

CITY WOULD LOSE \$30,000 IN "ANNEXED SCHOOL TAX"

OFFICIALS AWAIT WORD ON FINDING IN ANNEXED TAX

Opinion Prevails City Will Lose the Test Case With McCormick's.

COSTS INCREASED

Should the city lose the "annexed school tax" issue, recently heard before Mr. Justice Kelly, it will mean in effect a loss of about \$30,000 plus solicitors' fees and court costs, City Treasurer Bell stated.

No official announcement has been received at the city hall as to what judgment, if any, had been handed down by Mr. Kelly, although the city officials have always felt that the municipality would lose the test case against the McCormick Manufacturing Company.

"The city figured on the collection during 1923 of this additional money, a matter of about \$15,000," the treasurer explained. "In fact that money has been spent and if the city loses the case we will have to make up another \$15,000 figured upon for 1924."

In addition to this must be included the solicitors' fees and court costs. In his statement for the past year, City Solicitor T. G. Meredith provides for \$225 for his services in the city's suit against the McCormick Company.

It will be recalled that early last year when the city council moved to collect this additional tax the city solicitor, whose opinion was evidently against the move, proposed to submit an oral opinion to the aldermen but they voted against any further hearing upon the subject and moved for the levy.

AUDITOR STATES CHECK NEVER MADE ON STOCK

Probe Into Alleged Irregularities of Squires Government Is Continued.

Canadian Press Despatch. St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 10.—There never has been a stock-taking or a general audit of the accounts of the liquor controller's department of the Newfoundland government, Auditor General Berteau testified today at the hearing before a commissioner who is investigating charges of irregularities under the administration of Sir Richard Squires, who resigned last July.

The witness said that in 1921 he had asked Sir Richard, then premier, for the permission to take stock and make a general audit. The request was not granted, he testified.

Miss Jean Miller, who acted as secretary to Sir Richard, while he headed the Newfoundland government, was under cross examination during most of yesterday's session. She repeated statements made in her direct examination that she had received large sums for the premier's account from former Liquor Controller Meany and from her brother, a clerk in the employ of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company at Belle Island.

Miss Miller testified today that in financing Sir Richard Squires' account to the issue of \$15,000 she had obtained loans from her brother to the extent of \$48,000.

NICOL WILL DELIVER BUDGET SPEECH TODAY

Provincial Treasurer of Quebec Will Announce Surplus of Million and Half.

Canadian Press Despatch. Quebec, Jan. 10.—Hon. Jacob Nicol, provincial treasurer, will deliver his budget speech in the provincial assembly this afternoon. He will announce a surplus of \$1,444,535 for the year ending June 30, 1923.

Next week will see the introduction of the government's measure providing for the issue of \$15,000 of bonds to be turned over to the new bank merged from La Banque Nationale and the Hochelaga Bank.

The new school of fine arts, erected by the government in Montreal, cost \$290,000. Hon. Mr. David informed the house.

Headaches From Slight Colds

The Tonic and Laxative Effect of LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets soon relieve a Headache caused from a cold. The box bears the signature of E. W. Grove. 30c. Made in Canada.

BOND STREET PERFUMES

A New Creation. Just in.

STRONG'S Drug Store

184 DUNDAS STREET.

TWO MEN DIE IN GRIM BATTLE AS BANDIT CAMP IS ATTACKED

Rages For Twelve Hours With Officers Using Machine Gun.

DEPUTY SHERIFF KILLED

Outlaws Have Used Camp For the Last Seven Years.

Associated Press Despatch. West Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 9.—Two men were slain and a woman wounded in a battle between officers and members of the Ashley-Mobray gang, which raged near here for almost 12 hours today. The outlaws broke through the line of officers late this afternoon and were being chased through the Everglades.

John Ashley, Sen., one of Florida's most notorious outlaws, and Deputy Sheriff Arthur Baker of Palm Beach County, who led the officers into battle with the gang early this morning, were surrounded by more than 100 officers and men.

