NAVY LEAGUE WIRES PROTEST

Asks Government to Reconsider Proposed Abandonment of Naval Policy.

"Navy League of Canada learns with deep regret intention of government to abandon active naval policy. Navy League covenant calls for action whereby Canada's naval defences may be safeguarded in a manner and to a degree worthy British traditions of sea supremacy and Canada's proud record of the past five years as loyal participating nation in the responsibilities and privileges of imperial unity. Navy League from Halifax to Vancouver stands firm to that covenant and appeals confidently to the government for support."

The above wire has been sent by Dominion headquarters of the Navy League of Canada to the cabinet at Ottawa in protest against the action of the Dominion government in stripping Canada of all naval defences and thus abandoning a naval policy.

Every branch of the league in Canada will be called upon to impress upon the government the need of development of Canada's naval and marine forces. The league represents a membership of 60,000.

CLASSIFY PRISONERS, SAYS JUDGE COATSWORTH

The grand jurors in the sessions, in their presentment, suggested stiffer sentences for those convicted of theft for a second time, which, in their opinion, would act as a deterrent to others. They considered a jail term should be imposed on auto drivers convicted of criminal negligence, and that the full penalty provided by statute should be imposed on persons convicted of arson.

The jurors commented upon the good food provided at the municipal farm, but think that there is more land than can be properly looked after. They suggest that the women's farm be removed from its present location to a part of the men's farm.

The jurors had nothing but good words to say in regard to conditions at the Toronto jail.

A new location is suggested for the Mercer, the Haven, and the Alexandra Industrial School. The jurors reported that they found these institutions clean and in good order.

Judge Coatsworth, replying to the presentment of the jurors, concurred in the suggestion that some of the institutions be removed to locations where the grounds might be large and the surroundings more wholesome than in the city. His honor expressed the view that it was a misfortune that there are no means of classifying prisoners. "We are certainly behind the times in the way we treat the men who are sent to our prisons. They are all herded into one penal institution irrespective of their records. It is painful to send young men or men who have made only a single lapse from the path of right, to associate with the greatest criminals of the land," commented the judge.

WILLS PROBATED.

By his will, dated April 1919, William Power, insurance adjuster, and sometime superintendent of the buildings of the C.N.E., left $100 to each of his three grandchildren, $5,000 to his daughter, Lily Hedges, and the residue in equal shares to his daughters, Amy Ough and Henrietta J. Pratt. The estate is valued at $7,271.

Curtis I. Nelson.

By the will of the late Curtis I. Nelson, science master at North Toronto High School, his wife, Mrs. Gladys Nelson, inherits his whole estate, valued at $4,685.

Joseph Marshall.

Joseph Marshall, who resided at 118 Runnymede road, left an estate of $3,000, and his widow, Mrs. Sophia Marshall, has been appointed to administer same.

Timothy Forsyth.

Timothy Forsyth, who died in Markham township on February 17 last, left an estate valued at $2,743. His children inherit.

CLAIMS RETURN OF DEPOSIT.

Judgment was reserved yesterday by Judge Denton in the action by J. G. F. Ansley against H. Addison Johnston for the return of $300, deposit alleged to have been made in connection with purchase of house at 40 Rushton road. Defendant says plaintiff refused to carry out his bargain.

LEGISLATURE NOTES

Mr. Mewhinney inquires: When did George E. Morrison, provincial inspector, (public accounts, page 617), cease to be in the employ of the board of license commissioners for Ontario? Has anyone been appointed in his place? And, if so, at what salary?

Mr. Pinard asks: Under what authority and on what date was the payment made to J. Castell Hopkins for 10,000 copies of the book entitled "The Province of Ontario and the War," at a price of 47¾ cents per copy, amounting to $4775? (Public accounts, page 771.) Was this book distributed as a campaign document by the late government? Is the matter that was used in this book the same matter that appears in the "Canadian Annual Review" for 1919?

Major Tolmie asks: What was the total cost of the last provincial general election, including expenses for all purposes, and separately, the expenses for enumeration and preparation?

Mr. Marceau will know: What are the miscellaneous services performed by Jas. E. Lawson for the sum of $6000 that was allowed in connection with the Ontario election act?

Mr. Mageau asks: Is the government exacting, or does it propose to exact, either from the old Canadian Copper Company or from the new International Nickel Company of Canada, Limited, and from the Mond Nickel Company, the taxes which the government was entitled to receive under the report of the Royal Ontario Nickel Commission, and under the law, for the prior two years, for which the late government neglected to obtain payment, while enforcing taxation for the two years, 1916-17 and 1917-18?

Mr. Hall asks: Is there any agreement between the government of the province of Ontario and any of the nickel-producing companies, under which Ontario nickel ores are now being refined in Ontario? If so, to what extent is refining of such ores in Ontario obligatory under such agreement? What are the dates of such agreements, if any, and the companies with which such agreements were made?

Mr. Bragg asks: In what capacity is I. F. Corey now employed by the board of license commissioners for Ontario under the Ontario temperance act?

Mr. McAlpine inquires: What were the "services re race track" for which the firm of Clarkson, Gordon & Dilworth was paid the sum of $4350 and traveling expenses of $301.63, totaling $4651.63? (Public accounts, page 771.)

Col. Cooper asks: Are A. R. Boswell and W. G. Vale still in the employ of the government as superintendent and deputy superintendent of insurance, respectively? (Public accounts, page 6.)

