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INTRODUCE BILL
IN LEGISLATURE
TO AID HOSPITAL

House Was Unanimously in Favor of What Mr. W. H. Ireland Proposed

NOW TO COMMITTEE

Belleville Delegation Gets Quick Results—Need Not Increase Tax-Rate

The bill to authorize councils of cities to levy for hospitals a special rate in addition to that for general purposes, yesterday received its first reading in the Legislature after the House had unanimously given Mr. W. H. Ireland, M.P.P., for West Hastings, permission to introduce it. Mayor Hanna received a telegram to this effect late yesterday afternoon from Mr. Ireland. The bill as proposed is a public one and will avoid the expenses of from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars of a private bill. It will also eliminate delay. The bill embodies the principle of the resolution adopted by the Belleville City Council on Monday evening, when a delegation from Belleville Hospital asked for an increased grant.

Very Special Rate. The bill proposes that councils of cities may levy a special rate for hospital support. There is no restriction placed in the proposed bill as to the rate.

Mr. Mikel stated today that the bill would not necessarily increase the tax in a municipality, but only allowed the grant to be put in the form of a special levy.

The bill now goes before a committee of the House.

Right of Search
To Be Made Legal;
A Spracklin Echo

TORONTO, April 8.—The right to search yachts and other ships for liquor will be given prohibition enforcement officers under an amendment to the O.T.A. to be introduced in the Legislature today by Hon. W. E. Raney. This action is taken following the decision of the Appellate Division upholding the judgment against Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin for having searched the yacht of a Windsor lawyer.

Aged Lady Badly
Hurt in Accident

Mrs. Sanford Reddick, 4th concession of Sidney, who had a collar bone broken and was otherwise injured on Wednesday of this week, was still in considerable pain today. The Ontario was informed at noon. Mrs. Reddick, who it was said, is nearly 70 years of age, was thrown to the ground from a buggy, her horse having moved to turn just as she was getting out. She fell heavily and a bone snapped. She was at the home of her son, Mr. F. Phillips, 4th line of Sidney at the time. There she was given medical attention and everything possible was done to relieve the pain but she suffered a good deal.

SOLDIERED HERE; NOW
GETS NEW APPOINTMENT

Capt. C. W. E. Meath, formerly of the 39th Battalion, Belleville and later adjutant of the 235th was appointed Superintendent of the Government Employment Bureau at Toronto, succeeding the Rev. J. E. Miller. He has been in charge of the employment service section of the D.S.C.R. for Toronto district. The captain is well-known in Belleville.

"PEN" NEVER SO CROWDED
SINCE THE PENIAN RAID

KINGSTON, Ont., April 8.—There are 725 prisoners in the Portsmouth Penitentiary, and the institution is rapidly becoming overcrowded. Not since the days of the Penian raid, when hundreds of Penian prisoners were captured as they crossed the border, has the population in the "pen" been so high. All available accommodation is being utilized and the new north wing in process of construction is also being used. Ten prisoners were admitted on Wednesday.

POST OFFICE HOLIDAYS.

While Toronto Post Office has employed 150 men for holiday relief for the next six months at current wages, it is because Toronto holidays started on April 1st. Belleville Post Office holiday season starts on June 1st and closes Oct. 31st. During that period the relief will consist of two carriers and one helper on the staff.

PUSSYFOOT JOHNSON
HERE FOR BUSY HOUR;
THROGS TO HEAR HIM

World-Famous Speaker Launches Into Denunciation of Liquor Traffic—Stop the Source of Supply the Only Plan, He Says—Tells of Scotland and Ireland as Prohibition Possibilities.

"Pussyfoot" (W. E.) Johnson, the temperance orator known the world over, paid Belleville a brief, but busy 2-hour visit today.

He was met at the station and escorted while in Belleville by leading temperance workers here. At one o'clock he spoke in Griffin's opera house to a throng of people, half of whom were ladies. He left Belleville again on the 2.50 train for Kingston, where he was to speak tonight.

