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RURAL MAIL CARRIERS LOSE $300 A YEAR ON CONTRACTS, IS CLAIM

Strong Representation Made to the Government—Demand That Carriers Be Paid On Straight Yearly Salary Basis—Inspectors Are Alleged To Use Unfair Methods in Securing Lower Tenders.

Strong representation on behalf of the rural mail contractors of Canada was made at the last session of parliament by Garfield MacKinnon, agent-general and secretary-treasurer of their association. During the session and since he has profferred detailed and extensive reports to members of the House, as well as the officials of the department of postmaster-general.

The most important changes desired in the present system are:

1. All contracts on rural routes and postoffice to railway station routes now in force be cancelled, and that all present contractors be engaged permanently on a straight yearly salary basis, at a rate commencing with $70 a mile per annum for the rural mail contractor and three times the present existing contract price for the contractors as between postoffice and railroad stations.

The reason advanced for this is "that in the past four years their expense account has exceeded their income, to an extent of from three to four hundred dollars per annum. The postmasters, city letter carriers, postal clerks, and even janitors, have received back payments on the basis of the high cost of living due to conditions made by war, while they have suffered three times more than any other of the governmental department employees."

2. In addition to an appeal that all money due be paid up to date at the end of every thirty days, a request is made for nine statutory holidays, with full pay.

3. Removal is asked of all mail boxes from the left side of the highways to the right to prevent possible accidents incurred by crossing from one side to the other.

In conclusion the rural mail men say "there is no other occupation in Canada where employers ever dream of entering upon an engagement with their employees in any way approaching the conditions under which the present Government now engages its mail contractors.

"A disgusting feature in connection with the system," they claim, "is the practce of the postoffice inspectors, who visit the scene of the granting of the contract, and there practice a Jewish bartering system, by which they induce the various applicants to lower one another's price."

GOOD HIDE-AND-SEEK GROUND

The above picture gives an excellent idea of the nature of the country near the Murrell home, and the excellent cover under which the fugitive bandits might lay hidden for days. There are several gravel pits, similar to this in the vicinity, in which it is alleged that gangs of men frequently congregate.

ONLY A QUARTET NOW REMAINS OF MINISTRY; OTHERS HAVE RESIGNED

Guthrie and Ballantyne Said To Regard Meighen's Calling of an Election as an Ill-Advised Action—Foster, Reid and Calder Not To Seek Re-election — All Three Are Anxious To Secure Seats in the Senate—Hon. C. J. Doherty Slated For Permanent Position With League of Nations.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—It is stated here that all but four of the members of the cabinet have tendered their resignations. The four are: Premier Meighen himself, Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance; Hon. Dr. Tolmie, minister of agriculture, and Sir Edward Kemp, minister without portfolio.

The reasons for the tendering of resignations vary. Generally speaking, the desire is to give the premier a free hand in his plans of reconstruction. In the cases, however, of Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce; Hon. Dr. Reid, minister of railways, and Hon. J. A. Calder, neither intends to run again, and all are said to be slated for the Senate, while Hon. C. J. Doherty is booked for Geneva, where he is at present engaged in the conferences of the league. His presence there precludes the possibility of his participating in the campaign in any case.

Wigmore Wants To Be Senator.

Hon. R. W. Wigmore, minister of customs, whose incumbency has been marked by certain political indiscretions, desires sanctuary in the red chamber to fill the vacncy left by the death of the late Senator Domville. In Mr. Wigmore's place the premier would like to bring back Sir Douglas Hazen, a former member of the Borden Government, and now chief justice of the province of New Brunswick. Sir Douglas was tendered a place in the original Meighen cabinet in July of 1920, but then declined.

In the case of certain others who have tendered their resignations, resentment at the bringing on of an election is said to be a prime factor. Hon. Hugh Guthrie, minister of militia, and Hon. C. C. Ballantyne are said to hold the opinion that, apart from the protests of the west against failure to bring about a redistribution, the premier was ill advised in calling an election in the very midst of hard times. Both, however, may be induced to remain.

Bennett May Enter Cabinet.

