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## BOARD OF TRADE ASKS FOR PERMANENT TARIFF BOARD

Instead of Committee of Commission For Investigation. Resolution Forwarded to Premier.

WANT IT OUT OF POLITICS.

At the recent annual convention of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade a lengthy discussion took place upon a resolution asking the Dominion Government to appoint a Commission to make exhaustive inquiries regarding the tariff. This suggestion was strenuously opposed by several delegates, among them the representative of the Kitchener Board of Trade, who argued that what the country needed was not a Commission of inquiry, but a permanent Tariff Board, composed of experts, who would at all times be well-informed on tariff matters, not only of Canada but of other nations as well. The resolution was defeated.

The Council of the Kitchener Board of Trade has forwarded the following letter to the Prime Minister: Mr. Robert Borden, Premier of Canada, etc., Ottawa, Ont.

Sir,—The Kitchener Board of Trade has been advised that your Government has under advisement the intention of holding a series of tariff

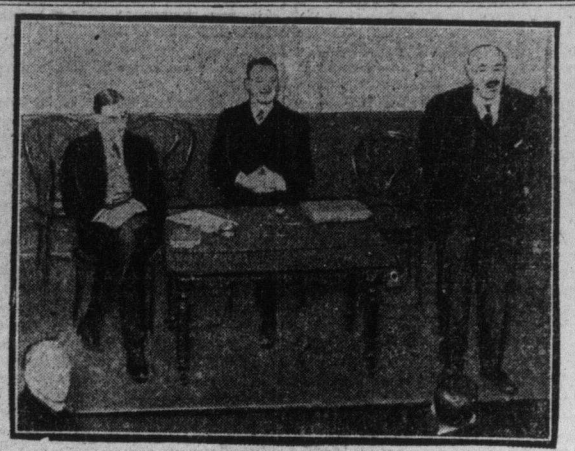
investigations by a Committee, or Commission, of Cabinet Ministers in the chief cities and towns of Canada, in the near future.

At a meeting of the Council of this Board of Trade on November 18th this matter was discussed; and it was unanimously decided that a Commission should be sent to you strongly advising that this course be not pursued; but that instead of appointing a committee or commission of Cabinet Ministers a permanent Tariff Board be appointed.

It is felt by this Board of Trade that, as far as possible, the tariff should be taken out of politics and be dealt with on a purely business basis, for the good of all the citizens of Canada. This Board feels that this may be brought about to a much fuller extent by the appointing of a Tariff Board than by sittings of Cabinet Ministers or Special Commissions.

Trusting that this communication will receive your careful and favorable consideration, we beg to remain,

Yours faithfully,  
Kitchener Board of Trade.



"PUSSYFOOT" JOHNSON ADDRESSING MEETING WHICH COST HIM AN EYE.—Photo taken just prior to the student's raid. Mr. Johnson's right eye was so badly injured that it has since had to be removed.

## THE GIRL'S WATCH GIVEN TO WIFE

Young Married Man In Role Suitable For the Screen.

LOCAL LADY THE VICTIM

This city during the last few days could have been made the scene of moving picture serials. A romance is related which would make a desirable story for the cinematograph man.

"How he got the watch," is the first reel. The next will be "Did she get the watch back?"

The story is based on these facts: Some time ago a handsome young man (married) came down from his home town in Bruce county and accepted a position here. He forgot to attend church services in the new town. The services, however, were of more than usual interest to him. The pew soon had a particular allotment for him.

The attractiveness of a winsome young lady held his attention from Sunday to Sunday. The young lady reciprocated and the result finally was that the young man got the inspiration to introduce himself to her on the street after the services. The young lady was taken up with him and gave him the privilege to accompany her to the home of which she is the maid. The gentleman visitor, courteous, obliging and careful, made a deep impression on his first visit. He immediately won confidence.

His welcome calls were repeated and the lady became more and more attached to him. The young man had a gift, all unknown of course to the owner.

Then came an interruption in the story. The young man did not make his appearance as heretofore. So the young lady went to church and prayed for an hour that she would again meet him and get her watch back. It seems her prayers were answered, for on Saturday evening while in a popular East King street store where throngs of people pass to and fro she espied the much sought man, whom she induced to again accompany her to her home. Here the young lady took advantage of the situation and informed him that she was anxious about her watch. Not being able to offer a satisfactory explanation as to its whereabouts the man became the object of suspicion in contradiction to her hero-worship of preceding days.

As a result of this the man had to hold a conference with Magistrate Weir who gave him sound advice. After repudiating him for his conduct he ordered him to leave the watch returned to the owner and to make a deposit of money with the court as a guarantee of payment of costs and any other contingencies which may arise. The man made the deposit and finally declared he would try to get the watch back.

Will his watch will his better half say?

