

### Ain't It a Grand and Glorious Feelin' ?

By BRIGGS



### GET BUILDING UNDER WAY IMMEDIATELY

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other things will be rushed into Canada once the factories in the States run up against a shortage of orders. They will stand the duty.

The United Farmers threaten to start a mill factory, and a big plant for producing all kinds of plumbers' supplies.

The World's advice to the building supply men is to loosen up in prices or the business may go across the line.

Labor men are still of the opinion that much might be done to help unemployment, especially among the various departments of the building trades, but that the high cost of material, the low rentals on houses, the lack of export openings on the European markets and the generally uncertain period of reaction following the war made people slow to invest, and that so long as the government and the municipalities themselves continued to follow their dilatory processes of the past few months the private or speculative builder would be the only source of immediate labor supplies.

W. C. Hazen, business agent for the International Union of Machinists, emphasized the need of nationalization of all great industrial activities, of greater effort on the part of the Canadian government to help the Canadian manufacturers' agents to obtain an export market, and the organization of new industries, such as copper and other metal and ore refineries, so that Canada might refine her own ore and employ home labor.

James Miller, business agent for the Freight Handlers' Union, pointed out that until the whole building trade settled down to a firmer after-the-war basis of industrial activity unemployment would be the wrong factor everywhere and do all trades.

**Lack of Finance.**

Roy Hughes, treasurer of the G.L.P., believed that the whole situation might be summarized in three words—lack of finance. There was a general doubtless temporary financial stringency throughout the Dominion, but the government itself was not conditioned, the individual citizen alone facing this stringency. But for this fact it would have been quite reasonable to hope that if three houses could be constructed, as was the case on Danforth avenue, 300 could be begun. The municipalities had so far only considered the building loan offer of provincial and Dominion governments. If Toronto had decided to accept and use this loan work might have commenced in good earnest, right now, because the weather was propitious. But even at that, the building contractors were facing a very high market on building material. This market was quite sufficient to prevent large contracts for dwellings. The lack of activity in the building trades was also reacting upon other trades, and was noticeably affecting the employees of the railways, many of whom were being laid off because transportation was slow.

**Build New Dwellings.**

John Cotton, secretary of the district council of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, and John Gillanders, its business agent, stated that if it was suddenly decided to erect 300 dwellings right away in Toronto this would

### WIFE SUES MAJOR FOR HEAVY ALIMONY

Mrs. Riches Claims Cruelty and Desertion Against Major Riches.

In the non-jury assize court yesterday, Chief Justice Sir William Muir continued the hearing of the action brought by Mrs. Olive Adele Riches against her husband, Major Charles Riches, a patent solicitor, for the return of \$1000 which plaintiff alleges that she lent him, and further, plaintiff claims \$50 a week as alimony. Prior to the marriage, Mrs. Riches had been a stenographer in the defendant's office.

She also alleges that while she was on her honeymoon trip, in England and Germany, his treatment of her had injured her health, while defendant, according to Mrs. Riches, deserted her in 1917, and had not since contributed to her support.

The first witness, Mrs. Charlotte Taylor, a domestic in the Riches home, told of many quarrels between the couple while she was in their employ. Witness stated that these quarrels took place after Mrs. Riches had given birth to a child, whose presence was taken exception to by Tom, a 19-year-old son of the plaintiff by a former marriage.

Mrs. Riches was called to the stand, and also told of the many quarrels between her husband and herself. Some of them arose out of trivial disagreements over the children's parties and such. Major Riches had grown violent on Christmas, 1918, he had thrown her on the bed so violently that she had bruised her body against the side. Many letters were produced during the hearing of the case, and in one the plaintiff, writing to her husband in New York, told she would lead a life of sin, and since his lordship what she had meant, witness replied that she only meant to threaten him.

### TO KEEP PLAYGROUNDS OPEN ALL DAY LONG

Joint sub-committees of the board of education and the parks commission met yesterday afternoon to formulate a plan for playgrounds for the children during the time they are out of school. Dr. Noble, inspector of the board, and Commissioner Chambers and Ald. Ryding of the parks commission, were named to draft a resolution in the matter.

