

ALIMONY AWARDED MRS. O. A. RICHES

Chief Justice Finds Husband's Behavior Cruel and Dictatorial.

In a judgment handed down yesterday Chief Justice Sir William Mulock awarded Mrs. Olive Adele Riches alimony with costs in her action brought several months ago against her husband, Charles H. Riches. The amount of the alimony is to be fixed from time to time by the master in ordinary.

The parties were married on April 6, 1911, when the plaintiff was 23 years of age, and had been in the employ of the defendant for five years as his stenographer. Mr. Riches was a widower, 43 years of age, and the father of four children by his former marriage. On various occasions the plaintiff alleged that her husband had assaulted her. Desertion was also claimed.

The plaintiff impressed me," says his lordship, "as intelligent, truthful and candid, and the conflict between the defendant's and her testimony cannot be explained away by the suggestion of a 'taken memory' of events on her part but her evidence is not in accordance with the facts."

Cruel Behavior.

The judgment finds that from the time Mr. Riches assaulted his wife in a London, England, hotel, until their final separation, his bearing towards his wife "was very often dictatorial and cruel."

"He was of a suspicious nature, and without just cause was jealous of her. At times his temper was apparently ungovernable, and when in any but a burst he had slight control of his emotions and actions. Frequently in his home he would wantonly and without sufficient cause manifest angry, passionate feelings towards his wife. On such occasions his language was extremely violent and threatening. Intermittently he would manifest regret for his conduct, but did not permanently improve it."

The judgment finds that Mrs. Riches was faithful, dutiful and affectionate, and that the husband was solely to blame for the discord and strife. By his desertion of her she had become entitled to alimony.

CITY HALL NOTES

Would-be mayors, controllers and aldermen were working overtime yesterday "accidentally" meeting friends they had not seen since the end of last December. It is doubtful if some of the aldermen have covered one foot so much ground in their individual wards in eleven months as they traversed yesterday in eleven hours. "Keep going" seemed to be the slogan, and some of the old brigade, especially in Wards Three and Four, will, it is said, require to do a lot of "going" if they want a nice comfortable seat at the city hall for the coming year.

Controller McBride is running a very energetic campaign in his endeavor to capture the chief magistracy's seat. He has, however, a lot of very determined opposition to overcome.

All the entrants for the board of control handicap are putting in some useful work from their respective training quarters. It does not matter how many meetings may be arranged, they must be got round to each of them and charm the ear by silvery speech, of their supporters and others.

Alderman Ball is working real hard, and his efforts are likely to be crowned by success on January 1. An old municipal campaigner who forecasted for The World last week the probable new haul of control, but said if Alderman Ball entered the race he would have to revise his list, produced yesterday the following revised version: Maguire, Gibbons, Ball, Ramsden or Wright. Alderman Ramsden is depending on recording a big soldier vote.

Mrs. L. A. Hamilton is putting up a big bid for victory in Ward 3.

Now the war is finished, Prof. James Macle of the University of Toronto, is anxious that the city should have an agreement and pull down some houses facing on Dundas street, which stand on the land where the great art gallery is to be built and which, according to contract, should be kept in park-like condition. The trustees are anxious to begin building and will wait on the new board of control early in the New Year.

Corporation Counsel Geary and Fairly are back in Toronto from London, England, where they have been on city legal business. Mr. Geary says prices are undoubtedly high in England, but nothing like they are in New York. His remark was made more particularly in reference to restaurants, hotels and food generally.

Since Xmas' eve (48 hours) only 19 cases of smallpox were reported to the health department. This is a very healthy sign, and if the average can only be maintained for a few days it will be more to kill the mandamus order than all lawyers' arguments.

The following table gives the details of the outbreak from its commencement to date:

New cases reported	19
Cases sent to hospital	0
Quarantined at home	19
Exposed persons quarantined	126
Persons discharged as cured	55
Total cases since outbreak of epidemic	1694
Cases now under treatment	641
Total cases discharged	1153
Patients in hospital	38
Patients under treatment at home	428
Total number of homes quarantined	577
Total number of persons now under quarantine because of exposure	1547

The board of commerce will sit at the city hall today and will take up the case of the F. A. Fish Co. Company, which was being enquired into regarding charges for coal.

The Canadian Wholesale Grocers' Association are to make an application to the board. The exact nature of this is unknown, but it is understood the association desires to make certain representations to the board.