Laura Epithorpe, said to have been a camp follower of the gang, was wounded in the head and legs. The camp, which was strongly barricaded, was surrounded by more than 100 officers and men.

A lone machine gun swept the barricade, and a heavy fire came from behind the swamp fortress.

A body of members of the outlawed gang and the body of the sheriff have been recovered.

The scene of the fighting is situated about 50 miles south of the city. The outlaws have used this camp. It was said, for the last seven years.

Officers said the members of the gang are wanted by the U. S. government and the British government on charges of piracy on the seas. They are charged with having raided boats anchored in the Bahamas during the past three years.

Other declared enemies of the law, there being no letup in the return fire of the outlaws.

KING OF GREECE PAYS BRIEF VISIT TO ROME

Will Go to Naples to Take Part in Commemoration Services for Constantine.

Associated Press Despatch. Rome, Jan. 10.—Stepping from his train like an ordinary travelling salesman and without any of the trappings which feature royalty, King George of Greece, who recently left his country at the request of the revolutionary party, yesterday paid a brief visit to Rome.

The king hailed a taxi from the station cabstand and ordered the chauffeur to drive him about for a rapid survey of the city. Queen Elizabeth meanwhile stayed in her sleeping compartment, which was an ordinary express, until her consort returned from his little jaunt.

Both were dressed modestly, the king wearing a dark overcoat and green hat, and carrying a cane, while the queen was attired in a simple travelling dress. Leaving Rome late yesterday, they were scheduled to arrive in Naples last night to take part in the commemoration services for King Constantine, who is buried there.

NEW YORK ORCHESTRAS GIVE DANCES IN YUKON

Radio Dances Are the Rage Along the Yukon River.

Associated Press Despatch. Dawson, Yukon, Jan. 9.—Denizens of Yukon will dance this winter to music played by the best orchestras from New York to San Francisco through the medium of the radio telephone. Now that the period of the shortest daylight is reached, radio fans are getting perfect results from their instruments, and the radio has become the rage in many small settlements along the Yukon River.

Miners at Miller Creek and Keno Hill have experimented and found they can tune in on radio concerts for their dance music.

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Special to The Advertiser. Waterloo, Jan. 9.—The Waterloo Horticultural Society increased their membership total by over 100 during the year just closed, according to reports submitted at the annual meeting of the society held in the town hall tonight.

Officers elected are: Honorary president, W. C. Euler, M. C. W. G. Weichel, M. P. T. Mayor William Henderson and Miss M. Bruce; president, J. A. McCorkindale; first vice-president, Ira Snyder; second vice-president, Miss B. Bahnen; secretary, treasurer, Mrs. Rose M. Sehl. The following, in addition to the officers, will act as directors: T. Taylor, Edgar Timm, A. C. Moyer, Miss E. Moeck, Arthur Band, C. Schiefele, R. Sim, Miss E. Wegenaast, John Allen.

NEARING COMPLETION.

The new registry office, recently nearing completion, will be ready for occupancy on or about March 1. Building Inspector A. M. Piper announces. The heating apparatus is now being installed, he reports.

CORRECT FALSE IMPRESSION ON MILK SITUATION

Inspectors Arrive in City To Discuss Question With Board of Health.

FARMERS SATISFIED

Two government inspectors one from Ottawa and the other from Toronto, in the city today in consultation with officers of the London Board of Health, corrected a false impression broadcasted several weeks ago concerning the local and district milk situation.

The claim was advanced recently that the time would not be long before milk would be used in this city. Dr. Moyanban, representing the Ontario department of health made it quite clear that this impression created by a local paper should be dispelled in all fairness to the farmers and milk dealers of this city and district.

The official records reveal the fact that herds of cattle in this district are being subjected to the government tubercular test and that the owners are not showing signs of dissatisfaction with the regulations and are going out of business for that reason or selling direct to the milk companies in order to avoid the trouble of a test.

