

LAWYERS, FARMERS, DOCTORS LEAD HOUSE OF COMMONS

Members of Bar Away Ahead With 63—Many Professions, Businesses and Occupations Represented—One of Most Democratic Chambers Since Confederation.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Lawyers will hold the largest number of seats in the house of commons when the fifteenth parliament convenes here on Jan. 7 next. Sixty-three members of the legal profession have been gazetted following the recent general election, and will be entitled to take their seats in the chamber next session.

Farmers follow with the second largest number, thirty-nine farmers of different political persuasion having been elected. Doctors, including those of the professions of medicine and dentistry will have 29 of its members in parliament. Twenty-two of the elected members give their occupation as merchants and fifteen describe themselves as manufacturers.

While lawyers, farmers, doctors, mer-

POLITICAL SKIES CLEAR IN BRITAIN

Government in Better Repute Than Could Have Been Expected Some Time Ago.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 20.—Parliament will recess Tuesday with the government in much better repute than might have been expected a few months ago. In political observation, this is attributed chiefly to the developments at Leamington and the recently unexpected peaceful settlement of the Irish boundary question. Moreover, although the unemployment problem is still of the gravest nature, there are signs of improvement in trade and industry, and it is generally believed that should the new year bring any strong business revival and reduction in the number of unemployed one of the government's most difficult tasks would be partly removed.

The solution of the Mosul difficulty finds many active critics on the opposition benches. The common belief, however, is that the government will succeed in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with Iraq and that the threatened danger from Turkey will blow over.

Beet Growers' Body Perplexed

Lack of Interest Brings Talk of Winding Up—Effort To Reorganize.

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, Dec. 20.—An effort will be made to revive interest in the Ontario Beet Growers' association. At a meeting of the growers held here Saturday afternoon, it was decided to hold a general meeting on the second Saturday in January, for the purpose of obtaining a decision as to whether the business of the association should be wound up, or whether there should be a reorganization for the purpose of keeping the association alive. The consensus of opinion of the score or more farmers present was that there should be a reorganization. H. J. French, of Dresden, the last elected president, was chairman of the meeting.

HON. MR. LARKIN'S INCOME.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 20.—Judge Denton yesterday allowed the appeal of Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian high commissioner in London, against a reassessment on dividends amounting to \$370,000. The assessment of \$25,000, paid to him as president of a tea company was confirmed. Mr. Larkin claimed that as he is now a resident of England, dividends payable to him there could not be taxed in Canada.

PLAYS WITH WAR, SAYS HARMSWORTH

Newspaper Magnate Sees Danger in Mosul Agreement and Advises Britain To Quit.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 20.—A strong protest against the Geneva Mosul settlement will be published in the Daily Mail tomorrow by Cecil Harmsworth, who was under-secretary of state for foreign affairs in 1919 to 1922, the period when the British mandates for Mesopotamia and Palestine were created.

Under the caption "Playing With War," Mr. Harmsworth says: "In my considered judgment, the arrangements just concluded open up the most dangerous prospect that has confronted this country since the great war."

Urging the government to retract from its dangerous position, Mr. Harmsworth contends that it would be madness to accept responsibility for 25 years or the risk of passive or active antagonism between Great Britain and a formidable military power when any moment might bring an incident menacing war.

Arguing that Great Britain would fight with every disadvantage in Mesopotamia, and that an amiable working arrangement with Turkey would be worth far more to Mesopotamia than any boundary, strategic or otherwise, he asserts that the Geneva award was purposely made provisional to allow an opportunity for reconsideration, and he appeals to the government to return to the policy of quitting Mesopotamia, as originally intended, in 1928.

He deprecates the idea that Turkey is bluffing and remarks how often that idea has led to war.

Carols Are Sung By Girls' Chorus

Young Singers Visit Every Section of St. Thomas On Sunday Night.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Dec. 20.—The time-honored custom of singing Christmas carols was observed Sunday evening by the "teen-age girls of the city's Sunday school classes. The girls worked through every section of the city, singing below every home that had a candle in the window.

