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

PROBS. Strong southwest to northwest winds, decreasing to-night, distinctly cold with light snowfalls and flurries. Tuesday—Fair and very cold.

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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 a ready come up for consideration. They are those of Sir Thomas White, Sir Henry Drayton, Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. J. A. Calder, Senator Loughnan and Hon. J. G. Macpherson. Sir Thomas White is a favorite with a majority of the Cabinet though Sir Thomas Meighen has gone back again to his former business affairs.

OPPOSITION FOR CHURCH

SAM McBRIDE WILL RUN

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 council is deferred 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.

THE VILLAGE OF AYTON.

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

Leaving Palmerston and "Harriston" behind, the handsomely equipped train, North-bound, under the Owen Sound, may have a moment at two "suburban" towns—Drew and Alfeld— and then goes bounding, whistling and rattling, until it stops, or as it presently might appear, is stalled at Ayton. Stalled, you suppose, because something you are astonished, not at things entering and leaving from coaches, not at cafes, hotels, luncheon 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. These 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, he didn't receive my card. However, no such neglect or cold indifference keeps AYTON from greeting you at the station. True, her inmates are mainly, mostly the ordinary, the public gaze and vulgar stare as becometh her beauty and charming presence. Beyond that knoll to the East on the banks of the Saugen, she eagerly, modestly, the 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. vs. the taxi driver of Ayton; the latter, fame reports, in the twenty-eight years of his Jehu career, won all but three or four; witness the Judges' staid agent V. Cavanagh and predecessors. In his car, the dashing from the station to the "Commercial," takes no longer than a hop, step and jump, ascending the knoll, alighting with such 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 "flashes before you." Descending, we pass the Scheuch and the Wenger estates and cross the avenue running north past the Scheuch 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 saved 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. 1913, the pride of the Township and a feather in the cap of the Council who carried it the motion. Above the dam, a large reservoir of water lies still and tranquil. "Lake Petrie" might be its name; but, hear those voluminous waters in early spring plunging to the river bed; how they roar, boom, hiss, churn and foam, nothing but a "Wall of this" is wanting to complete a perfect miniature of the Falls of Niagara. The terminus of the Union bus and the terminus of the Union bus and the terminus of the Union bus.



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 Santa Claus 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. "Immediately," says the Minister of Finance, "as my 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."

MAY CANCEL PAPER EXPORT

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The Government has proposed R.A. Pringle, 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 Sirton's resignation was given to the Premier some days ago."

AN INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY HERE

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Hon. N. W. Rowell spoke today to the Canadian Club on "The labor clauses of the peace treaty and the Washington conference." He represented the Canadian Government at the momentous gathering in the American capital and his summing up of the work of the conference was an intensely interesting one. Mr. Rowell told in a nutshell what was done. "The conference decided with practical unanimity, that the child of the toiling mother should be better born, that children of the workers should not be compelled to toil during the period when they should be at school, and that larger opportunities of education and recreation should be provided for them to fit them for life's responsibilities; that younger people under the age of eighteen should not be permitted to work at night, but should have their nights free for sleep and for building up the strength needed for life's struggles; that women should be freed from night work and from employment in unhealthy processes, that provision should be made to protect the worker against the haunting fear that unavoidable unemployment may prevent him from earning a livelihood and providing his wife and children with food and shelter, and that the hours of men's labor should be limited so that they might know what "Home" means and might have leisure to spend a portion of each day in company with their wives and children in short, that the conditions of life should be humanized.

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.

SHRAPNEL

When two women meet they usually criticize a third woman's clothes; when two men meet they usually criticize a third man's business ability.

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 11, 1919," said R. C. Sircar, 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. Sircar 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 Newburn 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 Newburn, 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 defense 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 nava 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.

TOURIST TRAVEL AFFECTED BY DISCOUNT RATE

MAKE YOUR DOLLAR STAY AT HOME

WINNIPEG, Dec. 15.—The further rate of discount on Canadian money has affected tourist travel in United States, according to information received at Railway offices. Tourists to California and Florida feel disinclined to accept the big increase on exchange, and as a result Canadian traffic on the Pacific coast, as well as Bermuda and other British possessions, are getting a great volume of travel instead of American coast cities. 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."

ITALY WILL ANNEX FIUME

FIUME, Dec. 15.—Preparations are under way for the evacuation of Fiume by Gabriele D'Annunzio and his forces and the occupation of this town will be made by a contingent of the regular Italian Army, headed by General Gabaglio, former Minister of War. Italy is to have complete sovereignty over Fiume and all provisions of the Treaty of London are to be carried out under the terms of a compact signed by Premier Nitti and D'Annunzio, according to a statement by latter's press representative. Great Britain, France and Italy are in agreement that Italy shall annex Fiume, it is asserted.

GERMAN REPLY DELIVERED

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The German Peace Delegation this morning handed Germany's reply to the Entente note to Paul Datusa, Secretary of the Peace Conference.

OBITUARY

MR. JACOB GRAVEL OF PETOSKY, MICH. There passed away at Petosky, Mich., on December 8th, Mr. Jacob Gravel at the age of 59 years. Mr. Gravel for many years, was a resident of Waterloo County. He was born in Williamsburg where he received his schooling under the late Samuel Homer. When he was 21 years of age he left Williamsburg and went to Petosky, Mich. There he engaged in the contractor business until the outbreak of the war when he entered mixed farming. In his business ventures Mr. Gravel always was successful. He was a member of the Macbebes Order and in religion he was a Lutheran. In politics he was a republican. To mourn his loss are his wife, Minnie Gravel, and two daughters. There also survive four brothers, namely, Henry of Kitchener and John, William and Adolph of Petosky, Mich. The funeral was held on Thursday.

FORMER GERMAN LINER ON FIRE

New York, Dec. 15.—Fire had 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.

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.

AMONG EARLY SETTLEMENTS

Information From Local History Society to Board at Ottawa.

Information of historic value has been forwarded to the Department of the Interior at Ottawa by the president of the Waterloo Historical Society, Mr. W. H. Breithaupt, at the request of the secretary of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. The request was for information on local sites which have an historic interest under the following heads: (1) those of National interest, (2) those of provincial interest, (3) those of purely local or personal interest. Mr. Breithaupt's reply was as follows: 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, 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."

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?