

TORONTO MAYOR IS "BAKER HEIR"

W. W. Hiltz Had Dreams of Sharing Philadelphia Fortune.

LONG PUBLIC CAREER

Has Held Municipal Position For Last 13 Years.

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TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Toronto's mayor-elect was among those anticipatory persons known as "Baker heirs," who for years dreamed that process of the law was about to confer on them and distribute amongst them the Philadelphia estate of Jacob Baker, said to be worth \$800,000,000 and including the site upon part of which the Philadelphia city hall is built.

William Wesley Hiltz was born in Erin Township, Wellington County, on November 2, 1872. The local school with farm chores and work about his father's farm shared his boyhood years. These were followed by training on the Georgetown and Milton high schools and Hamilton Normal College. He began teaching at 18 and after taking a school in Hamilton County he was for two years principal of Weston public school, thus gravitating to Toronto.

In 1911 he made his first appearance in public office being in that year elected to the Board of Education for Ward One. He became chairman of the board in 1913. He was elected alderman in ward one in 1914, 1915, 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1920. He was elected controller in 1921, 1922 and 1923.

For the past 13 years with the exception of one, 1916, he has occupied an elective office in Toronto. In 1914, flushed with his first election to Council, he ran in the provincial election as a Rowell candidate in Riverdale, but was defeated.

Next January he presented himself again to the electors of ward one and though first returns showed him elected he was defeated on a recount by R. M. Yeomans, who secured a majority of four votes.

He married Miss Annie E. Laidlaw of Barrie, in 1899. He has three sons and four daughters. He is a Methodist and a Conservative.

QUAKE SHAKES ITALY

ANCONIA, Italy, Jan. 2.—Earthquake tremors lasting 10 seconds were felt here at 10 o'clock this morning. The disturbance extended in a northerly direction along the Adriatic as far as Rimini and inland as far as Macerata. No damage was reported.

BEST LIVER AND BOWEL LAXATIVE

Headachy, Bilious, Sick, Constipated



WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

No spring or incontinence follows a cathartic liver and bowel cleansing with "Cascarets." Sick Headache, Biliousness, Gases, Indigestion—all such distressing ailments gone by morning. Most harmless laxative for Men, Women and Children—10c boxes, also 25c and 50c sizes, any drug store.—Adv.

Drug Bargains

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

- 10c Dutch Drops 6c
- 35c Beecham's Pills 22c
- 35c Seidlitz 24c
- 2 dozen Bayer's Aspirin, 34c
- 50 English Aspirin 39c
- 100 English Aspirin 69c
- 25c Peroxide 2 for 25c
- 40c Peroxide 2 for 40c
- 60c Peroxide 2 for 60c
- 30c Shiloh Cough Syrup, 24c
- 60c English Milk of Magnesia 49c
- 60c Howard's Cough Syrup 49c
- 50c Olive Oil 29c
- 75c Olive Oil 59c
- \$1.00 Syrup of Hypophosphites 79c
- 25c Tr. Iodine 19c
- 50c Tr. Iodine 39c
- 25c Bay Rum 19c
- 50c Bay Rum 39c
- 1.00 Russian Oil 69c
- 40c Shell Brand Castile, 24c
- 20c Pear's Unscented 16c
- 25c Pear's Scented 18c
- 75c Djer-Kiss Face Powder 48c
- 75c Djer-Kiss Rouge 48c
- 30c Djer-Kiss Talcum 21c
- 50c Madam Winter's Almond Cream 39c
- Santone Beauty Creams—Vanishing, Cold and Massage, regular 60c, special 39c

MITCHELL'S DRUG STORE

114 DUNDAS ST., NEAR TALBOT.

FINN "DIPLOMA MILL" IN CHICAGO ATTIC

Police Say Advertisements Offered To Turn Out Doctors For \$75. CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—An attic room of an imposing building was found yesterday to house a "university," according to inspectors of the Illinois department of registration and education, engaged in a campaign here against alleged "diploma mills." Advertisements of the institution offered to make clients "doctors" for \$75 and \$100, according to John W. Pollmer, an inspector. Federal indictments involving more than 40 alleged operators of "diploma mills" will be asked within the next two weeks, he said.

