

# You'd Honor Hon. W. S. Fielding If Long Day's Work Done

## RETIRING ALLOWANCE SUGGESTED

Toronto Paper's Idea Finds Endorsement in the Queen City.

### ILLNESS REGRETTED

Appreciation of Services to Canada From Friends and Opponents.

(By Canadian Press).

Toronto, Jan. 12.—The Toronto Globe today says:

"The suggestion in the Globe of yesterday that it is true that Right Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, has concluded his long day's work, he be granted a substantial retiring allowance, has met with most favorable comment in Toronto. The expression of regret at his illness and of approval of the granting of some tangible appreciation of his great services come not alone from men who have agreed with Mr. Fielding politically, but also from those who have in the past strenuously opposed his political beliefs and policies."

Then follows favorable comment on the Globe's suggestion by Toronto men including A. O. Hogg, president of the Toronto Board of Trade, R. A. Staples, president-elect of the Toronto Board of Trade, and Sir Jas. Woods, formerly president of the Toronto Board of Trade, and Thomas Bealshaw, general manager of the Massey-Harris Co. and former finance commissioner for Ontario.

Says He Will Retire.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, has no intention of coming back, the Journal is "reliably informed" according to an editorial published today.

"At the present moment he is confined to his bed, but with characteristic determination will be back in his office and there surrounded by reports and documents and correspondence, he is preparing his next budget," the editorial continues.

"Mr. King, we venture to say, will discover in due time that Mr. Fielding is not preparing that budget for delivery by Mr. Ceraar, and to this we add the additional prophecy that Mr. Fielding's determination spells the futility and the failure of the present negotiations with the west."

## RECALLS TIME OF CANDLES ON RAIN

Veteran Conductor is to Retire After Fifty-two Years' Service.

Boston, Jan. 12.—When William F. Sullivan collects tickets on the 5:18 for Riverside, Jan. 31, he will wear his conductor's uniform for the last time for one that date he will retire from the service after 52 years.

Many Changes.

He has seen many changes since he started railroading at 18 years of age. In the early days of his career they used candles for lights and a wood stove to heat the cars. No one ever thought of attempting to read on the train some 30 years ago, and it was so dark the conductor was obliged to carry a lantern to see the tickets. As years went by, kerosene lamps and coal stoves were substituted for the old heating and lighting arrangements. Then gas lights and steam heat were used, and finally electric light and the present heating system came into style.

Fares were cheaper years ago. Two cents a mile was the average cost of a ticket. People could buy season tickets at a much lower rate than those provided nowadays. People are just the same today as they always were, according to the veteran conductor. He doesn't think that people are any less courteous than they ever were, or that their manners have changed in any way. He has known the grandparents and parents of many of the boys who travel back and forth with him today.

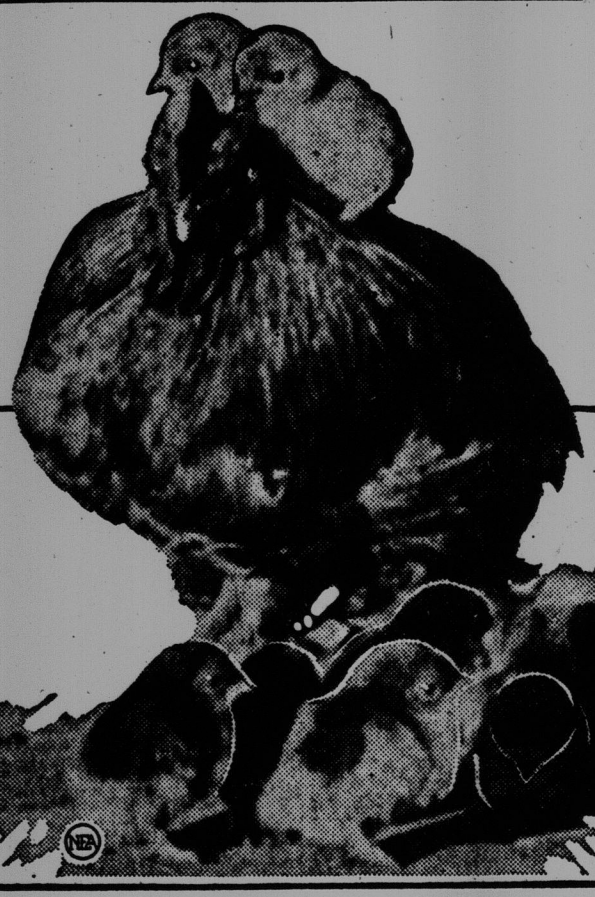
The greatest change that has occurred in all his years' experience has been the increase in the number of women travelers. In the old days there were very few women who traveled to Boston to work, but today there are more women passengers than men.

