

JUSTICE LENNOX GIVES VOKES THORO TROUNCING

Report of School Investigation Exonerates C. A. B. Brown and Bishop, Placing Whole Blame for Wasted Money on Ex-Trustee.

In a voluminous report of the investigation into the affairs of the school of education, Mr. Justice Lennox gave the business methods of the school buildings department and the school board a thoro trouncing. He decried the "fiasco" of the school board's management, and the school board was not a satisfactory witness.

Unsatutory Witness. In giving evidence the judge remarked: "Bishop was courteous, frank, and appeared to be willing to tell all he knew, but was dependent upon Mr. Waste for many details. Mr. Waste was not a satisfactory witness. All evidence is supposed to throw light upon the matter investigated. His evidence is of the 'indirect lighting' type. He was almost invariably indirect, shifty, in the sense of getting away from the question asked, and argumentative. An instance is that when the proper answer to a question was 'yes,' Mr. Waste uttered 132 words before he reached 'yes.' And so hundreds of pages were made up in this way."

Mr. Waste's practice of paying the contractor on his final certificate, after the account was audited, was severely condemned. The judge says it involved a deliberate evasion of a salutary safeguard and the false dating of a public record—things not to be tolerated. The law does not regard any kind of evasion or tampering with public documents or records as a little thing. In this case the money was paid before the account was passed upon. "It is said this has not happened frequently. It should never happen." The initial wrong was by Mr. Waste, and in the judge's mind, not justifiable.

Overruled Architect. John Stewart, a school painting inspector, and a member of the Master Painters' Association, is taken to task by the judge for his attitude. A gentleman who is proud to tell me that, while a paid employee of the department, he was asked to look after the welfare of the trade and overruled the architect of the department on proposed deductions. The judge states that the methods in regard to contractor James Phinimore's painting job on the high school of commerce, "were about as lax and unbusinesslike as it is possible to conceive. Stewart should never have been appointed inspector. His character, fraternal associations and attitude were opposed to the public interest. The department knew him."

Phinimore is not censured. The judge finds no evidence of dishonest intention on his part. Brick Cheaper. In commenting on the high cost of the cut stone work on the Park school over \$40,000, the contract being held by John Vokes, the judge suggests that \$20,000 or \$30,000 might have been saved by substituting brick. He alludes to ex-trustee W. W. Hodgson, "who is eager to be the whole of the whole department," and whom he does not hold responsible for this. At all events, when he shoulders his own little world of relative receipts of money, he is not to be faulted. Mr. Hodgson will have as big a load as he can carry.

Out of the total cost of \$577,000 for three schools, Park, Givens and Regal road, the judge finds that \$135,000 was spent on cut stone, a sum which cannot be justified. His lordship finds that inspection and records of inspectors are still more or less at the mercy of contractors. He also finds indifferent and negligent management of the repair account.

No Method. In plumbing and fitting there is no uniform rate or method. There is a uniform price and no attempt to fix a uniform price. Time sheets were never asked. In some cases the practice was for an official to amend and rewrite the time sheets and the originals could not be produced.

In connection with repair work, the judge says: "I find an evidence of personal gain by either Mr. Waste or Mr. Bishop. Mr. Bishop ought to have inquired into what was going on and if he learned of one thing or another, he should have called upon to interfere. When he opened the door to all comers—when he invited men under suspicion of dishonesty to come in and be watchful and all this is accentuated by his knowledge of Mr. Waste's methods and Judge Winchester's pointed denials. Public service and responsibility to discharge responsible duties cannot be allowed to escape the responsibilities by shutting their eyes."

Police Want Burton Back in Windsor. Ernest Burton, alias Flitt, 69 Borden street, was arrested yesterday by Detective Sergeant Wickett on a warrant issued by the police of Windsor. But, it is alleged, wrote letters from Toronto to his wife in Windsor threatening to end her life. He will be held until an officer can take him to Windsor. Carl Moon, 15 Victor avenue, was taken back to Sarnia last night to face a charge of theft.

Mr. Denison fully concurred. The judge alludes to the late Judge Winchester's report in 1914, and says: "Altho this does not exonerate Mr. Bishop or Mr. Waste, there can be any doubt at all that the way in which Mr. Miles Vokes was allowed to manipulate and practically efface Judge Winchester's report was a distinct encouragement to these officials to lapse into their old ways and was the initial step in a retrograde movement which could only fail to bring about a loss to the municipality and did not fail to advance certain unavowed purposes of Mr. Vokes."

Exceptionally Capable. "Mr. Bishop is an exceptionally capable man. I am sure he worked hard and had done excellent work. There is a limit, however, to the number of diverse occupations that any man can satisfactorily follow. In the case of Mr. Bishop, the limit has been reached and passed. Judge Winchester meant more than he said. By an 'excellent business man in charge' he obviously meant a new man and this was essential in even 1914, and he meant that successful co-operative administration by Mr. Bishop and Mr. Waste, with Mr. Waste wedded to his memory idols, was an impossibility. He did not say so with brutal frankness, but it is unfortunate that the same. In any aggregation of men there is always likely to be a man who will follow the man in front. It is evident, however, that without fundamental change of system and the substitution of a new man at the head of the department, the situation is not all that bright."

