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## GOV'T MODELLING A MEASURE TO STOP SECRET COMMISSION

A Bill Will Probably Be Introduced at Coming Session, Framed on Lines of British Act, to Prevent Payment of Secret Commission.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—The Government has under consideration and will probably introduce at the coming session of parliament a bill modelled on the lines of the act passed by the British parliament in 1906, making it a criminal offense to offer or accept secret commissions with a view of corruptly influencing business transactions in which the employer of the agent who accepts the commission is interested. The bill is aimed to prevent the whole system of payment of secret commissions either in connection with private or Government business. It will, of course, meet the abuses shown by the recent investigation at Quebec to have existed in the administration of the marine department at that port. The measure has the hearty support of the Hon. A. R. Aylesworth, minister of justice, and it is understood, has been endorsed by the cabinet in council.

### Follow British Act.

As has been stated, the bill will follow the lines of the British act passed two years ago after a lengthy discussion in both Houses. This bill provides that if any agent corruptly accepts or obtains, or agrees to accept or attempts to obtain for himself or for any other person, any gift or consideration as an inducement or reward for doing or forbearing to do any act in relation to his principal's affairs or business, or for showing or forbearing to show favor or disfavor to any person in relation to his principal's affairs or business, or if any person improperly gives or agrees to give, or offers any gift or consideration to any agent as an inducement or reward for doing or forbearing to do any act in relation to his principal's affairs or business, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding \$500, or to both. A similar penalty is provided for the giving or acceptance, with intent to deceive an employer, of any receipt, account, or other document in respect of which he is interested, and which contains any statement which is false or erroneous or defective in any material particulars, and which is knowingly intended to mislead the employer.

The expression "consideration" includes valuable consideration of any kind. An "agent" includes any person employed or acting for another. A person serving under the crown or under any corporation or any municipal council or any board of guardians is an "agent" within the meaning of the act.

### Wide in Scope.

As will be seen from the above, the act is very wide in its scope, and while possibly the abuses aimed at might be reached under the present criminal code with respect to obtaining goods under false pretences, the new act now contemplated will make the offense a specific one, and will undoubtedly have a far-reaching effect in putting a stop to a custom which is too prevalent in connection with both private, municipal and Government business in Canada. The act has been found to have worked well in Great Britain, and, although there have as yet been comparatively few prosecutions, the simple fact of its being put in a plain statement on the statute book, with the several penalties attached, has been found to act as a deterrent to the making of secret and corrupt agreements between agents and contractors or others.

## Will Appoint an Assistant Treasurer

There will be a meeting of the finance committee of the city council on Monday next to discuss the appointment of an assistant city treasurer and also the consumptive hospital.

So far as can be learned there are at the present time about 24 cases in the city who would go to a consumptive hospital in London.

## Engineer Must Now Be Appointed

A meeting of the special power committee of the city council will be called shortly to consider the advisability of calling for plans and specifications for the Niagara power distribution plant.

electrical engineer of the city. His name has been the most prominently mentioned of any of the applicants, and it was thought that he would be the choice.

## Big Catches of Fish Are Reported

Mr. J. A. Wilson, of the Market Lane, was in Port Stanley yesterday, in the interests of the fish houses of the business. Mr. Wilson reports some phenomenal catches of herring. This week has been marked by a very heavy run of fish, and their disposal is now becoming an urgent question. The run started on Monday with 50 tons of herring caught, and has been advancing ever since. On Tuesday 75 tons were taken and yesterday 100 tons. It is a record run in the history of fishing in the lake, and though there are at present fifteen fishing companies working the waters in the vicinity

of Port Stanley, they are all unable to take full advantage of the opportunity, as the schools seem of practically limitless extent.

## MR. KATZENMAYER CANNOT COME

Special Meeting of Board of Education to Consider the Matter.

A special meeting of the board of education will be held tomorrow afternoon to consider the resignation of Mr. J. G. Katzenmayer, of Tavistock, one of the newly-appointed teachers.

## POLICE COURT CASE OVER 30 CENTS

Magistrate Love Told Both Parties to Get Together and Keep Out of Law.

