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BRITISH FINANCIERS IN CONFERENCE  
OVER BILLION DOLLAR LOAN

Lord Reading, Lord Chief Justice of England said head of the Anglo-French Financial Commission, and Sir Edward Hopkins Holden, managing director of the London City and Midland Bank, Ltd., the largest joint stock bank in the world, during a discussion regarding the best terms to offer for the negotiation of the billion-dollar loan for the Allies.

COUNCIL UPHOLDS  
GARAGE BY-LAWCity Solicitor Says it is Not  
Open to Referendum

J. O'NEIL BREAD INSPECTOR

No More Funds For Public Works  
—Commissioner Potts Replies  
to Critics—License Fees Dis-  
cussed

At the weekly meeting of the common council yesterday afternoon the petition of protest against the garage by-law was rejected. A bread inspector was appointed, city licenses were discussed, and Commissioner Potts reported on the state of his department.

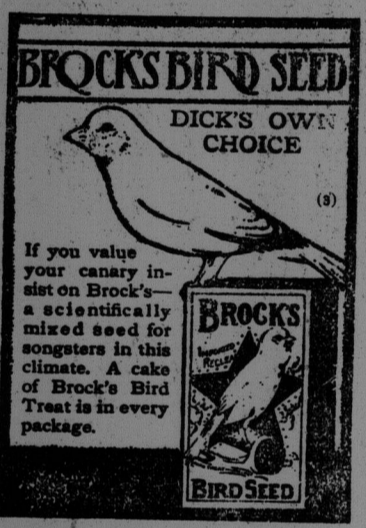
Mayor Prink presided and there was a full council meeting. Commissioner McLellan recommended that \$200 unexpended of the vote for August for special police purposes be applied to September. This was agreed to and the commissioner added that this would probably be the last month for the expenditure.

He also recommended that John O'Neill be appointed inspector for the weights of bread in the city at a salary of \$700 a year, to be under the police department. He was a baker and his duties would be also to inspect bread, and the bakerhouses.

Commissioner McLellan mentioned that milk inspection in St. John might well be carried out more carefully and might come better if the prosecution of offenders was in the hands of some one near to the police. He told of one man who had been threatened with fines amounting to \$1,600 who still kept on selling.

Commissioner Wigmore seconded the recommendation but Commissioner Potts thought that it was a matter for the board of health. This view was also held by the mayor. The motion was carried.

Commissioner McLellan brought up a proposed by-law for the licensing of private detectives and detective agencies in the city, which fixed the license at \$800 and a penalty of \$50 a day for each infringement. The chief of police would recommend the applicants for licenses which should be issued by the mayor. Commissioner Potts thought the



amount prohibitory and added that the only man he knew seeking to work as a private detective in the city was the ex-policeman Worrell "and it seems this is like a move to shove him out."

Eventually the recommendation was lost, though the common clerk remarked that the by-law had been read a first time.

The common clerk, H. E. Wardropper, reported that he had examined the list of signatories to the petition against the recent by-law of the council on garages and found that it conformed to the requirements of the 20 per cent. of the total vote at the last election. The city solicitor also sent his version which was shortly that the by-law was one that did not permit of being submitted to a popular vote. It was therefore moved by Commissioner McLellan seconded by Commissioner Russell that the matter be filed.

Commissioner Potts moved an amendment that the by-law of August be repealed. The mayor seconded the amendment to bring it before the meeting.

Mr. Potts said that he considered the by-law one of the least considered that he knew and one of the most arbitrary. The council should treat the petition of the 2,000 people with more consideration especially as they represented about 80 per cent. of the voters at the last election. They always understood that one of the advantages of the commission form of government was that it offered the people a chance to get a vote on a subject like that. He knew there was a deep feeling against the council for passing such a by-law. He hoped the names of the petitioners would be published. The garage would be built at the place near the Stone cross, he said.

Commissioner McLellan—"You are dreaming."

Commissioner Potts—"No, the garage

will be built yet." He felt that if they had made a mistake in passing the by-law it was a time to revise it.

E. P. Raymond appeared for the Stone church congregation to oppose the petition but he did not put forward any argument as the council decided that the petition could not be entertained.

