

SPRINT OF INTERESTS IN RURAL ONTARIO

This, and Government's Unfriendly Attitude Subject of Legislature Debate.

PROVINCES' FINANCES

Opposition Members Maintain There is Deficit, and Charge Bad System.

The agricultural unrest in the province, the retrogression marked in the rural population and unfriendly attitude adopted by the government towards the farmers...

At the opening of the house, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson and Hon. T. W. McGarry introduced...

A bill was introduced to enable the Continental Guarantee Company to carry on business in Ontario.

Premier Hearst made a sympathetic reference to the death of J. W. Johnston of Belleville...

Sam Clarke spoke in similar terms in the absence of Mr. Proudfoot.

C. M. Bowman prefaced his examination of Treasurer McGarry's financial statement with a well-phrased reference to the present phase from war to peace.

He spoke of the feeling of unrest throughout the world, and to the difficulties presented by the reconstruction period in Canada.

He thought it fitting to assert the responsibilities of all classes of the community to seek co-operation as far as possible, and especially to increase by every means productive capacity in every line.

Mr. Bowman acknowledged the qualifications of the new head of the department of agriculture.

He also congratulated the provincial treasurer upon the buoyant revenues of 1918, and questioned the lifting of the war tax.

Mr. McGarry: \$1,800,000. Mr. Bowman: When I get thru with the surplus, I don't think it matters which figure is...

Mr. McGarry: That is always the way with irresponsible people when they want to get their hands on...

Mr. Bowman: I will show that instead of a surplus we have, according to our past practice of treating provincial accounts, a deficit of \$1,800,000, or a difference of about \$3,000,000 in balance of the year's finances.

Mr. McGarry: Mr. McGarry got into a tangle over the hearing of sums from current expenditure to capital expenditure in the accounts.

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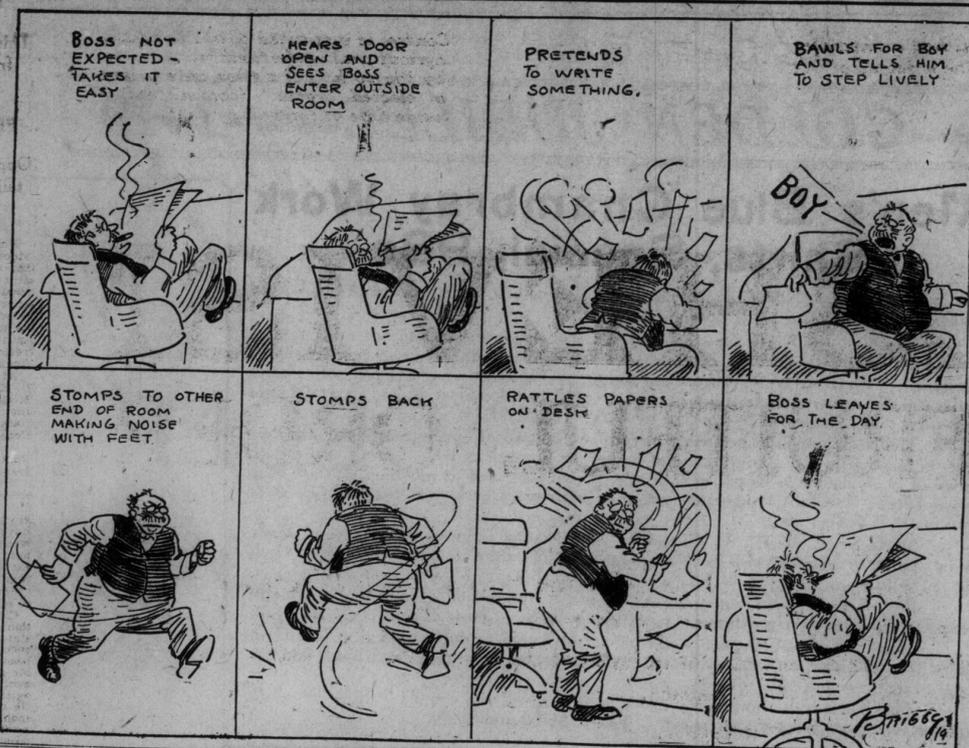
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Movie of a Man Pretending to Be Busy When the Boss Arrives By BRIGGS



FIREMEN LINE UP FOR PAY INCREASE

Press for Action on Request Submitted Last Year.

Unless the salary increases which they claim were promised them last October, by the chief, are granted by the council, the members of the Firemen's Union state that they will take some action.

Fire Chief Smith admitted that a schedule of increases had been submitted to him last year, but he did not remember having promised to recommend anything.

The matter is now in the hands of the board of control, and it rests entirely with them, he said.

