YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS OF TORONTO

DON ROAD FARMERS MET ON SATURDAY

To Discuss New High Level Bridge Over Don—Petition Signed.

TOWNLINE IS BLOCKED

C. P. R. and Highway Commission Denounced — Resolutions Passed.

A meeting of the farmers of the Don section of the Township of York was held at the school-house on the Don road, north of Donlands station, on Saturday night. Among those present were: James Muirhead, Geo. Gray, J. H. Smith, H. Duncan, H. Gray, J. White, J. Nichol, J. Darlington, G. Lee, R. Patterson, R. A. Milne and many others. W. F. Maclean, M. P., was in the chair, and J. Darlington was made secretary.

The first matter taken up was the proposed high level bridge across the West Don at Eglinton avenue, two and a half miles east of Yonge street, and which, if erected, would by a short road connect up with Donlands and the Don road and thence up thru York Township and across into Scarboro and Markham and make the best road into the city by way of Leaside and Rosedale.

After full discussion a petition was signed and sent to the township council praying the reeve and the council to have all the facts in connection with the plans of the bridge as recently prepared by Frank Barber, C.E., to be further taken up and communications opened with other municipalities, with the Hydro-Electric Commission and the Toronto and Eastern Radial line and any other parties with a view of securing co-operation in the construction of the bridge, and also of ascertaining what proportion, if any, should be paid in the way of a special tax by the residents of the township in the immediate vicinity, who would be the most benefited.

Resolution Passed.

The meeting then passed a resolution condemning the conduct of the Highways Commission and their engineer, Mr. E. A. James, for the way in which the commission had undertaken last fall to widen De Grassi hill on the Don road and had got $2000 for that purpose from the York Township Council, but had so neglected to get the work completed in proper time that the cold weather of December set in, closed down the work, and as a consequence when the freshet came about ten days ago the whole centre of the road was washed out and the gravel carried down the hill and caused a breakdown in all traffic. It seems that the engineer sent a man out for a few hours to mark the washouts with brush, but that is all. The farmers are very indignant, and a copy of the resolution is to be sent to the Highways Commission, to the township council, to the Good Roads Commission and to the Hon. Dr. Reaume, minister of public works.

Denounced C. P. R.

They passed a similar resolution in regard to the Canadian Pacific Railway, which last fall took down the bridge on the townline when it widened its cut at Wexford, and at that time promised the farmers and all the traffic which uses the York and Scarboro Township lines that it would only be a couple of weeks before the bridge would be replaced. As a matter of fact, they had no intention of putting up the bridge last fall; but once they got the council's consent they deviated the road for about half a mile thru a farmer's field and made a clay crossing over the railway, and for four months now farmers have been blocked in trying to get to the city, and a number of rigs have been broken and a loss that aggregates thousands of dollars has been sustained by those who use the road. The engineer in charge, whose name is Charles, has his headquarters at Agincourt, and he laughs at the farmers and says he hopes to start putting up the bridge some weeks hence. In the meantime he has not spent five cents in making a substitute road for the farmers, but has forced them to make a detour of half a mile; also, the councils of Scarboro and York think it not worth bothering about. As a consequence a letter to be sent to Mr. Arundel, the general superintendent of the railway, with headquarters at Toronto, to see if he can effect a remedy. One of the farmers suggested that the township send solicitors to Ottawa to the railway commission, and not only would they succeed in getting an order for the bridge, but they would be able to collect damages on behalf of the township and the citizens from the railway.

To Form Association.

A number of farmers at the meeting also signed a petition for the extension of the hydro-electric up the Don road from the head of Pape avenue.

It was also decided to hold a meeting four weeks hence and organize a ratepayers' association for the whole of that section of the township and secure better roads, electric light and power lines, construction of the new bridge and other improvements.

WEST TORONTO

Another Orange lodge has been organized in Toronto Junction. It is called Sir Edward Carson L.O.L., No. 2515. Ten members were received by certificate and eight candidates were initiated. A. A. Thomas, district master of Toronto Junction, presided, and was assisted by G. C. Boylen, county master of West York; W. Finlay, D. O.M.; J. G. Wright, P.M.; A. K. Moffat, P.D.M.; Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A.; W. Legrow of 2527 and J. Shackleton.

