

ORDERS BOARD TO RECONSIDER BOOST IN RATES

Dominion Cabinet Acts Following Appeal by Dairy Council.

AFFECTS CREAM DEALERS

Producers Claim Express Charges Are Destroying Profits.

OTTAWA, March 19.—(By Canadian Press).—Further consideration of the increase of 20 per cent in commodities rates allowed to the express companies by the express rates judgment of the board of railway commissioners in February, 1921, is ordered by the cabinet as the result of the appeal against the increased rates on cream made by the National Dairy Council. The board is asked to consider the question of a reduction in the rates on cream, and also whether, in view of the fact that cream is only one commodity affected by the 20 per cent increase in the "commodities rate," a general reduction in these commodities rates can be made.

The appeal of the dairy council was heard by a committee of the cabinet on February 25, and was for the removal of the increase of 20 per cent in express rates on cream granted by the board in February, 1921. The dairy council, through D'Arcy Scott, submitted that owing to the falling off in the market value of cream since the time the increase was granted, the cream producers were not making any profit on their cream, and a reduction of the amount asked would make all the difference between profit and loss in their case.

Applied To Commission.—The dairy council applied to the railway commission in November last to have the 20 per cent increase removed from cream rates, and that application was dismissed.

The decision of the governor-in-council, referring the question back to the railway board, states that "if the rate on cream could be dealt with by itself it would be comparatively simple, but cream is only one of a variety of goods or merchandise classified for rating purposes as 'commodities,' and consisting of at least of fruit, fish, vegetables and cream. The flat increase of 20 per cent allowed by the board on Feb. 22, 1921, applies equally to whatever comes within the commodity group, and for that reason it would appear that if there is to be a reduction in the rate of cream there should also be a further hearing by the board for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not there should be a reduction on the various other classes of merchandise comprised in the commodity group, and the committee of the privy council is of the opinion that in view of that fall-off in the market of cream a corresponding reduction, if possible, should be made in the express rates, and if after hearing further evidence in regard to the various classes of goods included in commodities the board is of the opinion that a general reduction of the commodities rates cannot con-

91-Year-Old Prisoner Has "Change of Heart."

Special to London Advertiser. CHATHAM, March 19.—Louis Courtois, 91 years, serving a sentence of two years in the county jail, has become converted, through the efforts of the Salvation Army, held recently at the jail, the prisoner broke down and wept bitterly. He is now truly repentant, according to Captain Square-briggs, who conducted the service at which the aged Spaniard displayed emotion.

sistently be made, then and in such case a specific rate should be fixed for the subject matter of this appeal and along the lines hereinbefore mentioned.

Goes Back to Committee.—The committee advised that the appeal be referred to the board for further consideration. The matter, it was stated by counsel for the Dairy Council appearing before the cabinet, is one affecting cream producers in all parts of the Dominion, and the appeal has therefore been followed with considerable interest.

WAGE DISPUTE UNSETTLED

Hamilton Company Stands Firm in Decision To Cut Pay.

HAMILTON, March 19.—Yesterday's conference failed to bring about a settlement of the wage dispute between the Dominion Power and Transmission Company and its employees. The company is still standing out for a cut in wages, and the men decline to accept the company's latest offer, which is said to be a concession on the cut from 52 to 45 cents an hour which was put into force on Feb. 1. The men have all along been demanding an increase of 10 per cent, but at yesterday's conference they abandoned this demand and agreed to accept the old scale of 52 cents. The board of conciliation, which has been considering the dispute for a week and was instrumental in bringing about the conference, advised the men not to hope for the increase.

SEEK NEW TRIAL FOR GALLAGHER

OTTAWA, March 19.—(By Canadian Press).—A determined effort is being put forth by the Great War Veterans' Association to secure a new trial for John F. Gallagher of Carleton Place, who was sentenced at Carleton Place on Jan. 21 to be hanged for the murder of John G. Coward. It is claimed that Gallagher is totally deaf, and that the trial proceeded without provision being made so that the prisoner could have full knowledge of the proceedings.

Gallagher is a returned soldier who served seven years with the Imperial forces. His character upon discharge was noted as exemplary. He was injured in both ears while fighting at Ypres on April 24, 1915. Petitions are being circulated broadcast throughout Canada.

DEPUTATION TO AIR GRIEVANCES

Port Stanley Fishermen May Send Representatives to Toronto.

