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"NO ORDER" IN SCHOOL TAX ANNEX FIGHT

Dismisses Wenige Charge Against City Engineer

GRAYDON FINDS TERM USED NOT BLASPHEMOUS

Mayor Wilson Also Sits On Bench While Abusive Language Charge Probed.

BRAZIER ONLY WITNESS

City Council Proper Place To Deal With Matter, Magistrate Decides.

Calling another citizen the "biggest fool in London" is apparently permissible, Magistrate Graydon holding that there was nothing blasphemous in the expression when he was called to decide upon the case of abusive language brought by Ex-Ald. G. A. Wenige against City Engineer H. A. Brazier, in police court, Wednesday morning.

Mayor Wilson sat on the bench with the magistrate, while the case was being tried. It was the first time for a number of years that a mayor of the city has occupied a seat on the magistrate's bench.

"If any ordinary citizen came down here and charged a neighbor with using the language that Mr. Brazier admits using, I don't think that I would convict the man," declared Mr. Graydon.

"There would be a great many citizens summoned to this court if that expression constituted an offence, continuing in the court. 'I wouldn't have the slightest hesitation in refusing an information. The city council is the proper place to deal with this matter. I don't see any justification for convicting Mr. Brazier, if I think it would be harsh treatment to him.'"

It seems like vindictiveness to bring this matter to court before the council disposes of it. I'll dismiss this case," concluded the magistrate. After the court had read the charge, "that H. A. Brazier had made use of grossly insulting language toward G. A. Wenige on April 18," J. M. Donahue, counsel for Mr. Wenige, called Mr. Brazier to the witness box.

Counsel Appreciates Fact. "Don't you think this is rather unusual?" asked the city engineer, "you are making Mr. Brazier your witness?"

"I appreciate that fact, your worship," replied Mr. Donahue. "Mr. Brazier, you are the city engineer?"

"Yes," was the reply. "Do you recollect having a meeting with Mr. Wenige on Easter Monday?"

"Yes, it was not an appointment exactly. Wenige called me on the phone and I told him if he wanted to continue the conversation in that strain he better come and see me at the office," said the city engineer.

"On arrival at the office, Wenige was shown directly to me and he laid a complaint about earth washing away on Erie avenue," continued the witness.

"I told him that the matter would be attended to, but it apparently was not satisfactory to him. He wanted to know if the work would be done in the usual efficient manner."

"I expressed the opinion that he was a fool. I told him he was the biggest fool in London."

"That's the best in his class," interjected W. B. Henderson, counsel for Mr. Brazier. The remark passed unnoticed by the bench.

Mr. Brazier said that the conversation started in his private office and finished in the general office.

Cross-examined by W. B. Henderson, Mr. Brazier stated "that he had had considerable trouble in the past."

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PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD OF LONDON AND HAMILTON



SYNOD members at First Presbyterian Church believe greatest need of world at present time is a more vital religious life.

GENOA POLICE HOLD RUSSIANS

Arrested Men Had Plan of Russian Soviet Delegation Hotel.

Allied Powers Determined To Give Russia Another Chance.

London, April 26.—Five Russians, including Kerensky's former secretary, Boris Savinkoff, were arrested in Genoa by the Italian police on Sunday, says a dispatch to the Daily Herald. Savinkoff arrived in Genoa under a false name and with a forged passport, and the police found he and his companions had a plan of the hotel at which the Russian soviet delegation is staying.

The correspondent says that Savinkoff, since the Bolshevik revolution in Russia, has been the chief link between the French government and the succession of anti-Bolshevik military leaders and that a month or two ago he was in London in close consultation with Premier Lloyd George and Viscount Curzon, the foreign minister.

General Boris Savinkoff was acting minister of war and military commander of Petrograd under the Kerensky regime.

Mr. Bantky, premier and foreign minister, a member of the Hungarian delegation to the Genoa conference, denied yesterday that the Hungarians are negotiating a treaty with Russia.