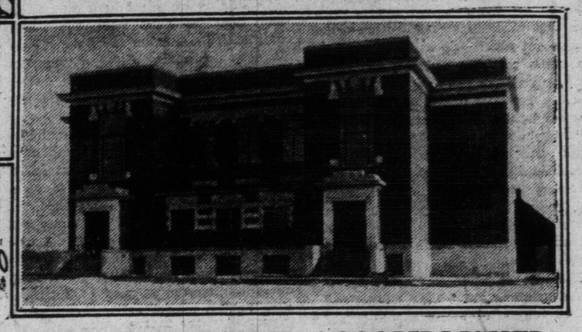
The following officers were elected: C. E. King, W.M.; J.G. Harrison, D.M.; J. Hallam, chaplain; T. E. Smith, recording secretary; W. E. Munston, financial secretary; J. Sturk, treasurer; J. Boulton, D. of C.; Messrs. Smith and Young, lecturers; Messrs. J. Harrison, sr., E. T. Harrison, A. Harrison, H. B. Dewart and H. Warren, committee. The election was conducted by A. A. Thomas and the installation of officers by J. C. Boylen.

The degrees will be conferred next Saturday. The new lodge will meet in Harrison's Hall, Mimico.

THE NEW NORTH EARLSCOURT PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Trustees—Messrs. A. Watt, J. O. Wilcox, Wm. Deacoff and B. T. Parsons.

C. T. LACEY.



BIG NEW SCHOOL FOR NORTHEAST

Building Planned to Take the Place of Coleman School.

Another large school is to be erected in the northeast part of the city. It will take the place of the present Coleman school, which did service for a number of years for East Toronto before annexation.

A special committee from the adjoin-school section in York Township and a subcommittee of the Toronto Board of Education Property Committee are negotiating respecting terms.

The school attendance from the Coleman school section and the adjoining school section in the township is in excess of the Coleman school capacity, and portable buildings have to be used. The shortage of school class rooms will increase during the next few months, owing to the opening up of the Massey estate.

Providing For Future.

It is regarded as a certainty that the southern portion of York Township will soon be annexed to the city and the joint committee are making their plans from that viewpoint. A report will be made regarding the proposals to the board of education on Thursday night.

With the Pape avenue and Greenwood avenue public schools and Eastern Technical High School, the new Coleman building will make four city school buildings to be erected north of Danforth avenue.

DRIVER'S NARROW ESCAPE

NEWS OF TODMORDEN

Dogs are causing a lot of trouble in Todmorden of late, and Samuel Marrison, the mail driver for the district, narrowly escaped a serious injury thru a hound barking in front of his horse and causing it to run away.

The man was just returning home with his rig down Pape avenue, near Torrens avenue, when the dog started barking. The horse bolted down Pape, and when near St. Andrew's Church jumped a four foot ditch, throwing the driver out on his head. As it happened he landed in a pool of mud and received only a bad shaking up.

The horse and rig became entangled between two trees, and the shafts were broken to pieces.

The Todmorden Conservative Association will hold their last business meeting of the season in St. Andrew's Hall, Pape avenue, on Wednesday night.

On Wednesday, April 15, a grand euchre party will be held, to which both ladies and gentlemen are invited.

George H. Moses, jr., the president of the association, has returned from Bermuda.

MARKHAM

The Markham branch of the E. T. W. I. will meet at the home of Mrs. Hassard on Wednesday afternoon, April 1. There will be a debate on "Should a Woman Continue Her Vocation After Marriage."

SANDERSON'S SCOTCH "Mountain Dew" POSITIVELY THE FINEST WHISKY IMPORTED

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MUCH GOOD WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY FAIRBANK SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Phenomenal Growth of Population Has Kept Them Hustling to Provide School Accommodation—New School Completed This Year is Already Overcrowded and Big Addition Must Be Built.

While the erection of most of our public buildings is dictated by necessity they are always the result more or less of the activity of a few public-spirited citizens who realize the necessity for them and agitate ceaselessly for a new school, a new hall or church, or whatever is needed in their district. Few better examples of what two or three active citizens can do for a district could be found than the fine new public school in North Earlscourt, which is a credit to the school section and to York Township.

