

WILL REQUEST RANEY TO ESTABLISH COURT

Finance Committee Takes Definite Step on Juvenile Question.

DISCUSS CITY HALL

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There is every indication that there will be a real juvenile court established in London before many weeks have elapsed. Something has at last been definitely accomplished.

While others rant and rave and opinion is sharply divided in many quarters, members of the finance committee last night recommended that Attorney-General Raney be requested to proclaim the juvenile delinquents' act as speedily as possible.

"There is nothing now to halt proceedings," Mayor Wenige informed the advertiser, following the session. "The board of works has already adopted a similar motion, and formal ratification should be forthcoming from the council as a body Monday night next."

"Then if necessary I will take the entire council with me to Toronto to see Mr. Raney and to submit to him the names of certain London men who are so big in the community that a salary would mean nothing to them. We will not submit the names of any of the so-called 'job-hunters'."

Abandon Quarters.

The finance committee also recommends that the present quarters be abandoned, a motion to that effect, entered by Ald. W. A. Wilson, being passed with but little opposition.

During the discussion Mayor Wenige contended that the proclamation of the fact would follow the request. While stressing the point that he was not opposed to the court, Ald. J. Judd submitted that the entire outcome hinged upon the appointment of a judge by the attorney-general.

His worship predicted that the city council could successfully co-operate with him, but Ald. Judd questioned whether anyone had ever been able to do this in the past. He understood there were several aspirants for the appointment.

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Latest Tips on Etiquette Revealed

By Julia Hoyt to Advertiser Readers

Few women in America are qualified to write as authoritatively and deftly on the difficult subject of etiquette and entertaining as Julia Hoyt, stage and movie star. In private life Mrs. Lydie Hoyt is a leader of society in New York, Washington, Newport, Southampton, and several capitals of Europe.

Her articles, refreshing in their common sense, will appeal to every woman who entertains and is entertained. They deal with neither the obvious rudiments of "table manners" nor the ultra-refined niceties of society etiquette. What they do tell are the essentials of etiquette in daily social life, and the first appears in The Advertiser today.

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Stamp Every Check

Businessmen of City Loyally Pay Tax; Sometimes Under Protest.

SAY SPOTTERS WORK Only One Dealer Admits Tax Will Fall On the Buying Public.

Almost unheeded and certainly unshared the new receipt tax was ushered in by the new tax. What ever forebodings there may have been, being shattered behind a more or less vague feeling that things are never quite as bad as they appear, and that in any case everyone would be in the same boat when the time came.

Now the blow has fallen, the law is in force, and it has even been hinted that the up-to-date legislature has the ubiquitous spotter on the job, London merchants, however, take it calmly, if resignedly. They realize that the national debt is both large and heavy; that it has to be paid off in some way, and that for the time at least this is one of the ways in which it must be done.

The majority of the merchants interviewed yesterday were retailers already laboring under the little receipt tax, levied with the intention of reaching everyone, but which most retailers regard as actually reacting to the detriment of themselves, owing to the fact that the manufacturer can more or less protect himself by "passing on" the tax to the consumer in the form of a distribution, whereas the retailer, bounded by competition and the need for keeping a light grip on the trade, is forced to shoulder this tax himself.

The new imposition is being met with a strict regard to the spirit of the law, yet with a will to resist. Many of the storekeepers expressed the opinion that it saved of class legislation, and that it was the next link in the chain of distribution, whereas the retailer, bounded by competition and the need for keeping a light grip on the trade, is forced to shoulder this tax himself.

One dealer felt that an increased income tax would be a much fairer and equitable way of distributing the burden; another thought that an increased postage would meet the needs of the situation, and that the receipt tax would be drastically changed just as soon as the next session was inaugurated in Ottawa.

Insurance companies seem to be more seriously hit than almost any other profession, partly because they are already contracting to give money on a fixed rate for a long period, leaving them to pay whatever extra tax might be imposed, and also because the very large number of receipts they handle.

Here, too, however, the stamps are being stuck on loyally, necessitating a good deal of money.

Want No Checks.

In some of the local stores the owners find that customers are not at all insistent on having a receipt when they pay by check by check is becoming very common.

One hotel keeper has instituted a new method of getting away from the inconvenience of this tax. When the guest is departing he is given a receipt this calculating Boniface of the tax, and the guest is asked to pay for the tax when he departs. This is a very fair and equitable way of handling the tax.

Pay rolls, which, if signed, are taken for each such signature, are a side of the question that has little effect in London. Most of the larger employers are using pay envelopes, and requiring no signature.

There was one refreshingly candid businessman among those interviewed who said quite frankly that he was not an ordinary man in the street—would pay the tax.

"Why," he declared, "it just means this: We are grossly overcharged and it costs us just that much more to do business, therefore, it is only logical that eventually we should reach the consumer who in the long run has always paid every tax that has ever been levied."

STATES CO-OPERATION NEEDED AT CITY HALL

Mayor Wenige Does Not Favor Splitting Up Assessment Department.

The municipal assessment department should not be split in two segments, income and property, according to Mayor Wenige.

While his worship champions the appointment of a new commissioner and a general reorganization of the department, he falls to view with the same assurance as certain members of the council, the suggestion to subdivide the department into two halves.

"Co-operation is what we require," he stated today, "as I see it. There are slack periods in the income phase of the work, and in the property phase, and the two departments could co-operate with the other duties."

Members of the council are collecting data and information, preparatory to the special meeting of the council, when this and other problems will be threshed out.

