

RETAILERS PREPARE LUXURY TAX FIGHT

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Contention.

The retail merchants of Ontario are gathering their forces preparatory to making a fight against the luxury tax as it now stands. A special convention was held yesterday. They will present their case before Sir Henry Drayton and the tariff commission today and tomorrow. The retail men have had hundreds of letters from merchants all over the province stating objections to the present method of collecting this tax.

That the luxury tax should be collected at the source of production so that it could be evenly distributed over everyone is the retail men's contention. They state that the tax as collected is forcing trade into lower grade goods. Also, the daily presentation of the tax slip is aggravating an already deplorable condition.

B. W. Ziemann, chairman, drew attention to the precarious state of trade and the necessity of the merchant not being caught napping. He stated that falling prices had not come about as much as the public believed, and the great publicity about falling prices had given the people a wrong impression. "The result is," he stated, "that the consumer is taking the position of waiting for falling prices; the retailer cannot give orders to the wholesaler, the wholesaler cannot give orders to the factories, and the factories are laying off workmen and workwomen, bringing stagnation in trade."

"The idea prevalent in the minds of many that the retailer is responsible for high prices is a wrong idea," he said. "The reason that the retailer is blamed is because he is in direct contact with the consumer and has to hand on the price set before the retailer gets the goods."

FOURTEEN YEARS FOR STUBBORN PRISONER

Declines to Tell Court What Be-
came of Victory Bonds
Stolen From Woman.

"You have been given three opportunities to tell what you did with the \$10,000 in Victory bonds in which this poor young woman had invested her savings, but have disclosed nothing, so I will give you the maximum penalty," said Judge Coatsworth as he yesterday sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary Louis L. Le Blanc who pleaded guilty to four charges of housebreaking and theft. Le Blanc admitted having stolen jewelry from the homes of James Robertson, Prof. Kilpatrick and Newton McEwen, and from the home of John Mathers, 331 Palmerston boulevard, jewelry and \$10,000 in Victory bonds owned by Mathers' sister. He was arrested by Detectives Hickey and Seaton, who recovered most of the jewelry, but the prisoner refused to tell what became of the Victory bonds. He has been in jail a month, sentence having been deferred to give him opportunity to tell where the bonds may be found.

In pronouncing sentence, Judge Coatsworth said that at any time Le Blanc gave information which would lead to the recovery of the securities he would take up with the department of justice a mitigation of sentence.

JAPANESE HEARTENED BY ROYAL RECOGNITION

That the Christian communities in Japan are much heartened by the official recognition by the emperor and empress of Japan to the recent International Sunday School Association world convention, which met in Tokyo from the 5th to the 14th of October, is the declaration of Hon. J. J. MacLaren, who returned to his home from Japan yesterday morning by way of Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans and Chicago. As senior vice-president of the association, Mr. Justice MacLaren presided over the convention in the absence of the president, who was unable to be present.

MASS FOR KNIGHTS DEAD.
Right Rev. Mr. M. D. Whelan, V.G., spiritual director of the local council of the Knights of Columbus, chaired requiem mass yesterday morning in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sherbourne street, for the deceased members of the council. There was a large attendance of local knights.



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RECORD SNOWFALL FOR EARLY SEASON

Was General All Over the Pro-
vince and Great Lakes
District.

The first real snowfall of the season occurred yesterday and was general all over the province and the Great Lakes section of the United States. It was estimated that nearly three feet of snow fell during the night and morning, which is a record fall for this time of the year. During the latter part of the afternoon it stopped and the white blanket covering the ground began to melt, making it rather unpleasant underfoot. In the downtown section it was shoveled away early in the morning, but the suburban districts were mostly a mass of drifts well on into the afternoon. In places it took some hard plodding to get thru.

Train schedules at Toronto stations were all on the blink early in the day. Snow packed into the switches and played havoc with railroad time. Wire communications suffered to some extent also. The snow was so heavy that in places both telephone and telegraph wires broke. In the rural parts of the province sleighs were rooted out and took the places of plodding farm wagons.

CHARGES SOLDIER WITH BREACH OF PROMISE

Young Toronto Woman Brings
Action Against Soldier Now
in New Zealand.

Alleging that her musical career has been ruined, Miss Rhoda Munden, a music teacher, of Toronto, has entered action at Osgoode Hall to recover \$20,000 damages from Cecil V. Conolly of Auckland, New Zealand, for alleged breach of promise of marriage.

