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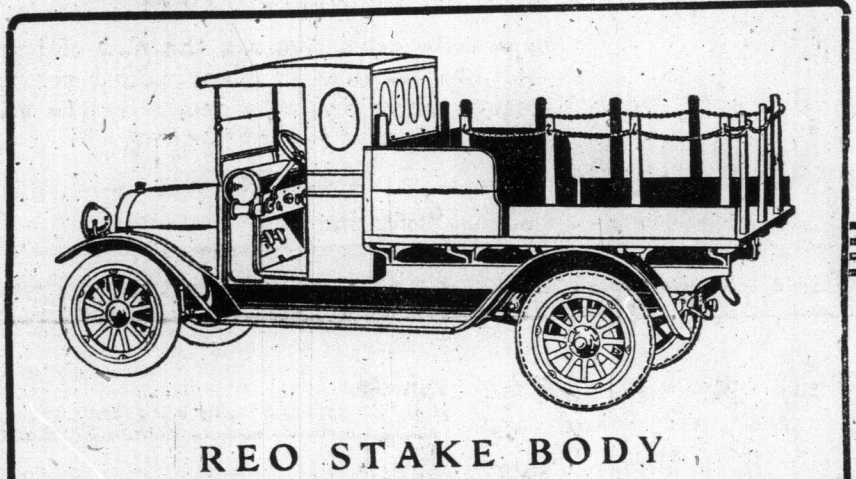
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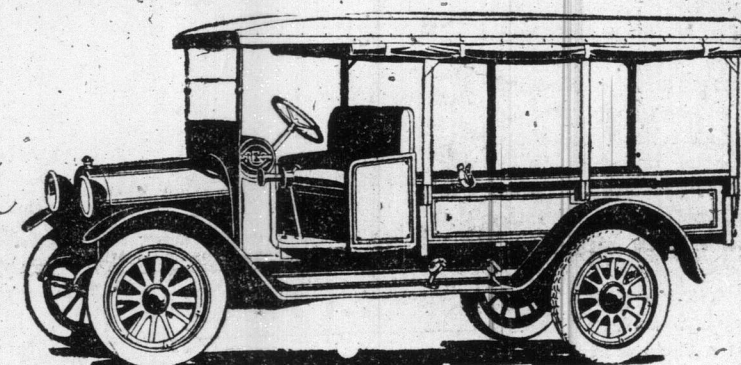
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MACBRIDE LAUNCHES ATTACK ON DRURY; STRIKES LABOR GROUP

Brantford Member Contends That 8-Hour-Day Law Would Eliminate Strikes, Charges Laborites With Having Broken Pledges, Condemns Mothers' Allowances As Meagre, Scores Free Trade Talk.

(Special to The Advertiser.) TORONTO, Feb. 2.—If you want to take a step that will eliminate 99 per cent of the industrial strikes, then enact eight-hour day legislation," declared M. M. MacBride, Independent Labor member for South Brant, in the Legislature yesterday. "If you had enacted eight-hour day legislation last session you never would have had a strike on the Chippewa."

MacBride referred to the eight-hour national day clause in the peace pact, to which Canada is a signatory, insisting that labor legislation is a matter within provincial jurisdiction, he declared. "We are a thousand times worse than the United States if we signed the peace pact and refuse to carry out the terms contained."

Condemns Allowances. The speaker, who only at the opening of this session moved from the Government benches to the other side of the house, condemned the mothers' pension allowances as meagre charity of the worst kind. Cabinet ministers of prosperous provinces, he declared, ought to be ashamed of themselves for the pitiful sums that were being handed out to the widowed mothers of the province. He voiced a demand also for an increase in workmen's compensation allowances to 75 per cent.

Mr. MacBride declared that while he saw no reason whatever why the farmers and labor men of the province should not unite to form a government,

he was of the opinion in the distribution of the fruits of the election hunt the farmers were taking the "bear" and forcing the laborites to take the "rabbit."

CHARGES FRAME-UP. TORONTO, Feb. 2.—Speaking from his new place on the Opposition side of the House, M. M. MacBride of South Brant, in continuing the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne in the Ontario Legislature this afternoon, launched into a warm attack on the Drury Government. He criticized the Government severely for not having introduced a measure to deal with the question of the eight-hour day. The member for South Brant contended that if this were done it would do away with a good deal of the industrial unrest. He charged that the premier had "made a deal with the two labor members of the cabinet," and that in consequence they had jumped off the platform of the Independent Labor Party, so far as the eight-hour day question was concerned. He scored the members on the Government side of the House for the way they had sought to drive political leaders out of public life, and said that it was about time to put a stop to this muckraking.

Attack on Drury. Premier Drury was the object of attack early in Mr. MacBride's speech, which lasted for one hour and fifty minutes. Mr. MacBride censured the free trade talk of the premier. "Let me tell you," he said, addressing the leader of the Government, "that if you ever take down the barriers and let in the great United States capitalists, backed by the gold from Wall Street, you will be nation destroyers, and not nation builders. If the premier tries to ride to Ottawa on that free trade horse, I will be there to block his way for all I am worth."

The mothers' allowance act, passed at the last session, was by no means

satisfactory to the member for South Brant. He said that a government which boasted of being a humanitarian government, and boasted of the last provincial loan being over-subscribed, should be ashamed of the meagre allowance made to widowed mothers. "Shame on you, who call yourselves a humanitarian government and hand a widow a check for a miserable \$10 a month for her and her children," he exclaimed.