Practically every seat in the theatre was taken when the curtain went up at 1.15. In the audience were people of all walks of life, with about half of them women.

Albert Students There. Albert College students seated in the gallery entertained the crowd, the High School boys joining in the welcome. The audience was in a merry mood throughout.

Among those on the platform were Mr. D. V. Sinclair, Rev. Dr. Cleaver, Rev. A. S. Kerr, Rev. Mr. Cranston, of Trenton, Rev. A. H. Foster, Rev. W. G. Clarke, Trenton, Rev. W. H. Wallace, Rev. W. G. Elliott, Ex-Mayor of Riggs, John Cook, F. E. O'Flynn, Judge Deroche, W. B. Wiseman.

"Something Doing" "There must be something doing in Belleville when we pack the theatre at one o'clock in the afternoon when most people are engaged at their work," declared Mr. D. V. Sinclair, president of the Dominion Alliance, opening the meeting as chairman.

Mr. Sinclair ridiculed the activities of the Liberty League. He had seen their advertisements on yellow paper. "The whole thing is yellow," he declared. "I would not if I were a Liberty Leaguer have the announcements made on yellow paper." He mentioned their appeal to the women voters.

The chairman appealed to the citizens of Belleville and the surrounding country. "Do you approve of conditions that make this possible?" he asked, citing the condition when it was necessary to hale seven men into Belleville police court and fine them from \$10 to \$500 for infractions of the Ontario Temperance Act.

Marked the Ballot. "I hope I'm voting for 500,000 people in Ontario," said Mr. Sinclair, as he marked a huge ballot. "Yes," which Judge Deroche held.

Judge Deroche—"The boys who want a drink now have got to go to Quebec."

Mr. Johnson's Speech. In a few words "Pussyfoot" Johnson was introduced amid cheers. He spoke in a soft voice with a slight drawl.

"I'm here merely at the request of the alliance to explain some phases of this world movement," he said at once launching into an arraignment of the liquor traffic, and incidentally referring to the mosquito pest along the Hudson river.

"We dried up the source of supply and the plague disappeared automatically," he continued.

"When we began studying this liquor business with our heads instead of our stomachs, we discovered that the great milk of the evil would disappear when we shut off the source of supply."

Camouflage. There is so much camouflage and clouding of the issues. "The bootleggers and the liquor business have been lying about it and they are doing it in Canada right now."

"Before we in U.S. had national prohibition, 12,000 municipalities

INFLUX OF LIQUOR HERE
SPEEDS UP SLIGHTLY BUT
PEOPLE ARE "CAUTIOUS"

The influx of liquor price lists from Montreal and the approaching shut-out of booze on May 1st from the Province of Quebec have speeded up a little the importations into Belleville in the past few weeks. It has been learned. But the shipments are not increasing at such a rate as might have been expected. The high price of booze is one of the deterrent causes. Another is that those who can afford and have desired a stock of liquid joy have stored it away.

In the outlying districts of the local inspectors the inflow of whiskey has been at low ebb for some time. In one section where once the stuff came

in plentifully, only one case has come in in nearly two months. This would indicate that the liquor is pretty well under control. The public is not taking advantage of these last days and is very anxious not to make any mistakes that might run into B.O.T.A. charges.

While a little more liquor is coming in lately, not one tenth of the amount which came in last year is reported as coming in up to two or three weeks ago at outside points. The inspector has been pretty close and bootleggers have been chased for all they were worth. Once caught and touched for a huge fine, few like to nibble at the bait with six months in jail hanging over their heads.

years in 62 cities we have reduced drunkenness by 230,000 cases. Those poor men instead of being cooped up in jail are now free. They are taking care of themselves and their families, instead of keeping the families of the saloon keepers."

Citing statistics to prove that "bone-dry" prohibition had signally succeeded in the United States, Mr. Johnson compared charges of drunkenness in the following cities in 1917 with what they were in 1920: Albany, 2,370, reduced to 477; New York city, 16,311, reduced to 7,830; Niagara Falls, N. Y., 9,144, reduced to 726; Peoria, Ill., once the greatest whiskey-making centre in the world, 1,879, reduced to 270; Pittsburgh, 9,537, reduced to 2,935; and Chicago, 55,853, reduced to 31,315.