A dispute over 30 cents alleged to be due for wages, occupied a good deal of Magistrate Love's time this morning, and was responsible for a charge of non-payment of wages laid by Wm. Sargeant against Robert Gash. According to Mr. Gash, Sargeant should have come down town to work and instead of doing so went to a job in the east end. Mr. Gash had to go and get him up and docked him for the time lost.

"This is not a case for this court," said Magistrate Love. "It should be taken to the division court, but I think you had better let it go as it is, and there will be no costs."

DR. ALLISON DEAD.  
Halifax, Nov. 26.—Dr. Lucius C. Allison, in his day a leading New Brunswick physician, died at his home here this morning from an affection of the heart. Dr. Allison was born in 1866, and was educated in Edinburgh and London. He leaves a wife and one son.

## CHARLIE KICKED TOMMY WHEELER

Was Fined by Police Magistrate Love Who Objects to Such Practices.

Charles Johnston yesterday assaulted Tommy Wheeler by kicking him in the face and body. Johnston pleaded guilty in the police court today and was fined \$1 and \$30 costs.

Percy Hocking, a young man, who created a disturbance in a local roller rink, was fined \$2 and \$4 10 costs.

"Tim" Sullivan has evidently sought the high hills, for when his name was called this morning to answer to a charge of being drunk, he was missing, and a warrant was ordered for his arrest. Sullivan was advised by the magistrate yesterday to leave town, and he has evidently heeded the advice.

James Barrett promised to betake himself to where the tall trees grow in the north woods if allowed to go. He was given a chance, and if he gets out of town all will be well; otherwise it will be six months or more in the Central Prison for him.

Victor Klein, of Belmont, was gathered in last night in a drunken condition. Magistrate Love was about to allow him to go as a first-timer, when it was discovered that Klein had amused himself during the night by kicking a lock to pieces. For the damage he did he was fined \$2 and \$20 costs.

John Clinton, a drunk, was fined \$3, and Ed Dutton, an Indian lister, got 21 days.

Some first-timers were allowed to go.

## CITY ENGINEER CLEANED THE STREETS

London Presents a More Respectable Appearance Today.

City Engineer Graydon was cleaning the down-town streets today, and after a few hours' hard work they looked most respectable.

He had two sweeper carts and a number of men at work, and the cause of much complaint was removed.

A person can walk across the streets now, and be at least moderately respectable afterwards.

The need of a flushing cart, as the present carts are absolutely useless for such work.

## POLICE PATROL WILL BE COVERED

Mayor Had an Interview With Chief Williams Today.

The city police patrol will be covered. This morning Mayor Stevely had a conference with Chief Williams, when the question was gone into.

The chief did not think the present patrol could be covered, as it was not built for a top.

However, his worship was confident that it could be done, and the leading carriage makers of the city will be asked to figure on the job.

## LONDON KNIGHTS LEFT FOR CHATHAM

Will Put on Degree Work in the Maple City.

A party of 26 Knights Templar of this city left this morning for Chatham, where this evening they will put on degree work at the Chatham Preceptory.

Among those who took the trip were Sir Knights A. A. Campbell, grand master; C. W. McGuire, past provincial prior; A. E. Somerville, Thomas Allen, J. Footit, J. Clunas, W. Southcott, W. F. Darch, George Winterbottom, J. J. Dyer, J. Metherell, F. Andrews, Bert Lind, John Graham, Shaw, W. A. Wilson, W. H. Abbott, John Walsh, W. R. Garner, Barr, Thos. Fawkes, W. S. Davidson, Miner, and S. Baker.

The party went via C. P. R. and will return tonight.

Dr. Leitch, St. Thomas, provincial prior, will join the party also.

## THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Nov. 26—8 a.m. Today—South and west gales; a few showers, but partly fair.

Friday—Westerly winds; cloudy and cooler.

