TUESDAY MORNING AUGUST 19 1919

# **ISTICE LENNOX GIVES VOKES THORO TROUNCING**

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

oluminous report of the in-in into the affairs of the turned his eyes to a seat on the tion into the affairs of the school board as early as 1912, but at all events this was not the fundateducation. Mr. Justice Lennox the business methods of the buildings department and has dag to say about the persons sured in the inquiry. He de-ditions initiated in 1912 afforded Mr. "If Judge Winchester's report an accorded anything approach-Vokes the means of covering up direc sales to the board amounting to \$16 .sideration, the heads of the 000 which he dare not openly avow. would not have been en-"The scheme had its origin and ed to revert to their old methchief impulse in the Hutcheson truspalling waste of money of five years would have been some extent.

Vokes, an ex-trustee, comes evere criticism. In one passage to obtain property of which he was one of the trustees at an under value, the four years of Mr. Miles

steeship, as well as in the n transaction, as in partner-mactions and the Vokes hardansactions, generally, the sin-ure of Mr. Miles Vokes, trusman of the property com-sident of the Vokes Hardany and owner of three s, was projected into the

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nicion of improper conduct al gain thru his connection H. Bishop, who has resigned uilding superintendent(, is de-ad as an exceptionally cap-

but comment is made at there is a limit to the number of nations that any man can torily follow. "Mr. Bishop," he ays, "might have retired at the end of us term of service with a de-

ow attach to his administration of lding department." A. D. Waste, assistant to Mr. Bishop, also attacked.

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chief impulse in the Hutcheson trus-teeship. The ability of Mr. Miles Vokes to size up profits, property as a manufacturing and building site and the determination of Mr. Vokes and this in a way that as he thought would prevent an action against him by Hutcheson oc his creditors, for preach of trust. This is why he se-

cured Dr. Steele as a go-between. The three trustees and the solicitor fixed the reserve bid at \$25,000. The trustees paid themselves \$1,100 each. The creditors generally were paid 52½c on the dollar. The Vokes Hardware Company were paid in full which may have been by reason of a

Advanced Personal Interests.

ould not sell to himself, if he convey-C. A. B. Brown is exonerated ed directly to his sons he invited a lawsuit. Taking the transaction as a

a scheme. The partnership was evi-dently an afterthought of incident ceive. Stewart should never have been when it was realized that for Mr. lokes to carry on the business on the Hutcheson premises either in his own name or in the name of his firm would be injudicious. The solemn udge finds no evidence of dishonest injugglery or bookkeeping was for the tention on his part.

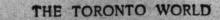
purpose of keeping up appearances and as a precaution. It meant noof credit, which, I fear, I cannot thing. The money was worth as

Originally there may have been no \$20,000 or \$30,000 might have been thought of the school board, but when the occasion arose he used this sub-the occasion arose he used this sub-Reference is made to "ex-Trustee Hodgson, who is eager to be the Atlas of the whole department. When he terfuge to further advance his per-sonal interests. On one occasion he department," and whom he does not hold ders his own little world of relaes in receipt of school money, fin-ced and distributed by himself while signed a cheque as attorney for Frank responsible for this. At all events, P. Vokes intended as a deposit on a when he shoulders his own little world tender to the department, but the demember of the board, Mr. Hodgson ill have as big a load as he can

posit was made in cash. The account and tenders of these firms came be-fore the property committee of ferring to the dealings of the Vokes fore the property committee of Hodgson which he was chairman for two years can carry. Company, the British-2 Hardware Company, and and he said he scrutinized them, scru-Mr. Miles Vokes in regard to school contracts, Judge Lennox says: tinized excrything, as he says.

"It is gratifying to me to find that I need not make one unfavorable com-Patronage Vicious. Judge Lennox exonerates Trustee

ment on the evidence of either Mr. C. A. B. Brown, who has been for Miles Vokes or his son, Oliver. I have nearly forty years trustee on the valled inyself of my undoubted priv-board of education of any suspicion isspectors are still more or less at the mercy of contractors. He accept this evidence, the whole frame-the board.



