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AMENT'S COURSE

Dewart, the Liberal
rally anxious to keep
in the Legislature in
attempts of the
to gain seats at the
of the Liberals. In this
matter of the Speak-
er mentioned. It is
Nelson Parliament,
county's representa-
asked to act as speak-
aid from Mr. Parliam-
is not going very far
ranks. In accepting
nomination several
the election, Mr. Par-
his position very clear-
convention. He want-
understood that he
liberty to support the
form in the house
elected. The conven-
of his stand and he
without a dissenting
ere was no misunde-
reception during the el-
e. If Mr. Parliament
ested by the new ad-
to accept the Speak-
ers in Prince Edward
to accede to the re-
the Government and
the benefit of his
Gazette.

STORMS COMING?

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the worst storms in its
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erty damage that will
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red with many other
the storm here was
ugh for most people.
re we to say when we
prophecies of Albert
is said to be an as-
sume tone. Mr. Porter
ecented storms ar-
of December and ex-
ation from an astron-
ant as follows:

in their orbits swing
about the sun. They
the sun, and to each
of electro-magnetic
a compelling force
other and hold each
regular path.

two planets wheel in-
on that they pull to-
sun—either in con-
the same side of the
position with the sun
their united pull
n's gases to 'explode'
into space in the whirl-
call a sunspot. These
cause storms in the
our earth—doubtless
as well.

is united are enough
ll sunspot and a small
cause a larger one—
ry great storm indeed.

December 17, 1919, no
en planets will pull
sun. These will in-
lightest planets, those
powerful pull. Six of
y, Mars, Venus, Jup-
d Neptune—will be in
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ue of planets' ever
annals of astronomy,
massed in the narrow
degrees, on the same
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posite, coming into op-
this gigantic league,
ge planet Uranus, and
s will pierce the sun
spear.

is outside the league at
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on to receive almost
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that Mr. Porter has
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BELLEVILLE'S NEEDS DISCUSSED AT FIRST BOARD OF TRADE MEMBERS GROUP MEETINGS

That the members of the Board of Trade are seriously thinking of how to solve the problems of Belleville and that there are many problems to be solved, was evident in the first members group meetings held last evening for the purpose of discussing "What should the Board of Trade do?" The meetings were under the chairmanship of Mr. MacKenzie Robertson and Mr. W. D. Riggs and resulted in a lively discussion of Belleville's needs. Groups 3 and 4, of which Col. A. P. Allen and Mr. S. R. Burrows are chairmen, will meet tonight.

Besides this helpful discussion the meeting served as a means of meeting some of the new business men who have lately come to the city.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Robertson who introduced Mr. W. Phillip Shatts, the Field Secretary. Mr. Shatts briefly outlined the functions of the modern Board of Trade and said that the answer to the question "What shall the Board of Trade do?" is the answer to the question "What does Belleville need?" He then designated the various elements that constituted the well-balanced, prosperous and wholesome community, emphasized the need for definitely recording each suggestion so that a program could be made up from the suggestions, and each man placed upon committee to carry out the project in which he was specially interested. The program of work thus formulated will act as a compass to the Board of Directors. The meetings are conducted informally and everyone is encouraged to express

his opinions freely. Mr. Robertson, in his opening remarks, said that one of the great needs of Belleville was to have people come to meetings on time and to open them on time. The meetings last evening were called promptly and the same policy of promptness will be followed in all the Board of Trade meetings. This will make it possible for men to get away in good time. Mr. John Elliott presided at the meeting of group No. 2, due to the late arrival of Mr. W. B. Riggs.

Some of the problems presented and discussed at the meeting were: more houses, extension of sewerage and water works, free bay bridge, improved railroad stations, street signs, recreation facilities, public lavatories, open up streets, extension of pavement, parks, advertise Belleville, new industries, remove old buildings and eye-sores, encourage and assist good public officials, co-operate with farming community, create spirit of co-operation and civic pride, better country roads, electric railway, democratic methods in conducting board of trade, more and better public schools, adequate pay for teachers.

Primary election ballots are beginning to arrive, indicating the keen interest that is being taken in the election. The 18 members receiving the highest number of votes in this primary election will be nominees to be placed upon the final ballot which will again be returned to the members, and in that final election the 9 members receiving the highest number of votes will constitute the Board of Directors.

