

# WILL CONSIDER UNDERPAID CITY EMPLOYEES FIRST

## WE NICE STATES UNDERPAID MEN'S CASE COMES FIRST

Mayor Declares He Will Back Statement to Limit When Time Comes.

### ONLY FAIR WAY

The under-paid employees at the city hall will be first considered when the salary question is finally decided by the city council, Mayor Wenige promised today. "I stand or fall upon that," he declared.

"I want to say this, amidst all this shouting about unfairness and delay in the wage question for supposed campaign purposes," stated the mayor, "that more than one or two employees or officials are to be considered when the time comes. All those who were on the list will be considered, and what is more the under-dog is going to have the preference."

"I don't care who the others are, whether they are the best officials in the country. They are to be considered before those who are in greater need of an increase. I maintain that the \$1,000 a year employee is certainly in need of attention before the \$4,000 a year official. And if I have anything to say about it in the final analysis, I am going to see that his or her case is first considered."

Mayor Wenige today also charged those members of the city council who are supposed to have told city hall employees that "there would be absolutely no salary and wage readjustments this year, and that the entire question was being used by the mayor as campaign fodder."

"Let them speak out and say who it was," declared the mayor. "I have already stated that salaries will be taken up when the time comes. The members of the city council have already ruled that there should be nothing done in this connection until after the British report has been taken up. And I am sticking by that decision of theirs."

Standardization of city wages and salaries, as recommended by Dr. Brittain, is also strongly approved by the mayor, but he held that this problem cannot be effectively and satisfactorily dealt with this year.

"That is a big question," he pointed out, "and one that should be considered the early consideration of the 1924 council and will, if I am here. To have a proper standardization it will be imperative that a minimum and a maximum wage and salary, and then grade all the employees between these figures. It would be impossible to attend to that question before the end of the year. In the meanwhile we should not upset what little standardization we may have."

### LECTURES TELL WAY TO BETTER ENGLISH

Splendid Progress Shown in Course Laid Out by Educational Association.

Splendid progress is being made with the course of lectures laid out for the coming season for the Workers' Educational Association of this city.

Tuesday nights lectures will be given at the public library in "How to Read and Write Better English," together with a short history of the language. These will be under the direction of Professor Spence of the university. On Fridays, at the Labor Temple, a course in public speaking will be conducted by Mr. W. H. Hill, while on Thursday industrial history will be discussed at the library. No lecturer has been appointed for this last series.

A large class in economics has been formed at Chatham by Librarian Crouch, which he himself will conduct on Friday in the public library of that city.

### SUPREME COUNCIL OF MASONS GATHERS

Thirty-Third Degree Members Throughout Canada Assemble in Toronto.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Oct. 24.—All the superlatives of title and rank in Canadian Freemasonry are represented in Toronto today in the gathering from all parts of the Dominion of the Supreme Council for Canada of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masters. The supreme council is the governing body of the Scottish Rite in Canada, and its membership consists of from 70 to 80 Canadian and foreign grand masters, and those who have attained the 33rd degree—the highest rank in the craft.

Practically all the provinces of Canada, and most of the cities are represented directly by supreme council members at the meeting today. The registration list shows the names of prominent craftsmen from Halifax to Vancouver. Sir John Gibson of Hamilton, Ontario, the sovereign grand commander of the order, presided at the sessions. J. A. Cameron of Montreal, former grand commander, and E. T. Malone, K.C., grand treasurer, were among the officers of the order present. W. H. Ballard of Hamilton, Ont., secretary general, was unable to attend owing to illness.

The addresses of Sir John Gibson and other officers indicated that the Scottish Rite throughout Canada is in an exceptionally prosperous condition.

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## Tut! Tut! Alas! Dear Me! The Poor F.P. Has Misery!

Yesterday in half a column of front page peevishness the Free Press expressed its sorrow that The Advertiser had been bold enough to give the disagreement of the jury in the Melbourne murder trial.

The Free Press was so sorry about being beaten that it said publication of the vote in The Advertiser might now force a change in the crown's charge against Murrell and Williams. Not only that, but it was "unethical, if not unlawful."

And, dear me, the Free Press would never have done it. Not even if it had been awake at the time. Which it wasn't.

Two points will perhaps soothe the Free Press fright.

### PUBLISHED DELORME JURY VOTE.

First—On July 23rd, The Canadian Press—the national association of newspapers to which both The Advertiser and the Free Press belongs—sent to all its members the detailed vote of the Delorme murder jury, giving the names of the ten jurors who voted "guilty" and the two who voted "not guilty."

