RETAILER SCORES **CIOTHING REPORT**

Clothier Disclaims Exorbitant Profits, as Stated by Commissioner.

PRICES GOING UP

British Market Reports Foretell 25 Per Cent. Rise on Importations.

The following statement has been issued by Frank Score, president of R. Score and Son, 77 West King street concerning the report of the living ssioner at Ottawa on the cost of textiles and staple articles of cloth-

ing:

"I read with a great deal of amazement the most extraordinary statement of the living commissioner of Ottawa relative to the prices of cloths and trimmings in men's wear. If there have been any profiteering or exorbitant profits madd, such profits lie wholly and soiely between the manufacturer and the wholesale jobber. Certainly the retailer has not shared in them. It is an absolute and authentic fact that the tailors in Toronto, and Canada generally, are Toronto. and Canada generally, are paying more this season for their material than they did last season; and so far as the prices for the coming fall and winter are concerned, it is an obvious fact that they will be at least 25 per cent, higher than

last season.

As a matter of fact woolens and trimmings have increased fully 200 to 300 per cent. since 1916, and labor has increased at least 50 to 75 per cent., while all overhead expenses have gone up with amazing rapidity. Indeed, taking into consideration the large increase in the cost of cloths, trimmings, labor and in the overhead expenses, the situation is such as to justify the prediction that the retailers' margin of profit will scarcely be as high as that of 1916.

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thing to say."

"The only man in the clothing business with whom the general public comes in contact is the retailer. Consequently it is obvious that, when prices go up, the retailer is at once blamed. Whereas the fact is that the prices charged by the retailer for the finished article are governed almost entirely by the prices he has to pay to the wholesaler or manufacturer for his materials. It will be seen, therefore, that if prices do not go down, as the living commissioner states, the retailer will bear the burden of the resentment of the public.

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Resolved, "that the Dominion government as the the Dominion government be requested to take immediate with W. F. O'Connor, appointed as commissioner to set apart a supply of foodstuffs required for domestic life in Canada at the lowest prices possible, before exporting to other countries."

That the present government has outlined its usefulness was the decided opinion of the gathering, and the shock made all lose consciousness. Harvey Storton was first to recover and set out to get assistance for his son, Mr. Blachford, and another. He attracted the attention of A. Day, Toronto, who was motoring and Mr. Day took the boy to Woodbridge as quickly as possible. Burns and exposure while the group was prostrate made it impossible to save the boy's life but the others of the public.

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"It is nothing less than silly on the part of the living commissioner to say that 'apparently the middlemen are loaded with old stocks of the higherpriced materials. As a matter of plain fact—I speak from personal experience—they are simply going from hand to mouth. A large proportion of the goods is frequently sold out, and orders are often cancelled before they

'With regard to the question of rediers, our company for the last two years has been giving all reto 15 per cent. off all advertised prices. "The latest reports we have received from our broker in London are to the effect that British importations for the

coming season will be extremely limited, the assortment exceedingly small, and prices at least 25 per cent. advanced."

Other Toronto dealers in woolens and clothing are very much against the report which has been prepared by the cost of living commissioner at Ottawa, in which are promised cheaper cloth. Thos. Birrell & Co., stated yesterday altho there had been a drop in cloth shortly after the armistice, yet there had been a steady rise since then, and the prices today are higher than they have been for some time. Any little reduction which might be made in the goods would be equalized by the high wages now in vogue.

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of business plants thruout the city closed this afternoon in honor of the return of the 54th Battalion in command of Lieut.-Col. A. B. Carey, Hamilton merchants this afternoon ignor-ed Mayor Booker's proclamation call-ing for a public holiday and kept open. Poor old Knotty Lee. He got a merciless roasting from 3500 fans here this afternoon when the Shagman toyed with his second division



Palpably Incorrect.

"How the living commissioner of Ottawa can make such a palpably incorrect statement it is difficult to see. He must be either lacking in knowledge of, or supplied with misleading information concerning the woolen situation. Or he is merely making the statement for the sake of having something to say."

"The following resolution regarding the high cost of living was adopted at a well atended conference of the North Riverdale Liberal District Association held in Dr. Harold Farrell's parlor, Danforth avenue, recently.

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John Macdonald, of the John Macdonald Co., thought that the statement was absolutely wrong. He agreed with Mr. Birrell in stating that the prices although they dropped after the armistice, are now higher. "There is no use blaming the middleman," said Mr. Macdonald for conditions over which he has no control."