New material is hard to find. It is a notable fact, however, that R. B. Bennett of Calgary, who early last week pretty definitely stated that he had no intention of coming into the Government, is now halting between two opinions on the subject. He has declined the position of Alberta chief justice, a position which it is now expected T. M. Tweedie, M. P. for Calgary, will secure. Mr. Bennett has a wide knowledge of railway affairs, and a minister of railways at Ottawa is badly needed. It is a well-known fact that Pemier Meighen has had several conferences with President E. W. Beatty of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of late, and the rumor has been revived that the Shaughnessy proposal for consolidation of all Canadian railways under C. P. R management and a Government guarantee of dividends is being considered as an arrangement to be carried out if the Government weathers the election. Mr. Bennett, in days gone by, was counsel for the C. P. R.

Among those on the new slate are John Stewart of Lanark and H. H. Stevens of Center Vancouver, while L. P. Gauthier of St. Hyacinthe is a possibility.

CABINET POSSIBILITIES.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Among the probabilities for new cabinet positions today are Edmond Bristol of Center Toronto, at present engaged in organization for the Meighen party, and Dr. E. Manion of Fort William.

At the coming elections it is stated the Government will run six straight Conservatives in Toronto.

MEIGHEN'S CAMPAIGN PLANS.

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—(Canadian Press).—The prime minister will, in all probability, make an extended political campaign, covering a large part, if not the whole Dominion. There is, as yet, no indication when he will open his campaign, although it is said that his first speech will be delivered in his own constituency of Portage La Prairie. At present cabinet reconstruction has precedence over all other matters. It is possible that the personnel of the new cabinet, and the opening of the election campaign will be announced simultaneously. Mr. Meighen is understood to be planning a tour of the west, with the possible exception of British Columbia, and it is probable that Ontario and the maritime provinces will also be covered.

NEED LEGISLATION TO EXEMPT NEW HOMES FROM TAXES

Dream of Ald. G. Wenige Is Rudely Shattered by Report.

BUILD UP THE CITY

Alderman Declares Necessary Powers Must Be Secured.

Owing to the fact that special legislation is necessary before it can be put in operation, Ald. George A. Wenige's scheme to exempt all new residences erected in London from taxation for a period of five years after completion has been "nipped in the bud." Ald. Wenige, in advancing this scheme, declared that it would stimulate building, relieve the unemployment situation and lower rents in London.

He introduced the proposition at a recent meeting of No. 1 committee of the city council, members of which favored the idea, but questioned whether it clashed with laws of the land. City Clerk S. Baker was deputed by the committee to ascertain if the scheme were feasible, and he now reports that special legislation is necessary ere it can be put in operation here.

I take it all back," said Ald. Wenige, ruefully, to The Advertiser this morning. "My dream has been shattered. This scheme cannot be put into operation without special legislation. We ought to get that special legislation, as I still maintain that it is an excellent scheme. We could get 2,00 more houses here by it, and build up our city."

AGED MAN KILLED ON RAILWAY NEAR STRATHROY TODAY

W. H. Salter, 65, Inmate of House of Refuge, Found Dead.

While wandering on the tracks of the G. T. R. some time during Wednesday night, W. H. Salter, 65 years of age, an inmate of the house of refuge in Strathroy, was instantly killed when he was struck by a passing train. His body was discovered at 7:30 o'clock this morning lying beside the track, halfway between Komoka and Strathroy, by Conductor A. McDonald of westbound freight train No 91.

It is not known when the accident occurred or by what train the aged man was struck. When the body was discovered it was quite evident that life had been extinct for some time. An injury to the back of the head, it is believed, caused instant death.

Coroner C. C. Ross of Hyde Park was called. An inquest will be held.

READY TO "CARRY ON" IF HIS PARTY WISH

S. Frank Glass, M. P., Leaves Himself Entirely in Hands of Constituents.

S. Frank Glass, member of Parliament for East Middlesex, stands ready to re-enter the coming federal contest in event of the Government followers of that riding concluding that his nomination would be for the best interests of their party.

Discussing the general situation with The Advertiser today the member explained that although he entertained no further political aspirations, and was rather inclined, personally, to retire, he felt that it would be more his duty than anything else to accept the standard, should the party decide that he should be the bearer.

"I want them to feel, however," he continued, "free to choose any person they may deem proper. I am not tending any application, and I certainly do not want to be considered in the [illegible]."

