

BOMBS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION TECHNICAL SCHOOL WALLS WEAK? BISHOP MAKES LIGHT OF REPORT

BISHOP ANSWERS CRITICISM OF DEPARTMENT

No Loss to the Board Nor Gain to Himself Thus Connection With Outside Work—Considers Findings Inaccurate and Conclusions Unjust.

Sept. Bishop of the board of education building department yesterday submitted a 70-page typewritten reply to Judge Winchester's report. It was presented to the board last night and referred to a special committee.

Sept. Bishop says that five years ago it became apparent that the department was not sufficiently manned. The records showed that the department expenditures from 1890 to 1904 totaled only \$1,500,000, compared with an outlay of \$5,000,000 from 1906 to 1912.

In answer to the report made by Robert Jessiman and James Craddock on the work at various schools, Sept. Bishop quotes two other experts. "Mr. Cooper, chief of works in this department, and Mr. George Henry, an experienced contractor, to show that the former's reports abounded in errors."

Many technical reports are made to the judge's detailed comments. Sept. Bishop says: "It is true that in a few cases there have been oversights shown by the evidence, but with one or two exceptions, these are such as could not have been prevented by any method of keeping records in the office."

As to connection of officials with outside matters, I wish merely to say, that as far as they apply to myself, the evidence shows that the board least nothing and I gained nothing in these matters by reason of my connection with the board.

This brings us to the part of the report dealing with contracts for heating and ventilating.

A large part of the reports of experts for his honor and of the evidence as to the work which was not and is not completed, has never been accepted and has not been paid for and in which the board is fully protected by unpaid balances.

In replying to Judge Winchester's statement that "had other tenderers the same inside knowledge that they had they could have tendered as low, if not lower, than the Fred Armstrong Co.," Mr. Bishop replied:

"This statement that the Fred Armstrong Co. had 'inside knowledge' which gave them an advantage in tendering on this job is absolutely with-

The Board of Education

Ordered an investigation into one-half mile of two-story brick wall of the technical school building because an anonymous charge of faulty work was made. Received the reply of C. H. Bishop, superintendent of buildings, to the report of Judge Winchester in the recent investigation. Referred back to a committee a clause asking for \$243,000 for equipment of the technical school.

TOO MANY EXTRAS IN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Nearly a Quarter of a Million for Equipment and Ten Thousand for Other Work—Necessity for Money Was Not Made Public for Eight Months.

Trustee Miles Vokes threw a series of bombs yesterday afternoon at the most exciting meeting in the history of the advisory industrial committee.

The meeting was "special" called for "important business."

Chairman Ellis set the match to Trustee Vokes' powder by stating that the special meeting was called to authorize an item being placed in the estimates for \$248,000 for equipment for the new technical school building and for various extras, amounting to about \$10,000.

Trustee Vokes said the fact of the matter was that the consulting committee had made a muddle of the whole affair. "Over twenty thousand dollars of extras" had already been spent, and "no one knows where we are going to end."

Chairman Ellis asserted that the consulting committee had been authorized to proceed without waiting to report to the general committee.

Some Explanation.

Mr. Macdonald, one of the architects, was called in to explain that he had been subjected to a number of interruptions and abrupt cross questions. His statement put the blame for the extras on the Toronto city architect's department. Mr. Macdonald said they had to go ahead regardless of the Toronto city architect's department.

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WALLS OF SCHOOL SKIPPED IS CHARGE

Examination of Masonry on Technical School Ordered by Board of Education When Trustee Vokes Charged Poor Workmanship—\$243,000 Request Deferred

Because some person, whose name is known to only one member of the board of education, alleges that the walls of the new technical school are not being built properly, an investigation was ordered by that body at its meeting last night. Trustee Vokes is the member who knows the source of the veiled information, and beyond inferring it is reliable he will not enlighten his colleagues.

The order for investigation came with endorsement of this clause in the advisory industrial committee's report. The clause advised:

"That S. G. Curry, architect, be appointed to investigate a charge made that the contractor for masonry work at the technical school building, was not complying with the terms of his contract in the construction of the walls of the building. If the walls are found to be constructed in accordance with the specifications, the cost of any cutting or rebuilding of the walls will be borne by the board, and if not, the cost will be borne by the contractor. The architect and contractor have agreed to facilitate this enquiry in every way."

Trustee Ellis, himself chairman of that very committee, opposed the clause.

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VOTED MILLIONS IN DYING HOURS

WINNIPEG, Feb. 19.—The Manitoba Legislature has found it necessary on the eve of prorogation to rush through a bill for two and a half million dollars. The money is to be used under the Good Roads Act passed at the present session. This afternoon Provincial Treasurer Strong explained that it had been found that there was no provision in the Good Roads Act for raising the two and a half million dollars required.

