

ASSESSORS WILL WAIT CHANGE IN THE ACT

New Ruling in Regard to Taxation Is Expected.

In all probability the assessors will not start on their rounds until March 1 this year, says Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant. Last year they were out by the middle of February. Mr. Grant says that they will wait until March on account of the expected change in the assessment act. One of the changes he expects to be that respecting the taxing of incomes from industrial sources, which are now exempt. Thus if a man has an investment in a manufacturing or mercantile establishment his income is derived from that investment. However, if his investment is in a gas or electric or telephone company, or any other company that has rights on public highways, the income from it is taxed. He expects that a change will be made in the act to allow all incomes from the investment of money in any industry to be taxed.

GENERAL HEALTH OF CITY IS EXCELLENT APART FROM THE FLU

Epidemic Apparently Stationary For Last Few Days.

Aside from the "flu" in the city, the general health is better than is usual for this time of the year, says Dr. Downham, M. O. H. Regarding the flu, he says that there is still a large number of cases in the city, but that the epidemic has remained practically stationary for the last few days, and it is hoped that the crest of the present epidemic has been passed.

MANY FROM DISTRICT ON SEVERAL LINERS DUE AT ST. JOHN, N. B.

Many officers, men, nursing sisters and civilians are en route to this military district. The hospital ship *Arcturion*, which was expected to dock on Tuesday, but which has not docked yet, has on board four convalescent officers, one convalescent nursing sister, and twelve convalescent men of other ranks. There are also seven men suffering from tuberculosis, twelve amputation cases, and 25 convalescent men of other ranks.

H.M.S. *Scandinavian*, which was due to dock yesterday, but which has not docked yet, has on board twelve officers, seven men of other ranks, and 30 civilians, who include medical men and 85 men of other ranks for this district.

H.M.S. *Metagama* has 14 officers, 13 men of other ranks, and 35 civilians. All these ships will dock at St. John.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN IN SESSION

Prominent Members of Association in Attendance at Kingston.

Kingston, Jan. 9.—A two-day session of the executive of the National Council of Women of Canada was opened this morning under the presidency of Mrs. W. E. Sanford of Hamilton, head of the national council. Many prominent women of the Dominion are attending the session.

Officers of the national council attending the sessions are: Vice-Presidents Lady Gibson, Hamilton; Lady Taylor of Winnipeg; Mrs. William Cunningham and Mrs. Plumpton of Toronto; Provincial Vice-Presidents Mrs. O. C. Edwards, Alberta, and Mrs. C. W. Michael of Nova Scotia; Treasurer Mrs. George Watt of Brantford; and Corresponding Secretary Mrs. I. D. Fairbairn of Toronto, and many other representatives of nationally-affiliated societies, such as suffrage associations, medical alumnae and peace and arbitration societies.

J. P. McLaren, Mrs. Smilie, Mrs. P. Whalen and Mrs. Huggins represent Ottawa. Others in attendance are Mrs. Gordon Smith, Brantford; Mrs. Samuel Lytle, Hamilton; Mrs. Gordon Wright, London; Mrs. Macdonald, St. Catharines, and Mrs. Lamont, St. Thomas.

NEWS

BANK CLEARINGS.—The bank clearings for last week were \$3,231,117, and for the corresponding week in 1918 were \$2,203,418, which shows an increase of \$1,027,699 over last year.

TRANSPORTS BEHIND TIME.—The steamers *Arcturion*, an hospital ship, which should have docked on January 7, and the *Scandinavian*, which should have docked at St. John, N. B., on January 8, have not yet reached port. Both steamers are carrying returned soldiers. Heavy weather is believed to have caused the delay.

DISTRICT COURT-MARTIAL.—Three men, all of the W. O. R., will appear before a district court-martial at Wolseley Barracks on Friday. Their names and the offences with which they are charged are as follows: Pte. James Albert Clark, desertion; Lance-Corporal Harold Taylor, allowing a prisoner to escape from custody; Pte. H. Spill, desertion.

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED.—At the weekly prayer meeting in the Talbot Street Baptist Church last evening, Rev. H. H. Bingham's resignation was read, and accepted with reluctance. A special ad hoc committee was formed, composed of the deacons' board and Professor Sherwood Fox, to consider the resignation. Mr. Bingham will preach his farewell sermon on February 9.

PEARL SOLE.—Five pearl solid gold rings for the ladies, and fancy umbrellas for the gentlemen, are to be the prizes at the G. W. V. A. benefit dance at the Masonic Temple Friday evening. A good crowd is expected to attend the dance, which will be a good time, as well as performing an act of charity in helping the veterans to assist their needy families.

