# YORK COUNTY SUBURBS

NORTH TORONTO

# H. C. OF L. FAULT OF GOVERNMENT

Says J. Walter Curry, K.C., -Refused to Prosecute in 1905.

"The present high cost of living is the result of the refusal of the government of 1905 to press prosecution of the combines," said J. Walter Curry, K.C., at a meeting held in Eglinton Hall last night. According to hand bill distributed, the gathering was to be a "monster mass meeting to discuss the high cost of living, but most of the time was occupied with an exposition

attendance was very small.

J. B. Kerr, who acted as chairman, deplored the fact that so few people had turned out and then called on H. Roebuck to address the meeting.

Mr. Roebuck characterized the gathering as the opening of a great campaign in Ontario. He stated that the natural resources of the country had been frittered away without causing much comment and that thieves of profiteers had been robbing the people while the attorney-general's department slept.

In mixed metaphor the speaker could not understand why. "There never was a time when the farmers were so prosperous and prices so high," said Mr. Macdiarmid. "The unrest started after the past five years was devoid of any political discussions, and most mend during that period were willing to sink all party feelings to help in the great struggle for freedom, with the exception of a few small factions, the leaders of which if the shoe fits they must be some unrest among its members, although the speaker could not understand when the farmers were so prosperous and prices so high," said Mr. Macdiarmid. "The unrest started after

not passed as a protest against the bar." Why has the question been changed from a plain yes or no to the present form? This is not a temperance question but a liquor question," continued the speaker, referring to the referendum ballot. "If you don't want beer will you take wine—for Heaven's sake take it somehow."

appeal to you: did not the entry of Canada into the war necessitate the conservation of our resources and was there not a demand that the bars should be closed? Both sides objected to the manufacture and sale of liquor, and the temperance people on both sides were agreeable that when war was over the question would go to the people. It is now submitted in a

don't." Mr. Roebuck explained that his reference to Dr. Cody was not a critical sm, but the canon had not stated just what his attitude was on the issue. Concluding the speaker outlined Mr. Decluding the speaker outlined Mr. D What About Labor?

In answer to a question from the loor, "What About Labor?" Mr. Roesume of what the soldiers had done during the war and spoke generally of what the veterans should have. He promised a Liberal establishment of the eighthour day, factory inspection hour day, factory inspection, revenue drawn as much as possible from natural resources. In concluding the latter part of his discourse Mr. Roebuck

Geo Wilkie expressed satisfaction, and eulogized the again united Liberal party. Referring briefly to the labor unrest, he did not wholly blame the government. Now the problem of relationship of wrker to employer must be solved, and Mr. Wilkie stated that W. L. M. King was better able to present a solution than any man in the Dominion.

J. Walter Curry said that he had been asked to speak about combines in trade and to answer statements made by Mr.

Lucas.

"It is not possible to establish an eight-hour day," said the speaker.

ago in this hall, I was asked now inden manufacturers had paid for the resignation. It has been said that I am not entitled to any credit for prosecuting combines as I was only acting under instructions. Information came to myself, was considered by myself, and used at my discretion."

discretion Armed With Warrant. Mr. Curry outlined the activities and organization of one or two of the combines then existing, and told of how he accompanied officers with a search warrant and had personally taken away from the offices of the trust or combine Baker.

Be a pound. He also touched on the women's franchise and several other measures for the benefit of the people. Other speakers were Joseph Russell, M.L.A., Controller Robbins and Ald. Baker. from the offices of the trust or combine books and papers needed for the prosecution. As a result there were some 15 individuals indicted. Mr. I. B. Lucas is alleged to have referred to his efforts in 1905 as "rough-and-tumble work done in a police court," adding that not 15, but 168 indictments had been made by an-

other crown attorney.

The speaker paid a tribute to the advice and assistance given him during the period of investigation by Col. Denison. When pressure of business compelled Mr. Curry to take the documents to his home, a detective always accompanied him and stayed on guard over the books at all times.

Ruined a Member.

The speaker outlined the working of the supply association under investigation, and recounted how the association ruined a member who would not subscribe to the rulings of the combine as to length of credits, etc. He further

to length of credits, etc. He further stated that statutory reports were given by each member of the combine each month, showing that no goods had been lied under association prices, or in way contrary to the rules of the . In spite of the fact that two true

the government was disinclined to continue the prosecution, and as a result Mr. Curry tendered his resignation.

