

## SPRACKLIN WILL PREACH SUNDAY

After That His Future, He Says, Is Undecided, As He Has no Plans

**TAKE ON POLICE JOB?**  
May Apply for Reinstatement As License Inspector, Says Preacher.

WINDSOR, Feb. 25.—Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin will preach Sunday in the Sandwich Methodist Church. Later he may resume work as a liquor license inspector, but as to this he has not yet definitely decided.

After being formally acquitted of the charge of manslaughter, Mr. Spracklin and his wife went to the home of his father, J. J. Spracklin, 63 Cameron avenue, where they will spend the night. Interviewed there, Mr. Spracklin said he had not fully made his plans for the future. He was still undecided whether he would apply for reinstatement in the service of the Provincial Government as a license inspector, or if he would continue to preach at the Sandwich Church. It will be several days before he is ready to announce his plans, he said.

Mr. Spracklin has sent word that he would like to see several of the men who worked with him in the war on illicit whiskey dealing. It is thought that this conference will have some weight in framing the decision the police will make.

Out 55 Minutes  
It was 2:10 p.m. when the case was left with the jury. Fifty-five minutes later the twelve men filed back into the court room. At this point the foreman announced in reply to a question from the clerk that a verdict had been reached.

"What say you? Guilty or not guilty?" asked the clerk.  
"Not guilty," was the reply.  
As he heard the words, which gave him his freedom, Mr. Spracklin's face broadened into a smile, then almost before the smile had faded the clerk words of Chief Justice Sir Wm. Mulock broke the silence.

"Jury, you are discharged."  
There was no demonstration, the crowd being mindful of Sir William's admonition yesterday.

Quickly Leaves for Home  
Immediately the pastor left the prisoner's dock, where he had been standing beside Vincent Massey, a pioneer on trial for highway robbery.

He crossed quickly to where his parents and wife were seated and embraced them in the joyous moment. At this juncture Chief of Police Dillon informed Mr. Spracklin that his car was at the door to carry him home, and the little party quickly left the court room.

Address of Sir William  
In his remarks the Justice reviewed the evidence briefly, pointing out leading events connected with the tragedy, and telling the jury they must take into consideration the state of mind under which the accused was laboring when he fired the fatal shot, and whether they believed that Spracklin had this knowledge for believing that Trumble intended to kill him.

"If it was possible to avoid it, the principle at the bar had no right to take human life," said the Justice. "You must remember that he did not shoot in defense of his men at whom Trumble had pointed a revolver. Neither must you consider the Ontario Temperance Act in arriving at a verdict."

In Given Congratulations  
WINDSOR, Feb. 25.—Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, pastor of Sandwick Methodist Church, spent this morning in this city attending to business which had been neglected during the trial.

Upon all sides he was congratulated upon the verdict which had been rendered in the case. He said he had made no plans for the future and had nothing for publication. In this regard the minister commented upon the fairness of the trial he had been given and referred especially to the impartiality with which Crown Prosecutor Grier had conducted the case. He felt that Mr. Grier was more conscientious in discharging his duties than some Crown Prosecutors would have been under the circumstances.

**WAS FINED \$200.**

Henry Wright pleaded guilty in court today to breach of the Ontario Temperance Act by keeping for sale liquor on or about February 4th and was fined \$200 and costs. The fine was paid.

**Attends Business College.**

Kingsford—An odd superannuated Methodist preacher, in the person of Rev. Gore A. Bell, is in attendance at the Kingsford business college for the purpose of refreshing his mind in business principles. Mr. Bell suggests that if many of the people who are working the streets and have nothing to do would follow his example, it would be a good thing.

**Where Prohibition Pays**

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 25.—There is no unemployment in Finland, says Mr. Villanen, chief of the Trade and Industry Department of the Finnish government who is visiting here. He attributed Finland's good fortune in this respect, as compared to most other countries, to the prohibition of imports.

**80, KILLED BY MOTOR**

Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 25.—E. Porter Adams, a well-known Queenston fruit-grower, was killed by an unknown automobile. He was found lying on his face with his arms outstretched, and bleeding from wounds in the head. Marks of tires across his back showed plainly the manner of his death. He was 80, and his death has caused a sensation here.

Chicago has a policeman who weighs over 300 pounds and is nearly 7 feet tall.

## NEW PRESIDENT OF DOMINION ALLIANCE

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## DRURY GIVES STRAIGHT TIPS

Tells Temperance Leaders to Concentrate on Referendum Problem.