Unless the rules of the house were suspended and the supplementary bill passed, the act would be ineffectual for lack of money.

The opposition allowed a bill to go through, although maintaining that the government deserved censure for its carelessness.

Masterman is Defeated in British By-Election

Ocean Freight Rates Discussed--Toronto District Labor Council Meeting

PARLIAMENT SHOULD EXERCISE AUTHORITY TO CONTROL RATES OF TRANSPORTATION COMBINE

Western Members Supported W. F. Maclean, M.P., in Protesting Against Long Delay—Producers, Handcapped by Extortionate Charges, Are Deprived of Legitimate Profits by Gigantic Merger.

(Special to The Toronto World)

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Ocean freight rates and the power of parliament to curb the great transportation companies on land and sea engaged the attention of parliament today, there being a spirited and somewhat protracted debate, in which W. F. Maclean (London, York), Hon. George E. Foster, Hon. Frank Oliver, Mr. Knowles (Moose Jaw), W. H. Bennett (East Simcoe), Mr. McCree (Sherbrooke) and others participated.

The debate arose in committee of supply, and followed upon a brief explanation by Hon. Mr. Foster of the work of the Imperial Trade Commission, upon which he represents the Dominion of Canada. Mr. Maclean took the position that Canada could not and should not depend upon an imperial commission for the regulation of freight charges upon Canadian produce, as he declared that parliament had jurisdiction over the freight rates imposed by vessels sailing from Canadian ports carrying the Canadian government and affiliated with or owned by Canadian railway companies.

Canada's western farmer, he said, got a bill of lading from the local elevator to the British port, and the railway company issuing that bill of lading was clearly subject to the railway commission. Moreover, the three great transcontinental railways were all members of the ocean combine, and in doing so the inland merger in a gigantic transportation trust. If parliament was important to regulate the corporations far more pressing importance than the immediate granting of supply. Messrs. Oliver and Knowles confirmed the statements made by Mr. Maclean, and demonstrated to the house that while the price of wheat at Liverpool had declined 25 cents a bushel between 1907 and 1913, the transportation charges for wheat fields of western Canada to the British ports had increased by 15 cents per bushel.

Strong Demand From West.

Mr. Maclean asked if the imperial Trade Commission was seized of the question of ocean freight rates. Mr. Foster, in reply, said that during the parliamentary recess the Dominion Government had sent Chairman Drayton of the railway commission to England for the purpose of having a joint commission appointed by the United Kingdom and Canada to enquire into

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GRANT TO COADY A SHAME AND DISGRACE

Labor Council Denounce Proposal to Pension City Treasurer—Robbins to Go on Carpet Because He Voted Against Carey in City Council.

The report that the city council may grant \$24,000 to City Treasurer Coady caused much comment at the Trades and Labor Council in the Labor Temple last night. A resolution denouncing the proposal of the city council "as a shame and a disgrace" was passed, and Controller Simpson will be requested to oppose the measure when it next comes up before the council. The delegates were of the opinion that the money was needed much more by some of the unemployed than by Mr. Coady, Laborer as Commissioner.

The meeting was of the opinion that the successor of Commissioner Starr as chairman of the juvenile court should be one of the delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, as most of the children who appear before this court are the children of laboring men. A recommendation to that effect was made to the police commissioners.

No Day Off Yet.

In connection with the agitation of the Waiters' Union for one day off in every seven, a letter from J. C. Waters, president of the Canadian Trades Congress, was read, stating that he had been unable to get any satisfaction from the Dominion Government, and advised the council to induce Alan Studime to introduce a bill in the Ontario legislature, or to work in conjunction with the Lord's Day Alliance.

The council will act upon the message.

Robbins on Carpet.

Ald. W. D. Robbins, representing Ward One, will be invited to explain his action in regard to the substitution of the name of Mr. Locke for that of D. Carey as appointee to the Civil Service Commission. Ald. Robbins has cast his vote against Mr. Carey, who is a labor man, in favor of one who is not a labor man.

Victor Altman, union labor promoter and general organizer for the American Federation of Labor in the United Garment Workers of America spoke.

MASTERMAN IS DEFEATED BY UNIONIST

Member of Asquith Cabinet Loses Bethnal Green by Margin of Twenty-Four Votes—Unionist Ignored Home Rule and Tariff Reform in Campaign.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The first by-election necessitated by the recent changes in the cabinet resulted in the defeat today by C. F. G. Masterman in the southwest division of Bethnal Green by the narrow margin of 24 votes. The Unionist candidate, Major Sir M. Wilson, was elected, receiving 2823 votes to 2804 polled by Masterman. The Socialist J. Scurr, polled 316 votes.

C. F. G. Masterman was appointed chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to succeed C. F. Hobhouse, who becomes postmaster-general. In the last election he polled a vote of 2745 to 2561 polled by the Unionist candidate.

Insurance Act Main Issue.