## BECK AND HYDRO HAVE AGAIN WON

Border Cities Decide to Purchase D. U. R. Line.

Windsor, Dec. 6.—Though one Essex municipality of the mine voting today on the by-laws to purchase the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg Electric Railway from the Detroit United Railways Company, for operation as part of the proposed radial system of Ontario voted against the proposal the result, as a whole, constitutes a great victory for the principle of public ownership and the hydro radial movement, the other carrying the by-laws overwhelmingly in majority.

The defeat of the by-law in the one municipality, Anderson Township, was expected and will not affect the carrying out of the project, the amended Hydro Radial Act providing for just such cases.

The Vote.

Windsor, 1129, Amherstburg, 211, Ford City, 196, Sandwich Township, 129, Walkerville, 198, Sandwich E. Township, 214, Sandwich E. Township, 36 majority, Ojibway, 8, Anderson Township, 31.

Against:

Windsor, 22, Amherstburg, 45, Ford City, 17, Sandwich E. Township, 11, Ojibway, 0, Anderson Township, 136.

The defeat of the by-law in Anderson Township was due to the fact that the road passes through only a corner of the municipality and the ratepayers at a distance from the road felt that they had no interest in it. The reeve of the Township approved the by-law. Under the hydro radial act as amended at the last session of the Legislature the other municipalities may appropriate the share of a municipality in which the by-law is defeated among themselves where the amount is not over 10 per cent. The total sum involving Anderson's share, \$140,000, was much below this and the other eight municipalities have already taken steps to do this. A conference will be held at once as the municipalities are unable to go ahead with the completion of the deal.

The Sum Involved.

The by-laws voted on yesterday apportioned among the municipalities the sum of \$2,289,000, of this sum \$2,039,000 was for the purchase of the road and \$250,000 for extensions and improvements. The \$2,039,000 for the road will be paid to the D. U. R. in hydro-electric 30-year 4 1/2 per cent. bonds. The \$250,000 will be raised on the hydro bonds in the open market.

The S.W. & A. extends through 36 miles of territory in Essex County, but with the Windsor Street Railway System, double tracking etc., has a total package of 45 miles.

## WHERE ARE THE 33?

Seized Liquor Decreases in Volume Before Reaching Government.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—The disappearance of thirty-three bottles of whiskey, apparently between the time of their departure from the county of York buildings and their arrival at the Government liquor warehouse, remained unexplained at the conclusion of the hearing in the county court today. The seizure of the whiskey was made by the county police near Scarborough Junction, and before it was deposited safely in the Government warehouse it suffered decrease in quantity twice.

Two county policemen were exonerated of any complicity in the disappearance. They had been accused by Mrs. David Crawford of Scarborough Junction of having given permission to take some of the whiskey and beer. Both Mrs. Crawford and her husband were arrested on a charge of stealing the liquor, which disappeared before the seizure arrived in Toronto.

County Clerk Phillips received 39 barrels, one of which had the top sprung. These were sent next day to the Government liquor warehouse. Chief Provincial License Inspector Aycryst stated the quantity received at the Government warehouse showed a difference of thirty-three bottles.

## PROSPECT OF RATIFICATION

Hague Tribunal to Decide Extent of Fleet Indemnity. Final Paragraph Eliminated.

Paris, Dec. 8.—The allies have consented to modify some of the terms of the protocol putting the peace treaty into effect to which Germany has made objection. The clause providing for indemnity for the destruction of the German fleet at Scape Flow has been modified so as to refer to the Hague Tribunal the question whether the delivery of the tonnage demanded will cripple Germany.

The final paragraph of the protocol providing that even after the peace treaty has gone into effect the allies might use military measures of coercion to ensure execution of the treaty's terms has been eliminated entirely, as also has clause relating to the evacuation of the Baltic provinces by German troops.

Imputation of the responsibility of Germany for the sinking of ships at Scape Flow is left in the protocol. According to best information obtainable the note to the German plenipotentiaries, regarding the signing of the protocol and setting forth the allied position as indicated, will be handed to Baron Von Lersner, head of the German mission, this afternoon.

## BREAD BAKERS OUT ON STRIKE

Will Hold Out For 9-Hour Day and Better Wage.

The bread bakers of the Twin City are out on strike having quit work on Saturday and while the citizens were supplied with bread this morning, the bakers holding out in a situation, the situation may become serious unless an agreement is reached shortly. The men and the master bakers held a meeting Saturday night when the demands of the men were presented to their employers. The present wage scale and length of hours per week were discussed but neither side were able to come to an understanding. It is understood the men are demanding a 9-hour day with time and a half for overtime. As was pointed out by one of the strikers the rate in Kitchener is approximately 40 cents per hour. The men being paid by the hour. In Waterloo the men receive a flat rate per week irrespective of the number of hours worked. Organizer Walsh of Toronto, is here looking after the interests of the men and a scale has been prepared and it is to be hoped an amicable settlement will soon be arrived at. The men claim they are justified in asking for the increase. At the meeting on Saturday night the bakers have asked for a few days to consider the matter, but this was denied, the men claiming the demand had been sent to them early in the week and they had ample time to consider it. Bread is being delivered today the same as usual.

