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CIRCULATION LAST WEEK.
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FORTY-FIRST YEAR

MILK PRODUCERS' MONOPOLY VERY STRONG IN TORONTO

B. of C. Representative Thinks Present Prices Bring Money to Farmers.—Should be Lower After New Year.

EVERY CHILD NEEDS ONE PINT DAILY

(Special to the Record.)
TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Ontario's milk and cream producers are so completely organized, according to Major Duncan, the Board of Commerce's resident representative in Toronto, that they may wield practically the power of a monopoly.
If milk prices are forced down they may divert Toronto's milk supply into butter for export, which would create an undesirable condition. The major said one pint of milk per day is essential for children.
The Board of Commerce refused an increase in the price and appeals to out the price as the flow of milk increases next year. Prof. Leish of the O.A.C., says the dairy farmers are making considerable money at \$3.1 per eight gallon can, the present price.
The summer price of milk was too high, says Major Duncan. The cost of producing milk on 72 farms in Dundas county was \$2.44 per hundred at the shipping point according to Professor Leish. After the new year the price should be \$2.75 per eight-gallon can delivered at the dairy, Major Duncan contends.

THE OPINIONS ON CLAUSES IN BYLAW DO NOT COINCIDE

Chief Engineer Gaby Says Municipalities Alone Have Control of Their Streets. City Solicitor's Different Interpretation of the Clauses.

The Light Commission has received the opinion of the city solicitors on the clauses in the Hydro Electric radial bylaw which are in dispute. The letter is given at the end of this article.
It is interesting to place alongside this opinion the statement by Chief Engineer Gaby of the Hydro Electric Power Commission to Waterloo ratepayers last evening in which he said the Hydro Commission had no power over the city's and town's streets. The municipalities alone had control over their streets. The only exception were park lands or sewer farms or the like, owned by the municipalities.

Solicitors' Opinion
77 King St. W.,
Kitchener, Ont., Dec. 26, 1919.
Board of Light Commissioners,
Kitchener, Ont.
Dear Sirs:
You have asked us our opinion in reference to certain clauses in the agreement between the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and various municipal corporations, including Kitchener, referred to on the 1st of January. You ask in the first place if under the terms of the agreement the Hydro-Electric Power Commission could acquire the local Street Railway System. We find in the agreement the following clause:
"1. (a) Provided always that as part of any line of railway to be constructed and operated by the Commission, the Commission may purchase, lease or obtain running rights over any steam railway, electrical railway or street railway or any part thereof, and that wherever the words "constructed" occur in this agreement, they shall be interpreted as including "Acquired," "acquired," "acquire" or "acquiring."
The language used is very clear and we are of the opinion that there would be nothing to prevent the Hydro-Electric Power Commission from purchasing, leasing or obtaining running rights over the City Street Railway lines or any part thereof.
In the next place you ask if under the terms of the agreement the City would be obliged to grant a free right-of-way over its streets to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission in the operation of the proposed radial railway and the power lines of the Commission, and you refer us to the following clause in the agreement:
"(2) To furnish a free right of way for the Railway and for the power lines of the Commission over any property of the corporations upon being so requested by the Commission and to execute such conveyance thereof or agreement with regard thereto as may be desired by the Commission."
The highways are the property of the municipality and we are of the opinion that if the by-law were passed the Hydro-Electric Power Commission could demand of the city that it furnish a free right-of-way over any of the city streets for the railway and the commission's power lines.
Yours truly,
Sd. Sims, Bray & McIntosh.
P.S.—Wherever "Commission" is mentioned, it means the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario."
The Light Commission had Mr. Bray confer with them this morning. Mr. Bray, by the way, said any letter from the Hydro Commission would not override the by-law.

