

LUNDY TO PROBE PACKING INDUSTRY

Attorney - General Instructs K.C. to Investigate All Mergers and Flotations.

Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney-general, is investigating the packing industry, and has issued instructions to J. S. Lundy, K.C., to enquire into the entire Canadian packing situation, and to make a full and complete report on the combinations of the packing houses and plants of Ontario, which are, or have been, affiliated to American houses.

The attorney-general's probe should go much farther than the recent enquiry by the board of commerce, which dealt solely with the selling end of the packing business, and did not investigate as to whether or not there were combinations, or whether a combine existed at present. Neither were the profits of the plants themselves investigated.

The last packing house controlled in Toronto recently changed into American hands when Sir Joseph Flavelle sold out his interests in William Davies Co., to E. C. Fox and the American associates, John and James Agar of Chicago.

The flotation advertisement which appeared in yesterday's papers showed that the Davies people had gross sales for the year ending March 31, 1919, of some \$68,000,000. The profits for the same period made by the company, while entirely Canadian, are shown to be \$1,215,502, after all interest, taxes and depreciation for the year had been allowed. This merger with a Chicago plant followed closely on the increasing of the capital of the Swift Canadian Company from \$1,500,000 to \$5,000,000, the absorption of the Matthews-Backwell plant with three branches in Canada by the Allied Packers Inc., and the working arrangements recently made with Chicago interests by the Harris Abattoir and Gunns Limited.

For the past two weeks Mr. Lundy has been quietly gathering first-hand financial reports and arranging questionnaires, and will thoroughly dissect these mergers and alliances.

Controlled by Chicago. It is said that every Canadian packing plant is controlled by Chicago, with the Union Stock Yards as the key of the situation, which, it is claimed, is the property of Swift & Co.

If the investigation shows that this state of affairs exists, the attorney-general and members of Premier Drury's cabinet will, it is understood, take favorable action on the suggestion that the provinces should take over the stock yards at once and operate them for the benefit of the farmers and the Canadian packing industry.

It is expected that Mr. Lundy will have his report ready for the attorney-general early in the new year.

INQUEST ADJUDGED.

The inquest on the death of Robert Winlow, who died in the General Hospital from injuries received when struck by a Church car on Wellington street two weeks ago, was adjourned last night until Dec. 23. The conductor of the car and the only witness who saw the accident were not present to give evidence, and Coroner Dr. W. J. McCollum ordered the adjournment.

HAMILTON

Hamilton. Request of Hamilton industries for an increase of 2,000 horsepower from the Hydro Commission has been granted.

Loss of four cents a pound on bacon sides was reported by some retail merchants in testifying today at the Hamilton board of commerce investigation.

The annual Christmas bazaar of Loretta Academy was opened this afternoon.

General Sir E. W. B. Morrison inspected the militia today.

Wentworth county council adjourned at today's meeting, which concluded its business for the year 1919.

The will of Robert Duff has been entered for probate. The estate totaled \$38,448.

Joseph Knight, 250 Wilson street, reports that his wife is missing since yesterday.

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MRS. LIDDELL LAID TO REST.

The funeral of the late Mrs. David Liddell, who died in Wellesley Hospital on Sunday last, took place yesterday from her late residence, 2153 East Gerrard street, to St. John's Cemetery, Norway.

Rev. Eli Middleton conducted the family service at the home, and the public service, which was held at Hope Methodist Church, before a capacity gathering of relatives and friends, was conducted by Rev. A. I. Terryberry, pastor. Rev. Dr. J. W. Graham, former pastor. Rev. Wm. McMullen, Rev. Charles Langford, assistant, and Rev. M. Rogers, Emmanuel Presbyterian Church.

Glowing tributes were paid to the memory of the late Mrs. Liddell by Rev. A. J. Terryberry and Rev. J. W. Graham, who pointed out that the deceased was one of the very prominent members of Hope Church, and always took a prominent part in all activities, and particularly in helping the needy. The husband and one son survive.

COMMISSIONER TO COME.

Commissioner W. J. Richards (Canada East) Bermuda and Newfoundland) will pay a visit to Earlscourt branch of the Salvation Army next Sunday, when special services will be held in Belmont Hall (G.W.A.). Premier Drury has promised Alex. Gordon, leader of the Salvation Army, to meet him here early in the new year. The premier takes quite an interest in Salvation Army work and gladly promised to assist the Earlscourt branch.