KING ALI OF HEDJAZ GIVES UP HIS THRONE

End of Long and Desperate Struggle Between Two Arab States.

Associated Press Despatch.
Port Sudan, Egypt, Dec. 20.—King Ali of the Hedjaz, oldest son of King Hussein, who was forced to abdicate in October, 1924, has himself abdicated owing to the collapse of the defenses of Jeddah, invested by Ibn Saud, sultan of Bejd.

For many months, in fact since he succeeded his father on the throne of Hedjaz, King Ali has been engaged in a desperate struggle to put down the opposition of Ibn Saud, head of the sultanate of Nejd. Several days ago, Ali was reported to be planning his escape from the invested city of Jeddah, whence he fled after the Wahabi tribesmen under Ibn Saud had captured the holy city of Medina.

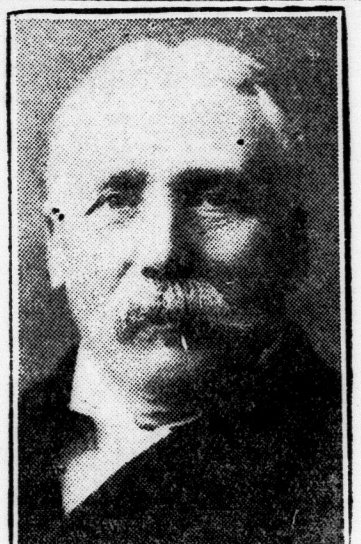
The conflict between the Arabian states of Nejd and Hedjaz actually began in 1919, and the warfare became more embittered when, early in 1924, Hussein assumed the caliphate, made vacant by the deposition of Sultan Abdul Mejid by the Turks. A violent attack against Mecca, the capital of Hedjaz, was begun by the Wahabis, and when the city fell in the hands of Ibn Saud, King Hussein, pressed to abdicate by the people of Jeddah, relinquished the throne, having held it for eight years.

PLAN FOUR NEW ROOMS FOR FOREST COLLEGIATE

Addition to School Is Again Talked As Waterworks Issue Subsides.

Forest collegiate institute will likely have an addition of four rooms in the near future if the plans in the office of a local architect are adopted. The question of the new addition has been discussed before, but the matter was put in the background at the time of the waterworks issue, that has been occupying the attention of the town fathers there for the last year.

It is now intimated that the matter of the addition will be again brought up for discussion, and there is every possibility that the project will be adopted by the college and made a part of the addition calls for a science room, chemistry room with laboratory and two class rooms.



DEATH CALLS AYLMEYER PIONEER AT 94 YEARS

R. C. McKenney Passes After Years' Illness—Liberal and Well-Known Mason.

Special to The Advertiser.
Aylmer, Dec. 20.—Edolphus Clinton McKenney, one of Aylmer's oldest citizens, died at his home here on Saturday evening, in his 94th year. Until a year ago he enjoyed good health and was quite active. During the past year he had been confined to his home, and for some months had never left his bed.

Mr. McKenney was born on March 16, 1832, on the farm now occupied by Harley Turrill on concession 9, Malahide. He was the son of John and Elizabeth McKenney, and is the last surviving member of a family of eight. For many years he was a successful agriculturist, and with the exception of some ten years which he spent in the northwestern states, he made his home in the vicinity of Springfield and Aylmer. For a quarter of a century he had lived retired in Aylmer.

Mr. McKenney served on the town council board, and was a member of St. Paul's United church, and an enthusiastic Mason, being a member of Malahide lodge, No. 119, A. F. & A. M., and also a member of Aylmer chapter, No. 81, R. A. M. He joined the Masons when a young man in the days before the railways came through Southern Ontario, and walked from Springfield to Ingersoll to receive his initiation into the order. In politics he was a Liberal.

Surviving are two sons, Prof. D. W. McKenney, of Billings, Mont., and Dr. A. D. McKenney of Detroit. He has one grandson, John McKenney, of California. Mrs. Wesley McKenney of Aylmer, is a niece, and she has given him loving care during his long illness.