SUGAR SHORTAGE BENEFIT FOR KIDS

In contradiction to the belief that we are undergoing great hardships by the present shortage of sugar, Dr. Brelford of Dayton, Ohio, asserts that it is of great benefit rather than an injury to the public health. Dr. Brelford says that children are particularly benefited, and that the percentage of illness in families where there are children has fallen off materially since the recent ban on the use of sugar.
"If the country would continue on the present scale of sugar rationing we would have healthier families in every way," he said. "It is highly gratifying as I have toured through a dozen States in the last month gathering data for a report I am preparing on the effects of after-war-time living conditions, to find that in the larger hospitals throughout the United States there are one-seventh fewer persons, particularly in the baby wards, being admitted to hospitals to-day as compared with this time two months ago."
"Simpler foods would be better for every one, and aside from the unpleasantness of not being able to get what we want when we want it, we should really understand the good that we are deriving from not being able to overload our systems with an excess amount of sugar which is so harmful."
The two-year-old child of J. A. Harding who lives on the Gouin road, near Silly Que, died after eating a boxful of laxative pills.



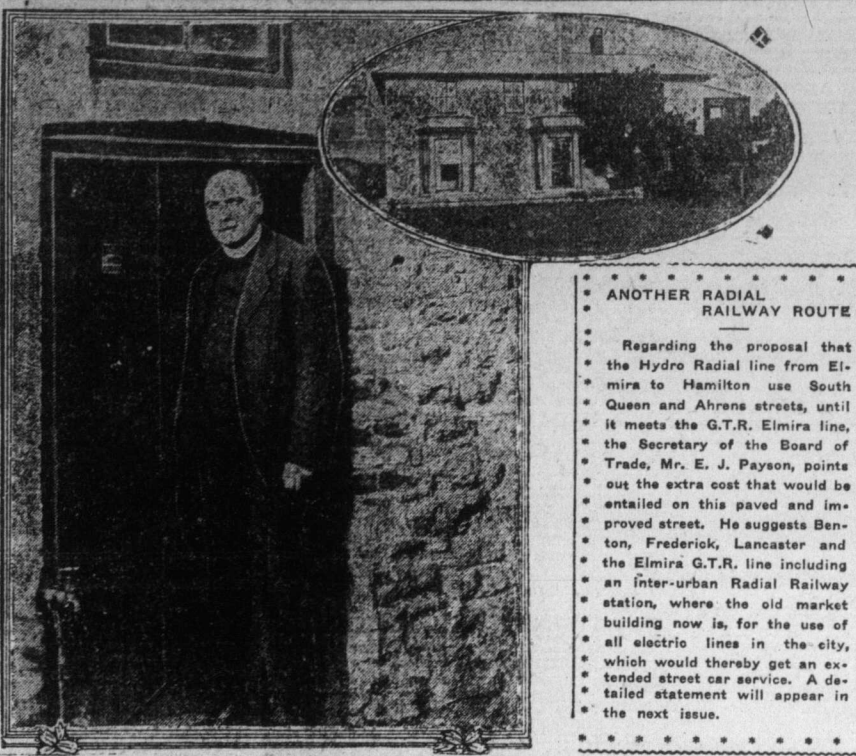
BACK HOME AGAIN—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales stepping ashore at Portsmouth on his return from Canada.

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PROBS.
Fresh strong west to north winds, becoming colder with some light snowfalls. Sunday mostly fair and cold.

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VICAR'S SMALL INCOME.—The Vicar of Wemdon, England, the Rev. J. Boyle, is at present living in a stable bedroom and 6 reception rooms, into up. It is shown in the upper picture. graph.

SEVEN FACE SAME TRIAL AS RUSSELL

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—When the Assize Court reassembles early in January, the crown will proceed with the trials of the seven men indicted with R.E. Russell on a charge of seditious conspiracy. The men next to be tried as a result of the General strike in Winnipeg last May and June are Ald. Heaps, Ald. Queen, Geo. Armstrong, R.J. Johns, W.E. Pritchard, Wm. Ivens and R.E. Russell. The seven will face the same indictment as that presented by the crown against Russell, the strike leader, who on Wednesday was found guilty of all of the seven counts.

