HARTLEY DEWART URGES WIND-UP OF HYDRO PROBE

WANTS EVIDENCE IN HYDRO INQUIRY BROUGHT TO END

H. H. Dewart Declares Testimony Will Be Used In Campaign.

PROBE TO CONTINUE

Premier States Commission Will Sit Again on May 12.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, April 20.—The City of London Bill was given its second reading in the provincial house here at 12:30 p.m. today.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 20.—The Legislature got ahead with considerable business today. Before the orders of the day H. H. Dewart brought up the question of the Gregory Hydro Investigating Commission, sitting after this Legislature had been dissolved. He wanted to know if the commission would submit its final report before the house dissolved. The premier said that he understood the commission would sit again on May 12 for a few days taking evidence and therefore would not report to the house. Mr. Dewart immediately moved the adjournment of the house to discuss the matter. He declared that the hydro commission evidence would be used as political football during the election and that the commission should not be allowed to run its "irresponsible course" when there was no parliament.

He trusted that the premier would close up the commission and have it make its last report before May 4. Mr. Raney asked if Mr. Dewart were suggesting any legal difficulties. Mr. Dewart replied that law and decency demanded that the commission conclude its work before parliament concluded its affairs.

It was understood when the commission was appointed that it would report to this house. Mr. Ferguson said that the inquiry, according to talk, had found nothing inefficient in the hydro management. He hoped the premier would see the propriety of having the commission conclude its work. The premier replied that the big work of the commission could not be finished in a day and that its report would be valuable to any government which might come back after the election. George Halcrow, East Hamilton, said that anyone with the welfare of public ownership at heart would have the commission conclude its work.

H. P. Hill (Conservative, West Ottawa) rising to a point of privilege explained to the house that he had intended to have spoken on the redistribution bill in favor of proportional representation if the debate had not collapsed in such a sensational way.

Defeat McWhinney Bill.

The house passed through committee the bill providing that it shall not be necessary to get consent of the attorney-general to take an action for damages against railways operated by the Ontario hydro-electric power commission.

Second reading was given a bill providing that a change might be made in the character of local improvement works after the bylaw had been passed provided the people decided favorably on such changes.

The house defeated by 20 to 19 a bill proposed by A. P. McWhinney (West Bruce) that county councils could appoint any qualified person as road superintendent of the county. The present law demands that the appointee must be an engineer. Hon. F. C. Biggs opposed the bill declaring it was a backward step. It was pointed out by those in favor of the bill that many counties could have very efficient road superintendents who were not engineers.

A motion to give the bill allowing Dan Samuel Denberg to practice law in Ontario a six months' hoist was declared defeated without formal division. W. H. Price (Parkdale) moved the hoist motion and all government supporters opposed it.

Doubt Treasurer's Plan.

Just before six o'clock discussion started in committee on the motion brought down by Hon. Peter Smith preparatory to his bill establishing a sinking fund to wipe out $61,000,000 of debt in 40 years. W. F. Nickle, (Conservative, Kingston) declared that the scheme would not do what it proposed to do. He declared that if the plan was to work, all no revenue producing accounts of the government must be paid from ordinary revenue. The sum put aside yearly to pay the debt must be taken from ordinary account. As there was a deficit now, it would simply mean adding the amount put aside to the deficit. "What's the use of saying it will wipe out the debt. It may wipe out the debt simply to make another of the same size and we get nowhere," said Mr. Nickle. Hon. Manning Doherty declared nobody ever said it would wipe out the whole Ontario debt. Mr. Nickle, he said, was assuming that there was to be a deficit every year. There was a surplus on ordinary account and so much was to be taken from this surplus to pay into the fund that would ultimately pay off a large portion of the debt. The debate on the motion was adjourned as Hon. Mr. Smith had to catch a train.

The house adjourned at 6 o'clock until Monday.

CITY FIREMEN KEPT BUSY PUTTING OUT GRASS FIRES

An epidemic of grass fires seems to have hit the city, and during the past week or so all the fire apparatus in London has been kept on the hop extinguished blazing fields.

