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ONTARIO GOVERNMENT POSTPONES ACTION ON BONE DRY CELLAR LAW

Details of Bonus to Be Given Civil Servants Announced by Drury Cabinet

CIVIL SERVANTS TO GET BONUS FOR YEAR ON GRADUATED SCALE

Lower Paid Employes Will Derive Greatest Benefit Under Plan.

QUARTERLY PAYMENTS

"In addition to the salaries now received by employes in the Ontario public service a bonus on account of the high cost of living shall be paid for the fiscal year, commencing Nov. 1, 1919," was the decision arrived at by the cabinet yesterday afternoon. The following definitions and exemptions are provided:

Group 1—Heads of households:

Definition—For the purpose of these regulations the following persons may be considered as heads of households: Married men (except those whose wives are employed in the service); widowers, widows or married women, the sole support of dependent children under the age of 16 years.

Any employe, the supporting head of a household, as herein defined, receiving less than $3000 per annum for full time service and not otherwise excluded by the provisions of these regulations, shall receive for the fiscal year the bonus indicated in the following table:

Employes receiving $2500 and over and less than $3000, $120 ;employes receiving $2000 and over and less than $2500, $180; employes receiving $1500 and over and less than $2000, $240; employes receiving $1200 and over and less than $1500, $300; employes receiving less than $1200, $360.

Not Head of Household.

Group 2—Other employes, 18 years of age and over.

Any employe, 18 years of age and over, not the head of a household, as herein defined, receiving less than $1800 per annum for full time service and not otherwise excluded by the provisions of these regulations, shall receive for the fiscal year the bonus indicated in the following table:

Employes receiving $1500 and over and less than $1800, $90; employes receiving $1200 and over and less than $1500, $120; employes receiving $900 and over and less than $1200, $150; employes receiving less than $900, $180.

Group 3—Employes under 18 years of age.

Any employe under 18 years of age, receiving less than $900 for full time service, and not otherwise excluded by the provisions of these regulations, shall receive for the fiscal year a bonus of $75.

Where both husband and wife are employed in the service, the amount

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LABOR SITUATION IN MADRID SERIOUS

Thirty Thousand Masons Out of Employment as Result of Lockout.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—The labor situation in Madrid and Barcelona has undergone no improvement, the situation in Madrid becoming more serious. Thirty thousand masons are out of work as a consequence of the lockout.

The strike of the tramway employes continues and the company is able to run only one third of its cars. The tramways in service are guarded by police armed with rifles.

At Barcelona the flour milling companies have closed down and there is only sufficient flour in warehouses for three days. The water, gas and electric workers of Barcelona are threatening to strike.

Despatches received today say that 3,000 miners at Almaden, 65 miles north of Cordova, have gone on strike.

MAROONED ON ISLE IN LAKE SUPERIOR

Eight Persons, Including Five Children, Believed to Have Starved or Drowned.

Duluth, Dec. 24.—Capt. E. A. Oberg, his two sisters and five children are believed by Edward A. Gates, keeper of the light at Passage Island in Lake Superior either to have died of starvation or to have been drowned near Tobin's Harbor, Isle Royale, in an attempt to leave the island. The Oberg party spent part of the year fishing at Isle Royale.

Gates, who was taken off Passage Island on December 19 by a tug which plowed thru heavy ice, and arrived here today, declared that the Obergs on Nov. 19 were practically without food. They had a small power boat and Gates expressed the belief that it would be unable to break out of the ice which formed around the island after No. 19.

When last seen the Obergs were expecting to be taken off by a government lighthouse tender, which did not make that port because of heavy seas.

HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS ROCKEFELLER'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

Half Goes to Raise College Professors' Salaries, and Other Half to Medical and Scientific Research Work—Five Millions to Be Devoted to Promote Medical Education in Canada.

New York, Dec. 24.—John D. Rockefeller today gave to mankind a Christmas present of $100,000,000—half to the general education board to raise the salaries of college professors and half to the Rockefeller foundation to aid in its work of combating disease thru improvement of medical education, public health administration and scientific research. It is estimated that Mr. Rockefeller's public gifts now approximate $450,000,000.

