LEATHER MEN ASK OTTAWA TO ACT

Want Measures Adopted to Bring Market Back to Normal.

A contingent of Toronto men connected with the leather trade left for Ottawa last night to confer with the government on the question of measures to bring the leather market back to something near normal. The party was representative of the hide, leather and boot and shoe section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

The government has already stopped the exportation of hides except under special license, and there was a feeling of alarm among the leather dealers yesterday that there was a move on foot at Ottawa to put restrictions on leather exports as well. When seen by The World yesterday Mr. George Beardmore said he understood such a move was proposed and he thought it would be a very improper step because there were certain kinds of leather turned out by the Canadian tanners which have a very limited market here and can be sold at a fair profit in the States.

Other tanners take the view that if the price of hides is kept within bounds the leather situation will right itself. This was the view of Mr. S. R. Wickett of the tanning concern of Wickett & Craig. Speaking to The World last night just before he left for Ottawa, Mr. Wickett said he favored a very thoro control of the hide situation. This would probably create difficulties for the packers, who are most concerned with the price of hides, but they had managed to get the price up to the present fictitious level and should take the risks that go with the tumble.

Emphasizing his point that present prices are entirely manufactured, Mr. Wickett supplied The World with the following figures:

Receipts of cattle at the seven principal slaughtering centres of the United States, namely Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis, Sault Lake City and St. Paul, for the week ending July 26 were 223,000, and for the week previous 242,000 against 228,000 for the same week one year ago, and 190,000 two years ago. From January1 to July 26 this year receipts at these points totaled 5,786,000, for for the same period a year ago, 6,280,000, and two years ago, 5,272,000.

Hides in Chicago.

The receipt of hides in Chicago alone for the week ending July 26 this year was 4,226,000 pounds, and for the previous week 3,843,000, and a year ago for the same week 2,689,000 pounds. From January 1 to July 26 this year Chicago receipts of hides were 128,950,000 pounds, and for the corresponding period of last year 93,011,000 pounds. These figures show that the supply of hides is greater this year than in the two previous years and still prices are more than double the prices of one year ago. Mr. Wickett also points out that the world's stock of leather on hand is greater now than in the last two years. Several governments which made large purchases for war purposes have still much of this supply on hand. In conclusion Mr. Wickett said that nothing but manipulation would have put the price of hides where it is today, and he thought the government would be well advised to reintroduce such restrictions as were in force during the war when prices were kept below 34 cents and most of the time under 28 cents.

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FORMAL THANKS GIVEN BY BRITAIN TO FOCH

London, Aug. 6. — Marshal Foch of France, the allied commander-in-chief and the various military and auxiliary services of Great Britain that served in the war were given a formal vote of thanks today by the house of commons. The vote included mention of the British women's organizations.

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EARLSCOURT

KOYCE PROPERTY BOUGHT BY CITY

Earlscourt Residents Persuade Controllers to Make Purchase.

A red letter day has dawned for Earlscourt, for after years of hard work and publicity the board of control has decided definitely to purchase the Royce Park estate for a public park for Earlscourt.

A deputation waited on the mayor and board of control at noon yesterday to place the matter before them asking for a definite answer one way or the other. The mayor welcomed the deputation and declared that he and the members of the board were in entire sympathy with the deputation.

Alderman Brooks Sykes who introduced the deputation pointed out the need of this park for the people. "There is a rumor," said Ald. Sykes, "that the Royce estate was about to dispose of this property to some real estate interests in which case the city would be unable to purchase this land as a park and recreation ground for the people in this northwest section which includes Earlscourt, Fairbank, Silverthorn, Wychwood, Oakwood, etc.

Alderman Donald MacGregor for Ward 6, said he was heartily in favor of securing the Royce property for Earlscourt and had constantly urged the purchase by the city. He also spoke for Rev. Peter Bryce, pastor of Central Methodist Church, one of the deputation.

Con. Robert Cameron said there was no need for the deputation to speak in behalf of the project as it was the intention of the board to secure the property with the least possible delay, and Controllers MacBride, Maguire, and Robbins concurred.

