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## NORTH TORONTO HAS BEEN BADLY USED. THROUGH RATEPAYERS

### Lively Meeting Decides to Petition for Disannexation From the City.

"A community meeting, more for action than discussion," was President Baker's description of the North Toronto Ratepayers' Association meeting, held last night in Eglington town hall, whatever the intention of the executive might have been in this acrimonious discussion was, for a considerable part of the time, the order of the proceedings. Finally a vote of the audience decided in favor of the immediate formation of an organizing committee to arrange for circulating dis-annexation petitions among the residents of the district. Volunteers for this work were called for by the chair and a duty roster prepared. The chairman, Mr. Baker, explained to the ratepayers that the executive had received instructions at a previous meeting and was now prepared to carry them out. He said that he had received from Sir William Hissar, in answer to a written request for an interpretation of the by-laws agreement with the city relative to the veto of the civic purchase of the Metropolitan Railway. The letter advised that the association seek outside legal opinion on the matter. The association forthwith retained T. R. Ferguson, who is a well-known lawyer, to carry out the purchase agreement. The counsel further stated that the clause in question had no direct bearing on the present issue but referred to a line at one time contemplated between Toronto and London. Concluding his opening remarks, the chairman stated that the petition would be signed and called on Dr. Risk for his report.

Dr. Risk reported handing Mr. Ferguson's opinion on the question to the board of control, and added that Mayor Church had interjected that it differed with the opinion of the city council. "We asked if we might have an account of the money collected as taxes from the city," said Dr. Risk, "and the board agreed, Mr. Bradshaw was to furnish the information, but to date nothing has been received from him."

**Busy on the Job.** "Your executive has not wasted their time," said E. Y. D. Galt, the new speaker; "we have collected signatures, interviewed the lieutenant-governor and made many arrangements." He said that there were a great many people riding Sir Adam Beck for all he was worth. "Sir Adam is cursed by the friends he has; he is well thought of in Toronto, but everybody is sorry for him in his friends." Mr. Donnelly gave statistics showing the flourishing financial condition of several small cities whose population approximated that of the district of North Toronto. In no case cited was the assessment as great as \$554,000 per year, as is the figure given for North Toronto. He stated that the city had not provided sewerage and water for the North Toronto district, people thought, and added that both were installed before annexation. "In 1912 the tax revenue of the town of North Toronto was \$18,000 and \$100,000 would have cleared us. Now we are paying \$554,000 per annum and have nothing to show for it."

**SCORES DEAD IN TEXAS STORM**  
Property Loss is Now Placed at Ten Million Dollars.

Corpus Christi, Tex., Sept. 15.—Forty-seven victims of the tropical hurricane which swept Corpus Christi and this section early Sunday morning had been brought to the temporary morgue in the county court house tonight. In addition to the deaths in this city, fifty-six were reported dead in the vicinity of Portland, across Nueces Bay from Corpus Christi. With the death toll mounting, and the property loss now placed in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000, the people of Corpus Christi tonight, 36 hours after the hurricane seemingly were just coming to a full realization of the catastrophe, through which they passed. Every industry in the city is practically a business at a standstill, communication of all kinds demoralized, and the food and housing problem acute.

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## COL. J. CURRIE FORCES DEBATE ON GRATUITIES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

### General Opinion of Members Against the Added Bonuses—Col. Currie, However, Favors Full Two Thousand Gratuity for Men Who Reached the Fighting Line.

Ottawa, Sept. 15.—The entire sitting of the house of commons today was engrossed by the debate upon the subject of the gratuities asked for the returned soldiers. It came before the house upon the motion of Colonel John A. Currie, Unionist member for North Simcoe, who moved the adjournment in order to discuss the subject as a matter of urgent importance. In the nature of things no conclusion could be reached, but the motion opened wide the doors to an almost unlimited discussion. The general opinion of the house seemed to be clearly against the proposed gratuities. Indeed, about \$2,000 for every returned soldier who served in France, \$1,500 for every one who served in England and \$1,000 for every one who served in Canada. He believed that the entire cost would not exceed six hundred million dollars and expressed his conviction that our share of the German indemnity would not be less than one billion dollars. He, moreover, suggested that enough additional revenue could be secured by the government to pay the interest on the \$1,000,000,000 loan by imposing an additional customs duty of seven per cent. upon all imports entering Canada.

**Release of Bacon Would Not Reduce the Local Prices**  
The most outspoken opposition to Col. Currie's motion came from other returned soldiers, who are members of the house. Dr. Manion, Unionist member for Fort William, and Col. "Cy" Beck, V.C., Unionist member for Simcoe, denounced the proposal as unworthy of consideration and as a demagogic appeal for the soldier-vote. Major D. H. Galt, Conservative member for Peterborough, and Major Chubbie Gibson of Quebec, while expressing themselves more moderately, were no less unable to agree that the gratuity should be granted. They pointed out that it was utterly impossible for Canada to raise the enormous sum of six hundred million dollars. Dr. Michael Clark of Red Deer suggested compromise, by which the returned soldier might be paid over the coming winter with gratuities payable in the months of November, December, January, February and March. Mr. Edwards of Frontenac argued if such gratuities were paid in the winter of 1919-20 they would probably also have to be paid in the winter of 1920-21. He opposed the gratuity of \$2,000 as an impossible burden upon the citizens, especially those of the board of the whole day.

