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FORTY-FIRST YEAR

THE NEWS RECORD

KITCHENER, ONTARIO, MONDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 1919.

PROBS.
Strong southwest to northwest
winds, decreasing to night, de-
cidedly cold with light snowfalls
and flurries. Tuesday—Fair and
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PREMIER BORDEN TO RETIRE ANNOUNCEMENT IN NEW YEAR

Sir Robert is Unable to Perform Duties and Forced to Remain at Home.—Cabinet May Choose Successor.

WHITE AND MEIGHEN HAVE PREFERENCE

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—That Sir Robert Borden, for eighteen years Leader of the Conservative party and for eight years Premier of the Dominion, will announce his retirement early in the New Year, is stated on the most reliable authority.

He has decided that his health and general condition are such as to preclude his further carrying on of his difficult duties. He is unable to attend Cabinet Council and has been forced to remain at his home. He declines to discuss the matter altogether. His refusal to do so may in itself be taken as confirmation.

Several members of the Cabinet favor the choosing of a new Leader by Cabinet Council itself, and six names have already come up for consideration.

They are those of Sir Thomas White, Sir Henry Drayton, Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. J. A. Calder, Senator Loughlin, and Hon. J. B. Macdonald. Sir Thomas White is the favorite with a majority of the Cabinet though Sir Thomas has gone back again to his former business affairs.

The next most formidable candidate will no doubt be Hon. Arthur Meighen though the Premier of the Dominion has never before come out of the West.

Any proposal to select a Leader by Cabinet Council will not be pleasing to the rank and file of the Government followers. A Leader appointed by such means could not hope to have the confidence of his House following. As the successor to Sir Wilfrid Laurier was chosen by a National Convention, a successor to Sir Robert Borden will be selected by the next thing to it, namely, by a convention of the Parliamentary supporters of the Government from both Houses.

Sir Robert Borden is only 65 years of age. He was first elected to the Commons for Halifax in 1896, securing re-election in 1900, but suffering defeat in 1904. In 1905 he secured a seat in Carleton, Ontario, through by-election. He became Leader of the Conservative party in 1911, and was the only British Premier to remain in office throughout the entire war.

OPPOSITION FOR CHURCH

SAM McBRIDE WILL RUN

(Special to the Record.)

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Controller Sam McBride to-day announced that he would be a candidate for Mayor for 1920. For years a member of the city council, among which he has been regarded as the leading debater in that body, Controller McBride thinks that the time has come when he should aspire higher. It is pointed out that if one man occupies the Mayor's chair too long, members of the council are deterred from offering themselves and the healthy rivalry so much desired in the interests of good civic government is destroyed.

Monoton Alma House was threatened with fire but was saved by the prompt action of the caretaker.

N. B. FARMERS NOMINATED

(Special to the Record.)

FREDERICK, Dec. 15.—At a convention at Woodstock, N.B., the U. N. Farmers of New Brunswick are expected to make their first nominations for the Provincial Legislature with equally as bright prospects as they ever had in Ontario.

Thus far the only political steps taken by the United Farmers in this province have been in the federal arena and consisted of the election of Thomas W. Calder, President of their organization in New Brunswick, as Member of Parliament from Carleton-Victoria by the largest majority ever polled in a rural constituency in New Brunswick.

Saskatchewan has spent \$13,200,000 for educational purposes since the province was created in 1905.

THE VILLAGE OF AYTON.

Picturesque Description Taken From the Peace Festival Edition of St. Peter's (Ayton) Church Magazine.