Commenting upon the general attitude of the people toward the different parties, Mr. Glass was of the decided opinion that there exists considerable confusion of thought and ideas at present among the electors as to what the real policies of the Liberals and Progressives are. Dwelling briefly on the former body, he expressed the opinion that it was realized that "the Hon. T. Crerar had been a trifle premature in his primary utterances."

CHEMICAL WARFARE IS DEPLORED BY BRITISH SCIENTISTS

Edinburgh, Scotland, Sept. 8.—Protests against chemical warfare were uttered in the opening address at the meeting of the British Association of Science here last night. The address, written by Sir Edward Thorp, president of the association, was read by Sir A. E. Wing, and appealed to scientific men "not to employ their talents in devising means to develop and perpetuate a mode of warfare which is abhorrent to the higher instincts of humanity."

More than 2,000 members attended the session.

FALL IN G. T. R. STOCK VALUES REGARDED AS A FINANCIAL TRAGEDY

British Public Is Dumfounded Upon Receipt of Board's Finding Regarding Assets.

London, Sept. 8.—Canadian Press Cable.—"One of the Greatest Tragedies of Finance" is the heading of the Pall Mall Gazette on the announcement of the Grand Trunk arbitration board that the common and preference stocks of that company are, in the opinion of the majority of the board, worth nothing.

The Pall Mall Gazette says the business interests of the city of London were thunderstruck at the announcement. The prices of the "junior issues" of Grand Trunk stocks and bonds came down with a rush. In Canadian circles in London, says the Gazette, there is the "suggestion of a dole for the unfortunate stockholder, but 'compassionate consideration' is surely a matter for the Canadian Government." The inglorious end of the company, says the paper as a joint stock undertaking, is one of the tragedies of finance. There are tangible assets to show for money sunk in the undertaking, and it is those who took no risks who henceforth will reap any fruits.

The Westminster Gazette describes the result of the arbitration as something of a bombshell. It appears, remarks that paper, that the question of any possible compensation is thrown back on the Government. It holds out that hope that it is not at all likely that this decision is the last word to the shareholders, and it is pointed out that the allusion which the chairman, Sir Walter Cassels, makes to "equitable moral considerations" can at least be inferred to mean that the door is not shut. Indeed, it should be remembered that the shareholders have the right to appeal to the privy council from the decision of the board of arbitration, the Westminster Gazette says.

GERMAN MARK AGAIN SLUMPS.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—There was pandemonium on the bourse yesterday owing to a new slump in the value of the mark, which closed officially at a fraction over 94 to the dollar.

It has been found necessary to start a special open air market in the bourse courtyard for listed stocks.

Figures listed yesterday give Germany's floating debt as 202,776,170,000 marks.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest 80; lowest, 49.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 67; lowest, 57.

BAROMETRIC STANDING.

Wednesday—8 a.m., 29.31; 8 p.m., 29.33. Today—8 a.m., 29.36.

TOMORROW—LOCAL SHOWERS.

Toronto, Sept. 8—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Moderate to fresh winds, mostly easterly; fair and a little cooler.

Friday—Fresh east and southeast winds; fair at first, followed by local showers before night.

Temperatures.

The highest and local temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations—	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	60	50	Cloudy
Winnipeg	78	50	Fair
Port Arthur	68	46	Cloudy
Parry Sound	76	50	Fair, fog
Toronto	79	54	Fair
Ottawa	80	46	Fair
Montreal	76	56	Fair
Quebec	74	48	Fair
Father Point	64	40	Fair
St. John	72	50	Fair
Halifax	72	54	Hazy

Weather Notes.

A trough of low extends from Manitoba to the Southern States, while pressure is quite high over the lake region and the northwest portion of the continent. Local showers have occurred in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia, while from Manitoba to New Brunswick the weather has been fine.

LLOYD GEORGE ASKS THAT CONFERENCE BE HELD NEXT TUESDAY

British Cabinet, in Reply to De Valera, Asks for Definite Answer.

MEETING AT INVERNESS

Premier Outlines Briefly the Attitude of Government Regarding Republic.

Inverness, Scotland, Sept. 8.—Official confirmation that the British cabinet's reply to the latest note of Eamonn de Valera, the Sinn Fein leader, which was dispatched to Dublin last evening, invites representatives of the Sinn Fein to a further conference, was given here today.