The Conservatives fought the election almost exclusively on the "vicious insurance act" home rule and tariff reform being little referred to. Hon. Mr. Masterman gave the premier place to home rule, the parliament act and church disestablishment.

The appearance of Jim Larkin in support of the Socialist candidate gave a distinct stimulus to the mild excitement which has pervaded outdoor gatherings. Regularly through the campaign Larkin denounced the government and their "foul insurance," stigmatized Liberalism as a thing that had to be scotched and killed, and declared the downfall of Masterman would be the heaviest blow the government has yet received.

FATALLY INJURED
BY FALLING TREE

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 19.—Thomas Watkins, aged 52, of the second concession of Westminister Township, was fatally injured in the woods near his home today, when a tree he was cutting down fell on him. A doctor who was summoned discovered that the man had sustained a fracture of the leg at the thigh, a triple fracture of one arm, and injuries to his head. An ambulance was summoned to bring him into the city to a hospital, but in the meantime he succumbed to his injuries.

Makers of New Political Map Announced in House by Premier

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—The special committee to make the parliamentary distribution was named by Premier Borden upon the second reading of the redistribution bill at the opening of the house this afternoon.

The committee consists of Postmaster-General Pelletier, Hon. Robert Rogers, Hon. J. D. Reid, E. N. Rhodes of Cumberland, N.S., and R. B. Bennett (Calgary), Conservatives, and Messrs. Buchanan (Medicine Hat), Pardee (West Lambton), Beland (Beauce) and Macdonald (Pictou), Liberals.

CELEBRATION BY HUERTA FORCES

Anniversary of Accession to Presidency Was Marked by an Impressive Demonstration.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 19.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta today celebrated the anniversary of his accession to the presidency with a review of the garrison and the formal decoration of the regimental colors of the 29th, the organization which, under command of Gen. Banquet, placed Huerta under arrest.

The ceremony was attended by the American charge d'affaires and the other members of the diplomatic corps. El Imparcial, in an editorial today, referred to the events of the first year of Gen. Huerta's administration, bestowing upon him high praise for his efforts to restore peace.

Salvador Diaz Miron, editor of El Imparcial, against whose anti-American editorials Charge O'Shaughnessy has protested, is to be sent to the front, according to President Huerta, who has assured Mr. O'Shaughnessy that Miron is to be given a mission abroad.

Notwithstanding that Gen. Felix Diaz has sent word to friends here that he has no intention of participating in the rebellion there are some who profess to have information that he intends to join the constitutionalists.

PASTOR ELOPED WITH WIFE OF PARISHIONER

Rev. J. R. Williams of Newcastle, Pennsylvania, Arrested With Mrs. George Thompson—Charged With Violation of Immigration Laws—Will Be Sent Back.

Charged with having violated the immigration laws in entering Canada a week ago, Rev. J. R. Williams, alias Wilson, a Congregational minister of Newcastle, Pa., was arrested at 423 Newbourne street yesterday afternoon, in company with Mrs. George Thompson, the wife of a prominent member of his congregation, with whom he had eloped.

Husband is Here.

When the couple were placed under arrest by Detectives Twigg and Cronin, the minister refused to say a word in defence of his actions. Thompson, the woman's husband, had arrived in Toronto, having followed on his wife's trail since the elopement.

Williams will be taken back to Niagara Falls, his port of entry, and there the charge of violating the immigration law will likely be dropped. Williams placed on American soil, where he will be taken in hand by American police officials to face a charge of having deserted his own wife and three children in Newcastle, Pa.

REINFORCE LAW AGAINST TRUSTS

President Wilson Gives Assurance That New Legislation Will Cause No Conflict.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—President Wilson desires that the proposed bills dealing with the trust problem be so phrased and adapted to the decisions already rendered by the supreme court of the United States on the Sherman anti-trust law, that the efficiency of that statute shall be neither impaired nor complicated, but properly supplemented.

Caliers at the White House today were told by the president that this was the principal object of his conference last night with Attorney-General McKeen-Jones. He explained that the attorney-general, whose counsel and advice was being sought by the congressional committees, had given a detailed idea of the extent to which some of the things now proposed might conflict with the Sherman law.

The Spring Hat for Men.