Leaving Palmerston and "Harrison" next behind, the handsomely equipped train, North bound for Warton and Owen Sound, may halt a moment at two "suburban" towns—Drew and Ailsfield—and then goes bounding, blowing, whistling and roaring ahead till it stops, or as it presently might appear, is stalled at Ayton. Stalled, you suppose, because something you are astonished, not at thence emerging and pouring from coaches, not at cafes, hotels, luggages, lining two blocks to the right and left. You see only one lone abandoned elevator and wonder, where is Ayton? No stores, no dwellings in sight. Thus a visitor might wonder why no smiling Papa or Mama, no laughing Willie or glad Lillie is there to meet him. Perhaps, he thinks, with disappointment, that main sup- pressed—perhaps they didn't receive my card. However, no such neglect or indifference keeps AYTON from greeting you at the station. True, to his innate modesty, modesty she only enforces the public gaze and vulgar stare as becometh her beauty and charming presence. Beyond that knoll to the East on the banks of the She- nandoah, the knoll, a woman, with smiles, radiant from her lips and warmth of welcome from her heart.

Of the one thousand "Races to the station" scheduled three for everyday of the year, except Sundays, by the G. T. R. v. the taxi driver of Ayton; the latter, fame reports, in the twenty-eight years of his taxi career, won all but three or four; witness the Judge's alert agent Y. Cavanagh and predecessors. In his car, the disfigure from the station to the "Commercial," takes no longer than a hop, step and jump. Ascending the knoll, a woman, with much velocity we get only a glimpse of the "Union" and the R. C. Cemeteries; both are well kept and a credit to the town. Two seconds and Ayton "lies smiling before you." Dead, indeed, we pass the Schenk and the Wenger estates and cross the avenue running north past the Schenk residence and "Cordage" and Sawmill, to the Grand, where, P. Benninger and his staff are never idle. "Don't talk, saw wood" is their motto. At the foot of the hill we are met by the imposing plant of the Wenger Milling Co. Now we cross the Saugen over the bridge, an elegant solid iron structure, built A.D. 1912, the pride of the Township and a feather in the cap of the Council who carried the motion. Above the dam, a large reservoir of water lies still and tranquil. "Lake Petrie" might be its name; but hear these volumes of water in early spring plunging to the river, how they roar, boom, hiss, churn and foam, nothing but a "Wall of this" is wanting to complete a perfect miniature of the river of Niagara. The terminus of the Union bus and taxi



VISITING THE ACADEMY.—With the revival of "Art" with a big "A" following the war, the artist has endeavored to portray the visiting crowd on opening day at the Academy. Their hands made peculiar gestures, and they held out their thumbs after the manner of Roman emperors to the gladiators—thumbs up meaning "spare it"—thumbs down, "kill it."

FLOOR COLLAPSES FIFTEEN INJURED

Christmas Shoppers in Midland Store Thrown into Panic.—Falling Floor Checked and Many Escape.

MIDLAND, Dec. 15.—A section of the second floor of the W. E. Preston, Ltd., store, collapsed on Saturday afternoon. The falling floor was checked by the cash carrier wires long enough to allow the employees and customers on the ground floor to escape. Through its catching in the shelves on the lower floor its descent was also delayed.

Three women and twelve children are reported injured. Two children each had a leg broken and a third sustained concussion of the brain. The others' injuries were chiefly sprains and bruises.

The section which fell carried with it the Sainte-Clair cabin, which accounts for most of the injured being children.

OBTAIN WRITTEN COMPLAINTS AND INQUIRE LATER

No Tariff Inquiry at Present.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—International and economic conditions are responsible for a change in the Government plans regarding a general tariff inquiry.

"Inasmuch," says the Minister of Finance, "as any general revision must be based upon as complete a knowledge as possible of the conditions and relations, one to another, of our various national industries and productive agencies, and as it is also desirable to obtain the views of as many persons as possible whose particular knowledge and experience would be most valuable, it is considered advisable to begin the collection of information relative thereto."

Instead of a Commission being named for the purpose of touring the country, it is proposed now to get the preliminary information together by means of securing written statements from all interested and these will be made the basis for a general public inquiry to be held throughout the country later.