While leaving to the general education board the task of selecting the college which shall receive awards for their teaching staffs and the amount each is to receive, Mr. Rockefeller urged that the principal as well as the income be used "as promptly and largely as may seem wise."

The trustees of the Rockefeller foundation also are authorized to utilize both the principal and income of the gift, in connection with which Mr. Rockefeller added that if the board "should see fit to use any part of this new gift in promoting medical education in Canada, such action would meet with my cordial approval." Such action will be taken, according to Dr. George E. Vincent, president of the foundation, who stated tonight that the trustees would be asked to set aside $5,000,000 for this purpose.

It is known that for a long time Mr. Rockefeller has been interested in the problem of aiding teachers in the country's higher institutions of learning in meeting the increasing cost of living. Among the 600 colleges in the United States, campaigns are under way to raise approximately $150,000,000 for this purpose, and while in making his gifts Mr. Rockefeller does not specify institutions receiving a share shall contribute a sum themselves, this has been the general practice of the general education board.

In transmitting his gift to the Rockefeller foundation "to promote the well being of mankind thruout the world," Mr. Rockfeller imposed no restriction, altho he expressed special interest "in the work being done thruout the world in combating disease thru the improvement of medical education." Alluding to a gift of $20,000,000 for this purpose which he made to the general education board this year, he said:

"My attention has been called to the needs of some of the medical schools in Canada, but as the activities of the general education board are by its charter limited to the United States, I understand that gift may not be used for Canadian schools.

"The Canadian people are our near neighbors. They are closely bound to us by ties of race, language and international friendship; and they have without stint sacrificed themselves, and their youth and their resources to the end that democracy might be saved and extended. For these reasons, if your board should see fit to use any part of this new gift in promoting medical education in Canada, such action would meet with my cordial approval."

In asserting $5,000,000 would be set aside for Canadian schools, Dr. Vincent said:

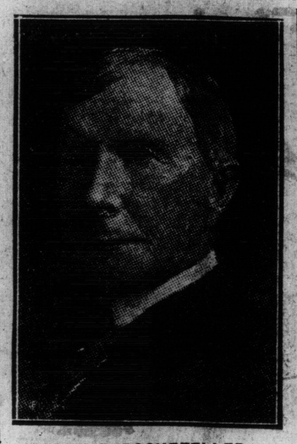
"From this sum appropriation will be made by the foundation to medical schools on conditions that they raise additional funds from other sources. It is hoped that $5,000,000 thus employed by the foundation at this time will give a distinct impetus to the development of medical education in Canada.

"The new gift will also enable the foundation to extend work already in progress in the medical education and public health in many parts of the world."

CARSON APPEALS FOR BROTHERHOOD

Belfast, Dec. 24.—Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Irish Unionist party, in a message to Ulsterites today appeals to them to exercise reason and patience in trying to restore normal conditions and "Above all things to bring about brotherhood and friendship."

Sir Edward says he hopes 1920 will be a year of "real and genuine peace at home and abroad."



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

REACH AGREEMENT WITH D'ANNUNZIO

London, Dec. 24.—The Italian cabinet yesterday approved an agreement reached by the government with Gabriele d'Annunzio regarding Fiume, according to a Rome despatch to the Central News.

It is semi-officially announced, the despatch adds, that the terms mentioned in Rome despatches as constituting an agreement by which the Italian government would keep the whole of the armistice line in its possession and reaffirm the right of Fiume to decide its own fate, were, in fact, the terms suggested by representatives of Fiume, while the agreement approved yesterday was on the basis of proposals made by the Italian government.

INDIAN TRIBESMEN MAKE ATTACK ON TRAIN

London, Dec. 24.—Advices from India report that a train was attacked recently on the northwest Indian frontier, four miles from Thal, by tribesmen. The engine was derailed and the tribesmen fired on the train, killing ten and wounding sixteen Indian soldiers. The attacking party afterwards robbed the passengers on the train.

