

## DRURY REJECTS OFFER OF POST WITH LIBERALS

Refuses To Comment On Nature of Conference With Mackenzie King.

### TO REMAIN IN ONTARIO

Invitation May Have Effect On Relations of Two Parties At Toronto.

[Special to The London Advertiser.] OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Prior to his departure for Toronto after a two-hour conference with Premier-elect W. L. Mackenzie King today, Premier Drury of Ontario stated that the Toronto dispatch published in The London Advertiser yesterday, intimating that he would not accept a portfolio in the Dominion cabinet now being formed, was correct.

Mr. Drury would not, however, make any comment on the nature of his conference with the Liberal leader.

It is generally known, however, that the chief object of his flying visit to the capital was to convey to Mr. King his decision with regard to the post.

## PEEL'S The Gift Store Christmas Specials OPEN EVENINGS.

Fountain Pen, of chased vulcanite, with 14-karat gold-plated nib, in neat box \$1.09

Midget Coat Hangers, for vest pocket or lady's wardrobe, in assorted leather cases, each \$25c

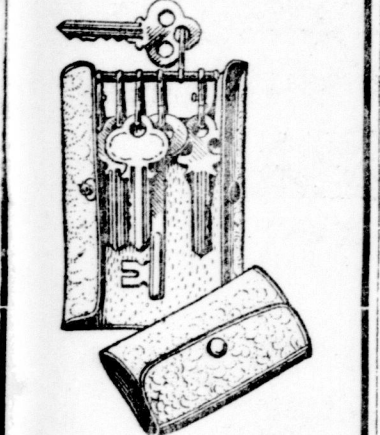
Real Black Ebony Military Brushes, in leather case \$4.50

Nail File, in leather case, with good quality, five-inch, heavy comb \$75c

Fancy Stationery, ribbon tied, in gift boxes, very special \$1.25 to \$1.50

Men's Cuff Links and Pen Tie Clasp, each, in neat gift box, very special \$25c

KEYTAINER, FITS VEST POCKET.



Leather Key-Case—Keys lie flat and cannot injure pocket or ladies' handbag. 40c, 50c and 75c

500 Pkgs. Playing Cards, fine ivory finish, very special, at pkg. \$25c

NOTE—We have gathered together all odd pieces and marked them ridiculously low for quick clearance. Come early.

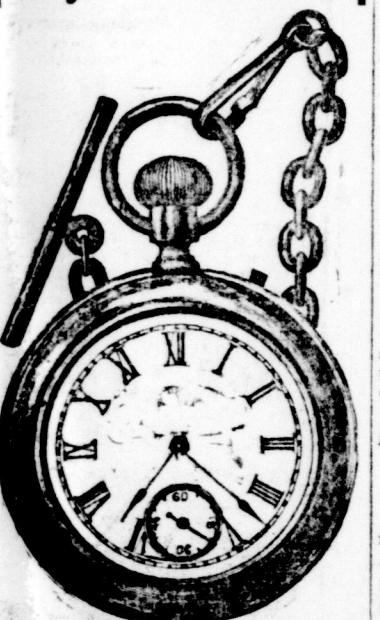
Large Size Felt Rocking Horse, good size and strong, good saddle, reins, white metal stirrups. Regular \$30.00

Large, 50-inch Boys' Tourabout, auto, color green and yellow, runs by leg-tricity, well made. Regular \$25.00

Trains, Electrical Railway System—Train, steel locomotive, beautifully trimmed, with headlight, baggage car, chair car and parlor car (eight pieces); curved track, etc. Regular \$18.00

2,000 Mechanical Toys—Auto, Sissors, Grinder, Bicycle, Rider, Monkey Dancer; extra special \$50c and 75c

## Extra! Extra! Boys' Watches



Real Boys' Nickel-Plated Watches, in stem-wind, open-face style; very special \$1.00

Children's Purses, Handbag style; silk, leather, velvet; assorted colors; very special \$40c and 65c

Handsome Dolls, Blaque Head, Handsome Dolls, Dressed Dolls, Moving Eyes, Hair, 16 inches high; very special \$1.49

Trunks, well made, lock and key, extra large size; special \$3.25

OPEN EVENINGS.