Yesterday was almost a record-breaking one, with nine grass fires. Three fires were extinguished this morning, and up to 4:30 yesterday afternoon, the department responded to six calls to every section of the city.

The grass fires extinguished yesterday afternoon were at the following places: 960 Waterloo street, 993 Maitland street, rear of McCormick's factory, Egerton street and Hamilton road, two on Langarth street, and one at Salisbury and Quebec.

Resplendent Decorations To Feature Royal Wedding

Three Gorgeous Processions Will Mark Ceremony To Be Held at Westminster Abbey Next Week.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 20.—Three processions will march down the ancient aisles of Westminster Abbey at the wedding of the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon on April 26. The first will be that of the royal family, led by the King and Queen, followed by Queen Alexandra, escorted by the Duke of Connaught.

The principal clergy for the ceremony, garbed in their most resplendent robes, will then proceed to their places. After a pause, the bridal procession will follow, headed by minor clergy of the Abbey and the choir in their rich scarlet cassocks. Lady Elizabeth will pass through the nave with her father, her train carried by two bridesmaids, and behind them the other six attendants in pairs.

When the responses and prayers are done, the principals in the ceremony will go to the Edward the Confessor Chapel to sign the register on a huge table of ancient oak over the confessor's tomb. Without further delay the wedding party will drive back to Buckingham Palace, the King and Queen going first so as formally to greet the bride and bridegroom at the head of the grand staircase.

Crimson and gold will brighten the interior of the dim old Abbey on the wedding morning. Bright crimson carpet will be laid from the west door to the sacrarium, where the actual ceremony takes place.

On either side golden chairs will be placed for relatives and intimate friends. The members of the royal family are to have places on the south side with the King and Queen and Queen Mother seated upon three golden thrones. Facing them from the north side will be the parents of the bride, the Earl and Countess of Strathmore and Kingborne.

1,000 HOMELESS AS FIRE SWEEPS W. VIRGINIA TOWN

Defective Flue Blamed For Disastrous Blaze In Burke.

PEOPLE HELPLESS

Mining Centre Without Fire Protection a Prey To Flames.

Associated Press Despatch.

Bluefield, W. V., April 21.—More than a thousand persons were rendered homeless and property valued at a million dollars destroyed late yesterday by a fire which completely wiped out the town of Burke, McDowell County, 25 miles west of Bluefield.

The fire was checked tonight after it had spread to the adjoining village of Keystone and had destroyed three buildings there. More than 100 buildings in Burke were burned, including 25 cottages belonging to the Houston Coal and Coke Company. Two small structures in the entire village alone escaped damage.

The town was without fire protection, and most of the buildings were of wooden construction. The fire, starting in a double frame dwelling, spread rapidly from house to house. The tracks of the Norfolk and Western Railway divide the two mining towns.

McDowell County authorities were making every effort tonight to provide shelter for those made homeless. The fire was believed by officials to have started from a defective flue.

HEALTH INSPECTOR ASKS SCHOOL NURSES

Dr. Farr Claims 2,297 Rural Children Have Poor Sight.

Special to The Advertiser.

Cayuga, April 21.—Dr. Farr, who for many years was medical health inspector of the public schools of Toronto, but is now working along the same lines in rural districts, gave a most interesting address in the Cayuga Public School Thursday.

The meeting was well attended by representatives of the educational and health interests of the county.

Dr. Farr, in simple and concise language, outlined the necessity for a school nurse in each locality. He referred to dental, throat, sight and hearing defects and stated that out of 23,924 children examined during last year in rural districts, 2,297 had defective vision and 606 were almost deaf.

Miss Lee, who in her capacity of a school nurse, recently inspected the Haldimand schools, outlined her work of inspection and showed the need of a nurse.

Other speakers were: Inspector Mitchiner, Messrs. Parks, Avery, Martindale, Rev. W. G. Blake and Dr. Billings, all of whom were strongly in favor of the appointing of a nurse.

Obituaries

WILLIAM YOUNG.

