

POOREST PEOPLE ARE POOR JEWS

There is No Blinding Poverty Equal to Theirs, Says Rabbi Jacobs at Charities Commission.

There is no blinding poverty equal to the Jews', declared Rabbi Jacob at last night's meeting of the charities commission. 'The poor Jews are the poorest people in Toronto,' further declared the rabbi.

The commission met at the city hall for two weeks and on his return another public session will be held to hear the views of certain representative citizens on the work of organized benevolence in Toronto.

Last night the witnesses gave in a general way the aims of the societies they represented, and agreed to furnish written or printed statistics of their work.

S. Weber, president of the Associated Hebrew Charities, and S. Louis, secretary, represented the charities. The commission was formed last July and had five departments. It included a loan department, but the loans were not for business purposes, but purely to relieve cases of extreme necessity. The association was governed by an executive committee of the president, the five departmental chairmen, and the superintendent of the shelter.

Brief explanations of the objects of their organizations were also made by Miss Tait and Miss Plummer for the West End Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, the Queen Elizabeth Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, the Toronto Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, and Miss Crawford, the Toronto Relief Society.

In addition to R. S. Hudson, chairman, the commissioners present were: Rev. Father Minehan, Rabbi Jacobs, F. S. Spence and George B. Sweetman.

PANAMA CANAL TO BOOM WEST

Sir Donald Mann Believes Much Canadian Wheat Will Obtain Outlet.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 29.—(Can. Press.)—In an interview here to-day, Sir Donald Mann said:

"It occurs to me that the opening of the Panama Canal will exert a more profound, far-reaching effect on the development of western Canada than is generally realized. That a large traffic will flow westward thru the gateway to the coast cities is certain. Vancouver will be the port of import for a very considerable portion of the prairie provinces."

Now it is inevitable that this business will be encouraged by the Transcontinental railways, which will be in a position to handle it as they are certain to carry enormous quantities of export grain to Vancouver and other points on the coast. I see no reason why the surplus wheat crop of all Alberta, the Peace River district and at least one-quarter of Saskatchewan should not seek an outlet via the Pacific and the Panama Canal."

HOME RULE ADVOCATES DUBIOUS OF OUTCOME

Contra-Demonstrations Seem to Have Monopoly of What Enthusiasm is Stirring.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(Can. Press.)—The truth is, the government's home rule boom has fallen entirely flat, and while the Tories are daily holding enormous demonstrations throughout England, the Liberals are making no attempt to counteract the Tory propaganda.

Those in the inner circles of the Nationalist party understand that John Redmond Joseph Devlin and John Dillon have been made sufficiently acquainted with the general nature of the government's home rule bill, and that it is only a mild measure, entirely unopposed to the comprehensive bill, granting full self-government in local affairs, which the Nationalists had been led to expect.

Great significance is attached to the complete silence of Messrs. Redmond, Devlin and Dillon during the present month. Their followers think they are addressing meetings almost daily, and replying to the Tory attacks. None of the three has spoken for months. Redmond has been absent and a prolonged convalescence. Devlin seized the excuse of a throat attack to visit the Riviera, while Joseph Dillon maintains absolute silence and broke an engagement last week to speak at Donegal.

SHOT BY BURGLARS

Sylvester Yost of Berlin Painfully Wounded—Assailants Escaped.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Sylvester Yost of this city was shot at and wounded by two men who were trying to break into the C.P.R. coal house near the old flour mill at 10:30 this evening. Yost noticed the men acting suspiciously around the coal house, and upon asking them what they were doing they immediately turned and fired three shots at him, all of them taking effect. He was taken to the hospital where it was stated he was not seriously wounded.

A thorough search for the culprits was immediately instituted.

MAY BE LIEUT.-GOV. OF N.B.

OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The lieutenant-governorship of the Province of New Brunswick will shortly become vacant by expiration of the term of office of the present incumbent, and report has it that a strong candidate for the position is Hon. Joseph Wood, senator, whose appointment is being pressed upon the government by influential public men.

J. F. SCHOLLES GIVES SCHOOL SITE

J. F. Scholles has offered to give the Ontario department of education an acre in New Liskeard as a school site. It is understood Hon. Mr. Fyfe will accept.

BOXING BOIT A PRIZE FIGHT

National Sporting Club Fined by Magistrate Denison, and Will Enter an Appeal.

Magistrate Denison yesterday morning decided that the contest held in the Riverside Arena on the night of Jan. 17, between the two prizefighters, Boit and Flannagan, was a prize fight, and charged the club a dollar and costs for the offence. Because they had not secured police sanction to run the affair a fine of \$50, the minimum, was collected.