## PEEL'S GIFT STORE

## Duart Hunters Bag Seven Wild Turkeys in Mid-Night Hunt.

[Special to The Advertiser.] DUART, Dec. 21.—Intense excitement prevailed Monday night among local hunters, when a report reached the village that a flock of wild turkeys had been located in an orchard about a mile east.

Every available gun was called in, and soon the village store was lined with hunters and guns. Autos carried them to the scene of action.

The turkeys were there, and the trees were soon surrounded, each hunter vying with the other as to how many he could bring down.

When word was passed to fire a volley was discharged that echoed throughout the country-side, and when the smoke cleared away seven turkeys were found to have been killed, but the eighth, though wounded, succeeded in getting away.

follo offered him in the new cabinet.

Following the caucus of U. F. O.-L. P. members at the Park yesterday, it was reported that Mr. Drury had definitely decided to remain in the provincial sphere, as his supporters felt that he was indispensable in the Legislature.

May Have Effect.

The fact, however, that the Liberal chieftain in the federal field invited the U. F. O.-Labor leader to enter his ministry may have a far-reaching effect upon the relations of the Liberal and agrarian forces in the provincial Legislature.

The latest developments in the hydro-radial sphere will still further antagonize the little group of L. P. followers upon whom Mr. Drury at present relies for a majority.

A coalition with the Liberals would, therefore, be increasingly desirable from the government point of view.

Such a consummation would do the "broadening out" policy by which Premier Drury hoped to form a People's party, whose basis would be on a sounder ground than that of mere class-support.

Should a political alliance be arranged with the forces of the provincial government and Liberal members, at present without a permanent householder, it is known that certain strong Liberals at present prominent in the business world could be persuaded to join the coalition cabinet.

One of these would make a highly acceptable minister of power, should the U. F. O. opposition to hydro-radials precipitate the development of a government department to take charge of hydro-electric affairs in general.

Scheme Not Certain.

However, it is by no means certain that this is the scheme to which the government intends to resort in order to attempt to solve the growingly-complex hydro problems with which it is confronted.

Following a caucus of the elected Progressive candidates of the province, held at Saskatoon, Hon. T. A. Crerar, their leader, is on his way east to confer with Mr. King.

That very fact in itself is pregnant with possibilities.

If there were nothing to negotiate, and if Mr. Crerar simply desired to refuse the overtures of Mr. King, he would not come so far to do so. He could do it by wire. That he is coming here to canvass the situation at least is certain.

That he is intent upon discussing terms and conditions whereby the west can secure representation in the new cabinet is considered likely.

Opposed to Coalition.

A large proportion of the Liberal following is opposed to anything in the nature of a coalition. Mr. King himself on many a platform has condemned coalition. It is held by some Liberals to grant places in the cabinet to prominent Progressives on any guarantee of policy will be to capitulate to a party which fought the Liberals strenuously during the election, and to concede to that party the virtual victory.

That anyone who comes in should come in as a Liberal and nothing else is the opinion of the element.

It is desirable that the west, and the movement which swept it, should have representation in the cabinet. But it is inconceivable that Mr. Crerar will come in unconditionally.

Tariff, reciprocity, freight rates, railways, natural resources—all these are questions upon the solution of which Mr. Crerar will likely ask for assurances.

Can Mr. King give such guarantees without offending certain of his own followers?

Indications are multiplying that the Lapointe wing of Quebec and not the Gouin wing, has the ear of the premier-elect.

That fact in itself should go far toward facilitating negotiations between Mr. King and Mr. Crerar.

Certainly assurance of the support of the Progressive group would go far toward freeing Mr. King's hands from any trammels, real or imagined, which the "Montreal group" is credited with desiring to impose.

## DRURY HAS NEW HYDRO PROPOSAL

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—On his return from Ottawa Hon. E. C. Drury, premier of Ontario, announced that in withholding approval of the agreement between the hydro-electric commission and the Niagara municipalities for the acquisition of the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway, the government had a new proposal to make.

The proposal is new radical legislation which will sweep away that on the statute books at present and will give the municipalities, acting in groups, power to build, acquire and operate electric lines.

