

BAR WANT JUDGES' SALARIES RAISED

Ontario Bar Association Meet at Osgoode Hall for Thirteenth Time.

NATURAL GAS ACT

Comes in for Hot Criticism as Factor in Unemployment.

Yesterday afternoon at Osgoode Hall the thirteenth annual meeting of the Ontario Bar Association was launched, R. T. Harding presiding. In his presidential address the chairman referred to many things of interest to the profession, among them the need of an increase in the salaries of the judicial members. He also dwelt on the fact that following the first meeting of the council it had been thought desirable to prepare an honor roll of the students, barristers and judges who had joined the colors. For this purpose a large committee of the younger members had worked for some weeks and the result was a list that had been sent to every member in the province with a view to additions or alterations. A memorial will in all probability be placed in Osgoode Hall.

A resolution was adopted recording the loss sustained by Canada in the death of the distinguished lawyer, scholar and statesman, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. An expression of sympathy from the meeting will go to Lady Laurier.

A good deal of discussion followed the paper on legislation read by Mr. Frank Denton, K. C., in the course of which the natural gas act came in for much adverse criticism. The statement was made that the act had stopped the selling of gas in some places and in others it was selling at much raised rates. It is preventing investments and helping unemployment, it was declared. At the present time, was another statement, in defence of the act a speaker pointed out that it has been passed as an emergency in the stress of a severe winter. Speaking of the subject of law reform Mr. N. B. Gash said that the act was a credit to the city but the burden of supporting it should be borne by all registrants.

Mr. Gash also spoke strongly in favor of an increase in the salaries of judges in order that they might live up to the standard commensurate with their heavy responsibilities on the bench. Referring to the "solicitors' act" the speaker thought that the rules obtained in law cases should be the gauge of value. Common sense and the case act had long passed common sense.

In the report on education W. F. Kerr stated that additional lectures would be given at the University of Toronto as being unexcelled in legal work. Ghas. Elliott, librarian, spoke of the collection of cases in the records of celebrated state cases mentioning particularly the noted Donnell case. He thought that the collection of these records might be of use in the future. Mr. Elliott also drew attention to the old Wilson Hotel which from investigation he had made it believed to have been the scene of the formation of the association.

Much satisfaction was expressed by the meeting when Mr. Justice Riddell expressed his willingness to assist in collecting the story of the courts, the history of the society, the list of judges and reporters of the bar. He had, he stated, a collection of notes which he would be very glad to make available. The chairman asked for a full meeting for today as several important addresses are to be given. Among these will be one from Henry R. Bathurst, of Chicago, and another from John Lord O'Brien, assistant to attorney-general of the United States, Washington. "The judge in the parliament of Upper Canada," will be discussed by Mr. Justice Riddell, and the "Introduction of Law into the Yukon" by the Hon. Mr. Justice Craig, promises to be an interesting subject.

The treasurer's report showed that the receipts for the year were \$1,007.01 and disbursements \$603.86.

WEST TORONTO OBJECTS TO WATERWORKS BYLAW
The board of control were waited on recently by a deputation from West Toronto objecting to the existing bylaw which requires residents of a street to have waterworks installed, to furnish a bond guaranteeing ten per cent. revenue on the cost of installation. Controller Maguire supported their demand. Commissioner Harris said that the money would be returned when the system became self-sustaining, but D'Arcy Hinds, who spoke for the deputation, said that the money would be lost if the system was not self-sustaining. The board of control was divided 3-2 in favor of the bylaw.

GOOD LAND FOR SOLDIER.
The returned soldier who takes up agriculture should not be sent into the unsettled parts of the province, but rather he should be given land in the older agricultural centres of the province was the gist of a resolution carried at the last day's session of the Ontario land surveyors' association yesterday. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Aylesworth, Madoc, president; T. D. Lemay, Toronto, vice-president, and L. V. Rorke, Toronto, secretary-treasurer.

