

## SCOPE OF DRUG WAR INCREASES

Chief of Narcotic Division Tells of Work.

**SUPPLY SOURCE SOUGHT**  
Dominion Authorities After the "Men Higher Up."

OTTAWA, Feb. 29.—(By Canadian Press).—Since June, 1919, when the Dominion Government undertook the suppression of the drug traffic on an extensive scale, the scope of the work has steadily increased, states E. W. Cowan, chief of the narcotic division of the department of health. Until the nations of the world entered the struggle in the stamping out of the illicit trading in drugs no one was fully aware of the extent to which the traffic was being carried on. During the past few years there has been more mutual understanding between countries in endeavoring to catch the big dope dealers than before.

The result of this co-operation between the Governments and police of nations has been that some countries have arrested and convicted more than 100,000 persons in the last few years. The federal department, by working with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the police of other countries, has been able to arrest and convict more than 100,000 persons in the last few years. The federal department, by working with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the police of other countries, has been able to arrest and convict more than 100,000 persons in the last few years.

In November of this year the opium committee of the League of Nations Council will meet to determine if possible the actual quantity of opium required for legitimate purposes in the world. It is hoped that this will lead eventually to restrictions upon the "smuggling" production. While there are drastic regulations in some countries regarding the sale and importation of narcotics, authorities are often working in the dark because drugs can be brought into a country in many ways, under disguises of lawful manufactured goods and then shipped to another country and accordingly it is almost impossible to maintain a complete record of the drugs in circulation. Canada is playing an active part in the international fight against the traffic, according to Mr. Cowan, and photographs and finger prints of suspected dealers are constantly exchanged.

### LEAGUE WARS ON OPIUM.

GENEVA, Feb. 29.—League of Nations officials today expressed the hope that the United States would have a representative at the meetings, beginning March 5, of the special committee which is to prepare the program for the international conference on opium, to be held in November. Draft conventions will be drawn up for submission to the November conferences as the basis for their work.

The opium drive has been greatly encouraged by the recent decision of the Swiss Federal Council to back a bill for Switzerland's adherence to the Hague opium convention of 1912. The Hague convention provides for the manufacture of alkaloids to medical and scientific requirements, but utterly failed to define what these requirements were.

It provided for the gradual and effective suppression of opium smoking, but failed to establish what the rate of opium production should be.

### What's Doing In the Ontario Legislature

Col. J. A. Currie (Conservative, Southeast Toronto) and Zoltke Mageau (Liberal, Sturgeon Falls) continued the debate on the Temperance Act, urged the Government to frame bills for a new system of liquor control and to have the electors vote on them as soon as possible.

Mr. Mageau criticized the United Farmers of Ontario, declaring the organization's fall was due to its interest in political affairs interfering with its business life.

Debate adjourned by Hon. H. C. Nixon, who will speak at Monday night sessions will commence.

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### HEART WAS SO BAD HAD TO SIT UP IN BED

Mrs. O. E. Fitzgerald, 106 Ross street, St. Thomas, Ont., writes: "In the fall of 1921 I was taken ill with my heart, but I did not pay much attention to it. I kept on with my household duties, but seemed to become worse and worse, and finally had to call in a doctor. He said I was all run down and was a nervous wreck. I had a severe pain in my chest which would move over to my heart and it became so bad I could not lie down, so when I did I had such a smothering feeling I would have to sit up in bed till it passed away.

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## ONTARIO PAY ROLLS INCREASED BY 14,000 WITHIN ONE MONTH

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—Steady improvement in the employment situation since the first of January in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia is recorded by the Dominion bureau of statistics. In the Maritime and Prairie Provinces employment declined. Within a month 14,000 persons have been added to the pay rolls of Ontario firms, which submitted reports to the bureau.

## DECLARE LONDON SCHOOLS EXCEL

Members of Hamilton Teachers' Institute Visit City.

GUESTS AT LUNCHEON

Much Pleased With Equipment of Public Schools.