DESCRIBING A HUSBAND.—"His hair is slightly grayed, and he is somewhat inclined to be bald, but he is nevertheless good-looking in my estimation," replied Mrs. S. F. Lawraon, wife of the missing man, in reply to the inquiry of The Daily News reporter as to the likelihood of finding her husband around the city. Mrs. Lawraon is visiting the city for a few days on business, and leaves shortly to return to London.—Toronto News.

CLUB-BAG FOR R. HUDSON.—The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Horne, 6165 Boulevard, Windsor, was the scene of a pleasant gathering last evening, when many of the members of the Windsor Avenue Church met, and after enjoying music and literary selections, surprised Mr. Hudson, who has been residing in pulp work for them for the past two months. Mr. George Kerr, who made a splendid address, and the club-bag was presented to him. A handsome travelling bag was presented to Mr. Hudson by the club members, and after the presentation of the bag, the club members sang a song in honor of Mr. Hudson.

TALKED TO RANGERS.—Rev. John Taggart, of Redmond, N. Y., addressed the Great Rangers at St. John, N. B., last night, after which they held their opening supper. Rev. Mr. Taggart, who was among the Indians in the Indian reservations in the state of New York, spoke of the religious life of Indians. Hugo Dippelstein, a little Indian, who received much deserved applause, C. S. E. T. church groups from the Methodist, Colborne Street Methodist, Central, Ridout Street Methodist, and the Central Methodist and St. Andrew's Presbyterian churches, and three groups from the "Y" were also present. After the program had been finished, the club members sang a song in honor of Mr. Hudson.

WEEK OF PRAYER.—The amount of sickness still existing in the city, it is stated, is responsible for the fact that the world's week of prayer is not being observed to the same extent as formerly. In years gone by it was the custom of churches in different districts to observe the same services. Practically the only district in which this is being done this week is in West London, where services are being held by the Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican congregations. Last evening there was a large attendance of representatives of the three denominations in Empress Avenue Church, when Rev. Canon Sage gave the address on "The Church Universal." Tuesday evening the union service was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. D. Richardson speaking on the appointed subject, "Thanksgiving and Humiliation." Rev. S. Wright gives the address at the final union service of the week this evening in St. George's Church school on "The Missionary Obligation of the Church."

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The casualty list issued today follows:
Killed in Action—64342 J. D. Irwin, Laurot.
Died—2136580 H. L. Lapier, Norwich; 2139950 E. H. Koehler, Dublin.
Wounded—235353 G. Lindsay, Kitchener.
Repatriated and Wounded—3314093 W. M. Kelly, Windsor.
Repatriated—141837 E. R. Brown, Colingwood; 11553 W. L. Favel, not stated; 10112 H. C. G. G. Ferguson.
Died—307021 B. J. Timpany, Dunboyne.

GERMAN WORKERS IN BRUNSWICK SHOPS DECLARE A STRIKE

Paris, Jan. 9.—A general strike has been declared by German workers in the shops at Brunswick, according to reports received here. The strikers are reported to have plundered the public buildings there.

WHO ARE THESE SLIMY REPTILES? ASKS PHYSICIAN

Dr. James D. Wilson Asked by Clerical "Spotters" To Give Liquor Order.

ONE LISTENED AT DOOR

While Partner Told Harrowing Tale of Sick Wife and Children—Making Tour.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Last Saturday about 5 p.m., after being out all day, I came to my office and noticed as I thought two respectable-looking men waiting for me, and one followed me into another room and said that he was in poor health and that his family also were very sick and needed some liquor. He resorted to all kinds of means to induce me to write an order. I said that I would not do so unless a person were ill in bed, and needed it, as no man could say that I had ever received a cent for doing so or that I had ever written an order unless I believed it for his good. He persisted, so that I walked towards the door, and there saw that the other man had been waiting in the conversation, and that he was a clergyman, as well as the first one.

Now, Mr. Editor, I want to know who employs these slimy reptiles. Is it the church, the Government or the license inspector, and how much longer will medical men be pestered with this business? Will somebody answer?

J. D. WILSON.
London, Ont., Jan. 9, 1919.

Other Doctors Complain.

The Advertiser heard other complaints from physicians of the attempts of what they called "clerical stool pigeons" to secure prescriptions from physicians on pleas that they or their families were sorely stricken. Two ministers are believed to be operating under the direction of the provincial authorities and making calls at places in Ontario where a licensed vendor is located.