EMPLOYERS HONOR EMPLOYEES

A pleasing event took place on Christmas eve at the manufacturing jewelry plant of McElheran and Plant, 66 and 70 West Dundas street, when the office staff and factory employees presented Mr. McElheran and Mr. Plant each with a case of pipes as a token of the bond of unity and good fellowship that has always prevailed between employers and employees. Miss L. Hall, in a few well chosen words, made the presentation, to which both employers feelingly responded.

Exercise Franchise; Treasured Privilege

By IDA L. WEBSTER.

It is usually expected by men who are looking for municipal honors, that they will have to content with only 40 per cent. of the voters in Toronto, because the rest of the folks do not take the trouble to go out and exercise their franchise.

And it is true. In fact, when 40 per cent. of the people do poll their votes it is considered quite a day.

The situation is, of course, deplorable, and one which should be remedied. If by no other means, then there should be a bylaw which would either inflict a fine upon the delinquents or which would disqualify them.

If the latter course was taken, it would be necessary to be very sure that it was merely indifference which caused the non-appearance of the voter at the polls.

But in any case some drastic step should be taken in order that the people of Ontario especially may understand what a grievous wrong they are unwittingly committing against their own country.

Only too often do Canadian-born men and women resent the activity of the newly-arrived population in the matter of the government and the politics of the city and province. But if someone did not take an active part what would become of the country?

As it is there are many who think that there are too many British-born men holding office, or they think that they should not identify themselves with the politics of the city and province. In short they heartily resent the entrance of the people from across the seas in our council.

Yet all that they do toward making the city a city is to sit at home and talk about what should be done. Indeed so indifferent are the born Canadians to their franchise that if the vote was left to them there would be only one set of men in office and they would be there because they would be elected by acclamation, or because no one else applied for the position.

Also, if more people were to vote there would perhaps be a better selection of candidates aspiring for municipal honors, and the people would have a certain amount of prestige connected with them, but the way the affair stands today it is a joke.

Vote, New Year's Day, and thus accept your responsibility as a citizen of a great country, and at the same time use your privilege to elect a fitting man to the position of representing you in this city of over half a million people.

OAKOAL INCREASES ITS CAPITALIZATION

The Ontario Company Succeeded by The Oakoal Co. (Canada), Limited.

The shareholders of the Ontario Oakoal Co., Limited, met at the office of the Company on Wednesday morning, and after hearing the report of the Managing-Director, who explained the reason for increasing the Capital of the new company to \$1,250,000, and for creating the new Company, unanimously approved of the increase and transfer.

A large number of shareholders were present, and led from the Managing-Director that sufficient stock had been sold during the past six months to erect and equip a 200-ton capacity plant in this city just as soon as the City officials will sign the agreement submitted by the Company, which contained an offer for the Garbage—which agreement would save the City a very considerable sum of money and enable the Company to proceed at once with the erection of the plant.

Plans were also being prepared for a plant at Montreal and Hamilton, and it is hoped that five plants will be operating in time to supply fuel needs next fall. Shareholders present made application for nearly \$15,000 worth of the new issue, and passed a resolution fixing the financial year to end in March, and the general meeting of the shareholders to be held the last Thursday of that month. The same Directors and Management were appointed to conduct the affairs of the new Company incorporated under Dominion Charter. Messrs. H. J. Bissett & Co., 50 C.P.R. Bldg., have been appointed selling agents for the new issue of stock.

MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

Arrangements have been made to hear candidates at the following hours and places by associations interested in the municipal campaign:

Saturday—North Toronto Town Hall and B.I.A. at Earlscourt School, Dufferin and St. Clair, at 8 p.m.

Sunday—G.A.C. at Amusia Theatre, corner Queen and North York, V.V.L. at Low's Theatre; I.L.P. at Labor Temple—all at 8 p.m. I.L.P. at Mavety Theatre, West Toronto, 8 p.m.

Monday—Gledhill School, Retail Merchants' association, 8 p.m.; Jewish mass meeting, Lyric Theatre, 8 p.m.; Central Y. for central ratepayers, 8 p.m.; Davisville G.W.V.A. Davisville School, 8 p.m.; Runnymede School, 8 p.m.

Tuesday—Norway Parish School, Woodbine and Kingston road; B.I.A. at Earlscourt School, Dufferin and St. Clair; Strathcona School and St. John's Road School—all at 8 p.m.