The convictions followed a test case brought by the morality department. The bout between Flannagan and Williams occupied the last position in the evidence. Sir Inspector Kennedy, who was there, having paid his 25 cents membership fee and his \$2 admission, deposed that this particular set-to was a prize fight, and that he saw the two prizefighters, Boit and Flannagan, in the evidence. Thomas Flannagan was a witness of the contest, but he took a different view from Sir Inspector Kennedy, saying that the two contestants acted like old women, and Lou E. Marsh, referee, said about the same.

The magistrate expressed his satisfaction that the system of dealing out tickets was only a subterfuge. The club will take the matter to the high court and in the meantime there will be nothing on the sporting page about boxing bouts.

STEEL REVISION PASSES

Insurgent Republicans Join Democrats in Demand for Lower Tariffs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(Can. Press.)—The steel revision bill reducing the duties of the Payne-Aldrich act from 35 to 30 per cent, passed the house late this afternoon. The Democrats had difficulty in shutting off a constant flow of amendments from the floor, and the bill was not passed until 11 p.m.

The bill was passed by a vote of 210 to 179, with the Republicans voting in the affirmative.

STRIKE TIES UP LISBON MARTIAL LAW IN FORCE

Theatres Closed and Newspapers Quit Publishing—Street Car Dynamited.

LISBON, Jan. 29.—(Can. Press.)—The general strike which was inaugurated to-day in sympathy with strikers in outlying districts, is effective to-night, but owing to strong military patrols, which are guarding the streets of the capital, little violence was displayed. No newspapers are closed to-day, and the theatres are open. The street railway service is now suspended, the last car which attempted to break through the strikers having been dynamited.

The general strike committee demanded that the union offices in the Evora district, where agriculturists have abandoned their work, shall be reopened and that all the strikers arrested during the course of the disturbance shall be released. They further demanded the dismissal of the governor of Evora.

A number of dynamite bombs stored in a garage in the capital exploded this morning, doing much damage, but no one was hurt. A jeweler's assistant, who made the bombs, was arrested.

THIS ICEMAN IS UNLUCKY

After Cutting Supply Under Local Permission, Jan. is Placed.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Victoria Park Lake, from whence comes the city ice supply, was condemned by the provincial board of health on account of the water being impure. However, this winter the park board, ignoring this mandate from the health authorities, granted the usual permission to A. C. Quickfall, wholesale dealer, to cut ice, and for the past two weeks he has been doing so. He became an ultimatum from the provincial health officer, Dr. McCullough, which was adopted by the local board of health at a special meeting to-night. His letter says ice taken from the lake would not be fit for human consumption or cooling purposes.

Following this the wholesale and retail butchers who depend on Quickfall for their ice supply, held a meeting, at which plans were laid to secure a supply from some outside source.

LAKE ERIE ROUTE APPROVED.

BRANTFORD, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—It was announced to-day by President Muir of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Co. that the proposed route between Brantford and Port Dover had been fully ratified by the Dominion Railway Board, including the approval of all railway crossings between Brantford and Simcoe. Entrance to this city along the canal track was confirmed.

C.N.R. WESTERN PLANS

Will Spend \$25,000,000 West of Great Lakes This Year.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 29.—(Can. Press.)—Sir William Mackenzie arrived this morning from the coast and spent the day at the office of the Canadian Northern Railway. He stated that the Canadian Northern will spend \$25,000,000 west of the Great Lakes, employing 20,000 men on construction this year. He had nothing to say about the report that the company would shortly have to double track its line between Winnipeg and Port Arthur. Work on branch lines in the west will be pushed in all directions. To-day the Canadian Northern drove the last spike in the mile extension from Edmonton to Athabasca Landing. Work is to be started at once on the new station at Calgary.

HAMILTON HOTELS. HOTEL ROYAL

HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

ALDERMEN DON'T WANT OUTSIDER TO GET JOB

Hence There Was Wordy Clash Over Controller's Recommendation—Sat Till Morning.

HAMILTON, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—There was no railroad meeting of business in the council meeting which started last night at 8 o'clock and extended into the wee wee hours of this Tuesday morning.

The extended difficulty between the aldermen and controllers assumed a somewhat serious form in the proceedings of the council, and was the cause of considerable debate, the question being precipitated early in the evening, when Ald. Wallace in committee of the whole objected to the introduction of a by-law providing that the controller should be paid by the council, and not by the city.

The aldermen were out of order in the proceedings at that stage of the proceedings, and the council was adjourned until the morning.