In June, 1911, residents of North Earlscourt and Fairbank felt that they were without sufficient school accommodation, and in order to find out the exact state of affairs C. T. Lacey, president of the Ratepayers' Association, with the assistance of H. J. Hill, George Pryor, J. Williams and others, canvassed the neighborhood and took a census. They discovered that 250 children were not attending any school in the district canvassed, which was west of Dufferin street to the Northern Railroad tracks, and embraced about one-third of the school section.

Meeting Called.

An appeal was made to the school board to call a general meeting of the ratepayers for the purpose of taking some steps towards providing school accommodation for the children, and after considerable delay a meeting was held, and a proposal for a one room school was put forward, which met with considerable opposition from the northern ratepayers, but the southern section being the largest in numbers carried the day. A one-room school was built, on North Dufferin street, near the corner of the Vaughan road in the fall of the year 1911, which was known as the green school house.

Much Too Small.

When opened the one-room was found altogether too small to accommodate the number of children applying for admission and in the early part of the year 1912 the school board had to appeal to the City of Toronto for school accommodation, offering to rent one room in the new Hughes school on McRoberts avenue, and the city complied with the request of the township school board. The situation was somewhat relieved, but the influx of residents into the district was so large that in the summer of the same year an additional room in Hughes school was applied for and granted, but the population continued to grow and more children were yet to be provided for and the third and last room in the Hughes school was rented to the Fairbank section.

Still Overcrowded.

C. T. Lacey, who was elected to the school board in December, 1912, found that the three rooms were overcrowded, as many as sixty children being in one room and seventy-five children in charge of one teacher. This state of affairs continued until March, 1913, when the site of the present new Fairbank school on the Vaughan road was secured by the school board, and by a vote of the ratepayers they were authorized to issue debentures for the sum of $26,000 to build and equip the six-roomed school, which is now completed.

The old difficulty again confronts the trustees as this large, new school is overcrowded, and at the next meeting of the school board an addition of four rooms will be considered, the architects, Lindsey and Brydon, having made provision in the plans for this contingency.

The number of children in attendance at the present time is 375, including 94 children using the Green school, which was recently moved from its old site to the back of the new school. The following are the present members of the board of school trustees: Andrew Watt, chairman, who has been a member for fifteen years; J. R. Wilcox, a member of eleven years' standing; C. T. Lacey, who has been a trustee for two years; William Deacoff, secretary, and B. T. Parsons, treasurer.

BOY'S BODY FOUND IN THE HUMBER

Remains of Harold Mathers Who Disapppeared Two Weeks Ago.

The body of eight-year-old Harold W. Mathers, who disappeared some time ago, was found in the Humber River yesterday morning at 9.30. Some boys, who were walking along the banks, noticed the body caught in the ice, about 200 yards below Bloor street bridge. The police were notified and the body identified as that of the missing boy. Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A., was notified, but considered an inquest unnecessary. The remains were taken to Speers' undertaking establishment, and the funeral will take place this afternoon to Humbervale Cemetery.

Two Weeks Ago.

It will be remembered that the little boy disappeared on the night of March 12. He had been to an entertainment in an old barn close to Howland's grist mills, and leaving about, 10.30 in company with some other boys, he went for a walk along the Humber River.

Harold was suddenly missed by his companions. A search party dragged the river for the body, but owing to an ice-jam were unable to find any trace of the missing boy.

DEER PARK

There was a very large attendance at the confirmation service in Christ Church, Deer Park, yesterday, when the Right Rev. Bishop Sweeny received twenty-seven candidates. He was assisted by the Rev. T. W. Patterson and the Rev. Joseph Gibson, formerly of Thornhill.

BIG LANDSLIDE CAUSED BY A QUAKE IN FRANCE

Section of Mountain Has Blotted Out Number of Farms.

Canadian Press Despatch.

BRIVE, France, March 29.—A large section of a mountain has become detached by seismic disturbances and is slowly sliding down the valley, sweeping over everything in its path. Already a number of farms and cottages have been blotted out, and the high roads from Brive and Lanteuil have been destroyed for more than half a mile.

Heavy rumblings indicate that the mass is gaining impetus, and the inhabitants are fleeing from their houses. Government engineers are seeking a means to limit the extent of the disaster.