Tara, Ont., April 21.—The funeral of William Young, for 40 years postmaster at Tara, and a prominent resident of the town, took place this afternoon from the family residence to Knox Church and Tara Cemetery. The funeral, which was under Masonic auspices, was largely attended. Rev. J. W. Currie officiated, and the pallbearers were Alexander Ray, A. McDonald, William Cooper, George Kennedy, Henry Middleton and Harry Kennedy.

MRS. GEORGE CLIFTON.

Woodstock, April 21.—The death took place last night of Mrs. George Clifton. The deceased, who was born in England, came to Oxford about 38 years ago. Surviving are two daughters and two sons.

GEORGE HOLDEN.

Ingersoll, April 21.—The death of George Holden, one of the oldest residents of East Nissouri township occurred at his home near Kintore. He was born in England and was in his 88th year. Mr. Holden had lived in the district for 34 years.

MELLEN TO VISIT BRITAIN ON DEBT-FUNDING MISSION

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

London, pril 21.—From an authoritative source that can not be disclosed it was learned yesterday that Secretary Mellon contemplates a visit to London soon, the inference that it will be in connection with the debt-funding negotiations.

IRELAND APPLIES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WORLD LEAGUE

Officials of Organization Well Pleased With the Developments.

U. S. MAY YET JOIN

American Nation Taking Great Interest In Justice Court.

Associated Press Despatch.

Geneva, pril 21.—League of Nations' officials are exceedingly pleased with recent developments which they declare tend to show that the league is becoming increasingly strong.

The Irish Free State applied for membership yesterday. Turkey is coming in when peace is signed at Lausanne and the United States, they say, is at least, displaying a burning interest in the court of international justice, a child of the league. Officials also believe that the United States is displaying a greatly augmented spirit of investigation into the doings of the league itself.

The Free States' application for membership is expected to be accepted by the assembly when it meets in September making the league membership 53 countries.

The Free State application will be distributed immediately to members of the league who can admit her by a two-thirds vote at the assembly meeting in the fall.

Mac White, Free States representative in Central Europe, was subjected to a broadside of questions which he answered freely. He insisted that the Free States' admission did not mean she would follow on the trail of Great Britain in the league activities. This statement came in response to a German correspondent who called attention that the Free States admission to the league would mean another British vote, making seven in all.

Mac White explained that it was understood from the start of the treaty negotiations with Great Britain that the Free States could join the league. Mr. Lloyd George had written to Arthur Griffith that he would support such a move.

BRANTFORD PRINTERS PROTEST CIVIC WORK

Claim All But Page of Voters' List Printed In Hamilton.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, April 21.—Brantford printers have entered a protest against the manner in which the printing contract of the voters' list was carried out. When the contract was let to a local printer it was with the understanding that the work would be done in the city.

It was later discovered that only the first page was done here, the remainder being done in Hamilton. The local union also protests against the action of the finance committee in refusing to hear a deputation of citizens who wished to wait on it in connection with this matter.

FAVORS BILL TO AMEND THE ADMIRALTY MEASURE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 21.—A bill received first and second readings in the House of Commons providing for amendments to the admiralty act. Under the bill the governor-in-council is given power to appoint for any admiralty district one or more deputy local judges and revoke such appointment. The governor-in-council is also empowered to appoint for any district or registry division of any district a deputy registrar.

BRANDON SHOE COMPANY TO BUILD NEW FACTORY

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, April 21.—A new factory will be started Monday for the Brandon Shoe Company, according to a statement made here yesterday decision was made at a meeting bebetween the manufacturers' committee of the city council, the Industrial Realty Company, and Mr. A. Brandon.

The new building will be on the site of the one destroyed by fire on March 25, and will be two storys high, 40 by 160 feet. A separate boiler-room and office will also be built. The cost has not yet been announced.

KING'S SIGNATURE DECLARES EGYPT IS A FREE STATE

Succession to Throne Shall Be Hereditary, According to New Constitution.

