

LOOKING AROUND FOR MORE SCANDAL.

O'Donoghue Asks For Industrial Insurance.

Manufacturers and Franco-British Fair.

Railways, Coal and Mining Rights.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—(Special)—At the Public Accounts Committee to-day G. Kingston, accountant of the Public Works Department, was examined in respect to the payment made of about \$123,000 to the Office Specialty Company, of Toronto. This represented the amounts paid to all the departments in Ottawa as well as the various public buildings throughout Canada. The chief architect, Mr. J. A. Ewart, was also examined. Old fittings were gathered together and sold once a year. Mr. Ewart said that his information was that the head of the Specialty Company was in Newmarket. George M. Reid, London, Ont., a brother of Commissioner Reid, of the National Transcontinental Railway, was a friend of his, and sometimes called upon him in his office, but he was not aware that he was a director of the company. He never met Commissioner Reid. He did not know that either of them were interested in the company. Mr. Ewart said that the companies which the Government dealt with were the Eclipse Company, of Ottawa, the Office Specialty Company, of Toronto, and the Ganoque Company. In one case he knew of tenders being advertised for. It was not customary to advertise or give orders in the United States. In one department, the witness said that he asked in Washington what the work could be done for. The Cabinet Company of Ganoque got the work, being the lowest tender, but they could not do the work, and the contract went to the next lowest tender, the Office Specialty Company of Toronto. The contract price was about \$20,000. He was told that the price in Washington was \$18,000, and that was the duty to be added to that.

The Insurance Bill Deal.

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—(Special)—The Banking and Commerce Committee again to-day met with the insurance bill. The chairman read a letter from G. H. E. O'Donoghue, Parliamentary representative of the Trades and Labor Congress, urging the committee to recommend that the Government should undertake in connection with Sir Richard Cartwright's scheme the provision of industrial insurance. Mr. O'Donoghue referred to the onerous conditions of companies which dealt with industrial insurance, and the results as shown in the case of the York County Loan Society, and declared that organized working people believed that the Government might well take under its care the whole subject of industrial insurance, so as to provide protection for the poorer classes at a minimum cost, whilst giving the maximum of protection and security.

Paris Exhibition.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 25.—(Special)—The Canadian Government, realizing the importance of the Franco-British exhibition, following as it does the signing of the French treaty, by which Canadian (Continued on page 10.)

MAN MURDERS HIS SISTER AND TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

Shoots Her After a Quarrel--Second Tragedy In Same Family.

Medina, Feb. 25.—Louis Barber, 45 years old, shot and instantly killed his sister, Mrs. Jerome Lewis, at their home on South Main street at 5 o'clock last night. The shooting was the result of an altercation which had been in progress all afternoon. The quarrel started shortly after noon, and Barber, who had a collection of firearms in the house, went from the kitchen, where he had been arguing with his sister and their mother, Mrs. Cynthia Barber, to the second floor, where he secured a loaded 45-calibre Colt revolver. Upon coming downstairs he went out into the yard and shot a pet dog, killing the animal instantly. Mrs. Lewis reproved him for shooting the dog and the quarrel was resumed. Barber seized a stove poker and attacked the woman, striking her several times on the head, and crushing her skull. She broke away from him and staggered to the kitchen door, shrieking for help.

Negro Electrocutted

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 25.—Gilbert Maddox, a negro, was electrocuted at the state prison this morning for the murder of J. E. Camm at Bridgetown last October. The murder occurred in a factory, of which Camm was night watchman, and was committed while Maddox was intoxicated.

CHANGE FOR TEN.

Incident of Relief Work at St. Catharines.

St. Catharines, Feb. 24.—Some of the humors of the poor relief work here are coming to the surface. A well-known local gentleman of means is maintaining a free soup kitchen at his own expense. Feeling that some of the men who were taking advantage of the free meals were not really in need, the gentleman went to the "kitchen" at meal time recently and in a voice loud enough for everybody to hear asked if anyone could change a ten dollar bill. Immediately a brawny Armenian seated at table called up "I can," and he pulled out a roll of bills as big as his arm and solemnly counted out the change.

A BIG PROFIT.

Selling Oleomargarine For Butter in Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—A campaign of widespread activity against dishonest dealers in oleomargarine has been inaugurated by the internal revenue officials of first district of Illinois, which includes Cook county, and 18 other northern counties of the State. The price of butter has been so high of late, being in the neighborhood of 40 cents a pound, that oleomargarine speculators have been pushing their trade in all directions, the consequence being that the internal revenue department has been forced to put an unusually large force of men at work to stop dishonesty as far as possible. It is stated that the Government is being defrauded out of many thousands of dollars because of the practice of numerous oleomargarine dealers in illegally coloring the oleomargarine for sale to the consumers as butter, thus evading the federal laws. A clear profit of 9-34 cents on every pound of the product is made by the dishonest dealer in beating the Government out of its tax.

A SORENESS THERE

Over Barber Shop Run by Former Street Car Man.

