Fraser (Sault Ste. Marie); Deputy Chief Dickson, E. P. Heaton, John B. Laddlaw, S. B. McCready, H. A. Rowland, H. Norner, P. T. Jackson, T. Norman Dean, W. E. Radford.

INCREASED PENSIONS ASKED BY G.W.V.A.

The G.W.V.A. committee, which is now conferring with the government relative to pensions, is asking for increases as follows:

Total disability—	Present	Proposed
Single man	\$600	\$1,000
Married man	696	1,160
With one child	840	1,400
With two children	960	1,600
With three children	1,056	1,760
Ninety per cent. disability—		
Single man	540	900
Married man	625	1,044
With one child	788	1,264
With two children	865	1,444
With three children	956	1,584
Eighty per cent. disability—		
Single man	480	800
Married man	556	928
With one child	676	1,128
With two children	772	1,288
With three children	859	1,428
Seventy per cent. disability—		
Single man	420	700
Married man	487	812
With one child	595	992
With two children	679	1,132
With three children	757	1,262
Fifty per cent. disability—		
Single man	300	500
Married man	348	580
With one child	432	720
With two children	492	820
With three children	552	920
Twenty-five per cent. disability—		
Single man	150	250
Married man	174	290
With one child	219	365
With two children	249	415
With three children	279	465
Without children	380	600
With one child	624	1,040
With two children	744	1,240
With three children	840	1,360

Conservatives Will Discuss Tariff Questions Tomorrow

There will be a meeting of Conservatives held at Belmont Hall tomorrow evening at which the main business will be the discussion of the tariff. W. F. Maclean, M.P., is billed to address the meeting.

VETERANS

Items of Interest to Returned Soldiers Will Be Printed in This Column If Phoned or Sent In.

Returned soldiers have reported that certain plants which disbanded some weeks ago, following the order from the Imperial Munitions Board, have taken on returned soldiers for the same class of work at which they were working when the plants disbanded, but that these soldiers have been taken on as vocational students, and therefore at much reduced wages, the government alone being responsible for their maintenance. This has been the cause of dissatisfaction among the men, but in an interview with The World, T. A. Russell, president of the Russell Motor Co., stated that he knew of no firms which would jeopardize their position with the government by such irregular methods of procedure. He further pointed out that the combined efforts of the committees of the C.M.A. and the G.W.V.A. were proving extremely valuable in this connection, the two organizations doing their utmost to ameliorate the condition of the returned soldier and adjusting all matters of grievances in the most practical way.

A sign of the times relative to the alien problem is the report received to the effect that the Sheet Metal Products Co., Ltd., has laid off many of its employees who are being replaced by returned soldiers.

Sergt. Major Geo. H. Gustar, secretary of West Toronto G. W. V. A., has been successful in his endeavor to get a pension for Mrs. W. S. Proctor, whose son, Driver G. P. Proctor, was killed at the front. The son was Mrs. Proctor's means of partial support, and the pension was granted on these grounds. Driver Proctor, when he enlisted, left his mother in delicate health, his sister was nearly blind, and a brother was in very ill-health. The latest consideration on the part of the board of pensions commissioners was possible because of the clause in the regulations which gave it power to consider special cases.

Without ceremony of any sort the hero cripples, who are to live at the Christie Orthopedic Hospital, yesterday afternoon at one o'clock entered their new quarters, fifty in number, from Davisville Hospital, Major-General E. C. Ashton, adjutant general, inspected the building accompanied by Lieut.-Colonel MacVicker, O.C. the hospital. The local G. W. V. A. hospital will be held on February 29.

General Gunn, O.C. Military District No. 2, will be among the guests at the "at home" which is to be held on Wednesday evening at St. Julien Hall, and he will be accompanied by members of the C.M.A. committee which is working with the G.W.V.A. to help solve the unemployment problems among the returned soldiers.

The G. A. C. now has more than the branches throughout Canada and the United States, and the latest news is to the effect that one of the oldest soldier organizations in the Dominion is considering the advisability of throwing its lot with the Grand Army in certain sections of the Dominion. There are practically a thousand members in Toronto and vicinity. The local G. W. V. A. has a membership of at least a thousand paid-up members, and thirteen thousand members in Ontario. It was stated by many returned men in town yesterday that these two organizations were forging ahead, and that although there were other returned men's organizations, they were mostly men's organizations, and were based purely upon direct ties of the

battlefield. The other two societies, on the other hand, had progressed to great proportions thru the width of their aspirations, and all those interviewed were of the opinion that each organization would number many thousands of returned men, the one looking to the direct needs of the men and the other to the general development of their aims.

The Soldiers Aid Commission has placed a blind soldier in satisfactory employment, the first blind soldier so placed, according to reliable information. This comrade, P. E. S. Topping, a graduate of St. Dunstan's College, has been appointed operator at a switchboard in London, Ont., which is operated on the drop-shutter system, apparently the only one of its kind in Ontario.