CHARGES WITHDRAWN

Department Will Not Prosecute Three Who Were Summoned to Court.

ST. THOMAS, March 19.—Although information against three of the Port Stanley fishermen who were summoned to answer charges of fishing without licenses have been withdrawn, investigations are still being carried on by the game and fisheries department. Several new charges were laid on Saturday.

Feeling against the actions of the department, carried out through Fish and Game Inspector S. H. Cohen and Major Emmerton of London, district game warden for this district, is running high among the fishermen. Without exception the men feel they have been subjected to a rank injustice, because it was no fault of their own that the 1922 fish licenses were not issued before the season opened.

There is considerable talk of sending a deputation from the Fishermen's Association to Toronto to explain the situation from the fishermen's point of view.

Magistrate Frank Hunt, who issued the summons on the request of the inspector, was non-committal when interviewed. He stated that he was merely carrying out the duties of his office. Crown Attorney A. McCrimmon was of the opinion that the whole trouble rested on a technicality.

The trouble arose when several fishermen at Port Stanley who had not received their licenses, although they applied for them early in the season, were summoned to court when the season opened March 15. They believed that the marked checks which they had sent with their applications were sufficient evidence of good faith on their behalf to allow them to cast their nets.

ONTARIO LUMBER DEALERS PLAN OUTING ON "HURONIC"

200 Retail Merchants To Take Trip on Inland Lakes, Commencing on June 23.

Special to London Advertiser. SARNIA, March 19.—An outing has been planned by the Ontario retail lumber dealers for Friday, June 23, on board of the Northern Navigation S. S. Huronic. The cruise starts at Windsor, thence Sarnia, Owen Sound, Georgian Bay, St. Marys River, Canada locks, Lake Superior, return through the American locks, with a stay at Sault Ste. Marie, thence to Mackinac Island, returning to Sarnia and Windsor, the trip in all taking about five days.

There will be about 200 in the party, consisting of lumbermen from all the larger cities of Ontario, and a number of invited guests from the state of Michigan. The chambers of commerce at Sarnia, Owen Sound and Sault Ste. Marie will entertain the visitors during the stay in those cities.

The charter has been negotiated by J. C. Schofield of Windsor, president of the Ontario Retail Lumbermen's Association, and L. H. Richards of Sarnia, chairman of the entertainment committee.

STAYNER BARBER CLINGS TO STORY ABOUT SMALL

Arthur Weatherup Declines to Change Statement That He Shaved Missing Millionaire.

TORONTO, March 18.—Following six hours of severe police "quizzing" yesterday, Arthur Weatherup, the Stayner barber, remained unshaken in his story that on the day Ambrose J. Small, the theatrical millionaire, disappeared, he wore his watch. Mrs. Small and her maid have stated that the watch was found under Mr. Small's pillow.

But Weatherup refused to sign the statement that Detective Sergeant Mitchell prepared to summarize his story. He also refused to positively identify the watch shown him as the one that Small wore on the day that he vanished.

Weatherup resents the police intimation that he is mistaken as to the day on which he shaved Small and saw the watch. "I know it was Dec. 2, and until they show me that I am wrong I will continue to believe I am right," said he. Proof of Weatherup's statement that Small was in the barber shop on Tuesday, Dec. 2, was obtained in the daily receipt book of the Rex Barber Shop, which showed that Bert Keyser, barber, was off on this afternoon. Keyser now admits remembering leaving the shop around 1:30 p.m., when Small entered, dressed in an overcoat, and wearing a morning coat with grey trousers. Keyser recalls having joked with Small for being "all dressed up."

SET STRATFORD'S RATE

Council Decides On 33.3 Mills Plus Garbage Assessment.

Special to London Advertiser. STRATFORD, March 18.—The provincial convention of the Orange Young Bretons will be held here on May 24 and 25.

The city council, meeting as a committee of the whole, set the tax rate for public school supporters at 33.3 mills, plus 1.2 mills garbage tax and separate school supporters 35.8 mills, plus 1.2 to garbage tax. The sum of \$3,000 is to be set aside as a pension fund for municipal employees. Aid Ireland brought forward a motion that the committee chairman be paid \$200 annually, the aldermen \$150. The council voted 5 to 5 on the question, which will come up again Monday.

