

CARRIERS GIVEN DIRECT REFUSAL

Acting Postmaster - General Will Not Consider Demands of Employees.

The reply received by Dominion Secretary McMorde of the Associated Letter Carriers from the acting postmaster-general, Hon. C. J. Doherty, relative to the demands of the letter carriers of the Dominion for an increase of \$20 a month to cover the increased cost of living, is a direct refusal to further consider the demands of the men. Hon. Mr. Doherty explains that some months ago when the postoffice department laid the claims of the carriers before the treasury board, that body did not see its way to grant the increase demanded, and that in view of the fact that parliament approved of the \$100 bonus submitted by the committee on supplementary estimates, it is impossible for the postoffice department or the governor-in-council to add to the allowance provided. In conclusion, the acting postmaster-general states that the \$100 bonus was not granted with the intention of fully covering the increased cost of living, but as a help to that end.

"Yes, just a sop to lessen the feeling of general dissatisfaction," said Secretary McMorde to a reporter for The World yesterday afternoon. "Well, there the matter stands," he continued, "and I am aware of the opinion of the branches through the Dominion. Now, we all know how the Le-mieux Act reads as to the privilege and right which belongs to all labor organizations to have their grievances considered by boards of arbitration and conciliation. This letter you have just read entirely omits any reference whatsoever to the request we made in my letter of October 19 for a board of conciliation in the case of its own employees."

The reporter was later informed by Secretary R. H. Cox of the local branch, that a special meeting is to be held a few days hence to deal with the acting postmaster-general's reply.

LATE M. K. COWAN, K.C., BURIED AT BRANTFORD

Funeral Services Were Conducted Yesterday at Late Residence, Castle Frank Road.

The funeral services of M. K. Cowan, K.C., were conducted yesterday at his late residence, 95 Castle Frank road, by the Rev. Robert Cochrane, of College Street Presbyterian Church. The remains were afterwards taken to Brantford for interment. The G. T. R., for which company Mr. Cowan was for many years collector, placed a special car at the disposal of Mrs. Cowan and family.

"Absolute fearlessness in the doing and declaring of what he thought was right was the outstanding characteristic of the man," said Mr. Cochrane. "Had he remained in public life, he would have been a great political leader. He was not only broad-minded, but he had a special aptitude for questions far above the average and he was a powerful speaker. Possessed of peculiar natural gifts, he had a genius for making friends."

Beautiful floral tributes were received from Ospeode Hall, parliament buildings, city hall, A. F. and M. I. O. O. F., and many of the clubs as well as from scores of relatives and friends. The Grand Trunk Railway system was well represented at the funeral, nine men from different parts of Ontario being present in their official capacity.

The pallbearers were Judge Sutcliffe, Judge Rose, Mr. W. F. Menden and W. W. Pope.

WILSON HAS REPLY READY.

Street Commissioner Has Answers Prepared for Street Cleaners.

George Wilson, street commissioner, has prepared replies to the grievances set forth by the employees of the street cleaning department, which he will present to the board of arbitration at its next session. He says representatives of the men and the commissioner have not been able to agree on many of the points in dispute. Owing to the absence from the city of John G. Kent, no date has been set for the next sitting of the arbitration board.

NOMINATIONS CHRISTMAS EVE, Present Legislation Makes This Arrangement Unavoidable.

Nominations this year for municipal elections will be held on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, for mayor and controllers in the morning and in the evening for aldermen and school trustees. The city clerk will seek legislation to avoid the holding of nominations on Christmas Eve in the future. However, the council will this year, as usual, pass a by-law to have the elections on New Year's Day and under this the nominations on Christmas Eve cannot be avoided.

TO CATCH SPEEDERS.

The increasing number of motor accidents has alarmed the mayor, and at the meeting of the board of control he intends to move that the police be equipped with stop watches in order to time automobile speeders. He says that the chief can be given the exact distances between blocks by the assessment commissioner and the ordinary constable can put a stop to speeding if equipped with a split-second timepiece.

GOES BACK TO COMMITTEE.

The question of proceeding with the Crawford street extension and the Gully crescent fill was referred back to the works committee by the board of control yesterday morning.