MAY CANCEL PAPER EXPORT

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The Government has captured R.A. Prince, Paper Controller for the Dominion, to prohibit the export of the output of any newspaper manufacturing concern which disregards or violates the Controller's regulations as to price or supply to Canadian newspapers.

Of the 80,000 tons of newspaper annually produced by the Canadian mills from Canadian pulp from 80 to 85 per cent. has been exported in the past.

EXCHANGE IMPROVES

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Foreign exchange showed an improvement at the opening of the market to-day. The pound sterling advanced 41 cents to \$3.75, while France and Lire checks also went higher.

NO IRISH BILL

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Lord George announced in the Commons this afternoon that no Irish Bill would be introduced at this session of Parliament. He promised a statement on Monday next.

FIVE TO RETIRE.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The Morning Journal to-day says: "Reorganization of the cabinet which has been under consideration by the Premier is now likely to be left to his successor. It is understood that at least five ministers, Sir George Foster, Sir Edward Kemp, Hon. A. L. Sifton, Hon. C. J. Doherty, and Hon. Martin Burrell are likely to retire. It is understood that Sir George Foster's resignation was given to the Premier some days ago."

AN INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY HERE

HAD CONFERENCE WITH L.O.C.A.L Y.M.C.A. COMMITTEE AND SECRETARY.

One of the international secretaries of the Y.M.C.A. was in the city yesterday and to-day. His mission was to have a conference with representatives of the local branch secretary, Mr. McKellar, and members of the executive, on the building proposition in the city. He is Mr. H. J. Schmidt of New York. He met Mr. McKellar, the secretary, and Mr. A. R. Kaufman, the chairman of the committee, and also Messrs. Macklin, Dr. Hest and Newton of the committee. Matters were informally discussed but no decision arrived at on any particular point but valuable advice was received from the visiting official.

MOSTLY ACCLAMATION

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—It is likely that R. H. Grant, Minister of Education in Ontario, will be elected by acclamation in Carleton County to-day. Conservatives and Liberals have stated that they will not put candidates in the field.

It is expected that W. R. Rollo, Minister of Labor, will receive an acclamation in West Hamilton and F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works, in North Westworth. No opposition will be set up against Hon. H. C. Nixon, Provincial Secretary, who seeks election in North Brant.

CITY NEWSLETS

Sewer Finished Soon
The sewer on Charles Street will be finished within a few days.

The bakers' strike is settled and the men are back at work. A compromise between the two parties was reached it is understood.

Appeals Being Heard
The appeals to the City Voters' List are being heard before the County Judge to-day. There are about forty.

Xmas Entertainment
The students of St. Jerome's College are giving a Christmas entertainment in the College Auditorium on Tuesday evening.

Holy Name Society's Event
The Holy Name Society held a meeting on Sunday afternoon when arrangements were made for holding a social evening in St. Jerome's College gymnasium on December 31st.

Last Meeting To-night
The City Council will wind up the 1919 business at the meeting this evening.

29 PER CENT. INCREASE.
Last week the News Record carried 6939 inches of paid advertising. For the same week last year the total was 5359.

Y.M.C.A. SECRETARY SPEAKS ON INDIA

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—"There was no need for the shooting down of the 2,000 Indian rioters by order of General Dyer at Amritsar on April 13," stated R. C. Sear, of Madras, who was in India at the time of the disturbances which are the subject of a commission of inquiry at Lahore at the present time.

Mr. Sear is a Y.M.C.A. secretary from India who is in Toronto in connection with the Y.M.C.A. Missionary Campaign and who is addressing the students at McMaster University during his visit.

He explained that the cause of the disturbances which brought on the riots were purely political and not at all seditious in their nature and that for anyone to hint that there was a possibility of another Indian Mutiny is ridiculous.

Well defined remains of a Roman villa have been discovered near Hamhill, Somerset, England.