**NEW SCHOOL WAR**  
Williamson Road Home and School Club to Fight Removal of Principal Davis.

War has broken out against the board of management committee of the Williamson Road Home and School Club, which has the honor of a new quarter. This time it is the Home and School Club of Williamson Road Public School, which has the honor of a new quarter. The board of management committee, which has been actively identified, has organized a protest to the board of trustees for tomorrow night's meeting against the sudden jerking out of Principal Davis at Williamson road to make an opening for the returned C.E.F. officer, Principal Vallantyne. They argue that justice to Mr. Vallantyne cannot be done by causing a disturbance at such a successfully conducted school as Williamson road. And that Mr. Vallantyne should be given Ryerson School, where the present appointee, an assistant high school master, has been declared by the board of education's own secretary to be irregularly appointed.

**EX-PREMIER ARSENAL MAY OPPOSE M.K. KING**  
Charlottetown, P.E.I., Sept. 15.—The persistent hostile criticism by the government press on the island of MacKenzie King strengthens the belief that he is to be opposed in P.E.I. county at the coming by-elections. Ex-Premier Arsenault is likely to be his opponent, as it is expressed he would capture the French vote. Liberals are confident Mr. King's majority will be even greater than that of the late Capt. Joseph Read.

**Australian Labor Rejects One Big Union Proposal**  
Melbourne, Australia, Sept. 15.—The trades hall council have thrown out the proposal for one big union.

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## BOSTON POLICE STRIKE FRENCH DELAYING DIRECT ACTION THREAT FOR ENFORCEMENT OF LABOR LEGISLATION

### State They Will Not Go Out in Sympathy With Police, Constitution Against It.

Boston, Sept. 15.—The outstanding development today in the situation resulting from the police strike was the declaration of the city's firemen, that, come what might, they would remain at their posts of duty. The voting unions affiliated with the former policemen on the question of supporting the latter continued quietly and methodically, and there was grave doubt of the outcome. The officials realized the danger still confronting the normal life of the city, but hailed with satisfaction the attitude of the fire fighters.

**RELEASE OF BACON WOULD NOT REDUCE THE LOCAL PRICES**  
Swifts' Manager, at Winnipeg, Gives Evidence Before Board of Commerce.

Winnipeg, Sept. 15.—At present there are 495,000 pounds of bacon held in store in Winnipeg by the Swift Canadian Company for export trade, according to J. T. Tapley, manager. Questioning of Mr. Tapley regarding the effect that the release of this quantity of bacon would create on the local market formed a feature of the afternoon session of the board of commerce today. Commissioner Jas. Auld presided in the absence of Judge Robson, chairman, who is indisposed. Mr. Tapley stated that the release of the bacon would not reduce prices to any appreciable extent, and that the firm was compelled to make the peckers slow up in the buying of hogs, the price of which would drop. The intention of the board is to take the part of efficiency experts in their investigation into the high cost of living, was apparent at today's session when it was made a condition of the detour of operating expense was to be ascertained. The process of turning live hogs into bacon engaged the attention of the board of the whole day.

**Capt. E. Donaldson, D.F.C., to Journey From San Francisco to Australia.**  
Canadian Press Despatch. Vancouver, B.C., Sept. 15.—Among the arrivals on the steamer Princess last night was Captain Eric Donaldson, who has announced that he will essay a trans-Pacific flight by aeroplane. The flier intends to "hop" from San Francisco and fly via the Hawaiian Islands, thence to another island in the southern Pacific and from there to his home in Australia.

**NATIONAL RAILWAYS EXCEED C.P.R. MILEAGE**  
Special to The Toronto World. Ottawa, Sept. 15.—The railway mileage is being made in taking over the Grand Trunk, Z. A. Lash and G. Ruel are counsel representing the government, and W. H. Biggar and W. C. Chisholm, the Grand Trunk, in drafting the agreement. The mileage of the two systems is expressed in round figures as follows:

Canadian Government Railways... 23,000  
Canadian Northern Railway... 9,900  
Grand Trunk Railway... 4,800  
Total National Railways... 24,700  
Canadian Pacific Railway... 12,000

### Seaplane Talks To Submarine

New London, Conn., Sept. 15.—A radio experiment made this afternoon off New London, in Long Island Sound, by the experiment station, naval section, established communication, both telephonic and telegraphic, between a hydroplane flying nearly 2,000 feet in the air and a submerged submarine several fathoms in the water. This was a demonstration for the delegates to the annual convention of the Edison Society of Electrical Engineers being held at Eastern Point. This is said to be the first time that an airplane and a submerged submarine have communicated with each other directly, and is considered by naval officials here as an important factor in coast defence and in naval warfare.