LABOR NEWS

east two men possessing special qualification, the building depart-ment could not be put upon a satisfactory basis. Unsatisfactory Witness. LAKE OPERATORS In giving evidence the judge remarks: "Bishop was courteous, frank, and appeared to be willing to tell all the 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 evi-dence is of the indirect lighting type. He was almost invariably indirect, shifty. In the sense of getting away from the question asked, and argu-mentative. An instance is that when the proper answer to a question was the proper answer to a question was 'yes,' Mr. Waste uttered 132 words

'yes,' Mr. Waste uttered 132 words before he reached 'yes.' And so hun-dreds of pages were made up in this inope to secure an increase in wages Mr. Waste's practice of paying the and, what they term, with regard to contractor on his final certificate, al-tho the account was not adjusted until several weeks later on the High School of Commerce painting contract, School of Commerce painting contract, contract, which all operators had to is severely condemned. The judge sign, to the effect that the Marcon is severely condemned. The judge sign, to the effect that the Marconr says it involves 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 juggling or tam-pering with public documents or re-cords as a little thing. In this case the money was paid before the ac-the money was paid before the ac-

the money was paid before the ac- running from \$45 to \$75 per month count 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 the men claim that they do not rejudge's mind, not justifiable

Overruled Architect.

John Stewart, a school painting in spector, and a member of the Master Association, is taken to task by the judge for his attitude. "A gentleman who is proud to tell me that, while a paid employe of the department, he always stood up for Advanced Personal interview of the welfare of the trade and other The judge, touching again on the Hutcheson deal, says: "Miles Vokes Hutcheson deal, says: "Miles Vokes Unterview of the trade and other ruled the architect of the department on proposed deductions."

regard to contractor James Phinnemore's painting job on the high schoo whole it was not only a sham, it was a scheme. The partnership was evi-unbusinesslike as it is possible to conappointed inspector. His character, fraternal associations and attitude were opposed to the public interest. The department knew him." Phinnemore is not censured. The

paratus.

Brick Cheaper

In commenting on the high cost of in one pocket as in another. the cut stone work on the Park school Mr. Miles Vokes figured in every-thing except perhaps matters of detail. John Vokes, the judge suggests that over \$41,000, the contract being held by

financed and distributed by himself while a member of the board, Mr. Hodgson will have as big a load as he

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 can-not be justified.

His lordship finds that inspection and management of the repair account. No Method

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ceive 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 in crease of \$10 per month annually until a maximum of \$115 is reached. In the case of coast stations a maintenance

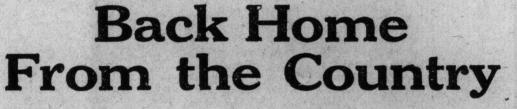
ailowance of \$30 a month is asked. The department of naval service has een asked to appoint a conciliation board before noon today. Failing which the operators will declare a strike to take effect at midnight August 20.

If a strike occurs all Canadian passenger boats plying the great lakes will be tied up, as, according to government regulations, a ship cannot leave port without a competent operator in charge of the wireless ap

### 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. W. S. Hevey, former secretary of the District Trades and Labor Council, yesterday. Mr. Frank Kilmer, K.C., is 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 the newspaper reporters." The amount of the damages claimed by

Mr. Hevey is not stated on the writ, but Mr. Hevey said yesterday that it would be for \$10,000.



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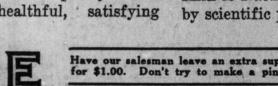
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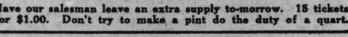
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work of it from first to last. I am not In the course of his remarks on the

at liberty to adopt Mr. Vokes' inter-pretation of its meaning where it con-demns the patronage system, but licts with my own, and it is gratifying comments: "Under the circumstances to find that I am not compelled to use I cannot censure Mr. Brown or the any harsher language either, as to what Mr. Vokes did or omitted to do. The facts speak for themselves.