The Invalidated Tubercular Soldiers' Welfare League has commenced its path of good work, and includes branches in practically every sanatorium in the Dominion. The aim of this association is the just adjustment of pensions for those returned soldiers who are sufferers from tuberculosis induced or aggravated by life in the trenches.

Riverdale G. W. V. A. will initiate 125 members at its next meeting, which will be held on Thursday next. The Grand Army of Canada inaugurates its first season of dances and eueches on Thursday evening, at St. George's Hall.

During the last week or two the soldiers' aid commission have received scores of applications for passports from returned soldiers who wish to return to the old country, either for the purpose of employment or to rejoin their families.

As a result of this condition, the soldiers' aid took up with the department of external affairs at Ottawa the question of giving preference to returned soldiers in the matter of passports. The reason for doing this, "was that the returned man seemed to be in a constant state of uncertainty while awaiting passports which had been applied for. This made him nervous and apprehensive, as well as being a constant drain on his financial resources. However, the department states that arrangements have now been made whereby all returned soldiers will be able to secure passports to Great Britain within a week after application."

During the month of January the Ontario Soldiers' Aid Commission gave direct assistance to 314 soldiers and granted gratuity advances to ten others; 880 men made application for employment during the past month, and the number of men who have been placed by the commission is 216. Soldiers' families are being looked after by the commission's welfare visitors, and 660 visits are reported since the first of the year.

"Taken all in all, the month has been a very satisfactory one," said Secretary J. Warwick.

To the soldiers' aid commission has fallen the first opportunity of placing a blind soldier in satisfactory employment in the Province of Ontario, in the person of Private E. S. Topping, now at Pearson Hall Institute for the Blind.

Pte. Topping was trained at St. Dunstan's School for Blind Soldiers, where he took a course in switchboard operating, using the drop shutter system, which it was discovered could be operated by the senses of hearing and touch.

Reports from the women's department of the Ontario Blind Soldiers' Bureau show that during the past week the total number of girls placed in various departments of domestic employment was 201. Three waitresses and a cook had gone to work out of town. In the clerical and industrial department 31 were placed in positions. Only eight stenographers had been placed.

NO CONCILIATION YET ATTEMPTED

Limb Factory Strikers Still Await Conference With I. S. C.

The hoped for board of conciliation has not yet been appointed to discuss the grievances of the strikers at the limb factories under the supervision of the Invalidated Soldiers' Commission. This comrade, P. E. S. Topping, president of the Calgary G.W.V.A., had left the meeting of the strikers with the mandate from them to seek from the heads of the I.S.C. in Toronto action to the appointment of a board of conciliation which was to consist of two men from the strikers, two from the I.S.C. and one independent of them both. Comrade Haselden is continuing his consultation with Colonel Morrison, representing the I.S.C., and the demanded reinstatement of all the strikers to their former positions has proved the snag in the channel leading to the successful conclusion of negotiations. The strike committee with Comrade Haselden is continuing the conference with Colonel Morrison this morning.

Comrade Haselden, who is the president of a branch of the G.W.V.A., means to request the dismissal of all the strikers, including Fred Price, and to request the dismissal of W. E. Moore within a reasonable period as well as that of the present instructor at the orthopaedic school. It was pointed out that the whole question was one of efficiency as against production, the stand being taken that the system produced more in half an hour irrespective of the fitness of the men, and that the whole question was one of efficiency as against production, the stand being taken that the system produced more in half an hour irrespective of the fitness of the men, and that the whole question was one of efficiency as against production, the stand being taken that the system produced more in half an hour irrespective of the fitness of the men.

Not Pressed.

The reinstatement of the recent superintendent was not pressed, until the men had been out on strike time as he had a chance to prove his mettle, especially in view of the fact that he was a returned soldier. It was decided to request Superintendent Coultard to ameliorate the present conditions as far as he was able, especially in the matter of production. While some men pointed out that Mr. Moore's name had not been mentioned until the men had been out on strike a day or so, there was a general feeling that if he remained in his present position the superintendent would have no authority at all.

"Well," said Haselden, "I would take good care that no one dictated to me if I held Coultard's position. Let us make it clear that we believe that the needs of the situation call for a returned soldier who will be no man's stool or tool."

The general aim of the employees who are mostly returned soldiers, is to have all the heads of the department appointed from the band of returned soldiers now in the Dominion. Among those who addressed the men were J. V. Conroy, district organizing secretary of the G.W.V.A. for Toronto; H. W. Parsons, president of the G.A.C.; Lieut. Holmes, vocational officer for Toronto, who stated that two members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, one of them a millionaire, had assured him of the sympathy of the C.M.A. for the aims of the returned soldiers on strike; Geo. Murrell, secretary of Central G.W.V.A.; Fred Price, and others prominent among the strikers.

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LIVE STOCK MEN AND C.N.E. AGREE ON ARENA

Representatives of the Live Stock Breeders' Association and the Canadian National Exhibition were a unit yesterday on the desirability of having an arena erected at the C. N. E. grounds for the purpose of handling a live stock show in Toronto. A conference was held in the city hall yesterday morning at which the question was taken up. The press were not admitted.