FINDS MAN HANGING FROM LADDER IN STABLE

Port Hope, Dec. 27.—When Mr. Beattie, contractor, for the rural mail delivery from Port Hope, went to his stables on Wednesday, he found the body of one of his drivers, Wilfred Payne, hanging from the ladder leading to the hay loft. Payne's parents live in Newtonville district, but he had been boarding in Port Hope for some time. Deceased was only 21 years of age, and had been rejected for overseas service. Recently he had been in failing health and showed signs of despondency. Payne had been in Port Hope Hospital until last week, being treated for rheumatism.

ICE FLOE SMASHES DOCK

Pelee Island, Ont., Dec. 27.—About 3 o'clock Wednesday morning the residents of Pelee Island in the neighborhood of the West Dock were aroused by what to them appeared to be the fulfillment of Prof. Porta's predictions of the end of the earth.
The cause of the disturbance was an inflow movement of the ice coming in contact with the West Dock, which it nearly demolished. The noise was terrific and the damage to the dock serious.
The operation of sand suckers at Fishing Point is blamed for the deepening of the water inshore, causing a uniformity of ice closer to shore than ever before.

WOOD ALCOHOL HAS MANY VICTIMS

Large Number of Deaths Reported
CHICOPEE, Mass., Dec. 27.—Twenty-nine deaths had resulted to-night from the drinking of liquor bought in Hartford, Conn., and drunk in this city, Holyoke and Hartford yesterday, last night and to-day. Fourteen men and one woman died in Chicopee, 10 men in Hartford and four in Holyoke.
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Twenty-seven deaths from drinking wood alcohol and several cases of poisoning have occurred in Manhattan between November 1 and December 20. These figures do not nearly represent the full toll in death and sickness due to taking the poison as a beverage as many deaths and illnesses reported as due to apoplexy, acute abdominal trouble and other causes, were really caused by drinking wood alcohol concoctions. Only five deaths from drinking wood alcohol were reported in Manhattan for the year 1918 and only four in Brooklyn for 18 months prior to July 1.
Two large grain elevators at Edmonton belonging to the Western Canada Flour Co., were destroyed by fire and the loss is about \$150,000.
The Knights of Columbus of Stratford provided a Christmas tree heavily provided with good things for the widow and orphans of soldiers.

POULTRY SHOW

Entries for the annual Poultry Show to be held on Dec. 29, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, are being made in a most satisfactory manner and the big event next week will no doubt attract a large number of visitors.
The prizes that have been donated for the best exhibits are on exhibition in Schreier's window, likewise a silk quilt valued at \$30, which is offered as a prize for the holder of the lucky number on the admission ticket.
The show opens Monday night and continues until New Year's Day. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

RUSSELL SPENT XMAS AT HOME

Receives Sentence To-day.—Defense Will Make Appeal.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—R. E. Russell, convicted strike leader, who will to-day be sentenced for seditious conspiracy and committing common nuisance by Justice McKenna, spent Christmas as merrily as he could under the circumstances. He was at home with his family during the day and he was deluged by greetings over the telephone from his friends in Winnipeg and telegrams from all over the Dominion. An evening dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Armstrong included Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Aldermen Queen and Heaps and their families.
The objection on which the defence will base the main portion of its appeal will be in regard to relevancy as evidence of letters passing between Russell and the accused. The defence counsel hold that letters between Stevenson of Vancouver and Beatty of Calgary, many of which were put in by the crown as evidence, have no connection whatever with the case.

RUSSEL SENTENCE TWO YEARS. (Late Dispatch.)

The sentence of the court imposed on Russell is two years in prison.

LOOKING FOR NEW PLANET

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—The task of finding a new planet located on the outskirts of Neptune, which has been undertaken by Prof. Pickering of Harvard Astronomical Observatory, is not a vain or fruitless effort, according to Dr. Chant, Professor of Astro-physics at the University of Toronto. The search for such a body has been kept up constantly since about the middle of the last century. "It's like looking for a diamond on the sea shore," said Dr. Chant, "but I only wish that we had our new observatory ready and we would join in the hunt as well."