### TEMPERATURES.

|                             | Today. | Yesterday. |
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|                             | 8 a.m. | Min. Max.  |
| London                      | 46     | 44 59      |
| Calgary                     | 18     | 16 34      |
| Winnipeg                    | 20     | 18 34      |
| Port Arthur                 | 28     | 26 38      |
| Perry Sound                 | 38     | 36 44      |
| Toronto                     | 54     | 44 58      |
| Ottawa                      | 40     | 34 38      |
| Montreal                    | 50     | 34 38      |
| Quebec                      | 24     | 22 44      |
| Father Point                | 36     | 34 44      |
| Dawson                      | —      | — 4        |
| Victoria                    | 36     | 36 46      |
| Vancouver                   | 28     | 26 46      |
| Edmonton                    | 18     | 18 26      |
| Prince Albert               | 22     | 20 30      |
| Minneapolis                 | 18     | 18 24      |
| St. John                    | 22     | 22 44      |
| Halifax                     | 36     | 36 48      |
| Minus (—) means below zero. |        |            |

WEATHER NOTES.  
The low area which was centred in Arkansas yesterday has moved northward with increasing energy, being now centred near Port Arthur, and heavy southwest gales prevail on the great lakes.

The weather continues cold in the west and snow has fallen in Manitoba, while from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces it is mild and showery.

## NEW BUILDINGS IN LONDON.

That the value of buildings for which permits will be given this year will exceed half a million dollars is confidently expected by the city engineer's department.

Since Jan. 1 until Nov. 25, the total number of permits issued was 216.

The total value of buildings amounts to \$325,600, and it is thought the difference between that and half a million will be easily reached by Jan. 1.

Up to Nov. 25, 35 permits have been issued, with a total value of \$46,000. These figures are looked upon as very good for November.

The returns for October were very gratifying also, the number of permits being 32, with a value of \$59,700.

## Brakeman Crushed Beneath Cars W. H. Winslow Badly Injured

Caught as He Was Attempting to Make a Coupling.

W. H. Winslow, of Price street, East London, was very seriously injured in the Pere Marquette yards yesterday afternoon, by being crushed between two freight cars.

Winslow was engaged in coupling the cars, and was fixing the coupling when the engineer backed down with some other cars.

Before he could escape, Winslow was caught between the two cars in such a manner that his shoulders came against the ends of the cars.

Instantly his collar-bone was crushed, and when taken out and removed to his home it was found that a rib had been fractured, and the lungs badly injured.

The accident is one of the most painful nature, and Dr. Drake, who attended Winslow, fears that pneumonia may develop as a result of the injury to the lungs. Winslow is at present at his home and is in a very serious condition.

## Packing Company Names Conditions Upon Which It Will Remain Here

The Abattoir Proposition Is the Maine Clause of the Document.

Mayor Stevely is in receipt of a letter from the Canadian Packing Company, giving him the conditions upon which the company would consent to remain in London.

He had two sweeper carts and a number of men at work, and the cause of much complaint was removed.

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conferences between Manager and Mayor Stevely and Ald. Ferguson, chairman of the manufacturers' committee will be held this week on the question is received in time. He is at present out of the city.

The question of an abattoir is creating not little interest here, as the need of one is apparent. There is absolutely no check on the sort of meat consumed in the city.

M. H. O. Speaks.  
Dr. Hutchinson, medical health officer, states emphatically that it is impossible to tell anything about meat after it has been killed. That was forcibly impressed upon the citizens not long ago when the carcass of a tubercular heifer was exposed for sale in the city, and only by good chance was discovered.

At the present time, the city has the power to establish a municipal abattoir, but has never exercised the privilege.

Some time ago, a private company applied for the right to establish a plant, but nothing has come of that. Of course, it will be necessary to obtain special legislation to enable the Canadian Packing Company to build an abattoir.

Such legislation could be obtained next March, when the Legislature meets, and the work proceeded with in the spring.

The prevalence of the foot and mouth disease in certain parts of the United States calls for a stricter oversight of the meat supply of the cities to prevent any such beef being sold in the city.

The ground will be thoroughly canvassed at the meeting of the city representatives with the Canadian Packing Company this week.