The funeral, which will be under Masonic auspices, will be held from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. McCollom on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 2:30 p.m. Interment will take place in the Aylmer cemetery.

FINLAY LOW IS NAMED CHATHAM POLICE CHIEF

Provincial Officer Chosen From 32 Applicants—Other Posts Also Vacant.

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Chatham, Dec. 20.—Finlay Low, a provincial officer who has been stationed here for five years, will be chief of the reorganized Chatham police force at the first of his year. He was the unanimous choice of the police commission at a meeting Saturday, and was selected out of 32 applicants. The commission has 52 applicants for other positions on the force, including those written by present members. The force will be chosen at a meeting which will be held between Christmas and the last day of the year, with the new chief being consulted on the different appointments.

The reorganization of the force by the first of the year was promised by the commission a few weeks ago, when that body ended a lengthy controversy by deciding to notify the present chief and the members of the force that their respective contracts expired at the end of the year, and that all but the chief were privileged to apply for reappointment.

Chief Low received his training in the force at Leith, Scotland, serving for thirteen years until coming to Canada in 1920, shortly after which he was appointed to the provincial force. He has been stationed in Chatham ever since, with the exception of six months in Sarnia.

SMUGGLED SAWS INTO JAIL TO AID HUSBAND'S ESCAPE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The Christmas spirit prevailed in the police court Saturday, and for the sake of her two young children Mary Shupeniuk, charged with aiding her husband to escape from the provincial jail here on Oct. 6, was given her freedom. The woman, who smuggled saws into the jail, and which were used in the sensational jailbreak when five men escaped custody was given two years' suspended sentence.

U. S. MAY INVESTIGATE CRUDE RUBBER PRICES

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Dec. 20.—A resolution calling for an investigation of alleged manipulation of crude rubber prices by British colonial governments was given preferred status today on the legislative program of the house of representatives.

MEIGHEN SPEAKS IN BITTER TONES

Says Change of Principle Is Nothing To Premier—Claims Protection Victory.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Brandon, Dec. 20.—"What Canada needs is a stable more than a high tariff; a stable tariff is better than a variable tariff even if it is high. I have not shifted my position nor changed my goal. The Conservative party stands ready, but not impatient for power, ready to implement as a fact what was promised in the days of opposition," declared Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, in the closing sentences of an hour's address to a gathering of more than 200 members of the Brandon Conservative association Saturday night.

The first visit of the Conservative leader to this constituency in several years was made the occasion of a complimentary banquet in his honor at the Cecil Hotel. Lack of accommodation resulted in the limiting of the number of invitations issued and the confining of these, for the most part, to friends and supporters from the rural districts. The banquet was presided over by Dr. J. H. Edmison, independent member of the Manitoba legislature, with the only other speaker being Major F. G. Taylor, Conservative leader in the legislature.

Attacks Government.
The record of the King administration was assailed by Mr. Meighen, who reviewed its record in the matter of transportation, taxation and senate reform. Although the prime minister had declared he had been handicapped by lack of a visible majority Mr. Meighen asserted he had the largest majority in history to support him in implementing the Liberal platform of 1919, "had he been sincere."

Mr. King, the Conservative leader, charged, had appealed to the country for a majority of Liberal supporters so he could put the Liberal policies into effect.

"Now behold the picture," said Mr. Meighen. "The Liberal representation had shrunk from 118 to 100. Of 18 cabinet ministers only nine are left. Of 64 Progressives, if they were not the people Mr. King would they are at least the quality, only 26 or 27 of them are left. The whole of those opposed to the administration are back with their numbers doubled, and each one of the people of Canada behind their candidates and policy ready to enjoy the sweets of office and the emoluments of power."

DUNCAN PURCELL DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Duncan L. Purcell, aged 66 years, died in Victoria hospital early yesterday morning, following a lingering illness of several years. The deceased was a well-known farmer and lifelong resident of Aldboro township in Elgin county. He was an active member of the Baptist church.

