

POSTAL WORKERS ARE UNEASY AT LONG SILENCE

FARM MACHINERY PRICES TO REMAIN ABOUT THE SAME

General Manager Mott of Cockshutt Plow Company Sees Little Change.

AWAITING DETAILS

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.
Brantford, April 11.—Changes in the price of Canadian-made agricultural implements as a direct result of the tariff reductions just proposed by Hon. J. A. Robb, acting finance minister at Ottawa, will be "scarcely noticeable," according to Ezra Mott, general manager of the Cockshutt Plow Company, who was willing to discuss the situation more freely this morning, although unable to state to what degree the Cockshutt business would be hit.

At the time of his departure for Toronto, the general manager had received no reply from Ottawa to his query last night to the local member in the Federal House, W. G. Raymond, as to the finance minister's exact intentions relative to the importation of materials and other accessories essential for the manufacture of farm implements.

Benefit Will Be Slight.

But General Manager Mott is quite frank and emphatic in his announcement that from such information as now available, that the situation is "quite serious" for the Cockshutt Company and other manufacturers affected in Brantford, and in fact, throughout the country.

Mr. Mott goes as far as to state that the farmer will not benefit to any appreciable degree, if at all, from the tariff reductions. Any reductions in costs would result from the sales tax revision, he stated, although he was ready to go into this phase of the question or estimate, even roughly, what just the effect would be.

"The proposals as enunciated by the finance minister yesterday will open the door wide for the free importation of American-made manufacturers," Mr. Mott stated, "but I doubt if the farmers generally will derive any great benefit from the change."

In the general manager's opinion the industry will be hard hit. There are those who will not doubt say, "the budget is a fine thing, but the edges, but they will be hit," he says.

Awaiting Particulars.

"I notice that the Massey-Harris heads have made no comment," he commented, venturing the remark that they will not say that the recent budget is a very fine thing for them when they do make any announcement."

Heads of the Verity Plow Company, another important Brantford industry, were reluctant to make any public announcement this morning, at least until they have given the question their further consideration, and as was the case with the Cockshutt Company, until further particulars are available concerning "material." It was apparent from their attitude, however, that they were not all favorably impressed with the proposal in the main.

General Manager S. B. Chadsey of the Brantford plant of the Massey-Harris Company was unable to offer any snap verdict.

The Robb proposals "were complicated," he stated, and until a consideration by the board of directors and executive in Toronto, it was scarcely likely that any official announcement would be forthcoming as to the budget's effect on their business, favorable or otherwise.

