

TREASURER MAY REVISE ONTARIO'S SYSTEM OF TAXES

Contemplated Changes Will Not Be Made Public Until Budget Speech.

MANY COMPLAINTS

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Jan. 29.—Provincial Treasurer Price has in mind the revision of Ontario's system of taxation upon lines somewhat broader than heretofore attempted, with the end in view of more equitably distributing the incidence of the various levies made under provincial authority.

While the speech from the throne will undoubtedly deal in some manner with a proposal of such general importance, the real meat of the tax revision program will not be made fully public until the provincial treasurer delivers his budget speech. Throughout the province there has been considerable discontent with the operation of the amusement tax laws and it is complained from some in rural and semi-rural communities that inspectors have made a practice of levying this tax upon a wide variety of entertainments which should reasonably enjoy exemption.

In some localities even public school Christmas entertainments were subjected to the amusement tax levy, with the result that last year in some places these festive gatherings were abolished or curtailed.

Nominally the provincial treasurer has sole authority to decide upon such events as shall be subjected to exemption, but in practice it has been found that certain inspectors take this duty upon themselves. The last copy of the public accounts of the province shows that in salaries of collectors and officials, contingencies and printing a total of \$43,761.18 was spent, while the revenue received from this source was reported as having been \$1,362,072.44, leaving a net revenue of \$1,318,311.26.

"DRYS" OF ONTARIO TALK NEW PLANS

Drury and Raney Among Prominent Leaders at Toronto Session.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Jan. 29.—Prominent prohibition advocates conferred here today on the question of temperance legislation in Ontario. It is understood that the main purpose of the meeting is to lay the foundation for a provincial organization in case a campaign is necessary to retain the Ontario temperance act. R. J. Fleming presided.

Among the prominent temperance leaders present were: Hon. E. E. Drury, Hon. W. E. Raney, Chancellor W. P. Whittier, of McMaster University, J. D. Flavelle, George Warburton, Rev. W. T. Gunn, who acted as secretary, Rev. Ernest Thomas, Rev. T. H. Cotton, Rev. Dr. W. B. Creighton.

The announcement, which was sent out, bidding dry leaders to the conference stating that "the way is open for the complete unity of all the temperance workers of the province."

UNABLE TO HELP SALVATION ARMY

Saskatchewan Government Will Not Aid in Bringing Out English Boys.

Canadian Press Despatch. Regina, Jan. 29.—Premier Dunning, interviewed regarding a report that the Saskatchewan government had not promised any financial support to the Salvation Army scheme for bringing out young English boys to Canada, said it was true the Saskatchewan government could not see its way to assume any responsibility in this matter.

SECRETARY DENBY STATES HE WILL NOT RESIGN

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—Secretary of the Navy Denby announced after today's cabinet meeting, at which the oil lease investigation was considered, that he had no intention whatever of resigning at the present time.

"I am so convinced I did the right thing that I would do it over again tomorrow regardless of the consequences," the secretary said.

"I feel that I carried out the will of congress and my activities served the best interests of the people of the United States. Accordingly, I have nothing to regret and no reason to resign."

The Nervous Business and Professional Men Get New Vigor from

Dr. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD



LABOR M. P.'S ARRIVE FOR SESSION OF BRITISH HOUSE.

Here is a close-up of a section of the 192 Labor members in the British House of Commons, from among whom Britain's first Socialist cabinet has been chosen. They are shown on the terrace of the house. Mr. MacDonald will be recognized in the second

row in the center of the group. On his right is Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, while second from his right is Frank Hodges, the mine leader. Arthur Henderson is seen in the front row. Front row, standing, on the extreme left is Sidney Webb. Others in the group

include: Stephen Walsh, Neil Maclean, W. Morrison, J. O'Grady, Josiah Wedgwood, J. Robertson, Wm. Adamson and Thomas Griffiths.

INDIAN WIFE FAILS TO SAVE HUSBAND

Battled Unsuccessfully Against Blizzards in an Effort To Reach Help.

Canadian Press Despatch. Regina, Sask., Jan. 29.—Unsuccessful efforts of a squaw against a driving blizzard and bitter cold to save her husband from freezing, are described in a report by Corp. Wm. M. Jennings, Turtford, Sask., received at provincial police headquarters today.

The report dealt with the death of John Metchowin, bush Indian on a trail near Bright Sand, January 15. With the squaw unable to speak English, the police had to turn to Rudolph Hansen, a Bright Sand settler, for details.

Metchowin, Hansen said, with his squaw and Peter Scarlet, another Indian, arrived at Hansen's house late in the afternoon of January 14. Shortly after sundown they continued on their way to the reservation in the face of a blizzard. Scarlet returned after a few minutes.