THE EXCHANGE SITUATION.

British pound ($4.86) in New York, $3.83; discount 21.09 per cent.

Canadian dollar in New York, 91c; discount 9 per cent.

SALE OF THUNDER BAY TIMBER POSTPONED BY LANDS MINISTER

Representations of Hartley Dewart Put Stop to Transaction—Sale Not Advertised—Liberal Leader Now Wants Copy of Circular Sent Out

Hon. Beniah Bowman, minister of lands and forests, has written to H. Hartley Dewart, stating that consequent upon information received by him, the sale of timber on an area lying to the east of Gull River, in the Thunder Bay district, has been postponed pending further investigation of the conditions. "You will be pleased to learn this," Mr. Bowman states, "and you will not require my assurance that the department will endeavor to fully safeguard the public interest. The minister apologizes to Mr. Dewart for delaying his reply, which was caused by his absence from the city and pressure of urgent matters since his return.

Dewart's Further Request.

Mr. Dewart has now sent the following letter to Mr. Bowman:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letters of the 16th and 17th inst., in reply to my letter of the 8th. Whether the information was obtained by the department prior to the receipt of my letter or not may be the subject of subsequent inquiries. I do not for one minute doubt your good faith in accepting the word of your officials. The important matter, however, is that the sale has been postponed, and I am glad to know that we have been able to block the proceedings of certain interested individuals.

"I note your suggestion that I shall not require your assurance that the department will endeavor to fully safeguard the public interest. Most people, however, prefer to have your assurance as minister to that of the department.

"Your letter of December 17th, in reply to mine asking for a copy of the file No. 28303, which contained the notice that was sent out to crown timber agents, is also noted. You say that you find it has not been the practice to allow files to go out of the department. All I wanted the department to do was to let me have a copy of the only notice that was sent out, and my reference to the file No. was to indicate specifically that it was this matter. Mr. Grigg has already intimated that the department does not allow the files to go out. He knows perfectly well that I am well aware of that fact; but I think I am entitled as leader of the opposition to a copy of the document showing just what notice was sent out. I do not know what the rule has been in the past, but it is a poor rule that will prevent my obtaining a copy of the notice that your deputy sent out for the department over his own signature, and which so narrowly missed allowing a fraudulent sale to be perpetrated."

Signed by Deputy Minister

Mr. Dewart first directed the attention of Mr. Bowman to the question of the proposed sale of the timber on Dec. 8, and a copy of the letter appeared in The World of the following day. The Liberal leader directed attention to the fact that the document calling for tenders was signed by Albert Grigg, the deputy minister, that the area of timber involved was 128 square miles, and that no notice of sale had appeared in the local papers of Port Arthur or the district, so far as could be ascertained. "The sending out of circular letters by a deputy-minister to crown lands agents," said Mr. Dewart, "is not a method of advertising that can be approved. I am advised that timber contractors did not receive the circular. The Black Sturgeon and Sie river sales are sufficiently fresh in the minds of the people of Port Arthur, and there will be a strong protest against any repetition of that performance."

EARLY CONCLUSION OF RACING INQUIRY

Rutherford Report Coming Very Soon—Parliament Will Amend Law.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The enquiry into race track betting which is being conducted by Dr. J. G. Rutherford of the Railway Board will be concluded early in the New Year when Dr. Rutherford will make his report in time for its presentation to parliament. There will be one more hearing before the taking of evidence closes. It will be held at Ottawa in the early part of January. The inquiry, which was commenced during the autumn months, has been delayed because Dr. Rutherford had to go west in his capacity as commissioner of the railway board.

Legislation relating to race track betting based upon the report to be made by Dr. Rutherford will be introduced and passed by parliament at the approaching session. In the meantime, because of the rescinding of the war time orders-in-council relating to betting, conditions at race tracks are restored to the position they were in in 1917 before the war time restrictions were passed, but betting can take place only at a few winter ice meetings and parliament will have adopted its policy before the time arrives for the spring racing events to open.