TO EDUCATE WOMEN

Outstanding Feature Is Article Compelling Education of Both Sexes.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cairo, April 21.—The new Egyptian constitution, which was signed by King Fuad Thursday, declares the country to be a sovereign state, free and independent. Succession to the throne shall be hereditary in the family of Mohammed Ali; the official religion shall be the Islamic, and the official language Arabic.

One of the outstanding features is an article providing for the obligatory elementary education of both sexes, to be provided free of charge in public schools. This marks a great educational stride, especially in the case of the girls.

The constitution declares that all powers shall emanate from the nation. The legislative power is to be exercised by the king, concurrently with the senate and chamber, but the king and the chamber alone will have the right to create an increase in taxes. The king may return any bill to parliament for renewed examination, but if then approved by two-thirds majority in each house, it will become law.

The king is empowered to dissolve the chamber and to nominate and dismiss diplomatic representatives on the proposals of the minister of foreign affairs.

IRISH ASK MEMBERSHIP IN LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Free State Will Be Admitted If Two-Thirds of Assembly Give Consent.

Associated Press Despatch.

Geneva, April 21.—The Irish Free State has applied for membership in the League of Nations.

The application of the Irish Free State is made under article 10 of the league covenant, which provided that any fully self-governing state, dominion or colony, not named in the annex, may become a member of the league, if its admission is agreed to by two-thirds of the assembly, provided that it shall give effective definite assurance of sincere intention to observe its international obligations and shall accept such regulations as may be prescribed by the league in regard to its military, naval and air forces and amendments.

CONSERVATIVE GUNS TRAINED ON PREMIER

Orators at W. O. Convention Score Premier Drury For Alleged "Double Dealing."

Premier Drury's ears must have been burning shortly after 4 p. m. yesterday, when the Conservative concluded preliminary organization, and directed their best orators to open upon the U. F. O. administration at Toronto.

J. C. Hodgins, Brampton, was first to bat. He defined the U. F. O.-Labor government as a piecemeal aggregation, concocted after the election by J. J. Morrison and "Jimmy" Simpson. Premier Drury had not even been a candidate, he reminded his hearers, and once in office had said in effect: "Back of my hand to you."

The speaker felt, however, that he could respect "J. J." "a little bit," because "J. J." refused to dicker at all with the Grits, while Drury was wont to run with the hares and play with the hounds."

Mr. Hodgins was quite clear and concise in his opinion of Premier Drury, the one who "was so overcome with his enlarged conceit that he thought he could form a new party overnight, and sweep the country in the mornnig."

The speaker promised that this was not going to happen. The "Grand Old Party" would never allow this in Ontario. Drury, "the man who doubled and turned like the fox," was due for a fall. "The farmers were not like a lot of pellets who had to be told what to do at Drury's bidding."

Dealing largely with matters of organization, Sam Charters, M. P., Peel, found occasion to laud G. Howard Ferguson upon his successful blockade of "Drury's last-minute attempt to befuddle the minds of the electors with a redistribution measure that would serve none but himself."

Hon. F. G. McDiarmid, West Elgin, and one of the survivors of the old Hearst government, devoted a few minutes to a prediction of "a return of the good old days, with the grand old party in power again."

Wilfred S. Haney, Sarnia, and the party candidate in that center, spoke briefly. He did not like the records of either Premier Drury or Premier King and his audience agreed with him.

Eccles Gott, Amherstburg, predicted a change, and urged that the change be brought about before Ontario lost all her citizens, who were leaving for the United States.

BAND CONCERT MONDAY NIGHT.

Instead of the usual Monday night parade of the 1st W. O. R., a band concert by both brass and pipe bands of the unit in the Armories will be held, marking Ypres Day. The 1st W. O. R. is the continuation of the old 1st Battalion, which distinguished itself greatly in the battle which caused the name, "Canadians," to ring throughout the Empire.

LIBERALS FEEL SURE OF VICTORY IN NORTH OXFORD

Will Hold Meeting In Woodstock This Afternoon To Arrange Convention.