MINISTER OF MILITIA HINTS AT CAN. COMPULSORY SERVICE

Major-General Mewburn and Hon. Ballantyne Make Important Announcements at Montreal Banquet.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—An intimation of some form of permanent compulsory service for Canada, both in the permanent force and the Canadian active militia, was given on Saturday evening at the banquet tendered Major-General E. W. Wilson, C.M.G., on the occasion of his retiring from the post of General Officer Commanding Military District No. 4. This announcement was made by Major-General Mewburn, Minister of Militia.

It was immediately followed by a definite statement from Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine, and Naval Defense that he was considering a definite scheme of naval de-

fense for Canada, along the lines of the advice given by Admiral Viscount Jellicoe during his visit to Canada.

Mr. Ballantyne stated that some concrete plan would be submitted to the Government and Parliament, and that the scheme to be submitted would follow the advice of Lord Jellicoe, that whatever ships should be built would be the best work in efficient naval construction.

An order has been passed permanently appointing Brig.-Gen. C. J. Armstrong as General Officer Commanding Military District No. 4 in succession to Major-General Wilson.

It is stated that the action of New York in increasing the discount rate will have considerable effect in carrying out the principle that has been advocated for some time, "Make your dollar stay at home and circulate in Canadian cities."

Mr. F. H. H. Williamson, Secretary Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, Department of The Interior, Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir: Your letter of the 2nd inst. to Mr. Fisher is referred to me and I may say this Society will be pleased to cooperate in preserving historical sites in Canada.

While we have not many sites of more than local interest, there are one or two things worthy of particular note in the County history. It was the first larger interior settlement in Upper Canada, settlements preceding it being mostly along the border or along the lake shore. As early as 1805 a block of 60,000 acres, of the six Nation Indian lands on the Grand River was purchased by a company of Pennsylvania colonists, the pioneers of which came here in 1800. This block is entirely within the present Township of Waterloo. One of the two first farms was located on high ground along the Grand River opposite Doon, and on the bluff facing Doon and commanding an extensive view of the valley is a small original cemetery. This point would be worthy of being marked as at least of Provincial interest.

Other points are the site of the first Memorial church in Kitchener, and the site of the first printing office where was published a weekly paper, 1835. The site of the first County school, 1802, near Blair, might be marked.

I made inquiry in Galt yesterday and am to have word of some historic sites there.

Under another cover we are pleased to send you the Society's first five Reports bound in one volume.

Yours very truly,
The Waterloo Historical Society,
W. H. Breithaupt,
President.

NO OFFER MADE TO RANNEY

FENELON FALLS, Dec. 15.—Edgar Watson, M.P.P. for North Victoria asked to-day whether he had offered to resign his seat in favor of Hon. W. E. Ranney, said: "I have not been approached and have not contemplated any such action."

Walter and Charles Bates, Campbellford, were sentenced to Condon Jail for three months for burglary.

A GOOD STORY AND TRUE.
Recently three men applied for one job, that of motorman, and the following conversation took place:

Superintendent:—"If you were running your car at twenty miles an hour, following another car, suddenly found yourself within three car lengths of the car ahead and it was standing still, how quickly could you stop?"

First Applicant:—"In thirty feet."
Second Applicant:—"Twenty feet."

Third Applicant:—"Mr. Superintendent, how in thunder did the motorman of that car get himself into such a fix?"

WHO GOT THE JOB?

FORMER GERMAN
LINER ON FIRE
New York, Dec. 15.—Fire has broken out on the former North German Lloyd liner Graf Waldersee, recently a United States army transport, and now anchored in the Hudson River pending transfer to Great Britain. Two army transports anchored nearby are endeavoring to render assistance.

Quebec agriculture shows a remarkable development since 1914, the acreage being nearly trebled.

EX-ALD. MCKAY TO STAND.
"Oh, I think I will," ex-Ald. J. F. McKay said to-day in reply to the Record's enquiry as to whether he would be a candidate for Mayor at the coming elections. "If the labor people want me to stand as their candidate, I will consent to do so," he added.