"The present high cost of living." said Mr. Curry, "is the result of the then government. Mr. Curry, "is the result of the then government, to which the present government is the successor, refusing to press the prosecution. That government was not in sympathy with the prosecution, that affected those who were of most help during a campaign."

Concluding, the speaker asserted that he was not ashamed of his work in this connection, even altho it may have been "rough-and-tumble," "and I stuck to it until I realized that the government did not intend to press the charge. After

not intend to press the charge. After that there was nothing left to do but re-

### TRUSTEES TO MEET

A meeting of the school trustee ratepayers of school section No. will be held in Plains Road School this evening, for the purpose of electing a school trustee in place of S D Dusham, recently removed to another

### **MACDIARMID SPEAKS** IN WARD EIGHT

**NORWAY** 

Minister of Public Works Criticizes Political Union of Farming Community.

Delegates to the forthcoming convention were appointed at a well-attended meeting of Ward Eight Liberal-Conservative Association, held in St. John's parish hall, Norway, lastnight. T. Murphy occupied the chair. Hon. Finley Macdiarmid, minister of public works, speaker of the evening, in the unavoidable absence of Hon. the high cost of living, but most of the time was occupied with an exposition of Liberal policies, the referendum and comparisons drawn between the premier of Ontario and Martley Dewart, new Liberal leader. The atattendance was very small.

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while the attorney-general's department slept.

In mixed metaphor the speaker described Mr. Dewart as "one of the best bull pups among watchdogs," and "probably the biggest package of high explosive ever let loose on the province of Ontario."

According to Mr. Roebuck, the most important issue before the people at the present time is the temperance question and the government has already tried to use it against the Liberal party and its leader. He stated that the claims of the Conservative party to be the only "simon pure, and list statement will bear close analysis."

the people. It is now submitted in a Mr. Roebuck charged that the bal-lot purposely tried to deceive the people in the phrasing of these questions.

"Where do McGarry and Lucas stand on the liquor question? Where does even Canon Ccdy, the preacher member of the government, stand? God knows—I don't." Mr. Roebuck explained that his reference to Dr. Cody was not a critical

country, and said the Hearst government proposed to create a department

sions for carrying it out shows government has kept abreast of the times." he claimed.

As the U.F.O. realized their strength hoped the audience would appreciate the truth of some of the things he had they put candidates in the field, both Liberal and Conservative. The Lib. Geo. Wilkie expressed satisfaction, and erals and the U.F.O. are not getting on

eight-hour day." said the speaker. "It is not news to the people that I was crown attorney in Toronto for 17 years, and resigned from that position on May 1, 1916. At a meeting held some time ago in this hall, I was asked how much provided the country, but I am in favor of an eight-hour day if it can be uniformly because the country of the brought about thruout the province. Concluding, the speaker pointed to the measures passed by the present government in controlling the price of fish and enabling the people to procure fish thru government supply at 15c a pound. He also touched on the

RAILWAY EXONERATED

That the Grand Trunk Railway Co. was exonerated of all blame in connection with the death of John Walsh



LABOR MEN AT THE CONGRESS.

The Hamilton committee of the Trades and Labor Congress now meeting at Hamilton. From left to right they are: Wm. Cassady, Aid. C. S. Aitchison, James Roberts and W. R. Rollo.

EARLSCOURT

#### POLITICALS PERTURBED

others, who turn the township of York into a "paradise of privilege." The township does not provide a high school; 124 pupils from the township resort to the city high schools at a small fee. The Telegram rightly says that the township should pay the city \$118.29 for each of these pupils, the net to section and arrangements made for supporting the forthcoming candidates for this northwest district. Rumors are rife that a big surprise packet awaits the voters in the shape of strong independent candidates in opposition to the sitting members. Labor circles, too, are active, and the fight promises to be a lively one, as the returned men are not lying down, and intend to be on the job in good time.

SILVER BAND COMING

Terchlight Procession Arranged to Ald Building of New Citadel.

The Riverdale Silver Band of the Sal- than the same man if he wants to keep

ARRANGE PRIZE PAYMENTS.

met at 1659 Dufferin street last night to make arrangements for the payment of bills and the forthcoming presentation of prizes. There was a full attendance of members.

Streets, water and pavements before advertising their wares in its columns. That would finish the land butche and the home of privilege.

One Bitten.

FAIRBANK POULTRY CONCERT.

A concert was held at Belmont Hall last evening under the auspices of the Fairbank Progressive Poultry Association. A number of local people took part.

JEWISH STORES, CLOSED.