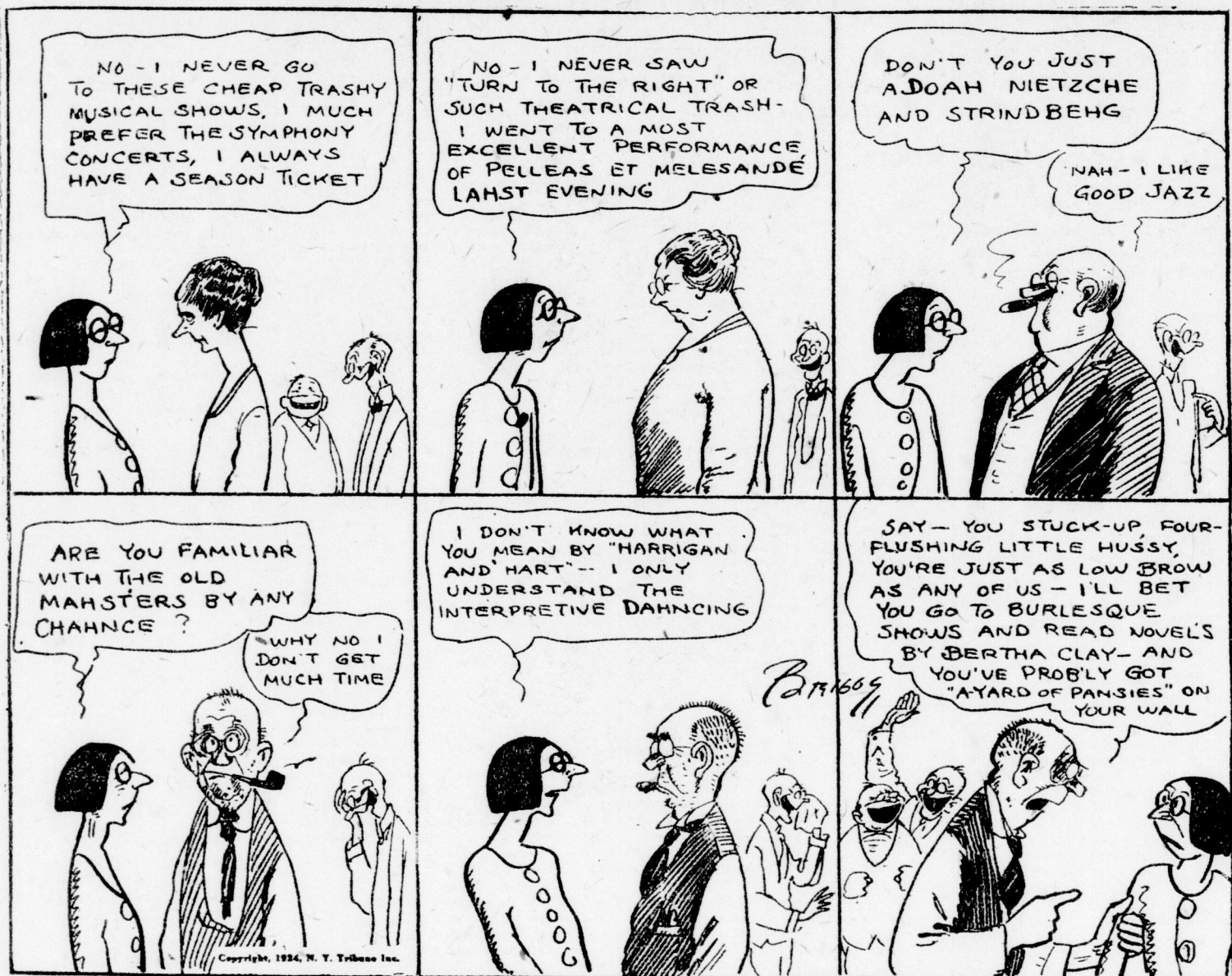
"Don't cut Canadian manufacturers out and drive our best employees in the States," is the plea from Logan M. Waterous of the firm of Waterous Engine Works, makers of sawmill equipment.

As a member of the deputation of Ontario manufacturers who approached Hon. J. A. Robb, acting finance minister, when they visited Ottawa on Monday last, Mr. Waterous still extends hope that their mission will yet be productive of more favorable results, despite yesterday's budget announcement in the federal house.

Claims Industries Hit.

"In common with other industries in Brantford and throughout the province, we are certainly going to be hit hard," Mr. Waterous stated this morning, "but it is the present proposals become effective. Way

THERE'S AT LEAST ONE IN EVERY OFFICE.



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divide the Canadian business with the American manufacturer?

"It would have been far better for us had they left things as they were and proposed no change at all.

"The Canadian field is none too extensive as it is now. If all reports and statistics are correct, as much as \$9,000,000 worth of American machinery was imported during 1923.

"And another thing to be considered. We cannot foresee where lowered prices will result for our customers. Their proposals will merely divide our output with American companies, and there will be no relief for the consumers."

Mr. Waterous submits also that the manufacturers of Ontario were "not given a fair chance to defend themselves in this matter." The cut was merely placed on yesterday, he stated.

We interviewed the Hon. Mr. Robb last Monday, he related, and explained the situation to him as we saw it. We claim that the competition among the Canadian manufacturers is ample to allow us to regulate prices."

Sees Chance Yet.

Mr. Waterous thought, however, that there was still a chance that the government would reconsider certain of its proposals and that good will still come from their plea to the finance minister.

Deploing the continued exodus of Canadian workmen to the United States, he feared further reductions in staffs throughout the province if conditions were not improved.

"And who is taking the place of our best workmen," he asked, "people from Southern Europe?"

Brantford people, chiefly workmen, approached by The Advertiser, showed a zeal imbued with sentiments expressed by the heads of the different manufacturing plants. They foresee, they say, a cut in production, with probably loss of employment or wages.

