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TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES OUTGROWN

Prevailing Conditions in Toronto Should Be Rectified, Says Prof. McKenzie, as the High Cost of Living Can Be Reduced Only in That Way.

That Toronto had outgrown its present transportation facilities was the statement of Prof. McKenzie in an address on the "High Cost of Living" at the board of trade luncheon in the St. Charles Cafe yesterday. He pointed out that the business men should do their utmost to rectify prevalent conditions in the matter of poor service by rail.

He pointed out that the food products in Toronto were approximately 20 per cent. dearer than in London, England, and he wondered why this was so in a city which was the pivot of a great fertile producing country. The consumers continued to suffer while manufacturer and producer were busy placing the blame on one another.

He showed that Toronto could greatly reduce the cost of living by adopting a plan inaugurated in some cities in the States, where butcher and grocery stores have been opened up, thus bringing about a great reduction on the necessities of life. There should be greater co-operation between capital and labor. If Toronto were to become a great industrial and manufacturing centre, she must have cheap labor, but the cost of food would have to come down also.

The greatly increased output of gold also caused the skyrocketing of food costs. The present rate of increase was about 3 1-2 per cent. a year, and the world's stock of gold would be doubled in 20 years, and as the gold production increased the purchasing power of the dollar would necessarily decrease.

Another Reason.

"Labor agitators," according to W. G. Trethewey, was the cause of the high cost of living "There is a growing tendency for those who labor to look upon their employers as enemies, and therefore they render as little service as possible for what they receive." The press should get together, ascertain the facts, and lay the thing before the public in such a light that labor and capital will co-operate and in this way rectify matters as far as possible."

After many speakers had given their views, Ald. David Spence arose and defended the middlemen. "The middleman is losing money, and I haven't heard an argument here to-day which would lead me to infer that any of the speakers know what they are talking about," he declared.

HOTELKEEPERS WILL KEEP OUT

Liberal Temperance Platform is a Delicate Subject for Them, They Say.

"It's a delicate subject for us, and we had better keep out of it as much as we can," was the advice given by a prominent member to his associates on the executive of the Toronto Hotelkeepers' Association yesterday afternoon.

After an interchange of views on the situation, the foregoing advice was taken, and the executive decided that, in relation to the Rowell temperance plank, the golden policy of saying nothing was advisable.

BETTER CLUE IS FURNISHED

Woman Who Saw Murder of Mrs. Cooper Supplied Description of Man Who Did Deed.

The police were yesterday furnished with a better description of the murderer of Mrs. Cooper. The information came from a woman who witnessed the affair from close range.

The detective department has been searching the Ward day and night ever since the murder took place, but have not yet made any further arrests.

The Big Store Story

The evening papers of last night had no denial of The World's story of the big Eaton store up town! Nor were any other denials forthcoming. But the whole town was stirred. There is great excitement over real estate values up Yonge-street.

The new owner of the northwest corner of Yonge and Buchanan-streets is believed to be the Dominion Bank. There will be a battery of banks about College and Yonge before long, and there may be a couple of head offices there or thereabouts. There may even be a newspaper up that way.

FIRE

Six people had narrow escapes from death at 2 o'clock this morning when a fire broke out in the premises at 323 West King-street, a restaurant owned by Lee Chong. Two women and two Chinamen were rescued from the fourth storey by Deputy Chief Noble. Two other Chinamen, who jumped from the first storey, were severely injured. One sustained a broken ankle, while tthe other was terribly burned about the face and arms.

George Thompson, a fireman connected with Portland-street hall, was struck by George Green's motor car opposite the burning building and received a badly bruised hip. He was taken home.

The fire broke out in the kitchen of Lee Chong's restaurant and spread with great rapidity up the rear stairway, completely trapping the six occupants of the building. A constable on the beat noticed the flames coming from the building, shortly before 2 o'clock, and presently two Chinamen, clinging to the window sill of the fourth storey were seen. Two women were at another window screaming frantically.