THOUSANDS AT WORK ON FRENCH MILLS

Textile Industry is Fast Being Restored to Its Pre-War Efficiency.

OUTLOOK IS OPTIMISTIC

Lille, France, Dec. 24.—Forty thousand persons are at work in the French textile mills, which only a few months ago were razed or looted by the Germans of their wonderfully delicate machinery. The correspondent of the Associated Press was given the facts with reference to this industry today by French authorities, who arranged a trip to show him the strides made by the nation in reconstruction.

Within a year, government officials and manufacturers agree, production of textiles will reach half of the pre-war total, and within two years, these men forecast, the 1914 output will be surpassed.

The wool industry is said to be recovering most rapidly, with cotton in second place. Linen weaving is reported to be slowest in getting back to normal because of the shortage of flax, formerly obtained from Russia.

In Lille and the adjoining cities of Roubaix, and Turcoing, where the textile manufacturers are centred, it is estimated 30,000 men, women and children are now busied with combing, spinning and weaving, and approximately 10,000 are employed in the smaller mills of surrounding towns, where progress is slower, but is being pushed with equal vigor.

Statistics compiled by the government from necessarily accurate statements, upon which factories are paid reconstruction indemnities, show that in the Lille district on October 1 last there were 36,384 persons working in 162 textile plants, compared with 106,066 employed before the war in 265 factories. In all of the 491 textile mills of the liberated regions there were employed in August of this year only 21,027 of the 152,948 persons at work four years ago.

Reconstruction of the textile industry was declared by manufacturers a few months ago to be almost a hopeless task. At least, they said, it would be so slow that France would lose her world trade in textiles. Now, however, a brighter view is being taken, and government figures show the industry has reached two-fifths of normal production. Manufacturers themselves concede that the output is at least one-third of that before the war. All agree that rehabilitation is proceeding more rapidly each month as the looted machinery is being returned from Germany or new installations are coming from England and the United States. Some of the equipment was not removed, but merely damaged by the Germans and this is being repaired.

MANDAMUS ACTION AGAINST CITY OVER VACCINATION DROPS

Judge Rules Crown Necessary as Party for Suit to Succeed.

PROVINCE HANGS FIRE

"The provincial board of health has no status to move for a mandamus requiring the city to order general vaccination." This was the decision of Mr. Justice Sutherland, given at Osgoode Hall yesterday afternoon. He added that if the crown consented to be added as a party, an order might be made in the present motion. He also suggested that a ratepayer might move, but in that case he would require to hear further argument.

Asked regarding the foregoing last night Premier Drury said that while the matter had been considered there was no official statement to give out.

Government Drops Mandamus.

The World was, however, informed in official circles that the government was not in the least degree likely to join in the suit, so that it is probable nothing further will be heard of the matter in legal circles. It was also learned that the view was fairly generally prevalent among the administration that, owing to the general unrest and divergence of public opinion on the question of vaccination it would not be desirable to move further. It is believed that an educative policy on the whole matter would be far preferable to the compulsion sought by the provincial board of health. A further argument used was that the disease is now on the wane, and that practical quarantine of the city was neither necessary nor desirable.

The proceedings at Osgoode Hall were commenced at the instigation of the provincial board of health without, it is stated, the consent of the cabinet, altho Hon. Walter Rollo, minister of labor and health, was present at the meeting when it was decided to institute action against the city council. The minister, in giving his assent, was largely guided by the opinions of the medical officers.

DIFFERENT HOLIDAY FOR MONTREALERS

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Today there was something in the nature of an epidemic, judging by the increase in the number of doctors' prescriptions issued, which were subsequently filled at the offices of the licensed liquor vendors here.

It was, however, a very different Christmas Eve downtown to what was the case last year and many years previous. The hotels were deserted and there were no gay throngs saluting friends and strangers alike and calling for the customary "Tom and Jerry." Hotels were quiet and even dreary.

A member of the Quebec legislative assembly stated today that he believed it was intended to grant ten more licenses for Montreal at the next session, making 22 in all.

There is a new license bill before the assembly and a number of its clauses have already been drawn up, but details are not yet available.