Both the provincial and federal inspectors state that the same conditions prevail generally throughout the province. There are even farmers who sell their milk to the companies, who on their own initiative, ask for the government test, for their own satisfaction.

The two officers had no complaint to register concerning the work of the local department, reporting that everything appeared to be proceeding satisfactorily. They did object strongly, however, to the article which appeared several weeks ago in a local paper.

COMMISSION ASKS FOR DEBENTURES

Fifty Thousand Dollars For Capital Account On Hydro.

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UNITED STATES SHIPS SOLD TO PRIVATE LINE

Report Seven Nationally-Owned Vessels Sold To Dollar Company.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Jan. 9.—Seven "President" liners, costing the U. S. government \$30,000,000 when built, were sold to a private firm for \$30,850,000, according to a copy of a secret contract printed in the World today.

The contract for the sale, by which the ships went to the Dollar Steamship Line of California, gives the company until March 15, 1926, to pay for the ships.

The World says Senator Fletcher, Democrat, Florida, will ask for a full explanation of the sale before Congress, and will ask that the contract be investigated.

FIVE DIE IN NEW YORK AS APARTMENTS BURN

Two Women, Three Children, Members of One Family, Dead.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Jan. 9.—Two women and three children, all members of the same family, were killed in a fire that swept through three Brooklyn apartment houses late today. The dead are: Mrs. Mary E. Esler, 48; her five-year-old son, Steve; her daughter-in-law, Mary, 23; and two grand-children, Harold, 6, and Catharine, 12, children of Mary and George Esler, Junior.

ESSEX CORN SHOW DRAWS BIG CROWD ON OPENING DAY

Mayor Forbes Geddes Welcomes Visitors on Behalf of Town.

ROADHOUSE SPEAKS

Special to The Advertiser. Essex, Jan. 9.—Essex County's second annual corn show drew a large attendance from every part of the district at the opening this afternoon. Three hundred exhibitors are showing their products and about 500 bushels of high-class seed corn is on exhibition at the local canning factory.

Hon. John S. Martin, through mis-information regarding the date of the opening, was unable to be present, but the official address was delivered by ex-Mayor Forbes Geddes, who welcomed visitors on behalf of the town. Bert Roadhouse, deputy minister of agriculture, gave an address and congratulated exhibitors on the enterprise and initiative they had displayed in arranging the show.

In the afternoon a lecture by Professor A. T. Wancko of Indiana College of Agriculture was well attended. Ed. Teller, M. L. A. for North Essex, presided.

The show compared favorably with those shown in Northern Indiana. Professor Wancko informed his hearers, and would probably have surpassed even that standard had not early frosts lowered the type and quality of corn throughout Ontario.

"I see no reason why farmers of this county should not compete with the Mid-Western States in the growing of good corn," he declared, "and states that Essex corn is just as good as the best to be found in America. Conditions here are evidently as fine as those existing in the most favored sections of the corn belt, judging by the splendid quality now on exhibition."

Mr. Roadhouse, in a brief address, urged exhibitors to take every advantage of facilities offered by the department of agriculture.

"This show serves two purposes," Mr. Roadhouse said. "It gives Essex County a name as one of the premier corn producing counties in the province. It also improves quality and production. Only as we perfect our methods of production and bring into the market special features and advantages gained by such exhibits as this, shall we be able to attain success in any particular line."

The secret of success is to produce a good article and let it be known to the public. That is why I advise you to benefit by the machinery which is at your disposal at the department of agriculture."

MANUFACTURERS PROPOSE TAXES

Association Will Present Proposals At Next Session of House.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Jan. 9.—A program of taxation to be submitted to the coming session of the Dominion Parliament was drafted by a large and representative meeting of the special taxation committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, including members of tariff and executive committee, at the head office in Toronto this evening.

The sales and other forms of direct taxation, which it is said, are becoming increasingly burdensome and a clog on business, were vigorously denounced. Opinions were expressed that these should either be reduced or abolished, and that the government should rely for its revenue chiefly on the customs tariff.