There have been so many thrills in rapid succession at the Genoa conference that everybody, delegates and laymen alike, today were wondering what would come next. The Italian statesmen, as sponsors of the conference, were joined by Mr. Lloyd George, M. Barthou, M. Theunis and the leaders of the lesser states in fervently hoping that the sensational dispatch from Capetown in reply to questions, that 864 charges of high treason had been preferred in connection with the recent Rand rebellion.

Wants Accord. To that, of course, should be added Lloyd George's ambition for the birth of an all-European accord that nations shall not attack one another or commit any aggression which would excite attack. The allied and neutral powers seem determined to give the Russians another chance to come to terms, and there is hope that the crisis brought on by the soviet's latest demands will pass.

Mr. Lloyd George, particularly, appreciates the difficulties in the way of the Russians relinquishing the practical doctrine of the nationalization of property, which incarnates the very fundamentals of the Bolshevik preachings, and efforts may be made to settle the question of the status of private property in Russia so that the communist leaders may "save their faces" on their pet principle.

Genoa's population has lost none of its gaiety and none of its lively interest in the sessions of the conference. The complete absence of disorder has calmed the apprehensions of the authorities, and no longer are heavy bodies of troops to be seen in the streets, although reserves are conveniently near at hand, being stationed on troop ships moored at the waterfront.

On the main thoroughfares Italy's imposing carabinieri stand guard, one every 15 feet. Marble busts of Lloyd George, Premier Facia, M. Barthou, and the other conference luminaries fill the windows of the art shops, while literature, photographs

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Prisoner Nonchalantly Admits He Has \$14,000 In Bank

In Jail a Week.

GEORGE PRICE, the ancient resident of Emery City, Michigan, who was brought to the police station a week ago because he did not have enough money to pay for any more board at the Morkin House, calmly informed Magistrate Graydon in police court Wednesday morning that he had "about \$14,000 in the bank" at Emery City. He just wasn't quite sure as to the exact sum to a dollar or two, but it was around \$14,000.

Mr. Price was remanded to jail for another week, and Chief Birrell will try to ascertain in the meantime if Mr. Price really has the price to get back to the old home town.

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"Where do you want to go?" asked the court.

"Emery City," said Price.

"How far is that?"

"Thirty miles from Port Huron," replied the old man.

"How can he get there? I can't turn this old man out," said the court.

"I should have heard from his friends by this time," replied Chief Birrell. "I wrote them immediately. He says he has a sister there by the name of Mrs. Paisley."

"The police have handed me a bank book with some entries in it. Can you tell me how much money you have got?" questioned Mr. Graydon.

This question brought the careless statement that he had \$14,000 in the bank.

Another effort will be made to get in touch with Price's relatives.

864 FACE HIGH TREASON. London, April 26.—(Canadian Press)—It was stated in the House of Assembly yesterday, says a Reuter dispatch from Capetown in reply to questions, that 864 charges of high treason had been preferred in connection with the recent Rand rebellion.

Two True Pals



LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG. PHOTOGRAPHED BY MURNEY Hopkins, 114 Elmwood avenue, London.

TRUSTEES MAKE RADICAL MOVE

At Secret Parley Plan To Take Action On Bi-Weekly Meetings.

Aims At Greater Facility in Passing Accounts.

As the first move toward a radical change in the board of education's general procedure of business, members of that body gathered in special conference Wednesday morning, giving the question earnest consideration.

The session was called at the instigation of Trustee Edwin Smith, chairman of the board, and those in attendance were Trustee A. N. Udy, chairman of No. 1 committee; Trustee J. B. Wright, chairman of the technical committee; Trustee William Clark, chairman of the audit committee, as well as Trustees Thomas Rowe and Bryden Campbell. The meeting was declared a strict private nature, the press being denied entrance.

It was subsequently reported, however, that another meeting of this special committee will be held before the regular session of the board Tuesday next when the members will take definite action, based upon their consideration Wednesday.