## JELICOE SPEAKS ON VALUE OF NAVY

Address in Massey Hall and Before Navy League.

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—At two enthusiastic gatherings Saturday, Toronto welcomed Admiral Viscount Jellicoe of Scape, the hero of Jutland. There were very few seats vacant at the afternoon Massey Hall meeting. And in the evening, at the Navy League banquet in the King Edward, he was greeted by an audience which overflowed the banquet hall.

In Admiral Jellicoe's simple statements concerning the war work and peace necessities of the British Navy there was nothing of oratory. Physically, the First Sea Lord of the Admiralty is not a big man. But there is no mistaking in the square jaw, the firm mouth, and in the veering of the man's voice, the titanic strength of the man inside, the typical British seadog.

Responding to a toast proposed at the King Edward Hotel banquet, Admiral Jellicoe said that he would not take the flattering references to the navy and its accomplishments as in any way personal to himself, because no one person and no thousand persons can do anything, so far as a good navy is concerned in this great war, without the loyalty and support of every officer and man of that great service. You can buy ships, you can buy ships, but ships do not make a navy. The all-important thing in a navy, and indeed, in a man-made machine, is the personnel. You cannot get a navy without the expenditure of a great deal of time and a great deal of work.

## THE OTHER SIDE MAKES STATEMENT

Vermont Flag Incident as Reported by Canadian Nurses.

(Special to the Record.)

FREDERICTON, N.B., Dec. 8.—A story from Woodstock, N.B., that Miss Annie Melane, the central figure in the now famous flag incident at the Rutland (Vermont) Hospital, is not a native of Woodstock but of Truro, N.S. The correspondent follows that up by saying there are a number of Woodstock women at the Rutland Hospital as nurses and gives the following version of the whole affair as gathered from their letters to their families at Woodstock.

The flag incident started when Miss Melane and Miss Miles were alone together. The former claims she said: "It is a good looking building if it did not have that dirty old rag flying over it." Miss Miles then proceeded to knock Miss Melane down.

Some time previously a number of American nurses destroyed a Canadian flag belonging to one of the nurses, but which was not in this incident as there always had been good-natured bantering between the nurses as to the merit of the Canadian and Union flags.

To the American nurses who waited upon Miss Melane at her room, she apologized to this extent. "I am sorry, girls, I did not mean to hurt your feelings. It was all in fun. I respect your country and I respect your flag, but I won't get up and salute it. Go away." This apparently closed the incident and was satisfactory to the hospital authorities.

Two weeks later an investigation of the affair was ordered by the Nurses Association which completely exonerated Miss Melane and admitted her into membership of the association, everything seemed to be harmonious but the city authorities took it up.

## THREE VACANCIES IN CANAD. SENATE

TORONTO, OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—The death of Senator Peter Talbot of Lacombe brings the vacancies in the Upper Chamber to three, one in Alberta, one in British Columbia, and one in Ontario. It is not anticipated that any of these vacancies will be filled for some time.

The British Columbia vacancy is already earmarked for Hon. Martin Burrell, Secretary of State. For the Ontario vacancy there are many competitors, including Dr. Edwards, M.P. for Frontenac, Hon. T. W. Crothers, ex-Minister of Labor, Col. W. R. Smith, former M.P. for East Algoma, J. J. Carriek, former M.P. for Thunder Bay, Dr. Preston of North Lanark, and others.

## ONE NEW CASE FOR EVERY HOUR

Smallpox Situation in Toronto Not Improving.

(Special to the Record.)

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—Records covering the last 48 hours show no signs of an abatement in the smallpox epidemic. Physicians reported 49 new cases to Department of Health and a number of these were sent to the new smallpox hospital on Gerrard Street. The total number of cases since the outbreak is 1072, and the total number of persons under quarantine is 1793.

## END OF STRIKE NOW IN SIGHT

Provisional Agreement Reached at Washington on Saturday to be Considered at Indianapolis To-morrow.

TRAIN REDUCTION ON C.P.R.

Washington, Dec. 8th.—Government proposal for settling the coal strike are closed in a veil of mystery which promised to lift only at Indianapolis to-morrow, when the federal court and the leaders of the United Mine Workers alike will be called upon to consider them.

A conference at Washington on Saturday resulted in a provisional agreement to settle. Not one of the participants of the conference will discuss its meaning or intent in any way. But the feeling prevails that the end of the strike is in sight.