CHARGED WITH SHOPBREAKING.

Harry Farthing, George Moore and James Brown, Red Triangle Club, were arrested last night by Detectives Waterhouse and Thompson, charged with theft and shopbreaking. Monday night the accused are alleged to have stolen a horse and buggy from the Nelson Sanitary Company, 531 East King street. They, according to the police, drove to the Lauder Candy Company, 21 Ontario street, and breaking in stole a pair of candies. They drove to a store on East Queen street and disposed of the candies. They were captured last night downtown.

WORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

PLENTY OF POLES BUT NO LIGHT

Ratepayers Give Warm Session to Manager of Toronto Hydro.

F. W. Peasnell, manager of the Toronto Hydro-Electric system, was subjected to considerable criticism at an animated meeting of the joint Woodbine Heights, Danforth Park and Eastdale Ratepayers' Associations held in Gledhill Mission, Gledhill ave., last night to discuss the delay in installing Hydro lights. W. Curtis occupied the chair.

"Class legislation," "stalling" and "camouflaging" the ratepayers and similar remarks were hurled at the Hydro representative by members, many of whom were on their feet at the same time. An excuse made by Mr. Peasnell that there is a shortage of skilled linemen was contradicted by Wm. Miller, Woodbine Heights, who claimed on the authority of J. T. Gunn of the Electricians' Union, that there are at present 25 skilled linemen working the streets out of employment and that the Hydro will not pay sufficient wages.

Mr. Peasnell said "the sole reason the installation is held up is the construction work. The York township council put thru the request for the installation but there are a lot of details to be seen to and the poles have already been delivered." (Laughter.) Continuing, Mr. Peasnell said: "Our linemen are paid as high as any other similar workmen in Ontario and I cannot make any definite promise when our men, who are working at full pressure, can proceed with the work. We have not sufficient power at present owing to the heavy demand and no satisfaction could be given with an extension to the outside districts where the light would be of necessity very dim. However some of the people in the district may be supplied by Christmas. There are 274 houses to be supplied in the Woodbine Heights district and the street lighting will have to remain until the dwellings are served."

T. Corlett pointed out that the Danforth Park district has been waiting for light for six years and that Mr. Cartwright, Talbot street, whose house has only been erected five months, has been supplied with the lights. Mr. Peasnell explained that the person in question must have put up the money to cover the entire cost. "We are a public service institution and as such must protect your interests," said Mr. Peasnell.

"Mr. Cartwright did not put up a nickel," declared Mr. Corlett. J. Thompson read a communication from Sir Adam Beck in which Sir Adam stated that he understood from the engineers department that the work in Woodbine Heights was in full swing.

Mr. Peasnell explained by stating that the York township council had ordered the installation of the section and that the poles had been delivered and would be proceeded with as soon as possible.

Fred H. Miller, reeve of York township, who was well received, outlined the work accomplished by council during the past year. He pointed out that 14,000 houses had been erected and that a sum of \$385,000 was still to be received from the provincial government in connection with the housing scheme.

Frank Barber, township engineer, gave an interesting talk on the water scheme for the eastern section of the township and Wynne Roberts outlined the proposed sewage disposal schemes under contemplation.

W. T. Wrigglesworth, president of the Toronto district and York county branch of the G. W. V. A., candidate for municipal honours, said he was endorsed by the G. W. V. A. and claimed that the veterans deserved representation on the York township council.

Nelson A. Boylen, president Central Council of Ratepayers, outlined the aims and objects of the central body and their needs in the various sections.

W. M. Graham, deputy reeve, pointed out that the delay in installation of Hydro light in the eastern districts did not lie at the door of the York township council. We have the money to give the Hydro when they do their work," he said.

Around the walls were hung charts with the wording: "Another happy Christmas without the Hydro, 'Poles and Promises are no good, give us light.' 'Lost, a bylaw, reward at 40 Jarvis street.' 'We want Hydro light.'"

DANFORTH RATEPAYERS PLAN MEETINGS.