Two other Chinamen then threw open the window on the first story and jumped to the pavement. One alighted on his head and bounced about a foot.

The flames had spread considerably before they were noticed by the occupants of the building. Two of the chinamen lived in the rear on the fourth floor. They ran thru the flames to the front and shut a door of the front room in order to hold back the flames. In this way they were locked in and had no other means of escape but the front window.

The building was a fire-trap, and fell easy prey to the flames. The only stairway was engulfed in flames in a very few moments, and the windows were the only way by which the occupants could escape.

Deputy Chief Noble and two firemen leaned a ladder against the building and succeeded in getting the two women and two of the chinamen out without much trouble.

One woman's hair was nearly burned off.

The loss will amount to about $5000.

Lumber Yard Damaged.

A few minutes after the King-street fire broke out an alarm was sent in for a blaze in Hutchinson's Lumber Yard on Queen-street, opposite Power, which was of an incendiary origin. The damage amounted to $5000. Shortly before the blaze broke out five youths, all under 20 years of age, were seen running away along East Queen-street by P.C. Frice (60). He immediately rang in the alarm and gave chase, but without success. The fire originated in a two-storey roughcast planing mill, and most of the damage was to the machinery. The firemen were soon on the scene and succeeded in saving many piles of lumber.

FARMERS' BANK CASE DEFERRED

Owing to Death of Dr. Thorburn, Chief Justice Meredith Postponed Enquiry Till May.

Owing to the death of Dr. Thorburn, a son-in-law of Chief Justice Sir William Meredith, the enquiry into the defunct Farmers' Bank was postponed until May. Sir William was at Osgoode Hall, but did not leave his chambers, and Frank Hodgins, K.C., made the announcement.

W. R. Travers will likely be taken back to Kingston until the enquiry is reopened.

LONDON PRESBYTERY FOR UNION

LONDON, Ont., March 27.—The result of the church union vote in the London Presbytery is: For the union—Elders for 186, against 96; members for 2909, against 1816; adherents for 847, against 645. For the basis—Elders for 112, against 69; members for 2322, against 1378; adherents for 478, against 335.

FIGHTING HARD FOR CANADA'S SHIPPING

Big Delegation at Washington Urges That Chicago's Drainage Canal Plans Be Disallowed—Canadian Waterways Commissioners Accused of Exceeding Powers.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(Can. Press).—A notable body of Canadian legal talent, with a fair sprinkling of large business interests, harbor commissions, boards of trade, mercantile and marine organizations, spent two hours before Secretary Stimson today in vigorous protest against the application of the sanitary district of Chicago for permission to more than double the amount of water now being withdrawn from Lake Michigan thru the Chicago drainage canal.

Secretary Stimson was flanked by Gen. Bixby, chief of engineers, and Major Jadwin of the same corps, who have already gone on record as deprecating any increase in the flow of water thru the canal.

The Canadians found much to encourage them in the secretary's ready recognition of their status as protestants. Their basic argument was that the drainage canal had already seriously damaged lake navigation and that it was reasonably certain that to allow the application for the increased flow of water thru the canal would greatly increase the damage to the lake and St. Lawrence river ports.

Rapped Waterways Commissioners

One significant statement in the argument was that the Canadian members of the joint waterways commission, who while objecting to a proposition to allow a flow of 14,000 feet per second thru the canal, had tacitly admitted Chicago's right to take 10,000 feet, had exceeded their powers in recognizing the American right to take any water at all for any purpose except that of navigation.

While expressing appreciation of the hearing by the secretary of war, several Canadians reserved the right to appeal to the International boundary commission under the terms of the last treaty in the event that the decision should be against their claim.

Toronto Vitally Interested.

F. S. Spence, harbor commissioner of Toronto, declared that at periods of low water it was even now impossible for vessels drawing 14 feet to get into that harbor, altho it had been dredged to the rock, so that a further reduction would be fatal to the commercial interests of this, the only commodious harbor on the north shore of Lake Ontario.