Commissioner Potts added that it would not be a wise thing to try to thwart the public view in these things. It was intended that the public should have a voice in such things. The spirit of commission government was to get closer to the people so that when a public interest was at stake they might be better heard. He therefore moved that the prayer of those petitioners who desired to take a plebiscite on the whole question of garages be granted. There was no second, and the matter ended.

Another petition from the theatre proprietors of the city, protesting against the granting of a license at \$10 a day to the circus that came here some time ago, brought out some anomalies of the licensing position in the city and the mayor is to report further on the subject. Commissioner Potts reported that his department was at the end of its financial year and that he proposed to shut down all complaints in the last few weeks. He gave a statement of what had been done in the department and the council agreed to discuss this at a special meeting in committee tomorrow.

The commissioner of public works reported that he had effected a saving of \$3,000 in the keeping of the public squares in two years. He had got rid of a lot of men who were too feeble to work.

A lot of detail work was done by the council.

A complaint was made by Frank S. Harrington of the non-service of executions by city constables and he asked for an investigation. The mayor said that on that matter he had received many complaints in the last few weeks. He mentioned George Blair and T. X. Gibbons. One man complained that the collection of \$18.75 only \$2.75 got to the landlord. Money & Sons complained that in one case they were charged \$3.00 which was said to have been for legal advice by the constable. Some of this was afterwards refunded.

On the motion of Commissioner Wigmore it was decided that the mayor, with the city solicitor, be appointed to investigate.

Public Works Funds Exhausted.

Commissioner Potts brought up an outline report of the work done by the public works department since the appropriation was made, to show how the money was spent. He added that he was now practically at an end of his appropriation and he wanted to know if it was the desire of the council that the work of cleaning the streets, etc., should now be abandoned.

"I propose to shut down the public works department altogether if I cannot get some means. I made that statement at the time my appropriation was cut down and you cannot reasonably expect me to carry on work without money. I have paid for some things of a permanent nature out of appropriation and the council did not favor a bond issue."

Dealing with certain newspaper criticisms, Commissioner Potts went on to say that it was all very well to be patriotic now that the war was on, "but the Globe should remember at this patriotic time that there would be no Canada as he put it about as far as to fighting for if the Globe a few years ago had had its own way."

He added that the Globe should come out and attack openly. It was pretty hard for a man to take up public questions when one was to be met by the reply that the public was suffering. That is just what the street railway wanted. The Globe of today was not the paper it was some years ago, and its editorials now were a joke, declared the commissioner.

On the suggestion of Commissioner Wigmore the matter that the commissioner brought up of the expenditure on public works and the way out of the difficulty of finding funds was left over until this afternoon at a special meeting.

In the report of Commissioner Potts it was stated that the total number of square yards of all classes of paving laid out of the appropriation was 23,261 and the total expenditure \$88,748. The streets included in the work were Princess to King Square; Sydney, Princess to King Square; intersection Sydney and Princess; Union and Sydney; Douglas avenue and intersection to Adelaide street; Chipman Hill, Market Square to Union street; Rodney street, Union to Ludlow; Westmorland road repairs; Marsh Bridge, Pitt street, Windsor street; Market Place, Douglas avenue, waterbound macadam; and George street. The sidewalk repairs showed a total of 7,407 square yards and the new sidewalks 4,336 square yards.

Car tickets are freely used in payment for dances at Cleveland's municipal three-cent dance halls. So far this season 800 tickets have been received.

BRITISH BUDGET PROVIDES FOR  
REVENUE OF \$1,360,000,000

London, Sept. 21.—Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, in his budget speech today, estimated that the government's revenue for the current year would be £272,000,000 (\$1,360,000,000), that the expenditure would reach £1,590,000,000 (\$7,950,000,000), and that the dead weight of debt at the close of the financial year would be £2,200,000,000 (\$11,000,000,000).

Mr. McKenna proposed an addition of 40 per cent to the existing income tax, and the taxation of all incomes of £130 (\$650) or more. The present minimum is £160.

The chancellor also proposed an increase in the duty on sugar to \$2.24 per hundred pounds.

A heavy tax on the profits of manufacturers of war supplies also was proposed by the chancellor. Fifty per cent of all war profits above the amount assessed for the income tax last year will be subjected to a special tax which works out at sixty per cent of the profit. Mr. McKenna estimated the revenue from this source in a full year at £30,000,000 (\$150,000,000).