ITALIAN PREMIER GOES TO LONDON

Rome, Dec. 27.—Premier Nitti will go to London from Rome and from there will return to Paris to attend a meeting of the allied premiers and foreign ministers which is expected to begin next week. It is stated that the Premier believes he will come to an understanding with the British Premier on the problems closely affecting Italy.
Signor Nitti hopes to obtain from England financial treatment similar to that granted France. He will do his best to have the Supreme Council agree that the allied and associated governments recognize Italy's sovereignty over Fiume and that they will accept the result of the negotiations between Italy and Jugoslavia.

SEVIGNY TO SENATE

QUEBEC, Dec. 27.—It is rumored here that Hon. Albert Sevigny, former Speaker of the House of Commons, has been appointed to the Canadian Senate, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Senator Landry.

ONE MILLION FOR MANITOBA

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—Manitoba Medical College will get \$1,000,000 as its portion of the five millions allowed to Canada as a Christmas gift from John D. Rockefeller.

FARMERS IN WEST GETTING ACTIVE

Various Organizations Preparing for Conventions.—Drury to Speak in Saskatchewan.

(Special to the Record.)
SASKATOON, Dec. 27.—With the approach of the annual convention of the Saskatchewan grain growers' Association, the first since the organized farmers of the West, decided to enter the political field, interest is centering on the program which the 3000 delegates will consider. One outside speaker at least has been decided on in the person of the Hon. C. Drury, Premier of Ontario. The dates for the annual convention are February 10 to 13.
On January 6 the Canadian Council of Agriculture will meet in Winnipeg as an interprovincial conference of the farmers of Canada, at which the relationship of the various farmers' organizations in the different provinces in connection with political activity will be considered.
The annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta will be held at Calgary, Jan. 20 to 23, and the Manitoba Grain Growers will meet at Brandon about the same time.
In Saskatchewan considerable thought is being given by the Grain Growers' Executive to propaganda work among the non-English and an effort is also being made for spreading the propaganda of the Association in the university and other institutions.

ON AGAIN AND OFF AGAIN!

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—When Thomas Skipman walked into a Yonge St. store on Friday afternoon and proceeded to take off his shoes and socks, the storekeeper observed him with interest. When he announced that he had come to stay, the police were sent for and Skipman was taken to No. 5 station.

Skipman continued to carry out his idea of a return-to-the-Garden-of-Eden until he was arrested. He did nothing but his undershirt remained. When firmly clothed again by the scandalized constables, Skipman was taken to the station.

Skipman is about 42 years of age, wore his hair long, and had two or three days' growth of beard and moustache. His identity, other than the name he gave, remains a mystery.

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U.F.O. GOVERNMENT CRITICIZED BY U.F.O. SECRETARY MORRISON

Unreasonable High Salaries at Root of Patronage Evil.—Votes of Rural District Should be Heard.

RESENTS AUTOCRATIC BUREAUCRACY

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Secretary J.J. Morrison, of the United Farmers of Ontario, and often considered the U.F.O. "power behind the throne," has criticized sharply the system under which the present Government makes appointments to the Civil Service.
It is, he declared, the mere substitution of an "autocratic bureau" for the old system of patronage. The Government, he contends, should strike at the "unreasonable high salaries, which are the root of the patronage evil."
The Government's action in promoting a woman to a \$3,500 position as Registrar of Middlesex County, with offices in London, he characterizes as "decided extravagance." The salary, he contends, is \$1,500 more than it should be. The U.F.O. secretary also lodged a pungent protest against making such an appointment before the "voice of the rural district" has been heard.
"I am opposed to patronage. I am as strongly against the old patronage system as anyone. But when you abolish patronage, you have to define the term. It is evident that, whatever, has been done with the old patronage evil, some very inadequate system has taken its place. To change the responsibility merely from one set of shoulders to another does not seem to me to be the remedy. It can hardly be said to be sufficient or satisfactory to wipe out the patronage system and establish in its place an autocratic bureaucracy."
"If patronage is to be abolished, then the root of the patronage system must be taken out. The root, in my opinion, is the unreasonably high salaries that prevail for such positions as that of Registrar of Middlesex County, which has just been filled. You cannot remove the scum until you take away the cause of it, namely, the unjustifiably large stipends. Why should a Government employee be protected by wire-pulling and fired salaries unreasonably high? Why should a young woman who has been working for \$15 a week be suddenly promoted and given \$70 a week?"
Mr. Morrison was very dubious concerning the wisdom of making any one man responsible for the choosing from among applicants for civil service positions as at present, even though this man happened to be the Civil Service Commissioner McCulloch, without some recognized means of arriving at the qualifications of those applying. That, he stated, was the mere substitution of an autocratic bureau for the patronage system. Mr. McCulloch, was appointed by the Hearst Government.