The board of control passed a resolution referring the matter to other interested parties present, for the purpose of formulating a definite proposal. It was felt by the C. N. E. officials and the live stock interests that the city should erect a building to the value of \$500,000, with an agreement that the breeders' association should rent it for their yearly show at a sum to be fixed. At other periods the city should have the right to rent it to whomever they desire.

The proposal will be laid before the members of the live stock association at their meeting in Toronto on Wednesday night.

SCHOOL BUILDING INQUIRY REOPENS

McWhinney Calls Denison's Statement "Mean Piece of Melodramatics"

Trustee C. A. B. Brown, chairman of the finance committee of the board of education, gave evidence yesterday before the commission of enquiry, conducted by Mr. Justice Lennox.

Mr. McWhinney, solicitor for the board, characterized as "a mean piece of melodramatics," a condemnation by Shirley Denison, K.C., of Mr. Brown for not personally checking over accounts for which he signed cheques. Mr. Brown said: "The city auditor always goes over accounts. He has always found other accounts alright."

Trustee Brown stated that he understood the shortages in radiation work reported against the Fred Armstrong Co. by Judge Winchester were deducted by Supt. Bishop. The Fred Armstrong Co. got the bulk of the plumbing work, because their tenders were the lowest.

The statement was made by Mr. Denison that the deductions were but a few dollars as compared with Judge Winchester's judgment that the actual shortage was \$5996.

Mr. Justice Lennox said he might have to enlarge the scope of the inquiry. Business methods are not used and records are not kept.

INFLUENZA DECREASES.

The influenza situation is practically cleared again, only three cases being under supervision in the six nursing districts. Two families are affected.

Only one death was reported on Saturday from influenza, while three yesterday morning, and two from pneumonia are registered at the city clerk's office, as follows:

Influenza—Alice L. George, 25 years, 72 Avenue road, ill 10 days; Muriel Wood, 1 year, 283 Bartlett avenue, ill 2 days; Bertha L. Baskerville, 25 years, 1559 Queen street, ill 9 days.

Pneumonia—Harrie C. Van Zant, 53 years, 98 Robert street, ill 10 days; William A. Page, 2 years, 13 Gordon street, ill 4 days.

HELD ON \$15,000 BAIL.

Henry F. Codd, accountant and bookkeeper in the firm of Tomenson and Forwood, brokers, West King street, was remanded in police court yesterday morning until Feb. 7 on a charge of theft. Codd was granted bail of \$15,000. He is alleged to have stolen \$7,218, the property of his majesty the King. This is the third arrest in the Capt. Fisher case.

BUILDING PERMITS MOSTLY GRANTED

Several Applications Were Hotly Debated by Property Committee.

J. F. MacKay, appearing before the property committee yesterday, asked for the extension of a permit for a temporary building in connection with the Russell Motor Car Company's plant. After a lengthy argument, permission was granted. It was stated that there was a possibility of an American firm coming in at a later date, and with the unemployment situation in view the request was granted.

Garnet Archibald, appearing for a client, requested permission to place a wood yard at Booth and Queen street. "It is a business district," said Mr. Archibald, "and I don't see any reason why it should be objected to."

Fire Chief Smith stated that he had no objection to the wood yard from a fire standpoint. On the motion of Alderman Hiltz, the permit was not granted, owing to the fact that the people in the vicinity were not in favor of the application on the ground that it would be a nuisance.

The application of A. R. Forbes for a permit to establish a soda water factory at the rear of 846 Logan avenue was taken up by the committee. Several speakers took up the question. By a vote of 7 to 5 the permit was granted.

Apartment House.

Robert Doherty requested the amendment of the bylaw to permit the erection of an apartment house on Front street. Controller Cameron moved that the permit be granted.

T. H. Hancock appeared against the erection of the apartment house. He expressed the opinion that it would decrease the value of the property on the street. Mr. Bastedo and others also objected. Permission was granted by a vote of 8 to 2.

Considerable time was taken up by the committee as to whether or not 297 Euclid avenue was a suitable location for a store. Controller McBride spoke very strongly against permission being granted.

Alderman McGridge was in favor of the application. A permit was granted by a vote of 7 to 6.

Several lighting recommendations by the property commissioner were carried by a vote of 10 to 0.

The erection of a new ice and slaughter house was sanctioned by the committee, to take the place of those destroyed at the jail farm on Saturday. The buildings were covered by insurance.

HOLD-UP MEN SENTENCED.

Benjamin Long was sentenced to one year at the jail farm by Magistrate Kingsford in police court yesterday morning. Charles Chaston, a friend of Long's, escaped with a sentence of thirty days. Both men were found guilty of entering a Queen street fruit store Sunday morning and stealing \$35 from the cash register.

Representatives of women's institutes from many parts of the province will meet today at 2 p.m. in the Technical School. Lady Hearst will give an address of welcome, and it is expected that five hundred delegates from 300 cities, towns, and rural districts will be in attendance. One of the chief things which the convention is expected to bring about will be complete provincial organization. A dome of organization is expected to follow at the Winnipeg meeting, to take place on Feb. 14 and 15.

