YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

EAST TORONTO

"IS PROVINCE SICK?" ASKS LIBERTY MAN

Doctors' Liquor Prescriptions Number 1,000,900 — Dives, Dope, Stills Abundant.

"I have arrived at the conclusion that Ontario must be a very sick province, because, since prohibition became law, 1,900,000 doctors' prescriptions have been issued for liquor for medicinal purposes," said George Yorke, speaking at a Citizens' Liberty League meeting in Snell's Hall, Main and East Gerrard streets, last night. "The prohibition party speaks of the horrors of drink, but what about the horrors of prohibition?" queried Mr. Yorke. "I have been recently informed by the chief of police at Simcoe that there are 50 illicit stills within 12 miles of Simcoe which he is aware of and if prohibition is carried he will proceed to close up. Then there are the dives and dope fiends, the bootleggers and other horrors for which Sir Wm. Hearst, Newton W. Rowell, Rev. Ben. Spence and others are responsible. The parentage is theirs and the yare to be held accountable. It is said in Ontario that the French-Canadians are ruled by the Catholic priests, but in Ontario the people are run by the Methodist parson, who directs the people from the pulpit how to vote.

Bar Not Wanted.

R. C. Wood said no person wanted the return of the open bar in Canada, but Hearst is playing the game of politics and he challenged him: If there is an overwhelming majority of "yes" to question one on the ballot paper, to state openly, if returned to power, if he will accede to the request of the ballot box? Mr. Wood further took exception to the recent statement alleged to be made by Rev. Newton Powell, that the moral depravity of the Germans was to be attributed to them as a beer-drinking nation? "The British are, and always have been, a beer-drinking nation, and cannot be excelled for uprightness and morality, while the Turk, a most inhuman brute, is a total abstainer."

John F. Ashbury, who occupied the chair, in outlining the aims and objects of the league, stated that from a personal canvass, in East Toronto, north of Danforth avenue he is assured that 80 per cent. of the men and women will vote against prohibition.

Y.M.C.A. LEADER CORPS.

The second session in connection with the East Toronto Y.M.C.A. Leader Corps was held in Malvern gymnasium last night, and the membership of the corps was completed.

It was decided to hold a meeting in connection with the membership drive in the Y.M.C.A. building, Main street, on Friday evening, when plans will be arranged, followed by a banquet on Monday evening to the captains and members of teams, when the drive will be launched.

POULTRY FANCIERS MEET.

A meeting of the East York Poultry and Pet Stock Association executive was held last night at the residence of J. Hodges, East Gerrard street, when arrangements for the forthcoming annual show were discussed.

The secretary announced the receipt of three cups, valued at $100 each, donated for the exhibition.

It was decided to change the date of opening to Oct. 29.

EAST TORONTO

HOW TO FILL BALLOT.

A program on the referendum was held under the auspices of Hope Methodist Epworth League in the church on Danforth avenue last night. There was a large attendance and the chair was occupied by Melville Ormerod, president.

An explanation of the ballot was given by W. Ross Smith and a practical illustration how to sign the ballot paper was given by the enumerators who distributed ballot forms to the young people.

All ballots were marked correctly with the exception of one, which was disqualified on account of the crosses touching on the upright or dividing line between the "No" and "Yes" columns.

This, it was stated, is illegal and disqualifies the voter.

YORK MILLS

Harvest Thanksgiving services will be held in St. John's Church, York Mills, on Tuesday, October 2, at 8 p.m. Special preacher, Rev. T. McGonigle, rector of Newmarket, and on Sunday, October 5, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., with a special preacher at the evening service.

BEACHES

REFERENDUM MEETINGS.

Referendum meetings were held last night thruout the east end in several churches of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist communities, and among a number of young people's societies of the Anglican Church. Instructions how to vote and addresses were delivered by members of the referendum committee.

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DANFORTH

Plains Road School Trustees Ask Secretary's Resignation

The school trustees of School Section No. 7, Plains road, have decided that "The old order changeth, making way for the new" in the matter of conducting the business of the board from now onward. A meeting of the school trustees held in Plains Road School last evening decided after a long discussion to request the resignation from the office of secretary-treasurer of the board, of Robert Barker, and the decision was placed in the minutes of the meeting and the secretary instructed to notify Mr. Barker.