Similar views were given by other cloth dealers in the city who think that the report must have been prepared be aday, state these dealers, cotton cloth for suitings had advanced back almost to its old price; thus nullifying the reduction of ten per cent. to which the commissioner alluded.

HAMILTON NEWS

Rae Miller, president of Simpson Avenue Analyses a handsome was made the recipient of a handsome gold watch chain on his return from only arrived home from the front a month since. Arkell was a member of the Boon avenue church.

"YE SHALL NEVER SEE DEATH."

Captain (Rev.) W. F. Parker, recently returned from overseas, was the speaker at Boon Avenue Baptist Church last president, presided, and Rev. J. R. Patterson, pastor, welcomed the soldier shall never under the school room. Jesse Fowler, past president, president on behalf of the members in a well chosen speech. Mr. Miller, in a well chosen speech.

G. R. DRURY FUNERAL

BEACHES

Pte. Peter Watson of Earlscourt is home again at Ascot avenue, Earlscourt. He enlisted in 1916, and was in the thick of many battles in Flanders and on the western front. He joined the C.E.F., 120th Battalion, His brother is superintendent of the Boon Avenue Baptist Church. mayor Booker's proclamation calling for a public holiday and kept open.

On Friday afternoon, W. J. Hartt, chief clerk to the superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway at Hamilton, was the recipient of a cabinet of sterling silver, which was accompanied by the good wishes of his fellow employes, the presentation being in honor of his approaching marriage.

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RATEPAYERS' MEETINGS END

The regular monthly meetings of the Danforth Ratepayers' Association have been discontinued for the sum-The coal problem will be dealt with by a special committee of the organization until some satisfactory ar-

The following important changes have been made at the meeting of the stationing committee of the Toronto Methodist Conference, now in session Methodist Conference, now in session at Elm Street Methodist Church, Rev. R. J. D. Simpson being in he chair: Rev. T. W. Neale, pastor Broadway Church, to take over the secretary-ship of city missions; Rev. E. B. Lanceley, pastor Central Church, to the Woodgreen Tabernaele. the Woodgreen Tabornacle

OPEN ON SUNDAYS

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METHODIST CHANGES

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McMASTER MOVES AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET PROPOSALS

Calls for Tariff Changes to Free Food and Place Implements for Development of Resources on the Free List---Brief Reply by Sifton.

street; F. J. Hoog, 46 Strathcona avenue; R. Armstrong, 164 Broadview avenue; T. R. S. Campbell, 27 Fern wood, 27 from Fern avenue; A. Carmimico beach postoffice; A. Chosen 165 Elizabeth street; C. H. Bronscomge, 58 Concord avenue; A. Cumasty, 39 Gillespie, avenue; W. J. Browg, 407 Eglinton avenue; R. Pearson, 168 Carlaw avenue; A. W. Haigh, Parkdale mansions Beaty avenue; D. A. Reid, 11 St. David Place; J. Price, 71 Saulter street; W. M. Perkins, 14. Elsworth avenue, Wichwood; H. Ritchie, 3 A. Buller avenue; Sergt. F. L. Quigley, 296 Pape avenue; Corp. T. Rober on, 1029 Dufferin street; A. Roope, 51 Shaw ttreet; W. A. Ried, 79 Sheridan avenue; J. W. Ekhund, 498 Brock avenue; F. G. Luckhurst, 449 Salem avenue; H. H. Suter, 255 Borden street; R. C. Shook, 24 Alpine street G. Teifer, 270 Pape avenue; Corp. S. Bornten, 268 Rockstor road; J. Watt, 134 Brunswick; F. White, 41 Vermont avenue; J. White, 459 Wellesley street; D Davidson, 7 Albermarle; avenue Corp. M. E. Hooper, 2828 Dundas street; Sergt. E. H. Johnston, general post office.

Sgt I R Holle, 37 Jerome street; Corp J Ottawa, Ont., June 9.—Mr. A. R. seconded by Dr. Molloy (Provencher), McMaster's anticipated amendment to Sir Thomas White's budget proposals materialized in the commons this af-ing the restricted thereing the same of the s ternoon in a resolution framed in somewhat general terms, declaring the

finance minister's proposals to be unsatisfactory and calling for tariff changes such as would free the food of the people, place implements for the development of the resources of the country on the free list, substantially reduce the general tariff and bring into effect the reciprocity agreement with the United States.

The amendment was probably made general in its form because of the fact that early in the session Mr. McMaster moved a tariff resolution which was debated and voted down. There is a general rule of the house that the same matter may not be debated twice during one session. Speaker Rhodes called attention to this rule when Mr. McMaster moved his amendment, and stated that he would give his decision in the tariff undertaken forthwith in conformity with the principle herein enunciated."

