

NEWCASTLE CONSIDERS LIVING COST

Alderman Stuart Brings Subject Before Town Council and Interesting Debate Results.

Special to The Standard.

Newcastle, Dec. 14.—The Town Council has appointed C. E. Fish to represent it at County Council, and unanimously adopted a congratulatory message to Sir Max Aitken, Newcastle's most distinguished native.

A vigorous debate in the high cost of living was precipitated by a motion to shelve the Department of Labor's communique on the subject.

Ald. H. H. Stuart pointed out that no action could be taken to investigate the cost of living unless the council should first declare that "in its opinion excessive prices are being demanded within the limit of this municipality for any necessity of life." It was pointed out that excessive prices—that is, prices out of due proportion to the cost of production and distribution—were being charged in Newcastle, not only in Newcastle but in countless other places as well. It was the duty of the council to render the government all the assistance in its power by doing all the order-in-council required or allowed in the way of getting evidence as to the cost of living within its own district. He believed that much of the increase in prices was unavoidable, being caused by war, in which so much shipping, metal, food and raw material was being destroyed, so much land being rendered temporarily incapable of production and so many men being withdrawn from productive industry, but at the same time, he believed that part of the increase was not due to unavoidable causes, but was entirely artificial, being caused by speculators who have stored or cornered large quantities of staple articles and are holding them for high prices, regardless of the suffering, such holding may cause among those whose wages have not increased since the war, in the same proportion as have prices. He did not blame the retailers.

It may be that they are making undue profits, but on the other hand it may be that they are making less than before the war, being compelled to pay the wholesalers such prices as prevent them making much. He did not blame the wholesalers, for while they may be robbing the public, they on the other hand may be the victims of persons or conditions further back and higher up. What was needed, and what the retailers should welcome, is a thorough investigation into prices so that the average citizen may be able to understand who, if anybody, or what, if anything, is responsible for the high prices that prevail. He believed that all sold storage plants, all means of transportation and every other business in which monopoly and extortion are possible, should be nationalized, that is owned and operated by the government, and the products sold at cost.

In order to give the retailers of Newcastle the opportunity of publishing their costs, expenses and profits, and thus show the citizens the true state of affairs, so far as local conditions are concerned he would move the following:

That, in the opinion of this council, excessive prices are being charged in the town of Newcastle for the staple necessities of life.

This was seconded by Ald. T. A. Scribner.

Ald. McGrath thought the motion too sweeping.

Ald. Stewart said that the motion must be so worded in order to ensure an investigation. It did not blame anyone in particular. Prices in Newcastle were not, so far as he knew, any higher than elsewhere in Canada. But he believed they were too high everywhere, and the motion, if passed, would set the proper machinery in motion.

Ald. S. W. Miller said that as the government was giving the council a chance to have its say, it should take advantage of it.

Mayor Fish said that the law of supply and demand applied to the local prices as usual, but there was doubtless some artificial inflation of prices somewhere. Lots of things from outside figured in this matter. The council could not help prices much, but there was no harm in the government delegating the matter to the local bodies. Great things might come of these discussions—the solution of the question of civic franchises, monopolies and trusts.

Ald. McGrath's amendment that the discussion be postponed was carried.

CARVELL IS ONCE MORE IN WRONG

As Usual That Gentleman Did Not Know What He Was Talking About.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The statement sent out to Liberal newspapers that Carvell was not refused to Conservative members of parliament now engaged in military duty overseas is not true. The Liberal whip objected to it last year and represented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the house would get entirely out of hand unless the custom of pairing was stopped. It seems that this was agreed upon and that now the whips are to find pairs only among those who are absent.

As there are only three Liberals to fifteen Conservatives on military duty overseas, it will be seen that twelve Conservative members would remain unpaired. Dr. Chabot, M. P. for Ottawa has had a standing pair with Hon. Dr. Beland which has been maintained since the war began, but Sir George Perley cannot get a pair with Hon. Charles Murphy because of the general order and also because Liberal members living in or near Ottawa are expected not to pair at all.

Liberal newspapers which published a denial that pairs had been refused could have readily ascertained the truth by calling upon the Liberal whip.

MASCOT WANTED.

A visitor to the Animal Rescue League on Wednesday was a member of the 21th Battalion, who wished to know if there was at the home a dog which the soldiers could get for a mascot for the regiment. They had owned an eagle which had been shot to the grief of the men. There, unfortunately, was no dog available. Some pup missed an exciting trip.

WONDERFUL RECORD FOR ST. LAWRENCE

Not An Accident to Sea Going Vessels Occured During Past Year.—Hon. Mr. Hazen Thank-d.

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Ottawa, Dec. 14.—During the past year not an accident to a seagoing vessel has occurred in the river St. Lawrence between Quebec and Father Point," writes Henry Fry and Co., of Quebec to Hon. J. D. Hazen. The latter says:

"Our firm has represented Lloyds of London, England, during the past 62 years and 26 other bodies of underwriters in the United Kingdom, continent of Europe as well as America for an average of over 40 years and we beg to inform you that it has afforded us much pleasure to report to them that during the past year not an accident to a seagoing vessel has occurred in the river St. Lawrence between Quebec and Father Point.

Thanks Hon. Mr. Hazen.

"This is highly satisfactory and we believe due to the many improvements made by your department by dredging and additional lighting of the river.

"Allow us to suggest that the above fact should be brought under the notice of underwriters generally by your department, through the press or otherwise.

"We may add that we cannot find another instance of like character in our official records kept during the past 62 years."

LOST HER ANCHORS.

J. Willard Smith received word yesterday that the schooner Coral Leaf lost her anchors near Spencer's Island a few days ago during a heavy storm and beached at West Bay. She is now at Parrsboro, N. S., where she will be refitted.

HON. MR. KEMP RETURNED BY ACCLAMATION

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Hon. A. E. Kemp, minister of militia, was elected by acclamation today in East Toronto.

The speakers congratulated the new minister on his appointment, and on the good work he had done as head of the purchasing commission, and several expressed the hope that in his sphere he would see to it that the men who have served at the front be given positions before the men who were simply content to wear military uniforms.

MR. M'CURDY LEAVES FOR OLD COUNTRY

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—F. B. McCurdy, M. P., parliamentary secretary of the Militia Department, left today for England to discuss with the authorities there matters of military importance. The chief object of the visit to the old country is to get in touch with conditions there.

The Police Court.

In the police court yesterday William Hillan, a suspected bootlegger, was remanded. One drunk was remanded and a man charged with adultery was committed to trial.

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Opportunity is Knocking at Your Door

Washington, Dec. 14.—While it is practically settled that no safe conduct will be issued by the Entente Allied governments to Count Tarnowski, the newly appointed Austrian ambassador, it is also confidently expected that he will be permitted to pass through the blockade lines, like many other civilian passengers, on the Danish steamship on which he will sail from Copenhagen for New York next Saturday.

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