HOME BANK TRIAL MAY BE DELAYED

Doubtful If Charges Will Be Heard This Month

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—(By Canadian Press).—Eight criminal cases have been set down for trial at the winter sittings which open before Mr. Justice Riddell and a jury on January 14. Whether the charges of conspiracy and violation of the Bank Act, on which the directors and officials of the Home Bank were indicted by the grand jury at the last month's sitting, will be tried at this sitting of the court is doubtful. The appeal from the judgment of Mr. Justice Middleton, finding that the accused were entitled to proceed under the "speedy trials" section of the criminal code and the decision of Mr. Justice Ferguson in granting a stay until the court of appeal passes on Justice Middleton's judgment may compel the traversing of the trial of the charges if it is found that the accused must be tried by a jury until the spring sittings, which open in April.

FATAL ACCIDENTS FEWER IN 1923

Only 139 Reported To Workmen's Compensation Board.

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—There were 61,109 accidents reported to the Ontario workmen's compensation board during the last year, 139 of them being fatal, as against a total of 60,431 during 1922, of which 418 were fatal. While there was over 10,000 more accidents reported during 1923 than in 1922, the increase was in those of a more minor nature. The largest previous yearly record of accidents was in 1920, when the total was 64,551. The total benefits awarded during 1923 amounted to \$6,113,761.74, as against \$5,692,896.91 in 1922, and \$6,189,263.40 in 1921. The compensation amounted to \$5,284,855.84, and the medical aid to \$788,505.90, being an increase of \$384,779.17 in compensation, and \$96,893.96 in medical aid over the previous year. The daily average during the year was 204 accidents, 129 checks issued, \$20,180 benefits awarded, and about 4,000 pieces of mail handled each day.

T. L. MAY NOT RESUME POST AS HYDRO COUNSEL

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Much speculation exists as to whether T. L. Church will be permitted to resume his post of counsel to the Hydro Commission, which he resigned in order to contest the mayoralty. In addition to being member of Parliament from North Toronto, Mr. Church is also a member of the Toronto Harbor Commission. Undoubtedly the defeat of Mr. Church can be ascribed partly to the fact that the citizens considered that he had enough to attend to in these posts. The successful candidate for mayor, when his election was conceded last night, said in regard to Mr. Church: "Toronto has shown that even a favorite son can ask for too much."

RUMORS OF WAR EXCITE ATHENS

Possible Invasion of Macedonia By Bulgars Feared.

PLASTIRAS RESIGNS

New Greek Assembly Convenes At Critical Time.

Special Cable to London Free Press. ATHENS, Jan. 2.—Rumors of impending armed conflict in the Balkans were renewed today. Authoritative quarters learned that 7,000 members of the Bulgarian committee were concentrated in the Bulgarian districts of Radomir, Cusandil and Petritz, threatening an invasion of Greece-Serbian Macedonia. The report added that excitement here caused by the strained relations between Greece and Roumania, following expulsion of the Greek king and queen. The Goumas Government resigned today, as did Col. Plastiras, head of the military directorate, which has virtually controlled Greek affairs for some time. The resignations took place simultaneously with the convening of the new Assembly.

REPUBLIC IS BORN

ATHENS, Jan. 2.—Amid shouts from the deputies and the galleries of "Long live the republic; down with the king!" Greece's revolutionary Government was sworn in today by the newly-elected National Assembly today by Col. Plastiras, head of the revolutionary committee. Col. Plastiras opened the session with a speech in which he enumerated the achievements of the revolutionary government, which took power with the fall of King Constantine in the month of 1922. Premier Goumas followed, with announcement of the resignation of his Government, which held office under the revolutionary regime. The Cabinet withdrew from the session after its resignation. The Republicans and the Liberal Democrats remained in the House and endeavored to form a quorum to elect a Speaker. After a heated debate the House adjourned until Saturday.