BANK OF COMMERCE.
Branches of the Bank of Commerce have been opened at the following points: Sedgewick, Alta., J. D. Burpee in charge. Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., F. W. Wilson in charge. Bay of Quinte, E. A. Bailey in charge. Oakwood, Toronto, corner of Vaughan road and Oakwood avenue, under supervision of Wyckwood manager, G. B. Mayo. St. Pierre, Miquelon, W. J. Church in charge.

Wonder What a Man Thinks About While Dancing With His Wife By BRIGGS



VETERANS

Items of Interest to Returned Soldiers Will Be Printed in This Column From or Sent In.

SPECIAL COURSES FOR VETERANS AT QUEEN'S

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 20.—It is expected that a summer session in applied science courses, including engineering will be held at Queen's, commencing April 17 and lasting about 17 weeks.

It is stated that the courses are only for returned men. Those who take course will get credit of a full academic course. It is thought that if 210 students are secured the university will break about even in the matter of expenses. If we secure only a hundred students," said Principal Taylor, "the university will lose \$10,000. It is a gamble, but it is worth losing money on." The military authorities will give every assistance. Principal Taylor stated this morning that he had received a telegram from Colonel Gibson, Ottawa, to the effect that he was taking the matter up with the adjutant-general and that the department would do anything it could in the way of publication of notices in the military orders.

A REAL HERO.

J. J. Robbins, of Cookstown, is one of the real heroes of the great war, who he did not win a D.C.M. He is listed at the age of 61 with the 157th Battalion nearly three years ago, and later transferred to the Canadian Army Veterinary Corps. While in England two years ago he fell on his elbow, and as a result his right hand became atrophied and practically useless.

SUBURBAN HOUSES BEST.

Comrade Marani of the West Toronto G.W.V.A. is firmly convinced that the personnel of the Toronto housing commission, the men of fine intelligence, have not the grasp of the needs of the men who have experienced the real thing in rotten transportation systems and such homes as they intend to build. Captain Marani is both a prominent member of the G.W.V.A. and of the provincial housing commission, and can speak with authority. He strongly advocates suburban dwellings, believing that the 25-foot frontage house in the centre of the city would prove a heavy drag upon the owner, having in mind the present system of assessment.

Major Bell, another prominent member of the provincial housing commission, yesterday expressed his faith in the personnel of the Toronto housing commission. However, he did not favor \$3,000 residences.

Practically every branch of the Great War Veterans' Association in Canada has gone on record as being unalterably opposed to the repeal of the war time elections act, having special reference to enemy aliens.

Parkdale G.W.V.A. anticipates a membership of more than 5,000 by the end of the present year. This is the branch which has considered what has been termed an effective system of membership organization.

An industrial council has been formed in Toronto, and the Toronto C.M.A. has appointed Thomas Roden and James Roden delegates to the council. The object of this council is to still further expedite the work of reparation thru the medium of closer co-operation between the manufacturers and the representatives of the returned soldiers.

SCHOOL CROWDING ENGAGES BOARD

Many Complaints About Accommodation—Comptroller to Scrutinize Accounts?

Proposals for the appointment of a comptroller to scrutinize accounts, and make the clerk of supplies sole purchasing agent, were introduced at the board of education last night.

Trustee McClelland said that a comptroller of accounts was desired. He produced pictures of the Frankland school playgrounds, which showed some of the girls playing in the portion nominally for the boys, and a larger number of boys playing in the portion allotted to the girls.

Prompt attention was pledged by Chairman Hambly. A deputation from Kew Beach asked for the opening of an additional room, owing to the overcrowding. The only available portion of the building was in the basement. Protests were made by Dr. Noble, Mrs. Groves and Trustee McClelland against a basement class room. The management committee will deal with the case.

The name and address of the principal and caretaker were ordered posted up in a conspicuous place outside every school.

Trustee Bell moved that an experienced stationary engineer be appointed to have supervision of the heating and electric plants. The motion was sent to the property committee.

Trustee Laxton gave notice of motion for the erection of a monument to commemorate the fallen Woodstock soldiers who died in France, steps are being taken to erect a monument to the fallen soldiers who died in France, steps are being taken to erect a monument to the fallen soldiers who died in France.