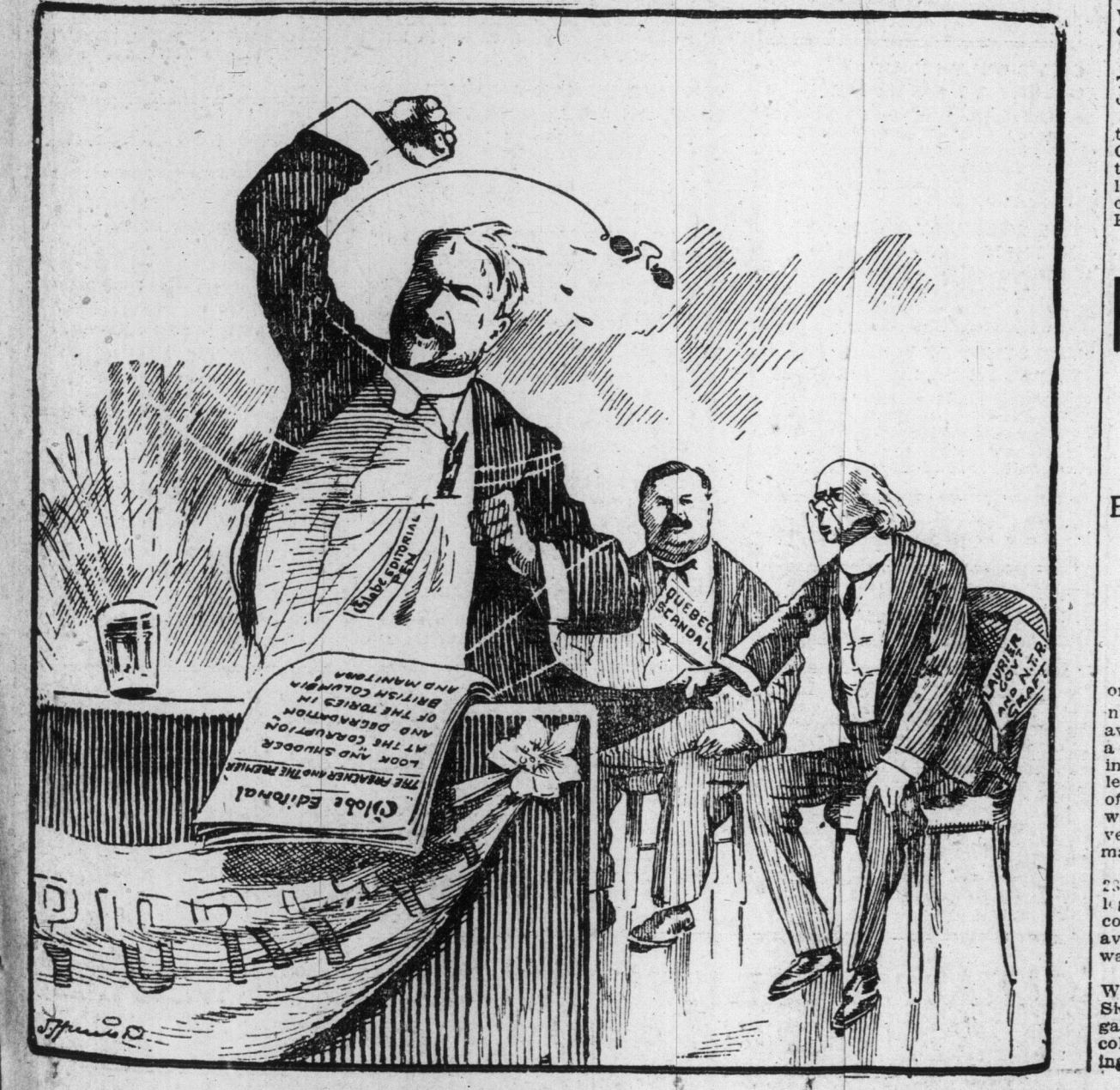
Spring will be here very shortly now, and it is a spring hat for you anyway. The best advice that we can give you is to secure something up-to-the-minute—something with the look of a big maker on the inside.

The Dineen Company sells hats made by Henry Heath Hillgate and Christy of London. They are the best of the world's best makers. The W. & D. Dineen Company, 140 Yonge street, corner Temple street.

A Record Advance Sale.

Reports from the Theatre say that the advance sale of seats which opened yesterday morning for Mr. Martin Harvey's engagement next week at that theatre was the largest of any opening day's sale this season.

GIVING IT TO THE CORRUPTIONISTS



FOUR INJURED IN HOSPITALS

Boys Hurt While Playing, Postman Thrown From Wagon, Woman Fell Down Stairs.

As a result of a fall from his bicycle on the Carlaw avenue hill, opposite number 417, Fred Swait, 715 Carlaw avenue, lies at the General Hospital in a serious condition. Swait was traveling at a good rate of speed when the left handle bar of his cycle snapped off, throwing him to the ground. He was picked up unconscious and conveyed to the General Hospital. He may have internal injuries. M. Cromarty, a postman, residing at 255 George street, sustained a broken leg when his wagon overturned at the corner of Glen road and Hyland avenue at 7 o'clock last evening. He was conveyed to the General Hospital. An even-year-old Margie Mayhew, 352 Wellesley street, was conveyed to the Sick Children's Hospital with a severe gash in his left leg, received when he collided with a tree stump while coasting on the Parliament street hill.

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