It is officially stated, however, that the regular meeting will witness the introduction of a notice of motion, probably by the chairman of No. 1 committee, for a complete revision in their procedure of business, notably the proposal that the board shall meet regularly twice a month in lieu of once a month as at present.

Discussing the latter suggestion Wednesday the trustees, it is announced viewed the same with undoubted approval as a fitting measure to better expedite their business. It is practically assured that the board will ultimately amend its rules and regulations to that effect.

This undertaking involves principally the passing of accounts, as Trustee Smith contended at the last meeting of the board that such changes in procedure should be attempted as would tend to simplify the work of the department.

The chairman holds that too long a period elapses when communications and recommendations are bandied about from one committee to another, to the board and back again.

He stresses his contention also that in order that certain creditors be enabled to receive prompt payment of bills he, as board chairman, has often in the past, signed checks for immediate payment that were subsequently paid before actually authorized by the board as a body.

This policy he recently declined to follow, thus precipitating the present move for amendments in the rules and regulations.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS DECLINE

Ottawa, April 26.—(By Canadian Press)—A decline in total liabilities and total assets of Canadian banks during the month of March is shown by the statement issued through the department of finance today. At the end of February assets of Canadian banks stood at \$2,645,614,035 and liabilities at \$2,370,542,898. On March 31, the former totalled \$2,622,756,500 and the latter \$2,348,670,754. Savings deposits remain at practically the same figure as at the end of February, while current loans in Canada show a slight decrease.

SIR ROBT. BORDEN LANDS IN ENGLAND

London, April 26.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Sir Robert Borden, former premier of Canada, has arrived here and is the guest of Sir Campbell Stuart, deputy chairman of The Times Publishing Company, and formerly of Montreal.

SIR HENRY ERLE RICHARDS DIES

London, April 25.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Sir Henry Erle Richards, K. C., who was counsel for Canada and Newfoundland in the North Atlantic coast fisheries arbitration at The Hague in 1910, died today. He was born in 1861.

CHARGE SOCIAL SERVICE ERR IN GUIDING HOUSE

Anglican Synod Attacks Stand of Society On Unmarried Mothers Bill.

1922 BUDGET ADOPTED

Orders 10,000 Copies of Bishop's Charge For Diocese Use.

So impressed were the members of the Synod of the Diocese of Huron, in session here, with the charge of Right Rev. David Williams, Bishop of Huron, that 10,000 copies of the charge have been ordered printed for distribution throughout the diocese.

The assembly was particularly impressed with the bishop's treatment of the separate school question, and it was even suggested that a copy of the charge should be forwarded to every member of the provincial house to guide them in their disposal of the Roman Catholics' request for an increased share in the taxes of the province.

Dean L. N. Tucker read the report of the special committee, which had taken the report under consideration. Consolidate Estimates.

In view of the urgent needs of the church in 1922, he said, every clergyman and every layman must do his part to raise the total amount of the budget. He recommended that all estimates be consolidated into one budget each year and offered to the annual vestry meeting.

The report recommended that a special committee be appointed to investigate the general synod's pension scheme, and to report back to the next meeting of the synod.

Although it was known that the people of Ontario were overwhelmingly opposed to granting further tax concessions to the Roman Catholics, it was suggested that the people should use every means to let their feelings be known, and to show in an emphatic manner that they do not wish the provincial house to take any action without first submitting it to the people for their approval.

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Subsequent to a report on social service committee, given by Dean Tucker, Ven. Archdeacon Fotheringham led an attack against the actions of the social service department, in using its influence to induce the legislative assembly in its dying moments last year to pass legislation giving the child of the unmarried mother the priority over the children of the widow in sharing in the estate of the father.

He also attacked the system of permitting the father of the illegitimate child of meeting his responsibility in money.