A meeting of the East Danforth Ratepayers' Association, held recently in Gledhill School, Gledhill ave., B. C. Stone, president, in the chair, when the following resolutions were adopted: "That the ratepayers write the different ratepayers' associations in ward eight to urge co-operation in the choice of municipal representatives who are residents of the section; also that special meetings be held in Gledhill School on Monday evening, Dec. 22, when aldermanic and board of education candidates will be invited and a meeting on Dec. 29, when municipal and board of control candidates will be present."

Many local matters were discussed. J. Hughes suggested that the board of education be asked to allow meetings of the association to be held twice monthly for the ensuing six months in Gledhill School. The suggestion was adopted.

TODMORDEN MAN HURT.

Struck down by an automobile while crossing Danforth, was held recently in Gledhill School, Gledhill ave., yesterday, James Meagher, who runs a farm on the Don road, and was injured. He was attended by Dr. Jordan, 97 Danforth avenue, and later removed to the General Hospital. Mr. Meagher and his family reside at Todmorden. His brother, Tom Meagher, is a well-known horseman, having raced horses at Woodbine and other local tracks.

E. C. Holmes, 111 Greenwood avenue, driver of the automobile, was not held by the police of Pope avenue, who investigated the accident.

G.W.V.A. Distress Fund Benefited by Concert

The distress fund of the Earlscourt branch, G.W.V.A., is to be benefited by a concert given last night at the Oakwood Collegiate School, West St. Clair avenue. Alex. MacGregor, K.C., who presided, spoke of the splendid work of the returned men and the desirability of helping them in every possible way to proper positions in civil life. "The distress funds of the various branches," said the speaker, "had his sincere support and he hoped the result of the concert would be satisfactory."

Among the artists who contributed to an excellent program were: Marie Nickoloff, contralto; Helen Hunt, violinist; Ruthven McDonald, basso; J. H. Cameron, entertainer; Rheta Brodie McCall, soprano. Miss Marjorie Cork, accompanist.

CAR STOLEN AND DAMAGED

A 5-passenger Ford car, the property of J. J. Noad, St. Clair ave. W., was stolen from outside his store last night. It was found some distance off considerably damaged. No trace of the thief or thieves could be found. This locality is becoming a favorite hunting ground for motor car thieves.

CONCERT FOR WIDOW.

Charitably disposed friends and neighbors of the Hamilton family of Robina avenue, Oakwood, are making plans to hold a benefit concert in the Oakwood Collegiate School. James Hamilton, a drain digger, was drowned in the Pickering River a few weeks ago when out hunting, and left a widow and eight little children. Much sympathy is expressed in the neighborhood for this bereaved family. Messrs. H. J. Oakes, H. McDonald and J. S. Willis are the committee.

GETS MONS MEDAL.

Lieut. A. V. Conroy, who is connected with Earlscourt, has received word from the military authorities that the Mons Medal is to be conferred on him. Conroy went through most of the campaigns at the front and has just finished a tour in the United States. Lieut. A. V. Conroy, his father is district secretary of Toronto G. W. V. A.

SUBURBAN FARMS SELLING.

There is quite a demand for farms within an hour's motor ride of Toronto, especially to the east and north of the city. Several sales have taken place in Markham township; also other farms near Pickering village.

Three recent sales in Markham township were the Homer Wilson farm of 122 acres, two miles north of Unionville, to Capt. Hendrie Hay of Toronto (lot 22, con. 6); the T. C. Lowry, 75 acres, on the Kennedy road, at Unionville (part of lot 9, con. 6); to A. B. Savage of New York, and the Mrs. Ida A. Cann farm of 150 acres, described as parts of lots 8 and 9, con. 6, to Archie Hutchinson of Toronto. These sales were put thru by Andrew Elder.

Other recent sales near the city were the Gross farm in York township (east half of lot 18, in the third), to Mr. Lowry of Alton for \$20,000; the Geo. McCowan farm of 115 acres, in lot 33, con. C, Scarborough, to a Toronto business man; the Chas. Fitzpatrick farm, Mr. Fitch recently sold to Andrew Grant, and the J. T. Chapman 100 acres, in lot 14 of the first concession of Scarborough, to Reeve Jas. Cornell of Scarborough.

AN AEDERMANIC CANDIDATE.