Col. Plastiras spoke for an hour in reviewing the work of the revolution. An outburst occurred when Col. Plastiras said he favored a republic because he was convinced that the nation's troubles were due to the Goumas. He said he was happy because Greece's most son, Venizelos, would soon again be in the midst of his countryman. The British and United States diplomats did not attend the proceedings. The Serbian and Swedish representatives were the only ones noticed in the diplomats' box, which was crowded with women. The Assembly forestalled an attempt by the Republicans to introduce a resolution dissolving the dynasty abolished by adjourning to await the arrival of M. Venizelos, who is due tomorrow morning.

BEACONS WILL BE AUTOMATIC

Oil Lights on Great Lakes Are Being Replaced.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—(By Canadian Press).—Wherever possible the Federal Government is replacing the old-fashioned oil lights on the Great Lakes by automatic acetylene beacons. This means that modern invention has ended the lonely vigil of many a lighthouse keeper who formerly spent the season of navigation on some foreign island or cape tending the flare which told of hidden rocks. A case in point is the Griffiths Island Light on Georgian Bay, near Owen Sound. It was established in 1859 and is, therefore, one of the oldest danger signals on Lake Huron. When its keeper was drowned as he attempted to reach the mainland when his work was over, Government officials recommended an automatic light for the island. They said that since the waves more powerful lights had been installed along the coast, reducing its importance. So in the spring the old oil burner disappears and a new automatic takes its place.

Another mariners' landmark upon Lake Superior will receive similar attention from the marine department next season. For many years sailors approaching Thunder Cape have seen the twinkling eye of the lighthouse there and have listened to the bellowing of its foghorn auxiliary. Both light and horn are due for removal to Trowbridge Island, not far away, and will leave in their place an acetylene beacons. Automatic lights require little attention. In the spring the Government tender supplies them with a tank of gas and, barring accident, they burn until the end of the season. When that time comes, if the weather is stormy and the station dangerous of approach, the jet of flame is allowed to burn itself out. But foghorns still require constant attention, and where they are in use a keeper must be on hand to adjust the machinery which produces the notes.

OPIMUM WORTH \$100,000 STOLEN BY THUGS AFTER DARING HOLD-UP

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Nine men held up five guards on a pier at the foot of Congress street, Brooklyn, at day-break today and escaped with 10 cases of opium. Three of the guards were on duty in the pier house, the others in a shanty near the opium cases on the pier head. All were bound and gagged. The thieves, believed to be members of the biggest drug ring in New York, procured trucks and wheeled the cases to waiting automobiles. The opium, sent from Turkey to a Brooklyn wholesale druggist, was valued at \$100,000.

U. S. IMPORTS FROM CANADA DURING NOVEMBER HIGH

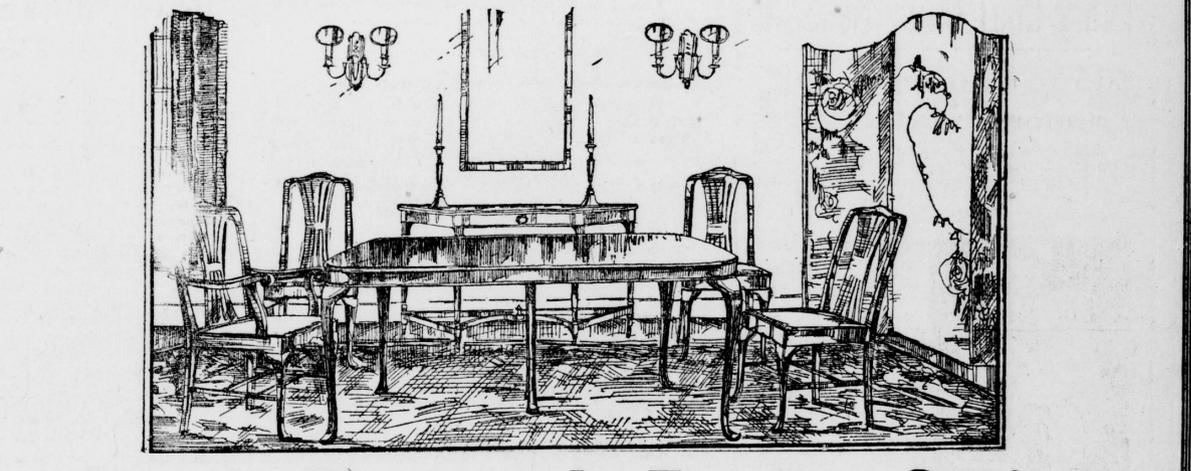
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(Canadian Press).—Canada sold more goods to Uncle Sam than any other nation and was the United States' second best customer during November last, according to trade figures made public today. The imports from Canada showed an improvement for the month as compared with 1922. The figures are \$48,452,937, as compared with \$34,451,896 for November, 1922. Imports from the United Kingdom, second in the list, were \$27,758,887 for November, 1923, against \$23,665,392 for November, 1922. Exports to the Dominion for November last were \$45,742,430, against \$55,985,379 for the corresponding period of 1922. Exports to the United Kingdom were \$99,721,714, against \$89,691,855.