Fuel Administrator Garfield states that not one cent can be added to the price of coal to finance wage increases to the miners greater than the 14 per cent. suggested which the operators could pay out of profits, and the Government is behind him in the stand.

## EXPECT MEWBURN TO RETIRE SOON

(Special to the Record.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—Rumors of the early retirement from the Cabinet of Major-General Hon. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia, to resume his own private law practice at Hamilton, have been received with little surprise in political circles.

It has been known for some time that Gen. Mewburn had no intention of making public life a profession, and that he desired to retire as soon as the odds and ends of the war were cleaned up. General Mewburn, however, has not yet returned from his week-end absence at home, and as it is a holiday in the government departments to-day, denial or confirmation of the report cannot be secured.

London street, railway employees are asking for a holiday on Christmas Day. James Britton, of Port Hope, seventy-seven years old, was fatally injured while trimming a tree.

## PACKING PLANTS TO CONSOLIDATE

(Special to the Record.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A syndicate is being formed by Messrs. Otis & Co., Cleveland, Ohio, and Messrs. Krissel, Kinnett and Co., New York, to finance a consolidation of important packing interests with plants located at Toronto, Chicago and Montreal and distributing throughout Ontario, Canada, the United States and England.

Mr. E. C. Fox, General Manager of the William Davies Co. of Canada, together with his associates, are combining with James and John Agar, of Chicago, to acquire the control in the Davies Co. formerly owned by Sir Joseph Flavelle, whose activities in connection with the business ceased in 1914 when he became head of the Canadian Munitions Board.

"That is correct in substance," declared Mr. E. C. Fox, when the above news despatch was read over the telephone to him to-day. "It has evidently been given out by bankers ahead of the issue of securities. It is simply what I said in my public statement a week ago. We are absorbing an American plant."

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## WHAT HAS BECOME OF ALL THE GIRLS?

Government Employment Bureau Has 1000 Requests and No Applicants.

(Special to the Record.)

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—So serious has the shortage of woman help become in factory circles that the Provincial Government Employment Bureau has had to decline to fill further orders from the employers. At the present time they have some 1000 orders filed on their books, but can not secure any applicants to fill the places. "Too many girls must have got married as we have no trace of hundreds of young women who used to apply for work during the war," said Rev. J. A. Milley.

Concluding Session for 1919

The last meeting of the County Council for the year will be held on December 16th.

Patrik Moran who was charged with committing an assault on Peter Glazier, of Goderich, was dismissed owing to lack of evidence.

## BECOMES FULL OWNER OF QUEEN'S HOTEL

Toronto, Dec. 8.—The McGaw interests in the Queen's Hotel have been bought by Mr. Henry Winnett, who thus becomes sole proprietor of the famous hostelry. The price paid was in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000. With full control, Mr. Winnett is contemplating the erection of a new wing at the eastern end of the present building and also making extensive improvements.

The McGaw estate owned the building and the property with half an interest in the contents and in the business.

Mr. Winnett has been connected with the Queen's Hotel for fifty-five years, joining the staff in 1864. At the present time, he is also proprietor of the Queen's Royal at Niagara-on-the-Lake, and has a three-quarters interest in the Tecumseh House, London.

It is hinted that Mayor McBride of Brantford may seek a third term. Labor men in Woodstock have decided to open a co-operative union store.

## PREMIER AT UNITED CHURCH REFUSES OFFER TO SPEAK

Clergyman Asks Ministers to Come to Front.—Drury Prefers to Remain Humble Worshipper.

MAKE HIT AT COCHRANE

(Special to the Record.)

COCHRANE, Dec. 8.—The little United Church in this junction town of 2500 people and the head of the rail for the T. and N.O. Ry. was filled on Sunday morning by the presence of Premier Drury, Hon. Mr. Bowman, Minister of Lands and Forests, Hon. Mr. Mills, Minister of Mines, Commissioner Leav of the T. and N.O. and Mr. Lang, the local Liberal member, not to mention newspapermen.

The service took the usual form except when the minister Rev. Mr. Conifer, the joint pastor of the Presbyterian and Methodist, after returning thanks for the appointment to high office of men of fairness and righteousness, requested that the congregation should sing the National Anthem and the Ministers of the Crown take seats on either side of the pulpit when he hoped Mr. Drury would speak for at least two or three minutes.

The Premier, gently declined the invitation by rising and saying that while as a citizen he belonged to one of the churches represented at the service, as premier he belonged to no church. His preference was to remain where he was as a humble worshipper.

The disappointed minister accepted the situation, and the National Anthem was omitted. In the afternoon Mr. Drury visited his home. At daybreak the ministerial party left Cochrane for New Liskeard and other points south of here. They expect to address an important gathering in North Bay to-night. Premier Drury made a hit at Cochrane and many echoed the public utterance of Mayor Carter, "I believe the new Government will make good."