Wednesday—St. Clair avenue, at Carlton school, 8 p.m.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

A verdict of accidental death was returned by a coroner's jury at the morgue last night investigating the death of Charles Morrison of Smith's Falls. Morrison was attempting to board a moving street car at York and Queen streets on the morning of Dec. 15, when he fell, fracturing his skull. He died the following morning in the General Hospital. Morrison was a conductor on the C.P.R. running from Toronto to Ottawa.

PASSED ALLEGED BAD CHEQUE

Phillip Davis, colored, 134 West Richmond street, was arrested last night by Detective Jack McConnell, charged with fraud. Davis, it is charged, passed a worthless cheque for \$17 on H. Jessol, 340 West Adelaide street. The accused entered the store, purchased some cigars and cashed the cheque.

TWO MEN INJURED WHEN BLOOR CAR STRIKES RIG

Two men were injured about the head at 540 last evening when a motor car driven by W. Culbertson, 431 Walmer road, struck a wagon on which they were driving and hurled them in front of a Bloor car at the corner of Bloor and Manning avenue. John Marshall, 91 Ellsworth avenue, is in Grace Hospital with scalp injuries; George Henderson, 18 Garnet avenue, was cut about the head and after being attended at this hospital was allowed to go home.

Ward Seven Electors Endorse Candidates for Civic Honors

A meeting of the electors of ward seven was held last evening in the Victoria Club.

G. W. P. Hood, who presided, spoke on the subject of transportation and the good accomplished by Sir Adam Beck in connection with the Hydro radicals, and advocated the allowing of Tommy Church to finish the job.

H. M. Alexander, candidate for Board of Education, on rising to address the meeting, came in for a warm reception, due mainly to his connection with the various organizations in ward seven.

Mr. Alexander said there was a widespread feeling throughout the city that more business men were wanted on the Board of Education.

The following speakers also addressed the meeting: Messrs. Pearson, Fisher, Bell, Blackmore and Clarke, after which the following candidates were endorsed:

Ward 7—Aldermen, Ryding and Whetter.

Ward 7—Board of Education, H. M. Alexander.

For Controllers—Ball and Maguire. For Mayor—T. L. Church.

VETERANS

Items of Interest to Returned Soldiers Will Be Printed in This Column if Phoned or Sent in.

CIRCUS FOR SOLDIERS.

Secretary J. V. Conroy of the Toronto District G.W.V.A. announced today that the International Toyland Circus, which is being held in the Armories during the next two weeks under the auspices of the G.W.V.A., will be officially opened by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Clarke on Monday evening at 8.30.

Others who have accepted invitations to be present are Premier Drury and Mrs. Drury, Mayor Church, Controllers McBride, Maguire, Robins and Cameron and all members of the aldermanic board and board of education.

Invitations have also been accepted by General Elmley and Colonel McLaren representing No. 2 military district, and Brigadier-General C. H. Mitchell. The proceeds of the circus and other entertainment features will be used to further the plans for full repatriation, which the G.W.V.A. has under way for the coming year.

MANY APPLICANTS FOR \$40,000,000.

According to Major A. S. Hamilton, special representative of the information and service branch of the D. S. C. R. for Ontario, 1,234 veterans have applied for and received a share of the \$40,000,000 allocated to the patriots fund as distress money for returned men. The applications were first received on Monday and since then the number of applicants has increased each day.

OVERCOAT STOLEN.

Frank Towers, 68 Harcourt avenue, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detectives McIntosh and Young charged with stealing an overcoat from a cafe owned by Harry Peters at Bloor and York streets. Towers is alleged to have entered the restaurant, eaten and when leaving stole the overcoat.

LIQUOR DEAL ENDS IN ARREST.

John Wiley, 204 Simcoe street, was arrested last night by Detective Walter McConnell on a warrant charging him with theft of a quantity of liquor from John Armstrong. The theft, the police stated, arose out of a liquor deal.

CHARGED WITH SHOPLIFTING

Charged with shoplifting, Josie Nolan, 217 Market street, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Detective Croome. The accused is alleged to have stolen a blouse and necklace from a downtown departmental store.

U. S. SENATORS ARE GROWING TIRED

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necessarily by too much non-compromise talk, and that both sides had over-played a waiting game. The hope that a break would come in the opposition.

After their conference Sunday with Senator Lodge, the mild reservation Republicans seemed confident that he would take the initiative, if necessary, in carrying the compromise negotiations forward. On Monday he saw Senator Underwood of Alabama, a prominent Democratic advocate of a compromise, but it was said today that their talk got nowhere.

