

A New City Hall is Planned Here

Local Option Campaign Doubtful

Budget Boosts Brantford Firms

Terrible Fire and Fatality at Stratford

SUGAR AND CEMENT DUTIES ARE REDUCED

Ditching Machines, Type Setting and Type Casting Machinery and Hospital Glassware on Free List.

Table with columns: OLD TARIFF, NEW TARIFF, Int. showing various sugar and cement duties.

OTTAWA, May 13.—The budget statement presented to the House of Commons yesterday afternoon was one of tariff reduction.

The cement changes. The change on cement follows up the action of the government last year in temporarily cutting the duty in.

FOUR NEW YORK POLICE CAPTAINS GOING TO PRISON



Here are pictured the four New York police captains found guilty of conspiracy and graft in the recent sensational trial just ended, going about the boat which will take them to Blackwell's Island.

THREE WERE KILLED AT CHURCH FIRE

Stratford Was Scene of Terrible Fatality Last Night—Chief of Fire Department, Chief of Police and Police Constable, all Killed While on Duty.

[Canadian Press Despatch]

STRATFORD, Ont., May 13.—At their post of duty during a fire which completely gutted the handsome Knox Presbyterian Church in this city at an early hour this morning, Police Chief J. A. McCarthy, Police Constable Matthew Hamilton and Fire Chief Hugh Durkin were instantly killed when the huge burning belfry crashed from a height of 160 feet, catching the unfortunate men before they could rush to safety.

The three men were bachelors, and all were well known in Stratford for years. Fireman Sidney Vanstone was also struck by a flying timber and badly cut about the face and head. He is resting comfortably to-day.

During the progress of a light electrical storm about midnight the one sharp flash struck the high steeple about halfway up, and it immediately took fire. The brigade was at the scene within a minute or so, but owing to no water tower the men were helpless, as the streams did not approach the burning spot. The fire ate its way through the steeple, and the burning embers set the roof ablaze.

Chief Durkin, who was standing by his ladder, placed against the building to enable the men to reach the roof proper, (Continued on Page 3)

SOMEWHAT LUKE WARM ABOUT LOCAL OPTION

Local Temperance Forces Not Satisfied that Time For Launching a Campaign in Brantford is Opportune

At the mass meeting of temperance workers held last night at the Y. M. C. A. there was an attendance of about fifty. Mr. A. L. Baird occupied the chair. Rev. Ben. Spence, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance addressed the meeting.

Mr. Baird gave a short account of the meetings held previously and stated that the board and session of Alexandria church were in favor of trying local option.

Reports. Secretary J. L. Axford read the minutes of the last meeting, at which the resolution was carried: "That in the opinion of this meeting a Local Option campaign be entered on this year in Brantford and this matter be referred to the various church boards and other sympathetic organizations for the approval and report at a meeting to be held at the Y.M.C.A. to be addressed by a representative of the Dominion Alliance."

Not Opportune Time. Secretary Axford read a communication from W. G. Ranton, Secretary of the Wellington Street Quarterly Official Board, which stated that the board was in hearty accord with the resolution as brought before the Quarterly Board on Friday last and in sympathy and accord with the curbing and suppression of the Liquor traffic, yet in view of the situation, it appeared to the board on Friday, it did not feel that it could recommend this as an opportune time to take up another local option campaign.

Support Promised. A communication was also read from the Riverdale Baptist Church, which stated that the proposed campaign was heartily supported.

Coburne Street Methodist Church was reported favorable. The Wesleyan Methodist Church reported something similar to Wellington Street, but would support the proposed campaign.

Support it If? Brant Avenue Methodist Church reported that the campaign would receive their support if it is thought to be an opportune time for the campaign.

Inopportune. Balfour St. Presbyterian Church reported that the campaign would receive their support if it is thought to be an opportune time for the campaign.

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COMPANY OF WHICH EX-MINISTER OF CUSTOMS PATERSON IS HEAD BENEFITS FROM BORDEN BUDGET

The few changes in the tariff will not have very much effect locally. By a somewhat curious anomaly, the one firm which would seem to benefit the most is that of the William Paterson, Son & Company, Limited, of which the Hon. Mr. Paterson, former Minister of Customs, is the head.

THE CEMENT DUTIES

It will be noticed that the duty on cement has been reduced from 8 and 12 1/2 cents per hundred-weight to 7 and 10 cents. When the Courier representative visited the local office of the Ontario Portland Cement Company he was given this statement: "The change will have no effect whatever on us as far as we can see. Cement has been much too cheap for a long time. The cost of materials and of labor has greatly increased, while the price to the consumer has continually dropped.

PAPERS AND JOB OFFICES WILL BENEFIT

The dropping of the duty on typesetting and typesetting machines and of parts thereof will benefit the local newspaper and job offices. The former duty was 20 per cent., and such things will now come in absolutely free. To the uninitiated it might be well to explain that at one time linotype machines—those machines which have taken the place of hand-setting—used to be manufactured in the Dominion by the Canadian Linotype Corporation, whose factory was in Montreal. Some years ago, however, the concern was absorbed by the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, with headquarters at New York, and Canadian newspaper and job offices have since had to pay a heavy duty on the same.