**Whiskey Hidden in Potato Bags**  
Three arrests and a seizure of over 250 bottles of whiskey were effected yesterday afternoon by Plainclothesmen Black and Ewing when they entered a number of houses. Samuel Pancer, 102 D'Arcy street, Henry Peterson, Jarvis street, and Ralph Tarrant, 561 Parliament street, are held on charges of a breach of the Ontario temperance act. Black and Ewing traced a number of liquor sales and learned that a shipment recently arrived from Montreal in 15 dozen bottles here. When they entered the Parliament street house they found eight and one-half dozen. Tarrant had six bottles in his room.

**Police Will Debate Protective Association**  
Notices were posted in the different police stations yesterday, stating that a meeting of all men in favor of the formation of a Policemen's Protective Association will be held. Now that the date of the meeting will be held, an effort is to be made to have an independent organization. Announcement of the date of the meeting will be made shortly. If there is not a representative turnout at the meeting the organization will be dropped.

**Italian Commanders Were Powerless to Restore Order in Fiume.**  
Paris, Sept. 15.—The Jugo-Slav peace delegation here has issued the following statement regarding the situation at Fiume: "No armed conflict occurred at Fiume on the night of September 12-13 when 1,000 Italian soldiers arrived from the occupied territory of Istria and Slavonia. The battleship Dante Alighieri was used to sail, her engines having been damaged purposely; the troops landed from the ship and joined D'Annunzio's volunteers. The Italian military authorities and commanders of the allied troops were powerless to restore order, preparations for the rebellion having been carefully made. The rebels drove away the English patrol stationed in the governor's palace. Demonstrations against America, Great Britain, France and Jugo-Slavia occurred. "D'Annunzio addressed the soldiers and crowds, and then the Italians drove the Jugo-Slav and soldiers from Fiume and Susse. "The French, Americans and British have left Fiume on board ships. It was feared that the regular of the Italian army, who were sent against the rebels, will make common cause with them. "Signor Titttoni of the Italian delegation left tonight for Rome. The Fiume situation was the subject of many informal conferences today. Rumors were in circulation that the Allies might blockade Fiume, but the supreme committee's disposition still is to regard the D'Annunzio episode as a disturbing, which Italy could not handle.

**Delegates at National Industrial Conference Want a Compulsory 8-Hour Day and 44-Hour Week—Capital Declares Reduction of Hours Means Curtailing Output of Workshops.**  
Ottawa, Sept. 15.—A threat of "direct action" to enforce legislation making the 8-hour day and 44-hour week compulsory all over Canada, which came from more than one source, served to liven up the afternoon session of the National Industrial Conference, held in the chamber. The question of shorter hours of labor in the industries of the Dominion was the bone of contention during almost the entire afternoon and the respective views of capital and labor on the subject were ably presented.

**Benefit From Overtime.**  
M. P. White, a Toronto manufacturer, thought that labor wanted the basic 8-hour day, but if it meant more overtime at a premium wage, and other speakers for the employers held that the time was not ripe for this sort of legislation. Labor speakers, including one woman delegate, Miss Helma Gutteridge of Vancouver, parried that the time was never ripe for labor legislation of a delusion who opposed it, and that the workers wanted something better than to eat, sleep and work. "The communication in favor of shorter hours was still before the house when adjournment was made, and Senator Robertson's chairman declared that there must be more speed in order to finish with the agenda by Saturday. This was the second resolution of the afternoon. "Civil Service Committee. The report of the committee on arrangements was the first item of business this morning. The committee, Messrs. Rigg and Moore, asking for a special committee on the question of civil service and the industrial relations commission's report on employees was unanimously concurred in and was carried by the meeting. "The desire of the third group for representation on committee on conference was also reported upon. It was pointed out that while the third group could not be given voting power, it was suggested that two members from the third group be added to each of the nine joint committees, that they might have a voice in the question of representation. This would make the committees of eight members instead of six, as was originally proposed by the agenda committee. "Before proceeding with the amended agenda, the chairman, Senator Robertson, asked if any arrangements had been made in regard to who should introduce the subjects for debate. "J. I. Shaw, Woodstock, suggested, in the absence of C. B. Carleton, chairman of the employers' group, that the employers were asking very little they would take the negative side of the debate and let the employees introduce the various subjects. "The question of nominating committees was raised by Tom Moore and R. A. Rigg of the Labor delegation. They said the adjournment had been taken while the question of committees was before the meeting, and that should have been the first business this morning. "To Settle Home Problems. John Bruce, speaking for the Labor group, rising to introduce the first business, said that it was useless to try and settle problems in Europe without attempting to first settle those at home. There had been differences between the parties represented at the present conference, and the delegates pleaded that hostility be dropped and the problems tackled in a spirit of unity. Labor had had to fight hard for the improvements it sought, and there had been much hostility when remedial laws were sought. These factors had been largely responsible for the present unrest. Both employer and employee had been working hard for laws to suit their needs and interests. The need of unity in the world was voiced in the peace treaty, said Mr. Bruce. (Continued on Page 4, Column 3).