was held up in the laundries at Winnipeg.

The civic authorities, anticipating probable trouble at or following the demonstration of the strikers being held today, have sent for detachments of mounted police and soldiers from outside points. Many members of the R.N.W.M.P. arrived in the city Saturday, and the gay hue of their tunics added a pleasing touch of colors to the crowds which swarmed the main streets of the city yesterday and today. As yet neither the military nor the mounted police have been called into action, the city police being still on the job. The local guardians of the peace voted 95 per cent. in favor of striking, but remained on duty at the order of the strikers' committee. It is stated that if the necessity arises whereby the R.N.W.M.P. are called to patrol the city or take any action in keeping order the civic members of the constabulary will immediately throw in their lot with the strikers.

Volunteer Firemen.

Volunteers under the direction of the fire department officers are manning the fire trucks. As yet there have been no serious fires, altho the citizen fire fighters have been called out a number of times on false alarms.

According to what information is available it is the plan of the strike committee to take complete charge of the city of Winnipeg. It is stated that at a meeting of one of the labor organizations the statement was made by one of the leaders that Winnipeg has no mayor now; the strikers are running the city. The strike committee is making every effort to keep all news pertaining to the walk-out from leaking out of the city. With the lid temporarily on the newspapers the strikers feel highly elated, and they are feeding the citizens of the city with their own news thru the medium of The Western Labor News. This publication appeared on the streets late Saturday afternoon, being distributed gratis by the strike committee. The editor is stated to be Rev. Mr. Ivens, a former Methodist minister, who now occupies the pulpit in the new Labor Church. He is one of the leading spirits in the present labor disturbances embroiling the western city.

RAILWAY MEN MAY JOIN.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, May 18.—Labor unions tonight circulated a bulletin declaring that the railway running trades had requested the trades council to call them out to join the general labor strike of more than 30,000 persons, which paralyzed industry here. A strike by the trainmen would, it is believed, paralyze transcontinental freight and passenger service in Canada.

Except for various rumors which could not be confirmed, largely because of isolation of commercial or press communication with outside points, Sunday passed quietly. The most discussed rumor was to the effect that the government at Ottawa might operate the various industries in the city until a settlement of the differences between unions and employers could be effected. There was no way of confirming this report.

Late tonight it was said that local officials and business men, in conference with persons friendly to the unions, had drafted a plan intended to bring the disagreeing factions together. This plan will be presented to the unions for official action soon, it was said.

Reports were current Saturday night that the Winnipeg locals of the three great railroad brotherhoods were considering the advisability of joining the strikers. It was also reported that stockyard employes would walk out on Monday.

Senator Robertson, federal minister of labor at Ottawa, today telegraphed to Mayor Chas. F. Gray that it would be impossible for him to come to Winnipeg at this time in connection with the strike situation. He declared that strike conditions in other sections of the Dominion demanded his attention.

NO STRIKE AT REGINA.

Regina, May 18.—Regina will not be paralyzed by a sympathetic strike as was planned by labor leaders for Tuesday. A settlement was reached between the striking carpenters and the Builders' Exchange on Saturday in which both sides made concessions. The men's demand for an increase in wages and shorter hours were met, and the men agreed to the principle of the open shop.

HAMILTON NEWS

Hamilton, May 18.—If developments in organized labor circles here over the week-end can be taken as a criterion, Hamilton will not have to go under the strain of a city-wide strike, as occurred in Winnipeg, or even on a smaller scale, as in Toronto.

Tho the local branch of the A. S. of E. endorsed the schedule submitted by the Toronto metal workers, the International Union of Machinists, following a closed meeting in the Moulders' Hall this afternoon, to discuss the eight-hour day question, decided to take no action in the matter for the next two weeks.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, head of the British Boy Scout movement, will be the guest of honor at a luncheon given by the Women's Canadian Club, in the Royal Connaught on May 26. The men's Canadian Club will also attend.

The return of striking outside employes to work on Saturday, following the council's decision to inaugurate an eight-hour workday on June 1, has made members of the city council hopeful that the salary problem has been disposed of for the year.

When the Dominion royal commission commences a two-day hearing here on Wednesday next at the city hall, for the purpose of determining the cause of the present wave of industrial unrest, it is expected that there will be some interesting facts given in connection with the present labor situation in Hamilton.