**LET O. T. A. ALONE NOW**

Big Massey Hall Meetings Close Convention at Toronto.

—Details.

TORONTO, Feb. 25.—With an enthusiastic mass meeting attended by over 3,500 persons in Massey Hall last night, the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance closed its forty-fifth annual convention. With prohibition aside for white heat, and the earnest determination to stay with the temperance cause until Ontario and the Dominion are "bone-dry," the delegates are returning to their various churches and towns. The convention has whetted the edge of the temperance axe, with which it is hoped to deal a final blow to the liquor traffic, so far as Ontario is concerned on April 28.

The closing hours of the convention yesterday afternoon were occupied with the passing of resolutions, the election of officers and the presentation of reports.

A resolution stating that the Dominion Alliance would co-operate with the Referendum Committee and lend all the support possible in the coming election was unanimously adopted.

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Correspondingly Good Showing is Made in Manitoba by Savings Banks.

**CAN FINANCE PROVINCE**

How Edward Brown, Provincial Treasurer, Expects Big Things in Future

—Details.

TORONTO, Feb. 25.—The Select Committee of the legislature dealing with rural credits today attended the bill so that the period for long term loans is reduced from thirty years to twenty years.

The bill will now also provide for the inclusion of market gardeners, but loans will not be granted to persons holding less than fifty acres for longer than five years. A central board must make an annual report to the Minister of Agriculture every year on December 31st, showing the amount and number of the loans issued.

WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 25.—The majority of the undertakings of the province will ultimately be financed by the provincial savings banks. How Edward Brown, provincial treasurer, states.

Announcement was made recently by E. A. Weir, chairman of the provincial savings banks, that deposits placed with the banks would be reached before the end of the fiscal year. A comprehensive plan for opening branches in every centre of the province is being drafted and will be carried into effect as soon as conditions warrant the extension of the service. Many new accounts are being opened daily at the six branches operating in Manitoba.

The sum of \$31,000,000 was required for financing Manitoba during 1920. This included consolidated and capital expenditures, repayment of debentures, falling due and payment of interest charges on treasury bills and provincial bond issues. It is expected that the provincial banks will be able to finance all rural credits and farm loans during 1921. It is anticipated that over \$3,000,000 will be required for these two items during the present year. The growth of the rural credits movement has corresponded to that of the savings banks. Fifty-eight operated in Manitoba last year. It is expected over 100 will be organized before the end of the year. Loans for 1920 totalled \$1,460,000.

**Ontario Cannot Prevent Betting at Race Track Meets**

TORONTO, Feb. 25.—The Ontario government has no power to enact legislation to prohibit race betting, on the race tracks of Ontario, according to a judgment handed down by the second division, Appellate Court, of Ontario today. This judgment is in connection with recent applications regarding pari mutuels.

**Sought Kaiser With Gun.**

DOORN, Holland, Feb. 25.—A German youth armed with a revolver, according to reports current here today, slipped through the guards about the home of the former German emperor yesterday, but was caught inside the grounds.

The report could not be confirmed, however.

**Y. M. C. A. SEEKS \$4000 MORE WANTS TO SEE ALL BILLS PAID**

In connection with its \$4,000 campaign for funds which is to be launched on Monday the Y.M.C.A. issued the following statement today:

The Young Men's Christian Association of Belleville is asking for \$4,000 to clean up its indebtedness so that it may close its year at the end of April next with all bills paid. Unless the citizens stop to consider to what use this money is put, it may seem a large sum coming so soon after its campaign last year, but the last campaign was for \$14,000. To cover the operating deficit for two years ending April next, however, at that time only \$10,000, the objective was raised so that this

campaign is to complete that task. A city like Belleville could not get along without an organization like the Young Men's Christian Association. Besides particulars as to the activities that are expected to be carried out by the association, the boys and young men and give them an opportunity for their honorable desires and aspirations. Such an institution cannot be self-supporting. Too many things are expected of it for that purpose. If the privilege offered by the Young Men's Christian Association, placed on a self-supporting basis, then many of the boys and young men who now pay the nominal membership fee would not be able to join and would, therefore, be deprived from participating in its privileges.

**Widow McSwiney To Wed**

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Terence McSwiney, widow of the Irish hunger striker, will be married to Mr. O'Brien, secretary of the Irish self-determination league, the Star said today.

**Canadian Wins.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Vic McLaughlin of Canada gained the decision over Jack Thomas, a former amateur boxer, in a ten-round bout here last night.