ONTARIO CABINET DEFERS ACTION ON NEW LIQUOR SITUATION UNTIL LEGISLATURE MEETS IN FEBRUARY

Full and Impartial Enforcement of O.T.A. Meanwhile—Government Has Consideration for Poorer Consumer—Privileges of the Wealthy.

The Ontario government, after giving lengthy consideration to the new liquor situation arising out of the repeal of the Dominion order-in-council prohibiting importation into the province, came to the decision last night not to take any departure at present from the O.T.A., but to defer the whole matter until the meeting of the legislature in February next.

Commencing Jan. 1, therefore, it will be legal to import liquor to Ontario from Montreal or any other part, and it is stated that thousands of orders have already been placed outside—more indeed than there is any prospect of being filled for many weeks to come.

Official Statement.

The following official statement was issued by the cabinet last night:

"In view of the repeal of the Dominion order-in-council prohibiting the importation of liquor into this province, to take effect on Jan. 1 next, and in view of the inequalities and unfairness that will arise by reason of the fact that wealthy persons will then be able to import and have in their homes large quantities of liquor whilst other persons will be restricted by their circumstances to moderate quantities, the government has had under consideration the announcement of a policy to be made effective by legislation at the approaching session of the legislature to limit importations of liquor into this province after Jan. 1 next.

"But having in mind the objections to retroactive legislation, the government has reached the decision that it ought not at present to make any announcement. Pending the consideration of the whole question by the legislature, the government has given instructions for the full and impartial enforcement of the Ontario temperance act."

RAID FARMHOUSE RESTORE TENANT

Skibbereen, Ireland, Dec. 24.—A party of armed men today raided a farm house near this town and evicted the caretaker and his family. The raiders threatened to shoot if resistance were offered, and after evicting the caretaker reinstated the former possessor of the farm house and placed a guard over it.

HEAVY RUSH ON LIQUOR VENDORS

Hundreds of Applicants Are Turned Away From Oasis, Parched With Thirst.

Any person who becomes sick after 4 o'clock in the afternoon may look for scant sympathy from the government liquor vendor on Front street. It might have been the need of a stimulant for an army of dads following a week of shelling out to the rest of the family but at any rate there was a particularly heavy rush on the dispensary yesterday. At four o'clock the doors were closed and the oasis went dry but it was six o'clock before the tail end of the rush hove in sight. Many persons, thinking no doubt of the desperate state of their health and wondering whether they would last until Friday, pounded on the door and flourished their medical prescriptions but the gentlemen inside, who could be seen calmly counting money and cleaning up, paid no more attention than if the clamorers without had been so many corkscrews.

"Well my prescription will be good another day anyway," said a young man as he philosophically turned away.

The prospect of getting cheer from Montreal after New Year has certainly not interfered with business at the old stand up to the present.

MAY AVERT STRIKE IN LONDON THEATRES

London, Dec. 24.—The ministry of labor has taken a hand in the negotiations to avert the threatened theatrical strike. As a consequence, notices have been issued which will delay the strike until Monday at the earliest, if it takes place at all.

SUMMER IN SOUTH ALBERTA.

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 24.—James Irwin of Cowley was seeding fall wheat on his farm there this morning when stopped at noon by a heavy shower of rain. Summer weather prevails for Christmas thruout the whole of southern Alberta.

UNITED STATES RAILWAYS TO BE RETURNED TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP ON MARCH FIRST

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Wilson tonight issued proclamations returning the railroads and express companies to private control March 1.

Failure of congress to enact remedial legislation was given as the reason for extending by two months the time originally announced for relinquishing government control of the railroad properties. In his message to congress last May President Wilson said the roads would be turned back at the end of the calendar year.

"No agreement having yet been reached by congress," Secretary Tumulty said in announcing the proclamation, "it becames necessary in the public interest to allow a reasonable time to elapse between the issuing of the proclamation and the date of its actually taking effect. The president is advised that the railroad and express companies are not organized to make it possible for them to receive and manage their properties if actually turned over to them December 31.