Exchange Rates Are Moving Upward

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Exchange rates on the pound sterling continued their upward course today, demand bills here being at \$3.32 1/2 or three to four cents above yesterday's close. New York funds on Canada are quoted today at seven and a quarter per cent. premium.

Will Probe Charges, January

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—The New Year will be here before that board of commerce will be able to hold the investigation into the alleged conspiracy of certain milling interests and some Montreal bakers. Papers will be served in a few days on about one hundred men suspected of implication in the conspiracy to fix a minimum price on the loaf of bread to the consumer. Preliminary investigations have been going on for six weeks and though reference was first made to it yesterday when a deputation of master bakers waited on the board the two have nothing in common.

It is stated that if the board of commerce finds any of those called before it guilty of the charges made against them, the question of guilt, will then cease to be a question at issue. The Attorney General of Quebec will then be called on to take action against all offenders found guilty under the provisions of the Federal Combines Act.

LAD TO REST

LAWRENCE KIRBY HERCHMER
The funeral of Lawrence Kirby Herchmer took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Dundas St. Service was conducted by Rev. Ven. Archbishop Beamish. Interment took place in the Herchmer family plot, Belleville cemetery.

The six-year-old son of John Francis, miller, was smothered in wheat in the Maple Leaf Milling Co.'s mill at Dresden.

Jos. McLoughlin, Ingersoll, was seriously injured by a fall into a quarry at Beachville, where he was working.

Concussion of the Brain

Sustained by Belleville Chinaman in Toronto

Tong Wing, of Belleville, sustained concussion of the brain and a badly lacerated face when struck by a street car at Queen and Elizabeth streets, Toronto last night. The injured Chinaman was removed to Grace Hospital in the police ambulance. According to police Tong Wing was crossing the street when the car in charge of Motorman 533 struck him. Dr. Holmes, who was passing at the time, gave first aid to the unfortunate man.

Appoint Picton Man Inspector at Windsor

Mr. Benson Will Look After Schools in the Border City.

Windsor, Dec. 17.—At a special meeting of the Board of Education of Windsor yesterday J. E. Benson, M. A., of Picton, was appointed Inspector of Schools for Windsor at a salary of \$3,500. Mr. Benson appeared before the board in person, and was selected from ten applicants.

The new Inspector will take office early in the new year. He is at present Public School Inspector in the county of Prince Edward, and is a former Science Master in Nanapanee and Cobourg Collegiate. Before entering High School work Mr. Benson was Public School teacher for some years. He is a Queen's University graduate, and about 45 years of age.

Mr. Benson succeeds Robert Meade, recently appointed Principal of Walkerville night classes. Whether Sandwich and Walkerville will be included in his inspectorate is yet to be decided.

THE ANNUAL SANTA CLAUS FUND

Editor Ontario.

The Finance Committee of the Children's Shelter kindly acknowledge the following donations. Dear reader, are you a booster for the community? If so now is your opportunity to boost. The children of today will be the boosters of tomorrow, if we set the example.

Previously acknowledged	\$314.00
The Ritchie Co.	25.00
Roy Stafford	5.00
Marsh Engineering Works	10.00
Mrs. M. Lazier	10.00
Mr. H. E. Fairfield	10.00
Diamond & Hyde	3.00
Citizens of Frankford	10.00
Jones Milling Co.	5.00
Miss Hogart	1.00
Mr. J. N. Boyd	1.00
Total	\$394.70

Yours respectfully,
Thos. D. Ruston.

Proclamation Invalid to Prohibit Imports

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Government has, declared by Justice Sir John Sankey, of the King's Bench division, today to possess no power to prohibit the importation of certain goods and that therefore the proclamation to this effect was invalid and illegal. The judgment is considered one of the most important ever rendered against the government.

Sir Robert Urged to Remain in Office

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Urgent representations have been made to Sir Robert Borden by his cabinet colleagues that he should retain the premiership. At a cabinet council meeting yesterday it is understood the premier's retirement was discussed and the suggestion has been made that he should take an extended holiday. It is possible an official statement will be issued after the council meeting scheduled for this afternoon.

PLOT TO PREVENT HOME RULE

LONDON, Dec. 17.—In the Commons, T. P. O'Connor charged that there is a plot to prevent a Home Rule settlement.

FOUR MILLION WOMEN TO FIGHT OLD HI COSTA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Four million women of the United States will go into the government thrift campaign to fight the high cost of living.