One of the strangest things to Mr. Sullivan is the change in styles. Fifty years ago tall hats were very common, but they are never seen nowadays. While in the old days colored shirts with white collar were worn only by mechanics, the colored shirt is very fashionable today. Another queer freak of custom is having a crease down trousers legs. In the old days men tried to take the crease down because it distinguished the ready-made man from the tailor-made.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY.

Officers of the Holy Name Society of the Cathedral will be elected at a meeting to be held in St. Vincent de Paul Society rooms after Vespers tomorrow evening. It will be the annual meeting. Tomorrow will be observed as the Holy Name feast day. The members will attend the 7 o'clock mass and receive Holy Communion in a body.

## Barnyard Prodigy Does Everything but Lay Eggs



CHARLIE AND HIS CHICKS

Omaha, Neb.—Significance back of the recent "Father and Son" week may have gone over the heads of a lot of folks. But not over Charlie's. It stirred a new sense of responsibility in him, so Joe Sherman, his owner here, avows.

Charlie's only a rooster. But he quit his crowing and barnyard strutting when smitten with the paternalistic urge, to take up an egg-hatching job, do is translated to mean:

## SAYS VANCOUVER WILL BE GREAT PORT

Pat Burns Foresees Eminence in Shipping of Western City.

Westward flows the tide of empire, and that time is coming when the ports of Eastern Canada must look to their laurels. Within the realms of possibility is the arrival of that day when gold figures, giving the relative business of the Canadian gateways, will place the crown of pre-eminence on the head of Vancouver. Certainly the ever-increasing traffic westward bound from the Pacific Provinces seems to bear a prophetic message.

Such is a part of the future as seen through the eyes of one of the best known citizens of Western Canada—Pat Burns of Calgary, who this week gave to The Toronto Globe a few of his opinions on things commercial. Vancouver, he says, has one of the brightest futures of any city in Canada. All the year round ships leave its harbor for the ports of the world. Asia is discovering the value and desirability of Canadian goods. And Canadians in the West are discovering that shipping rates from Vancouver to New York, via Panama, compare more than favorably with the rail rates across country.

All-year Trade.

There are some sign-posts along the route by which Mr. Burns reads the future. When traffic on the Great Lakes has come to a standstill, trains still pull in and ships pull out on the Pacific ports, bearing the golden flow of Canadian grain. Canadian timber has found recently a lively demand in Japan. Canadian hides, for the first time this year, have met a demand from the same country, the export business having been materially assisted here by the inclusion of such products under the "raw material" classification of the new sales tax.

And other things are finding the same outlook. Canadians are looking westward.

For 1924 he looks on general business with the eye of an optimist, but, he believes, the West is facing another year with one of the greatest crops of history, together with all the advantages which it has brought, in the background. Even though market conditions might have been better, the 1923 crops which the 1923 crop have brought to the West are very considerable. Better a thousand times activity than dullness, is his slogan.

Money Follows Crop.

"The crop has brought money into circulation," he pointed out. "For example, Alberta, with two hundred million bushels, say, has brought into the country nearly a million and a quarter dollars, at least. It is activity, and activity is progress. What we want, of course, is people—people who will go on the land and produce."

General conditions throughout the West, he believes, are very good at the present time. The crop movement is satisfactory. The crop itself came as a vital factor in the prosperity of the people. For 1924 he looks for business to be brisk.

## SCHOONER TAKES CHEER TO ISLAND

Historical Colony Acknowledges Gifts of People of Vancouver.

That the schooner William Taylor, Captain W. Trainor, has arrived safely at Pitcairn Island was shown yesterday by letters of thanks that came from Richard E. Christian, who is head of the Little Island colonies, says the Vancouver Sun.

In September Captain Trainor sailed for South Africa, from here and was going by way of Pitcairn Island. A large quantity of supplies went forward from the Red Cross society, the Seventh Day Adventists and many business houses of the city to give a little cheer to the people who reside on this volcanic island.

The following letters were received without stamps on the envelopes. The fact that "posted on Pitcairn Island, 1923," stamps here, please forward" seemed sufficient to carry these letters to one British colony to another, as every postmaster knows the history of Pitcairn Island.

Pitcairn Island, Nov. 29, 1923.

Canadian Red Cross Society, Vancouver, B. C.