There are indications of a lively fight before either house adopts the other's postion on anti-strike clauses of the bill or the question of continuing the government guarantee to the roads until they can obtain increased rates to meet advanced operating costs. Also it was said tonight in congressional quarters that because of the president's decision no attempt would be made to rush thru the necessary legislation.

Inasmuch as the staffs of the various systems have been retained virtually intact by the railroad administration, the return of the railroads to private control will involve legal and financial rather than operating questions. Those departments of the railroad administration will remain in existence with increased personnel for months after the operating officers have left the government service. Swagar Sherley, former chairman of the house appropriations committee, and now director of finance for the railroad administration, probably will be the man chosen to wind up the government's business in railroading.

Express Companies' Position.

Even bigger problems confront the express companies. Consolidated into one system under government operation, the four original corporations are reported to have asked the department of justice if there would be any violation of the Sherman anti-trust law in their remaining united.

In two years of physical possession of the railroads the government has encountered a deficit of approximately $646,000,000, according to estimates submitted by Mr. Sherley to Senator Cummins. When the roads were taken over January 1, 1918, congress guaranteed them a rental of $900,000,000 annually, based on the average income of a three-year test period. Operating revenues in 1918 fell $236,000,000 below the standard return and this year will be about $250,000,000 under that amount. The remainder of the deficit has been incurred in expenses of administration, inland waterways, etc.

Two appropriations have been made by congress, one of $500,000,000 and the other of $750,000,000, much of which has been used as a revolving fund by the railroad corporations and for the purchase of new equipment. These amounts will be repaid to the government.

After the president's proclamation was announced, Director-General Hines made public a message to all officers and directors of the railroad administration, thanking them for their co-operation in the past and bespeaking their best efforts in the remaining period of federal control.

STRANGE MURDER STIRS MICHIGAN

Son of Millionaire Found Shot in Auto Near Mount Clemens.

BODY WAS NOT ROBBED

Special to The Toronto World.

Mt. Clemens, Mich., Dec. 24.—The murder of J. Stanley Brown, a wealthy young man of this city, who was found in his automobile in a secluded spot of the Romeo plank road, about four miles from Mt. Clemens, with four bullet holes in his neck and a battered skull, has completely baffled the expert sleuthing talent of Macomb county. The only clue the officers have to the assailant are a wrench, which was found lying in a pool of blood near Brown, and a coat, evidently belonging to a machinist, as it contained many grease spots.

Brown, who was found by a farmer, had his hands on the steering wheel and his foot on the brake, evidently bringing the machine to an abrupt stop before being shot. The bullets severed the spinal column at one point, two entering his brain. The shots were directed from a very close distance. It is understood that a local taxi driver may be implicated within twenty-four hours.

Mrs. Brown, 29 years old, wife of the victim, was today apprehended by the authorities, but was later released by Prosecuting Attorney Lynn Johnston, who is of the opinion that she is totally ignorant of the crime. She turned over to the officers several letters, said to have been written by her husband.

Brown's domestic relations have at times been quite turbulent. Recently the man sued for a divorce in the courts here, claiming gross cruelty on the part of the wife. However, friends brought them together again. After a short lived resumption of friendship with his wife, he again applied for divorce, which up to this time was pending. The couple had two children.

J. Stanley Brown was the son of the late John H. Brown, multi-millionaire cigar manufacturer, who died about six years ago in Detroit.

Brown carried a two and one-half carat diamond ring, $20,000 in securities, a billfold containing several hundred dollars in traveling checks and several bills, all of which were untouched by the assassin.

About three weeks ago, an older brother of Brown dropped dead in Detroit after eating a licorice drop.

SIR JOHN ALCOCK'S FUNERAL.

London, Dec. 24.—The remains of Sir John Alcock, who died December 19 at Rouen from injuries received when his waterplane crashed near Cottevrard, Normandy, were brought here today. The body will be deposited in the Maryiebone chapel and conveyed to Manchester tomorrow for interment in the Southern cemetery, after special services at the cathedral.