London doctors all express the same contempt or such methods as James D. Wilson in the above letter. They say that in the first place the whole thing amounts to a conspiracy to bring about a breach of the law, and that under the law no physician could be convicted of using his privilege illegally when such subterfuges as a sick wife and child and many other plaintive tales of personal suffering are employed by men who trade on their word as clergymen.

"Slinking Sneaks." "Slinking sneaks" was the term applied by another physician who has experience with two men who, he believes to be the same pair as approached Dr. Wilson.

There is undoubtedly a strong sentiment among the physicians to have the law in liquor controlled in some other way. Scarcely a day passes but doctors are besieged with callers pleading and begging for prescriptions.

Not Provincial Agents. Inspector J. E. Keenleyside said that there were no provincial agents in the city at present, and that he would be aware of their presence if they had come. If men were seeking to frame up charges against doctors they were doing it "on their own hook," and with no backing from the liquor administration.

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NEW YORK FACES

get the milk usually sent here from New Jersey. Staten Island, comprising Richmond borough of the city, was completely isolated by the strike before 6 o'clock, although city officials had predicted the ferry service between Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn also stopped, as most of the ferries between New York and New Jersey ports. As soon as the strike became effective hundreds of police reserves, aided by naval municipal police, were placed on guard at the ferry houses. At 11 a. m. the traffic was completely paralyzed.

GOVERNMENT LIKELY TO CONTROL OPERATIONS OF HARBOR CRAFT

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—Secretary Daniels and Secretary Baker of the navy and war departments respectively, today called into conference the representatives of the railroad administration and shipping board to consider the New York harbor strike situation. Reports were current before the conference, called for noon, that either the navy or the war department would take over operation of all harbor facilities. The navy labor board officials said the board had exhausted its powers in efforts to adjust the difficulties between harbor workers and their employers and could do nothing but let the strike take its course until a favorable situation developed.

CREWS OF RAILWAY TUGS JOIN STRIKERS

New York, Jan. 9.—Crews of 150 railway tugs joined the harbor strike, enforcing suspension of all marine operations of the railroad administration. Superintendent Pollock of this branch of the service said that with ferries and lighters, 1,200 railroad craft were idle.

ATLANTIC SHIPPING IS SUSPENDED UNTIL HARBOR STRIKE ENDS

Buenos Ayres, Jan. 9.—All trans-Atlantic shipping has been suspended until the harbor strike is ended, it was announced after a meeting of shipping agents here tonight. The Government was attempting to assist in loading and unloading vessels by using a few Government tugs, but the agents decided that no attempt will be made to move vessels.

It was indicated by some of the agents that their action might tend to shorten the strike.

JACQUES DUMESNIL RESIGNS. Paris, Jan. 9.—Jacques Louis Dumesnil, under-secretary of aviation, has resigned, it is announced here.

M. Dumesnil was formerly French under-secretary of aviation. When M. Clemenceau became premier he retained M. Dumesnil in the aviation department. He was French representative in inter-allied munitions council during the last days of the war.

THOUSANDS ARE FAVORABLE TO DOUBLE PLATOON

Petition of Firemen For Fairer Conditions Is Widely Approved.

From returns that have been made up to the present time, it is estimated that nearly 4,000 citizens have signed the petitions circulated by the firemen for the establishment of the two-platoon system. Scarcely a refusal has been met by the men, and the public has shown a desire to support the claims in every possible way. The preamble of the petition reads as follows:

"At the present time the city firemen are on duty 20 1/2 hours every 24 hours in the day, leaving 3 1/2 hours to visit their families and have their meals. This the undersigned citizens and ratepayers of London do not believe is conducive to the best interest of the men, individually, or to the efficiency of the department as a whole, and as a means of making this department one of the best in existence, hereby petition your honorable body to provide a system of two platoons, and to make the necessary arrangements to introduce the two-platoon system."

Present System Unfair. The firemen are not endeavoring to use any "sob stuff" in the circulation of the petition. They are not regarded it as a system unworthy of a municipality of London's pretensions to keep any of its employees on duty for more than 20 hours a day. The rate of pay figures out at something like 12 1/2 cents an hour, and the firemen are not asked to work more than 12 1/2 hours on the schedule or one man for each London fire engine. The undersigned demand. Not more than 35 men would be required under the two-platoon system, an increase of about ten men.