R. MacGregor occupied the chair. Regret was expressed that the action was necessary, but it was pointed out that it was difficult to carry on the business of the school section, owing to the frequent absence of the secretary-treasurer, and his failure on many occasions to carry out the wishes of the board. The members desired his presence and co-operation at meetings, but not in the capacity of secretary-treasurer. More up-to-date methods are desired in connection with school matters. Mr. Barker was not present.

CANNOT INSTALL HYDRO.

Owing to the considerable amount of work on hand the Hydro-Electric Commission have notified the residents of the Danforth Park section of their inability to proceed with the installation of the system for some time in their district.

"We are willing to wait a reasonable time under the circumstances," said D. McCarthy of the Danforth Park Ratepayers' Association, "but having been kept back so long, it is only fair to expect them to give preference to the east end section."

MEETING POSTPONED.

The regular monthly meeting of the Amalgamated Association of York Township Ratepayers' Organizations has been postponed to Wednesday, October 8, and will be held in Oddfellows' Hall, Bathurst street. The forthcoming provincial elections and selection of candidates for York Township council will be discussed.

RIVERDALE

Hydro-Electric Representative Shows Plan of Pape Line Poles

Regarding Pape avenue car line, a deputation of residents of Riverdale district, headed by Ald. R. Honeyford, waited upon the Ontario Railway Board at the parliament buildings yesterday. The matter was fully discussed and a plan showing how poles would be arranged on the widened streets was submitted by a representative of the Hydro-Electric Commission.

The T. S. R. were instructed to prepare a plan showing the position of their poles and to report to the board on October 14 at 10.30 a.m.

According to Ald. Honeyford, the city council are apparently anxious to go ahead with the work and the Ontario Railway Board are in favor of the work proceeding at an early date.

LAYING BROADVIEW TRACKS.

The work of relaying the tracks along Broadview from Danforth to East Gerrard street is now under way, and a temporary single line of rails is being used until the work is completed.

RHODES ENTERTAINS VETERANS.

The returned men of Rhodes Avenue Presbyterian Church, with their wives and friends to the number of 200, were entertained, to a banquet and social evening in the Sunday School building last night. A program of music and reading was contributed under the directions of S. C. Parker, choir master, and a humorous address was given by Capt. (Rev.) D. Wallace Christie, returned chaplain and former pastor of the church.

Rev. H. A. Berlis, pastor, occupied the chair, and an enjoyable time was spent.

EARLSCOURT

LADIES' AUXILIARY MEET.

Members of the Earlscourt Ladies' Auxiliary of the G. W. V. A., met last evening at the home of Mrs. Carter, 35 Earlscourt avenue, and enjoyed a social evening. Discussions took place on various matters concerning the association, and plans made for winter's work. Mrs. Stockley is the president of the association.

ATHLETIC CLUB ORGANIZED.

A new athletic club has been organized in Earlscourt for bringing together the younger element, and interesting them in all lines of sport. The merchants of the district are supporting the movement, and have liberally contributed toward the expenses of organization. A complete set of athletic equipment will be stored in the clubhouse at 222 Na rn avenue, Earlscourt.

At a meeting held last night, the following officers were elected: President, Thos. Price; first vice-president, "Billy" Goldring; second vice-president, S. Bromley; treasurer, A. Kipping; assistant treasurer, R. Hardy; secretary, A. McCulloch, and assistant secretary, S. Crossley. It is expected that a membership of some two hundred young men will be the result of the canvass.

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WOMEN VOTERS TO MEET.

A meeting of the women voters of Earlscourt and district will be held in the Earlscourt Methodist Church Thursday, October 2, beginning at 2.30 p.m., to discuss the referendum.

Dr. Andrew S. Grant will speak and Ruthven McDonald and the Referendum Glee Club will sing. It is hoped to have five hundred women present.

MOUNT PLEASANT

ANTI-SECESSION GAINS GROUND.

Information to the effect that engineers had passed the plans for the Mount Pleasant car line was given by President Banton at a meeting of Mount Pleasant Ratepayers' Association, held in Hodgson School last night. Secession or rather anti-secession, and the proposed widening of Mount Pleasant avenue were fully discussed by the members. It was suggested that in view of the activities of the "secessionists" a counter-campaign should be inaugurated by the residents protesting against the inclusion of Mount Pleasant district in the matter. Several members of the association spoke strongly against the movement for disannexation and expressed determination to remain aloof from the proposed "city beautiful," of North Toronto. R. Rodger acted as secretary.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Business men and house builders in the Bloor-Runnymede district express keen disappointment over the failure of the city to improve the roadway west of High Park avenue. They were buoyed up all summer with the hope that the double track and pavement would be put down before winter, but now that this program has, it is understood, been laid over until next year they are demanding that the street be made passable for motors and teams by the use of cinders. A team with a scraper was sent out the other day to level off the mounds and ruts, but this work as an improvement was an entire failure. The partial paving of Runnymede to Annette has afforded some relief to the district, but the surfacing material is still to be laid on this street.