David Seath, secretary of the Montreal Harbor Commission, described the vast commercial importance of the harbor, which would be injuriously affected by the increase of water flow thru the drainage canal.

Mr. Reifert of the Montreal Board of Trade dwelt on the same topic, pointing out that the large sum of money that Canada had expended in deepening Montreal harbor had made cheaper freight rates for both countries.

G. T. Blackstock, K.C., representing Niagara River interests, declared that tthe existing electric power companies would be seriously injured as well as the canal interests if the Chicago application was allowed.

LIVED HERE SEVENTY YEARS

James Allen, 80 Years Old, Died on Grange-avenue Yesterday.

For more than seventy years a resident of Toronto, James Allen died at 32 Garnet avenue yesterday. He was eighty years old, and until lately had lived at 172 Grange avenue. He was a member of St. Philip's Church for many years.

There survive four sons—James, Thomas J., David and William, all of Toronto.

The funeral will take place from his son's residence, 32 Garnet avenue, to St. James' Cemetery, to-morrow at two o'clock.

CANADIAN GIRLS 'WHITE SLAVES'

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., March 27.—(Special.)—Charged with importing four white slaves from Canada, William Weeks, proprietor of a road house near Lewiston, was arrested by United States authorities to-day. Scores of young girls have recently been taken from Canada to the States by white slavers, it is claimed. The federal authorities are determined to break up the traffic.

AT LAST

The B'ar Hunt Is On.

First Move Towards Establishment Of Government Dispensing System

"Banish the bar" is the first move of the Ontario Liberal party towards the establishment of the government liquor dispensing system in Ontario. This statement is based on the same sources of information that enabled The World last Thursday to announce, five days in advance of all the other Toronto papers, the decision of Mr. Rowell to take the plunge by adopting the anti-bar plank.

Ex-Mayor Thomas Urquhart and Dominion Alliance President F. S. Spence are advocates of the dispensing system as a step towards absolute prohibition. Several of the eminent clergymen who were conferred with by Leader Rowell respecting his "Banish the bar" plank are in favor of the dispensing system for Ontario. They point out that government ownership and control of the liquor traffic was at one time zealously advocated in England by Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, who had been generally impressed by its operation in Norway. As a revenue producer the government liquor monopoly is the big item in Russia. What the Liberal clerical and lay managers like about the government liquor dispensing system is that it solidified the political party in power in the southeastern American States which adopted it, because it is claimed a bonanza as a revenue producer, and ceased to be a troublesome political issue by practically extinguishing the prohibition third party movement.

Reasonable Position.

President J. S. Robertson of the Canadian Temperance League said to The World last night that Mr. Rowell's announcement, in his opinion, "placed the temperance movement in Ontario in a more favorable position than it had ever been in before."

In the inner circles of the temperance party the situation is amusing. The Conservatives see that the alliance is absolutely in the control of the Liberals, and they as alliance members are bound to the extent of the adoption of their vital plank. Two of the leading temperance Conservatives in Toronto—both men of provincial reputation—discussed with The World the prospective attitude of Premier Whitney.

"What will Whitney do?" was the question they both propounded. The first of them said: "Sir James is too shrewd to ignore the demand for advanced temperance legislation. In my opinion he will keep his ear very close to the ground and do something."

About Mr. Hanna.

The other Conservative temperance man commended Sir James for being non-committal when interviewed on the Rowell policy, and expressed surprise that Hon. W. J. Hanna should have described it as a "joke." Mr. Hanna must have been caught napping, said the "temperance Conservative."

In professional Liberal party circles the fear was expressed that Sir James would go to the electors as early as possible on some other popular issue before the Liberal organizers could get the Rowell forces reorganized under the new temperance policy.

In view of the new development the electoral action committee, which was appointed by the alliance to force Mr. Rowell's hand, by preparing to put up independent temperance candidates, is being held in abeyance. It will probably be held towards the end of next week, after the Toronto Alliance branch convention has helped to clear the air.