G. MAHON DECLINES

Rumored Conservatives Do Not Intend To Contest Riding.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

Woodstock, April 21.—Paths to political victory will be traced this afternoon by North Oxford Liberalism when an executive meeting of the Liberal club will be called for the purpose of arranging a convention and considering candidates.

Never in past history have North Oxford followers of the red banner been so confident of victory as in the oncoming provincial election. Many names are mentioned as prospective candidates. Chief among these until today was that of George Mahon, local solicitor and secretary of the Reform Association.

Declines Nomination.

This afternoon Mr. Mahon announced to The Advertiser he would not let his name be presented before the convention. Unfortunately the election comes at a time when he will be busily engaged with transferring and negotiating mining properties adjacent to the Hollinger mine. The demand on his time will therefore prevent him from considering the proposal of friends that he become Liberal torch-bearer.

Other possibilities are Dr. Atkinson, A. T. McNeil, former principal of Woodstock Baptist College, and Fred W. Bean of Bean and Westlake, biscuit manufacturers.

Tomorrow when the executive meet for the first time in months, they will decide whether to hold the regular convention or a mass meeting. If more than one candidate is available, a convention will be arranged as a matter of form, but should the name of one representative be chosen unanimously, a general mass meeting would be considered the better procedure.

Liberalism in North Oxford has stood and flourished for years' immemorial. Soon after the last Federal campaign a provincial bye-election made necessary by the death of North Oxford's Liberal member in the Ontario Assembly, returned D. M. Ross, U. F. O. candidate. No serious attempt was made to organize the Liberals and interest in the Dominion plebiscite over-shadowed that of the local house. When a U. F. O. man was given the preference it was the first time in more than 20 years that a Liberal had not been returned.

Conditions Different.

This time conditions are radically different and there is little doubt even in opposition circles but that a follower of Wellington Hay will receive an overwhelming verdict.

Information available at this early date is to the effect that Conservatives will not attempt to contest the seat.

A "blue-boy" has never received favor in North Oxford and any effort to shove a Conservative into the political limelight is considered the essence of futility.

R. H. Bogart of the Canadian Furniture Company, president of the Liberal club, will preside at the gathering. The convention or mass meeting whichever it may be, will probably be staged next week. The farmers will of course nominate a candidate, possibly Mr. Ross, and the battle will develop into a contest between these two closely allied parties.

RUMOR A NEW PARTY ORGANIZING IN NORTH

Move To Amalgamate Conservative and Liberal Forces in Port Arthur.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Port Arthur, April 21.—Commenting on a Toronto paper's report that a New Ontario party is being organized in the north, a Port Arthur man who keeps in close touch with the political situation, said he had heard nothing of such a move. It is evident, however, that there is in Port Arthur and district a very strong move to bring about some sort of amalgamation or agreement between the two old-line parties, Liberal and Conservative, the idea being to select with a chance of success, a candidate whose politics would be neither Liberal nor Conservative, but might be described as Port Arthur.

KNOWS NO SUCH PARTY.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 21.—Major Malcolm Lang, M. L. A. for Cochrane, stated yesterday that he knew nothing of the new non-political "new Ontario first" party which, it is stated, is to contest twelve ridings.

"It is all news to me," stated Major Lang. "I don't think it can be done with the election so close. However, it makes no difference to me."

WANT AN HOURLY SERVICE ON CARS AT KITCHENER

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, April 21.—Decision was made bythe county council yesterday following a conference with the light commission of this city to include in the franchise bylaw on Lancaster street, a guarantee that the commission will run an hourly service between Kitchener and Bridgeport with the understanding that a half-hourly service will be inaugurated and continued if practical and profitable. The franchise bylaw will be voted on May 10.

Troubled British Labor Looks to Webb For Light

Indefatigable Leader and Wife Prove Guiding Star To Movement When Perplexing Problems Arise In Ranks.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

London, April 21.—Without Sidney Webb and his wife the labor movement in England would have remained unconscious of its past. Working together in the socialist wing of the Labor party in much the same manner as Mr. and Mrs. Philip Snowden, the Webbs' in a monumental "history" of trade unionism have given back their past to the workers of England. They have put power in the hands of those in the ranks of labor by showing what trade unionism has done in the years that are gone.