WILL CONSIDER PROPOSALS.

Special to The Advertiser.
Tillsonburg, April 11.—Mr. W. H. Hill, manager of the Maple Leaf Harvest Tool Company, Limited, when interviewed this morning regarding the lowering of the tariff on agricultural implements, stated that he had nothing to say until it had been considered further by the officials of the company. They are large manufacturers of hoes, rakes, pitchforks and small garden tools, and are naturally very much interested in any tariff reduction along this line.

London Advertiser Marbles and Jacks For Canadian Championship

"MARBLES" for Boys—"JACKS" for Girls

ENTRY FORM

Open to boys and girls in primary schools (not in colleges or secondary schools) from 9 to 13 years of age, inclusive. They can be 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13 years old to compete. If you were 9 by March 1, 1924, and if you will not be 14 until May 1, 1924, you may enter. No entry fee, no charge for any kind.

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Boy's Name for "Marbles"
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Street Address
School
Form
Age Date of Birth
(Day, month and year)
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Now is the time to destroy all injurious members of the bird family. Get out your trusty blunderbuss and snipe off as many crows, cowbirds, English sparrows and bluejays as you can, and you will be doing a service to the country.

This is the advice of W. E. Saunders, local ornithologist. Mr. Saunders knows the habits of birds as well as any man in the country. Experience has taught him how injurious certain species can be, and how beneficial others are.

"Every day flocks arrive from the north for the spring and summer," Mr. Saunders said. "The domestic sparrow and other insect eaters are coming over in thousands. The Canadian sparrow belongs to the seed-eating family, technically, but in the spring he kills vast quantities of insects and feeds his young with them. Thus he helps the farmer in two ways.

"In Ontario there are only a few species of injurious birds, and these should be speedily exterminated.

Serious Offenders.
"The crow, bronze grackle and bluejays are the most serious offenders. They never omit to eat the contents of small birds' nests, devouring the eggs and the young. They should be killed whenever possible.

A crow's food consists for the most part of injurious insects, and the black crows often follow the plow and eat white grubs which are exposed in the furrow. While this habit is good for agriculture, the crows destroy so many small birds that the good they do is offset by the bad.

"The English sparrow is another menace and the cowbird is probably the most ruthless destroyer of the lot. The fact that the female lays her eggs in nests of small birds and sponges on them for subsistence of her young is not important. But she also robs the small birds of their food until the legitimate occupants of the nest starve to death.

"The result is that we pay a price for every cowbird in Canada—a price of five small birds each, every one of which is worth more to the country as an insect destroyer than the cowbird. So it follows that every one who kills a cowbird in the spring is doing a virtuous deed.

Should Be Destroyed.
"These detrimental birds should be killed about all farmhouses. We don't wish to exterminate the birds altogether, but the crows and English sparrows are breeding so fast that the land may be over-run with them some day. One hundred years ago there were no crows in Canada, only ravens. The ravens were wiped out gradually and now they are practically extinct.

"The robin is a fairly well behaved bird, although he eats cherries. As a matter of fact, there is too much sentiment attached to the robin. He is not half so worthwhile as many people seem to believe."

Mr. Saunders has seen several white crows, sparrows and robins. The one on Grosvenor street reported to The Advertiser this week, Mr. Saunders says is an albino. It is not pure white, having black tinges about the head and tail.

Senate Adjourns Until April 29

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, April 11.—After a brief session yesterday, the Senate adjourned until April 29, having completed all the business before the upper chamber at present.

ELECT CYRIL SULLIVAN PRESIDENT OF ARTS '25

Votes Recorded Today at Western Show No Very Large Majorities.

The elections for the year Arts '25 took place today at the University of Western Ontario, and show no very large majorities. For president, Cyril Sullivan was elected over McKenzie Dobson by 28-23. Margaret Jordan becomes vice-president by acclamation. For secretary, Phyllis Chamberlain was elected over Edna Ivinson by close margin of two votes.