WORKMAN DIED OF HIS INJURIES

Charles Rhode Fell 60 Feet When Plank Gave Way in Wellington Street Building.

Charles Rhode, who fell sixty feet at the old Standard Bank Building, Wellington-street, yesterday morning, died shortly before midnight.

The bank building is being remodeled. Rhode was working on the main floor, and had to go to the fourth floor for some tools. Stepping from the elevator his foot rested on a frail plank, which gave way with his weight. He fell sixty feet to the basement. When picked up he was quite conscious, and even for a couple of hours afterwards his condition was not considered to be very serious. Three ribs had been broken, and one of them was piercing his right lung, and death came about ten hours after the accident.

An inquest will be held.

C. N. R. PROTEST

Chicago Drainage Canal Would Harm Canadian Lake Navigation.

To protest on behalf of the Canadian Northern Railway against the construction of the Chicago Drainage Canal, on the ground that it would seriously harm Canadian lake navigation, Gerard Ruel, chief solicitor, and H. C. Wicksted, chief engineer, yesterday went to Washington, D. C.

"Abolish Bar" Not a Winner

OTTAWA, March 27.—(Can. Press).—Altho Dr. Gordon Henderson, who was the Liberal candidate in West Ottawa in the last provincial elections, is himself an ardent temperance man, the "abolish the bar" platform advanced by Mr. Rowell, the leader of the opposition at Toronto, does not find a great deal of favor in his eyes from a political viewpoint.

"The project," he declared, "will not carry in the cities and towns and in the local option districts. In the places where the liquor traffic is already prohibited by local option, the people will be more or less indifferent to the issue and will vote mostly on party lines."

FREIGHT CARS WERE DERAILED

Rear End Collision Near Kleinburg Tied Up Traffic and Delayed Many Trains.

A rear-end freight train collision occurred about noon yesterday on the C. P. R. near Kleinburg. No one was injured, altho the accident caused the derailment of eight cars and a locomotive.

The direct effect of the accident was to demoralize traffic both ways for a considerable time, as this is a single track division. The Winnipeg flyer, due in Toronto at 3.30, was delayed until midnight, and trains in the rear and those westbound will be affected accordingly.

SKIN GRAFTED ON BOYS' ARM

Frank Kerr Underwent Painful Operation, and Will Leave Hospital in a Few Days.

Frank Kerr, who had his left arm badly mangled at the Ontario Brass Rolling Works six weeks ago, underwent a painful operation at St. Michael's Hospital yesterday when six or seven inches of skin was taken from one part of his body and grafted into his arm.

At an early hour this morning Kerr was resting very quietly, and it is expected that he will be out of the hospital within a few weeks.

Shortly before the accident he was made the recipient of a handsome present from the young people of the Humber Baptist Church.

LAUGHTER AS A TONIC.

Laughter as a tonic beats all the best patent medicines. It drives away dull care, chases away the blues, and makes despondency look like 30 cents.

This tonic and laughter in large chunks will be on tap at the Princess Theatre next week, when Richard Carle, supported by Edna Wallace Hopper, makes his appearance in his latest musical comedy, "Jumping Jupiter."

FOLK-LORE SOCIETY.

The Canadian Folk-Lore Society will not meet to-night, because the paper which was to have been read is not finished.

SOLDIERS READY TO SUPPRESS RIOTING

Serious Outbreak in Staffordshire Causes Order to Be Issued to 10,000 Troops at Aldershot—Miners Likely to Vote for Resuming Work—Wage Bill Law To-morrow.

LONDON, March 27. — (Can. Press.)—Orders were issued at Aldershot to-night for all the troops, numbering 10,000, to be prepared to move at any moment into the colliery districts. Troop trains are being held in readiness. Five hundred troops left Lichfield for Cannock, Staffordshire, where a serious riot occurred this afternoon and a detachment of infantry is quartered to-night at Brynkinalt, where trouble is expected between union and non-union men.