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ONE DOLLAR BUYS ONLY FIFTEEN MILK TICKETS

Price Up Again This Week Following Controller's Assent to Producers' Recommendation.

Milk has gone up again! Now the housewife is only able to purchase 15 tickets for \$1. This went into force on Monday morning due to the action of the food controller's committee in passing the recommendation of the Toronto Milk and Cream Producers' Association that milk be delivered at the dairies for \$2.50 for an eight-gallon can. During October the price was \$2.30 at the request of Mr. Hanna, but today the dairies have to pay \$2.50. Knowing this was to come, the leading dairies of the city increased their rates on Monday morning.

The food controller's report on the milk situation is that there is absolutely no profiteering in the dairy business. The investigation was thorough and reports of the cost of distribution from dairy companies in different sections of Canada. He says that the present price is as low as it can be put in justice to the distributor.

The producer really fixes the price. When he raises the price to the distributor, he is in turn forced to raise it to the consumer. Everything has gone up in comparison with what it was a few years ago in the dairy business: horses, feed, glass, paper, caps, coal and wages.

R. S. Trimble, manager of Price's Dairy, speaking to The World, said: "If every housekeeper would only do her share towards reducing the expenses of operating things would look brighter. A pint bottle or a half-pint costs just as much to wash and fill and cap as a quart bottle, yet the average housewife orders two pint bottles instead of one quart. And if they would all return the bottles, what a great saving to the dairies! I would like to see into the cellars of Toronto," he added. "I think I would save a few cents in the buying of milk bottles filled with catsup and pickles."

HOTEL EXEMPTIONS.

Board of Control Will Meet Hotel-keepers After Conference.

George Wright and Frank Disette appeared before the board of control yesterday to see what had been done regarding their request for reduced assessments for hotels and were informed that the board would meet with the hotelkeepers after a conference. The assessment commissioner has reported as follows regarding the effect of a 25 per cent. reduction on standard hotel properties: Twenty-five per cent. reduction amounts to \$1,509,992; 33 1-3 per cent. \$2,013,203, and 40 per cent. \$2,415,842.

Table with 3 columns: Land, Buildings, Total realty. Values for 1915 and 1916.

ONE YEAR FOR BIGAMY.

Returned Soldier Pleaded Guilty to Having Taken a Second Wife.

In the county court yesterday before Judge Winchester, Percy Langton was sentenced to one year in the Ontario Reformatory for being pleaded guilty to the charge of bigamy. Langton said that the Germans had driven him crazy and that he would not survive the year, but his honor was of the opinion that there were too many soldiers coming back here and doing such things as this. Langton was said to have married a woman named Mary Hunter while his wife was living. He was sentenced on Monday for having liquor in his possession and when he was sentenced yesterday he said he had served his country for three years in France. The judge stated that if there was one word more from Fischer Kerr, who appeared for the accused, he would send Langton to the penitentiary.

ENDORSE SENATOR IDEA.

The resolution passed at the last meeting of the executive of the Ontario Municipal Electric Association urging the government to appoint a senator to look after the hydro interests was endorsed by the board of control yesterday morning.

LIVELY DISCUSSION OVER BOARD'S ORDER

Mayor Becomes Angry at Head of License Department as Gasoline Line Station is Being Discussed.

Warm words were exchanged for ten minutes at yesterday morning's meeting of the board of control when the matter of the establishment of a gasoline service station at the corner of Delaware avenue and Bloor street came up for discussion. Owing to the opposition of property owners in the district the board of control issued instructions to the license department not to issue the business license until further instructions were given, but the permit was granted.

In consequence the mayor was exceedingly angry and took Edward Davenport, the head of the license department, severely to task. "If you were in the license department you would have been taken out and shot for disobeying orders," said the mayor. Mr. Davenport started to explain that he could not understand the mayor's instructions. They were not full enough and badly written.

"You talk too much," said the mayor, after Mr. Davenport spent about a minute trying to explain his position. "If you don't obey orders we will get somebody there who will." "You get somebody else to do it as you like if you think he can do it better than I can," was Mr. Davenport's reply. A representative of the Canadian Oil Company said that the company did not wish to take advantage of the technically, but he was sure the property owners would not be injured to the extent they thought they would.