J.W. Freeborn, Farmer M.P.A. for East Middlesex, does not believe the Registrarship of Middlesex will be reappointed. J.G. Lethbridge, Farmer M.P.P. for West Middlesex, is satisfied with Miss Walker's appointment. Harold Currie of Stratford, District Organizer of the U.F.O., says the matter will be reopened. Mr. Currie says he has a letter "that would show a whole lot."

Hon. Beniah Bowman, one of Mr. Drury's Cabinet Ministers, is in the country. Rumor has it that Mr. Bowman was sent up from Toronto to inhibit Mr. Currie's machinery. Mr. Freeborn states, however, that, as Mr. Bowman's father resides in Westminister, on the London & Port Stanley Railway, the Minister may be merely on a pastoral visit.
It is said that there is some seriousness on the part of one or two of the Ministers toward the Attorney-General, Hon. W.E. Rance, whose recommendation the Cabinet acted upon in filling the office in London. There are rumors, too, that this seriousness, both in the Cabinet and in the ranks of the members, to ward the Attorney-General may make it difficult for him to be elected in the by-election, which is scheduled for next month.

While organizer Currie continues his bombardment of the Drury government for the appointment of Miss Minnie Walker, the members of the Government, particularly the Premier, seem still to be placidly enjoying their Christmas holidays and are suggestively silent on the whole matter. The Cabinet is standing together and according to Mr. Currie, the Government is not to be placidly enjoying their Christmas holidays and are suggestively silent on the whole matter. The attitude of the Government seems to be that of a body of men who are carrying into effect an unalterable plan of their election platform, accepting the break screw or later and not altogether sorry that it has come now. The controversy regarding the appointment of Miss Walker has broadened out into a battle for and against the retention of some measure of patronage in the appointment of civil servants with the Government taking a silent but determined anti-patronage stand. One thing is absolutely certain the appointment has been made and will stand.

Returned soldiers settled on the land during the past season numbered more than 33,000; nearly 20,000 were granted loans, totalling \$53,000,000.

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WEEKLY MARKET RATHER QUIET

The weekly market as was to be expected was very dull. The Christmas market was responsible for this. The produce on hand was more than enough to supply the demand for the buyers.

There was but a small amount of poultry on hand. Chickens brought 30c. to 40c. a lb. Duck brought 40 to 45 cents a lb. No turkey and very few geese were offered. The latter being 35 cents.
In fair quantities eggs bringing 90 cents a dozen. Butter brought 70c. a lb. Cream 25 cents a pint, Cheese 38 cents a lb. These prices were uniform and were high but the farmers asked them.
Vegetables were exhibited in fair amounts. Apples and potatoes were the most numerous. Lettuce, cabbage, pumpkins etc., were not offered in as large quantities as usual and were snapped up in short order. The meat market was steady, but not large. The supply of roasts and sausages being ahead of the demand.
The market undoubtedly is a convenient one but the prices asked are exorbitant. If one farmer hears that his neighbor is selling for higher prices than he he at once raises his prices and this stunt is worked all through the market and the public gets the benefit of it. It is too bad that this one not be stopped in some manner, but no action has been, or apparently will be, taken in the matter," a complaining citizen said.

George E. Utke, manager of a motion school in Winnipeg, was held up, robbed and badly beaten by a gang on Christmas Eve, the fourth hold-up by the gang in a week.
Spain is buying tanks from Britain in addition to munitions from surplus war material.

FEW CONTAGIOUS CASES.

6 Few cases of scarlet fever and one case of small pox.
This was the reply by the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. H. Rau, when the Record enquired about the health of the city.
The small pox patient who is still at the hospital, is doing well.