London can boast of public school equipment and facilities that are second to none in the province of Ontario. Such was the opinion expressed by members of the delegation of teachers, about 30 in number, and representing the Hamilton Teachers' Institute, who spent the greater part of today in this city as guests of the local Teachers' Association. A few of the visitors arrived last night, but the majority reached the city this morning. They began their tour of the city's schools sharp at 9:30 and at noon were entertained to luncheon at Smallman's Ingram's dining-room. Some 50 members of the London teaching staff accompanied the visitors to luncheon and the Board of Education was represented by Chairman B. N. Campbell and Trustee S. F. Lawrence, chairman of the advisory vocational committee.

All the modern features of education were observed by the visitors during their tour, which opened at Riverdale School. Here they saw the dental clinic in operation under the supervision of Dr. E. W. Fuller, chief dental officer. Still later they saw the modern kindergarten classes with the stained glass windows depicting scenes from childhood's most famous fairy tales. The manual training and household science departments were also visited and in every case a class was being conducted when the teachers arrived.

### MUSICAL PROGRAM.

E. W. G. Quantz, supervisor of music for the city, also accompanied the visiting educators and at Victoria School the second establishment visited, a class in singing demonstrated the value of this work. Here, also, the only organ in the city of the day was staged for the entertainment of the Hamilton teachers.

There was singing, a dramatized presentation of nursery rhymes was given in very capable manner by the kindergarten classes, led by Mrs. E. A. Cowley, Miss G. Keillor and Miss M. Ackert. Then followed a recital by the Victoria School choir, one of the best known juvenile organizations of its kind in the city, under direction of Miss Wilgert. A group of girls also presented a series of folk dances under Miss E. Adams, while the boys gave a demonstration of gymnastic feats, including the usual pyramids, under direction of Principal D. Knight.

Other schools visited where methods of teaching were observed and other special features demonstrated included Ryerson and St. George's Schools. The visiting teachers will leave the city to-night. Some of them purpose going to Windsor for a brief visit to some of the schools in the Border Cities.

## EXTEND PHONE LINES IN CITY

Material Ordered For \$8,000 University Service.

ADD 1,800 CUSTOMERS

Provision To Be Made For Them By June 1.

Fourteen thousand dollars will be spent by the Bell Telephone Company in cable extensions in the north and west ends of the city in the near future. Of this amount, \$8,000 will be devoted to cable work in providing adequate service for the University of Western Ontario and citizens of North London, while the additional \$6,000 will be used for extending the wires and cables for east and west residents in the vicinity of Egerton street. These estimates have been approved by the Montreal office and the material is now on order.

Between eight and 10 million dollars per year for the next five years will be spent by the company throughout the Dominion, but mainly in the Province of Ontario and Quebec in adding additional equipment and replacing worn-out material, according to Manager Board of city cable exchange.

New equipment for the London office which will add considerably to the Bell service and which will provide for 1,800 additional branch phones, will be added to the present exchange and will possibly be ready for use by June 1. This will cost between \$30,000 and \$35,000 and will enable the company to carry on with the present facilities and building until 1926.

### NEW EXCHANGE SITE.

A strip of land has been purchased by the company at the corner of Quebec and Dundas streets and when the land at the central office shows signs of becoming too heavy to be handled in a suitable manner, a new branch exchange will be erected on this site.

"There is unusual demand for service now," said Mr. Board when discussing the proposed changes to-day. "Long distance calls for the month of January show an increase over the corresponding month of 1923, of over 2,000 calls and this is exclusive of the calls to St. Thomas. An increase of more than 600 messages through toll service for the first two weeks of January as compared to the same period for last year, is also recorded."

## PRINCE AND BRIDE BACK FROM VISITING TOMBS

TOKIO, Feb. 29.—Prince Regent Hirohito and his bride were greeted by throngs to-day on their return from a week's wedding trip. While away from the capital they visited the national shrines and imperial tombs, where, in accordance with the ancient Japanese custom, they formally reported their wedding to the spirits of their ancestors.

## LAND-SELLING CAMPAIGNS, TO COLONIZE THE CANADIAN WEST, DOOMED TO FAILURE

Dewitt Foster, Ex-M. P., Declares It Cost Western Canada Association \$58,000 To Sell Slightly More Than 5,000 Acres of Land

MONTREAL, Feb. 28.—Land selling campaigns to colonize Western Canada were "doomed to failure" as regards attractiveness in the United States by A. Dewitt Foster, ex-M. P. from King's, Nova Scotia, and former superintendent of the colonization and development department of the C. N. R. at Chicago, who addressed the Kiwanis Club here to-day.