"On the facts I have come to the now. So far it occasions loss of not be produced. In connection with renair work the conclusion and/report that the sons of Mr. Miles Vokes had not at any time down to the end of 1917 any actual interest, pecuniary or otherwise, in the British-American Hardware Company or in the partnership which succeeded or in the partnership which succeeded no intermediates in fact. The agents he learned of one tithe of what I incl it. That the original partnership was do nothing. It has fallen into a rut. dentally learned he was called upon to tiated and carried on by Miles Vokes The way has not been pointed to but interfere. When he opened the door to as his own individual undertaking and business with his own funds, borrowed remedy should be sought and I am surge there is a way out. A remedy should be sought and I am surge there is a way out. A

or otherwise, and all the earnings, sure it can be found. profits, and losses, if any, were his; In Good Faith. and the succeeding partnerships were "Altho his good faith had not

owned and carried on on the same been challenged by Mr. Denison, Mr. That insofar as Frank and Brown at the close of the evidence, took occasion to disclaim personal Oliver Vokes transacted business under partnership names, they were, in dishonesty. He did this as he said on fact, acting as agents of and for Miles account of insinuations or charges Vokes. That the sales to the board

during Miles Vokes' term of office as furstee amounted to about \$16,000, and other sales, if the point of the mind of the mind of the what was in the office in the name of the said several fartherships, were sales by Mr. Miles Vokes to the board of education. That

the several contracts in the name of formation and all available the several contracts in the name of linese partnerships were with the board in effect contracts between Miles Voks and the board: he expected to obtain and obtained profit and benefit from these contracts, and they were all at the time contrary to the provisions and all questions opened up has been heard. I think it my duty to state impatically that there is not a scin-tilla of evidence, direct or circum-stantial before me to suggest that Mr. Brown financially profited by his connection with the school insurance Connection with the school insurance connection with the school insurance

and subject to the penalties of the Bishop Knew.

Mr. Denison fully concurred.' "There is nothing specific to inform artment knew about Mr. Vokes' sons "Altho this does not exonerate investigation, and he knew that Mr. Judge Winchester's report was a dis-Vokes was to all appearances, as he tinct encouragement to these officials was in fact, the company. Dr. Steele to lapse into their old ways and was from a down town store, Margaret Bell, nothing.

Having pointed out that during his ity and did not fail to advance cer-tain unavowed purposes of Mr. Vokes. four-year term as trustee, Miles Vokes was president of the Vokes Hardware mpany, and the owner of at least per cent. of the stock, the judge efers to the details of the deals which Vokes, as one of the three trustees for the Hutcheson estate, secured thru the satisfactorily follow. In the case of aid of Trustee Dr. Steele, the purof the Hutcheson property at Queen an 1 Sydenham streets, for \$17,ed and passed. Judge This lot was valued at from \$25,000 to \$30,000. Dr. Steele turned perienced business man in charge' he it over to . Mr. Vokes' son at the pur-

chase price, \$17,200. Sham Partnership.

"As to the various partnerships administration by Mr. Bishop and Mr. Waste, with Mr. Waste wedded Ir. Denison submitted they were to his memory idols, was an impossham one and all; Miles Vokes trad- sibility. He did not say so with brutal ing under another name. I have read frankness, I can understand his feelword of the evidence of Miles ings, but it is unfortunate all Vokes and his son Oliver, and I think same. In any aggregation of men it would be a mistake to conclude there is always likely to be a man that the primary object was to take who will not hear anything opposed

advantage of the school board or of to his purpose or inclination unless partnership. Before Mr. Vokes be-came a member of the board he was in the city council, or was a candi-date for some municipal position. I am not sure which—and it is almost is smitten in this way he is never cured until he has found out by actual experience that it is not all that he any one dealing with the socalled you shout, and will not listen with-partnership. Before Mr. Vokes be- out the production of a club. It was

In plumbing and fitting there is no uniform rate or method. There was no. uniform price and no attempt to fix a

be watchful and all this is accentuated by his knowledge of Mr. Waste's methods and Judge Winchester's pointed declaration. Public servants appointed 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 evidence it is alleged, wrote letters from Toronto iously hampering internationalism. Carl Moon, 15 Victor avenue, was or that he acted otherwise than in taken back to Sarnia last night to face

good faith. In this conclusion I know charge of theft. Detective-Sergeant Stewart left for The judge alludes to the late Judge Montreal last night to bring William me how much or how little the de- Winchester's report in 1914, and says: Roberts back to Toronto on a charge of Mr. non-support.

or these doings as early as 1914. In a general way, Mr. Bishop knew all be any doubt at all that the way in and three juveniles were arrested yes-About the Vokes Hardware Company which Mr. Miles Vokes was allowed terday charged with stealing a bicycle to manipulate and practically efface belonging to Morris Slipko, 539 West Dundas street. Charged with stealing two blouses

had nothing at stake in this trans-action except his good name; if he movement which could not fail to day afternoon, by Detective-Sergeants has not suffered in repute, he has lost bring about a loss to the municipal- McConnell and Stewart.