## NEW AMBULANCE IS NOW READY

Will Soon Be Taken Over by the City.

The new city ambulance built by Mr. A. B. Greer is now completed, and will probably be taken over by the city either this week or early next week.

It is a very fine vehicle, one of the most modern constructed, and will be a welcome change from the present one, which has outlived its usefulness.

The latter will be retained by the city, however, for use of contagious diseases, as the one now used for that purpose is in bad repair and cannot be fixed.

The new ambulance cost \$900.

## A PRESENTATION TO MR. FRED ELLIS

Plumbers and Steamfitters Think Very Well of Him.

A number of the plumbers and steamfitters of the city met last evening in the offices of the Gurney-Oxford Company on Dundas street and presented Mr. Fred Ellis, who has represented the company in this section for four years, with a handsome gold-headed umbrella, a meerschaum pipe and case and an address.

Mr. Ellis, during his visits to the city, has made himself extremely popular with the men and they regretted greatly that he should be transferred to another field of endeavor.

Mr. Ellis was completely taken by surprise, but managed to convey his thanks to his friends for their kindness.

## FINE FOR WINDSOR

The Dominion Govt. to Construct a Much-Needed Dock.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 26.—The Dominion public works department has taken steps towards the construction of a Government dock on the water front. The dock is a long-felt need to the city, and no efforts have been spared by the city officials to induce the Government to make the necessary grant for its construction.

## BRILLIANT ORATORS AT SCOTCH BANQUET

Noted Canadians Will Speak at Big Event on Monday Evening.

A meeting of the executive of St. Andrew's Society was held last night when all arrangements for the big banquet to be held on Monday night next were completed. The utmost enthusiasm prevailed, and each and every report received was highly satisfactory.

For years St. Andrew's Society banquet has proven an intellectual treat, because in addition to a spread of good things such as Scotchmen know how to provide, there have always been a galaxy of speakers ranking amongst the foremost on the continent.

This time there will be three orators of renown in the Dominion. They are Hon. George W. Ross, a senator of Canada, and former premier of Ontario; Hon. Charles Maclellan, deputy speaker of the House of Commons, and recognized as one of the brainiest and most finished speakers in this country today, and Mr. George Tait Blackstock, K. C., of Toronto, a gentleman known from one end of Canada to the other.

Tickets are going very fast, and there will be a big attendance at the banquet on Monday night.

It is announced that the guests will sit down promptly at 7:30, so that ample time will be given all to partake of the banquet and hear the speeches, getting home at a seasonable hour.

## TWO SMALL FIRES THIS AFTERNOON

Spark From a Smokestack Is Blamed for Both of Them.

The fire brigade had two runs to the same box between 1:20 and 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The first fire was in a terrace at 431 Ridout street. A spark from the smokestack of the Dennis wire works set fire to the rear of the building.

Not much damage was done, and the fire was extinguished without difficulty.

The brigade had hardly got back to the station when another alarm was turned in from the same terrace. This time a spark had blown in through a window and had ignited the floor in one of the rooms. The house was filled with smoke. The firemen investigated and found the fire, putting it out with small extinguisher.

The damage was slight.

## PORTUGAL'S KING NEAR DEATH ATTACKED IN LISBON STREETS

The Loyalists' Demonstration Broken Up by a Band of Armed Republicans and Sanguinary Battle Wages Around King Manuel's Carriage.

Lisbon, Nov. 25 (via the frontier, to evade censorship).—King Manuel had a narrow escape from death in a series of riots here today. The agitation against the Government has been strong for some time past, and as the King was driving through the streets, the storm broke.

The loyalist demonstration planned in his honor was in progress and his majesty, arrayed in the uniform of a field marshal, was participating in an open carriage, when the procession was attacked by a band of armed republicans.

Fierce fighting followed and the conflict surged about the royal carriage, which was surrounded at the first sign of trouble by the cavalry guard.

Stones, rifle and revolver shots were exchanged, and finally the King ordered the cavalry to charge. This they did and broke a way through the crowds for the royal carriage.