January Clearance

A Sale Day For Each Deptmt

TO-DAY A MONTH OF SALES. TO-MORROW WATCH THIS SPACE.

JANUARY IS THE SHOPPERS' RED LETTER MONTH. It is replete with sale events so exceptional in point of values offered and so comprehensive in scope that they present an opportunity to meet not only immediate home and apparel needs, but also future ones with great economy. Don't miss one single announcement in this space this month. You will profit much by following our January department clearing sales.



January Clearance In Furniture Section

The furniture listed below has been reduced for this sale. The reductions show savings of one-quarter, one-third and in some cases the cost has not been considered, but the price has been made so low that these pieces should sell very quickly. Most of the furniture listed consists of odd pieces left from regular sets and where we do not intend to fill in the suites.

THESE ODD PIECES OF BED-ROOM FURNITURE AT REDUCTIONS OF QUARTER, THIRD AND IN SOME CASES EVEN MORE

In some instances there are two pieces out of the same suite; all are real money-saving opportunities.

ODD DRESSERS

Dresser, genuine walnut, 44 inches wide. January Furniture Sale price \$59.00

Dresser, genuine walnut, 48 inches wide. January Furniture Sale price \$69.00

Dresser, mahogany combination. January Furniture Sale price \$39.00

Three only Odd Dressers, gray enamel. January Furniture Sale prices \$29.00 to \$69.00

One only Gumwood Dresser, natural finish. January Furniture Sale price \$29.00

9 ONLY, WOOD BEDS

In fumed oak, walnut and mahogany. January Furniture Sale prices \$15.95, \$19.00 and \$29.00 each

DRESSING TABLES

One only genuine walnut, triple British plate mirror. January Furniture Sale price \$39.00

One only Quarter-cut Oak Dressing Table, with three British mirrors. January Furniture Sale, one-third off, price \$29.00

Three only Walnut-finish Dressing Tables, triple mirror. January Furniture Sale price \$29.00

Three only Satin Walnut (gumwood) Dressing Tables, three mirrors each. January Furniture Sale price \$19.00

CHAIRS FOR THE LIVING-ROOM, QUARTER AND THIRD OFF

One only Chair and Rocker to match, all-over upholstered with genuine leather. January Furniture Sale price \$33.75 each

One only Oak Chair, with Rocker to match, loose cushion seat and back covered with genuine Spanish leather. January Furniture Sale price \$29.00 each

One only Oak Chair, with cane back, similar to cut; the seats upholstered with good quality tapestry. January Furniture Sale price \$29.00 each

Chair and Rocker, mahogany-finish frames, spring seats covered with tapestry. January Furniture Sale price \$23.75

Four only Walnut Chairs and Rockers, the spring seats are covered with good quality tapestry. January Furniture Sale price \$29.00 each

Three Mahogany - Finish Roll-Seat Rockers, large and comfortable. January Furniture Sale price \$49.00 each