A good many of the standing jokes should be sat upon.

BORDEN MAY MAKE ANNOUNCE- MENT TODAY

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Premier Borden may make a statement today.

COAL EMBARGO REMOVED

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—The U. S. embargo on coal and coke has been removed and shipments this way are expected shortly.

GABRIEL TO APPEAR TODAY

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Today is the day professor Porta has prophesied for the end of the world.

The Good Judge's Decision is :

As his Picture stands for everything that is PURE AND RIGHT in milling, it would be well when purchasing Flour or Cereals for everyone to see they are the Judge-Jones Milling Company's products bearing the JUDGE'S PICTURE.

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The Spirit of Cheerful Service Pervades This CHRISTMAS STORE RITCHIE'S NEW GIFT SECTION

3 ds You Come to The Second Floor and See The Almost Endless
Assemblage of Ideal Gifts For The Family and The Home

The 2nd Floor of Our Store has been transformed into a veritable Bazaar of practical as well as beautiful things for gift giving this Christmas season. Our buyers went direct to New York in search of the very latest novelties and below we enumerate a few of the many gift ideas that they brought back for your seeing and choosing. Make it a point to visit our new Gift Section sometime before Christmas. It will prove both helpful and suggestive to Christmas Shoppers.

Smoking Sets Glass Trays Vases Fern Pots Fancy Work Baskets
Hand Painted China Bedroom Table Lamps Candelero Stands and Shades
High Floor Pedestal Standards and Shades Table Lamps with Silk or Glass Shades
Desk Sets Nut Sets Fancy Cushions Fruit Baskets and Artistic Brass Goods
2nd Floor

These Suggestions of

Novelty Furniture

In Our New Furniture Department
on the second floor

Many pieces of luxurious and artistic novelty Furniture now shown in the new Furniture section, 2nd floor. If you are planning to give something that will enhance the beauty and comfort of the home then choose from these:

Round and Oval Centre Tables Library Tables Desks Fancy Work Baskets
Fern Stands Sewing Stands Rockers and Chairs, Fumed Finished and new
novelty shapes, upholstered and plain. hesterfields Chester Chairs Tea Wag-
ons Serving Trays, etc.

Front Store Suggestions



Hand Bags

All the new shapes and best leathers, priced from \$1 to \$10.00
Canteen Bags, in black & colors. Something new \$5.50
Fancy Silk Handbags, nicely lined, \$5 to \$10.00
Celluloid Bag Frames \$2.
Metal Bag Frames \$1.25 to \$1.75
See our Special Window Display of Bordered Handkerchiefs.

Watch
Our
Windows

BLOUSES of Extreme Beauty

Many new Gift Blouses have just recently been placed on show and our Christmas showing now displays so many pleasing and beautiful models that a happy and pleasing choice is sure to be made

Georgette Blouses \$6.75 to \$30.00
Crepe de Chine Blouses \$8.75 to \$12.50

Stunning New Silk Dresses

These charming afternoon and dinner frocks for Christmas showing are developed of Georgette, Charmeuse, Crepe de Chine, Paulette and Tricolette. For trimmings all that is new and authentic is made use of with the result that you'll find many of the new models featuring heavy embroidery and beaded effects, while others are adorned with Silk Fringes, Lace and Nets. Note this wide range of prices \$35.00 to \$125.00

Evening Dresses

We are more than prepared for the formal social events of the coming season when it comes to Evening Frocks. Lovely new effects are here that are developed of Nets, Tulle and Velvets and the colors are alluring and beautiful. Priced from \$25.00 to \$110.00

The Ritchie Co.,
Ltd.

Watch
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Buy Your Men's Gifts At Christmas Store



Negligee Shirts, in pleasing new designs—\$2.00 to \$6.00

Men's Neckwear in colors and qualities that are sure to please 75c to \$2.50

Knit Mufflers in wool and artificial silk qualities \$1 to \$5.00

Gloves are practical Gifts and we show good dependable gloves priced from \$1 to \$5.75 pair

Men's Handkerchiefs, priced so reasonable—that they make inexpensive gifts from 15c to 60c

Men's Leather Collar Bags, just in \$1.50 and \$2.50

Umbrellas, priced at from \$2.00 to \$7.50

Men's Club Bags, real leather \$15 to \$25.00

Men's Silk Hose \$1.00 and \$1.25

Men's Store.