TO PROVIDE HYMN BOOKS FOR WESTMINSTER MEN

For some time lately the men out at Westminster Hospital have suffered from a shortage of suitable hymn books for their services, a want that will be remedied by the Y. M. C. A. in a few days when James Grant, chairman of the hospital committee, will present a hundred new books.

These books, which are absolutely undenominational, are an excellent edition, exceptionally well bound, and in fine, large, clear print that should make them very acceptable.

CITY FREE OF SICKNESS.

London is in a fairly healthy condition, comparatively speaking, reports Dr. W. S. Downham, medical officer of health. An outbreak of influenza, which has been very common, has been noted throughout the community. Otherwise the town is in far better circumstances than in other years.

WORST STORM IN YEARS.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 11.—Monctonians today are digging themselves out of the worst snowstorm in many years. The storm set in yesterday morning and did not let up until about 4:30 p.m. Drifts are piled ten and twelve feet high.

OPEN ALL DAY SATURDAY.

The assessment office at the city hall will remain open Saturday next until 5 p.m. to receive the late employers' income returns. Monday is set as the last day, following which the delinquent taxpayers will be subject to immediate punishment under the provisions of the municipal act.

WILL ACT AS MAYOR.

Ald. John T. May will be acting mayor Friday, while Ald. Leonard Douglass will preside in that capacity Saturday. Mayor Wenige will be absent from the city.

Advocate City Market.

The finance committee proposes to favor the city market with just as much consideration this year as the board of works.

While the members of the latter group want this portion of the downtown district paved, the members of the former body insist upon a general "rehab" of all problems affecting the market.

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WHY SUCH A THING AS ETIQUETTE?

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My experience, both in and outside of "society," has taught me that most people use the word "etiquette" to mean merely the knowledge of how to eat, talk and act correctly.

But etiquette is much more than just knowing the correct thing to do. It is good manners, it is courtesy, and it is an instinctive consideration for others—three qualities necessary not only to success in "society," but to success in all human intercourse.

Etiquette really means civilization—life as we live it today, as distinguished from what it was in the days of the primitives. Incidentally, I believe that this seeming indifference is only a pose to hide their lack of knowledge, for usually the very people who assume it are not at all careless about etiquette.

There is no doubt in my mind but that everyone naturally not only wishes to be well-bred, but to be thought well-bred. No one wants to make social blunders; secretly we are all humiliated by them—even the people who like to pretend that they do not care about etiquette. Incidentally, I believe that this seeming indifference is only a pose to hide their lack of knowledge, for usually the very people who assume it are not at all careless about etiquette.

\$400,000 Etiquette Fee.

We never know what Fate has in store for us. There was the case of the famous Maria de Barrill, who before the loss of her fortune and her consequent death, held the reins of all New York society. It seems that very wealthy woman wanted very much to get into New York society, and, therefore, offered Maria de Barrill \$400,000 to coach her in the art of being a society lady. The fact is a fact. Now, there is nothing amazing about the fact that this woman had to buy her way into society. It is done often—by a woman, I am thinking how humiliating it must have been for this woman to ask Mme. de Barrill to teach her the etiquette she could and should have known years before.

In my article, however, I shall try to cover those problems of etiquette which are continually arising, not merely in the lives of those alleged to be "in society," but in the lives of the average man and woman. For it is from the common sense and the common sense of the average man and woman that we call the rules of etiquette have sprung. Among these topics will be "The Formal and Informal Dinner," "The Guest in Your Home," "The Afternoon Tea," "The Entertainment," "The Dance," "The Engagement and Wedding," "The Invitation," and "Acceptance," and many others.

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More Important for Women.

In spite of the fact that we often "get by" because our friends are lenient and are willing to take the "will for the deed," there is always the correct and incorrect way of doing things. And almost invariably that correct way is the common sense way, too.

"I'm pleased to meet you," or "I'm charmed to meet you," is not the correct thing to say at an informal dinner. "The Guest in Your Home," "The Afternoon Tea," "The Entertainment," "The Dance," "The Engagement and Wedding," "The Invitation," and "Acceptance," and many others.

There is no doubt that the bulk of the responsibility of etiquette falls to the woman, for she is expected not only to know the right thing to do as hostess, but to know every imaginable function, but to

leaving a clear passage for the car. J. M. M.

Two men walking south on Richmond street. One was wearing boots and a big heavy overcoat, pulled around his neck. The other wore a shirt with the collar turned in and the walk was a lady, accompanied by a dog. Judging by the very happy look on the dog's face, I divined that he must be going for a ride. When they reached the car, the lady entered, the dog sedately following. He was only a collie, but apparently one of London's aristocrats.—M. D.

Walking through the market, a tall young man who had a very degraded-looking dog on a rope. His breeding was not to be determined. The dog was a large collie, "For Sale." An old Irishman from the country, smoking a short clay pipe, eyed the dog very carefully, and turning to its owner inquired what breed of animal it was. "Anybody's," he replied, and he made reply that he was Irish and had no more to say. The dog's pipe out of his mouth and then said "Begorra, he is related to both of us."—B. D. V.

In a local drug store, a man beside me who asked for "hops." The clerk, after questioning him for some time, found out that it was "hops" that were wanted. I thought likely the customer had hopes of the preparation in question.—WHO KNOWS?

A boy with a horse and a load of wood just east of York street bridge. The horse stopped in the center of the street, car tracks blocking the way. A truck, between the car and curbing, pushed the sleigh off the track.

EVERYBODY'S "spying!" Why not you, too? Keep your eyes open for news and win one dollar.

It's news