Infused Energy Into Party.

A member of the Fabian Society from its foundation, Sidney Webb infused much of his own energy into the Independent Labor party, which he helped to found more than thirty years ago. Many of the advanced thinkers in the present labor world have in their formative years passed under the influence of the present member for Seaham. When the labor party demands formulation of a policy calculated to win public opinion by the merit of its mastered knowledge, it is to Sidney Webb that it turns.

His career is a striking instance of one man dominating many men. He has seen many of his ideas become government policy, while other of his ideas are gathering a party which is likely to be a greater force in England within a few years than many people now realize. He is, and is likely to be for some time, one of the dominating minds in English labor.

Besides their individual writings and lectures, Mr. and Mrs. Webb have collaborated in numerous literary works besides their history of trade unionism. Among their best known studies are "industrial democracy," "a constitution for the Socialist commonwealth of Great Britain," "the prevention of destitution," "and "problems of modern industry."

Is Creation of Webb.

It has been said that the post-war Labor party is largely the creation of Mr. and Mrs. Webb, the fruit of their patience and co-operation with Arthur Henderson, who has had such a long and varied career in politico-labor movements. Henderson has been joint whip of the Parliamentary Labor party, chairman, chief whip, chairman again and is now again chief whip. As secretary of the Labor party he has long been responsible for all its administrative and electoral work, and, as already indicated, to his efforts, united with those of the Webbs, is chiefly due the reorganization of 1918, which, to use Henderson's own words, has enabled the Labor party to stand "for all workers, whether by hand or brain, utterly regardless of the particular social stratum they are in."

With two short breaks he has been a member of the House of Commons for 20 years. Last November Widnes failed him, but Newcastle East has just returned him in a by-election, so he remains in the thick of the fight. During the war, in which his three sons fought and the eldest was killed in action, Arthur Henderson was the first labor member to join the Asquith government, and he continued in one cabinet office or another until, having to choose between the Labor movement and Mr. Lloyd George, he resigned from the government.

Two distinguished converts now sitting in the House of Commons as Labor members are Arthur Augustus Ponsonby and Charles Philip Trevelyan. Ponsonby, whose father was General Sir H. Ponsonby, private secretary to Queen Victoria, was in the diplomatic service for nine years and then became private secretary to Sir H. Campbell Bannerman, prime minister. He entered parliament as a Liberal, but was won over to Labor and stands committed to the party's program of peaceful revolution. He wants the peace treaties revised and the Russian government recognized. Mr. Ponsonby is joint author with his wife of a work entitled "Rebels and Reformers."

Protested Secret Diplomacy.

Charles Phillip Trevelyan, who resigned from the Liberal government on the outbreak of the war as a protest against secret diplomacy, joined the Labor party in 1918. He was, however, defeated for parliament that year, but won a seat from Newcastle-on-Tyne in the general election last November. His father was Sir G. O. Trevelyan, a Victorian stateman and author.

Charles Roden Buxton, son of Sir Thos. F. Buxton, was a rising hope of Liberalism in the short parliament in 1910, but after the outbreak of the war he turned more and more toward pacifism and labor views. He formally joined the Independent Labor party in 1917. Since the war he has traveled much in Europe and lately has conferred with Socialist leaders in France and Germany and made a personal visit to the Ruhr since the French occupation. The Society of Friends, which he joined a few years ago, records him as one of its most helpful members. His wife has co-operated closely with him in all his public works and in the writing of a dozen books on social reform, peace and foreign affairs. Mr. Buxton for Accrington in the present parliament.

Another of the notable recruits from Liberalism sitting as a Labor member in the present parliament is E. G. Hemmerde. At forty-one, he already has won distinction at the bar, on the bench and as an athlete, scholar, dramatist and politician. In parliament where he won early recognition as a debater, he joined the land values group of Liberal members. Among his colleagues in this group were Colonel Josiah Wedgewood and Robert Outhwaite, both of whom have since gone over to labor.