SIDE LIGHTS AT OTTAWA

By JOHN J. McLELLAN, Advertiser Staff Correspondent.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, OTTAWA.

March 19.—What has prolonged, and may prolong still further, the debate on the speech from the throne is the eagerness of many of the new members, particularly Progressive members, to make speeches.

The reason for the Progressives voicing their views so assiduously is because they think, conscientiously, that they must do so in justification of their election pledges.

Many of the Progressives, it would seem, talked considerably during their campaign about problems peculiar to their own constituencies. That is, it appears, that seeing the debate as the time when all questions should be introduced, they, so to speak, have resorted to this device to bring to the attention of Parliament the questions immediately confronting the people at home whom they are representing.

Parliament has heard Alfred Speakman on the question of the returned soldier who took up land in the West, from Alan Webster, M.P. of British Columbia concerning the exclusion of Asiatics and other British Columbia problems, and so on from a few other westerners.

Now, unless T. A. Crerar can stay the verbosity of his followers who are bursting to lay before the Legislature the problems of their own territories, the debate may continue for some time yet.

Any thunders that the opposition may hold were dissipated with the speech of Sir Henry Drayton. The government, it is thought, now has no desire to continue. So the length of the debate on the speech is still up in the air.

THE defeat of Premier T. C. Norris in Manitoba will have but little reflection in the federal arena. Progressives are confident that in the event of an election in Manitoba they will sweep the province. If such occurred the Progressives in the federal house would be strengthened a shade in a moral way. They would then have, it is noted, provinces in the Confederation under the sway of parties very much akin to themselves.

How important the matter of provincial power is in connection with the federal house may be gauged by the words of the premier. It will be remembered that in showing to the leader of the opposition his position when speaking a week ago, he pointed out that the Conservative party lacked a single province at that moment where his party was not in semi-oblivion.

DISTINCTION may fall on a Western Ontario member soon, in the person of W. D. Euler. It is understood that he stands in a good way to become deputy speaker.

The member from North Waterloo is today counted exceedingly well in a cabinet position. It was thought, when the present government was being formed, in whatever position he stood he was not so rewarded at all events, and so it may be considered that as his due he is quite likely to be elected deputy speaker.

It will rest almost entirely with the disposition of the mind of Mr. Euler whether the award goes to him or not. There is a possibility that he might refuse.

Hence James Logan of Cumberland, Nova Scotia, was, it is understood, offered the nomination, but saw fit to refuse. The reasons why the member from Cumberland turned down the offer are not common property by any means, and the position of the member himself is still enigmatical.

CONSIDERABLE entertainment to galleries and members alike was provided in the address of Alan Webster Neill of British Columbia before the house, as this member seems to possess a certain aptitude for giving a ridiculous turn. Speaking of what he considered as very important the banning of oleomargarine, he said: "Referring to the people of British Columbia, we do not think it fair to compel the Canadian cow—I almost said the Christian Canadian cow—to compete against a heathen in the Central American Republic or the United States."

Oleomargarine was made from vegetable oils produced by cheap labor in those countries, Mr. Neill said.

In speaking of the railways he declared, "One honorable gentleman drew a comparison between the profits to be derived from railways and the profits made by selling liquor. I am afraid the two do not co-ordinate very well together. It is true that if you take enough of the one you will feel competent to run the other, but otherwise I do not feel that the comparison is a good one."

HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX is understood to be at present engaged in compiling a treatise on Canadian history concerning specifically those years in which he has occupied a seat in the House.

The present speaker has so long been connected in such a prominent way with Canadian history in the making that when completed the work which he is preparing will be a great contribution to Canadian annals, and possibly throw new light

on many great events in the period of our history with which the writer was connected.

IT is required of the speaker that he sit through all the debate from the throne. At present there being no deputy speaker it would be impossible for the speaker to do otherwise than sit through the sessions. So immediately on the close of the debate on the speech from the throne it will be required to elect a deputy speaker immediately.

WITHIN the last few days there has beset the government and members of the cabinet many deputations with pleas. The premier absents himself but little from the house while it is in session so that unoccupied time, what there has been of it, must go to interviews and deputations.

This is in keeping with the present administration's reputation for being hard working. While it may be usual with a new government to have too much seeing of deputations and hearing of pleas, it is pointed out that these complaints—an instance is the civil service deputation Friday—that have accrued under another regime which more or less substantiates the Liberal claim of maladministration.