For treasurer, James Talbot beat Jack Givens by 38-28. In the students' council, George Bond was elected over Ted Cowley by a majority of two votes. Marc Auden becomes literary reporter with six votes more than the opposing candidate, Cecil Snyder. The sports representatives, Florence McDonagh and A. Mathews, were elected by acclamation.

A FAMILY ARGUMENT IS SETTLED IN COURT

Matthew Sanford Is Said To Have Attempted To Thrash His Son.

An amicable family agreement has been made between Samuel Sanford and Matthew Sanford, who were expected to appear in police court this morning in connection with a charge of assault laid against Samuel.

The latter, who is Matthew Sanford's son, was alleged to have struck his father following an argument over Samuel's propensity for raving out late at night. Sanford Sr. is said to have attempted to thrash his son and when the latter retaliated with a well directed punch, the father issued a police court summons.

Edward Spencer, counsel for young Sanford, said the quarrel had been settled to the satisfaction of both parties.

MAJESTIC IS NOT OWNED BY TRANS-CANADA CO.

In an account dealing with the possible establishment of Keith vaudeville in London, it was stated that the Majestic Theatre was owned by the Trans-Canada Theatre Company, Limited.

This is not correct. The Majestic Theatre is owned by the Canadian United Theatres, an entirely different organization, of which the Duffield estate holds the majority of stock.

DEAN INNES' SON TO HAVE PAINTING HUNG IN STATES

Former Londoner Completes Fine Picture of Late U. S. President.

MRS. CARLING A SISTER

A former London boy, John Innes of Vancouver, well-known Canadian artist, will be highly honored when his painting, reminiscent of the visit of the late President Harding to British Columbia, will shortly be hung in the United States Press Gallery at Washington. The British ambassador is to make the presentation, which President Coolidge will be asked to accept. The idea of having Mr. Innes reproduce the historic scene on canvas is that of the Vancouver Sun.

The picture is a brilliant piece of art, in which the president is seen standing in Stanley Park addressing a great assembly of people, to whom, with arms outstretched, he brings a message of fraternal greeting.

John Innes is the only son of the late Dean Innes of St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and a brother of Mrs. T. H. Carling.

He was born in London and educated at the old Hellmuth College this city and later at King's College, Sherbourne, England, and Dufferin Mill Academy. He went west in the early days, ranching for some years near Calgary. Returning east he joined the staff of the Toronto Mail and Empire as illustrator and sketch writer. His work also appeared in Saturday Night, Toronto Star and other Canadian, American and English publications. He is an exhibitor in the Academy and O. S. A. During the Boer war he served in South Africa with the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles, winning medals and three clasps. In 1907 he was called to New York as staff artist in the Sunday newspaper field, where while pursuing his art studies, he made weekly drawings for the foremost journals on the continent.

His work is said to have a strong historic value.

His paintings are filled with associations connected with the opening up of the great Canadian west. John Innes was able to paint these accurate delineations of the life of the prairies because he is not only an artist but a pioneer.

In Canada, in Great Britain and in the United States his work is widely recognized and highly valued.

WILLIAMS CHEERFULLY AWAITS KINGSTON TRIP

Commitment Papers Have Not Yet Reached City From Ottawa.

Next week will find "Slim" Williams back in his old cell in Kingston Penitentiary. The commitment papers have not yet reached London from Ottawa, but are expected in a day or two. It was made known today.

Williams is back on ordinary jail fare, and is recovering his usual good spirits, which were blighted during the past two weeks when news of a reprieve failed to arrive. He was told yesterday morning of the deaths of Murrell and Topping, but made no comment at that time.

Today he is quite cheerful, and once more his singing can be heard through the jail corridors.

OTTAWA DECISION DELAY QUESTIONED BY CITY WORKERS

Favorable Reply Expected — Strike Plans Will Follow If Unfavorable.

TALK IS REVIVED

The secretaries of the postal workers' organizations throughout Canada have been informed that all public bodies should be made aware of the seriousness of the postal situation.

The statement comes after three days of waiting at Ottawa since the executive of the Postal Workers' Association met the civil service commission, and once more outlined their demands of salary revision.

Since Tuesday morning when the conference was held, the men have heard nothing from the commission, and their opinion is that the commission is causing uneasiness among the workers by undue delay.