Sharp Passage In Commons

OTTAWA, May 13.—The Commons spent the forenoon sitting today in discussion of a motion of censure, presented by E. M. Macdonald, of Pictou, on Deputy Minister Blondin, for the latter's course in giving the floor to the Premier, when it was claimed by Mr. Carroll during the naval engagement on Saturday morning. Mr. Macdonald also accused the deputy with ignoring Mr. Fuglesley's motion that "he do now leave the chair."

Arthur Meighen replied to the move in a spirited defence of Mr. Blondin and there was a sharp passage when he termed as "scandalous" Mr. Fuglesley's statement that the deputy had made a false report.

Mr. Rovin of Sheford, followed and Major Currie will be heard from this afternoon.

Family Re-Union. A very enjoyable family re-union took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Piper, 121 Charlotte St. on Sunday and Monday when members of the family were present from far and near. Among those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Piper and family, Vancouver, B.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Piper and family, Hamilton, Albert Piper, Alveston, W. Piper, Toronto and Frank Piper and Misses Piper of this city.

WILL REMAIN NEUTRAL

At a meeting of the Select Vestry of Grace Church the subject of endorsing Local Option came up. After much discussion it was decided that as far as members of that parish were concerned the matter should be left to individual discretion, and that no action would be recommended on a concerted basis.

Sworn In

TORONTO, May 13.—Hon. Isaac Benson Lucas, member without portfolio in the Whitney Cabinet since June 1909, and who has been doing the work of provincial treasurer since the death of Hon. A. J. Matheson, was today sworn in to that office. The consequent bye-election will be held June 9, nomination June 2. Mr. Lucas who was born in 1867, is married, a lawyer, a Methodist. He has represented Centre Grey since the general election of 1908 and for some time past has been chairman of the legislative bills committee of the legislature.

Duchess is Improved Some

OTTAWA, May 1.—A private message from His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught to Lieut. Col. Lowther, governor-general's secretary at Rideau Hall reads: "During the last three days the Duchess of Connaught has shown steady improvement."

Royalty at Aldershot

NEW YORK, May 13.—A London cable says: "During the long gloomy weather day at Aldershot yesterday, King George accompanied by the Queen and Princess Victoria, saw shooting maxims guns, experiments in the new pattern rifles, field firing, a parade of the Black Watch, the Royal Munster Fusiliers and the Veterans. In London last night the Duke of Connaught, the Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden, Prince Arthur of Connaught and Princess Patricia of Connaught occupied the King's box at the opera, at a performance of Siegfried.

NEW CITY HALL SAYS MAYOR EMPHATICALLY

Going to Get it, Got to Have it—Ratepayers Want it, and the City Needs it—Proposal to City Council

As announced in The Courier several days ago, His Worship Mayor Hartman proposes to get behind the new city hall movement in real vigorous style, and see that a by-law for the erection of a new edifice in keeping with civic dignity and commodious enough to give more than elbow room for employes in all branches of the civic service, will go before the ratepayers this year. His Worship started things last night when he asked the council to get busy. His remarks were received with approval by the members of the board. It was considered that the ratepayers would endorse the by-law, especially in view of the fact that \$75,000 is available in the civic chest towards the cost of the building.

Another feature of Mayor Hartman's scheme is that the market stays where it is for all time to come and the city hall goes to Darling street. This proposition, it is believed, will meet with a favorable response from the ratepayers.

Mayor Hartman, before the council got into the committee stage, introduced the new city hall question.

He advised the aldermen to submit a by-law for the erection of a new city hall, leaving the market question out of it. The city hall at present was too much overcrowded. There was one million dollars of business transacted in the hall every year. No business man or manufacturer would confine with such a building as the city hall. An enlargement was impossible. The only solution was a new building. The Mayor urged the buildings and grounds committee to take the matter up right away and give it their earnest consideration. Taxpayers had to wait outside to get watered upon, and this should not be in any public building. In reply, Ald. Ward, who asked for something definite, the Mayor said the Waterloo site would be the logical one for a new city hall, and he personally favored this location.

Ald. McEwen strongly favored the Mayor's proposal. There was a large number of civic officials who were at present working under difficulties. It was impossible to enlarge the present city hall, as the (Continued on Page 3)

CONSPIRATORS IN THE DOCK

But Mrs. Flora Drummond Was Quite Unable to Appear.

[Canadian Press Despatch] LONDON, May 13.—"General" Mrs. Flora Drummond, the militant suffragette leader, was unable to appear at the resumed hearing at Bow street police court to-day of the charge of conspiracy under the Malignant Damage to Property Act which had been brought against her. A doctor testified in court that owing to her illness she had been moved to a nursing home. It would, he said, take two weeks for her to get into a fit condition to undergo an operation that was necessary and another two months before she would be able to take her trial. She was now, he said, in a state of collapse.

The other "conspirators" who comprised Miss Harriet Rebecca Kerr, Miss Agnes Lake, Miss Rachel Bar-

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WILL BREAK UP THE STRIKE

Fort William Having a Lively Time Over Street Railway.

[Canadian Press Despatch] FORT WILLIAM, May 13.—Strike-breakers are understood to be now on the way from Whitby to the twin cities to take the places of the strikers on the street railway, owned and operated by Fort William and Port Huron, who walked out Sunday. Since the riot on Sunday night when all the cars were taken not a wheel has turned. The City Council of Port Arthur at a meeting last night endorsed the stand of the joint board, and there seems to be little likelihood of any compromise being effected.

The street railway management followed by a second half an hour later and announced that a full service would be given during the afternoon. The cars are being manned by (Continued on Page 6)

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