Farmer members laughed at this. "Laugh at Anything," "Yes, laugh," said Mr. MacBride. "You would laugh at anything. Let's have a real mothers' allowance act, instead of a cheap, parsimonious one."

He complained that the city Brantford had sent in 50 applications under the act last October, but that up to the present time only 20 checks had been received.

Mr. MacBride pleaded for higher compensation to injured workmen. He said that 75 per cent of their wages was a fair rate. The first charge against any industry should be to care for the men crippled in that industry, he said.

The member for South Brant complained because the Government apparently did not intend to bring in a measure providing for pensions for the aged. Regarding the question of unemployment, he said that it was distinctly the business of the state to provide employment. The establishment of a standing committee on labor legislation did not please Mr. MacBride. This, he said, was "nothing but a convenient sewer down which to drop all contentious labor legislation."

Referring to letters which he alleged had been written to different parts of the country, asking that the names of ten or a dozen citizens, who might be consulted in regard to appointments to the civil service, the member for South Brant said that the Government was thereby seeking to establish the most damnable form of patronage.

Paying his respects to the Hon. W. E. Hailey, attorney-general, he said that "the failure to have successful enforcement of the Ontario temperance act was strictly up to the attorney-general."

"We do not want dictatorship," he continued. "Let us have everything open and above board. Let us have none of this underground stuff. The attorney-general has made a mess of the O. T. A. business."

In conclusion, Mr. MacBride said that he was quite happy "sitting between the Grits and the Tories." He was still an out and out labor man, he declared, and he does not make any difference where a man sits, he concluded. "The great thing is how does a man stand when principles are at stake."

Halcrow Replies. G. G. Halcrow, Hamilton East, said

BAR CHILDREN TO STOP SCARLET FEVER

ST. CATHARINES, Feb. 2.—Owing to an epidemic of scarlet fever in this city, local theatre managers have been officially notified not to admit to the theatres on children under 16 years of age, whether accompanied by adults or not.

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HOLD HALLAM ON CHATHAM CHARGE

William Hallam Again Arrested—Charge of Robbing Frank King.

TORONTO, Feb. 2.—William Hallam, who was arrested here on January 23, as a material witness in connection with the fatal shooting of Mrs. Ruby Cross, for which his brother Stanley is awaiting trial on a charge of criminal negligence, was liberated yesterday on bail, and tonight again arrested. His arrest tonight was on a charge of assaulting and robbing Frank King in Chatham, on September 14 last, when, it is said, William Hallam took \$50 cases of whiskey and gin from King.

SHAUGHNESSY TAKES OPTIMISTIC STAND

TORONTO, Feb. 2.—"Things are not very bright at present, but I believe there is improvement ahead, and not very far ahead," So spoke Lord Shaughnessy at noon today while the private car "Killarney" was being switched to a special train which left directly for Montreal. Coming from such a keen observer of world affairs and so shrewd a prognosticator of world conditions, this statement has particular significance.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY WOULD KEEP EMBARGO

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(Canadian Associated Press.)—The Royal Agricultural Society have refused to attend the national conference to be held in London on the question of the embargo on Canadian cattle, and deprecate the proposal to withdraw the restriction.

WILL ARBITRATE VALUE OF LAND

Owners Wants \$12,000 and Water Board Favors Only \$8,000.

ST. THOMAS, Feb. 2.—Arbitration proceedings were decided upon by the board of water commission today to place a value on the 50 acres of J. D. Ferguson, Edgeware road, which has been appropriated by the board in connection with the proposed water basin. Mr. Ferguson was offered \$8,000 for the parcel, but refuses to sell less than \$12,000. The usual procedure will be followed, the board and Mr. Ferguson each naming an arbitrator, and the two appointed selecting a third.

Rent of Hydrants.

The old agreement having expired the secretary was instructed to ask the city council to name a special committee to meet the board with regard to the rental of hydrants and other property of the board.

Will Delay Work.

The arbitration proceedings will delay much of the work set apart for the men out of employment in the city. Fred W. Kennington, the eldest son of the late Pte. Charles Kennington, of the 23rd Battalion, who fell at the battle of Somme, died this morning at the Annsa Wood Hospital, following an operation for appendicitis. His mother also passed away in the hospital on November 19, 1915, after an operation for the removal of a gallstone. The lad was 45 years old and is survived by a brother and three sisters. Miss Jean Hunter, Queen street, is an aunt. An interment will be Friday afternoon in St. Thomas Cemetery. Trinity A. Y. P. A. Officers. The officers elected to manage the Trinity A. Y. P. A. are: Miss A. Stickle, president; Miss Gladys Arthur, vice-president; Lawrence Billingshurst, secretary-treasurer; Cyril Jagard, literary convener. The members at the meeting last evening heard an interesting and enjoyed address by Miss Lillian McGowan on a "Trip To England with the

V. A. D." The rector, Rev. J. W. J. Andrew, presided. 25th Regiment Badges. The badges selected by the officers of the Fifth Regiment will be "Egin" on the shoulder, instead of the numeral "25th." The design of the cap badge will be the same other than that it will be a half size larger than the collar badge.

Will Meet Consumers. The consumers of natural gas in Fergus and vicinity, and the solicitor of the Southern Ontario Gas Company

will have a conference over differences at the village tomorrow.

E. O. Green, an old resident of St. Catharines, and the last of a pioneer family, passed away today at his home, 100-102, after a long illness.

Back to the Land. R. W. Ball, First avenue, has purchased the 100-acre farm of Clark M. Brown on the 7th concession, and his residence to Philip Downs of London.

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