Besides his widow, he is survived by four sons, Arthur and Edwin, of Aldboro, Arrie, of Toronto, and Rev. Archie Purcell, of Saskatchewan; also one daughter, Mrs. Calvin Long, of Aldboro.

The remains were forwarded from the Oatman funeral home on Sunday to Wardsville, where the funeral will be held from his late residence on Wednesday afternoon. Interment will be made in the Purcell cemetery.

ONE KILLED, NINE HURT AS CRACK TRAIN WRECKS

Associated Press Despatch.
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50 Jackrabbits Bagged In Drive

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Ingersoll, Dec. 20.—Word from the Mount Elgin district, Derham township, states that in a big organized "drive" for jackrabbits 50 of the pests were bagged. Forty residents of the district took part in the drive, which was the most successful of the season.

SHIP AT FT. WILLIAM AFTER HARD BATTLE

Freighter Thomas Shaughnessy Struck Dirty Weather—Fears For Safety.

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Cleveland, Dec. 20.—Fears for the safety of the freighter Thomas Shaughnessy, of this port, were allayed here today when word was received from Fort William that the vessel put in there Saturday morning after a hard battle with superior seas.

The boat went up light from Fairport and passed the Son locks on Wednesday. She struck dirty weather on Superior, and was forced to seek shelter under Whitefish Point. The boat is owned by the Jenkins Steamship Company. Her sister ship, the F. E. Squires, closed navigation at Sarnia, on Saturday, equalling her feat of last year.

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FIREMEN TO AID SIXTY FAMILIES

Workroom of Woodstock Hall Turned Into Toy Shop—Dinners To Be Given.

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Woodstock, Dec. 20.—With more than 60 families, averaging four children each, to be provided with Christmas cheer and Christmas dinners, the firemen of Woodstock are once again in the midst of their Santa Claus work. The workroom of the fire hall has been transformed into a toyshop, the firemen having manufactured hundreds of toys for the children. Christmas dinners will be supplied with the co-operation of the Salvation Army.

With a plentiful supply of chickens, ducks and geese and only a few turkeys, the Christmas market at Woodstock Saturday was a busy one. The few turkeys sold at 45 cents a pound, while chickens brought 25 to 30 cents, ducks 20 to 25 cents, and geese 20 to 25 cents. Beef ranged 3 cents a pound higher for the Christmas trade. Butter was steady at 48 to 50 cents a pound, while eggs dropped a trifle to 60 to 65 cents a dozen. Potatoes were scarce, and maintained last week's level of \$2.50 to \$2.50 a bag.

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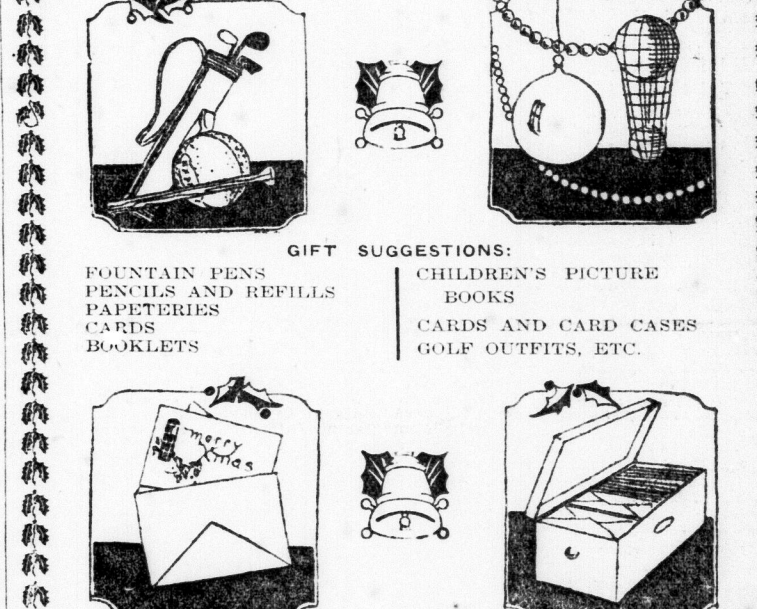
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