Both The Advertiser and the Free Press published this information in company with papers all over Canada. It was not "unethical." It was merely giving news in which the public were interested and to which they were entitled.

### CHARGE CANNOT BE ALTERED.

Secondly—there is no possibility of the crown changing the charge of murder on which Sidney Murrell was extradited from California.

Certainly no newspaper could turn the march of British justice, but it's nice that the Free Press thinks The Advertiser can.

## MASKED MEN SEEN AT HURON & ERIE EARLY IN MORNING

Western Types, Vamps and Mid-Victorian Maids Take Possession of Premises.

### CLUB HAS CARNIVAL

Masked men were seen in the premises of the Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation about nine o'clock on Tuesday night, and it was not until an early hour in the morning that the last of them were chased off the premises.

Investigation served to make matters even more complicated, for under the masks were found wild western men, stoic celestial vamps, and mid-Victorian maids, and grass-covered maids of the Honolulu type.

The Huron & Erie reported this morning that although the masked men had possession of the building, there was not a dollar missing. It was the Huron & Erie and Canada Trust Company from the various London and St. Thomas branches, and the clubrooms were brilliantly decorated for the occasion.

All appeared in costume and, after a lively reception, a promenade was held, during which the costumes were judged by Major James Cronyn, George T. Brown and R. Kennedy. Prizes were given for best costumes to Miss Cleota Barnett as "Martha Washington," and to Arthur Armitage as "Vamp."

An old-fashioned spelling match was then staged under the direction of Mr. A. R. Kennedy of The Advertiser. The winner of the lady's prize in this event was Mrs. R. H. Luney. The gentleman's prize was given to Mr. J. D. K. Black.

All minister show, headed by Inspector George Metcalfe provided a half hour's entertainment for the evening. Many pertinent and impertinent jokes were cracked, the expense of members of the staff. The end men were: Harold Nugent, "Bones," E. Wright, "Rascals," Bill Shepherd, "Moss," Ken Salter, "Sambo"; pianist, Miss Alberta Kent.

After luncheon was served all adjourned to the ballroom floor of the Huron & Erie, where old-time dances were held under the direction of Mr. D. J. Graham.

The committee in charge of this successful affair was composed of Misses E. Trace, E. Land, R. Merrett, E. Stephen, E. Copeland, M. Walcott, and Messrs. B. Hunt, president Huron & Erie Club, D. McEachern, G. T. Harris, J. A. Black, W. A. Trevelyan, E. Wright, J. Reid, W. Bodgood and George Metcalfe.

## LAST NIGHT'S CELEBRATION COSTS MAN TEN DOLLARS

S. McDowell, 35, pleaded not guilty to being drunk in police court this morning, but he was fined \$10 and costs. He had been charged with being drunk and was fined \$10 and costs.

Police declared he had been "acting queerly" and was under arrest. When McDowell arrived at the station he became so disorderly that he was placed in a separate cell. "Any questions to ask?" queried the constable, said McDowell. "Ten dollars and costs."

## Glengarry Man Willing To Be Someone's Husband

Sends in His Name With Qualifications To Be Entered on Lists of Mayor Wenige's Proposed Matrimonial Bureau.

Who wants a husband? There is a vacancy down in Martintown, Glengarry County, according to a letter today to Mayor Wenige from a resident of that village, who would enter his name on the list of prospective husbands in the matrimonial bureau is established.

The mayor believes that the applicant's desires can be satisfied, and all parties interested will be pleased to have a list containing as many as a dozen eligible ladies seeking mates, and he will forward this list to Martintown.

His worship is enthusiastic about his matrimonial bureau proposal, and that he will furnish the marriage license for the first couple who are married as the direct or indirect result of his activities in this connection.

The letter from Martintown follows: "Dear Mr. Mayor—I saw something in the London papers that made me glad, as I have been trying every way to get a woman. I see where you are going to help those who can't help themselves."

## EXPECT A CROWD TO OFFER REWARD FOR PAT NORTON

Middlesex Officials Agree That Early Action Should Be Taken to Get Bandit.

### ASK SPECIAL SESSION

After the evidence given in the Murrell-Williams murder trial by "Slim" Williams, who led the court room to believe that the mysterious "Pat" Norton was the leader of the robber gang that rifled the cash drawer of the Home Bank, public sentiment in the county of Middlesex is such that the county council will undoubtedly offer a substantial reward for the capture of Norton when the council meets early in December.