# **BALDWIN'S STEEL MILLS**

Exceptionally Capable. MAY BUILD PLANT IN FALL "Mr. Bishop is an exceptionally cap able man. I am sure he worked hard It is expected that the construction and had done excellent work. There f the new steel mills of Baldwin, Ltd., Swansea. Wales, will be under way in September or October. The location is satisfactorily follow. In the case of the former British Forgings plant on Harbor Commission property. It is Mr. Bishop, the limit has been reach-Winchester stated that at the outset over 2,000 meant more than he said. By an 'exhands will be employed.

#### obviously meant a new man and this DELEGATES FOR WELLAND. was essential in even 1914, and he

meant that successful co-operative It is expected that about 100 delegates will be present at Welland on Plasterers' Union meet there. During the past six months all these the organizations have made great progress and the coming meeting promises to be an interesting one.

half 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 on behalf of Mr. Simpson. Since the two plaintiffs had seen fit to place the matter in the hands of the courts Mr. Simpson's answer to them would be given in the courts should the plaintiffs bring the cases to trial.

"REDS" NOT FEARED

BY LABOR LEADER

Tom Moore, president of the Dominon Trades and Labor Council, has little fear that any successful attempt will be made by the "Reds" to overthrow the present order of things at the com-ing convention of the Trades and Labor Congress at Hamilton. "Of course the of a coal shortage in the prairie prov-reds think they can upset us," he said. inces this winter will be set at rest. "Personally I think that we shall win. We both know the inside conditions of ROBSON, IN WINNIPEG,

our organizations, so you see it is only a difference of opinion." Speaking of the splits that are ap-

pearing in some sections of the Inter-national Trades Union movement in Canada, Mr. Moore recalled other inef-fectual attempts which had been made

to disrupt the movement. The Catholic street, was arrested yesterday by De- movement in Quebec at one time had as many as 25,000 converts, while the Canadian National Federation had been future conduct of the investigation in operation for 18 years without ser-

> GARBAGE COLLECTORS TOO LEVEL-HEADED

The report that the garbage col-board. He could give no definite date lecting men at a meeting had decided as to when the first meeting of the to give the street cleaning department bofrd will be held.

until tonight to make a definite statement on the wages increase asked for failed to find confirmation at the city hall. Such action is not regarded as likely, one official saying the men were too levelheaded to take this atti-

tude at present. Finance Commis-sioner Bradshaw is engaged in preparing a report on civic employes' 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 \$10.00 increase yearly, \$30.000 a month job today, this time against eight-hour living allowance and \$15.00 a month day which was granted by the government at the request of the trades of land stations. Station officers union

of the new wage scale is not soon received. It is understood that the

contractors had begun to prepare 'payrolls on the basis of the new rate, but were informed by Chief Engineer September 9th when the Provincial Grant that this rate had not been auouncil of Bricklayers, Masons and thorized by the department of railways and canals.

MINERS GIVE UP O.B.U.;

Walmer Road and Bridgman Street Drumheller, it is very likely the whole of district 18 will fall in line during the week and as a result prospects R. to increase their orders to 300 R. to increase their orders to a solution on Sunday evening. Secretary W. D. Robbins reported that 75 new mem-bers had joined during the month.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TOO SMALL. At Mrs. Armstrong's "red" meeting at the Labor Temple on Sunday after-noon, the collection did not come up TO INVESTIGATE STRIKE