The Earlscourt and district Jewish tores are closed until this evening when they reopen at 6 o'clock. This is the Jewish new year and is observed by all Jews thruout the world.

G.W.V.A. AUXILIARY MEETS.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Earls ourt branch of the G.W.V.A. held a meeting last night at the G.W.V.A. headquarters. Mrs. James Stockley, president, in the chair. isiness was discussed and plans made for the strengthening of the distress fund in connection with the association so to be ready to render assistance during the winter There was a good attendance.

### TODMORDEN

NEWMARKET

EXHIBITS OF HIGH STANDARD.

Large crowds marked the second day of Newmarket fall fair. Judging of all agricultural society.

YORK TOWNSHIP THE HOME OF PRIVILEGE.

Editor World: The Telegram is after the land butchers, tax dodgers and others, who turn the township of York

the city to annex parts of the town-ship that would be willing to come under city taxes? But they won't even let in Swansea or Todmorden. Some of us have tried to have a real metropolitan county or municipality for this very purpose. The Telegram regards with even more repugnance the man who wants to get in the city ready tried to use it against the Liberal party and its leader. He stated that the claims of the Conservative party to be the only "simon pure, all wool and a yard wide" temperance party is ridiculous.

Take it Somehow

"Public opinion in 1916 forced the government to pass the O. T. A. as a war measure and that legislation was more party war measure and that legislation was not passed as a Protest against the bar." Why has the question been changed from a plain yes or no to the present form? This is not a demand that the bars in the legislation was not a demand that the bars in the legislation in schools and other improvements. It is said that they want more farmers vation Army is coming to Earlscourt ext Thursday at a grand musical festivat. This is a to cost \$25,000, and contributions in give a band concert at the construction with the building fund of the provent at the construction of the construction of the construction of the construction and concert at the construction of the construction of the co Land is going to be so cheap with bargain counter sales and new divisions on the Hydro radials that profiteering in town lots may be a lost art. And why has The Telegram not in-sisted on the sub-dividers putting in streets, water and pavements before advertising their wares in its columns? That would finish the land butcher

# **LEASIDE HOUSING READY TO START**

way to erect the first thirty houses in connection with the Leaside, Housing Company, recently formed under the Ontario housing act for the benefit of the Constant was voted upon there was only one voice declaring its support a delegate moved that a genral strike be called unless the order was retained to the effect that the One Big Union pressed their discounters. Canada Wire and Cable Company's employes and for the general development of the town.

For some time past the management of the Canada Wire and Cable Company have had under consideration the advocated the election of labor candipany have had under consideration the housing of their employes, who number upwards of 300 in all departments. At the present time the company has thirty houses erected, the majority of which are occupied by their workmen, and others are in an incomplete condition. It is the intention of the company to finish these as soon as possible.

The new houses will be erected on the company's own land situated on Range company's own land situated on Ran-dolph road, Airdrie road, Rumsey road, Sutherland drive and other sections of the town.

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Different Designs.
It is not proposed to cluster the houses, and the architecture will be in different designs. The sketch shows a group of two of the five basic types, which will be two storey and brick veneer finish. The buildings will be two rooms deep, receiving full light from front and back, with one window to the single bedroom and a double window to single bedroom and a double window to the single will be selected in the political movement. Between 4000 and 5000 trades

The distance between houses will be eight feet. The architect is William Lyon Somerville. Imperial Bank Building, Bloor and Yonge streets.

The estimated cost, it is stated, will be hetween \$2800 and \$3000, including

cost of land. The houses will be sold to the Canada Wire and Cable Comnection with the death of John Walsh was the verdict returned at the inquest held at Mimico last night.

Walsh was killed by a G. T. R. engine when crossing the railroad tracks at New Toronto yards on Sunday last.

Newmarket fall fair. Judging of all classes of live stock was continued through the afternoon. The entries this year are many and of an exceptionally high standard. The directors of the fair hope that this year will be a record one in the annals of the city is also under consideration, agricultural society. at a later date.

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divided regarding the draft, Vice-President A. Martel, Montreal, supporting his action, while Mr. Rees was upheld by Vice-President Baxter of Glace Bay, N.S. They also failed to agree on the suggestion that Secretary Draper be cabled for an opinion. The matter was left in abevance until the

Mr. Moore then read an extract from a reconstruction program he had pre-pared, which called for increased ef-fort on the part of labor following the victory overseas. Vice-presidents Rees and Baxter were of the opinion that the workers had won no victory. The president declared that in his opinion it was as much a victory of the workers as of the people.