BRITISH RAILWAYMEN WIN A GREAT VICTORY

Committee of Managers Will Meet Unions to Discuss a Conciliation Scheme

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, March 29.—A committee of seven managers of the different British railways has been appointed to meet a committee of the Railway Trades Unions to discuss a conciliation scheme. This is the first time the railways have recognized the unions or agreed to negotiate direct with them and the railway employes regard it as a great victory for their organizations.

WAR ON THE MISSIONS.

LONDON, March 30.—The Pekin correspondent of The Times says that Dr. Parker of the China Inland Mission, who had a narrow escape at the recent sacking of Kingtzekwan, Province of Honan, declares that "White Wolf," the notorious bandit, has declared war on the missions.

MAIL VAN STUCK IN MUD TWO HOURS

Outfit Mired in Slough on Morrison Avenue — Horses Exhausted.

NEWS OF EARLSCOURT

Many Meetings This Week—B. I. A. to Discuss Life on the Farm.

The bad state of the roads in Earlscourt was the cause of delaying mail for two hours on Saturday last. About 10 o'clock in the morning G. Edwards was proceeding in a mail van to collect the mails from the sub stations and post boxes around Earlscourt, and when crossing the road at Morrison and Nairn avenues the horse suddendy sank in the soft earth, being completely covered by the mud, while the mail van was imbedded up to the hubs.

After two hours' hard work with the assistance of some workmen the van was extricated and the horse pulled out in an exhausted condition.

B.I.A. Meeting.

The regular meeting of the Oakwood Branch, B.I.A., will be held next Friday evening, when the election of officers and executive committee will take place, after which there will be an open debate on some points brought out in the speeches at the recent "Back to the Land" lecture given by Mr. Pratt in Oakwood High School. One aspect of the matter which will be discussed is, why men sent to work on farms in a great many cases return to the cities and what should be done to improve farm life with a view to giving the small wage-earner of the cities a chance on the land.

The I.O.O.F. will hold a social entertainment at Oakwood Hall, Oakwood, tomorrow, Tuesday evening.

A meeting of the B.I.A. horticultural committee will be held on Wednesday evening at the residence of W. Furnival, 64 Earlsdale avenue. W. J. Cole will preside.

Conservative Meeting.

A meeting of the Oakwood District Conservative Association will be held in Oakwood Hall, Oakwood, this evening, at eight o'clock, when Controller Church, Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A., and others will address the meeting. President Caswell will occupy the chair.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Toronto Heights Social Club will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) evening, at the residence of the chairman, T. Lewis, Ennerdale road. The business of the meeting will be the completion of the clubhouse and the arrangements for the opening on Monday, May 25.

The regular meeting of the North Earlscourt and Fairbank Ratepayers' Association will be held in Vaughan Road Public School, Fairbank, on next Friday evening, April 3. President Badams will occupy the chair.

Will Appoint Delegates.

Secretary H. Swabey of the township ratepayers' central body, is in receipt of a communication from the Cedarvale Ratepayers' Association, in which they state that they will appoint delegates to the central body at their next meeting. Secretary Swabey is also getting in touch with the newly-formed Ratepayers' Association in Wychwood, in the township, with regard to the appointment of their delegates.

Tributary sewers will be started on Earlscourt, Boon and Nairn avenues in the course of next week, and work is at present in progress on Day and Sellars avenues.

An agitation is again being raised in the Earlscourt district for an underground public lavatory.

York Township officials recently completed the numbering of Vaughan road.

Special Services.

Yesterday the services at St. Chad's Church were largely attended, the preacher in the morning being the Rev. A. J. Reid, and in the evening the Ven. Archdeacon Warren, at which service the Rev. H. Snartt assisted.

The Right Rev. Bishop Reeve was the special preacher at St. Mark's Church, Ford street, and a lantern service was held in the parish hall as an overflow, both being well attended.

NEWS OF WARD SEVEN

ANNUAL SPRING SLOUGH

Ward seven streets are beginning to present their annual spring slough-like appearance, and paths are again being formed on the residents' lawns by pedestrians, striving to escape the showers of liquid mud which are sprayed over the sidewalks by passing vehicles. With the exception of the four paved parts of streets of which West Toronto boasts, every street in the ward is many inches deep in mud, and stories of teams, wagons, motor cars, auto trucks and even pedestrians being stuck on the more outlying thorofares and the various means employed to extricate them are heard on every side. Those streets where sewers were recently laid are worst, and many minor cave-ins have been reported during the past few days.