At the suggestion of the mayor, Commisioners Bradshaw and Chambers were instructed to get in touch with H. H. Williams to arrange for the purchase thru the Royce estate. The question of purchase was taken up by Col. G. T. Royce before the war and it is understood that the price is a very reasonable one.

Folowing arle the names that composed the Earlscourt deputation: Rev. Peter Bryce, Dr. John Hunter, H. Parfrey, G. N. Brown, E. Hayward, J. Watson, J. Wines, M. A. Brillinger, S. Crossley, R. M. Russell, A. Gordon, P. G. Richardson, president Earlscourt G.W.V.A.; W. Beauchamp, secretary G.W.V.A, and Reg. A. Everett.

Among the recent arrivals from the front in the Earlscourt section of Toronto are: Ptes. G. J. Beach and G. C. Neville. Mr. Beach will have charge of the new Molson's branch bank at 1643 West St. Clair avenue. The bank was opened for business yesterday.

Beach was a member of the C. F. A. and was overseas for two years. He was thru the battles of the Somme, Passchendaele and Cambrai. Pte. Neville is an ex-imperial man and saw active service with the Dorset regiment. He was among the few who escaped the terrible massacre at Gallipoli and was afterwards transferred to the continent and joined in the fighting in France and Belgium. Both these young men are members of the G.W.V.A.

George N. Brown, secretary of the poultry section of the fall fair, gave an address at the Todmorden Poultry Association's meeting last night before a good attendance. Brown is a breeder of White Rocks and owns some excellent birds at his home on Nairn avenue, Earlscourt.

Returned men for enumerators was one of the subjects touched upon by the G. W. V. A. executive meeting in the Fairbank Public School last night. Secretary C. T. Lacey mentioned that Dr. Godfrey had been approached in regard to this matter, but that nothing had been heard from him. This branch is considering holding a field day in the near future.

DANFORTH

The erection of a public lavatory in the vicinity of Broadview and Danforth avenues was considered yesterday by the board of control. Opposition was expressed to an underground lavatory. It was agreed to build at the corner of Bloor street and the works commissioner was instructed to call for tenders.

NORTH TORONTO

An executive meeting of North Toronto Ratepayers' Association was held last night, but altho officials are alleged to have stated that "history" would be made at the meeting, no statement could be obtained as to the nature of the business.

According to unofficial advices, recent developments in the situation demand immediate action.

LEASIDE

A Railway Town and Factory Population—Interest in Municipal Affairs.

Leaside is growing into a railway town and it will grow into a greater one. There are 300 men working in the Canadian National Railways' new shops, and others will be put on as the layout is put into commission, bit by bit. The Canada Wire & Cable Co. to the north has nearly 400 hands, also steadily being added to.

Remarkable progress has been made by the National Railways in getting the Leaside plant in working order in the few weeks that they have been operating. There is still a considerable force employed on plant construction work, and it is understood that the railway is already considering a proposal to erect a new building for car repairing, and possibly a lumber mill. At present only coaches are repaired there.

The main buildings, of brick, steel and concrete conetruction, are the locomotive shop, 140 by 300 feet; coach repair shop, 300 by 120 feet; blacksmith shop, 70 by 100 feet; power house, office and stores building and round house. The round house has stalls for 10 engines, and the power plant generates current to operate the cranes, transfer tables, jacks and all machinery, as well as to light all the buildings. The plant is modern, with facilities for entirely rebuilding locomotives and cars. At present nine engines are in the shop undergoing repairs.

The housing situation is giving the managements of these two plants some concern. Most of the men live in the city or North Toronto, and have to be taken out in the morning and brought back at night. The National Railways run a train from North Toronto station for this purpose, and quite a few men are also carried by jitney along Merton street from Yonge street.

The town already has city water, sewers and electric light connection, and lacks only gas to make it a splendid residential suburb. Most of these employes will eventually live in the town, and a building boom is expected to follow a drop in construction material. A few houses are going up now, and it is understood that an appeal has been made to the housing commission to come to the rescue of those in need of homes.

An election in Leaside is in prospect for the coming year. In the past the mayor and councillors have been elected by acclamation, and R. P. Ormsby of Eglinton avenue has been chief magistrate for several years. With the industrial development now taking place, it is felt that more interest should be shown in local politics. A committee waited on J. A. Woodard, general superintendent of the Canada Wire & Cable Co., and asked him to accept nomination as mayor. Mr. Woodard asked time to consider it. He is a resident of the town.