A number of the officials of the union were in attendance at the city hall yesterday morning, with the intention of securing an interview with the mayor, but owing to the fact that his worship was detained at a private meeting of the board of control, they did not see him.

The new scale calls for an increase of \$150 for each man, irrespective of the years he has served on the force.

They would bring up the pay of the men as follows: Firemen, \$1200 per year; second year men \$1300; fourth year, \$1400; fifth year, \$1500; lieutenants, \$1600, and captains, \$1800.

One of the men who was at the city hall yesterday, said that at the last two meetings of the union all had been sold for the increases. None of the men would definitely state that they would not accept the increase.

The proposed increase was submitted to the chief last October, in order that he could deal with them before the estimates were prepared.

The men now claim that in view of the high tax rate he refuses to make the recommendation.

No Bolshevism Exists in Greek Catholic Church

There is no Socialism or Bolshevism evident among the parishioners of the Greek Catholic church on Franklin avenue, was the emphatic statement made by John Babyl, a prominent member of the congregation, to The World last night.

The whole trouble, says Mr. Babyl, resulted from the misinterpretation of the congregation to have the transfer of the church to the Homan Catholic Corporation, to a new corporation of their own which would be controlled by trustees from the congregation, together with the Greek bishop of Canada.

Further, said Mr. Babyl, the police did not disperse the people on Monday night, but the congregation after seeing that they were unable to gain admittance to the church quietly dispersed themselves.

Bishop Budka did not arrive in the city on Monday night as had been stated, but he had been in the city since Saturday, having been summoned by the laymen of the church, who had dispatched two telegrams urging him to come.

He had refused to come to the Sunday meetings of the congregation to consider the transfer of the church, as had Father Boyarc, the rector of the church, and Monday night's episode was the result of the further attempts of the congregation to have their requests granted.

CUSTOMS HOUSE TENDERS SOON

Tenders for the erection of a new federal customs building at a new corner of Yonge and Front streets on will shortly be called for. It is said the new structure will cost in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. It is the intention of the department to raze the present building as soon as the offices can be removed to the old Board of Trade Building, for which a two-years' lease has been secured.

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TO PROTEST INCREASE IN PASSENGER RATES

Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners, has signified his intention, in response to a protest by the Toronto Board of Trade against the increase, to ask railway companies to justify their action in increasing passenger rates in February.

Formerly the system was to compute the rates on return tickets at double the single fare and then deduct one-sixth. Since February 1 the deduction has been only one-tenth. The total advance on revenue received for the present year is claimed to be seven per cent. on gross earnings from passenger services.

Osgoode Hall News

Appellate Court—First Division, List of cases for Wednesday, March 12, at 11 a.m. Paulker vs. Paulker, Duggan vs. McCauley, Garson vs. Empire Manufacturing Company.

Re Purkin Estate, Re Metropolitan Theatres, J. M. Ferguson, on behalf of Dr. J. N. Cherniak of Windsor, moved before Mr. Justice Clute to have the conviction quashed.

The doctor was convicted by the magistrate for unlawfully giving liquor to Nellie Price, Edna A. White, Laverna B. Stark, Dorothy Priest, Edna MacTavish, Phyllis Margaret Maloney, Susan Batters, May B. Blaklee; that Miss half-day class at Duke Street School, which has been in her charge since it was started as an experiment on Jan. 6, that Miss Violet Reburn and Miss H. L. Creed be appointed to the regular staff.

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PLenty OF POSITIONS OPEN.

The demand for returned soldiers to fill positions in the city exceeds the supply. This cheering information was given out yesterday by the Toronto branch of the C.M.A.

This satisfactory situation is largely due to the close co-operation between the returned soldiers of the C.M.A. and the G.W.V.A., and the C. lately of the board of trade also were held and a census of the city was taken.

Any units who do not desire to do this will be detained at the Exhibition, where extensive arrangements for caring for them have been made by the Y.M.C.A., and if there are sufficient men to warrant it, they will be sent by special train to the dispersal centre at that city, where arrangements for handling them are complete.

It is understood that the C.M.R., now on their way over on the Adriatic, and who are to be demobilized here, will hold a route march through the city.

Since March 5 a total of 725 men have reported back to the demobilization centre after their fourteen days' leave and the number 483 have been discharged. Three thousand men are due to report back before the end of this month.

A general meeting of the alumni of the University of Toronto to consider the recommendations of the memorial committee and to finally decide the character of the memorial to be established in honor of the university men who gave their lives in the war will be held in the dining hall, Hart House, on Friday, March 21, at 8 p.m. All graduates, undergraduates and ex-students of the university are invited.

The recommendations of the memorial committee will be divided into two parts. First, that the physical memorial take the form of a small hall, with a tower and archway over

PETTY IRRITATIONS TROUBLE IN FORCE

Man Paraded for Protecting Sore Neck With Handkerchief.