Sir—Your letter dated September 6 by the schooner William Taylor, also the useful things you kind folks sent us all received, of which thank you all for your kindness, and the interest which you took in us.

We are a community of 180, and send you all greetings and best wishes to all the kind folks at Vancouver, and hope the Lord will bless you all.

Our island is very small, two miles long and one mile wide. It is a little place far away by itself—no doctor of any kind on the island, so we have to do the best we could in all cases, and what you sent us comes in just right, and will be of much use and good to the community.

We are keeping the seventh-day Sabbath, have Sunday schools five days in the week, and we pray the Lord will bless all kind hands who sent us these useful things.

Best wishes to all yours very truly,

RICHARD E. CHRISTIAN, Pitcairn Island, Nov. 29, 1923.

## ORGAN TELLS WHY HILTZ GOT SUPPORT

Says That Orangemen Backed Him Because He Merited Post.

Decision to place the name of W. W. Hiltz on the Orange state was made after a comparison of the personalities of the three candidates, and of their services to the city and the Orange order, says the Orange Sentinel in an article on "The O. G. State."

"The Orangemen had three names before them for the office of Mayor, members of the order," says the paper. "Colonel Currie had no municipal experience, and on that ground he was promptly eliminated. That left W. W. Hiltz and Bro. T. L. Church to choose between."

"Whether this election affected the order, one way or the other; so the decision had to be made on the personal merits of the candidates, who it is believed, are the best of the order for years. He served his lodge in the minor offices and as Worshipful Master. He has in the past been a member of the Orange Order, and has shown a deep interest in all the work of the order. In Bro. Tommy Church they had a man who was a member of the Orange Order, and he carried the strings of an Orange banner when a boy, but who has never carried any badge since that time."

More than that, one who had nothing more than the Orange degree until a few months ago, when it is rumored he received the Royal Arch degree. He had held the office of Mayor for seven years, is now a member of Parliament, and has been a member of the Orange Order since its inception. What other decent course was there for the Orangemen to take than to select Bro. Hiltz as their candidate?

The result showed the wisdom of the committee, for the man approved by the Orangemen was elected by a great majority, showing that the voters had confidence in the Orangemen.

## SENATE TO PROBE THE CIVIL SERVICE

Committee Will be Appointed to Investigate Personnel and Cost.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—At the coming session of Parliament a Senate committee will probe the civil service of Canada, its personnel and cost, in an effort to reduce the cost of this branch of administration, which has grown from \$68,438,202 in 1919 to \$56,429,142 in 1922, or an increase of eighteen million dollars following the war. While a portion of the work is now under way, the main inquiry will come on the assembly of Parliament, when Hon. Raul Dandurand, Government leader in the Senate, will ask for the appointment of a Senate committee, before which all Deputy Ministers and others responsible for the number and cost of employees, will be summoned and asked to justify this enormous increase in expenditure. Failing justification the committee will make strong recommendations to the Government that the civil service in personnel and cost be reduced to the point that will not interfere with its efficiency.

MONSTER RADISHES.

Kinston, N. C., Jan. 12.—(United Press.) Arthur Suzuki, artist, has promised to revolutionize the radish industry in this part of the country. Suzuki says he will produce radishes three feet in length, from imported seed. The radishes the painter plans to grow are of Japanese variety.

Nearly 80,000 gallons of whiskey were sold on prescriptions in California during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1923.

## HAWAII'S FIRST

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## WETS TO HOLD BIG CONFERENCE

Nation Wide Drive in the United States Against Dry Laws.

Philadelphia, Jan. 12.—(United Press)—A nation-wide drive against dry laws will be inaugurated in Washington on Jan. 21, at a national conference of the Association Against Prohibition Amendment, according to Charles W. Wood of Philadelphia, executive secretary of the association.

The conference will present to the administration and to Congress the demand of the "best elements of American citizenship from all over the country that the government 'face the facts' of the prohibition issue," Wood said.

Delegates from every state in the Union will attend the conference, according to Wood. Plans are now under way for the association to charter a special train to cross the country from coast to coast, picking up delegates.

"The aim of the association for 1924 is to obtain what immediate relief is possible from the dangerous situation in which the American people find themselves," Wood said. "The 'wet' campaign is being waged with a view to throwing every possible influence behind a demand upon Congress for immediate legislation which will return to the people of the individual states much of the power which Congress usurped by the passage of the Volstead Act."

Hope, Says Wood.

"There is hope that the popular revolt against this iniquitous measure will swing sufficient of the doubtful members of the order," says the paper. "and that remedial legislation can be obtained the life of the present Congress."