Four only Windsor Chairs, mahogany and ivory combination. Sale price, \$9.95 each

ONE ONLY DINING-ROOM SUITE

Genuine quarter-cut oak, finished two-tone. The buffet is 66 inches long; the table is 45x60 inches and extends to 8 feet; set of slip-seat diners, upholstered in genuine leather. January Furniture Sale price \$219.00

Dining-Room Suite, solid oak, in old English finish, consisting of buffet, 64 inches long, 48x48-inch round top pedestal extension table, and set of six slip-seat diners. January Furniture Sale price \$119.00

ODD CHINA CABINETS, QUARTER OFF

Two only Walnut Cabinets, fitted with drawer of full width. January Furniture Sale price \$59.00

One only China Cabinet, walnut finish. January Furniture Sale price \$49.00

LARGE OVERSTUFFED CHAIRS, QUARTER OFF

Chesterfield Chairs, all made with Marshall spring cushions, covered with high grade tapestry. January Furniture Sale prices, one-quarter off \$45.00 and \$69.00

Chairs, covered with finest mohair. January Furniture Sale prices \$39.00, \$59.00, \$69.00 and \$99.00

Two only Walnut Armchairs, seats and backs covered with best Spanish leather. January Furniture Sale price \$59.00 each

One only Hall Clock, mahogany-finish frame, height 6 feet, has brass dial. January Furniture Sale price \$39.00

ODD BUFFETS

Polished Quarter-cut Oak Buffet, 48 inches long; has one long drawer and two short ones, and full size cupboard. The top is fitted with best quality British plate mirror. January Furniture Sale price \$49.00

One walnut finish, small size, out of breakfast suite. January Sale price \$33.95

January Clearing of Paint, Varnish and Enamel

The prices quoted below are about 20 to 30 per cent. less regular values and include paints and varnishes for woodwork, walls, floors and furniture.

MOORE'S HOUSE PAINT, in white and 36 colors at about 20 per cent. less reduction, every can guaranteed satisfactory as to wear and covering qualities. January Sale price, 1/2-gal. \$2.10; quart, \$1.05; pint, 59c

MOORE'S SANI-FLAT, for interior walls or woodwork, also used as an undercoating for enamel pint, 59c; quart, \$1.05

DOUGALL'S WHITE ENAMEL, for interior walls or woodwork. Sale price pints, 69c; quarts, \$1.19

DOUGALL'S UNIVERNISH, in clear, light and dark oak, walnut, etc. Will not scratch or turn white pint, 59c; quart, \$1.05

DOUGALL'S TRANSPARENT FLOOR, clear in color and dries overnight pint, 69c; quart, \$1.19

DOUGALL'S LINOLEUM FINISH, will not discolor the lightest grounds; dries hard in from four to six hours. January Sale price pint, 69c; quart, \$1.19

DOUGALL'S SPECIAL INTERIOR VARNISH, for floors or woodwork; 20 gallon cans only. Special per gallon \$2.25

LIONOL FLOOR ENAMEL, one-third less; for kitchen, bath, etc.; is waterproof and covers badly-worn floors with two coats; can also be used over old or worn linoleum; colors, gray, tan, buff, walnut, dust and mahogany pint, 59c; quart, \$1.05

MIS MASTER'S VOICE
January Records
Now In

SMALLMAN & INGRAM LIMITED

SHELLAC, orange and white plat, 69c; quart, \$1.19

LINGERWETT PAINT REMOVER, for removing old paint or varnish, pint, 50c; quart, \$1.05; 1/2-gall., \$1.98.

200 1-lb. cans **REFLEX WAX**, for floors, linoleum or furniture, special 29c

C. & B. WAX, special 49c lb.

CLIMAX WAX PAPER CLEANER, for cleaning papered or tinted walls. January Sale 9c tin

SPONGES, for washing painted walls or woodwork 5c each

Odd lines in Paint Brushes 5c, 10c, 20c each

COTTONS, SHEETINGS, ETC.
In January
White Event