An altitude record for the J.N.4 Canadian built aeroplane was established when Lieut. Schiller, pilot with Miss Lydia Collins and F. G. Ericson as passengers, ascended to a height of over 8,000 feet.

This three-seater aeroplane is a converted two-seater J.N.4. Both passengers sit in front. The flight was made from Leaside aviation grounds.

BEACHES

One of the most successful dances of the season was given last night in Balmy Beach Canoe clubhouse. The dance was given by the Victory girls and 300 guests were entertained. Miss Esther Vison received, assisted by several other members of the club.

WESTON

Blanche Irene Lenehan, aged five years, whose parents live at 43 Church street, Weston, died last evening in the Hospital for Sick Children from injuries received when she was run over by an automobile. The accident happened last Sunday near the child's home. The car which struck her was driven by F. A. Roland of Aurora.

Coroner Burgess opened an inquest at 8 o'clock last night in the morgue and adjourned for one week.

LABOR PARTY MOVES TO REDUCE GRANTS

Lloyd George, in Defending Sums Voted to Leaders, Pays Tribute to British People.

London, Aug. 6.—During the debate in the house of commons today Wm. Adamson, chairman of the Labor party and leader of the opposition in the house, moved to reduce the grants proposed for Field Marshal Haig and other generals and admirals for services in the war to an amount not exceeding 200,000 pounds sterling, to be divided proportionately. Mr. Adamson said the Labor party believed the grants proposed were out of all proportion to the monetary reward given the rank and file. After considerable debate Mr. Adamson's amendment was rejected by a vote of 288 to 66, and the grants were adopted by a vote of 272 to 64.

During the debate Premier Lloyd George spoke eloquently, showing great emotion, especially when referring to the unknown agony the war had brought to millions of homes.

"I cannnt," he said, "omit a tribute to the multitudes of people, men and women, who patiently bore the strain of the period whenever a knock on the house door sent a shudder of fear thru all anxious minds."

It is almost as difficult for a man to get over a case of love sickness as it is for a woman to get over a barbed wire fence.

HAMILTON

Hamilton, Aug. 6.—Unless the city council declines to endorse the recommendation of the fire and jail committee a general increase of $200 for members of the fire department will become effective on October 1.

Hamilton lost one of her sterling citizens this afternoon when Dr. Archibald Edward Malloch, who was in active practice here for 45 years, and for ten years has been retired, breathed his last at his residence, 28 Duke street.

George Baker, 401 West Main street, Percy Donnelly, 18 North Locke street, and Pete Irvine, 59 Keith street, were arrested early this evening on charges of fraud. It is alleged by the police that the three men drove for local ice merchants and that they had defrauded customers and sold ice for their own benefit.

That Mayor Church, Toronto, would get a warm reception if he was serious in his announcement that he intended coming here to plead the cause of the H. A. A. A., was asserted today by Controller Halford.

The resignation of Deputy Reeve John Fish, tho not unexpected, has widened the breach between the county representatives of Mountain Top and the district below the hill.

All officers of Grand Encampment of Ontario, I. O. O. F., in session here, have been advanced one chair. The new grand patriarch is Malcolm Sinclair, Toronto.

P. Isaac, who conducts a pawn broker store at 197 North James street, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of receiving stolen goods. Detectives Goodman and Thompson made the arrest.

LABOR NEWS

UNION EXECUTIVE SPECIALLY CALLED

Garment Men Will Meet in Pennsylvania to Consider Toronto Strike.

Benjamin Schlesinger, president of the International Union of Ladies' Garment Workers of America; Ansoff Baratoff, general secretary, and the following vice-presidents will hold a special conference at the union city, Forest Hill, Penn., to discuss ways and means of dealing with the exigencies of the Toronto strike: Elmer Rosenberg, Salvatore Anunzio, S. Lefkovitz, John F. Pearce, S. Koldovsky, Morris Pearlstein, Miss Fania Cohen and Henry Schulman. Mr. Koldovsky stated last night that every possible means had been considered to reach an amicable settlement of the strike, and that if the attempts now being made to this end were not successful the strike would be prosecuted to the limit.