Lord's Day Observance.

The observance of the Lord's Day again came in for discussion yesterday, when Rev. T. Beverley Smith, rector of St. John's Church, preached on the subject in the morning. The preacher drew a vivid picture of what might happen were Sundays to be made the same as every other day in the week. While he did not approve of over-legislation for its proper observance, and believed that the time for a puritanical narrow-minded view of the first day of the week had passed, yet the day as it is now observed should be retained, and he hoped laws would be enacted to make it so.

Special Services.

A special service for men, under the auspices of the West End Y.M.C.A., was conducted last night in the Beaver Theatre, Dundas street, by the McMaster Band, led by H. Merritt, B.A. A male quartet and a tenor soloist provided the musical part of the service.

The Annette Street Baptist Church was crowded to the doors last night at the special railroad men's service conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. J. H. Brown. The subject of his sermon was appropriate to the character of the service, and was termed "The Two Terminals."

Colonel Maidment, the chief secretary of the Salvation Army for Canada, and Mrs. Maidment addressed the afternoon service of the West Toronto Corps yesterday in the Keele Street Citadel. Lieut.-Col. Chandler delivered an address in the evening.

COTTON FUTURE BILL.

WASHINGTON, March 28—After striking out the amendment legalizing pooling, the senate today repassed the bill to regulate trading in cotton futures.

NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

CALLS CEDARVALE SECOND TOP HAT

Alderman Robbins Not Hopeful That Forest Hill Will Be Annexed.

DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

Will Become Acute Should Should Property Owners Decide to Hold Out.

Ald. Robbins, chairman of the parks and exhibition committee, feels very doubtful over the anexation of the Forest Hill and Upper Canada College districts. He anticipates that a majority petition for the annexation of those districts will not be presented to the council in the near future, there being some large property-owners who object to coming in on the terms of the property paying all the cost of local improvements.

"North Toronto is one top hat on Toronto," he puts it, "and we have clapped on another top hat in taking in Cedarvale district by itself. We should have taken in the three districts at the same time or none of them. I tried my utmost to do this, but the council would not listen to me.

"As the situation now is, we cannot drain Cedarvale district without running an outlet thru the Forest Hill district. Of course, we would have to pay the top price for an easement. It looks to me as tho the city will not provide an outlet for a sewerage system in Cedarvale until the Forest Hill district agrees to annexation. Of course, the Upper Canada College district would then come in automatically, for it otherwise would be pocketed in the city limits."

DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST HUERTA

Students Fired Upon in Mexico City for Showing Hostility.

Canadian Press Despatch.

MEXICO CITY, March 28.—Already small demonstrations against President Huerta have occurred in the streets of the capital. The police tonight fired upon a small crowd of students who were marching and shouting "Mueras" for Huerta and making remarks derogatory to the government. Emboldened by the growing popular movement government forces are failing to hold back the rebels at Torreon. The students organized a manifestation, but not more than fifty of them had joined in the movement when they were faced by a squad of police near the Alameda.

About forty shots were fired by the police, who apparently aimed high, as no one was hurt. A number of the participants were arrested and the others found safety in the side streets.

TRIED TO FLEE FROM TORREON

Federal Volunteers Were Reported Driven Back With Severe Loss.

Canadian Press Despatch.

JUAREZ, Mexico, March 28.—A report was received at Gen. Chao's headquarters tonight that a force of federal volunteers, or former Orozquistas, attempted to cut their way out of Torreon today, but were driven back with great loss. Gen. Villa long ago gave notice that no quarter would be given any federal volunteers found under arms, and this is prompting those in the ranks of Velasco's army at Torreon to fight with desperation. They may be killed in battle, but they know they surely will be killed if captured.

It is believed Velasco has taken advantage of this situation to force the federal volunteers into the position of the greatest danger in the defence of Torreon.

CARRANZA AT JUAREZ.

JUAREZ, March 29.—Gen. Venustiano Carranza arrived here this evening. Absence of advices from General Villa were taken to indicate to a certainty that if he has not been repulsed, at least he has not yet taken Torreon.

Crossed the Bay

Navigation was opened in Toronto harbor on Saturday by the tug Geary, which made the trip to and from the island several times.