Local men state that they do not know why there should be such a long period of silence at Ottawa as they were led to believe that the work of salary revision was to be gone into at once. However, the London men are patiently awaiting the looked-for announcement from the civil service commission.

The men expect a favorable reply. Should it not be favorable they are prepared to strike. Local branches of the postal workers' organizations throughout Canada have all chosen strike committees, each with a chairman, who is to keep in touch with the men and the headquarters.

The strike committees have been instructed that unless there is a favorable action on the part of the federal government, the committee will be authorized to call a strike at midnight on the day set.

The feeling in Toronto is that there has been already too much delay in settling the important business of the upward revision of postal salaries, and the talk of strike that died down for a few days has been revived.

Postal workers of London stated today that they were being patient, but they felt that the civil service commission should break the silence that they have created.

MURRELL BURIED AT POND MILLS

Funeral Attended Only by Two Ministers and Members of Family.

The funeral of Sidney Murrell, Melbourne bank bandit, who paid the supreme penalty in the county jail yard here, yesterday, was held this morning from the home of his parents, 266 Horton street, at 10:30 o'clock.

Rev. R. E. McAllister, accompanied by a Toronto minister, were the only outside members of the funeral party.

Interment was made in a private cemetery near Pond Mills, a place a few miles outside of the city.

The body was claimed yesterday at 1 o'clock, and taken to his home. A large number of friends called on the family last night.

Both paid \$10 and costs in police court this morning. Dorman said, it was his daughter's 21st birthday, and he wanted to make her feel happy.

When constables arrived at the scene of festivities, six women and four men were in the place. All were drunk. One of the women, on seeing the police, pointed to the men and screamed "Take them away!"

While officers were pounding on the door a heavy blow fell inside which shook the whole house. The noise of the merry-makers aroused neighbors, who put in a call for the patrol.

Both Dorman and Harper denied that anything was wrong. They failed to understand why the constables should interfere with such an insignificant event as a young woman's birthday.

Following an illness of two weeks, the death occurred last night at his residence, 196 Centre street, of Frederick Henry Smith, a retired traveller, in his 64th year. He suffered a stroke, from which he never fully recovered. Born in Goderich, Mr. Smith spent the greater part of his life in London and Stratford, where for a number of years he conducted a hardware business. He was connected with the firm of James Robinson and Company, Toronto, during his period as a traveller. He was a Baptist in religion and a member of the Oddfellows.

Mr. Smith is survived by his widow, three daughters, Mrs. B. D. Trout, 576 1/2 King street, wife of the manager of the Standard Drug Stores; Mrs. Robert MacNicol, Stratford, and Mrs. Fred Campbell, Woodman avenue, city. One son was killed while serving overseas.

The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. from his residence to Woodland Cemetery. Rev. Bowley Green of Talbot Street Baptist Church will officiate.

ROMANIAN RULERS WILL VISIT BRUSSELS IN MAY

Associated Press Despatch.
Brussels, April 11.—The visit of King Ferdinand and Queen Marie of Rumania, to Brussels has been fixed for the first half of May, when they will have finished the latter and informal part of their visit to France. They will probably arrive here on the tenth.

King Albert is much improved following a recent attack of grippe.

Prince Visits Spanish City.

Associated Press Despatch.
San Sebastian, Spain, April 11.—The Prince of Wales, who is visiting Biarritz incognito, made a trip here yesterday accompanied by Lord Gladstone. He walked about town visiting the various places of interest before returning to Biarritz.

Although aware of his presence here, the authorities allowed him to preserve his incognito as the Earl of Chester, showing him no official attentions.

MANY ENTERING BUSINESS GIRLS' CONTEST HERE

Search For Most Popular Young Women Creates Big Interest.

NOT A BEAUTY TEST

Entries for the most popular London business girl contest are coming in at a fast clip and the first list of candidates has been announced. The contest, put on by Loew's Theatre and The London Advertiser, is for the purpose of determining who is the best-liked business woman in the city.

Manager Jackson of Loew's points out that by most popular is meant the young lady who stands highest in the estimation of her friends, co-workers and employers. It is not a beauty contest, and the physical appearance of the contestants should not be taken into consideration.