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LABOR NEWS

LAKE OPERATORS THREATEN STRIKE

Unless Conciliation Board is Granted They Will Tie Up Service.

Wireless operators of the great lakes and gulf stations and ships have formed an association, thru which they hope to secure an increase in wages and, what they term, with regard to other complaints, a "square deal."

The operators claim that the Marconi Co., expecting a strike, drew up a contract, which all operators had to sign, to the effect that the Marconi Co. agreed to engage the operators from one date to another, reserving the right to discharge them at any time after giving the operators notice, while the operators could not leave the service of the company until the expiry of their engagement, their wages running from \$45 to \$75 per month, with an allowance of \$25 per month for maintenance, which is not paid while they are on holidays.

The men claim that they do not receive proper pay for overtime and say that in the case of a station where three men stand watch, if one takes holidays the remaining two must do his work between them for which they receive half the absent operator's pay.

The men are asking for an increase in wages at the following scale: \$75 per month to start with, and an increase of \$10 per month annually until a maximum of \$115 is reached. In the case of coast \$45 to \$75 per month, with an allowance of \$25 a month is asked.

The department of naval service has been asked to appoint a conciliation board before noon today. Failing which the operators will declare a strike to take effect at midnight August 20.

A strike occurs all Canadian passenger boats plying the great lakes will be tied up, as, according to government regulations, a ship cannot operate without a competent operator in charge of the wireless apparatus.

HEVEY ISSUES WRIT AGAINST J. SIMPSON

The second writ against James Simpson for libel in the now famous labor dispute between O'Leary, Hevey and Simpson was issued on behalf of J. S. Hevey, former secretary of the District Trades and Labor Council, yesterday. Mr. Frank Kilmer, K.C., acting for Mr. Hevey. The writ claims that damages are "for libel which was published on August 7, 1919, at a meeting of the District Trades and Labor Council, by reading the same to the meeting and by distributing copies to the delegates present and to the newspaper reporters." The amount of the damages claimed by Mr. Hevey is not stated on the writ, but Mr. Hevey yesterday said that it would be for \$10,000.

A. W. Roebuck, who is acting on behalf of James Simpson, said yesterday he had received O'Leary's writ against his client and he expected Hevey's would be in during the day, and he would lose no time in filing an appearance at the court. Hevey's writ against the two plaintiffs had been filed in the matter in the hands of the courts Mr. Simpson's answer to them would be filed in the courts should the plaintiffs bring the cases to trial.

"REDS" NOT FEARED BY LABOR LEADER

Tom Moore, president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, has little fear that any organized attempt will be made by the "Reds" to overthrow the present order of things at the coming convention of the Trades and Labor Council. He said that the "Reds" are not a threat to the order of things, but are a part of it. He said that the "Reds" are not a threat to the order of things, but are a part of it. He said that the "Reds" are not a threat to the order of things, but are a part of it.

Speaking of the splits that are appearing in some sections of the International Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, Mr. Moore recalled other industrial attempts which had been made to disrupt the movement. The Catholic movement in Quebec at one time had as many as 25,000 converts, while the Canadian National Federation had been in operation for 15 years without seriously hampering internationalism.

GARBAGE COLLECTORS TOO LEVEL-HEADED

The report that the garbage collecting men at a meeting had decided to give the street cleaning department until tonight to make a definite statement on the wages increase asked for failed to find confirmation at the city hall. Street cleaning men are regarded as level-headed, and one official saying the men were too level-headed to take this attitude at present. Finance Commissioner Bradshaw is engaged in preparing a report on civic employees' wages.

MORE LABOR TROUBLE AT THE SHIP CANAL

Special to The Toronto World. St. Catharines, Aug. 18.—Foreign laborers on concrete forms on the Welland ship canal are again off the job today, this time against eight-hour day which was voted by the government at the request of the trades unions.

Further trouble is expected on the canal if the government's ratification of the new wage scale is not soon received. It is understood that the contractors had begun to prepare payroll on the basis of the new rate, but were informed by Chief Engineer Grant that this rate had not been authorized by the department of railways and canals.

MINERS GIVE UP O.B.U.; WEST WILL GET COAL

Lethbridge, Alta., Aug. 18.—Miners of the Galt Mines have voted Saturday night to sign up to return to work immediately as members of the U.M.W. of A. International officers are busy today signing up all workmen formerly members of the O. B. U. With the O. B. U. hold broken in the big camps of Lethbridge, Fernie and

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VACATION is over, the children are back from the farm—tanned cheeks, bright eyes full of the health which only pure air and Nature's milk can give them.