HON. W. S. FIELDING will take up the reins of the premiership in all likelihood in the absence of the premier at his brother's funeral in Denver, Col.

This will mean that the Hon. Mr. Fielding will lead the government during the next week and one-half, since the premier's return will be not before that time.

BELIEVE BLAZE OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

Home of John Jordan Is Damaged To the Extent of About \$2,000.

FIND GASOLINE TRACES

Police of St. Thomas Are Now Working on Mysterious Case.

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ST. THOMAS, March 18.—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, completely gutted the home of John Jordan, on Centre street of this city, early Saturday morning. The loss is estimated at \$2,000, partly covered by insurance.

Many suspicious circumstances surrounding the blaze have led the police and Fire Chief Armstrong, to believe that the fire was started by someone bearing ill-feeling against the family. Working on this assumption, the police are seeking to unravel the mystery.

Near the building, outside an open window, in the room where the fire started, an empty gasoline can was found. It is believed that the liquid was thrown through the window, which was opened from the outside, and then ignited. A piano, the curtains and other furniture near the

window, was saturated with the contents of the can.

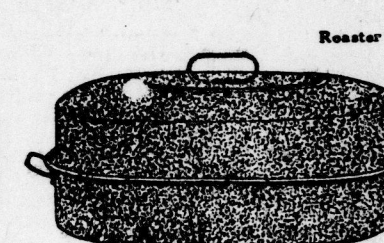
The fire was discovered by Miss Lila Jordan, who was sleeping in a room near the parlor. She believed that she heard footsteps, and immediately went to investigate. By the time she opened the door the room was seething with flames. She awakened the other members of the family, who were forced to make a hurried exit, so rapidly did the flames spread. Through hard work on the part of the fire department the house was saved from absolute destruction.

SPRACKLIN GOES TO CHEBOYGAN

CHEBOYGAN, Mich., March 19.—Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, who a year ago left the ministry at Sandwich, Ont., to become a liquor law enforcement officer, and who later was charged with slaying an innkeeper during a raid on the latter's roadhouse, is about to re-enter the pulpit. It was announced here yesterday, Rev. Spracklin, it was said, has accepted appointment as pastor of the Methodist Church here.

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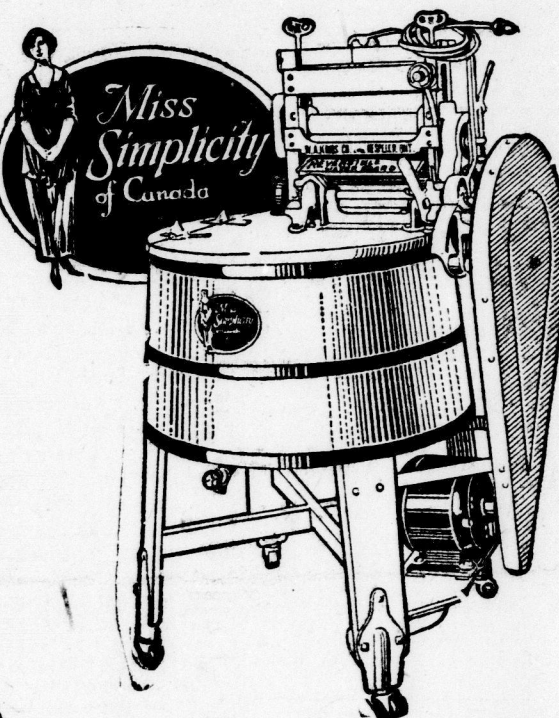
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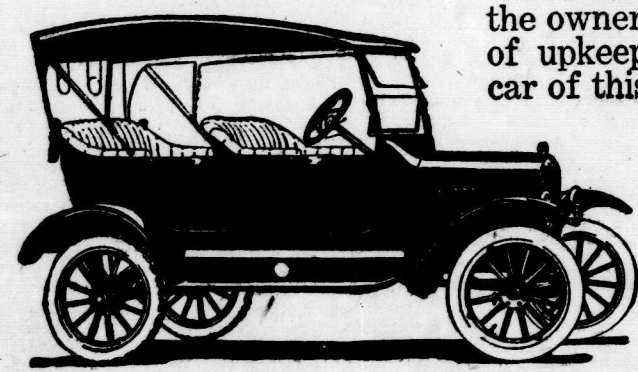
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