Action by the C. N. R. to bring settlers into Canada from the United States by these means was severely criticized by the speaker.

who also referred to attempts in this same direction by the Western Canada Colonization Association. Mr. Foster alleged that the latter body during its activities in the United States had brought to Canada 221 prospective settlers of all kinds and had made 34 sales, totaling slightly more than 5,000 acres. He stated that the cost of this operation was about \$58,000 or nearly \$12 an acre.

He submitted that the experiment proved that the time was not opportune to colonize Western Canada on a land selling basis.

## LITTLE CONCERN ABOUT TREATY

Henderson's Return In Burnley Indicates Public Apathy.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—The triumphant return of Arthur Henderson, secretary for home affairs, in the parliamentary election at Burnley is taken by his friends as evidence of the fact that the little concern was aroused among the public by his suggestion that the Government aim at the revision of the Anglo-Irish treaty.

Mr. Henderson received 24,571 votes against 17,534 for H. E. J. Camps, Conservative. It is apparent that the bulk of the Liberal vote was given to the Laborite minister, although doubtless many Liberals supported his "conservative" opponent.

In the last election there were three candidates and the Liberals were at the bottom of the poll with approximately 13,000 votes. It is figured that about 7,000 of these were cast for Mr. Henderson yesterday and about 3,000 for Mr. Camps, but there were many abstentions.

Mr. Henderson now is in the unusual position of sitting in a House of which two of his sons are also members. There is said to be only one precedent for this in parliamentary history.

### SHOWS LIBERAL POSITION.

Special Cable to London Free Press. LONDON, Feb. 29.—Arthur Henderson's victory at Burnley is the first decisive expression of Liberal opinion on the Anglo-Irish policy of keeping labor in office that has been heard since the proposal was formulated. The Liberal vote yesterday was the direct information to this effect from headquarters in London thousands of Liberal followers have undoubtedly become impressed with the efforts of the Labor Government and on this account voted for the home secretary. Winston Churchill's strong 11th-hour letter supporting the Conservative candidate seems to have had but little effect, being regarded mainly as an effort to secure Conservative support in his nomination for the Abbey division of Westminster.

The two sons of Arthur Henderson, both of whom are members of the House of Commons, gave their father efficient and wholehearted support in the campaign.

## TRADE BOARDS SEEING BIG CUT IN TAXATION

Representatives Meet in Toronto on March 7 to Start Campaign.

A conference of the Ontario Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce will be held in the Toronto Board of Trade rooms, Royal Bank Building, on Friday, March 7, to discuss the imperative need for the greatest economy in Governmental administration, industrial, provincial and municipal, with the view to reducing expenditures and thereby enabling an adjustment of taxation.

This is a co-operative movement with the Western Provinces, where provincial conferences have already been held and resolutions, urging national economy, adopted.

A Dominion conference in Ottawa will follow later in the month, the question of which will be submitted by joint deputation to the Dominion Government. The Prairie Provinces, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces have approved of the Ottawa meeting and will have strong delegations present.

Delegates to the conference, to represent the local Chamber of Commerce, will be named at the next directors' meeting.

## CAIRO DEMONSTRATORS NOISY ON ANNIVERSARY

Indignant Over MacDonald's Declaration About Reservations.

CAIRO, Feb. 29.—Noisy anti-British demonstrations here marked the second anniversary of Britain's declaration of Egyptian independence. Students held mass meetings denouncing Britain's policies and Premier Zaidul was forced to address a crowd of demonstrators outside of the ministry building, the interior begging them to disperse.

The crowds were particularly indignant over Premier MacDonald's declaration that the British Government would continue the reservations previously made in regard to Egyptian independence.

## AWARD EUCHER PRIZES AT CRONYN MEN'S CLUB

J. Lamb won the prize at the progressive eucher drive held by the men's club of Cronyn Memorial Church last night. The prize, a handsome pair of gold cuff links, was donated by F. J. Laphorne, Ralph Hedger distinguished himself also and he was highly commended for the manner in which he carried on his lone campaign.