Women Are Opposed. He claimed that he did not introduce the subject for discussion, but because of dissatisfaction expressed by three of the women organizations of Brantford. Despite this claim, however, the matter was discussed, and in the end the bishop announced that a motion of protest to the Dominion organization, to which the social service committee of the Church of England is affiliated, was quite in order.

Archdeacon Fotheringham claimed that the bill was rushed through the house at the instigation of the social service. He also accused the Anglican committee of lacking positive force, and of being too willing

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The Modern Babe

HYLDA HUGHES.

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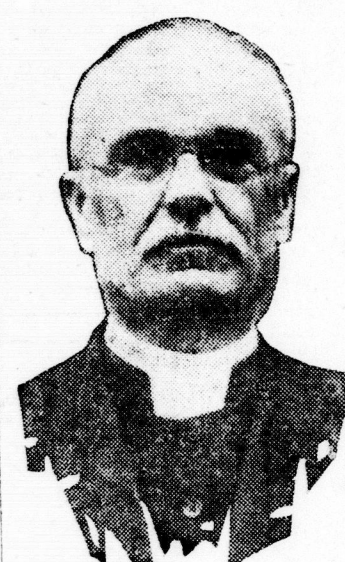
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Elected Moderator



REV. NORMAN LINDSAY.

REV. Norman Lindsay, of Dover Center, in the Presbytery of Chatham, was elected moderator of the Presbyterian synod of London and Hamilton by a unanimous vote.

ASSERTS HOME TRAINING POOR

Dr. Gibson of Hamilton Discusses Religious Education at Presbyterian Synod.

Declares Work Should Be Carried On in Public Schools.

Resolutions dealing with a number of questions which are pre-eminent in the work of the church at the present time were brought forward at the closing session of the Presbyterian Synod of London and Hamilton, which has been held in the First Presbyterian Church.

The advisability of religious education in the schools was widely discussed. Dr. Gibson of Hamilton, in a preamble to a resolution concerning the question, declared that the home had fallen down to a great extent in providing the proper amount of religious knowledge, that the Sunday school was not capable of coping in an entirely efficient manner with the problem, and that for those reasons, the work should be carried on in the public schools, in order to impress children at the proper age and lay the foundations of religious knowledge upon which could be built the moral structure of later life.

An element of doubt entered the discussion as to whether or not the establishing of a definite amount of religious education in the schools would not give Roman Catholics an excuse for further pleas on the basis of their separate schools. This half of their separate schools. This opinion was not, however, entertained by the majority, and the following resolution was adopted: "That this synod endorse the principles of Bible knowledge in public schools, and refer the matter to the committee on religious education for consideration."

Dr. Gibson expressed himself as desirous of teaching along these lines, which should not be dogmatic or denominational, but rather give definite instruction concerning the Bible. "It is lamentable," he stated, "that the most remarkable piece of literature in our tongue should be so overlooked in our schools."

J. K. McDonald, of the fund for aged and infirm ministers and for pensions for widows and orphans, was present at the meeting to explain in detail the working out of the system which it is proposed to lay before the session of the general assembly in June and which will effect radical changes in the system, one of the most important of which would be the lowering of the age of retirement from 70 to 65.

Dr. Banks Nelson, of Hamilton, submitted a resolution concerning the right of a minister to vote on certain bylaws, a resolution which threatened to give rise to much discussion, which had, however, to be curtailed owing to the fact that the hour of adjournment had arrived. The resolution was as follows: "Resolved, that a committee consisting of Rev. Jameson, the moderator and the clerk of synod, be appointed a committee to seek to remove any legal disabilities which may prevent ministers occupying taxable manse from voting on municipal bylaws."

Dr. Gibson, convener of the committee on foreign missions, submitted the following resolutions, which were accepted: (1) That Presbyterians be urged to have a conference once a year on foreign missions, and often more than that if it can be made possible; (2) that presbyteries be again requested to facilitate a general exchange of pulpits in the interests of foreign missions; (3) that the attention of ministers and elders of the synod be called to the literature provided by the general assembly for foreign missions, and that they be requested to arrange

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COUNTY JUDGE RULES LACK OF JURISDICTION

Declares Decision Will Not Prejudice Ashplant in Carrying Appeal Further.