Commissioner Chambers said that he did not care who supervised the work so long as provision was made for the children to play. Dr. Noble thought that it would be a good job for a returned man.

Ald. Ryding introduced a resolution that the board of education be asked to open the playgrounds throughout the day, year round, with the exception of Sundays.

### NEW OFFICES FOR PASSENGER DEPARTMENT.

The general passenger department, Canadian National Railways, formerly at 68 East King street, is now located, 7th floor, Royal Bank building, King and Yonge streets. The advertising department will remain at the old address, 68 East King.

### SAILORS' SWEATERS.

Urgent Appeal Received at Navy League Headquarters.

An urgent call has been received at the Navy League headquarters, 34 West King street, from Halifax for six hundred sailors' sleeveless sweaters. Blue ones are preferred, but all are welcome. The Navy League would like to draw attention to the fact that sailors' knitted comforts, such as sweaters, socks, caps, mitts, etc., will continue for a long time. Our mine-sweepers along the Canadian coast are doing splendid work, and the public will perhaps never know how close these floating mines came to our own doors.

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### PROF. C. G. SELLERY AT THE UNIVERSITY

Tells How Labor Problems Are Tackled by Wisconsin University.

Practical work being done in a broad and democratic way by the University of the State of Wisconsin was spoken of by Professor C. G. Sellery in the physics building of the University. The address was the second of a series relating to university interests, and the speaker was welcomed and introduced by President Falconer as an old graduate of Toronto's chief seat of learning. The chairman also spoke of the good work being done by Mr. Sellery on the other side of the line.

Prof. Sellery expressed himself as glad to be among his old associates. He said there were a number of Toronto graduates in the United States and it was easy for them to go well because the training they had received had been extraordinarily thorough. Of the Wisconsin institution with which he is now connected the speaker said that its good work during the past fifteen years was great, due to the late Professor Van Hise. The first province of Van Hise had been to study geology and taking interest in the earth's crust he had come to take an interest in the study of man. The big discovery of Van Hise, the speaker said, was that it is the duty of civilization and of the university to release human capacity and that boys and others who have talent should be helped in their development.

Through his energy and imagination Van Hise had brought the legislature of the state into sympathy with the university, and it is now in receipt of a \$2 million from the state. Some people like short sessions of parliament, said the lecturer, but Van Hise likes them because it gave him an opportunity to get near the members. As a result of the broad view of his head the university had established a legislative library and had a professor of railroads which did such excellent work now there is a railroad commission. The institution was also an industrial commission which helps to provide workmen's compensation without the cost of litigation.

### EGGS, BUTTER, CHEESE ON THE OPEN LIST

Regulation on the use of eggs, butter, cheese and condensed milk imposed by the Canadian Food Board have been lifted by the government, announced R. A. Ballantyne at yesterday morning's session of the Canadian National Produce Association.

F. M. M'Intat, in his report, said that in 1918 Canada exported over 1,500,000 eggs. He thought there would be a large trade in eggs this year, but was doubtful about the foreign butter market on account of the large amounts of oleomargarine consumed in England.

Dr. McPail of Ottawa asked the delegates to send in their reports showing the amount of all kinds of produce on hand by the fourth business day of each month.

At the afternoon session, F. P. White of the William Davies Company read a paper dealing with egg storage, etc. The actual cost of handling a dozen of eggs was 4.63 cents, and when allowance was made for defective eggs the cost of handling a case was \$2.25.

John Scott of Toronto gave a report on butter grading, and N. U. Ford of the national war savings stamp committee spoke on thrift stamps.

### CALEDONIA SOCIETY MEETS.

The regular meeting of the Caledonia society was held last night, president, James Sim, in the chair. Rev. Captain Paulin gave an account of the society's work. Several numbers and Highland dances were presented with Piper Thomas as player. A delegation from the Lewis society presented the case of the dependents of the 200 naval reservists who were drowned off the island of Lewis in the tragedy happening in about five minutes after the first alarm. The appeal to help the women and children of the drowned men was enthusiastically answered and financial aid was promised.