Whether this hope proves well founded or not, the association will continue its efforts to keep the issue before the public, whether it be through the efforts of a Congress pledged to a liberal policy, or through the efforts of the people through the votes of the Republicans or Democrats, or both combined.

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AXE COSTS BOY THREE OF FINGERS

Newcastle, Jan. 11.—(Special)—Leo McKenna, of Boom Road, aged seven years, was brought to the Miramichi Hospital this week as the result of an accident, and had three fingers removed from his right hand. The little fellow was endeavoring to fix the runner of his sled with an axe when he slipped and cut the fingers so badly that they had to be removed.

The Northumberland County Council will convene for its annual session on Tuesday next at 8 o'clock in the afternoon. Several new councillors will make their appearance, including three from Newcastle, Town, having been elected last September under the new law which gives Newcastle the right to elect three members of the board. Newcastle had one representative selected from the town council.

## BEGS FOOD AT MAYOR'S DOOR

Feeble Mrs. Stabb had Wandered Streets Nearly Three Days.

New York, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Lena Stabb, who is so old and feeble that she can hardly walk, managed to make her way up the steps of Mayor John F. Hylan's home in 959 Bushwick Parkway, Brooklyn, carrying in her hands the papers that showed she had forsaken allegiance to Germany in 1908 and had become an American citizen. She was trying to ring the doorbell when Patrolman Sylvester Shaw, of the Ralph Avenue station, asked her what she wanted.

"I am an American citizen," said the old woman, "and I want to see the Mayor. I want him to send me to some place where I can have a place to sleep and get something to eat. I am old and I have no friends and I cannot work any longer."

Mrs. Stabb told the policeman that last Thursday she spent every cent she had in the world and that she had been evicted from a room she had at 4400 Myrtle avenue, Brooklyn. Since then, she said, she has been wandering the streets in the cold weather, sleeping in hallways at night and trying to find something to do in the day time. Not since last Sunday morning, she said, had she had anything to eat. Then she only had a roll that a restaurant man gave her before throwing her out.

The policeman told the woman that the Mayor was ill and could not be seen, but that he would do what he could for her. He took her to the Ralph Avenue station, where the policeman on reserve duty there sent out and got her a hot meal. She said it was the best and the most satisfying she had had in a long time. After she had eaten the police made a technical charge of vagrancy against her and she was sent to the Gates Avenue Court. There she told her story again to Magistrate Brown, who held her without bail on the vagrancy charge, so that she could be sent to the House of Correction for a probation officer to make an investigation and if the old woman's story turns out of her mind she will be made to send her to a home.

JOHN R. BRADEN WILL NOT BE SOLD

Presque Isle Owners Highly Value the Iron Grey Pacer.

Boston, Jan. 12.—The Iron grey pacer, John R. Braden, of Presque Isle, is being sold by the owners of the share of the shareholders a dividend of 50 per cent was declared and in addition to the \$100 was voted to charity by the shareholders of the horse in the \$500 towards the John R. Braden Old Age Fund, it being the intention of the shareholders to keep the horse in Presque Isle until he has his last bag of oats and then turn him over to the city and be a part of the city's history.

Scores of other small communities in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Maine are making plans to buy a community race horse, so successful have been the campaigns of John R. Braden. Before his advent in the free-for-all race at the Presque Isle fair three years ago it was simply a matter of time before the horse would be sold for free-for-all the fair began to make money. Last year the people voted through the votes of the Republicans or Democrats, or both combined.

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CANADIAN REFINERIES REDUCE ALL GRADES 15 CENTS A CWT.

The weakness that has characterized the sugar situation since the beginning of the year, still continues to be the main feature of the trade, both in Canada and the United States, and in consequence of which Canadian refiners yesterday made a further reduction in prices for all grades of refined sugar of 15 cents per 100 pounds, which is the fourth decline for the year to date, amounting to 60 cents per 100 pounds. Even, however, at the new level the price is still \$1.55 per 100 pounds higher than at this period last year.

Canadian refiners now are selling extra granulated sugar at \$9.70 per 100 pounds in bags; No. 1 yellow at \$9.30; extra ground at \$9.00; powdered at \$8.90 per 100 pounds in barrels. Paris cut loaf at \$10.30 per hundred pounds in barrels, and diamond cubes at \$10.40 per hundred pounds in 60 pound boxes.

Total used car losses reported by dealers to the National Automobile Association in the U. S. for the three-month period ending October first were \$5,554,000.