More Figures. Reports from sixty-two cities showed that two-thirds of drunkenness had been wiped out. Figures showed 371,475 arrests for drunkenness in 1917 and 141,084 in 1920. Instead of getting drunk and locked up these 230,000 were set free.

"If you want points about personal liberty go ask these free self-respecting citizens," he said.

Regarding Windle. He regretted that the Citizen's Liberty League were able to find a man of the stamp of Chas. A. Windle of the Iconoclast, who is now telling Canadians what to do.

Mr. Johnson held up a file of the "Iconoclast."

"That paper is the most rabid, malignant, anti-British paper," said Mr. Johnson and read part of a leading editorial published in the Iconoclast in March 1920 as "The Doom of the British Empire."

"If there is any member of the Citizen's Liberty League here I wish he would come up on the platform and see if I read it right," he said, reading freely extracts from Windle's Iconoclast.

He referred to Mr. Windle as having been imported from the slums of America to tell Canadians how to vote on the liquor traffic.

"Are we here to lead the life of a wolf or follow in the footsteps of the Master?"

"We brought nothing into the world, we leave everything behind—our records of good and evil, our reputation; I think some bloody, grasping shynock brewers would like to take their gold beyond, but it would not keep them there; it would melt."

Mr. Johnson pleaded for these things which would make the homes a little happier and safer for the children.

Twisted the Lion's Tail.

"On our side we have a lot of fellows like Mr. Windle always twisting the Lion's tail. I'd like to see these blackcats on both sides of the water tied together and sunk to the bottom of the ocean. I've always said England led the world in abolition of slavery and commercialized vice and made the sea safe."

"My faith in the British people is such that I don't think Britain will be at the tail end of prohibition as we in America were on the question of abolition of slavery."

"It's up to you. We want to work with you so closely that our hearts can feel your heart's beating," he closed amid cheers.

Mr. Sinclair asked "Are you not ashamed of the organization which brings that war (Windle) into Canada?"

There was not the slightest disorder at the meeting. An entire absence of heckling being noted.

Women's Sunday
at Bridge Street

LADIES will have complete charge of both services at Bridge Street Methodist Church next Sunday. This is something never attempted here before and it is hoped to make the occasion as successful as it is unique.

It is to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding in Bridge Street of the Women's Missionary Society. Women will sing, read the scripture lessons, and take up the collections at both services.

The preacher both times will be Mrs. (Dr.) McCullough of Toronto, Treasurer of the Red Fund of the W.M.S., author of the new version of "O Canada," a writer of some note and an eloquent speaker.

BRITISH ON THE RHINE
INSULTED BY GERMANS

COBLENZ, April 8.—According to the Cologne Post, the organ of the British army on the Rhine, a number of cases have come to light in which certain civilians have insulted British soldiers.

To-morrow the mayor of Wald, in the presence of the aldermen and other local officers, will read an apology for indignities inflicted there on a British captain in uniform.

Amid the jeers of the townspeople an automobile in which the officer had been sitting was deliberately overturned.

QUEEN'S PARKERS
AGAIN STAY UP,
DO VERY LITTLE

Able at Five This Morning to Report Slow Progress as Result

PASS LABOR ESTIMATES

Those With Hydro Are Not Touched—Drury and Ferguson Tilt

TORONTO, April 8.—The Ontario Legislature again sat until five this morning and when the House rose very little further progress had been made with the supplementary estimates. Those for the Department of Labor were passed. Nothing was done, however, with the estimates for the Hydro Electric Power Commission. These will probably not be touched until next week.

Dealing with the cost of operating the Employment Bureau, the Hon. G. H. Ferguson warned the Government that the worst was yet to come as far as the unemployment situation was concerned. The Premier replied that this was probably true, but no amount of public works which the Government could provide would adequately meet the situation. Discussing the "Mother's Allowance Act," the Premier declared there was no such thing as a list of regulations for the several boards throughout the province.