An all round increase of fifty per cent in the duty on tea, coffee, chicory, tobacco, distillates and other articles was suggested, and also an increase of 100 per cent on patent medicines.

## HALF PENNY POSTAGE ABOLISHED.

Another source of revenue is to be an increase in postal rates, which is expected to bring in £4,475,000 (\$22,375,000). The chancellor plans to abolish the half-penny postage and to impose additional charges on telephone and telegraph messages.

A tax of 33-1-3 per cent ad valorem on all imported motor cars, bicycles, moving picture films, clocks, watches, musical instruments, plateglass and hats, also was put forward by the chancellor.

It took Mr. McKenna nearly two hours to reveal the secrets of his budget and his proposed methods of meeting the enormous commitments arising from the war. His opening sentence, however, left no doubt as to the drastic character of the measures he was to recommend.

"I must ask the house," he said, "to sanction great and unprecedented burdens. I am confident that if the proposed taxes are assented to by the house they will be accepted by the country."

Emphasizing the difficulty of framing the estimates in time of war, Mr. McKenna gave the revenues and expenditures as accurately as he was able to do. He said the revenue for the current year would be £272,000,000 and the expenditure £1,590,000,000.

"Our national wealth is great," he continued, "and this debt will not cripple our resources. But we must not overlook the strain which such an expenditure will impose on our sources of supply. It will be necessary to borrow again."

## DAILY EXPENDITURE OF \$25,000,000

Referring to the gigantic total of expenditures, the chancellor said the navy was costing £190,000,000 and the army £715,000,000. The country also had to bear external advances amounting to £42,000,000. The total daily rate of expenditure would be upwards of £4,500,000, and in the latter part of the year might rise to £5,000,000.

Ordinary services, he said, absorbed £170,000,000, excluding the army and navy, but including provisions for the national debt.

There is no record of a nation having voluntarily accepted a burden bearing so high a proportion to the total national income for which provision has to be made for a single year, he said. The new taxation he had to propose "will satisfy neither the strict free trader nor the scientific tariff reformer." He pointed out that it was necessary to impose a tax for purposes purely temporary, without regard to the permanent effect on trade. Consideration must be given to rates of the foreign exchanges and imports must be restricted.

MARITIME BAPTIST  
CONVENTION NEXT MONTH

This is the first draft of the tentative programme for the Maritime Baptist Convention to be held in Truro, N. S., next week.

Friday, October 15.

United Baptist Institute—Three sessions.

Saturday, October 16.

9.30 a. m.—Devotional exercises conducted.

10 a. m.—Convention called to order and rules of order read. Report of committee on programme. Nominating committee appointed. Courtesy to visitors.

Correspondence read. Words of welcome and response. Report of N. S. and P. E. Home Mission Board. Report of Home Mission Board. National anthem.

2 p. m.—Devotional. Memorial service, report of obituary committee.

3 p. m.—Election of president by ballot. First report of nominating committee. Election of members of home mission board. Installation of new president and address of retiring president. Report of Grande Ligne board. Report of treasurers of denominational funds. Report of young people's board.

7.30 p. m.—Addresses on home missions by Rev. F. H. Eaton, on Grande Ligne by Dr. G. N. Masse. National anthem.

Sunday, October 17.

10 a. m.—Devotional.

11 a. m.—Public worship, convention sermon by Rev. A. F. Newcomb, B. D.

2.30 p. m.—Report of Sunday school board. Address on Sunday school work. Address on young people's work.

7 p. m.—Public worship. Sermon by Rev. F. H. Eaton.

National anthem.

Monday, October 18.

9.30 a. m.—Devotional. Foreign mission report and report of foreign mission treasurer. Report of committee on hand book. Report on western missions.

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Book. Report of committee on pastoral supply and registration. Report of committee on religious education in public schools. Report of ministerial educational board. Report on European Baptist College fund.

7.30 p. m.—Addresses on education by Drs. W. L. Archibald, H. T. De Wolfe, G. B. Cutten. Report on resolutions. National anthem.

Wednesday, October 20.

9.30 a. m.—Devotional. Report of his-

torical society. Report of registration secretary. Report of convention treasurer. Final report of nominating committee. Unfinished business. National anthem. Adjournment.

Antoine S. Vignaut of Adams lost three cows when a bolt of lightning charged his wire fence and electrocuted the animals. They were found on Vignaut's farm with their noses touching the wire.

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