They had moved but a short distance when they ran foul of the appointment of James Stewart for a position in the city engineer's department, recommended by the board of control. In their criticism of the board of control, the aldermen expressed their disapproval of the numerous positions around the city hall which have recently been created by the board of control.

Ald. Lalonde took the bill by the horns in this case by demanding to know if any Hamilton man had been given a chance at the position. Dead silence followed. Controller Bailey explained the position that the appointment was made by the board of control, and that the city engineer, according to custom, was asked to tell the councilmen about the appointment and briefly explained that he had been unable to find a man in Hamilton capable of filling the position. The clause of the bill providing for the board of control to further consideration on a vote of 12 to 8.

Controllers Were Not Over.

The troubles of the board of control, however, and on the next clause of the bill they stumbled over the harbor commission bill, two sections of which caused prolonged discussion.

The city engineer, who was presiding at the meeting, was asked to read the nomination for the member of the commission to be appointed by the city council. The nomination was for a man who was not a resident of the city, and the aldermen objected to the appointment of a non-resident to the position.

The aldermen were of this time hot and cold, and the council was adjourned until the morning.

THE FEATHER COLORED

Thoughtless People With Visions of Spring Were Soon Surprised by Slippery Pavements.

Yesterday was one of those peculiar days when you couldn't exactly say whether the weather was wet or dry. A man would grab his umbrella, turn up his coat collar on leaving the house and early forth as if an April shower was falling. But the next thing, if you weren't taken, it was to see one of those thoughtless individuals with visions of spring in his mind, would be lying on a slippery road or sidewalk.

In the afternoon especially the weather was a conundrum. It was a typical January thaw, with the rain falling and becoming frozen the moment it struck the ground. The "manky" heat was very unpleasant, and didn't at all improve the clear, bracing and invigorating weather of the past week.

Nobody likes the kind of climate that was supplied to us yesterday. Canadians, or more specially Torontonians, like extremes in cold weather. The first day or two of a cold snap may prove very trying to many, but soon they get acclimatized and a little thaw is an unwelcome surprise.

Slipping, snow-shoeing, every form of winter sport gets a setback on such a day. Even the tobogganers find it difficult to get their sleds to slide down anything of their interest. This is winter time. People expect winter weather and the consensus of opinion is that the thermometer should not be allowed more than 10 degrees above zero for the next six weeks.

Fresh to strong winds, shifting to west and northwest, with rain and snow. That was the forecast for last night, and it proved pretty correct.

The temperature this morning was as high as 50 degrees above zero. The rain and mild weather is general all over the southern part of the province. In Northern Ontario the weather is fine, with light snowfalls expected. Fair weather is expected to-day, with the temperature slightly lower than yesterday.

The official program for to-day as regards weather is: "Stationary and a little lower temperature."

Everybody will be glad to hear that there are no expectations of sleet or snow.

IMMIGRATION POLICY FAIR TO ALL PROVINCES

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Ontario election should be good enough now.

David Henderson (Halton), pointed out to the leader of the opposition that there had been no contest in South Renfrew in the provincial elections.

No Change in Commission.

In answer to a question by H. B. Ames (Montreal, St. Antoine) Hon. J. A. Hazen and the premier both stated emphatically that the government had no intention of making any change in the membership of the harbor commission of the port of Montreal.

To E. B. Devlin (Wright) the premier stated that the order-in-council of Aug. 1, 1910, approving of the immigration of the Canadian navy was still in force. He objected to a further question as to whether any representations had been made to the government by any member thereof against this system of recruiting, as irregular.

E. N. Rhodes (Cumberland), thinks that the maritime provinces have in the past received a "raw deal" at the hands of the immigration department, and he crystallized his indignation in a lowering resolution declaring: "That, in the opinion of the committee, the government has for many years past been almost entirely confined to the development of western Canada, and largely in consequence of this policy the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have not grown in equal degree with the rest of the Dominion, in the opinion of this house in order to promote uniform progress and prosperity throughout Canada, the government should speedily inaugurate and carry out a policy of immigration and immigration designed to promote the rapid development of the said provinces."

Booming the West.

Mr. Rhodes based up his claim with a wealth of information as to the natural advantages of the maritime provinces, which he said were practically unknown to the people of the old country, to whom Saskatchewan and Alberta seemed to stand for the Dominion. The immigration literature of the department of the interior was largely to blame for this. In ten years Canada had spent \$90,000 in immigration literature, of which only \$10,000 went to advertise the maritime provinces. It went almost exclusively to advertise free farms of the northwest. He thought that an immigration officer from each of the maritime provinces should be stationed in London, England, and given proper assistance.

The Money Test.