At 4 o'clock the following morning the squaw pounded on the door and entering, fell senseless. Later she recovered and directed Scarlet and Hansen where to find her husband. His body was located on the trail three-quarters of a mile distant. Beside the body were a few green sticks, the woman's effort to light a fire after she was unable to carry her husband any further.

LANCOT SUGGESTED FOR SUPREME COURT

Rumor Says Quebec Deputy-Attorney-General May Succeed Brodeur.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The vacancy on the supreme court of Canada bench it is expected, will be filled within the next few days. The latest nominee whom rumor connects with the appointment is Charles Lantot, K. C., deputy attorney-general of Quebec.

It is considered almost certain that a French-Canadian jurist will succeed the late Hon. L. P. Brodeur in Canada's highest court of appeal and several other names have been suggested as likely nominees.

These are Chief Justice Lemieux, who is Chief Justice of the Quebec district court, Mr. Justice Tessier, Quebec; Ferdinand Roy, K. C., and Louis St. Lawrence, K. C., of Quebec.

PROFESSOR URGES ABOLITION OF SENATE

W. P. M. Kennedy Says Canada Must Get Rid of Its Second Chamber.

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Jan. 29.—Prof. W. P. M. Kennedy of the University of Toronto told the Canadian Club tonight that Canada must get rid of its senate. He was a democrat, he said, and did not believe in second chambers.

Among the suggestions advanced by Dr. Kennedy to improve Canada's constitution and its national status were: That the king should visit this and his other dominions frequently; that Canada's governor-general should be elevated to the status of viceroy, and that his power to veto or reserve Canada's parliamentary acts should be abolished.

TWO ESKIMOS TO DIE ON GALLOWS FRIDAY

Will Pay Penalty For Murdering Factor and Mounted Police Officer.

WILL NOT INTERFERE

Word of Government's Refusal of Reprieve Reaches Herschell Island.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The closing chapter of a tragedy of the far north will be written next Friday with the execution of two Eskimo murderers at Herschell Island. No word of the execution will come through to civilization probably for months after the execution takes place.

Indirectly headquarters of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police here has learned that Sergeant Thorne, who carried the message that there would be no interference with the death sentence, is now at Herschell Island. No official word of his arrival has reached Ottawa, and none is expected. The date of the execution is Friday, Feb. 1.

The two Eskimos were sentenced to hang for the murder of Corporal Doan of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Otto Binder, a Hudson's Bay Company factor.

BIG ICE JAM FEARED AT NIAGARA FALLS

Enormous Amount of Damage May Result When Barrier Breaks.

Canadian Press Despatch. Niagara Falls, Jan. 29.—A big ice jam, similar to that of April, 1909, when an enormous amount of damage was done, including the destruction of the Gorge Railway tracks, is expected.

There are only slight changes in conditions in the lower Niagara River. The entire mouth of the river has been cleared out, but the block in the river still remains unmoved. The ice maintains a dangerous height, being eight feet above the normal level. It was announced by H. G. Acres, chief engineer of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, that a backwater, due to the ice jam, was causing a slight reduction in the power.

The docks of the Canadian Steamship Company at Lewiston and Queenston are covered with huge hummocks of ice.

TORONTO TO HELP JOBLESS. Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Jan. 29.—Toronto Board of Control decided today to begin a once a number of civic improvements in order to provide some work for bona fide Toronto residents, who are in need. The program laid out will give 500 men employment three days each week, until May 1.

COAL PRICES BLAMED FOR HIGHER EXPENSES

C. N. R. Officials Gather in Toronto To Discuss Better Service.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Jan. 29.—A large gathering of C. N. R. officials, including representatives from all departments of the southwestern Ontario district, from the central region and from Chicago and Montreal met here today to discuss means of improving the service in all departments. C. G. Bowker, general manager of the central region, pointed out that the high price of coal was chiefly responsible for keeping up operating expenses. The C. N. R., he said, had to pay \$5.72 per ton for coal, whereas railways in the U. S. get it for \$3.42.

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Million Homes Not Tenable

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 29.—Over one million homes in England are not fit to live in. This is the conclusion of the National Housing Council, which has inquired into the matter. The council estimates that 3,300,000 houses ought to be built in the next 20 years to be built and that over 600,000 new houses are required in Scotland.

COOLIDGE DETERMINED TO PROBE OIL LEASES

Approves Selection of Counsel To Prosecute Case For Government.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Jan. 29.—President Coolidge tonight approved the selection of Silas H. Strawn of Chicago, Republican, and Thomas W. Gregory of Austin, Texas, attorney-general in the Wilson administration, as special counsel to prosecute the government's case growing out of the inquiry into the lease by former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall of naval oil reserves in Wyoming and California to the interests of Harry F. Sinclair and E. L. Doheny, respectively.