Opposed the War.

Always an advanced radical, Mr. Hemmerde opposed the war and militarism in every shape and made land reform a leading issue in all his electoral fights.

"The Labor party," he said, when he finally joined it three years ago, "is the only party with any practical knowledge of how to regenerate the country." In the election last November he won Crewe from the Lloyd Georgian Liberals in a straight fight with a majority of 555 and a turnover of 3,500 votes.

The wide field from which the Labor party draws its strength is instanced in striking fashion in the fact that Patrick Hastings, K.C., having achieved a brilliant reputation at the bar, is beginning at the age of 42 a parliamentary career as Labor member for Wallsend, which is likely to prove not less distinguished. Since he took sick in 1919 he has been one of the busiest and most successful of king's counsel. Between times he has been able to write a valuable book on land and a four-act play which was produced in the provinces.

Philip Swears He Couldn't Endure His Wife's Taste For Literature

Detroit, April 21.—Divorce is the subject of much modern literature, but literature is rarely a cause for divorce, Phillip Munro, vice-president of the General Finance Co., with offices in the Book Building, gives literature as the reason for the incompatibility of himself and his wife, Agnes, against whom he has filed a suit.

Mr. Munro read Shakespeare and Henry James, while Mrs. Munro preferred the modern weekly magazines and the movies, he alleges. She preferred Larry Semon to Robert Mantell, and refused to sit through an entire performance of Shakespeare, he sets forth in his bill of complaint.

Mr. Munro came to Detroit in 1914 from the West Indies, where his grandfather had migrated from Scotland in the diplomatic service. Troubles of the Munro family began shortly after their marriage in the West Indies in 1907, he says. They parted and Mr. Munro came to a new country to seek his fortune.

RODOLPH VALENTINO HAS TO PAY HEAVY TAX

Officers Make the Movie Star Leave Goodly Portion of His Harvest in Canada.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, pril 21.—Rodolphe Valentino, lord of lovers and deity of dancers, had to dig into his pocket and "come across" with his income tax before he left Toronto. As to just how much was the golden harvest that Rodolph reaped in Montreal and Toronto is not given out, but that it was a goodly little pile may be indicated by the fact that Rodolphe had to pay not only the normal tax, but also the surtax.

The tax officers made it a clean job with the screen lover. They taxed him not only on his arena receipts, but also on the money he derived from the King Edward Hotel supper dance, where the cover charge was $3. As Valentino's percentage was known to be heavy, the Canadian treasury benefitted substantially. Rodolph did not offer much argument against paying the tax. Few of the touring professionals do. The threat of seizure of the box office receipts is sufficient to make them come through with the tax rather than stage an argument over it.

WINDSOR WILL APPOINT ASST. CITY TREASURER

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, April 21.—Accepting the resignation of Building Inspector R. Parker last night, the financecommittee of city council decided to advertise for applicants for the position. More than 50 applications already have been received. The salary of the inspector is $2,000 a year. The committee also will ask for applications for position of assistant city treasurer, which is a new office.

ARRANGING TO SELL DUNDAS ST. BUILDING

Report Old Advertiser Building To Be Sold for Sum in Vicinity of $90,000.

Information that negotiations for the sale of the old Advertiser building on Dundas street were nearing completion reached The Advertiser yesterday afternoon. The purchase amount mentioned was $90,000.

T. H. Purdom, K.C., owner of the building, denied that the sale had been completed.

James Croden, of the Starr Company of Canada, Limited, which is occupying the building at present, stated that the question of the ownership of the lane adjoining the building provided the "hitch" in the proceedings. It may be a question of days before this is straightened out, or it may not be straightened out, thus putting an end to the negotiations, he admitted.

Morley Aylesworth, of the Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation, when questioned by The Advertiser stated he was unable to give any definite word as to the transaction, but heard an amount slightly less than $90,000 mentioned.

F. H. Butler, of the city, is in charge of the negotiations.

HURT AT CHARING CROSS.