The cabinet asked Mr. de Valera for a definite reply as to whether he was prepared to enter a conference to ascertain how the association of Ireland and the British Empire can best be reconciled with the Irish national aspirations. It suggested that the conference be held in Inverness on September 20. The British reply, written by Premier Lloyd George, says: "Government by consent of the governed is the basis of the British constitution, but we cannot accept as the basis of a practical conference an interpretation thereof which would commit us to any demands you might present, even to that of a republic."

TENSION IS RELIEVED.

Inverness, Scotland, Sept. 8.—Tension over the Irish question is over for the time being, now that the British cabinet's reply to Eamonn de Valera is well on its way to Dublin. Members of the cabinet who attended yesterday's meeting have split up in different directions, pending the receipt of the Irish leader's rejoinder.

Lord Birkenhead, Austen Chamberlain, Thomas J. Macnamara, Stanley Baldwin and Sir Alfred Mond returned to London last night, and others went to Brahan Castle with Mr. Lloyd George, expecting to disperse today to different Scotch resorts

SOLDIER IS KIDNAPPED.

Belfast, Sept. 8.—Pte. Hobson of the Essex Regiment was kidnapped at Bandon, County Cork, yesterday, and it is claimed the kidnapping was carried out

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ASK GAS REFEREE TO VISIT LONDON ON MONDAY NEXT

Special Gas Committee Will Also Meet Officials of Gas Companies.

Ald. W. A. Wilson, chairman of the special gas committee of the city council and local Chamber of Commerce, appointed to investigate the possibilities of natural gas for London consumers, is endeavoring to obtain the services of George Henderson of Ottawa, provincial gas referee, to attend a conference to be held here next Monday. It is understood that the referee's services are available on this date, and officials of the City Gas Company, and Progressive Gas and Oil Company of Hamilton will be invited to attend the conference.

The latter company, in control of the Saul natural gas wells, near Crumlin, acting in conjunction with the City Gas Company, has offered to deliver natural gas to homes in this city at 85 cents per thousand cubic feet. The wells are estimated to be capable of yielding 500,000 cubic feet of gas daily.

However, the price of the natural product, particularly the 35 cents per thousand cubic feet asked by the City Gas Company for distribution, is regarded as exorbitant by the committee, and for this reason the referees are being asked to come to London next Monday and pass judgment on the rates quoted.

GAY COLORS AND LONGER SKIRTS IN LATEST STYLES

Chicago, Sept. 8.—Gay embroideries on dark frocks, lacy effects for evening wear, and striking color combinations with skirts down to ten inches from the ground, will be characteristic of winter styles for women, according to the Fashion Art League of America. Gowns will be fashioned after the lines of the figure, but not form fitting, the league announced.

The new styles will be displayed at the annual convention of the league next week.

Special Committee To Investigate the Springbank Dam

Chamber of Commerce Takes Steps To Bring the Matter Before Citizens in Concrete and Practical Form at an Early Date.

The feasibility of constructing a dam at Springbank and its value to this city will be fully investigated by a committee of eight members of the local Chamber of Commerce, who were appointed to bring in a report on the matter, at a meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday. Further action it is expected will be taken at a second meeting of the supporters of the project to be held at the Tecumseh House on September 19.

Recently questionnaires were sent to all members of the chamber by their executive in an attempt to find out the consensus of opinion of that organization regarding the construction of a new dam, and the subsequent improvement of the River Thames between this city and Springbank. The replies were so encouraging that the executive, who favored the scheme, were invited to attend the meeting held on Wednesday.

The attendance was large, and as the discussion was entirely informal, opinions were freely given and the project fully discussed from every angle. It was decided that a formal report should be brought in at a later meeting, so that some definite action could be taken.

The following was the committee elected to bring in the report: Philip Pocock (chairman), J. M. Watt, John Collison, James Bell, T. W. McFarlane, Jared Vining, E. V. Buchanan and Major Murphy.

Action on the report will be taken at the meeting on September 19, and it will then be brought before the directors for approval and finally the membership of the Chamber of Commerce as a whole will vote on the matter.