The movement for annulment of the oil leases proved slowly through the thickening atmosphere of political bitterness.

Three Are Fined. In police court today Dr. F. D. Canfield was found guilty by Magistrate Patterson on a charge of issuing \$100 and \$25 prescriptions, and was fined \$100 and \$25 respectively.

Securing prescriptions illegally fined Jackson, also of Ingersoll, was fined \$50 and \$25 costs. On a charge of having liquor in other than a private dwelling, Arthur Sage was fined \$200 and costs.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE GIVES PLEASING PROGRAM

Special To The Advertiser. St. Marys, Jan. 29.—One of the most enjoyable meetings of the Young People's League of the Methodist Church that has been held for some time was presented by the Mission Circle of the church on Monday night. This joint meeting of the two societies is a new thing for both, and the following interesting program was put on by the Mission Circle: Piano duo, G. Zurburg and E. Stone; Scripture reading by Miss K. Bartlett; reading, Miss B. Hamilton; object lesson, address by Miss Edith Sparling, returned missionary from China; piano solo by Mary May.

The League closed the evening with games and refreshments.

Evangelistic Services. During the next few weeks special evangelistic meetings are to be held in connection with the Methodist Church. Meetings are to be held in the various homes, this week at Miss Wilson's on Wellington street and at Mr. Zurburg's, West Ward. This will be kept up for three weeks, with special services every Sunday, and then an outside speaker is being secured for two solid weeks of evangelistic services. Rev. Dr. Knowles, pastor of the church, will conduct the services for the first three weeks.

BOARD EDUCATION INSTRUCTS COLLEGIATE PRINCIPAL TO COLLECT.

Special To The Advertiser. Ingersoll, Jan. 29.—At the inaugural meeting of the board of education George Preston was unanimously elected chairman. He has been a member of the board for several years. Committees were appointed as follows, the first named in each case being chairman: Teachers—J. C. Hegler, C. H. Sumner, J. E. McLeod, T. R. Mayberry and G. C. Ellis; Collegiate property—George F. James, L. V. Healy, Charles Pearson, Charles Daniels, F. W. Keeler; Memorial School property—J. E. Hargan, T. R. Mayberry, H. C. McMillan, C. H. Sumner, J. J. McLeod, C. H. Sumner, H. C. McMillan; Ward School property—C. Pearson, G. C. Ellis, J. E. Hargan; Advisory and Industrial—J. McLeod, C. H. Sumner, Charles Daniels, T. R. Mayberry, J. C. Hegler, F. W. Keeler; Finance—T. R. Mayberry and the chairman of the other committees.

Non-Resident Pupils. Further action was taken by the board in connection with the county pupils. A resolution was adopted instructing the principal of the collegiate to collect the sum of \$10 per month from all non-resident pupils except Middlesex, these being already provided for, the regulation to take effect from January 1. This action is the outcome of the refusal of the county council to pay more than 80 per cent of the cost of education.

LED BELMORE CHOIR NEARLY FIFTY YEARS

Peter Hakney Is Presented With Gold Watch and Chain.

Special To The Advertiser. Midway, Jan. 29.—Peter Hakney, who has been choir leader of Knox Presbyterian Church at Belmore since the inauguration of that church, nearly 50 years ago, has handed in his resignation. Sixty members of the congregation gathered at his home to express appreciation of his services.

RATES INCREASED TO NON-RESIDENTS

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VOTE IS AGAINST PROPOSED UNION

Presbyterian Congregation Casts Decisive Adverse Ballot.

Special To The Advertiser. Galt, Jan. 29.—Knox Presbyterian Church of this city is most decidedly opposed to organic union between the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches, voting 604 to 36 against union. There was considerable controversy which resulted in an official vote being authorized. A committee and scrutineers representing the two parties today announced the result of the vote. This is the only local church that would come under the proposed union to ballot on the question.

At Empire Exhibit. Eight Galt firms, Babcock, Wilcox and Goldie-McCulloch Company, Canada Machinery Corporation, Cowan & Co., Galt Brass Co., Galt Machine Screw Co., R. McDougall Co., Sheldon's Limited and Shurly-Dietrich Co. will have exhibits at the British Empire exhibition.

Preston Buildings. Building permits issued in Preston in 1923 represented an expenditure of \$145,000. Twenty-nine new houses were erected, while there were twenty-two garages.

CARLETON PLACE MINISTER CALLED

Rev. W. A. Dobson, D.D., Invited To Pastorate St. Marys Presbyterian.