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, April 21.—William Leason, 33 Millson st., St. Thomas, was admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday suffering from broken ribs and injuries to chest which were sustained when he fell over a switch in the Charing Cross yards this morning.

Leason is employed by the Michigan Central.

MANITOBA FLOOD STILL ENDANGERS MEN AND FARMS

Many Families Are Isolated From Towns by Lakes of Water.

THREATENS BRANDON

Citizens of "the Flats" Leave Their Homes by Means of Boats.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, April 21.—With many districts in Central and Southern Manitoba reporting a steady rise in the Assiniboine and Red rivers and tributaries during the night, the flood situation showed no improvement yesterday. Many families were forced to leave their homes, others are isolated from nearby towns by lakes of water and thousands of acres of farm land in the low-lying districts have been inundated.

A few districts reported conditions slightly improved yesterday, with the waters receding very slowly. Some improvement is looked for during the next few hours, as the ice is showing signs of breaking and going out, and the situation will be aided materially should this occur.

The most serious condition is reported from Brandon, where hundreds of residents living in the section of the city known as the flats have forced to vacate their homes, while others, virtually surrounded by the fast-rising waters, are making preparations to get to safety. Boats are in use, and the Assiniboine River is fast approaching the dangerous level reached in the 1922 flood.

The weakening of many house foundations by last year's flood tends to aggravate the situation. Sheds and outhouses have already toppled over and have been carried along by the stream. A rise of two feet during the night changed the situation and the river is no longer a running stream, but a huge lake dotted with many islands.

At Glenboro the water reached the highest level known in the history of the district last night, threatening many farm homes and inundating many acres of land. It showed slight improvement this morning, however.

In Winnipeg, the Red River continued to rise during the night, going up three feet six inches during the last twelve hours, but some improvement is looked for, as the ice has broken at St. Andrew's Locks, 20 miles north of the city, and the river is open for a mile along the banks in Winnipeg.

KITCHENER HOTEL MAN GETS FINED AND JAILED

William Witt Convicted of Keeping Liquor Contrary To the O. T. A.

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, April 21.—William Witt, proprietor of the Clarendon Hotel here, was sentenced to three months in the Ontario Reformatory in police court yesterday, in addition to a fine of $1,000 and costs, with the option of another three months' imprisonment, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping liquor in a place other than a private dwelling, contrary to the O. T. A.

Two weeks ago the provincial police staged a raid on Witt's hotel and found whiskey on the premises. It was the second offence, and therefore the jail sentence.

$50,000 IN VICTORY BONDS TURN OUT TO BE "VOIDED"

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, April 21.—After opening a leather trunk which he bought at a sale of unclaimed railway baggage yesterday for $6, a customer received the shock of his life when he saw before his eyes bundles of Dominion of Canada Victory bonds. In feverish haste he started to pull the bundles of papers out of his trunk until there was about $50,000 worth of them on the floor. Just when he was seeing visions of a prosperous future the customer was quickly brought back to earth when he noticed "Voided" was marked across all the bonds.

CALLS EXECUTIVE MEETING OF WATERLOO LIBERALS

Special to The Advertiser.

Galt, April 21.—Mayor J. A. McIrvine, who is president of the South Waterloo Liberal Association, announced today that he had called a meeting of the executive for Tuesday next here, to decide when they would hold a convention.

He said the local association had been urged to put a man in the field and therefore a three man fight looks like a certainty, with Dr. S. E. Charlton so far the only one mentioned to carry the Liberal colors.

FINE KITCHENER MAN $500 FOR SELLING MOONSHINE

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, April 21.—William Love, of this city, charged with selling liquor at his home and also with selling moonshine, was fined $500 and costs in police court yesterday and given one month at Ontario reformatory when hewas found guilty on both charges. The fine was imposed in connection with tne sale of the liquor, and the jail term was given in consideration of the moonshine.

FORESEES RISE IN BRITAIN.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, April 20.—British dealers in sugar, candies and jam foresee a rise of a penny or a penny half-pence in those commodities, due to what is referred to as American sugar manipulations.