Robert Bickerdike (Montreal-St. Lawrence) thought something was wrong with the immigration rule which kept out a good man because he had only \$10 in his pocket and let in a bad man who might have \$500. There should be some way of correcting this.

W. F. Carroll (Cape Breton N.S.) seized upon Mr. Rhodes' resolution as an opportunity to preach reciprocity. What good was there in bringing reciprocity to the northwest or the maritime provinces, he asked, if the grain were to be allowed to rot on the plains and the fish on the coast for lack of "wider markets?"

A. De Witt Foster (Kings, N.S.) repudiated the charge that the Conservative party was opposed to bringing in reciprocity to build up Canadian industries. Nova Scotia was finding a market for her fish in the northwest and for her apples in Germany and other in the West Indies.

He was heartily in accord with the resolution and thought that Mr. Carroll might have done better than say

Inquiry Into Harbor Board

OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—It is said that the matter of reorganization of the Montreal harbor board or the retention of the present members of it in office will be settled only after a reference to a committee of enquiry. This committee, it is rumored, will report to the government upon the accomplishment of the present board and the outcome of its policy, and that upon this report will depend the decision of the question as to reorganization or re-appointment.

he approved of it and then proceeded to throw cold water on the proposition by dragging in party politics.

O. S. Crockett (York, N.B.) expressed his conviction that the present government should operate with the provincial authorities in the upbuilding of the maritime provinces.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson made a long historical essay on the industries of the maritime provinces from the early Victorian era the prelude to a jeremiad on the cutting off of the provinces from the rest of the country.

"Protection," he exclaimed, "is a reciprocity of monopoly; free trade is a reciprocity of freedom and commodities."

J. A. M. Atkins (Brandon) objected to the clause in the industries of the west had been developed at the expense of the east. The people of the west desired no preferential treatment, but the development of the west meant the prosperity of the east, and the development of the west could not be achieved without the aid of the east.

In eastern Canada millions had been spent on wharves and he hoped that the government would place in their estimates adequate sums for the development of the ports of Hudson Bay.

Ontario Neglected.

Donald Sutherland (S. Oxford) repeated what the city of Montreal presented to the city by Mr. Hallam a number of years ago, and also to the number of years he had held public office in the city, and worked for the education and uplift of its citizens.

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EARLY HISTORY TOLD IN PICTURE

John Ross Robertson Collection Presented to Toronto and Placed in Public Library.

A very interesting event took place at the public library building, College street, last evening, when a tablet was unveiled commemorating the building of the present library thru the generosity of Andrew Carnegie; the unveiling of a portrait of the late John Hallam, founder of the public libraries of Toronto, and for many years an alderman; and the presentation to the city of a collection of historical relics and pictures of Toronto, by J. Ross Robertson.

After the arrival of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir J. M. Gibbon, and party, the chair was taken by N. B. Gash, chairman of the public library board. Mr. Gash, in his remarks, referred to the philanthropic motives of Mr. Carnegie in establishing the library, and also the generosity of Mr. Robertson, in presenting his historical collection.

The tablet commemorating the gift of Mr. Carnegie was unveiled by Mr. Justice Kelly owing to the absence of Sir Glenholme, who was in the city. Mr. Kelly reviewed the history of the library from the time of its foundation.

Col. Mason, who was one of those instrumental in the founding of the old city library, unveiled the portrait of Mr. Hallam. He referred to the Hallam collection of 2000 volumes which was presented to the city by Mr. Hallam a number of years ago, and also to the number of years he had held public office in the city, and worked for the education and uplift of its citizens.

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BAKING REFORM MUST WAIT UNTIL FALL

Hon. W. T. White's Pet Plan Stands Over Thru Press of Business.

OTTAWA, Jan. 29.—(Special.)—An important government caucus has been called for Wednesday morning, when the general policy of the ministry for the rest of the session will be laid before the members for discussion and advice.

The government is anxious that the session shall not drag too long, and would like to see the house wind up some time in March.

With a short session in sight, there is little likelihood of the Bank Act being introduced, despite the anxiety of Hon. W. T. White to have it passed. It is understood he has the new bill about prepared and has introduced a number of important safeguards to the general public.

It will take such lengthy discussion and is of such vital importance to all interests that ample time for debate is necessary. A pure food bill which will make inspection much more rigid than at present is being prepared by Hon. Bruno Nantel, minister of inland revenue, and, if possible, will be passed this session.

It is understood that the government will shortly appropriate Mondays as fast as Wednesdays for ministerial business which will help to hasten the end of the session.



PIUTZI SCHEFF In "Night Birds" at the Royal Alexandra next week.



AL H. WILSON Who comes to the Grand next week in his new play, "It Happened in Rotterdam."