

RETAILER SCORES CLOTHING REPORT

Clothier Disclaims Exorbitant Profits, as Stated by Commissioner.

PRICES GOING UP

British Market Reports Forecast 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...

The matter of fact woollens and trimmings have increased fully 200 to 300 per cent. since 1916, and labor has increased at least 50 to 75 per cent.

Further, even should Canadian manufacturers reduce their prices 8 to 10 per cent, such a reduction will not make any difference.

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"The only man in the clothing business with whom the general public comes in contact is the retailer."

"With regard to the question of retained soldiers, our company for the last two years has been giving all returned men liberal discounts—from 10 to 15 per cent. off advertised prices."

"Other Toronto dealers in woollens and clothing have been given all the part which has been prepared at the cost of living commissioner at Ottawa, in which are included cheaper cloth, both wool and cotton."

Those, Birell, of Finch and Birell & Co. stated yesterday after they had been a drop in cloth shortly after the armistice, yet there had been a steady rise since then, and the price was higher than they have been for some time.

"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."

"The names of Major Tolmie and Harley Dewar are favorably mentioned in connection with the party leadership."

HAMILTON NEWS

Hamilton, June 9.—While a number of business plans throughout the city closed this afternoon in honor of the return of the 64th Battalion in command of Lieut.-Col. A. B. Carey, Hamilton merchants this afternoon ignored 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 employees, the presentation being in honor of his approaching marriage.

Poor old Knotty Lee. He got a merciless roasting from 3500 fans here this afternoon when the Shagman toyed with his second division Brants, to win, 8 to 0. It was a rare day for the rosters, who had been awaiting Knotty's first trip to Hamilton.

Nine mills will likely be the tax rate for the county of Wentworth. The council will commence the June session tomorrow and while the rate was only nine mills last year, including the war tax, which has now been struck out, the same rate will be maintained, the extra mill will be spent on road improvements principally.



Controllers McBride and Cameron, Commissioner Harris and Alderman Johnston, among others of the city council, surveying proposed routes for the Mount Pleasant car line.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS RIVERDALE WOODBRIDGE URGENT ACTION TO REDUCE H. C. OF L. Appointment of Committees Waste of Time, Say Local Liberals.

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

Resolved, "that the Dominion government be requested to take immediate action with W. E. 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."

Resolved, "that the present government has outlined its usefulness was the deplorable opinion of the gathering, and that the appointment of commissions and committees by the governing powers of Ottawa, is so much lost time and wasted energy."

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McMASTER MOVES AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET PROPOSALS

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

Ottawa, Ont., June 9.—Mr. A. R. McMaster's anticipated amendment to Sir Thomas White's budget proposals materialized in the commons this afternoon 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 impediments 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 scope 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 amendments of this kind are not to be taken during one session. Speaker Rhodes called attention to this rule when Mr. McMaster moved his amendment, and stated that he would give his decision later.

Mr. McMaster accused the finance minister of negligence and tardiness in bringing down the budget, and criticized a number of expenditures, including those incurred by the taking over of the C. N. R. He maintained that there had been too much borrowing and that too large a percentage of the revenue has been raised by tariff taxation. As for the tariff changes, Mr. McMaster proposed that they should hold divergent interests together by giving them special privileges.

The arrangement in regard to lower freight rates on agricultural implements, Mr. McMaster criticized because of its applicability to one section of the country only. He described it as a "bargain that verges on the immoral."

Mr. McMaster's amendment was not supported by the majority of the members of the house. Mr. Sifton, minister of justice, in a ten-minute speech said he would support the budget because it was not desirable in such times as these that the whole fiscal policy of the government should be changed at one session. He emphasized the present state of world affairs and the uncertainty as to when peace will actually arrive.

At the evening sitting Mr. O. T. Curran said that Mr. Sifton's speech was brief because he was short of argument. He expressed regret that the member for St. Catharines had not taken his duties any higher increased than the United States, and that Mr. Curran had left the government because of its policy of protection.

TORONTO TROOPS COME ON LAPLAND Officers, Cadets and Other Ranks for Toronto, Hamilton, Brantford.

The following arrived yesterday at Halifax (and are now en route by special trains): Major T. A. McDonald, 50 Bloor ave.; Capt. J. F. Hazelwood, 122 Beach ave.; Capt. H. K. Ralph, Gardway ave.; Capt. J. B. Walker, 101 Hampton ave.; Lieut. H. F. Hicks, 150 Church ave.; Lieut. J. W. Wilson, 1118 Davenport rd.; Lieut. W. M. S. Colwell, 85 Yorkville ave.; Lieut. W. M. S. Colwell, 85 Yorkville ave.; Lieut. W. M. S. Colwell, 85 Yorkville ave.

EARLSCOURT PREPARATIONS ADVANCE FOR ANNUAL FAIR Considerable progress is being made by the various committees connected with the Earlscourt fair, according to reports made at the regular fortnightly meeting held at the office of the committee, at 1559 Dufferin street, last night. Alex. MacGregor occupied the chair. The coops for the big poultry exhibit have been secured and arrangements made for a large market for the vegetable section, which is in charge of the president. About one hundred members are on the various committees all working hard to make this year's fair a success.

W. C. ARKELL DEAD. The death is announced of W. C. Arkell, 44, of Boon avenue, Earlscourt, and recently of 23 Asquith avenue, last night. He was the caretaker of the Boon Avenue Baptist Church. The funeral was held at Grace Hospital yesterday. Rev. W. P. Roadhouse, pastor of the church, officiated.

PETER WATSON HOME. Pte. Peter Watson of Earlscourt is home again at Ascot avenue, Earlscourt. He enlisted in 1918, and was in the thick of many battles in Flanders and on the western front. He joined the C.E.F., 12th Battalion. His brother is superintendent of the Boon Avenue Baptist Church.

EAST TORONTO LIBRARIES SHOULD BE OPEN ON SUNDAYS "That the public libraries should be open on Sundays is gaining rapidly in favor among many east-end residents," said a prominent business man yesterday. The public libraries are the only day when the working man can indulge in a quiet time of reading or study, and the means to gratify his desire—the public libraries—should be open on Sunday.

seconded by Dr. Molloy (Provincer), reads as follows: "That the words after the word 'that be left out' and the following inserted therein: 'The proposals of the finance minister are unsatisfactory. They offer no curb against extravagance. They utterly fail to take any adequate steps to relieve the present high cost of living. The revenue from the definite promise of tariff revision downward is used in the development of natural resources of Canada, together with the raw materials entering the home market, and should be reduced, as speedily as may be expedient and just to all interested, the duties upon all other necessities of life.'"

Mr. McMaster had announced and had explained that approximately three-quarters of Canada's debt was held in Canada rather than abroad, but the advantage was largely nullified by the fact that the government bonds held in Canada were not subject to income tax.

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Various small advertisements including 'A foot spec department', 'It's of year welleo', 'Dayll a C', 'Foe M. St.', 'A Pair', 'With Star', 'Gifts of', 'A pair white bristle', 'At \$1.19', 'If You', 'A Roomy Suitcase', 'Trunk, Suitcase, List', 'A deep, roo leather coat', 'Men's Hand', 'Are Spe', 'Percepto Optical Co.', 'Prescription Optician, 442 Yonge Street'.