Speaking to The World yesterday, Mr. W. T. Fisher, secretary of the Ward Seven Ratepayers' Association, said that the residents were open to the constant risk of heavy loss by fire, as he believed it would be impossible to take fire-fighting equipment along Bloor street in its present condition. Extra delivery charges must be paid on nearly all building materials and in this way a heavy toll is being levied on the people who are erecting homes in the district.

Another resident figured that the street could be cindered for less than $500, and he says if the work is not carried out pretty soon there will be an insurrection in the west end.

In no part of the city is house building operations so active at present as in the Bloor-Runnymede district. Over 200 houses have been completed there this year and there are about 100 in process of building now. If streets had been in proper condition for teaming there is no doubt that the amount of building would have been much greater. The bulk of the building this year has taken place in the district between Runnymede and Jane and north of Bloor and most of the homes are attractive detached bungalows. Most of this section has water, light and sewers and a start was made this week on the paving of two streets, Colbeck and Beresford. Land values in this section are now up around $40 and $50 a foot. A large amount of building is being carried on in the township between Bloor and Swansea, especially within easy reach of Bloor.

A petition has been forwarded to the city hall, signed by 24 of the 31 property owners concerned, asking that the lots along the south side of Bloor from High Park to Jane street, be annexed to the city. This step was taken to hurry the pavement and other improvements on this street.

The demand for frontage on Bloor is very active and prices are advancing. The southwest corner of Bloor and Runnymede was sold recently for $300 a foot and the other three corners were purchased by banks some time ago for $250 a foot. A drug store is now being erected on the southwest corner and will be occupied by W. J. Stephens, at present at Queen and Coxwell. A block of land on the northwest corner of Bloor and Kennedy streets was sold a few days ago by the Toronto Development Co. to L. L. Corley, a builder. The piece has 55 feet frontage on Bloor.

Messrs. Secord and Howie are erecting a large Ford sales and garage building at 2807-9-11 West Dundas. The building will be of brick with a frontage of 66 feet on Dundas.

The market for houses in North Toronto, real estate men report, is very brisk, and the big trouble, they say, is to get suitable properties rather than buyers. The delay in getting transportation facilities and a better roadway on Yonge street has put a damper on activity to a certain extent, and the boom in vacant land, which was predicted for this summer, has not materialized, altho in the last three weeks a great number of vacant lots have been sold. An Eglinton agent said that land could be purchased today at prices 10 per cent. under values ruling when the war broke out, and this fact has brought a few speculators into the market. Quite a few people in search of homesites are also buying, with the intention of building when materials get back to something like normal.

The following sales of North Toronto properties are reported by H. C. Green, 2537 Yonge street: Residence at 230 Glencairn avenue, from Miss Elder to Benjamin Harrett for $9500; 15 St. Leonard's avenue, from J. H. Bone to Major Tomlinson, for $11,500; 170 St. Clements avenue, from J. W. Davidson to Wm. Carey, for $5500; 35 Montgomery avenue, from Mrs. Fursey to W. Bowrett, for $5000; 8 Cuthbert crescent, from G. A. Hodgson to Major Alley, for $6400; 176 Albertus avenue, from A. W. Blakeman to W. E. Harrison, for $6000; 78 Roselawn avenue, from E. C. Hurlburt to G. R. Miller, for $6000; 57 Broadway, from W. Braybon to E. G. Brisley, for $6400; 53 Glencairn avenue, from E. M. Kent to J. T. Marsh, for $9000; store at 2603-5 Yonge street, from J. H. Ingram to R. H. Switzer, for $7000.

The store at 2615 Yonge street has also changed hands. John Pearce bought thru Rosser & Co. from T. J. Ford.

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WILSON IMPROVING

Washington, Sept. 30.—A bulletin issued tonight at 10.30 o'clock, at the White House, stated:

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