John Houghton, 22 William street, passed away today in Brant Military Hospital, aged 27 years. He enlisted in the 20th Overseas Battalion in 1914, but, having contracted spinal meningitis, was discharged. In 1916 he signed up at Oakville with the 164th Battalion and went to France, where he served three months, and was wounded and gassed at Passchendaele.

Sig. Jack Sexton Surprises By Unheralded Return Home

St. Catharines, Ont., May 18.—When Signaller Jack Sexton of the 42nd Canadian Overseas Battalion visited a school in England which he attended 20 years ago, he found his name on the honor roll of the dead. Yesterday he sprang a surprise equally as great upon his father in this city by slipping into the house unheralded after nearly four years of service.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

EARLSCOURT

DR. STRACHAN'S RECIPE FOR ENDING STRIKES

An address of timely interest was given by Dr. Strachan of the Imperial Oil Company of Toronto on Sunday afternoon to the Men's Own Brotherhood at the Central Methodist church, Earlscourt, Rev. E. C. Hunter presiding. Dr. Strachan is in charge of the industrial welfare department of the oil company and was formerly minister of the Rosedale Presbyterian church. He told the men that he thought he was capable of settling the strike in the city of Toronto in 24 hours and he would be able to convince the Ottawa authorities that it was essential to grant a universal eight-hour day thruout this Dominion.

The Imperial employs 6000 men and seeks to improve the condition of their employes in every possible way. A plan of insurance is so arranged that every employe, after 12 months' service, automatically becomes a member and is insured without medical examination and without any fees whatsoever, the amount being paid to the family as follows: $150 on day of death for payment of funeral expenses, and the balance in monthly payments, the total insurance being $1350. There is also an old age pension scheme in operation whereby an employe at 65 years of age is retired and receives 50 per cent. of his wages for the remainder of his life.

According to the speaker, some of the Imperial company's shops have a union but 50 per cent. are not affiliated in any way whatever. Complaints from the men are taken up by a special council.

The eight-hour day rule went into operation thruout the company's plants on the 1st of March this year. Dr. Strachan was given a standing vote of thanks for his address, the utmost enthusiasm being displayed by the men present. The men's own orchestra furnished the music.

G.W.V.A. DANCE

The Earlscourt branch of the G.W.V.A. held a euchre and dance at their headquarters on Saturday night. There was a large attendance of the returned men and their wives and families. The Veterans' Band furnished the music.

EAST TORONTO

Y. M. C. A. BASEBALL

The new baseball ground in connection with the East Toronto Y. M. C. A., Main street, was opened on Saturday and the first game was played by the Y. M. C. A. team against the Hamptons, a picked team of Danforth and Broadview players. The game resulted in a win for the Hamptons 15 to 1.

There was a large crowd present and an enjoyable time was spent. It is intended to hold bowling and other games during the season.

BOGUS CHEQUE ARTIST

Bogus cheque artists have been busy in the Danforth and East Toronto districts during the last month, among the merchants and storekeepers.

About two weeks ago the assistant in a well known cigar store on Danforth avenue cashed a cheque for $30 made out in the name of J. Aman and presented by a man in a soldier's uniform in payment for a baseball bat. It was found to be bogus on presentation to the Imperial Bank.

A few days ago a prominent storekeeper on East Gerrard street, near Main street, cashed a cheque for $20 in payment for goods. This was also found to be no good. This cheque was also made out on the Imperial Bank. The police are investigating the matter and it is understood an arrest was made yesterday.

AURORA

COMMUNITY MEETING.

A well-attended community meeting was held in the basement of the Methodist Church last night. The Rev. C. H. Scott, Rev. J. Wellwood and Rev. P. R. Soanes gave short talks and Miss Reynolds' class rendered several musical numbers.

SCORE'S MAY SALES SPECIALS.

Men who will be wanting to wear a new suit of clothes on the Queen's Birthday—next Saturday—should make it your first chore this morning to step into Score's and choose the new suit from their special offerings on the May sales specials lists—say a suit of guaranteed indigo-dyed Irish blue serge—a suit of sturdy, tidy Scotch tweed—or a suit of finer English worsteds—and have any one of them tailored in the Score's inimitable way to your measure. Score's Tailors and Haberdashers. 77 King West.