Demand that both the drafts should be read was made by Mr. Rees, who said that if this were read in full

members might get a little of the idea in their noodles. "Oh, no, nothing like that," and

similar cries came from all sides.

The report of the council was then submitted and adopted by a considerable majority.

The congress at the morning session was stirred to a high pitch of enthusiasm by the address of Ben Tillett the British labor leader, who is the fraternal delegate to the convention from the British Trades Union Con-

to the effect that the One Big Union should never again be discussed in the conference.

Wants Labor Candidates, dates to both federal and provincial parliaments. "We have got to take a stand in the political field," he declared. "It has been shown to us that we will not get anything until we send our own representatives to parlia-ment."

Mr. Halford was supported by Jas. Simpson, Toronto, who said that the trades unionists of the country needed representatives to directly voice their aims and aspirations. Mr. Simpson declared that it was time the trades

power was increasing rapidly. He then detailed the remarkable progress made by the so-called unskilled workers' union, including the dockers.

Mr. Tillett then took up the political labor movement in Great Britain, pointing out that it included two million trades unionists and a small percentage of extremists.

centage of extremists. Courtesy of Employers. In humorous vein, the British Labor

leader reviewed the different methods ploneers of the labor movement em-ployed when endeavoring to obtain from British employers better condi-tions for their workers, comparing them with the attitude now adopted

by employers towards their employes.
"I am not pandering to the power, that be when I say that we have been met with all possible courtesy," he "The real power of the trades union

movement is expressed in its organization," he reiterated. "We in Great Britain cid more by organization than by all the talk of revolution that has prevailed for thirty years."
Stirs the Congress.
It was in denouncing the conditions under which a great number of British workers live that Mr. Tille't stirred

the congress to a high pitch of indignation Suffering thru the stress of the war similar representation was re-

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Victory for the Workers.

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such circumstances—it is they who should be dead," he declared amid ringing applause. Affain, in referring to sacrifice of life in the war, Mr. Tillett evoked

deafening applause.
Will Continue the Fight. Will Continue the Fight.

"As soon as we can obliterate the memories of the war the better it will be for the working class," he said.
"I will continue the fight for the class who saved the world from militarism in order that a new harvest of brotherhood and love may come to mankind."

Speaking of the resources of Cansel Continue the Fight.

"As soon as we can obliterate the parent from the beginning, founded as it was on force and intolerance the chosen leaders of the labor movement, repudiating the organization from which they drew their finance the class hatred thrucut the country of gambling their whole future on success of sympathetic and native strike."

ada and the enormous possibilities for state and the enormous possibilities for the labor movement in this country, he said: "Let the aspirations of the old world lead you. You are a young people, not bound and girt by the rocks of our little islands. You have the great continent to conquer"

was stirred to a high pitch of enthusiasm by the address of Ben Tillette the British labor leader, who is the fraternal delegate to the convention from the British Trades Union Congress. He declared that workers of the world would no longer submit to conditions which existed before and during the war.

O. B. U. Deneunced.

The One Big Union movement received a decided seback at the evening session when the delegates railing and the report of the executive council, which denounced the movement. For two hours members of the assembly expressed their sentiments for and against the idea, but when the question was voted upon there was only one voice declaring its support.

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"Sedition" Order-in-Council.

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The O. B. U. did not spring into existence as the result of the intol-council. The committee re-council of the principle of collective bargaining not for the o

pressed their disapproval and for the adoption of the report.

Alleges Press Unfair. Allegations that statements made the press of Canada regarding the strike situation in Winnipeg last May were absolutely false and "cooked" were made by Delegate George Armstrong, Winnipeg, in discussing the re-port of President Moore regarding the situation. Delegate Armstrong maintained the men who went on strike there were carrying out the action they had decided upon by votes taken

at meetings of local councils.

He said that President Moore obtained his information from the press. The statements to the effect that the inions had no "say so" were absolutey untrue.

Delegate McCallum, Toronto, de clared that the Winnipeg situation moved every trade unionist up and down the land. R. B. Russell. Rev. William Ivens and George Armstrong had suffered and the rank and file were entitled to know whether they had suffered rightly or wrongly. He thought they should be afforded the opportunity of submitting a written tatement to the members of the con-

Secretary Robinson of the Winniper Trades, and Labor Council said the fight in Winnipeg commenced 13 years

ago.