It was driven to the palace and then the authorities started to suppress the rioting. The cavalry charged the mob time and again, but without apparent success, and two regiments of infantry were ordered out. They attacked the crowd with fixed bayonets and soon cleared the streets, but not until many had been wounded.

Wholesale arrests of the rioters have been made.

## Butchers Had a Fight Over a Cow All Fined in the Police Court Today

Magistrate Love Objects to Kicking a Man When He Has Been Knocked Down.

In the police court this morning the case of George Flannagan, Frank Flannagan and C. H. Pearson, charged with fighting on the market on Nov. 14, was heard, and all three were found guilty and fined.

Joseph Brazier, the first witness called, stated that he was on the market and saw George Flannagan and John Pearson arguing. Flannagan struck at Pearson, and another man kicked at him.

T. Russell said he heard Frank Flannagan tell Pearson he ought not to use a cow as he did. Pearson then hit Flannagan and a fight started. Flannagan fell and Pearson kicked him in the head.

George Flannagan came along and hit Pearson, and then Frank Flannagan started in again to fight.

## Another Bank for London Is Likely

London will in all probability have a new bank added to its financial institutions in the course of a few weeks, as negotiations are practically completed for the leasing of the premises at the corner of Carling and Richmond

streets, occupied formerly by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

It is understood that the new bank will be a branch of the Bank of Hamilton, which has been trying for some time to find a building suitable for location in this city.

## Prosecuted Doctors Late With Fees

Toronto, Nov. 26.—Prosecutor Rose, of the medical council, sprang a sensation in the police court this morning, when he summoned a number of prominent medical men to court for non-payment of medical fees. The list included Dr. B. E. Hawke, who owes \$40, representing fees due for the past 20 years. Dr. Hawke failed to put in an appearance, and the case was adjourned. Dr. Grimshaw, \$16 behind, paid up. Dr. E. H. Adams also paid \$36, and the cases were withdrawn.

Mr. Rose declares there are 150 doctors in the Province who are away behind with their dues, about 50 of whom are in Toronto, and they will be paid to the court forthwith. He says they are technically quacks, as they are practicing without a license, which can only be secured on payment of the annual dues.

## FARMERS WELCOME THE FALL RAINS

Wells Had Begun to Give Out and Other Contingencies Had Arisen.

The rains of the past few days have done untold good throughout the country. The drought had begun to create a very trying situation for the farmers. All over the country wells have been giving out, and lately even some of the very deep wells that have heretofore not been influenced by dry weather have begun to fail alarmingly.

The situation has in some cases become decidedly grave. Some farmers have had to drive their stock one and even two miles to water, and had the dry weather lasted much longer, there must of necessity have been considerable loss of stock. The rain has made the roads in some localities almost impassable, but there is little grumbling on that score, and the high winds today are drying them up very rapidly.

## BARS UP AT WINDSOR

Dominion Government Places Quarantine on All Michigan Cattle.

Windsor, Nov. 26.—On account of the prevalence of the mouth and hoof disease among cattle in Wayne County, Mich., the Dominion Government, and the quarantining of that county, orders have been received here to prevent live stock of any kind from landing on this side from Detroit. Windsor people who may have horses on the Detroit side, received until this morning to get the animals back.

After noon today traffic other than foot passengers, will be allowed only in automobiles or motor trucks. This condition of affairs will last until the plague is entirely stamped out. Nearly two hundred affected cattle have been found in Wayne County. They will be slaughtered and their carcasses burned.

## THE SMOKE NUISANCE.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—The railway commission today handed out judgment in the railway engine smoke nuisance, a complaint originated by the city of Ottawa, and joined in by Toronto and Hamilton. The effect of the judgment is an order to the railways to equip their locomotives so as to prevent the unreasonable omission of dense or opaque smoke, while passing through, or being operated in cities, towns or villages of Ontario.

## CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—Chas. P. Watford, bookkeeper for many years for the Sanitary Laundry Company, was arrested last night on charges of theft and false entry to the amount of about \$1,000. He pleaded not guilty, and was released this morning on \$4,000 bail to appear on Dec. 3.