ACE OF ACES WILL SPEAK AT MASSEY HALL

The story of how a 24-year-old Canadian, who did not believe the stories of German barbarities, got into aviation "to get out of the mud" below, and leading a charmed life in the clouds, shot down 72 Huns officially and a good many more unofficially, won the Victoria Cross, the Distinguished Service Order twice and the Military Cross, besides various other decorations and became a colonel, all in an incredibly short time, will be told by Col. W. A. Bishop himself at Massey Hall, on May 27. The official reception of Col. Bishop by Mayor Church will precede the lecture.

The plan of reserved seats will open next Thursday.

Rev. R. J. Perkins Accepts Call to Church at Chatham

Ingersoll, May 18.—Rev. R. J. M. Perkins, for the past thirteen years rector of St. James' Church, has resigned, announcement to this effect being made to the congregation this morning.

He will go to Christ Church, Chatham, about July 1, succeeding the Rev. Canon Howard.

He is honorary clerical secretary of the synod of Huron, and is serving his second term as rural dean of Oxford county.

NORTH TORONTO

RATEPAYERS DISCUSS HOUSING QUESTION

Saturday night's meeting of the North Toronto Ratepayers' Association discussed the housing problem in all its phases. A resolution introduced by J. M. Skelton demanding that the houses about to be erected by the commission be set apart for the men returned was not very favorably entertained, and later Mr. Skelton withdrew the resolution. A number of those present have already signified their intention of applying for the commission's houses as built. Mr. Skelton took the ground that the housing problem was essentially a soldier's problem and that the men engaged in overseas work unable to look after their domestic affairs be given preference. No definite action was, however, taken.

W. G. Ellis, H. H. Waddington and R. L. Baker submitted a verbal report, from which it was apparent that some progress was being made on the Metropolitan question.

Ald. H. H. Ball, who came in just before the close of the meeting, made a strong plea for the purchase by the city of athletic grounds in North Toronto.

TODMORDEN

DON MILLS METHODISTS HOLD QUARTERLY BOARD

The quarterly official board in connection with Don Mills Methodist Church was held in the school room recently. Rev. W. H. Adams, pastor, occupied the chair.

Seven stewards were elected for the ensuing year and Angus M. Dewar was appointed recording steward. The reports of the Sunday school, mission bands and Epworth League were read and unanimously adopted.

Congregational visitors were appointed to the number of nine, six men and three women. The treasurer reported finances as satisfactory.

It was decided to hold a rummage sale in the church and school on Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Association.

RIVERDALE

Expressed Sympathy

Rev. J. R. Patterson, pastor Simpson avenue Methodist church, paid an appropriate tribute to the women for their work in connection with the church during the war at the morning service yesterday. During the service 40 members were received into the church.

During the evening service the congregation by a standing vote expressed their deep sympathy with the Woodgreen Tabernacle members and the family of the late pastor. Prayers were recited by Rev. J. R. Patterson, pastor for the relatives and congregation.

RECORD HONOR ROLL

One of the largest honor rolls of men enlisted for overseas during the war among the churches in the east end is the Rhodes Avenue Presbyterian Church, with 325 names, of whom 44 paid the supreme sacrifice.

There are still 100 men of those remaining on the honor roll overseas.

The second anniversary of the minister's connection with Rhodes Avenue Presbyterian Church was celebrated at the morning service yesterday. Rev. H. A. Berlis officiated.

Rev. D. M. Ramsay, D.D., convenor of the general advisory board of education, preached in the evening.

At the conclusion of the service, 12 returned soldiers, members of the congregation, were welcomed.

PRESENTED HYMN BOOK.

At the conclusion of the evening service in St. Matthew's Anglican Church, First avenue, yesterday, J. W. Donsin, organist and choir master, on behalf of the choir presented Rev. R. Axon, the retiring assistant rector, with a handsomely bound hymn book as a token of appreciation and esteem.

Rev. Mr. Axon suitably responded.

DANFORTH

BUILDING PRICES.

"The building material combines will have to be broken before building contractors can erect houses at a moderate price to meet the pocket of the workingman," said W. Tyler, sewer pipe and drain contractor, Danforth avenue, who quotes the following instance of price boosting: "I was quoted a price for sewer pipe last month by a Hamilton firm ten per cent. cheaper than the builders' supply firms in Toronto. After the amalgamation of the Hamilton firm with the Ontario Pipe and Clay Products Company on March 6 the price immediately rose from 20 cents to 23 cents a length for sewer pipe and all other pipe material in proportion," said Mr. Tyler, who added that he intends to bring the matter to the attention of the central council of the ratepayers at their next meeting.