### ASK ACT AMENDMENTS.

At the parliament buildings yesterday a deputation from the Ontario Lumbermen's Association requested Premier Healy and Hon. B. Lucas, attorney-general, for amendments to the Ontario lien act to provide greater security for supply dealers. A request was also made for change in the basis of assessment of saw mills. The government promised consideration of the matters.

### B. O. T. A. SCOUNDRELS.

Men who peddle all kinds of rotten whiskey to soldiers were described in police court yesterday morning by Crown attorney Conroy as scoundrels. Arthur Jackson was charged with selling whiskey at \$5 a bottle to

### PROVISION FOR MORE EMPLOYMENT

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\$1,250,000; surveys, \$100,000; fire ranging, \$450,000; construction of locks, dams, bridges, roads, etc., under public works department, \$300,000; construction roads, \$500,000.

T. & N. O. Ry.—Buildings, extensions, improvements to T. & N. O. Railway, \$1,000,000.

Hydro-Electric—Estimates have not yet been settled for the Hydro-Electric program for the year, but a minimum capital expenditure has been suggested of \$9,000,000. Total, \$24,950,000.

Labor—it is estimated that the work above mentioned, outside and exclusive of work on the T. & N. O. Railway, and the work of the Hydro-Electric commission, directly and indirectly, will furnish employment for 400,000 men for 4 months, for \$1,249, the Hydro-Electric commission has now in its employment on construction work, and on its permanent staff 5500. During the present season, work on the Queenston-Chippawa scheme will be carried on with vigor, and it is anticipated extensive works will be carried on at Nipigon, Rainy Falls, High Falls, in the completion of extension to Ontario Power Company's plant, and in completion of works for supply of power to municipalities in St. Lawrence district, and the force working under the commission will undoubtedly be increased by a number exceeding 2000. The T. & N. O. Railway will increase its force by 611.

Total number for which work available, 33,447.

In the estimate of employment furnished by the T. & N. O. Commission, and Hydro-Electric Commission, the large army of men, running into the thousands, that will be employed indirectly in furnishing plant, equipment, material and supplies of all kinds for the works that will be carried on by these two commissions, above outlined are under consideration and these, if decided on, will entail considerable additional expenditure to that above indicated, and it is not unlikely that a larger expenditure than above estimated will be made on some of the works already decided upon.

The department of lands, forests and mines will also employ a considerable number of men during the spring and summer in fire and forest

### SHIPYARD DEPUTATION LEAVE FOR OTTAWA

A deputation, headed by Mayor Church, Controller Robbins and Controller Cameron, left for Ottawa last evening to join with labor, business and manufacturing interests, in asking that more shipbuilding contracts be awarded city firms by the government.

Speaking on the subject of shipbuilding, Controller Cameron said that he thought the firms ought to be satisfied with a percentage profit, say five per cent. Controller Maguire said that it would be a serious thing if three thousand men were thrown out of work, and a \$12,000 pay roll stopped

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Authorities Sold

Charges were filed who returned to Quebec, vendors them stuff which was described as containing ginger, iodine, arsenic, and other poisonous, said the conduct of Major Turner, all denied they absolutely no information on the train that that service.

Yesterday, when all records for turning to the doors were closed. One thousand Carmania, and wives from the States and the side of the train into North Toronto, 1130, 130, and with the 300 came into it was at first in at North Toronto station in too much confusion.

Brig-Generals at North Toronto, A.A.G. charges for action. The Major Richardson, Cal all the trains.

The war bride by Miss J. Maes, and Miss W.C.A. Those Toronto were and others, who go, were entertained in the two ladies the Salvation waiting room.

Some of the their passage through the, go, was the storage is as was at fit the, in which is Quite a contrast was the prize treatment they were given.

Pts. George said that he had died in the hospital, and that he was being cared for by his wife, Mrs. John H. Smith, who said that she was of men being they were the Carmania.

SUNDAY SO

RAISE 7

Raising \$20,000 by the Sunday and forwarding the work of the Association in King Edward, F. L. Brown of the world, Penman, secretary of the International Union of Machinists, for a month for January arrangements, and the 2000 mission to go to Tokyo have been per dollar per man, the objective which is to be an extension of the campaign has in Chicago, at the provision in, in rivalry.

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