At the meeting of the club next Thursday night the executive of the Anglian Carpet Ball League will be present to present the cup to Cronyn Memorial team, which carried off the league honors this winter.

## SWISS HAVE SHIPS, BUT NAVY NOT YET PLANNED

GENEVA, Switzerland, Feb. 29.—Measures with a view to permitting the Swiss flag to be flown on the high seas are under discussion by the federal authorities to enable Switzerland to maintain a merchant marine. Switzerland is without maritime legislation, although during the war merchant ships supplying her with food flew the Swiss flag. The question of a navy to protect a possible merchant marine has not been raised.

## FATALLY HURT LOADING LOGS

Wallaceburg Man Has Leg Crushed At Coopage Plant.

CHATHAM, Feb. 29.—Samuel Foster, of Wallaceburg, died in St. Joseph's Hospital here last night from injuries received yesterday while engaged in loading logs. He was employed by the Wallaceburg Coopage Company and with his brother was endeavoring to get the third log on to the skid when it slipped, striking Foster below the left knee, carrying away about five inches of the bone. The injured man was rushed to the city for receiving medical attention, but he passed away shortly after reaching the hospital from loss of blood.

The unfortunate man is survived by a wife, two children, five brothers and five sisters.

Coroner Taylor, of Wallaceburg, will conduct an inquest.

Mr. Foster was 25, married, and is survived by two daughters, Reta and Lucille. He had lived in Wallaceburg for 10 years and was a native of Dover Township. Several brothers and sisters survive.

The funeral will be held on Saturday morning.

## START SUBSTATION DURING THE SUMMER

Utilities Not Ready to Start Underground Structure Yet.

The proposed underground hydro substation, to be constructed on Dundas street, near the corner of Richmond street, will not be started until the summer months. The city engineers are not ready to start the substation until the summer months. The city engineers are not ready to start the substation until the summer months.

Weather conditions had also caused a slight delay in the placing of transmission lines from the Hydro Board substation underground. The necessary conduits are now about complete, but any changing of services will not be undertaken until the weather breaks and spring has made its appearance.

## INSURANCE RATES FOR MOTORS IS MODIFIED

Special to London Free Press.

TORONTO, Feb. 29.—Motorists throughout Ontario will to-morrow be able to take advantage of revised rates on auto insurance drafted by the Canadian Auto Underwriters' Association and based on the experience of the association during the past few years. The general trend of the revision means a saving for the motorist, but exactly to what extent it is impossible to say. In Ontario the total theft hazard during the past year has been very good and for this reason the premiums covering theft will be materially reduced. Then, again, manufacturers have been improving their cars and listening to recommendations from the underwriters. There will also be a cut in the rates covering public liability and property damage.

## CIGARETTE STUB STARTS FIRE WHICH DESTROYS ARENA AT KINGSTON

KINGSTON, Ont., Feb. 29.—Fire of undetermined origin but supposed to have been caused by a lit cigarette stub, started a fire which completely destroyed the Jock Hart arena early this morning. The building was valued at \$95,000, and was insured for \$75,000. Valiant fire fighting saved the splendid pathological building which is situated not more than 30 feet from the side of the arena and which was slightly damaged. The gymnasium, also a short distance away, was on fire several times, but was saved.

Quantities of hockey outfits, owned by Queen's, Frontenac's and Circle Six's teams, were saved but all three organizations lost some parts of their equipments.

A bequest made by the late Jock Hart, well known hockeyist and sportsman, made the fine arena possible, and it was completed three years ago. It was regarded as the finest building of its kind in Eastern Ontario. A Junior O. H. A. game, between the local Circle Six and Peterboro teams was scheduled to be played in it to-night.

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## LOCAL CLERK AND \$800 DISAPPEAR

Police Suspect Florist Employee of Theft.

MAY HAVE GONE TO STATES

Stranger Obtained Position of Trust Here.

Police of this city are seeking a former clerk in the establishment of a local florist, who, it is alleged, absconded with approximately \$800 of his employer's money, after being in the latter's employ for a few months. The real name of the alleged embezzler is vague and it is believed he has successfully escaped to the United States. Detectives have been engaged on the case since it was placed in their hands, but the details have been closely guarded.