Dying Girl Says Sweetheart Fired the Fatal Shots

Lynn, Mass., Sept. 8.—Workers on their way to the shoe factories today were startled by shots from a doorway in central square. On investigating they found Miss Monica Morrill dying from two bullet wounds. Her assailant had fled. The woman lived long enough to name Philip J. McDermott, a neighbor, as her assailant. The police said the couple had been considered sweethearts. Miss Morrill was 31 years old and McDermott 40.

SIR JOHN SIMON MADE AN HONORARY MEMBER, CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

Ottawa, Sept. 8.—Canadian Press.—A remarkable ovation and his unanimous installation of an honorary member of the Canadian Bar Association, was a measure of appreciation tendered Sir John Simon last night upon the conclusion of his address on the subject of "The Vocation of An Advocate." The address was public, in connection with the annual meeting of the association now in session here.

Justice Duff presided, and in his speech of introduction referred to Sir John Simon as a leader of the English bar.

FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL ERECTED IN LONDON IS NOW USED AS TOOL SHED

Public Utilities Department Uses Historic Building As a Workshop—Many Old Houses in London With Romantic Associations Now Used As Second-Hand Stores, Factories and Offices.

Erected in 1837 as the grammar school of the London district, an old two-story clap-boarded building, which at some time in recent decades has evidently been painted yellow, still stands on King street just west of the courthouse square.

Despite the fact that more ehan four score years have beat its outer walls with wind and rain, this old frame building still rmains in a fairy good state of preservation and is now being used by the waterworks department of the city as a too house and storage. It has been suggested that it should be turned over to the Historical Society in order that steps may be taken for its better preservation in years to come. It is quite a rommy old structure, and while a more fireproof building would be desirable for museum purposes, yet it might prove quite suitable as a place to display relics of minor value or curios and other articles which might be replaced if necessary. At any rate the old building is worthy of being preserved itself.

Removed From Vittoria.

Previous to 1837 the Grammar School for London district was located at Vittoria in Norfolk County. It is recorded tha in that year it was removed to London, and for many years the old frame building was the centre of higher education for London and surrounding territory. At the back is an L-shaped shed, also used as a storage by the public utilities commission. Whether the rear of the building is as old as the main two-story structure in front may be disputed. The main entrance to the latter appears to have been on the east side, looking out on the court house square. There is also a door to one side in the end of the building, which abutts out sharply on King street close to the sidewalk. A veranda or platform runs the length of the building on the west side. Old residents of London may possibly be able to say whether they remember additions or alterations being made to the old building in their school days. However, the number of Londoners who wtre educated here is rapidly growing fewer, for it is a long time since it was used for school purposes.

When it was erected, doubtless it was a very imposing structure, but many times it must have waxed jealous as it saw handsome new brick structures, some of them three or four or even five stories in height being raised in the fifties and sixties.

"1857" Cut in Keystone.

There are many buildings in London which have passed the half-century mark long ago. On Maple street, on the south side of the street, between Richmond and Talbot, is an old two-story terrace with an archway between, and cut in the keystone of the arch is the date of the year of construction, "1857." There are other old terraces on Talbot street and Ridout street, and at the corner of Dundas and Ridout streets stands Robinson Hall, once an old hotel. It for many years has been an office building, occupied on its lower floors by lawyers' offices, and on its upper flors as small living apartments.

On Horton and Bathurst streets are located some of the oldest houses in London, several of them being close to the century mark.

Worthy of Preservation.

The work of the Historical Society will be increasingly heavy in the years that are to follow immediately. Some at least of those old structures ought to be preserved as landmarks. An old terrace on Ridout street is to be remodelled next spring into an up-to-date apartment house. They celarly cannot all be preserved, but the oldest and those with the most interesting historica associations might well be preserved without any more alterations than are necessary.

The office building of Silverwoods, Limited, was at one time a centre of London's most select social life, and here the late King Edward danced when he visited London as Prince of Wales, early in the sixties.

One of the most distinctive of the old residences in London is the Harris residence on Ridout street.

Still Some Native Residents.

It is interesting to discover in making inquiries about some of the old tenements and terraces in the Ridout street section of early London that not a few families are still residing in the houses where the oldest members of these families were born. It has become a rooming-house district, but there are still scions of the old aristocracy of early London, who persist in living under their native roofs, despite the changes in the city which have made the avenues more desirable as a residential district.