At the present time each fireman gets one Sunday in seven at his home. This means that he has not more than seven or eight chances to go to church during the year. The police force employs eight-hour shifts, and the firemen are willing to go to the council ready to split the day in two.

The firemen intend to bring the city council's attention to the petitions in a few days. They say the two-platoon system will attract all the men required by the department, as the present difficulty is in securing men who will work the long shifts.

ADMIRALTY WILL RELEASE SEAMEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Certain Naval Operations Must Continue For Many Months.

London, Jan. 9.—The admiralty last night, in statement regarding demobilization, explained a procedure which has been adopted with regard to freeing for civil life the men of the navy. It adds that it cannot be expected that complete demobilization of the navy and the restoration of the sea forces to a peace footing can take place for a considerable time.

The preliminaries of peace are signed," says the statement, "it is necessary to retain in home waters a portion of the navy in a state of readiness to meet any eventualities. Naval forces are required to assist in the operations still in progress in several parts of the world, and the necessity for clearing the seas of mines will require the services for some months of a large mine-sweeping force.

The admiralty, however, are fully convinced of the necessity in the interests of the country and of the officers and men themselves, of as speedy as possible restoration of the personnel of the navy to a peace footing, and nothing will be left undone to achieve that object.

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EBERT GOVERNMENT

money when they captured the Government printing office.

HEAVIEST FIGHTING ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—Street fighting in Berlin attained the greatest intensity between 11 o'clock Tuesday night and 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. The fighting was heaviest in the district of the city known as the "Kreuzberg," where the Spartans are particularly active. The dispatch says the Government is still master of the situation. Large numbers of troops, particularly artillery, it is added, continue to be sent to Berlin. Premier Ebert is reported to have told a friend that he had no doubt about the issue of the fighting.

EBERT APPEALS FOR DEFENCE GUARD IN AN ATTEMPT TO HOLD REINS

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"We must now accept the fight into which we have been forced. We have hesitated too long and must be prepared to intervene without restriction of the intervention of revolutionary order. We are bent to stop in the view of forming a council of workers, bourgeois and soldiers, must not stop until order has been re-established in Berlin and the people assured the possibility of enjoying peace and the fruits of the revolution."

DEMONSTRATIONS AND STRIKES IN SYMPATHY WITH REVOLUTIONISTS

Basle, Wednesday, Jan. 8.—Strikes and demonstrations in sympathy with the Liebknecht movement in Berlin have taken place in Brunswick and Munich. A mob pillaged the stores in Brunswick. In Munich, the Bavarian capital, several persons were killed and wounded in street riots.

LORD ROBERT CECIL TO SUCCEED READING AS U. S. AMBASSADOR

Paris, Jan. 9.—The Earl of Reading will not return to Washington as British high commissioner, and special ambassador to the United States, according to a London dispatch to the Echo de Paris. It is said that Lord Robert Cecil will succeed him.

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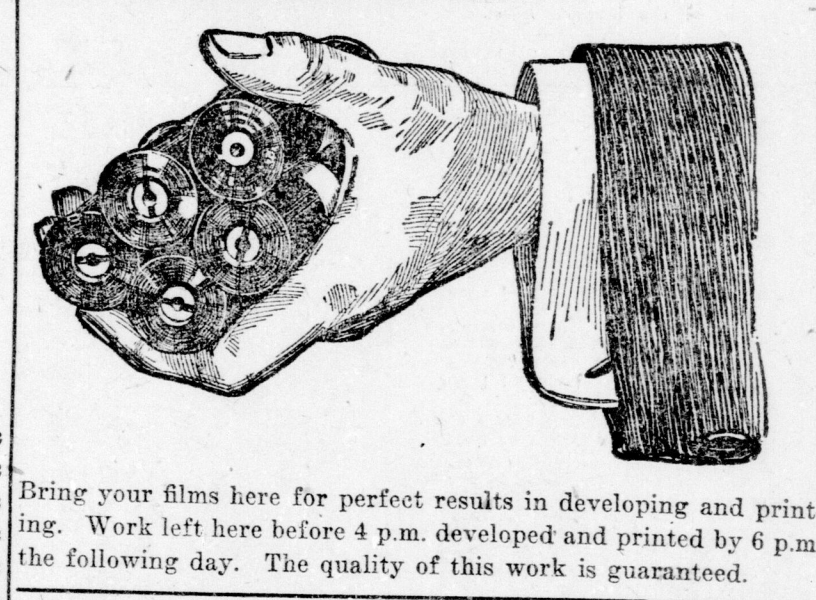
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