The committee issued instructions that a report should be drafted for submission to the next meeting of the executive council of the association, which will meet in Hamilton on Jan. 24, when a large attendance of manufacturers from all parts of the Dominion is expected.

RHENISH PRESIDENT KILLED IN SPEYER

Hold German Nationalists To Blame For Double Assassination.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Jan. 9.—The assassination of Herr Heintz, president of the autonomous government of the Rhenish Palatinate, is reported in a Berlin despatch to the Daily Mail. According to this despatch President Heintz was dining in a restaurant at Speyer when attacked.

A Mayence despatch describing the assassination says that three men entered the restaurant and shouted "Hands up!" and almost immediately opened fire with automatic pistols, mortally wounding President Heintz and another man. The assassins escaped and police and occupation forces have ordered a thorough search of the town. The crime is attributed to a German Nationalist organization.

INSULIN CO-DISCOVER GETS CARNEGIE GRANT

Professor Collip of University of Alberta Receives \$10,000 For Work.

Canadian Press Despatch. Edmonton, Jan. 9.—Officials of the University of Alberta announce today that a gift of \$10,000 has been received from the Carnegie Foundation of New York to assist Professor Collip to carry on his investigations on insulin, of which he is one of the co-discoverers.

Dr. O. H. Gable, Ph.D., of Toronto University, has been appointed research assistant, and is already at work in the insulin laboratory.

TEAM OF HORSES DELAYS AUTOS AND STREET CARS

Traffic at the corner of York and Richmond streets came to a dead halt shortly after ten o'clock today when a team of horses hauling a load of bricks failed to muster up the necessary strength to pull the heavy sleigh across the tracks.

Six street cars and a number of automobiles were unable to cross Richmond.

A chain was tied to the sleigh and a motor truck aided the horses in pulling the heavy cargo clear of the tracks.

Business Depression Tends To Reduce the Applications For Marriage Licenses

Dominion Bureau of Statistics Shows Decrease During the Past Two Years.

BABY GIRLS STRONGER

Find Pneumonia Responsible For Greatest Number of Deaths.

Business depression has had a singularly bad influence on the marriage market. According to statistics released today, Dan Cupid, proprietor of the Matrimonial Corporation for Ontario, is not the chap he used to be. In fact, his business has virtually "gone to pot."

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics shows that prosperity has everything to do with the number of marriages. In 1920-21, years of great industrial activity, Mr. Cupid stabbed 1,861 individuals with his dart in a single month. Their hard times came along and the matrimonial corporation was compelled to retrench.

As a consequence marriages fell off deplorably in 1922. In London comparatively few couples took the leap, and it will be a long time before the record established in 1921 is attained. Last year business braced up considerably, however, and there were a few hundred more marriages registered. But the total for 1923 is still 50 per cent less than that of 1921.

To every 1,000 in population here 7.5 persons married in 1921. The rate for the two succeeding years was only 4.9. This constitutes the biggest falling off in provincial history.

Notwithstanding this state of affairs, Ontario is still considered by province so far as marriages are concerned. More people say "I do" in Ontario per 1,000 population than in any other British Columbia ranks next, and Prince Edward Island is pathetically backward in its matrimonial system. In that province a marriage is quite a big event, being less than two dozen there per month during 1923.

Boys Are Weaker.

One curious feature of the latest report on vital statistics is that while the number of male births in Ontario is slightly in excess of female, boy babies don't stand any nearer the chance of surviving the first year than they do in some instances the death rate among males is 100 per cent greater than that among females.

This gives females a majority vote in the province of Ontario.

In the west, where male immigration is large, the preponderance of males is very slight, while here the surplus of women runs into the thousands. Boys who do not reach the age of five years, in some instances the death rate among males is 100 per cent greater than that among females.

Pneumonia takes a big toll among infants, being responsible for more deaths than any other disease. Here, too, males do not seem to have the same constitutional stamina to fight against the age of five years.