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Our Salesman Will Call Next Trip

Drumheller, it is very likely the whole of district 13 will fall in line during the week, and as a result prospects of a coal shortage in the prairie provinces this winter will be set at rest.

ROBSON, IN WINNIPEG, TO INVESTIGATE STRIKE

Winnipeg, Aug. 18.—Hon. C. A. Robson, chairman of the royal commission, has returned to Winnipeg to complete his labors in connection with the inquiry into the general strike in the city.

Mr. Robson is making plans for the future conduct of the investigation when the commission resumes sittings on Sept. 1.

WIRELESS MEN ORGANIZE; ASK WAGE INCREASES

Port Arthur, Aug. 18.—A new association known as the Great Lakes Wireless Association, has been formed among the operators on land and sea stations operated by the Marconi Wireless Company of Canada under the department of the naval service.

The operators, the majority of whom are being paid \$45.00 and \$50.00 a month on ships and the same with a living allowance of \$25.00 on land stations, have forwarded a request to the company for \$75.00 a month with a \$10.00 increase yearly, \$30.00 a month living allowance and \$15.00 a month living allowance for officers in charge of land stations. Station officers usually obtain house, fuel and light. The association has asked for recognition of the demands by August 20.

By Increasing Coal Orders Ottawa Aids Scotian Miners

Sydney, N.S., Aug. 18.—Robert Baxter of the U. M. W. executive, last night stated that he had received a telegram from Ottawa in reply to his wire to the premier and Mr. Hanna, regarding the situation at Little Bras D'Or. The government has acted

quickly in this matter, and instructions have been issued to the C. N. R. to increase their orders to 300 tons a week from the Bras D'Or colliery.

CONTRIBUTIONS TOO SMALL. RESTAURANTS REPORT SHORTAGE OF COOKS

At Mrs. Armstrong's "red" meeting at the Labor Temple on Sunday afternoon, the collection for the fund to appoint a special committee to wait upon the Trades Council and ask the members to contribute personally to the assistance of the Winnipeg men, who are committed for trial, it was rumored around the Labor Temple yesterday that the next meeting of the executive body will be poorly attended.

MACHINISTS CHOSE DELEGATES.

At a meeting of the Machinists' Union in the labor temple fourteen delegates to the Trades and Labor Congress which opens at Hamilton on September 22, were elected. The following men will represent the union: Messrs. John Munroe, president of the District Trades and Labor Council; James Clarke, John Young, William Dill, Harry Kerwin, William Hagen, John McDonald, J. Craig, D. Moss, N. Phillips, R. C. Brown, William Derry, G. McLean and A. Thornton.

MRS. ALFRED WATT RETURNING.

Mrs. Alfred Watt, M. A., who is remembered in Toronto and well-known in the west, is returning from England where she has lived for some time, and while there established the women's institutes in various parts of Great Britain. Before leaving she was the recipient of many acknowledgments of her work, a fete being given in her honor in the course of which a wire was received from the Princess Louise congratulating her on the success of the movement under her leadership and wishing her a prosperous voyage and assurance that her thoughts are with the Canadian people.

O'LEARY FOR BARTENDERS.

The representative of the Bartenders' Union of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, of Hamilton, will be Art O'Leary.

MANY COAL DRIVERS JOIN.

It is stated on authority that during the past week quite sixty per cent. of the local coal drivers and longshoremen had become members of the newly formed Coal Drivers and Longshoremen's Union.

RAILWAYMEN MEET.

The Railwaymen's Union met at the

regular meeting at the Labor Temple on Sunday evening. Secretary W. D. Robbins reported that 17 new members had joined during the month.

RESTAURANTS REPORT SHORTAGE OF COOKS

Great shortage of waitresses, cooks and other help for restaurants is reported at the government employment bureau, and the Exhibition promises to be the largest in the matter of attendance that Toronto has ever known, the probability of sufficient help from women workers is not promising.

During the past week there were 75 applications for permanent work, 151 vacancies and 46 placements. In casual work there were 18 applications, 226 vacancies and the same number of placements. There were 43 clerical workers who applied for positions, 70 employers' orders filed, but only 12 placements made, while in the factory there were 39 applications, 193 employers' orders and 23 placements. In the men's department there was an application for 500 men to do track-laying near Kenora. Musicians are needed for the Exhibition, one side show asking for 15 and offering good wages.

VOTERS' LISTS INCREASED.

Judge Coatsworth today added something like 1000 names to the voters' lists for 47 sub-divisions, between Bloor street and the C. P. R. tracks, Spadina road and Dovercourt road in Northwest Toronto.

Mr. Fraser Raney appeared for the Ontario referendum committee, whose canvassers submitted a list of names which were placed before the court. T. L. Monahan and C. L. Carruthers represented the Citizens' Liberty League.