A deputation of the business men on Danforth avenue and East Gerrard street waited upon ex-Ald. E. A. H. Wagstaff and requested that he accept nomination for alderman for ward one in the forthcoming municipal elections. Mr. Wagstaff accepted it and will be a candidate.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

A number of the parishioners of St. John's Church, York Mills, have petitioned the Bishop of Toronto for the removal of Rev. Mr. Ashcroft, for 20 years a rector of the parish. It ranks next to St. James', Toronto, as the oldest church in the diocese. The petitioners say that the attendance has been falling off. Archdeacon Ingles and Mr. Symons are investigating the petition and will report to the bishop.

BUILDING BOOM ON.

Many substantial residences are at present being erected on the Glen Stewart estate in the Beaches district. Eighteen houses are nearing completion to sell at between \$7800 and \$12,900 each.

The cement abutments for the new bridge crossing the ravine on Glen Manor drive are well under way by the works department. The bridge when completed will be a handsome improvement to the district.

JOSEPH PRICE FOR ALDERMAN.

Joseph Price, Glen Manor drive, a prominent member of the Beaches Business Men's Association, and pioneer builder in the district, is a prospective candidate for aldermanic honors in ward eight.

A large deputation of residents waited upon Mr. Price, who intended to leave for California over the winter, promised to give the matter his earnest consideration.

CARRIED OPIUM.

Geo Lang, 190 York street, was arrested last night, charged with having opium in his possession. A small quantity of opium and a pipe were seized by Plainclothesmen Greenlee and McArthur.

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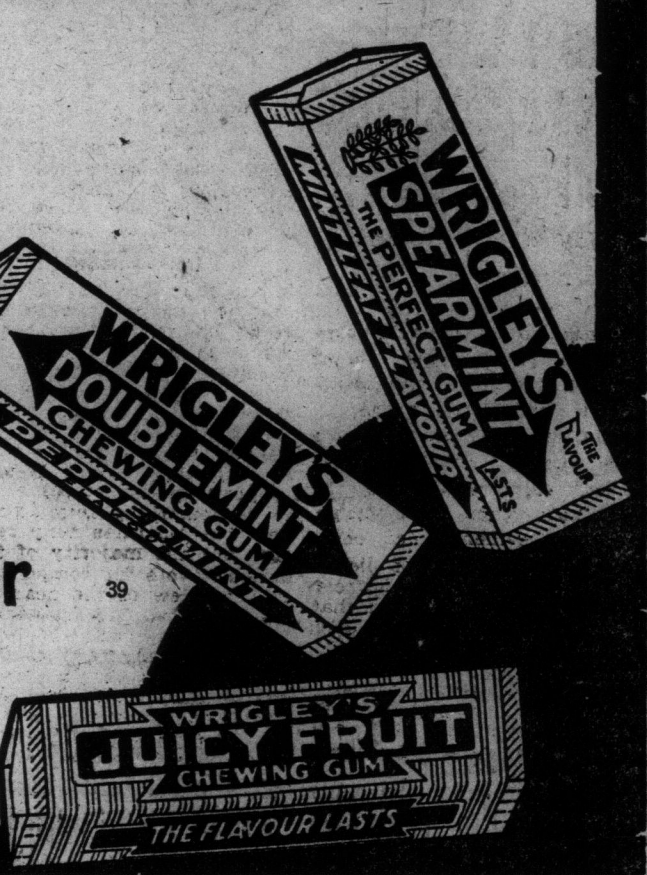
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LIBERTY LEAGUE ENTERS POLITICS

Decides to Contest Municipal, Provincial and Federal Seats.

By unanimous vote the Citizens' Liberty League at their first convention in the Foresters' Hall decided to become an organized body for political purposes and it is their intention to contest seats for the municipal provincial and federal houses. This will not affect the coming municipal elections in Toronto as the resolution is to be submitted to the various branches of the league for a referendum vote by the members.

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today of sleeping sickness. This is the first case and the first death from the malarial in this city.

Lakeview Hotel Total Loss

In Sandwich Township Fire

Windsor, Dec. 10.—(Special)—Lakeview Hotel, situated in the township of Sandwich East, was burned to the ground today, causing a loss estimated at \$20,000. An overcast furnace was given as the cause. No fire-fighting apparatus was available and the proprietor, Frederick Kirsch, was obliged to stand by and witness the destruction of his property without being able to lift a hand to save it.

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