**Bill is Reported.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Carrying \$100,000,000 more than it did as passed by the house, the annual naval appropriation bill was reported today to the senate by the naval committee.

**Have you Received Local Income Forms; If Not They're Coming**

From City Assessor Kerr's office have issued during the past week or two hundreds of municipal income tax forms to be sent to citizens, who are bound to make affidavit as to their income.

This is the first year the forms have been sent out, as prescribed by the Legislature. Governor in Council July 14th, 1919. Besides particulars as to the person regarding whose income the information is asked are sixteen questions. Twelve of these relate to income and four to exemptions and deductions.

The municipal form is quite different from the Federal income form, and the method of taxation is different.

There is to be installed in the National Museum at Washington, D.C. exhibit of Scotch, rye and bourbon whiskeys. These relics of a departed age will carry heavy baggage insurance.

## TELEPHONE SEES MANY CHANGES

Long Distance Messages Now Possible to Subscribers Everywhere

**HIGHER RATES ASKED**

Head of Bell Co. Argues in Favor of Advance in Price of Phone

—Details.

MONTREAL, Feb. 25.—The 1920 statement of Bell Telephone Company presented at the annual meeting here shows telephone revenue for the year \$16,513,384.44, an increase of \$2,364,264.47 over 1919. In his address to shareholders, President L. B. McLaughlin said: "Orders for new telephone facilities both local and long distance, have been greater than any previous year, and our outstanding difficulty has been to meet the enormous demand for service. We were not able to satisfy all requests, but had a net gain of \$2,385 subscribers, the greatest yearly gain in the history of the company."

**Financial Result.**  
"The gross receipts show an increase of \$2,909,825, but owing to the mounting costs the expenses for the year including interest exceeded the revenue report."

"The dividends declared during the year have been paid out of surplus of profits accumulated prior to 1st of January, 1917."

**Application for Revised Rates.**  
"The very lengthy delay in obtaining a rate decision—a period of over two years—and our consequent inability to finance in the meantime for needed expansion, have crippled our efforts to serve the public. In 1915 it was found that the great increased cost of operation made it essential that there should be a substantial and immediate increase in our rates. Application was made to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada in October, 1918, for an increase of 20%."

"In more detail, we renewed our application for a general readjustment of rates."

"This application is still before the Commission for decision."

"Until a decision on the rate case is given by the Commission, it will only be possible to finance for future capital needs at prohibitive cost."

**Progress in Telephone Art.**  
"During the last year many important improvements have been made to our plant, and we are now in a position to give universal long distance service to our subscribers."

Even our smaller offices subscribers have been connected to very distant points both in Canada and the United States, and those at our large offices demand long haul connections. For example, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Hamilton subscribers have had satisfactory commercial conversations with cities in Florida, California, Manitoba, British Columbia, and the Maritime Provinces."

"Our engineers closely follow the development of the art generally, but specially of the Multiplex system—wired wirelessly as it is commonly known—and we are constantly engaged in new circuit, and this system will be used in our plant as soon as the necessity for extension arises."

**Advances in Wireless.**  
"Great advances have been made by wireless telephony but in its present state it is not as reliable as the wire system, and it will continue to be maintained between two given points, it is more efficient and economical to use the wire system."

Now used as a communication system in the wireless telephony system, and as further improvements in the apparatus are effected its use will be extended as auxiliary to our present service."

**FINED \$300.00 ON RETURN FROM UNITED STATES**

John Freeman, of Deseronto, appeared before Magistrate Bedford yesterday and pleaded guilty to a charge of keeping liquor for sale. He was fined \$300.00 and costs. Freeman was out of the county recently on his return from the United States. He was arrested by Inspector Napth.

Crown Attorney Garney who prosecuted, told the court that the officers had reason to believe that Freeman had been getting in liquor under other names.

A man named M. J. Napth, of Tverdinga was fined \$300.00 and costs for keeping liquor for sale and D. Mullin \$50 for illegally procuring liquor.

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## DAILY TELEGRAPH TALKS OF QUEBEC

Government Directly Interested in Sale of Liquor, with U.S. As Neighbor

**DEATH TO BOOTLEGGERS**

Practitioners Who Sell Prescriptions Unsavory Example of Fraud

—Details.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—(By Mail. Canadian Associated Press)—The Daily Telegraph discusses at some length a despatch from the Montreal correspondent stating that in general opinion of supporters of the Administration has been held to discuss the proposed policy of Government control of the liquor business throughout the province, and that the result has been the definite adoption of that policy, which will have the