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### URGENT ACTION

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He declared that he would have talked it over with any of the members of the council and that there was a strong possibility of a special meeting of the council being called.

He would like to see a special meeting called at once, said Mr. Cousins. "I think that if a reward for Norton was offered, it would not be long until he was captured. I don't think that \$1,000 would be any too much."

Councillor Boler, Westminster Township holds a similar opinion as does councillor Burney Galbraith of Appleton.

There is a provincial reward of \$1,000 for the capture of William Murrell, but not a cent for the apprehension of the man who was the only man to make a clean getaway when Williams, the two Murrells and himself attempted to rob the Home Bank at Melbourne.

The two Murrells made their escape from the Middlesex County jail in September last, when they were the robbery, Sidney Murrell being captured in California last June.

## INSPECTS PROPOSED ARMY HEADQUARTERS

Hon. E. M. MacDonald Will Dine With R. C. R. Officers This Evening.

Hon. E. M. MacDonald, minister of militia and defence, who at noon today will dine with the R. C. R. officers at the proposed site of the new military headquarters. At present the Thistle Bowling Club have their headquarters in this building.

This evening the minister will dine with the officers of the R. C. R. in Wolsey Barracks.

Quartermaster with his party, are quartered in private car on the Canadian National siding.

## CROWN SEEKS TO RECOVER CLOTHING

Continued from page one. "Evidence" was left in the public space of the room.

Questioned further Mr. Watterworth stated that a "city officer" came and took the clothes away. He could not say who the man was, but he believed the man to be connected with the local police department.

"No such thing," declared Inspector Nickle today. "None of our men received the clothing. It is absolutely absurd to think that we went for it. What would we do with it? We had nothing to do with that part of the case. It was then absolutely out of our hands. It is not true that one of our men took the clothes away."

It was hinted at the trial that the clothes had eventually found their way into possession of the late J. B. McKillop, who, as counsel, had at that time identified with the inquest and preliminary hearing.

However, those who were in touch with Mr. McKillop and aware of the procedure he used in conducting the case, state that he never had Russell Campbell's clothes in his possession.

Mr. McKillop always made it a point to see that any exhibits in a case were either left in the hands of responsible witnesses who knew something about them, or else saw to it that they were left with police officials," stated a close friend of the late crown attorney this afternoon.

It was quite positive that he did not devote much of his usual course over the Campbell clothes.

Jurors who held the lives of Slim Williams and Sid Murrell in their hands, and who had been given a chance to examine them, there probably would have been some changes in opinion and balloting.

Might Have Changed Opinions. "There was a possibility that a stray bullet might have killed Russell Campbell," said one juror today. "If we had seen the clothes and they showed burned powder marks, which would lead to the conclusion that the shot had been fired from close range, it might have had a distinct and different bearing on the case. However, the fact remains that the clothes were not there."

Although the trial is over two years old now, every effort will be made by the authorities, it is understood, to trace the clothing from the office of the sheriff, where it was last seen.

## CONSEIL'S STRONG ARGUMENT FAILS TO WIN DISMISSAL

James Murray Fined \$200 for Having Alcohol in His Possession.

### DRUGGISTS TESTIFY

An attempt to convince the court that James Murray, contractor, had not drunk a bottle of wood alcohol, when caught in a highly-intoxicated condition, failed in police court this morning. The prisoner was forthwith assessed \$200 and costs for having liquor in other than a private dwelling.

Howard Cluff, for the defendant, put up a strenuous defense. Druggists were placed on the witness stand and a bottle of wood alcohol producer said it had been found in Murray's possession. It was labelled "Old London Brew," but the druggist proved to be much stronger than that.

Mr. Cluff admitted his client was very drunk and covered with burrs. He claimed Murray did not partake of wood alcohol. He was perfectly within the law when he purchased the bottle and attempted to carry it to his home when nabbed by the police.

A constable discovered Murray at the back of the Empire Hotel, east Dundas street. He was "all over burrs" and looked as if he had been lying down in the drug store for some time. A bottle about half full was found. Before searching, the constable asked him if he carried any whiskey, and the defendant said "No."

Says Dangerous As Drink. "I asked what it contained and the prisoner said he didn't know," said the witness.

A local druggist gave evidence. Mr. Cluff proved the stuff inside the flask found in the possession of Murray was the same as that in a bottle of rubbing alcohol, a sample of which was produced for the edification of the court.