At the police probe yesterday it became more evident than ever that discontent in the police force has been against real service. Most of the grievances are simply irritations of the type that made service overseas a tough experience for some men who never even got to France.

In that case, however, the fact that they were "on active service" made it necessary for them to see it thru.

Some of the complaints heard yesterday, such as that of P.C. Ellis, who was "crimed" for wearing a handkerchief round his neck, when his skin was chafed by the collar of his tunic; and P.C. Logie, who was paraded and admonished for taking a dog on his thing he had not been ordered to do, are in the category of things that have given the man in khaki that "fed up" feeling frequently.

Drawn out as they are before the commission by the question and answer method, some of the cases seem so trifling that Sir William Meredith protests. But P.C. Evans explained, these petty charges are entered up against a man and affect his chance of promotion.

Refused to Do It. Compulsory patriotism in matter of cultivating a potato patch was reviewed with nausium. P.C. Duncan and some others had refused to do this on the grounds that they had similar, or other necessary work to do at home.

Archibald stated that there had been several instances where outside influence had been brought to bear in getting men on the force, or having them promoted. Men had been passed over because they did not resist the outside influence.

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As a policeman it was necessary for a policeman to be up to date on service conditions, he was continually liable to criticism for not being overseas.

New Industries for West.

The development of the potato flour and hemp industries in Canada is receiving active consideration in the west. As a result of the activities of the western committee of the Canadian Reconstruction Association, the Western Board of Trade, and the Western Canada Development Bureau, both of which have received special council of agriculture, experts in both industries were present at the last convention, and delivered addresses on the agricultural and commercial importance of these industries. Special reports have also been prepared by the Canadian Reconstruction Association, showing the trade between Germany and the United States in potato flour previous to the war and the steps now being taken to develop that industry.

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WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

James McLenaghan, a pioneer settler of Manitoba, who died in Los Angeles on Jan. 20, 1918, had his will filed for probate yesterday by the Ontario Trust Co. The estate is valued at \$308,656, which is split up in many legacies to his family and various charities.

Jane McHardy, who died in Goderich on Dec. 11, 1918, left an estate valued at \$20,326, which will be inherited partly by her brother, Charles McHardy, who resides in Goderich, and the residue will go to a number of other relatives.

Mrs. Catherine Hill, a widow, who died in Toronto, May 3, 1918, left her estate of \$154 to be equally divided between her two children, Florence and Herbert Hill.

Mrs. Ida Maxted, 8 Lapp street, Toronto, will inherit the entire estate of Pte. Stephen A. Maxted, her cousin, who died of influenza at Bramshott Hospital on Feb. 6, 1919. The estate is valued at \$26.

Lieut. Harry L. Smith, who died at Huy, Belgium, left an estate valued at \$17,271, which will be inherited by his widow, Mrs. M. H. F. Smith, and a brother, now serving in the Canadian forces.

Civic Official Salaries To Be Considered Today

Increases in salaries of city officials will be taken up by the board of control after its regular meeting this morning. It was anticipated that this matter would be taken up at yesterday's sitting.

Controller McBride, yesterday, was not in favor of taking up the matter at all, stating that there had been no lobbying, since the estimates had been commenced than ever before. The increases recommended by the heads of the departments range from \$100 to \$100, the larger amounts being for deputies in several departments.

SHANNON SERVICE

Shannon Motor Car Plumbing Service reveals all the defects and weaknesses of the old-time plumbing methods. Shannon Plumbing Service annihilates distance and time, comes to you day or night—in any part of the city. Shannon service means TEN fully equipped motor cars, especially built to carry all modern tools and materials used in the plumbing trade. Every tool necessary to complete the work—large or small—is in the Shannon men are all trained men. They do the work promptly and away. No lost time.

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SHANNON THE PLUMBER

Park 738-739 Oakville Branch, Phone 334.

NO FINDING YET IN POLICE LIQUOR PROBE

Commissioners Have Not Yet Seen Fit to Tell Results of Finding.

Once again the board of police commissioners have deferred their decision in the Pape avenue liquor investigation. Chief Grasett stated at the close of the meeting yesterday afternoon that the matter had been discussed and laid over. When asked the reason for the board not rendering their finding, the chief remarked that the commissioners did not say.

Consuls representing foreign countries will in future be allowed to come into the city without having their baggage examined by the police at the Union station. Consuls representing several foreign countries protested to the commissioners against the police stopping them at the station and searching their traveling on the force, or having them promoted. Men had been passed over because they did not resist the outside influence.

At the morning session the system by which men received promotion was dealt with. Former Deputy Chief Archibald stated that there had been several instances where outside influence had been brought to bear in getting men on the force, or having them promoted. Men had been passed over because they did not resist the outside influence.

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