"All honor to the Winnipeg men for striking," said Mr. Robinson. "We strike again." have no fears and we will strike again

if it is necessary."
He maintained that Hon. Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, without being provided with proper informa-tion, had intimated the strike was revolutionary in character. If he had ended differently. The congress concurred in the re-

port without further discussion.
Repeal of the amendment to the

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Royal Northwest Mounted Po act, which provides for an increanumber of the force and the extensof its jurisdiction to the whole committee. In the opinion of committee, Chairman Wilkinson the extension of the force was necessary. The recommendation necessary. The recommend ratified by the congress followed on the federal health depart

Discuss One Big Union The report of the executive council denouncing the One Big Union was under consideration at the evening the report submitted for ratification said: 'The futility of the One Big

Delegate Brody, Vancouver, disagreed with the report. The mind of labor today is not set on the form of

for the progress of prese events." Vice-President Rees announce he would vote for acceptance of the report of the executive. He said that

he was opposed to the O. B. U. but in favor of united big organizations. He advocated the merging of existing organizations instead of trying to tear them down.
J. W. Wilkinson of Vancouver.

hairman of the office chairman of the officers' report com-mittee, declared that there had been a deliberate attempt to wronk the fin-ances of the international movement to the benefit of the one big union. Referring to the principles under which it was carried on, he said he had never been able to obtain a clear enunciation of them. He said the idea was conceived in deceit and was carried out in fraud, and, further, with reference to the finances, he attempt at wrecking like pirates. The report of the committee was then adopted, with one discontinuous report of the committee was the adopted, with one dissenting voice.

### RIVERDALE

meetling of Dale Presbyterlan Church congregation was held last evening to decide on the filling of the vacant pastorate. Rev. H. A. Berlis, pastor of Rhodes Avenue Presbyterian thurch, was named and the meeting adjourned for one week, when the matter will be finally dealt with. The pastorate has been vacant ince the resignation of Rev. (Capt.)

EAST TORONTO

Morrow was accepted in June last of his being appointed minister emeritus.

The meeting was presided over by Rev. A. B. Winchester, Knox Church,

POULTRY KEEPERS MEET.

A well-attended meeting of the East York Poultry and Pet Stock Associa-tion was held Wednesday night in Patton, president, occupied the chair.

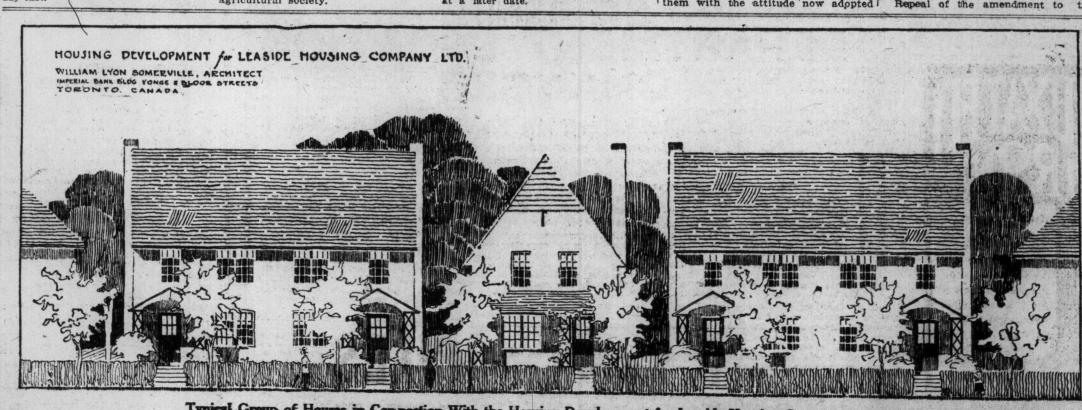
An interesting address on the rear-Snell's Hall, Main street. W. Ge ing and care of poultry was given by Ben Sharp, a returned soldier member of the association. A feature of the proceedings was a practical demonstration how to wash white hirds and was given by William Smith. The chief topic of discussion was the forthcoming twelfth annual show to be held in the Aberdeen Rink, Main street, on October 30, 31 and Novem-

Mr. Patton said there are at pres-

ent more than double the number dal prizes and cups on hand the event over last year, and confidently anticipated the biggest show

in Victory year.

The West Hill Ratepayers' Ass hold their first me meeting of the season tomorrow night at the West Hill Hotel. The speakers for the evening will be F. Richardson, deputy reeve, Pickering; Capt. G. Little, Rev. Dr. Marsh, Pick-eving; Dr. Cartwright, Pickering; Mr. Croker, deputy reeve, Scarboro. The Toronto Eastern radial question, and other business will be up.



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