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LEASIDE

WILL BURN MORTGAGE

An important event will take place this evening in connection with St. Cuthbert's parish church, Leaside, when the mortgage on the building will be burnt with fitting ceremony. The proceedings will take place in the parish hall and Mrs. J. M. Lamb, wife of the rector will perform the ceremony. Among those expected are Rev. T. W. Paterson, founder of the parish, Rev. J. M. Lamb, rector, wardens and ex-wardens.

A musical program will be contributed and refreshments served.

KEW BEACH

Rev. J. A. Cranston, M.A., of Fort William, was the preacher at the morning and evening services in Kew Beach Presbyterian Church yesterday. There were large congregations at both services. Rev. J. W. Bell, M.A., is pastor emeritus.

LIBERAL PREMIERS CONFER AT OTTAWA

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is even rumored that the recent visit of a distinguished member of the Saskatchewan hierarchy to Ottawa and Quebec was not unconnected with the negotiations.

Be that as it may, Sir Lomer turned up at the conference yesterday morning and delivered a speech, in the course of which, he approved the calling of the national convention and the organization program as far as outlined. He left after the forenoon session for the city of Quebec, but beyond expressing somewhat freely his views on the fiscal question, he did not strike any jarring note. On the contrary, some who attended the conference say that Sir Lomer declared himself to be as good a Liberal as ever and heartily desirous of the party's success in the next election. The fact that Sir Charles Fitzpatrick's touring car with the Quebec coat of arm prominently displayed thereon was parked beside the parliament building occasioned at first some uneasy comment, but it was explained that Sir Charles is occupying his own house in Ottawa for the present, and that he had no designs upon Premier Gouin or the Liberal lovefeast.

West's Representatives.

Attorney-General O. T. Daniels of Nova Scotia will arrive tomorrow as the personal representatives of Premier Murray. Premier Martin of Saskatchewan will also be here tomorrow. Premier Stewart of Alberta was here for the purpose of discussing the coming national convention a few weeks ago, and he is represented at the present conference by Hon. Duncan Marshall, and Hon. R. J. Boyle, members of his government. Premier Oliver of British Columbia is represented by one of his ministers, Hon. Dr. King and by C. L. Campbell, secretary of the British Columbia Liberal Association.

The Liberals are frankly disappointed at the non-appearance of Premier Norris of Manitoba, who telegraphed that he was detained in Winnipeg by the big strike. The strike is a perfectly good excuse, but it is considered significant that Mr. Norris did not send some member of his government or some other accredited representative. The fact that he will soon have to run an election in the strongly Conservative province of Manitoba is connected with Mr. Norris' reluctance to identify himself with the National Liberal organization.

Proudfoot Takes Part.

Among those present at yesterday's conference was Senator G. G. King of New Brunswick, who announced that as a member of the house he had voted against the national policy 40 years ago, and was still against it. Beside him sat his sons, G. H. King, M.L.A., of New Brunswick, and Hon. H. J. King, minister of public works in the British Columbia government. From Ontario came William Proudfoot, K.C., provincial leader of the opposition. Mr. Proudfoot explained that he had a convention of his own on hand next month, and modestly declined to say who would be the permanent leader of the Ontario Liberals. He pledged himself, however, to do all in his power to promote the success of the national convention. From Prince Edward Island came J. H. Bell, M.L.A., provincial leader of the opposition, who explained that they were on the eve of a general election in the island province, but that as soon as that was out of the way the Liberals of Prince Edward Island would be ready to take an active part in federal politics.

Taken by and large the gathering indicates that a good many prominent Liberals all over the country are beginning to see the light in the window, and that the coming convention may witness a general getting together of the men that followed Sir Wilfrid Laurier up to 1917. There are snags ahead, and some treacherous streams to be forced, but on the whole the parliamentary opposition is greatly cheered by the general and cordial response which has been accorded to Judge McKenzie's call for a preliminary conference to prepare for the work of the national convention.

The Liberal convention at North Bay, to form the Liberal district organization for northern Ontario, will be held at North Bay on June 4. A number of prominent speakers will address the meeting, including Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Hartley Dewart of Toronto, J. A. Robb, M.P., chief Liberal whip, and Hon. Jacques Bureau.

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