The Irreconcilable Group. Meantime it became known that the irreconcilable group of Republicans had been bringing pressure to bear to induce the party leader not to consent to any compromise proposals which did not meet their approval. Senator Johnson of California, one of the leaders of this group, telegraphed today that he would change his plans and return to the capital from his home state next week.

In the Democratic ranks the treaty situation is complicated by the contest between Senators Hitchcock and Underwood for choice as party leader, some of the talk for a bi-partisan agreement coming from the Underwood supporters. The party caucus has been called for Jan. 15 to elect a leader, and in the meantime Republicans and Democrats apparently are doubtful as to who can speak with authority on the Democratic side. Senator Hitchcock repeatedly had

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Soiled Boxes of Good Stationery At Greatly Reduced Prices

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Half-Price Sale of Sample Blouses

Regularly \$9.00 to \$22.50
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Saturday—Blouse Shop—Second Floor.

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Embroidered in lovely designs, length of work 10 to 15 inches. In Sky, Russian Blue, Nile, Flame, and Orchid.

Flouncings, 18 inches wide. Regular \$2.50 per yard. Special \$1.00

Flouncings, 34 inches wide. Regular \$5.00 per yard. Special \$2.50

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Boys' Shop—King Street Door.

After-Christmas Clearance in Furs

TWELVE HUDSON SEAL COATS, of fine quality, with large shawl collar and deep cuffs of Seal. Alaska Sable, Russian Squirrel, or Opossum. They have all-around seal belts, slash pockets and beautiful linings of Pussy Willow silk. Lengths are 36 and 40 inches; one Sable trimmed model is 45 inches. \$375

MUSKRAT COATS, of exceptional quality, with large shawl collar and deep cuffs of self or trimmed with Hudson Seal, some bordered. All have all-around belts, slash pockets and fancy silk linings. Priced for today \$225

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10 ALASKA SABLE SETS, made from fine full-furred skins, in the usual scarf style, with muff to match in the melon shape. Special value for today, at \$90 per set

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High Neck Guimpes in Net.

BRANTFORD COUNCIL CLEARS OVERDRAFT

Brantford, Dec. 26.—(Special).—This evening the city council decided to wipe out the overdraft of \$67,000 and start the new year with a clean slate by using the contingent funds on hand from the sale of the Watrous property and other such, and allowing the tax rate to be kept down.

Heavy street expenditure was the cause of the overdraft also the cost of the flu epidemic and an overdraft of \$46,000 from the year 1918. No debentures have been issued by the city during the war period, meeting all expenditures out of current revenues.

Incidentally a full stock sheet of the assets and liabilities will be taken to show the city's splendid financial condition.

Taffeta Flouncies on These Underskirts at

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Of course, as the result of tremendous holiday business, some books had to get hurt. It was absolutely unavoidable. So we have tabbed them all by themselves—Fiction, War books, Children's books—for all ages. Some are only slightly damaged, some are more badly injured, but all are BARGAINS.

Rearrange Pilotage District On Northern Pacific Coast

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—An order-in-council gazetted this week establishes a pilotage district from the international boundary between Canada and the United States on the south to the boundary between Canada and Alaska on the north, excepting the waters of the pilotage district of New Westminster. The new order cancels those fixing the limits of the pilotage districts of Vancouver, Nanaimo and Victoria-Esquimalt, and the new district is to be known as the pilotage district of British Columbia. Payment of pilotage dues in the district is made compulsory.

TO PREPARE TURKEY'S DEFENCE.

Paris, Dec. 26.—(Havas).—The Turkish grand vizier has requested Tewfik Pasha, head of the commission appointed to prepare a defence of Turkey's interests before the peace conference, to hasten the work of the commission because the Turkish delegates may be summoned to Paris next week, according to advices from Constantinople. The high commissioners in Constantinople of the allies are reported to have hinted that peace with Turkey may be concluded in the near future.

German Appointed Member Of Child Relief Committee

Rome, Dec. 26.—Pope Benedict has appointed Monsignor Wortmann, secretary for the German Federation of Associations for Charity, as a member of the committee that is being formed in Geneva, Switzerland, to take charge of the distribution of relief to poor children, victims of the war in central Europe and other countries.

BIG SHOW OF POULTRY

Kitchener, Dec. 26.—(Special).—Poultry fanciers of Western Ontario are showing keen interest in the annual poultry show which opens here on Monday, under the auspices of the Kitchener Poultry Association. Entries listed as far as show competitors from every section of the district.