Winnipeg, Aug. 18 .- Hon. C. A. Robto expectations, so John Cottam moved on, chairman of the new board of commerce, has returned to Winnipeg complete his labors in connection ask the members to contribute per-sonally to the assistance of the Winwith the inquiry into the general strike in the city. nipeg men, who are committed Mr. Robson is making plans for the trial. It was rumored around the Labor Temple yesterday that the next when the commission resumes sittings

meeting of the executive body will be poorly attended. on Sept. 1. Questioned in regard to the work of the board of commerce Mr. Robson stated that at present arrangements MACHINISTS CHOSE DELEGATES.

for accommodation and staff organ At a meeting of the Machinists' ization were taking up the time of the Union in the labor temple fourteen delegates to the Trades and Labor Congress which opens at Hamilton or September 22, were elected. The fol-

WIRELESS MEN ORGANIZE; ASK WAGE INCREASES Mess Clarke, John Young, William

Dill, Harry Kerwin, William Hagen, John McDonald, J. Craig, D. Moss, N. Port Arthur, Aug. 18 .- A new association known as the Great Lakes Phillips, R. C. Brown, William Wireless Association, has been formed G. McLean and A. Thornton. Phillips, R. C. Brown, William Derry, among the operators on land and ship

stations operated by the Marconi Wireless Company of Canada under MRS. ALFRED WATT RETURNING the department of the naval service.

The operators, the majority of whom being paid \$45.00 and \$50.00 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 living allowance and \$15.00 a month living allowance for officers in charge in her honor in the course of which a wire was received from the Prin-

usually obtain house, fuel and light. cess Louise congratulating her on the

thoughts are with the Canadian people. **Ottawa Aids Scotian Miners** 

O'LEARY FOR BARTENDERS. Sydney, N.S., Aug. 18 .- Robert Bax ter of the U. M. W. executive, last night stated that he had received a The representative of the Barten-ders' Union of the Trades and Labor

telegram from Ottawa in reply to his Congress of Cana wire to the premier and Mr. Hanna, be Art. O'Leary. Congress of Canada, of Hamilton, will regarding the situation at Little Bras WEST WILL GET COAL D'Or. The government has acted MANY COAL DRIVERS JOIN.

It is stated on authority that dur-**Doctors** Recommend ing the past week quite sixty per cent.

of the local coal drivers and long-**Bon-Opto for the Eves** shoremen had become members of the Physicians and eye specialists pre-scribe Bon-Opto as a safe home remedy newly formed Coal Drivers' and Lor !shoremen's Tinion in the treatment of eye troubles and to strengthen eyesight. Sold under money refund guarantee by all droggists.

RAILWAYMEN MEET. The Railwaymen's Union held their,

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## **RESTAURANTS REPORT** SHORTAGE OF COOKS

Great shortage of waitresses, cooks and other help for restaurants is reto appoint a special committee to ported at the government employment wait upon the Trades Council and bureau, and the the Exhibition promises to be the largest in the matter of attendance that Toronto has ever for known, the probability of sufficient help from women workers is not prom-

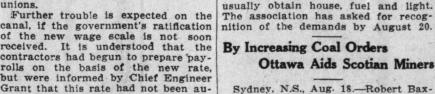
During the past week there were 75 applications for permanent work, 161 vacancies and 46 placements. In the casual work there were 184 applications, 326 vacancies and the same number of placements. There were 43 clerical workers who applied for po-sitions, 70 employers' orders filed, but only 12 placements made, while in the factory there were 39 applications, 193 employers' orders and 23 placements. owing men will represent the unions: In the men's department there was an application for 500 men to do track-laying near Kenora. Musicians are needed for the Exhibition side show asking for 15 and offering good wages.

VOTERS' LISTS INCREASED.

Judge Coatsworth today added Mrs. Alfred Watt, M. A., who omething like 1000 names to the remembered in Toronto and well-known in the west, is returning from voters' lists for 47 sub-divisions, between Bloor street and the C. P. R. England where she has lived for some tracks, Spadina road and Dovercourt road in Northwest Toronto. time, and while there established the women's institutes in various parts of

Mr. Fraser Raney appeared Great Britain. Before leaving she was the recipient of many acknowledg-whose canvassers submitted a list of whose canvassers submitted a list of names which were placed before the and C. L. T. L. Monahan court. Carruthers represented the Citizens' Liberty League.





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