The railway managers have decided to suspend all freight traffic except perishable goods from April 3 until April 9.

LONDON, March 27.—(Can. Press.)—The house of lords to-night passed the second reading of the minimum wage bill without division. During the debate Lord Lansdowne said that the opposition would not amend the bill or delay its passage, but the ministry must accept full responsibility for it. Nobody but the government and their supporters, he added, had a good word for the bill, which failed to satisfy either of the disputants.

Owing to some hitch in the wording of a government amendment and its failure to suit both sides of the house, the Marquis of Crewe announced that the committee stage would be postponed until Thursday. This will result in delaying the royal assent until Friday.

The most serious outbreak since the strike began occurred to-day at Cannock, Staffordshire, where several thousand strikers, accompanied by hundreds of women, raided a colliery in which eighty men were working. They stoned and overpowered the small force of police on guard, setting fire to two buildings and wrecking others. The rioting continued for several hours until large reinforcements of police arrived and scattered the rioters by baton charges.

Back to the Mines.

A prompt decision has been made by

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LANDMARKS ARE FOR BOOKS ONLY.

JOHN, FLORIDA:

Wee York: Th' toon's seethin' aboot big stores, aboot abolishin' th' taiverns, aboot single tax, an' aboot Mayor Geary's want o' policy. I'm waitin' for Johnny Eaton to come hame till I tell him o' th' danger o' movin' awa frae th' ancient bounds o' Wee York! I keepit store just up a block frae Eaton's mony years ago. It was a landmark as ye ken, an' I'd been keepin' store there the noo if George Brown hadna discovered th' makin's o' a publicist in me. An' th' same wi' ye, John. As we are the sole survivors o' those ancient days we must be true to them. Preservin' th' landmarks, instructin' Maister Rowell hoo to win elections by moral issues an' leavin' th' interest alone, haudin' up th' han's o' th' meenister on righteousness, and glen Maister Nelson pointers as Presidin' Judge at th' Woodbine takes a lot o' my time. But I hae to haud Sir Wesleyd, Sir Jeems, Sir Wesium an' Sir Richard up to th' mark as well! So come awa hame, John, and lend a han'. Tammas Church is no th' man at th' oesty ha' as when ye're here to pint him. There's to be another campaign on tubes, viadocks an' annexation! Th' moment Sir Wesium announces that he's bot Leaside, of course I'll be for th' annexin' o' that far-out place. Ye'll hae to jine in too. But there's a river between Leaside an' Donlands! Dinna forget that. But come awa hame, John; I'm tired sittin' on th' lid, an' th' Warf' loon is gettin' too muckle for yin o' us. It'll tak' th' both twa o' us to save th' landmarks o' Wee York. Wee York needs you, John! JAFF.

JAFF, TORONTO:

Florida: Cheer up, old pal! If they pull down the landmarks I'll put them in a book! We can keep them there anyway. That's what we'll have to do. If the peepul are bound to grow out past the burying ground and over the Don let the responsibility be on their own heads! You and me warned them! No place that grows too fast can thrive. Macaulay-town is no more; no, nor Parkdale, or Seaton village or Leslieville, or Yorkville, none have survived. They have been wiped off the face of the map! But they will live in my books and in my Ancient Landmarks, you bet. So will Little York. I regret the growth of Toronto and I predict high taxation. Make one more effort and cry, Beware, the taxes will get you! Of course, I knew all the time it was Eaton's. But I feel pretty much like you—if the peepul will not be warned, if the young and inexperienced will not be warned by the two patriarchs of the journalism of Little York, then will the fate of the children and the two she bears be repeated. We did our duty as we saw it. Anyway, I don't care if the viadock is built if I write the landmarks and you right the wrongs of Little York! JOHN.

SOFT HAT NOVELTIES.

The Dineen Company is showing some very fine blocks in the latest of soft English felt in spring colors of greys and brown. In the selection there are many new designs by such great makers as Henry Heath of London, England, for whom Dineen is sole Canadian agent.