"We're Too Busy."

Replying to Mr. Ferguson, he stated that the cabinet was too busy to consider regulations while the House was in session.

Honored on Her
74th Birthday

A very pleasing event took place at the home of Mrs. Arthur Gordon, 1014 St. John's, when a number of her friends, from both East and West Belleville, invaded her home in honor of her 74th birthday. She was barely taken by storm but in a few minutes had the crowd all comfortably seated. After a short conversation, Mrs. C. Martin called for order and Miss Elsie Lyng read a very appropriate address and Miss Rose Bailey presented her with a large basketful of most useful gifts, among them being a handsome cheque. Mrs. Gordon made a very suitable reply, thanking the donors and upon request, favoured them with a couple of songs. After a dainty luncheon the guests were then entertained with a number of piano selections rendered by Misses Mollie Spencer and Marjorie Martin. The rest of the evening was spent in social intercourse, after singing "Oh She is a Jolly Good Fellow" and wishing her many happy returns of the day, the merry crowd dispersed for their several places of abode.

GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY IS 29TH MAY

May 29th will be "Go to Sunday School Sunday" in Belleville. So decided the Religious Educational Council which met last evening at the Y. M. C. A. Mr. P. C. MacLaurin, vice-president in the chair.

The Girls' Work Board is being promoted under the chairmanship of Miss Templeton with Miss H. Fenn as Secretary-treasurer.

Presently a children's board will be organized. The boys' work branch has been in operation for some time under the direction of Mr. Angus Buchanan.

MISS HELEN HERCHMER, Miss Helen Herchmer passed away early today at her home, 37 Dundas street. She was the youngest daughter of the late Charles L. Herchmer and resided here all her life. She was taken seriously ill a few days ago. She was a member of St. Thomas Church. Surviving her are one sister, Mrs. C. F. Gildersleeve of Kingston, Mrs. Rivers of Ottawa, a niece, Mrs. H. H. Gildersleeve of Sarnia, nephew, and Mrs. George Herchmer, Chicago.

NO DROP HERE
IN MILK PRICE

No drop in milk prices is expected here by dealers for some time. As this is a cheese centre, the demand for milk is greater than in other sections and dealers have to pay a little higher price, one said today.

Three returned soldiers have purchased the mill owned by Marks Bros., Parkhill, and will manufacture toys.

FIRE WIPES OUT HOME,
WITH ALL ITS CONTENTS
OF MR. GEORGE NAYLER

Blaze Starting at Midnight Had Gained Headway Before Discovered—Family Escape With Only Night Clothes—Insurance of \$1700—Firemen Delayed and Cannot Assist

Fire starting about midnight completely destroyed the frame dwelling with all its contents of George Nayler, G. T. R. Engineer, living on the east side of McDonald Avenue, just outside the extreme northeast part of Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Nayler escaped with only their night clothes. Three children, aged from nine to seventeen, also escaped without harm.

But all their furniture, bedding, clothes, about \$100. in money, watches, rings, jewelry, pictures—everything, in fact in the house, was destroyed.

Not a board of the house was left unscorched and today there is only a mass of cinders to mark where last evening stood a comfortable frame dwelling.

Mr. Nayler had some insurance but friends of his told The Ontario today that it would not cover half his loss.

Mr. J. W. Barlow, returning from a lodge meeting in the city, saw the flames, and was one of the first there. He and others who were on the spot quickly found they could do nothing to help as the flames had got far beyond control.

ORIGIN OF FIRE UNKNOWN

What caused the fire is unknown. All that is known is that shortly after midnight Mrs. Nayler awoke suddenly to find the back verandah in flames and the fire actually threatening the room they were sleeping in. No time was lost, with the help of Mr. Nayler, in seeing that the children were got out of danger. So close was the margin of safety that they had no chance whatever of saving anything in the house.

Neighbors on the same street, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Rainbird, took care of Mrs. Nayler and the children, while Mr. Nayler was taken home by Mr. Barlow.