On Carling street, one old residence is now a printing plant, and another one has become a trunk and leather goods factory. A pressing aid repairing shop now occupies the central part of an old terrace on Talbot street.

Elsewhere in the city, one may find many old homes, once the scene of social activity, balls, festivities and entertainments in honor of princes, statesmen and great soldiers, which are now repair shops, second-hand furniture stores, cigar factories and storages.

SALARIED MEN BARRED FROM $4,000 REWARD

Private Citizens or County Constables Might Secure Full Amount.

POLICE CIRCLES QUIET

General Opinion That Murrells Are Still Near the City.

Salaried police officers are not entitled to the Provincial Government reward of $2,000 if they do capture the Murrell brothers, Deputy Sheriff B. F. Watterworth stated today that he had been informed.

There is no restriction on the county's offer, however. County constables are not salaried officers. Therefore if the county police or private individuals arrest the bandits they receive $4,000, while city officers and provincial officers can only hope to get $2,000.

No activity with a view to searching for the Murrell boys was observed in police circles, either city, county or provincial, today, but there are persistent stories being circulated that the fugitives are not far from London.

ALL-NIGHT CHASE.

The police seemed to have got a definite clue last night and were hot on the scent of the Murrell brothers, when a report was received that two men believed to be Sid and William Murrell, were seen and recognized at Springbank by a London man. Quickly as telephone and motor car would permit the provincial constables and deputies were on the hunt, and a wild man-hunt ensued, commencing at Springbank, ending at Melbourne, and lasting from 10 p.m. until 4 a.m. Provincial police, deputies, county constables and farmers, armed with revolvers, shotguns and flashlights, took part.

It was assumed that the suspects would either continue walking westward, or dodge back into the shelter of the woods and ditches, until the late autos had all passed. The officers spread out, and to the best of their ability, beat every bush and flashed their "glims" into every dark corner and possible hiding place in Springbank Park. After an hour's vain search they motored to a point about four miles westward, where they met a young farmer, Clarence Maier, of Delaware, who told an excited story of having just seen on the Muncey side road, about three miles distant, a mysterious auto standing with lights out beside a barn. Just as his own car approached a young man, carrying a bundle, leaped from the first car and dodged behind the barn. The car itself sped away toward Melbourne.

"I'll come with you and show the way," volunteered the young farmer,

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BOLSHEVIKI EXECUTE 61 CHARGED WITH A PLOT AGAINST THEM

Two Princes and Sixteen Women Included in Those Put to Death.

Riga, Letvia, Sept. 8.—Sixty-one persons have been executed by the Bolsheviki, being charged with participating in the recent Petrograd plot, according to the official list printed in the Pravda of Petrograd. Among those put to death were sixteen women, most of whom were accused of renting rooms to or otherwise sheltering male participants in the plot.

Others executed included Prince Toumanoff, aged 29, and Prince Sergius Oukhtomsky, aged 35, the latter being a widely known sculptor. Both were accused of spying or of sending information out of Russia. Six on the list were described as "American spies or couriers."

BRITISH STEAMER IS AGROUND OFF LISBON

Lisbon, Sept. 8.—The British royal mail steamer Almanzora, 9,442 tons, having on board 1,200 passengers en route to England from Brazil, is aground off Cape Espichel, 20 miles south of here. Eight launches and a cruiser have gone to the assistance of the stranded vessel.

The Almanzora sailed from Buenos Aires on August 19 for Southampton, stopping at Rio Janeiro, from which port she sailed on August 24.

REMOVING PASSENGERS.

London, Sept. 8.—The passengers and cargo of the British royal mail steamer Almanzora, which is ashore off the Portuguese coast, will be landed in Lisbon today, according to a telegram to the owners of the vessel from its commander.

FOUR ASSESSORS AND FOUR CLERKS LAID OFF AT CITY HALL

End of the Assessment Work Brings Reduction of the Staff.

Assessment work in this city for 1922 taxes is practically completed, and this week Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant reduced his staff as a result. Four assessors and four clerks were laid off, owing to the fact that outside work has been completed, only the inside staff being retained.

The eight employees laid off will likely find their positions open for them in February, 1922, when preparations are being made to assess property throughout the city for 1923 taxes.