Debt Held in Canada.

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of Phone Strike

Will Be No National Walk
Out Immediately, Says

Official.

Springfield, Ill., June 3.—"Orders issued a week ago, calling for a national strike of telephone workers, including operators and maintenance men, have been rescinded," Chas. F. Ford, international secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, said tonight.

"It may be necessary for some local unions to adjust their differences by strikes." he asserted, "but there will be no national walkout immediately."

Canadian Headquarters Command

To Sail Homeward Tomorrow

Montreal, Que., June 9.—According

It was true that the people did not grunded the expense of the war, but now that the war was over, and especially after they began to pay their income taxes they would wonder whether the Borden administration had been as careful of expenditure as it should have been.

This was certainly the Borden administration which was responsible for decrepit horses, dear drugs and bad boots.

Protests Purchase of C. N. R. Stock.

Mr. McMaster 'protested strongly against the payment by the government of \$10,000,000, for the C. N. R. Stock which a government commission had declared to be pure water. This transaction, he described as a profiligate bargain, accentuated by the fact that Canada was at war, and that hey debts were consequently growing rapidly. Mr. McMaster contended that Canada would have to shoulder \$400,000,000 of debt as a result of taking over the road. It was had, he said, to disagree with the minister of finance, because of his attractive personality, but with reference to the Canadian Northern transaction, he was reminded of an ention of the profile of the profile of the war they began to pay their income taxes they would wonder the began to a growing rapidly after they began to pay their income taxes they would wonder the Borden administration had been as careful of expenditure as it should have been.

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Brants, to win, 8 to 0. It was a rare day for the rooters, who had been awaiting Knotty's first trip to Hamilton.

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Debt Held in Canada

The minister of finance, said Mr. McMaster, had announced amid loud applause that approximately three-quarters of Canada's debt was held at home. He granted that there was a certain advantage about owing money in Canada rather than abroad, but this advantage was largely nullified by the fact that government bonds held in Canada were not subject to income tax.

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The government was at fault in that it had not adopted direct taxation earlier for the excess profits tax was not imposed until the war was well on.

Cause for Alarm

The fact that only \$10,000,000 had been collected under the income tax said Mr. McMaster, was evidence that this tax had not been properly collected. The revenue from it should have been twice as much. The estimated expenditure for the present year was \$456,000,000. Assuming that the population of Canada was \$,000,000 this meant a per capita expenditure of \$57.06. Thoughtful people, he declared, were alarmed at the expenditure of the government. He charged the administration with reckless expenditures along many lines.

Claims No Logic.

Turning to the tariff Mr. McMaster argued that the minister of finance had announced that he was removing the war taxes from a large number of articles upon which it had never been placed. Mr. McMaster asserted that little logic had been shown in the tariff changes, They constituted merely an attempt to hold divergent interests together by giving them special pfivileges.

The speaker remarked that is well-known rule that no matter could be debated twice in the could be debated twice in the same session. The present amendment was now before him for the first time and he had been given no opportunity of comparing it with a similar amendment moved by Mr. McMaster at an earlier stage of the session. He would, however, put the amendment, reserving the right to give an opinion later whether it was in order or not.

MEXICAN OUTLOOK GROWING WORSE

Look for Federal Garrison at Juarez to Surrender.

El Paso, Tex., June 9.-A courier reached Juarez late today from Villa Ahumada, 84 miles to the south bringing confirmation of the reported presence there of a strong force of rebels under command of General Belipe Angeles.

Shortly after the arrival of the courier, American business men and well-to-do Mexicans commenced moving their valuables to this side of the river. Before 8 p.m. the exodus had become general.

There are persistent reports of fighting at Tierra Blanca, a station on the Mexican Central, fifteen miles from the border. Villa sympathizers in El Paso fre

predict that Juarez will be attacked before morning, and that the federa garrison will surrender without & struggle. It was reported here today that General M. M. Murrieta, collector of customs at Juarez, had removed the

official funds of his office to El Paso, and also had sent his family across the international bridge.

Rebel Activity. Washington, June 9.—Rebel activity in Southern Mexico, especially in the region of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec Railroad, has grown more serious, of ficial advices from Mexico City state

All traffic on the railroad between Vera Cruz and Tierra Blanca was sus-pended the day after General Denmy, gion, was killed, some days ago, and has not been resumed. The rebels also attacked recently the city of Medel-

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