



NO TENDERS CALLED FOR MOTOR TRUCKS

Department Had Price Lists, Deputy-Minister Tells Committee.

MARKET ABNORMAL Was Necessary to Get the Order in as Quickly as Possible.

At the public accounts committee yesterday Roy Reynolds was again examined regarding the purchase of \$117,000 worth of motor trucks by R. L. Brackin. The latter read from Reynolds' evidence given at the Hamilton trial. In this evidence Reynolds stated that he had decided to order that they must do something for Biggs' but that they did not discuss the amount of form which the "something" should take. Reynolds admitted having given this testimony, and declared it to be true.

Mr. Brackin next read Reynolds' evidence before the committee last week to the effect that in the same discussion referred to, Parkin had suggested giving Mr. Biggs a motor car and that Reynolds had favored giving him a sum of money, suggesting \$3,000.

Mr. McCrea protested against Mr. Brackin's method of questioning and Reynolds was asked to retire from the room while the point was argued. Recalled to the room, Reynolds was further cross-examined on his Hamilton evidence.

Refreshes Memory. Reynolds was asked if he could fix Saturday, March 6, as the day upon which Parkin and he first decided to present Hon. Mr. Biggs with either a motor car or \$3,000 in cash. This he declined to do. We were talking about it every day. He consistently refused to fix any definite time or place when he and Parkin decided on "doing something" for the minister.

Another flare-up occurred when Dr. Godfrey sought to stop Mr. Brackin's questioning. "He thinks this is a court of law," Dr. Godfrey protested. "It is not a court of law," retorted Mr. Brackin. "You can't get up and put an answer into the witness' mouth," he declared. Chairman Curry thought Dr. Godfrey's objection was well-taken. He agreed with Dr. Godfrey that the witness was doing his best to answer correctly. Dr. Godfrey objected to the same question being asked too often. The witness was being "brow-beaten," he declared.

Mr. McCrea protested. "Did you deliberately keep back the information about the car or the \$3,000?" Mr. Brackin demanded. "I deliberately kept it back because Mr. Washington (the examining lawyer) didn't ask me that question. It was none of his business," Reynolds flatly denied having stated that he would be willing to perjure himself or that he had perjured himself against Parkin. "I am not in my trial," he declared. "The committee will resume its inquiry at 9 a.m. next Wednesday."

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LIEUT.-GOVERNOR ASSENTS TO BILLS

Members of the Legislature Silently Honor Anniversary of Vimy Ridge.

STATUTE LABOR ACT Bill to Amend Municipal Tax Exemption Law Given Second Reading.

The lieutenant-governor, accompanied by his official secretary, attended the legislature yesterday and gave the royal assent to a number of bills which have been passed so far this session. His honor was escorted to the Speaker's dias by the prime minister, and the assistant clerk read the list of bills to which assent was given. The proceedings only lasted a few minutes.

The premier, answering a question by Liberal Leader Dewar, as to what settlement had been arrived at, as between either the government or the Hydro-Electric Power Commission with the different parties who claim to have rights regarding the purchase of properties in the township of Brantford, in the provincial county of Hamilton, in an agreement between the Hydro-Electric Power Commission and A. J. McComber, bearing date February 15, 1920, replied the settlement was \$10,000.

With regard to the other question as to whether there had been any change in the proprietorship of the improvements, (A) in the township of Brantford, (B) in the sawmill, river improvements, and other lands and premises said to have been purchased by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission from the Rathbun Company in 1918, (C) the logging camps, buildings and equipments in the township of Brantford said to be owned by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission (D) in the village of Campbellford, said to be owned by the lands appertaining thereto, Premier Drury replied in the negative.

Honored Father (South Lanark). W. J. Johnston returned men, drew and attention to the fact that today is the anniversary of Vimy Ridge, and as the house would not be in session he asked that the house show its respect for the fallen.

The members stood with bowed heads for several moments. Hon. E. B. Bowman's bill to amend the statute labor act so that it will apply to unorganized districts was given a second reading.

Tax Exemptions. The premier's bill to amend the municipal tax exemption act of 1920 was given a second reading after a somewhat lengthy debate. The measure, which met with considerable opposition, provides:

"Where a petition signed by a sufficient number of municipal electors to equal at least ten per cent of those who are fixed for the day of election for mayor or reeve in which a poll was held is presented to the council on or before the first day of November in any year, by-law under the act and setting out the duty desired each year, it shall be the duty of the council to submit a by-law in conformity with the petition to the electors qualified to vote on money by-laws on the day fixed for the poll at the next annual municipal election, and if the voting is in favor of the by-law it shall be the duty of the council to forthwith pass the by-law, and such by-law shall not be repealed except as provided in section 11."