C. I. AND TECH. STUDENTS TO HAVE FAIR HOLIDAY

Efforts Underway to Secure Free Admission for Them Also.

While the board of education did not definitely decide to close the Technical School and Collegiate Institute on Monday and Friday of Fair week, extending to students at these institutions the same privileges as public school pupils, it is understood, according to board of education officials, that these students will be granted the same holidays for the purpose of attending the Fair.

Principal H. B. Beal of the Technical School has, in fact, already entered into negotiations with Western Fair officials to obtain free admission tickets to be used by his pupils for entrance to Queen's Park next Monday. It is pointed out that the neglect to include Collegiate and Technical School pupils in the motion granting the holiday was merely an oversight, the board being mindful that if they must attend school these pupils will assume the old attitude, namely: "If you don't give us a holiday we will all run away."

CRIPPLED CANADIAN STEAMER IS BEING TOWED TO VICTORIA

Deckload of Lumber Is Lost, Permitting Vessel To Right Itself.

San Francisco, Sept. 8.—The deckload of lumber aboard the crippled freighter Canadian Importer has been lost, and the vessel has righted herself to almost even keel, according to a wireless message received in San Francisco from the tug Sea Lion, assisting the ship. Dodd, Will & Co., agents for the Canadian Importer, on hearing that the Importer's lumber cargo had been lost, ordered the vessel towed to Victoria, B. C., instead of San Francisco.

The Sea Lion is about 500 miles from San Francisco, according to latest advices. Both the Canadian Observer and the Caandian Winner, ships which have been standing by the disabled Importer, are reported to be short of fuel. The Canadian Observer is reported to be en route here.

OPPOSE AMALGAMATION.

Calgary, Sept. 8.—Less than 500 veterans in Calgary voted in favor of an amalgamation of the G. A. U. V., the Army and Navy and G. W. V. A. locals in a ballot which has been circulated during the past month. The ballots were counted Wednesday, and as the G. W. V. A. has over 3,000 paid-up members, the vote is regarded as an indorsation of the organization.

As a result of the ballot efforts are now being made to create an amalgamation of veterans to take action without affiliation to any veterans' organization.

LIBERALS WILL CONTEST EVERY TORONTO RIDING

Pronounced Enthusiasm Prevails in Reform Ranks in the Queen City.

Toronto, Sept. 8.—At a secret meeting of the Toronto Liberal chieftains this morning it was finally decided to contest every riding in the city and all the Yorks in the approaching federal election. Hitherto, there had been nothing definite, but all indecision has been swept away, according to Major A. A. Mulholland, the Liberal organizer, who says that the Liberal enthusiasm has not been so pronounced for many years.

Nomination meetings will be held shortly.

PREPARING PROGRAM FOR BIG CONFERENCE

Preliminary Work in Connection With Washington Meeting Well Under Way.

London, Sept. 8.—Preliminary work in drawing up the agenda for the conference on limitation of armaments to be held in Washington next November is showing considerable progress, it is declared by the London Times. This work is so far advanced, the newspaper says, that it is possible to begin informal conversations between the powers to be represented in the conference regarding the exact definition and limitation of the subjects to be discussed. The newspaper understands these conversations will begin as soon as representatives of the interested powers return to London, and hope is expressed that they may rapidly lead to favorable results, so that the main features of the agenda may be decided upon by the time the Japanese mission leaves Tokio for Washington.

In urging quick action, the Times says editorially: "Since the agenda will mean so much, it will be a relief to the world soon to know that it has been settled. It is a satisfaction to be able to announce that preliminary conversations will begin soon and that in some quarters they may have begun already."

GERMAN INDUSTRIES AT FULL CAPACITY

Sir Trevor Dawson, British Manufacturer, Makes Tour of Country.

London, Sept. 8.—(Canadian Press Cable).—Sir Trevor Dawson, managing director of Vickers, Limited, recounting his experiences while traveling in Germany a month ago, states that he found that several of the large works were operating at full capacity, and were regular hives of industry. Labor appeared to be working harmoniously, and as a result the output was very high. The average wage is 4 marks an hour with the eight-hour day in general use.

The lowering of costs through massed production with improvements in the exchange rates would alone enable Britain to compete with favorable economic conditions now existing in other European countries, said Sir Trevor.