## SHIPBUILDING SHOWS DECLINE

U. S. Yards Report 7,000 Tons Less Than Three Years Ago.

Shipbuilding in Great Britain and Ireland is on the increase, while the industry in the United States has declined for the quarter ended December 31, according to statistics compiled by Lloyd's Register of Shipping. The United States is not alone in the depression, however, for virtually all other maritime countries show a loss over the previous quarter.

The quarterly report gives the following table representing gross tons to illustrate in comparative figures the state of shipbuilding throughout the world—

Dec. 31. Sept. 30.

Great Britain and Ireland 1,385,181 1,271,195

United States 91,585 90,383

Other countries 957,570 90,383

World total 2,444,336 2,357,697

Taking into consideration only orders on which work is actually proceeding the actual gain in construction is much more marked, and instead of the gain of only about 6,000 shown by the above table the increase amounts to about 180,000 tons, as shown by the following table of the tonnage of work under way—

Dec. 31. Sept. 30.

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On this basis the actual gain by British yards amounts to more than 200,000 tons, while for other countries a loss of about 20,000 tons is shown.

An encouraging feature of the report is that the returns show that new work commenced throughout the world in the last quarter was about 140,000 tons in excess of launchings. In the previous quarter launchings were about 80,000 tons in excess of new work.

A slight decrease is reported in the volume of tonnage being constructed throughout the world. This is due to a diminution in this class of work in Great Britain, Ireland and the United States, which was not overcome by the increase in tanker building in other countries.

Only one change was noted in the construction ranking of the shipbuilding countries during the last quarter. The German and Italian yards retained the first three places, in the order named, but Holland, which was with three months ago, now takes France's place as fourth, with the British Dominion ranking sixth, seventh and eighth as before. With the exception of Holland, which shows an increase of 6,000 tons, and Great Britain and Ireland, all countries are now building less than they were three months ago.

The following table shows the comparison between the various countries today and one year ago in gross tonnage—

1923. 1922.

Great Britain and Ireland 1,385,000 1,468,000

Germany 836,000 416,000

Italy 119,000 211,000

Holland 112,000 142,000

France 110,000 188,000

United States 91,000 139,000

Japan 63,000 93,000

British Dominions 38,000 46,000

The jury, sitting before Justice Van Sicken, after being out less than an hour, awarded Miss Vahndt \$40,000. Before and after the train started from Grand Central Station the porter, Thomas Perkins, a colored man, came to me four or five times and asked if there was anything he could do for me," Miss Vahndt testified. "I be came suspicious because of his unusual solicitude and placed a hatpin under my pillow."

"I awoke suddenly. It was pitch dark in my berth. Somebody had held me around the waist and was trying to force me to have an annex."

"I screamed and as my assailant withdrew, I recognized the porter. The berth and the train's noise smothered my cries and other passengers did not hear. When I arrived at Ogdensburg I reported what happened to railroad officials."

The Stigherg quay at Gothenburg, Sweden, is being extended and the harbor depth increased to accommodate steamships from the United States.

## LIFTED BY WAVES TO TREE TOP

Jap Fishing Boats are Left High in Branches of Pines.

ONE ON HOUSE TOP

Lecturer Tells of Remarkable Features of Life in Japan.

London, Jan. 12.—A fascinating account of some aspects of life in Japan was given in a lecture at the Royal Geographical Society by the Rev. Walter Weston, who has spent many years in the "Land of the Rising Sun."

The fact that the Japanese are a less nervous and excitable people than most Europeans was doubtless due to the fact that they had been so long familiar with convulsions of nature that constitute the nation's greatest terror. They had suffered more from earthquakes than any other people in the world.

"A severe test of the nerve and endurance of the Japanese," Mr. Weston said, "is imposed by the dreadful tidal waves, which I have known take toll of 27,000 lives on a single occasion."

Fishing Boats on Tree Tops.

"The waves frequently sweep in without warning, and I have seen fishing boats left by the receding waters, high and dry in the tops of pine trees on the devastated shore."

"In one case a man walking on the sands sought safety from the threatening wave by scrambling up one of the long line of boats that barred his way. This was swept forward, and finally left resting on the roof of a solidly built dwelling further inland, its passenger unharmed."

On another occasion an old farmer, high up on a terraced hillside during the harvesting of his precious rice crop, chanced to turn and look out seawards, when a long dark line sweeping from the horizon told of forthcoming disaster.

There was not time to descend to warn and to bring up the villagers from below. He adopted a surer way, for in a swift moment he had fired the sheaves already gathered, and the resulting columns of thick and dusky smoke attracted all eyes and brought every soul up to the spot.

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