Special To The Advertiser. Stratford, Jan. 29.—At a special meeting of the Stratford Presbytery here today a call was extended to Rev. W. A. Dobson, D.D., of Carleton Place to become pastor of St. Marys Presbyterian Church. Rev. Finlay Matheson, clerk of the Presbytery, and John Empey will visit the Presbytery of Lanark on February 12 in furtherance of the call. A salary of \$2,250, free house and a month's holidays are offered.

FRENCH PARLIAMENT DEBATES MONEY BILL

Justice Ministry Advocates Allowing Payment in French Money Only.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Jan. 29.—The ministry of justice has prepared a bill for submission to parliament, prohibiting contracts for payments in other than French francs. Except the usual commercial dealings in foreign exchange for legitimate importations, where payments in foreign money, or even gold francs are provided for in domestic contracts, they will be regarded as not binding.

BOWLING

The London C. N. R. fivepin bowling team defeated the Toronto C. N. R. team in Toronto on Saturday. All the games were closely contested, and the losers have made up their minds to visit London in the near future and take the fall out of the London team at the National alleys. The scores:

London C. N. R. W. E. Millor..... 173 175 155-503
S. G. Skipton..... 174 175 155-502
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C. G. Gurd..... 171 254 151-562
W. C. Ward..... 123 183 141-547
Totals..... 929 979 744-2662

Officers are appointed for C. P. R. Steamships

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The appointments of officers of the C. P. R. Great Lakes Steamships for the season have been announced by Mr. Bethune, superintendent of the line, as follows: Steamer Assiniboia: Captain James McCannell; chief engineer, A. A. Cameron; purser, George Bethune; steward, D. Sutherland.

CHALMERS CHURCH, DUTTON

Dutton, Jan. 29.—The annual congregational meeting of Chalmers Church was held recently with a good attendance. Rev. C. A. Malcolm presided and Arch. T. A. McNabb acted as secretary.

The financial report was read by the secretary, which, with one or two exceptions, showed that the various branches of the church were in a satisfactory condition. Receipts from all sources \$2,198.18.

The following officers were appointed: A. T. McCulloch, Donald M. Budge, and J. S. Talmon, managers; John Thomson, congregational secretary; Bruce Thomson, auditor; Hugh Carroll and Nelson Whitlock, ushers. For Bible Society: D. A. McNabb, president; J. W. McCulloch, secretary and Milton Smith, treasurer.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD

Hyde Park, Jan. 29.—The regular meeting of the Young People's Guild was held Friday evening, January 25. In the absence of the president, Archie May presided. It was decided that all members of the Hyde Park Young People's Guild attend the Young People's Rally, which will be held in St. Thomas, February 12.

DISORDERED STOMACH

Take a good dose of Carter's Little Liver Pills then take 2 or 3 for a few nights after. You will feel your meals without fear of trouble to follow. Millions of all ages take them for Biliousness, Dizziness, Sick Headache, upset Stomach and for Sallow, Pimply, Blotchy Skin. They are the mercy of Civilization.

Genuine bear signature—Small Pills: Small Dose; Small Price.

DOMINION PRESS USED LABOR FAIR, THOMAS CLAIMS

Colonial Secretary Makes Precedent and Invites Newspapermen To Meet Him.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE. Special Cable to The London Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent. Copyright. London, Jan. 29.—J. H. Thomas, secretary of state for the colonies, established a courageous and useful precedent by inviting representatives of the overseas press to meet him this morning.

Fifty correspondents were present, representing every part of the empire. He said he wanted to speak to the Dominion press because of the amount of humbug that had appeared in the home press about what was likely to happen when Labor entered office. This humbug did not deceive the people at home, but it had misled foreigners, and there might be lurking apprehensions in the minds of people in the empire abroad, though as far as his information went there had not been the stupid misrepresentations of Labor in the Dominion press that there had been in the British press.

British Press Changed. He was happy to acknowledge, however, that within the last ten days the British press had changed its tone and the Labor government had an encouraging send-off from the newspapers. "Contrary to his usual practice of extemporizing, Mr. Thomas read his statement from a manuscript, and he was evidently in deep earnest.

His last words, after a long statement, were: "We took office, not for party advantage, but because it was the constitutional duty of the opposition to do so. We shall doubtless have our failures and make our mistakes, but we are genuinely anxious that when the time comes for us to give up the seals of office nobody will be able to say that we did not do our best, and none in this great empire will be able to say it was the less great as a result of our tenure of office than it was before."

Refers to Canada. Mr. Thomas made a special reference to Canada. "There is one of the dominions to which I myself made several visits," he said, "where I have spent a great deal of time, and though my relations with her have not been so close as those of my predecessors, the Duke of Devonshire, I don't deny even to him in admiration and affection for that splendid country."

French Parliament Debates Money Bill

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