Miss Munden is 27 years of age, and at the age of 18 was granted a diploma as associate of the London College of Music. She became engaged to Conolly, she says, in 1915. He left for overseas to fight the Germans on May 25, 1916. During his absence in 1916 and 1917, she says, she received many letters from him repeating his promise to marry her at Toronto as soon as hostilities were over.

Since the conclusion of hostilities, Miss Munden says she has repeatedly written letters to the defendant, but has received no reply. She alleges that a reasonable time for the taking place of the said marriage has elapsed, and the defendant has broken his promise to marry her. She says that not only has her career been ruined, but she has also been injured in her health and feelings.

MISSING MANY YEARS, NOW PRESUMED DEAD

W. W. Abbott Watkins left Toronto twenty-two years ago after having lost not only his own but much of his mother's money in a Yonge street fruit business. He went to Montreal, and from there is thought to have gone west, but he has not been heard from since, tho his mother repeatedly tried to get into communication with him. Before he left he said that if he was not heard from in seven years he would be dead. If he were alive now he would be fifty-one years of age.

Watkins' father died in 1918, and his mother died last year. Yesterday, on the application of his sister, Mrs. Yancey, of Minneapolis, Justice Rose at Osgoode Hall declared him to be presumed dead. There is some \$2,500 of his father's estate in which he would share if alive.

McMASTER GRADUATE GOES AS MISSIONARY

Rev. L. C. Kitchen, B.A., pastor of the Reabro Baptist Church and a graduate of McMaster University, has accepted an appointment as a missionary to India under the American Baptist Missionary Society. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kitchen, 223 Montrose avenue, Toronto, and was recently married to Miss Belle Johnson, of Exeter, who will accompany him to the foreign field. From the Harbord Collegiate Institute Mr. Kitchen matriculated in 1915 with the G. C. Edwards Scholarship and during his undergraduate course at McMaster took honors in classics and made a name for himself as a public speaker. In India, he will devote himself to educational work in a missionary high school in the province of Assam. Mr. and Mrs. Kitchen expect to sail from New York early in January.

SEEKING SETTLEMENT OF SUIT OVER WILL

The case in the non-jury assize court before Mr. Justice Onda, in which the Toronto General Trusts and Henrietta Elizabeth White are asking that the will of Elizabeth White be admitted to probate, and in which the other children of the testatrix are named as defendants, was yesterday adjourned until today. The counsel and parties in the case held a conference with the view to settlement, but no conclusion was reached. It is very probable that the matter will be amicably arranged before the time fixed for the adjourned hearing.

FINE LICENSE BOARD FOR FURIOUS DRIVING

In the Hamilton highway court yesterday the board of license commissioners of Ontario were fined \$10 and costs. It is stated that the excess driving was a result of a hurry-up run made by Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, license inspector, on October 30, while after a band of bootleggers.

MINIMUM WAGE BOARD.
After months of delay the following have been appointed to sit on the Ontario minimum wage board: Prof. J. W. MacMillan, Victoria College; R. A. Stapells, of the Melroy Manufacturing Co.; Mrs. H. W. Parsons, secretary National Council of Women; H. C. Foster, secretary Hamilton Trades and Labor Council; Miss M. Stevens of Toronto Garment Workers' Union.

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Men's Combinations

Fine winter weight. Double elastic knit. Regularly to \$4.00. **\$2.65**

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Brushed wool, in all colors. Regularly to \$3.00. **\$1.95**

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English, Stanfield's and True-Knit makes. Regular price \$8.00 **\$4.95**

Flannelette Pyjamas

Extra heavy weight, good full sizes. Regular price \$6.00 **\$4.95**

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Mushroom pleated, very latest styles. Regularly \$4.00 **\$2.95**

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Beautiful quality silks, new patterns. Regularly \$12.00 **\$6.95**

Men's Fine Neckwear

This lot consists of a big range of beautiful ties. Regularly to \$1.50 **85c**

Extra Quality Braces

These are some of the best braces in the store. Regular price \$1.00 **69c**

Men's Fine Gloves

Tan and grey cape. Also Fowne's chamois. Regularly \$6.00. **\$3.95**

Men's Lisle Hose

In black, tan and grey. All sizes. Regularly to **85c**

Men's Wool Combinations

Turnbull's and Stanfield's. Extra quality. Regularly to \$12.00. **\$7.95**

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