"Let me tell you of the Philadelphia strike of some years ago," said the Toronto leader. "That strike lasted 26 weeks and many of us starved and suffered much. We lost that strike. But mark me. Three months later the international once again made demands upon the employers and these were acceded to in every instance. The reason for this is simple. While it is true that a strike falls heavily upon the worker it proves an unprofitable venture for the employer, and so soon after the great strike of 26 weeks the employers of that city were not in a position to consider further inactivity in the trade.

"Another thing. Today trade is light and employers are not worrying. In September big business begins. Then the lack of help will tell upon the employers. We shall at least continue until October."

NOT FOR GARMENT WORKERS.

"One Big Union will have no friends among us," said S. Koldovsky, manager for the I. U. L. G. W. in Toronto, last night to The World. "We have practically the type of industrial unionism desired in our own union. We refused to allow Mr. Knight to address our meeting, not from any personal bias, but because we have no sympathy with the movement he so ably represents."

ANOTHER STRIKE SETTLED

Forty-six raincoat workers who were out on strike against the management of the Canadian Raincoat Company have returned to work, all grievances having been settled amicably. S. Koldovsky and Walter Bitton were responsible for the settlement of the strike, which was occasioned more from private than from wage grievances. The employes, who had been out for seven weeks, were getting a 44-hour week, and piece work had been abolished.

GOOD SAMARITANS?

Mrs. R. B. Russell and Mrs. Armstrong of Winnipeg, both of whom were connected with the Winnipeg strike, will arrive in Toronto shortly. R. B. Russell himself is a strong Socialist. Mrs. Armstrong will be best remembered for her kindness in feeding the strikers. She was largely responsible for soup kitchens which were among the best appreciated factors in the recent strike, which had somewhat disorganized public and other utilities.

C. F. OF L. OFFICERS.

Toronto national council of the Canadian Federation of Labor installed the following officers for the current half year: President, T. M. Orton; secretary-treasurer, Alex. Bailey; vice-president, F. Hodson, and secretary, M. F. Tumpayne. Grand Secretary Clay installed the officials. The president in the course of his inaugural address augured unusual success of the council, and pointed with pride to the organization of the following new unions within the past few months: Piano action workers, 700; bread and cake salesmen, 600; biscuit workers, 400; confectionery workers, 300;; organ and phonograph workers, 700; bakers, 600, and gas workers, 230, making a grand total of 3,530 members. There were easily another thousand members in the Queen City, and the membership of the Dominion was worthy of note.

It is estimated that there are 6,000 members of the Canadian Federation of Labor in Quebec alone.

The council passed a resolution calling for the repeal of the amendment of the immigration act, which was responsible for the action of the authorities against the Winnipeg labor leaders.

BREAD DRIVERS ANXIOUS.

Bread drivers are awaiting the award in connection with their grievances, and officials of the Canadian Labor Federation are taking up the cudgels on their behalf. It is nearly a week since the award was made, but confirmation has not yet been received from Ottawa, and last night Thomas Watt and Herbert Clay, representing the bread drivers, wired to the minister of labor for permission to make the award public at tonight's meeting at Occident Hall. Mr. Clay has had the award before him for several days and expressed himself as tired of waiting longer.

CANDIDATES ASK ISSUE MADE CLEAR

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ference on similar mysterious lines is said to be contemplated in the immediate future.

Sir William Hearst had "nothing to say for publication" after yesterday morning's talk with the delegation.

Difference of Opinion.

The question of holding an Ontario Conservative convention with a view to adopting a pronounced platform in view of the forthcoming provincial elections has created considerable discussion in local political circles. A large number of the rank and file appear to look with favor on the idea, altho for various reasons the members for the Toronto ridings do not view it in exactly the same light. A number of the Ontario ministers are out of the city this week, so that it is not possible to obtain their opinions on the proposal.