"It's a good liniment," the chemist averred. "It contains 92 per cent alcohol. I would call it rubbing alcohol. It would kill a man if he drank it. 'Could anyone drink it?' asked counsel.

"It would endanger his life if he did," the druggist said.

Henry Johnson, another druggist sold the half filled bottle to Murray. He took the prisoner to his home for the purpose of rubbing it on him. Murray, he claimed, had a sore back. "How often have you been here?" asked the court of the prisoner.

"Three or four times."

"You were tried twice before on the same charge," the magistrate said. "I would not want to do other than fine you \$200 and costs."

Makes Strong Plea. "But your worship," Mr. Cluff interrupted, "I submit that Mr. Murray did not drink a drop from that bottle. The evidence of two druggists is that it was poisonous. We admit he was drunk but witnesses cannot show he partook of the rubbing alcohol. He was using it for a legitimate purpose to rub his sore back. His intoxication was caused by drinking whiskey in his home long before he purchased the liniment."

"You know as well as I do that hundreds of men take wood alcohol in diluted form and say it is poisonous. Your argument is not satisfactory. I am convinced the prisoner got drunk by swallowing the contents of the bottle."

"That has not been proven," said Mr. Cluff.

"It's proven so far as I am concerned," said the court. "Two hundred dollars and costs."

Counsel was about to make further observations, but the magistrate warned that "court was closed."

## OPPOSES SALARIES FOR COMMISSIONERS

Continued from page one. He elected. They simply will not do it."

Then if you propose, in place of that, to elect big business men and pay them for their services, what happens? The same thing. If you pay them, you naturally would expect them to devote all their time to the city's interests. And who of the big businessmen of any community will give up their business to be elected on a commission?"

Opposes Remuneration. Mr. Baker is strongly opposed to the proposal to pay the commissioners in any event. He adds also that the impression is wrong that the greater strength should be based upon the size of the governing board.

"It is more a question as to a proper division of duties and the appointed city manager should administer. The trouble is with the city council form of procedure. There is a strong tendency by the aldermen to attempt both."

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## Advocates Vote On Busses Bylaw

The omnibus bylaw must go to the people for a mandate, Ald. Drake asserted today. He maintains that the people should not be deprived of an opportunity to at least voice their opinion.

"Hundreds of people would like to give the busses another chance," he stated, "and I would say so, too. There can at least be no harm in letting the people vote on this issue. It is their money, and they should say how it shall be spent. Let them settle this bus question, once and for all."

### Obituaries

#### JOHN MCKAY.

Jack McKay, well-known Londoner and brother of Ald. Frank McKay, died this morning at eight o'clock at St. Joseph's Hospital from what physicians believe to have been sleeping sickness. He had been ill for several weeks and yesterday took a turn for the worse. Last night no hope was held out for his recovery.

Mr. McKay had been employed for 15 years with the Grand Trunk and C. N. R. as railway mail clerk between London and Toronto. He was a well-known sportsman and prominent member of the London Curling Club.

He is survived by his widow, four sons, Jack, Frank, Bruce and Grant, one daughter, Jean, and his brother, Frank McKay.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

### WHEEL COMES OFF SEDAN DRIVER ESCAPES INJURY

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BROWN GERONA COAT, with new square eff collar and large flared cuffs, trimmed with best dark natural Canadian beaver. Skirt of this garment is also made in latest block style fashion. It has wrapover front fastening, with large fancy combination ornament. Price \$110.50

BROWN BRYTONIA PILE FABRIC COAT, made in straight lines, with wrapover front fastening and flare sleeves, lined with best English sateen. Price \$39.75

COAT IN LATEST CHINCHILLA FABRIC, with check back. This garment is made in mixtures of gray, blue and brown, with large natural raccoon collar, wrapover front style. Price \$57.00

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## COMPLAINT ON RENTING OF ROOM UNWARRANTED

Construction Company Occupied Juvenile Court Space Only Temporarily.

The city's lease of certain rooms on Carling street for juvenile court purposes expired October 13.

The complaint was made at the city council this morning that these quarters, while not used by the city, as the court is held in the city hall, had been let to some other person. City officials stated that they knew of no sub-lease, and if any person was using these rooms it was without the authorization of the city council.

The advertiser investigated the case and found that a certain construction company had rented offices next to those leased by the city and in perfectly legal manner. The construction officials explained that they obtained their lease from the landlord, but acknowledged that they have use of one of the city rooms temporarily. Nothing of the sort or illegal nature is suspected, however.

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