Captain Goodwin stated to The World that he would today put the tug Nellie Bly into service, and that other craft were soon to follow.

The first passenger steamer to be put into commission this season will be the Toronto-Hamilton steamer Macassa, which, if the ice in Hamilton Bay is broken up sufficiently to permit, will be put in service between Toronto and Hamilton for the season on Wednesday.

SALARY QUESTION WILL BE DEBATED

At Special Meeting of City Council Called for Friday Morning.

McCARTHY'S BUDGET

Is to Be Presented—Maguire Counted on to Provide Opposition.

The city council will meet next Friday, instead of Thursday, to hear Controller McCarthy deliver the budget speech and to debate final action upon the estimates. It is probable the meeting will commence in the morning.

The feature of the budget speech will be the presentation by Controller McCarthy of facts that show that the sales of Toronto securities during last year were made at as good prices as were secured by any other city in Canada. Averaging the rates received and the cost of marketing the securities Toronto really did better than any other city in Canada. Ald. Maguire is preparing a challenge of the rates and brokerage of the securities sold last year.

From the way the members of council are handing out opinions upon the recommended increases in salaries to officials, and from the expressions of discontent by those who were given a small raise of pay and want more and from those who were not mentioned for an increase in pay, there will be much said in council about salaries. After the matter is threshed out and probably some adjustments have been made, there are likely to be many converts to the proposed policy of appointing a salary board to deal hereafter with the salary question. It is now generally known that salaries of civic employes do not conform to a businesslike policy by any means, and that a survey and adjustment have become most desirable. To accomplish this a salary board, working in touch with the heads of departments, is felt to be necessary. This would reduce lobbying to an undisturbing quantity.

The indications are that the tax rate will not be advanced beyond 19 1-4 mills.

BODLEY AT PAVLOWA

Commencing This Evening, Chas. Bodley, Who Has Just Returned From a Trip to New York, Will Furnish the Music at the Pavlowa Academy.

There could be no better indication of the high-class manner in which Pavlowa Academy is being conducted than the announcement that Mr. Charles Bodley will furnish the music.

Mr. Bodley, as the people of Toronto are well aware, is the undisputed leader of his profession, and therefore it seems only natural that he should be selected for this position. That Pavlowa Academy has instantly jumped into popularity was again shown, when on Saturday night even a larger crowd was present than on the opening evening. A great many who attended the opening were again present on Saturday, and they were loud in their praise of this beautiful academy.

Every indication points strongly that Pavlowa, like the Detroit academy, will receive the patronage of the society people of this city.

LARGEST ATTENDANCE WITHIN MANY YEARS

Gerrard Street Methodist Church Has Thrived Under Institutional Methods.

Gerrard Street Methodist Church had the largest attendance for many years at the Sunday School aniversary services yesterday. The church was opened thirty-six years ago. The removal north of many of the leading families rendered a reorganization of the church methods necessary to build up the congregation. Rev. A. P. Brace, who took charge last June, has been very successful by organizing a number of institutional church societies, and the Sunday School has become so popular that the anniversary concert will have to be held twice on Tuesday and Thursday, to meet the demand for tickets.

Dr. E. A. Hardy preached yesterday morning. Rev. E. E. Scott in the afternoon and Prof. W. G. Smith at night. Prof. Smith gave a symbolic sermon illustrated by lighted candles. The excellent singing was led by Joseph G. Dale, associate superintendent.

Rev. A. P. Brace and G. A. Secombe, superintendent, participated in the services.

SIR DONALD HERE, BUT SIR WILLIAM REMAINS.

Sir Donald Mann arrived in Toronto from Ottawa yesterday morning by special train over the Canadian Northern, and made the distance in a little over eight hours. On Sunday forenoon another special train was run over the same line from Toronto to Ottawa, carrying Lady Mackenzie, Mr. D. B. Hanna, vice-president and a number of other officials.

The World was informed that Sir William Mackenzie is still in Ottawa.

DIED AT THE JAIL.

Joe Johnston died Saturday at Toronto jail. Coroner Pickering will open an inquest today.

HAMILTON HOTELS.

HOTEL ROYAL

Every room furnished with new beds, new carpets and thoroughly redecorated January, 1914.
BEST SAMPLE ROOMS IN CANADA.
$3.00 and up—American Plan.