From all appearances Saskatchewan is by far the healthiest place to live in. There the death rate in 1923 was only 8.6, less than half what it was in Nova Scotia, where 17.7 individuals pass away to every 1,000 of population.

Tuberculosis and cancer are running neck to neck, mortality figures show, but pneumonia is still the greatest death-dealing scourge in Canada today. After pneumonia, comes influenza, and then diseases of the heart. Tuberculosis and cancer rank fourth and fifth, respectively.

It is interesting to note that twice as many women die from cancer than men, and about 20 per cent more men die from tuberculosis than women.

Only ten sets of triplets were recorded, and quadruplets were a rare quantity all over the Dominion during 1923. The infant death rate in Ontario is substantially less than that of any other province, demonstrating that efficient public health measures are doing a great deal in the way of lowering infant mortality.

Few persons realize that a child under one year stands five times the chance of dying as compared with a man or woman over 21. Child welfare work has done much toward overcoming this condition, however, and every year since 1918 shows distinct gains in the number of children who live during the first year.

March is the bad month of every year, mortality figures indicate. Pneumonia and influenza claim more victims in March than in any other month, and tuberculosis is also a heavy scorer during that month.

CANADIANS LEAVING BLAMED ON TORIES

Dewart Raps Suggestion of Conservatives To Raise Tariff Higher.

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Jan. 9.—Hon. Hartley Dewart and Duncan Marshall, provincial organizer of the party, addressed members of the Hamilton Liberal Association at a rally here tonight.

Hon. Mr. Dewart took issue with Premier Ferguson, who claimed a Conservative domination, and said this did not exist, except in Toronto, and not always there. Briefly Mr. Dewart touched on Dominion politics and said that in this country the Liberal Party was the workers' party. "As in England, so in Canada, Liberalism is a vital force and it is still a force in Ontario," the speaker declared. "The 'rickle' to the south could be blamed on the past Conservative administration. He criticized the party for suggesting a higher tariff wall to prevent migration."

Hon. Duncan Marshall spoke along lines of organization. He referred to Mr. King's action at the economic convention. The Conservatives, he charged, were a great group of hoasters. The speaker said he would forgive them, that they not been tried and found wanting.

PRISONER WANTED IN THREE CITIES

Description Tallies With That Sent From London—Two Other Inquiries.

Special to The Advertiser. Galt, Jan. 9.—Chief Gorman has received inquiries from the police of London, Chatham and Woodstock, who believed that Arthur Roberts, where the Ayler Poultry and Pot Stock Association are holding their annual winter exhibition. The exhibition opened to the public on Wednesday. The entries exceed eight hundred and for quality of birds were never better. The judging took place on Wednesday morning.

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WILL DISCUSS IMMIGRATION.

Adjutant Smith, head of the local immigration department of the Salvation Army, is leaving for Montreal in a few days, where Commissioner Lamb, head of international immigration, has ordered a conference to be held. According to Adjutant Smith, immigration problems for this year will be discussed at the conference.

SEAFORTH FIRE CHIEF ENTERTAINS BRIGADE

Special to The Advertiser. Seaforth, Jan. 9.—Monday evening Fire Chief K. G. Parke entertained the members of the local fire brigade to a fowl supper at the Commercial Hotel.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved by H. R. Scott and seconded by C. P. Sills was tendered Mr. Parke. The guests then reported to the firemen's room where the annual meeting, followed by progressive euchre.

Officers elected were: Chief, R. G. Parke; foreman, J. Cummins; assistant, T. Johnstone; secretary, H. R. Scott. The prize winners at the euchre were: H. Sprout, E. J. Box and J. G. Kluff.

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EUROPEAN STARLINGS ARE SEEN NEAR CITY

Three years ago the New York State Ornithological Society brought over from Europe several rare specimens of the European Starling, a bird similar to the black bird in appearance.

Last Saturday five of the birds were seen in this city by W. E. Saunders. According to Mr. Saunders, they are about the size of a red wing, black bird covered with green and purple iridescence.