It is said that the clerk was a stranger in the city and obtained the position of trust by engendering sympathy. He was engaged at a monthly salary of \$103, according to information obtained to-day, and stayed but a few months. The loss of the money was discovered simultaneously with his sudden departure. The police department has been asked to assist in his capture.

## LIONS CLUB DELAYS SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS

Defer Extending Their Support To Two-Collegiate Program.

Owing to the fact that Trustee Dr. A. J. Grant, chairman of the Collegiate committee, was unable to be present, members of the Lions Club decided at their luncheon last night to defer any definite action toward supporting the proposed two-school building program. The address of Dr. Grant, delivered at the luncheon last week, was fully discussed and the club members each voiced their opinion on the present situation.

Dr. Grant was to have been present, but owing to the length of the Collegiate committee meeting he was unable to put in an appearance and instead of adopting a resolution favoring the project, action was deferred. A further discussion may be held next week, however, and definite action taken.

## DELIRIOUS WOMAN IS GUEST OF POLICE

Member of Manor Park Party Charged With Disorderly Conduct.

Four men and two women, most of whom are well known to the police, who were arrested at 810 Langarth street, Manor Park, late yesterday by Provincial Constable Stratton and County Constable Cook, were to-day remanded to jail until Monday, when they will answer to charges of disorderly conduct. James Reid, another occupant of the house, who was taken to Victoria Hospital in the police ambulance, is reported as resting quietly.

He is suffering from alcoholic poisoning, but his condition is not serious.

The persons arrested are Richard Haines, Frank Neville, Harry Steele, Robert Andrews, Sarah Parrott and Mary Jane Downie. They were not brought into police court, the remand being made by Magistrate Graydon prior to the opening of the court session, due to the condition of some of the number. One of the women is said to be suffering with delirium tremens. Rubbing alcohol is said to have been the beverage responsible.

## SOCIAL EVENING FOR POLICE CONSTABLES

P. C. Langford's Home Scene of Merry Weekly Gatherings.

Police Constable Chester Langford's home at 135 Sackville street, was the scene last night of what is described as being the most successful of the weekly social evenings the members of the police department have yet enjoyed. There were 14 couples present and conviviality reigned supreme.

The entertainment was provided with progressive eucher for which four prizes were offered. Among the ladies Mrs. Earl Knight turned out the winner of the first award, and Sgt. McCullough's experience at the desk apparently stood him in good stead, for he "copped" the first prize offered for the men. Mrs. Monteth, wife of Desk Sergeant Roy Monteth, and Constable Harry Loader, won the booby prizes offered.

Mrs. Langford amply demonstrated that cuisine ability is not the least of her attainments and the guests were provided with a bounteous repast and all thoroughly enjoyed it.

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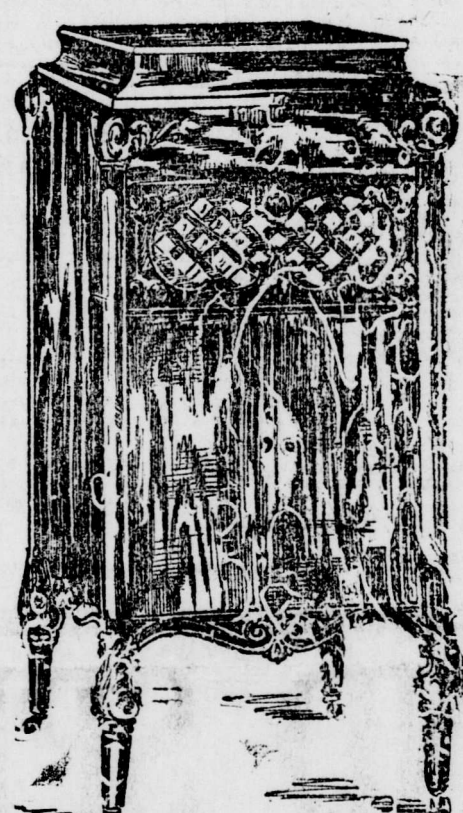
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