"If this goes thru," said W. Pike, "I will go to the court of revision and ask for a reduction of my assessment." Sam McBride entered the argument on behalf of the property owners, and opposed the license department's action. "They got this in an underhand manner," said Mr. McBride. "We never got it in an underhand manner," retorted the representative of the company. "I'll not take that from you."

The board cancelled the permit, and passed a motion of the mayor to transfer the authority for issuing such permits from the city architect to the property committee.

TORONTO CUSTOMS FIGURES INCREASE

October Returns Are Two Hundred and Thirty-five Thousand Higher Than Last Year.

The customs revenue for October, according to a statement given at the Toronto customs office yesterday, was approximately \$1,700,000, an increase of nearly \$385,000 over October last year. The October total is the second smallest for the first ten months of 1917, the total being \$21,244,847. September has the highest record, with \$2,503,818, and April the lowest, with \$3,605,910.

As compared with last year, the first ten months of 1917 shows an increase of nearly \$6,000,000. This year's increase is very striking in view of the fact that last year's figures were considered unusually high.

"LEAF ROLL" MENACE

Disease is Chief Problem Facing Potato Growers in Ontario, Says Prof. Howitt.

Speaking at a conference of potato growers yesterday, Prof. Howitt, director of the Ontario Agricultural College, referred to one disease, known as leaf roll, the elimination of which was one of the greatest problems of Old Ontario. He stated that the climate in Northern Ontario would not allow the disease to drive there, and that potatoes be planted in the other parts of the province. In this way the disease might be eradicated.

PREMIER PRESENTS CAR

Sir William Hearst Hands Over Gift of Ontario School Children to Soldiers at Hospital.

"Amid the cheers of about 800 patients, Sir William Hearst, premier of Ontario, presented the Military Orthopedic Hospital, North Toronto, with a motor bus given by the rural school children of Ontario out of money raised at the fall fairs. The bus is a two-seater, capable of holding 15 persons, and valued at \$2500. It is to be used to carry the patients to and from school. As one of the patients said, "It's the best thing that has ever been given to us."

Sir William Hearst in a few words paid tribute to the returned men, to the work they had done and to the comrades still in France. He said that the presentation showed that the boys and girls appreciated what the soldiers were doing, and that he hoped that the car would be of great use as a memento and to facilitate the carrying of the patients to school.

REASON OF LATENESS.

Attendance at Synagogues Before School is Given.

According to the Hebrew religion, when a mother dies the boy or girl in the family are supposed to go to the synagogue twice daily, morning and evening, to pray for the dead. Boys attending school who are obliged to observe this religious rite are as a result kept late, and have in some schools at least been marked late. Some Hebrew parents have complained about this to Chairman Vokes, and asked that in special cases such as this their children shall not be classified as "late."

GRAND JURY FINDINGS.

In the assize court yesterday true bills were brought in by the grand jury against the following persons: Jacob Kutposki, charged with attempted rape; John Romaniuk, charged with manslaughter; Re, Purdy and Byron L. Kennedy, charged with conspiracy to secure an abortion; John Phillips, charged with manslaughter; Cecil Clements and Isabella Cook, charged with procuring an abortion; Guiseppe Notario, charged with murder; and Gordon McCarthy, charged with manslaughter.

RATEPAYERS WANT MORE HASTE SHOWN

Deputation Waits on Board Regarding Metropolitan Purchase.

"There should be very substantial progress this month," said Mayor Church yesterday morning to a deputation of the North Toronto Ratepayers' Association that appeared before the board of control in regard to the poor progress being made by the city in taking over the Metropolitan Railway.

The letter sent by the association regarding the reception of the last delegation met with was read by the secretary of the board yesterday morning and contained the statement that the deputation was "most courteously received."

"The letter is not fair," protested the mayor. "It's not a proper one to send. No discourtesy was intended." The mayor stated that the board had been besieged by deputations last Wednesday morning, and the North Toronto deputation appeared without an appointment. It was heard. "We gave you 45 minutes. As a matter of fact we gave you all the information we had," claimed his worship.

"I was not even notified of the meeting," said A.M. Ramsden. "There was a certain amount of discourtesy shown the deputation. Mr. Baker could not get a word in," declared Ald. Ball.