The Heather Club Chapter, I.O. D.E., held its seventh annual meeting at the residence of Mrs. C. Forbes Rogers, president. The special work undertaken by the Heather Club in caring for tubercular children in their homes was carried on during the year under the direction of the visiting nurse, Miss Gray. Several showers were held for comforts for boys overseas, and at Christmas time baskets of cheer were sent to many needy homes. The following officers were elected for the current year: Honorary regent, Mrs. Goodson; honorary vice-regent, Miss Potts; regent, Mrs. H. M. Blackburn, vice-regent, Mrs. E. Mills, Miss E. J. Jamieson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. C. McKee; recording secretary, Mrs. Alan M. Rae; treasurer, Mrs. J. W. Wigham; standard-bearer, Miss G. Lawrence; councillors, Miss Beth, Mrs. Hume Blake, Miss E. C. Miller, Miss Kinder, Miss M. Hill, Mrs. Burland, Mrs. A. J. Rattray, Mrs. Hutchins, Miss Alice Marshall, Mrs. John G. Marshall.

COMMENDED PASTOR.
The official board of Beach Avenue Methodist Church passed an unanimous resolution last evening, highly commending the work of their pastor, Rev. A. P. Addams, and extending to him the customary invitation for the third year. Appreciation was also recorded of Mr. Lincoln's work amongst the young people in the gymnasium. The choir, under the leadership of J. M. Sherlock, was also accorded a special resolution of appreciation.

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AVERAGE CONSTABLE

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threatened to strike if Ellis were retained.

Mr. Robertson: When was Ellis employed by the company? Mr. Tuttle: About Nov. 5.

Mr. Robertson: That was a few weeks before his resignation. Constable Ward, who was on the beat near the Sons of England Hall the night of the meeting, was examined. He could not swear that he saw Detective Carter there and had not seen Inspector Reeves there, but was told he was at the meeting.

R. S. Penneck, chauffeur of No. 1 division, was questioned as to his movements on the night of the meeting. He denied being sent there for any purpose.

Mr. Esery then announced his intention to call as witness Mr. Robertson, counsel for the returned soldiers, and the gentleman in charge of the department of Allis-Chalmers' factory in which Ellis worked and whose duty it was to discharge him according to orders.

Detective Scott was examined by Mr. Esery as to his connection with the union and the organization. He said that he was named as president at the first meeting, but did not concur in the idea that it was advisable to get a charter from any labor organization, and at that meeting there was a majority against the proposal.

Joined Himself. Detective James Carter, questioned by Mr. Esery, denied that he had acted as official spy at union meetings. He had joined the union himself.

At the morning hearing, Inspector George Sawdon testified that he had found Ellis "fair average constable" and had never any trouble with him. It was his duty to notify Ellis that he would have to leave the force.

Inspector James Hearn testified that he had no knowledge of the union except in conversation with Chief Grasett, who asked him if he had heard of it. He said he would know some of the men and to meet them.

Questioned as to the steps taken to get information regarding the union, and who was organizing it, he recollected no specific incident, but when pressed by counsel, admitted that he had observed the men going to the hall when the first meeting was held to form a union.

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REV. DR. MEACHAM TAKEN BY DEATH

Rev. George M. Meacham, D.D., a native of Belleville, Ont., died yesterday at the home of his brother, James B. Meacham, 489 Jarvis street, Toronto.

The late Rev. George Meacham, who was 86 years of age, had been living in retirement for some years. He was one of the first missionaries to go to Japan from Canada, carrying on the work of the church in that country for about 25 years. Two nephews and two nieces are the only surviving relatives.

The late Mr. Meacham attended Trinity Methodist Church. The funeral takes place today, leaving at 8.30 by G.T.R. train for interment at Belleville.

MUNICIPAL FOREMEN.

Toronto Municipal Foremen's Association held its regular monthly meeting in St. George's Hall on Wednesday evening, 19th inst. There was a large attendance of the members and an instructive address was given by M. A. Stewart, railways engineer in the department of works. The following officers for 1919 were installed: President, J. Chambers; vice-president, T. E. Foster; secretary, W. Sangster; treasurer, J. D. Bailey.

The association commences the year with very bright prospects.

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