Any girl, of any age, employed in office, factory or store in London is eligible. She may be nominated by friends or by herself. Employees of Loew's Theatre and The London Advertiser are barred from entering the contest, and no member of the theatre staff will be allowed to vote for candidates.

Ballot forms will be given away at every performance in Loew's until April 26. During the week of April 28 all ballots are to be deposited in the ballot boxes at the theatre, and a special film will be shown every day giving glimpses of London girls in offices, stores and factories.

The following have already registered: Emma Pearson of the London Loan and Savings Company; Gladys Osborne, London Paper Box Company; Hannah Druker, Scambrick Bros.; Mae Mills, Bradstreets; Mrs. Harris Westwell, College; Frieda Wedderburn, London Free Press; Ivy Negus, McCormick Manufacturing Company; May Letbridge, London Hosiery Mills; Margaret Torrrens, London Hosiery Mills.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY ENDS IN ARREST BY POLICE

W. Dorman Celebrates Too Strenuously When Daughter Comes of Age.

Yesterday William Dorman's daughter came of age.

So Mr. Dorman decided to celebrate the event in royal style. He therefore invited friends and relatives to his home at 11 Wellington road and a merry time, as they say in Bingley, was had by all. It was so merry, in fact, that constables received a complaint from neighbors. They failed to understand why the police should be called on the scene of festivities, six women and four men were in the place. All were drunk. One of the women, on seeing the police, pointed to the men and screamed "Take them away!"

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Who is the Most Popular London Business Girl?

Loew's Theatre and The Advertiser want to choose by public ballot the most popular business girl in London.

GIRLS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE.
Any girl, of any age, employed in office, factory or store in London is eligible. She may be nominated by friends or by herself. All names must be given in writing to Manager Fred Jackson of Loew's Theatre.

\$100 IN PRIZES.
The Advertiser is offering \$100 in cash prizes. The most popular girl will receive fifty dollars; the second and third on the list, twenty-five dollars each.

HOW TO VOTE.
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Results of the voting will be announced on Wednesday, May 7.

BOARD DISCOVERS SUPPLY OF COAL SURPLUS AMOUNT

Committee Appointed To Look Into Contracts Under Which Supplies Purchased.

DISCUSS VACCINATION

The board of education, last night, after discussing for ninety minutes the pros and cons of the purchase of nine carloads of coal and arguing on its ability to collect from the coal dealer for a breach of the contract under which it had been bought, suddenly discovered that it had been purchased as a surplus amount, and that the ordinary coal contracts of the board did not apply.

This left the board somewhat flat, in spite of the fine northern spies that Trustee Lawason unpacked for the refreshment of the board after it had been in session for three hours, and the ladies had given the gentlemen permission to smoke, and themselves had taken to fanning with agenda reports to clear the air.

However, on the suggestion of Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt, a committee was appointed, consisting of Chairman Bryden Campbell and Trustees Udy and Cairncross, together with Mrs. Hunt, to look into the contracts under which the board buys its coal.

Mrs. Hunt, who raised the question, said that as chairman of the audit committee, she had come across accounts of coal bought and delivered to the schools, which had not been weighed on the city scales, according to the regular contract. There were nine such bags, three of which had gone to the Technical School.

There was a long and varied discussion on the validity of this procedure, every trustee, with the exception of Trustee Cairncross, taking part.

On the matter of vaccination, the board took a very decided action in regard to a letter from the board of health asking that it take steps to have vaccination amongst school children.

The whole board, led by Trustees Dr. A. J. Grant and Warner, felt, and said, that the board of health was simply "passing the buck," as the vaccination order distinctly stated that the full power and responsibility in this matter rested with the health authorities. The board of education, while wholeheartedly supporting the board of health, absolutely declined to be saddled with the responsibility of enforcing vaccination, and told the health people so.

Trustee Warner said: "While I recognize the full authority of the board of health, I know I would not be vaccinated before I was ordered to be, by the board of health, and there are plenty of people in the same boat."

Mrs. Hunt and Trustee Lawason both took a firm stand when the suggestion was made that the wages of Mrs. McQueen, one of the caretakers and cleaners in the Technical School, be increased from \$12 to \$15 a week.