## WOUND ADMIRAL IN GREEK OFFICE

ATHENS, Dec. 21.—Three discharged Greek soldiers today shot up the pensions office, wounding Admiral Countouriotis, former regent, in the body. One of the stenographers and a secretary were also shot.

The wound of Admiral Countouriotis is not believed to be serious.

## XMAS SPIRIT MOVES M. C. R. TO AID POOR

Company Gives Mayor Brinkman 175 Box Cars For Fuel.

### WILL HAVE WARM HOMES

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 21.—Through the efforts of Mayor Frank Brinkman, the poor of St. Thomas will be happy in warm homes this winter, for following a request made by him a few days ago, through D. W. Donahue, superintendent of the Canadian division, the Michigan Central Railway, through its general superintendent, J. L. McKee, Detroit, has given to the city for fuel, 175 boxcars which had been ordered scrapped and were waiting in the local yards to be burned.

Wednesday morning the mayor received the following telegram from Mr. McKee:

"We are glad to give the wood to the poor of St. Thomas, as per wire from Mr. Donahue. Get in touch with Joe Mitchener, general car foreman at St. Thomas, and he will arrange details."

Soon after the receipt of the telegram the details were arranged. His worship instructed Health Inspector W. J. Shaw to prepare a list of needy people in this city who were unable to buy fuel, and to supply each one with an order. He also arranged with Mr. Shaw to secure teams to haul the wood from the company's yards to the various homes.

Will Deliver Wood.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Mitchener to allow the people to break up the cars and to place the wood in piles. A policeman will be person eligible for assistance arrives he will be allowed to prepare a supply of wood, which a team from the city will deliver to his home.

The cars to be broken up are of 60,000 pounds capacity, and are constructed chiefly of pine and oak. The metallic parts will be salvaged by the company after the wood has been removed.

Mayor Brinkman learned a week ago that the company had a number of crippled cars which it intended to burn, following the customary way of destroying useless rolling stock. Immediately he applied to Mr. Donahue, asking if the cars could not be used to relieve the distress of the poor. Mr. Donahue, in turn, referred the matter to the head office.

EXPECT PRICE OF TURKEYS TO DROP

Supply of Christmas Birds Larger Than in Recent Years.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 21.—Sixty cents a pound for turkeys dressed was the outstanding feature of the Christmas market Wednesday morning. The offering of birds was exceptionally large, exceeding the supplies of the past three years. Buying was not what might be termed keen, many patrons of the market evidently being of the opinion that turkey prices will drop toward the end of the week. In fact, one of two producers were reported to be offering their birds at 48 cents at the close of the market. The increased supply this year is said to be largely due to the fact that there were fewer United States buyers in this district this year.

Choice dressed geese and ducks were plentiful, geese selling at 30 cents a pound. Ducks brought \$1 to \$1.50 each, according to size. Dressed poultry sold at 25 cents to 28 cents a pound.

Butter prices dropped from 43 cents to 45 cents last week to 40 cents to 42 cents this week, and further reductions are predicted. Egg prices remained firm at 70 cents to 75 cents.

A few home-grown potatoes were offered at \$2 a bag, while imports were priced at \$1.50. The drop in the temperature prevented the offering from being large.

From the appearance of the market square it looked as if nearly every farmer brought a few Christmas trees. The place was literally green with them. Prices ranged from 20 cents to \$2 and higher. A few loads of dry 12-inch stovewood sold at \$4.50 a cord.

BENNETT LOSES FOUR MORE VOTES

CALGARY, Dec. 21.—At a continuation of the recount of ballots in the West Calgary election today, Hon. R. B. Bennett, minister of justice, lost four more votes. Capt. J. T. Shaw, the independent Labor-Farmer candidate, is now five votes ahead, with exactly half the 126 ballot boxes rechecked.

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Will you co-operate to the utmost, with all productive enterprises? Will you allow reasonable credit and decrease rates as rapidly as conditions will permit?

If you will, every branch of commercial activity will be stimulated. Employment will be available and through the functioning of normal methods a definite stride will be taken towards normal times.

Ontario Will Lead in Providing "A Job For Every Man Prosperity for All!"

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