Mr. Nayler had returned home at 10 o'clock from work and had gone immediately to bed.

According to Mr. Barlow, who was among the first to assist, the fire started about 12.20. It was 3 o'clock before it had burned down and they left the spot.

Firemen Were Delayed. At 12.50 a.m. the fire department received the alarm from the police. It was at first thought the fire was on Turnbull Street, then Burrell St. and finally the firemen worried it out at McDonald Avenue.

It was impossible to do anything when the firemen arrived. The house was an entire mass of flames.

Say Roads Were Bad. The roads were so bad that the carts ran the risk of being mired and there was not enough hose to reach from the closest hydrant. Chief Brown and his men stayed on a scene for a while to protect property closer in if it should be endangered.

Hurt Rescued Child. Mr. Nayler, in rescuing one of the children, had to break a window pane and cut his hand severely.

\$1,700 Insurance. The National Fire Insurance Co.

of Toronto, carried \$1,000 insurance on the dwelling and \$700 on the contents. Mr. Chaney Ashley is the local agent.

Mr. Nayler today told The Ontario that he had come home about ten o'clock tired after a day's run to Brockville and retired soon after. He knew nothing more until after midnight when Mrs. Nayler called him and said the house was all afire.

"I told her for us to get the children out and not wait to save anything," said Mr. Nayler, "as I saw the fire was far advanced."

They got the children out and a few minutes later the roof over a room they had been in, fell in. Mr. Nayler thought the fire had been going for half an hour before its discovery by Mrs. Nayler.

The only thing about the place saved were about 30 hens. It was said.

MASSASSAGA PARK WILL
AGAIN BE SUMMER RESORT

Place Lying Idle For Last Six Years in Full Blast Again—Robert Day of Belleville, has leased property on five-year basis.

Massassaga Park and Hotel are to be re-opened shortly, after about six years of idleness. This will be welcome news for in the old days Massassaga was visited by excursionists from all parts of the Bay of Quinte from Trenton on the west and Picton on the East. Belleville will be mainly interested.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Robert Day, of this city, completed arrangements with the owners, the Ontario Rock Company of Toronto, for a five-year lease of the park grounds and hotel with an option of purchase.

Massassaga Park dates back beyond the memory of the older inhabitants. It comprises 68 acres of lawn and wood lawn.

With the opening up of the bay bridge as a free highway, the proposed improvement of the road leading to the park and the new boat service on the bay, life at Massassaga Park should revive.

The hotel will have at least 24 rooms open this year. The merry-go-round and dancing pavilions will be operated for the pleasure of holiday parties.

Mr. Day will begin the work of renovation of the hotel tomorrow.

ROBERT PATCH, 214 1-4, SOLD;
FAMOUS HORSE GOES TO PICTON

Robert Patch, who has been owned by Mr. Wm. J. Orr, of this city for the last nine years, has been sold to Mr. Plattford of Picton. This stallion made a record of 2.14 1/2 at Picton last fall.

The sire of Robert Patch was the great Dan Patch, at one time the fastest harness horse in the world, whose record was 1.55. Dan Patch was owned by the International Stock Food Company of Minneapolis. Robert Patch's dam was Cassandra, in his time the fastest of

unhobbled racers. She was owned in Carson City, Iowa. Robert Patch would have been one of the fastest pacers in the world if he had stood training.

The racing blood of the Patch family shows itself in Robert Patch's offspring. He is the sire of Sandy Patch, who made 2.09 1/2 over a half mile track and sire of Dolly Patch who made 2.18 1/2 on a half mile track and 2.12 1/2 on trial. He is also the sire of several other standard record horses, (2.25 and bet-

ter.)

In a few hours their patrols which now take as many days.

In the report of the commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, tabled in the house by Hon. J. A. Calder, Commissioner, Perry says a request has been made to the air board to share in an air service to Fort Norman from Peace River next summer.

To protect iron cooking utensils not in use, coat them with saltless grease.