The mayor then grew sarcastic and remarked: "We had better hand this over to the North Toronto Ratepayers' Association." He said that the negotiations had been explained and the city was now waiting the company's statement of claim.

"This discussion is hurting the negotiations. We are not losing a day. We ask you to leave the matter with us and not to embarrass us with such discussions as have taken place today," was the statement of Works Commissioner Harris.

CONGRESS MEETS.

Thirty-fifth Gathering of Salvation Army Officers in Toronto.

The Salvation Army congress which opens tomorrow is the 35th annual gathering of this kind which has taken place in Toronto. It will be attended by five hundred staff, field and social officers. This year the attendance has been divided, the officers of the maritime provinces having already met at St. John, N.B. The staff from the whole of the Canada east territory and Newfoundland are meeting in Toronto, but the field officers from Ontario and Quebec only. Lieut. Colonel Olway, who is the provincial commander for Newfoundland, and Mrs. Olway have already arrived.

SOLDIERS' INSURANCE.

A special meeting of the city council held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at which the whole matter of soldiers' insurance by the city will be discussed and the report of the board of control suggesting drastic changes will be presented.

Important Notice To Hydro Users

At the request of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, Hydro customers are asked to use as little current as possible until further notice, particularly from Four-thirty to Six in the Afternoon on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and so help to avoid a possible power shortage for munition plants and other essential industries.

You have been urged lately to economize in the use of many things—perhaps you are sometimes tempted to remark with impatience that little urging to economy is necessary the way the price of everything has gone up. But that is not the case with Hydro. The price has gone down—not up—since the war, in accordance with the Hydro policy of supply at cost.

This, with the advanced price of other illuminants and sources of power (together with the manufacture of munitions and other war supplies) has resulted in a largely increased demand for Hydro. Had the Hydro System been operated for private profit this increased demand might have been met by advancing prices and imposing more exacting conditions on customers.

The Hydro has, however, always endeavored to keep down costs, and supply the requirements of the public. The Hydro is supplying a very large amount of power for munition factories and other war supplies, as well as essential industries, and more will be required. These demands must be met at all costs.

At present we are advised that there appears to be a sufficient supply of power for use in the daylight hours and in the evening after the day load goes off. It is in the early darkness that economy is necessary, when the lighting demands tend to come on before the power load in factories goes off.

If you cannot always reduce your demand during the hours mentioned, do so to as great an extent and on as many days as possible. Every economy, however small, will help to achieve the result aimed at. If each of the 50,000 Hydro customers in Toronto uses even one or two lights less during these hours it will mean a greater reduction than though the whole of the street lights in Toronto were turned off.

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MAPS FOR SCHOOLS.

Board of Education Will Consider Matter Tonight.

The board of education meets tonight in the administration building on College street. Dr. Noble's motion, "That the board strongly recommend that the number of maps be increased so that the necessary maps for each class may be permanently on the walls of the class rooms, and that an amount sufficient for the same be placed in the 1918 estimates," will be considered. Also there will be a discussion on the methods of transferring pupils from one school to another.

COOK GETS HALF.

In the county judge's criminal court yesterday Judge Winchester fined James Marquis, a Greek waiter in the Toronto Cafe, Yonge street, \$50, or in default three months in jail, for committing an aggravated assault on Lee Sing, the Chinese cook in the cafe. The money was paid, of which \$25 is to go to the Chinaman.

NEW METHODIST HYMNAL.

All Hymns Retained Have Changed and Hopeful Terms. The new Methodist Hymnal made its initial public appearance yesterday. It is opened with the Lord's Prayer and closed with the Apostles' Creed. All hymns retained in the new book were passed by a committee of the church and the hymnals of the church and Sunday school have not been intended since W. N. Tilley appeared for the church and I. S. Fairly for the hymnal.

CASE WAS DISMISSED.

Justice Kelly has dismissed the action brought by the Toronto Type Foundry Company, Limited, against the A. B. Ormsby Company, against the sum of \$1200, alleged due for a second-hand boring mill. The machine was not fitted for the work intended and the plaintiffs may remove it.

BRITISH POSITION.

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