Tom Hook, M.L.A. for West Toronto, is not in favor of a convention of Ontario Conservatives, as he cannot see what they have to "convention" about. The majority of the party are satisfied with the present leadership, and there are no differences of opinion of any serious nature, so far as Mr. Hook can see, to be straightened out. The member for South Toronto is, however, in favor of a Dominion convention of Conservatives, so that the Conservative party may rehabilitate itself and get rid of the encumbrances of the other parties it is carrying on its back. The real premier at Ottawa is not Sir Robert Borden, but the Hon. N. W. Rowell, is the contention of Mr. Hook, who accuses the latter of being responsible for the passing of the famous order-in-council prohibiting the importation of spirits, wine and beer from Montreal to Ontario. The primary idea in passing such an order was to embarrass the Hearst government, who, Mr. Rowell knew, would have to go to the people for re-election before the federal house should make an appeal to the constituencies.

The O.T.A. is working well, and the people were satisfied with it, as they would under its provisions obtain refreshments for their homes from outside the province. Then came the famous order-in-council and people became dissatisfied with the act and put all the blame on the Ontario government, and even today in some of the country districts 90 people out of every 100 blame the Hearst government for the cutting off of their drink. It is very hard to make many people believe that the Ontario government had nothing to do with it. Mr. Hook is not in favor of holding both the referendum and general elections on one day, as it would probably tell against the government. For the reason stated above, lots of good Conservatives would vote against the O.T.A. and also against the government, believing the two subjects to be connected. Have the elections on one day and the referendum on another, and then there would be straight voting. A "Grit" would vote for the O.T.A. and then vote against the present government. "Once a Grit always a Grit," says Mr. Hook. "I will hold up both hands for a Dominion convention, so that we can reconstruct that lot at Ottawa, but there is no need for an Ontario convention."

In Insurance Business.

Mark Irish, M.L.A. for Northeast Toronto, declined to discuss the matter of either a convention or the referendum. He just waved his hand in a merry way and said: "I am in the insurance business."

"But," returned The World, "you are sometimes in business at Queen's Park."

"That's true," replied Mr. Irish, "but at present I am in the insurance business," and away he rushed.

G. H. Gooderham, M.L.A. for West Toronto, thinks it would be crazy to hold either a Dominion or provincial convention. There is nothing so far as he can see for the party to meet about. Let well enough alone, is Mr. Gooderham's advice, and he is convinced that the great majority of the party are quite satisfied with their leaders, both at Ottawa and in Ontario. If any were dissatisfied let them go on grumbling until a general election came and then see which way they would vote. There was no need to call a convention just to allow such persons to air a particular grievance. In his opinion the present government had the best of the Liberals with them, and he thought they were there to stay. The West Toronto member agreed with Mr. Hook that the order-in-council was probably passed by Mr. Rowell to cause trouble for Sir William Hearst over the O. T. A. He was therefore not in favor of holding the referendum and the general election on the same day, as many people would mix up the voting, especially those who were holding the Hearst government responsible for the order-in-council. The Grits would pull out all the votes they could in favor of the O. T. A., and then try to get the same people to vote against the government at the same time. The votes should be taken on two separate occasions, and then we should get a straight issue.

Sees No Need.

Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A. for West York, who says he is a good Tory doing his duty by his constituency, can see no need for any convention, as the people seem quite satisfied with the legislation the present Ontario government has passed. He also is of opinion that the referendum and general election should be held on separate days, as the two matters—one political, one personal—cannot be mixed. Dr. Godfrey thinks there will be a lot of surprises little dreamed of when the referendum vote is counted, but he would not state in which direction the surprise would come.

Not Responsible.

Hon. Thomas Crawford, M.L.A. for Northwest Toronto, has given no thought to any question of a convention, but speaking offhand he could see no need for one at the present time. The people were satisfied with the present government, and when a general election came very few persons had any doubts as to the result. In reference to the O. T. A. it should be impressed on the people of Ontario that the Hearst Government were not responsible for the order-in-council to which they seemingly took exception. If there was any blame to be carried it was the federal government who must bear it and not the Ontario government. On economic grounds Mr. Crawford thought the referendum and the general election might be held on the same day. This would save expense and undoubtedly bring more voters to the polls than could be expected if only a single issue was before them. Until, however, he had given the question more thought he would not care to express a decided opinion upon the matter.

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