GIVES LETTER APPROVAL

Alderman Will Take Steps Soon To Obtain Writ of Mandamus.

Judge Talbot Macbeth declines to make an order for the redistribution of the 1922 school taxes of the city on the roll, to the end that industries located in the annex should pay a larger tax than at present.

This was his decision in the appeal of Ald. H. B. Ashplant from the decision of the court of revision, in regard to the alderman's letter of complaint to the city clerk, in which he contended that he was being discriminated against and unjustly taxed.

The basis of the judge's "no order" finding was lack of jurisdiction. He declared that his ruling would not prejudice the alderman in carrying his case further.

In leading up to his ruling the judge was a little critical of City Clerk Baker, and in this regard Ald. Ashplant might be said to have achieved a technical victory.

The judge held that the matter at stake was one of taxes, not assessment. The court of revision and he, himself, had jurisdiction only in matters of assessment.

He held that the complaint of Ald. Ashplant was quite a proper one for him to make to the clerk, but was not a proper one for the clerk to lay before the court of revision.

"I don't think he had the right to take the matter to the court of revision," said the judge in discussing the clerk's action.

The judge stated that the letter of the alderman to the clerk was in quite proper terms and in the clearest form. He said that the question was very important, and he hoped that the alderman would press it to an issue.

Ald. Ashplant stated that he had disagreed with the clerk when that official decided to take the matter to the court of revision, the alderman having contended that the matter was one which involved the clerk only.

As matters now stand, the next move in the annex taxes dispute is for Ald. Ashplant to go to the courts for a writ of mandamus to instruct the clerk to carry out his duties and to instruct the clerk what his duties are on the point at issue.

Such an action will really lead to a judicial interpretation of the annex agreement.

Ald. Ashplant says that he will take steps in the very near future to secure a writ.

PAPERMAKERS TO FIGHT WAGE CUTS

New York, April 26.—The strike vote taken by the International Brotherhood of Papermakers was overwhelmingly against acceptance of wage reductions proposed by manufacturers of newsprint paper, Jerome H. Murphy, president of the brotherhood, announced at a conference with the manufacturers here today.

MORE RAIN MAKES FLOOD DANGEROUS

Fort Worth, Texas, April 26.—Rain continued to fall here early today and flood conditions became more menacing, with a continued rapid rise in the overflowed Trinity river. Fears were expressed that the death list, placed so far at approximately 29, and the property damage, estimated at several million dollars, would be increased today.

Volcano Erupts, 'Quake' Following, Damages Tokio City

TOKIO, April 26.—A heavy earthquake, shaking, centering in Tokio, occurred at 10:15 this morning. Considerable damage was done to buildings in the city and their contents. The earthquake was preceded by an eruption yesterday at Mount Ashi-Yama, 30 miles northwest of Tokio, which broke out with a loud report, pouring forth volumes of ashes, stones and smoke. No serious damage was caused by the eruption.

The earthquake caused the death of a few persons. Telephone and telegraph service was interrupted.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Moderate to fresh northerly winds; fair and somewhat cooler tonight and on Thursday.

Pressure is high to the west and north of the Great Lakes and low off the Nova Scotia coast.

The weather has been showery in the Maritime Provinces and fair in nearly all other parts of the Dominion.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

High, Low, Victoria 68, 50; Calgary 52, 24; Winnipeg 48, 24; St. Arthur 44, 24; St. Paul 42, 24; Toronto 40, 24; Kingston 34, 49; Ottawa 36, 44; Montreal 42, 30; Quebec 44, 30; Pointe 44, 30; St. John 32, 40; Halifax 40, 34.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 62; lowest, 53.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 42; lowest, 38.

Barometric Readings.

Tuesday—3 p.m., 29.36; Today—8 a.m., 29.26.