Mr. Asmussen wishes to be informed: Is Edward Lewis in the employ of the board of license commissioners for Ontario?

Mr. Rennie has the following inquiry: Are the W. W. Simpson, to whom the sum of $4214.67 was paid for services and expenses of operatives, and the H. E. White, to whom the sum of $7632.60 was paid for services and expenses of operatives, making a total of $11,847.27, the same men who are interested in the Employers' Detective Agency, which was under consideration in the recent investigation before Mr. Commissioner Meredith? Why does the payment not appear as a payment to the Employers' Detective Agency? Are Simpson and White, or either of them, or the Employers' Detective Agency, still engaged by the government?

Mr. Govenlock will ask is a Mr. Cleland in the employ of the board of license commissioners for Ontario, and if so, in what capacity and what are his duties? Was he formerly local manager of the Ontario government dispensary at Hamilton? Is one, W. B. Cleland, general manger of the Ontario government dispensaries under the board of license commissioners for Ontario? Is he any relation to W. B. Cleland, local manager at Hamilton above referred to?

Alfred Hall's standing as a barrister and solicitor is the subject of a bill introduced in the legislature by Andrew Hicks one of the U. F. O. members. Mr. Hall represents that he was called to the bar in Ontario in the easter term of 1898, but owing to irregularity which he lays at the door of the Law Society of Upper Canada, his name was removed from the rolls in 1909.

John Dale O'Flynn of Belleville, a McGill student, who served in the C. E. F., for two years and eight months and now, owing to the effects of the campaign, is unable to attend lectures, is to be authorized to practice by a bill introduced by Mr. Denyes, U.F.O.

The town of Perth asks authority to borrow money for the extension and completion of its sewage system without assent of the electors. Abnormal cost of labor and material is the cause.

High taxes and cost of living in Guelph are driving from Gore Lawn, the home willed to her for life, Florence R. Bond, widow of the late John Martin Bond. The executors were empowered to pay taxes and $100 a year for repairs on the property; but annuity granted and the sum authorized by the will are

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to get into a more economical place, and the trustees would lease or sell the property.

The Toronto city bill asks authority for establishment of Toronto transportation commission for the control and management of the street car systems, including the civic car lines, the construction and operation of motor buses, subways, tubes and all transportation facilities entrusted to it for which purposes it shall have power to borrow money on debentures not to be counted in ascertaining limit of the city's borrowing powers.

The bill affects the assessment of not nearly sufficient. The widow wishes

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To assess Block A Kennedy Park at $500 an acre.

The township of Scarboro bill will validate an agreement with the Gendron Mfg. Co., for a fixed assessment and close Pharmacy avenue.

Mr. Evanturel is in charge of a bill to confirm an agreement between the Riordan Pulp & Paper Co., and the town of Hawkesbury.

George Henry has the Leaside bill to confirm an agreement with the Canada Wire and Cable Co., for a fixed assessment.

APPROPRIATED CLIENTS' MONEY

Sentence of eighteen months at the Ontario Reformatory was imposed by Judge Coatsworth yesterday morning on Stanley Vickery, a mining broker of Toronto, who pleaded guilty to the theft of $588 belonging to clients. In passing sentence, Judge Coatsworth said there were mitigating circumstances in the case.

RICHARD B. FUDGER'S WILL.

Probate of the will of the late Richard Barry Fudger, a director of the Robert Simpson Co., has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Eva Kathleen Fudger, who is named sole beneficiary and executrix. The estate, all personal, is valued at $118,238. The deceased held 1,083 common shares in the R. Simpson Co., valued at $86,640, and 163 preference shares in same company valued at $13,040.

GEORGE OAKLEY'S WILL.

Probate of the will of the late George Oakley, a cut stone dealer, has been granted to his sons George and John P. The deceased left $10,000 stock in the firm of George Oakley and Son to his son George, and the remainder of the property to his wife, Mrs. Mary Oakley. The estate is valued at $24,690.

FINED FOR CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE.

A fine of $100 was imposed by Judge Coatsworth yesterday on Charles B. Wodehouse, who was charged with criminal negligence. While driving auto on November 8th last, he knocked down E. F. Carveth. The fine was paid.

NOT GUILTY OF NEGLIGENCE.

Charged with criminal negligence while driving an auto, Percy Bradford was found not guilty yesterday by Judge Coatsworth and acquitted.

LITIGATION OVER PURCHASE.

Judgment was given in favor of plaintiffs yesterday by Mr. Justice Logie, in the action by Mrs. Isabelle Shyne, and her husband, Morris W. Shyne, against Bessie G. Campbell, for performance of an agreement to sell the property at 64 Westmoreland avenue.

ANDREW E. WRIGHT'S ESTATE.

Probate of the will of the late Andrew E. Wright, an insurance agent, has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Frances Wright, who is named sole beneficiary and executrix. The estate is inventoried at $12,457.

B.O.T.A. CONVICTIONS.

Fines of $300 and costs were imposed in yesterday's police court on Douglas Ellis and on Sarah Kulick, Richmond street, for B.O.T.A. George Robertson was assessed $200 for a similar offence.

NICK CHANGES HIS NAME.

By deed poll registered at Osgoode Hall yesterday, Nick Motink, shoemaker, of Brantford, will now be known as Noel Martin.