"If a petition asking for the repeal of a by-law passed under authority of this act and signed as required by section 10 is presented to the council, on or before the first day of November in any year, it shall be the duty of the council to submit the question of the repeal of the by-law to the electors qualified to vote on money by-laws at the next annual municipal election, and if the voting is in favor of the repeal of the by-law, it shall be the duty of the council to pass a by-law decreasing for the following year, and from year to year thereafter, the percentages of exemption in the same proportion as which they were decreased from year to year under the original by-law until the exemptions provided by the original by-law have been wholly removed."

Telephone Debentures. The bill to amend the Ontario telegraph act was given a second reading.

TO DARKEN HAIR APPLY SAGE TEA Look Young! Bring Back Its Natural Color, Gloss and Attractiveness.

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy-tea with sulphur added will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant. Just a few applications will prove a revelation if your hair is fading, streaked or gray. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur soap at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get a bottle of Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound at any drug store ready for use. This is the old-time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients.

While wispy, gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning all gray and faded hair has disappeared, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant.

Denies Report That Varsity Commission Has Been Hoisted Varsity has not yet lost that Rockefeller million, Premier Drury said yesterday. "We do not want to lose that \$1,000,000 if it's possible to get in under conditions that the province can fulfill," said the premier in an interview yesterday afternoon.

Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education, is in touch with President Falconer, who is in New York today, in regard to it, and the situation is being met so far as we know now," assured the premier.

WELL-KNOWN TORONTO FINANCIAL MAN DEAD

Frank I. Somers, well-known financial broker, died in the private patients' pavilion at the General Hospital following an operation performed a week ago for appendicitis.

Mr. Somers was in his 47th year and was born in Barrie, Ont. For some years he lived in Beeton, where he was proprietor of The Beeton World. He is survived by his wife and daughter and son, and by eight brothers, including George O. Somers, of Montreal, G. T. Somers, and B. W. Somers of Toronto, and Fred H. Somers of Winnipeg, the other four brothers being in the United States, also by one sister, Mrs. A. M. Burgess of Pasadena, California.

DEFERRED CABLE SERVICE WILL BE REINSTATE

The Canadian National Telegraphs announces that, commencing Saturday, April 9, deferred cable service with Europe is reinstated. This service is on the basis of plain language and deferment in favor of full rate messages. The rate in all cases is exactly one-half of the regular full rate.

This valuable service has not been available since September, 1918, when it was necessarily suspended because of the congested condition of the cable system throughout the world. The Canadian National Telegraphs and their connections have taken advantage of the first opportunity since the war to reinstate this service.

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BRANCH LIBRARY FOR RODEN DISTRICT

Strong Deputation of Rate-payers Leads the Board to Take Action.

Plans for a branch library for Roden district to be situated in the vicinity of Gerrard street and Ashdale avenue, will be submitted to the Toronto Public Library Board by the chief librarian, Dr. George F. Locke, in view of the necessity for immediate relief in that vicinity as evidenced by the strong deputation of Roden ratepayers, has led the board to seriously consider the erection of a portable library until the permanent structure is erected.

Demolition of the three cottages on the eastern branch library site, is taking place, according to Mr. W. H. Lee, chairman of the board, at the regular monthly meeting held yesterday. The plans for the new library are almost completed, and tenders will be asked for by J. P. Hyne, the architect.

Past President Banton was presented with a splendid enlargement of himself, by the chairman, and a duplicate will be hung in the Eastcourt library.

An increase in books of 110,000 was reported by Dr. Locke, for the first three months of the year.

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Ontario Beware! Prohibition Victories Are Short Lived Look at Manitoba

IN considering the issue at stake in the coming Referendum, the deep-thinking men and women of Ontario should beware of being stampeded into voting for a condition which will be intolerable, unsafe and merely temporary. Not only are so-called Prohibition arguments based on merely superficial conclusions, but they pay no heed to the fact that absolute prohibition of liquor encourages greater and more threatening evils.

A NATIONAL HABIT, no matter what its origin, cannot be eradicated by law—hence the short-lived triumphs (!) gained by the Prohibitionists.

Doctors object to being bartenders One Manitoba doctor, recently suspended, is reported to have given 10,000 liquor prescriptions during a one-month period. Through a resolution to be moved in the Legislature by Dr. R. J. Waugh, Norfolk (Manitoba), the medical profession of Manitoba will ask to be relieved of the responsibility of administering the Manitoba Temperance Act. According to Dr. Waugh, the present Act places the medical profession in the position of bartenders for the Province.

Are the doctors of Ontario to become provincial bartenders like those of Manitoba, or shall we have sane, practicable legislation governing the distribution of liquor, legislation conducive to true temperance?

Vote "NO" in the coming Referendum and sign the League's Memorial for Government Control.

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