STAGE IS ALL SET FOR CONSERVATIVE BANQUET FRIDAY

E. R. Dennis Announces Tickets in Good Demand—Hon. Arthur Meighen to Come.

MANY ARE EXPECTED

Ernest R. Dennis, president of the Western Ontario Conservative Association, announced today that all but a hundred tickets had been sold for the Conservative banquet to be held Friday evening in the Winter Gardens. About 70 per cent of the government members in the Ontario legislature have accepted invitations to be here. About half of those attending will be from out of town.

Almost every Conservative of note in Canada will make London his headquarters for the day. Hon. Arthur Meighen and Mrs. Meighen are to be guests at informal receptions held in their honor, while the former premier's bodyguard, Hon. Rudolph Monty, Hon. Mr. Sauter, and others, will accompany them. Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Hon. John S. Martin, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, and many others, while present members of the federal and provincial cabinets will be here to assist to the meeting.

President Dennis said that at least 100 seats would be held for last-minute out-of-town arrivals. His planned the "great political banquet ever held in Canada," and are doing everything to make it a success.

Mr. Meighen will take up about two hours in an after-dinner speech. He will be preceded by three or four prominent members of the party, whose duty it will be to put the banquet in good humor.

Friday afternoon, at 4:15, Mr. Meighen will address the Women's Canadian Club. Hon. Hugh Guthrie will speak before the Kiwanis Club. On their arrival here, a reception will be held at the local Conservative club rooms.

FORMER RESIDENT WINS RECOGNITION

"Alec" Calder, Now Living in Winnipeg, Well-Known in Railway Circles.

Few members of the older generation in this city will fail to remember "Alec" Calder. Mr. Calder, with his family, left this city for Winnipeg 46 years ago, and just recently the couple celebrated their diamond wedding, the anniversary of 60 years of married life.

When Mr. Calder left London for Winnipeg, Mr. Calder was representative of the George Jackson Company, implement manufacturers, and John Campbell, carriage-maker. Later Mr. Calder entered the railway business, and in railway circles he became known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The best-known of his sons, Arthur E. Calder, is rapidly following in his father's footsteps. It was he who was chosen by President Beatty of the C. P. R. to take charge of the royal train on the recent visit of the Prince of Wales.

In Winnipeg, Mr. Calder is known as an ardent curler. He is one of the pioneer members of the Landmark Lodge, A. F. and A. M., an active member of the Rotary Club, and one of the founders of the C. P. R., and in railway circles he became known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The best-known of his sons, Arthur E. Calder, is rapidly following in his father's footsteps. It was he who was chosen by President Beatty of the C. P. R. to take charge of the royal train on the recent visit of the Prince of Wales.

J. FARRELL SUPPORTED AS IMMIGRATION HEAD

Official Recommended for the Permanent Chief of London Bureaux.

Representations to have John Farrell permanently appointed to head the bureau of immigration here are being made by interested citizens and organizations. The provincial government has been approached, it is learned, and a pledge has been given that Mr. Farrell will receive the official appointment within a short time.

The chamber of commerce pointed out some time ago that by reason of his good work in placing immigrants on district farms, Mr. Farrell is entitled to the post. In view of the big program mapped out at Toronto and Ottawa for immigration, this year it is believed a man of thorough experience should be permanently on the job in London, which is headquarters for Western Ontario so far as the placing of farm labor is concerned.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS HELD BY A.O.F. OF LONDON

The A. O. F. held a joint installation of officers last night in the rooms of Court Magnolia, No. 8089, in the Knights of Pythias Hall, at Dundas and Talbot streets, all courts of the city being represented. A number of visitors were present from Thomas.

The impressive ceremony was performed by Bro. A. Taylor, D. C. of St. Thomas, assisted by Bro. E. Nutkins, P. D. C. R., of the city. After the official business was completed, a lunch was served to the gathering, which numbered about 200.