Although there was nothing in the report given out at the last meeting of the Trades and Labor Council in regard to the Street Railwaymen's Union, it is said that there was a hot discussion after Mr. J. Theaker had addressed the meeting. While the delegates of the Council as a whole sympathize with President Theaker, the feeling toward the Street Railwaymen's Union is not very warm—certainly not as warm as when the strike was on 15 months ago. Labor leaders feel that the union is too lax with its members, some of whom are said to be anything but faithful to it. One thing that has aroused considerable feeling is the report that a member of it started a non-union barber shop and that it is patronized by motormen and conductors who wear the union button. The shop is kept open after the hours fixed by the Barbers' Union, a barber's claim. For the reason regarding the Trades Council took no action at the last meeting.

MR. LANCASTER ON HIS DIGNITY.

WANTS NO ONE TO TELL HIM HOW HE SHOULD VOTE.

"Calls Down" Mayor of St. Catharines for Writing to Him About Radial Bill—Caretaker Appointed—Resigns Secretaryship—Policeman Reinstated.

St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 25.—(Special)—At the City Council meeting last night the correspondence that passed between Mayor Campbell and E. A. Lancaster, M. P., in respect to the Hamilton Radial bill when before the Railway Committee at Ottawa was read, and was listened to by the aldermen without comment. The letter from Lincoln's member in reply to the Mayor's telegram expressing the Council's urgent desire that the bill as amended pass the committee, would lead one to believe that Mr. Lancaster believes that the City Council has no right to ask him to give support to any measure that they think is in the public interest, and his letter is so considered by the Council. Mr. Lancaster, in very strong terms, calls down the Mayor for sending him such a telegram, and after reiterating that he knows his duty and needs not to be told it, he ventures the assertion that somebody besides the Council inspired the telegram, and that the Mayor is more anxious to see the promoters of the bill satisfied than the city's interests served. Mayor Campbell replied to the letter in quite as forcible terms. The attitude of Mr. Lancaster has created considerable talk in the city.

ABOLITION OF THE HOTEL BAR

AND PROHIBITION OF THE TREATING SYSTEM WANTED.

President Joseph Gibson Attacks the Whitney Government—Demands the Cancellation of the Three-fifths Clause—Can Get Better Treatment Under the Stars and Stripes.

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St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Lieut. General Stoessel, who on Feb. 20 was condemned to death for the surrender of the Port Arthur fortress to the Japanese, has petitioned Emperor Nicholas for a full pardon. The court recommended that the death sentence be commuted to ten years' imprisonment in a fortress and the general be excluded from the service.

WHAT'S THIS?

Give Up Your Seat in Car or Pay a Fine.

St. Louis, Feb. 25.—Police Captain John H. Pickel is preparing a bill to be introduced in the municipal assembly requiring all men in street cars to remain standing till every woman is seated under penalty of a fine. The captain's ire was aroused yesterday when he rode down town on a car and saw twenty men seated while several women, among them one 80 years old and feeble, clung to straps. A young woman finally gave up her seat to the old woman, while the men busied themselves with their newspapers. Capt. Pickel was angry, and he said so. The bill shaped itself in his mind, and when he returned home he was ready to write out a rough draft.

LEAVING THE CITY.

W. J. Poulton Honored by St. Paul's Young People.

The Young People's Society of St. Paul's Church held a most enjoyable social last evening in honor of one of its members who is leaving the city.

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Funny Story Comes From Beverly as Result of James Patterson's Visit to His Brother.

TO CLOSE BARS.

Havelock Raises the Liquor License From \$250 to \$750.

Havelock, Feb. 25.—A by-law to increase the license fees from \$250 to \$750 and thus practically to force the three bars here to close was voted on here yesterday and carried by a vote of 153 to 55. The hotel people talk of protesting the by-law on account of the poll not being closed on standard time.

MISS BRAY HOME.

Miss Bray, manager for James Scott's millinery and tailor made costume department, has returned from Europe, after a most successful buying trip.

CHAMPION COMPANY

Will Carry on Business of Good Roads Company.

It was announced to-day that the Good Roads Machinery Company, York street, which recently made an assignment, has been taken over by a large Philadelphia concern, and will continue doing business here as the Canadian branch of the United States firm, under the name of the Champion Good Roads Machinery Company. The price is not mentioned. The Philadelphia firm is a large concern doing a business amounting to a million dollars a year. The deal was arranged through Assessment Commissioner Macleod's office.

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FROM A KLONDIKE MINER.

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TWELVE-HOUR SHIFT FOR CITY FIREMEN.

Complete Change of System Now Proposed Conference re Street Railway This Week. Committee on Technical School Meets.

The latest proposition to better the conditions of the members of the Hamilton Fire Department is a twelve-hour shift, in place of the twenty-four hours' schedule under which the men work at present. Last night Ald. Dickson got the Council to appoint a special committee to consider the advisability of establishing a benefit fund for the department and it was announced in the City Hall to-day that steps would be taken with a view to putting the men on a twelve-hour shift. Ald. Sweeney favors this, and will suggest that the Fire and Water Committee take it up. He thinks that it could be arranged without any additional expense or adding more men to the department. At present every fireman has three hours off each day for meals, gets a day off each week, and two weeks' holidays. Under this system he points out that the apparatus and meal hours often goes to a fire not properly manned. Under the proposed twelve-hour shift the men would get their breakfast at home, go on duty at 7 o'clock, take their luncheon with them and work until 7 o'clock at night. There are several members of the Council, he declares, who will support a move along this line.

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