

BEGIN MODESTLY GROW BY DEGREES

Conservative Plan of Workmen's Compensation Suggested by Manufacturers.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association yesterday sent letters to the members of the legislature outlining their proposal regarding workmen's compensation.

The proposal, as explained in the letter, was that the whole matter of workmen's compensation should be handled thru a government commission. The commission was to adjust all claims according to certain schedules laid down in the act and to collect the necessary funds by levying on employers in accordance with the hazard of their business. For this reason the association proposed that the employers be divided into groups or classes, constituting in effect mutual insurance societies. A careful study of the systems of other countries had convinced the association that something of this kind was the only satisfactory solution.

Modest at First.
It is pointed out in the letter that manifestly such a system as that proposed by the manufacturers could not at the start embrace all employers and workmen, because the undertaking would be too vast. The proposition was at the beginning to leave out the farmers, to leave them as they are under the present law and not to inflict upon them what the association considers the injustice of individual liability. It was proposed to begin with manufacturers, builders, railroads and other hazardous and highly organized industries and establish a system which could be extended later to other industries.

"Unjust, Oppressive."
The letter states that instead of the proposition of the manufacturers, the association, the commissioner proposes in his draft act three different kinds of new law—one for the manufacturers, etc., another for railroads and a third for the farmers, "the last being the most unjust and oppressive of the three."

GOVERNMENT PRINTING REACHES A BIG TOTAL

OTTAWA, March 11.—The government maintains an expensive printing bureau at Ottawa. The work is such as to require considerable of it being done outside, and last year the amount paid for such outside printing was \$306,247, an increase of \$8028. This is a feature of the king's printer's report, tabled today.

The total expenditure for wages and printing at the bureau last year was \$1,275,771, an increase of \$110,831. The amount of government newspaper advertising was \$204,762, an increase of \$38,538.

STRUCK BY DERRICK T. E. L. FOREMAN KILLED

As a result of a blow on the head from a piece of machinery, Thomas Wright, 38, American street, construction foreman for the Toronto Electric Light Company, died in St. Michael's Hospital yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred about two o'clock in the company's plant at the foot of Scott street.

Wright was engaged with a number of workmen in hoisting a heavy piece of machinery by means of a derrick. Part of the equipment broke, and the machinery in falling struck Wright in the head. William Graham, another workman, also received injuries, which were attended to at St. Michael's.

BIG BARGE LAUNCHED AT POLSON DRYDOCK

At the Polson Iron Works yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock a large barge built for the Quebec harbor commission was successfully launched. It was necessary to dynamite the ice in the neighborhood before the launching could be effected. The ice was found to be over 20 inches thick. At the given signal the barge was released from its fastenings and slid into the water, keeled over to one side, righted itself and floated serenely in the clearing. There were no ceremonies connected with the affair.

The barge is 130 feet long, 40 feet wide and 15 feet deep.

"JACK ASHORE" IS THE SAME THE WIDE WORLD OVER.

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 11.—Three sailors from the South African liner Kaduna were before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning. Jeremiah Healy, an Irishman, was charged with being drunk in Smith's restaurant on Saturday afternoon, and Thomas Mitchell, an Englishman, and David Goughan, a fisherman, were charged with interfering with Policeman Sullivan in the lawful discharge of his duty. Sullivan said that he was in plain clothes and when he was called into the restaurant, the three sailors interfered when he attempted to arrest Healy. Policeman Ross arrived and when Healy was taken to the lockup, and when they again tried to interfere they were arrested. The three men said they did not remember much about what they did. The prisoners were fined \$8 each, which was paid by the captain.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED BY DEER PARK W.C.T.U.

Proposed Prison Reforms Were Discussed at Regular Monthly Meeting.

Mrs. Woodley presided at the monthly meeting of the Deer Park W.C.T.U., held at the home of Mrs. Ruthford, 14 Roswell avenue. After the reception of new members, including Mrs. Reesor, Miss Roland, Mrs. Dowling and Mrs. Richards, the proposed prison reforms were discussed and several good papers read. Also the laws regarding the protection of children were read with many interesting comments from the White Ribbon Riders.

MOOSE ORDER LIQUOR SEIZED.

LONDON, Ont., March 11.—While 150 members of the Loyal Order of Moose were enjoying a sojourn in the clubhouse in the Duffield block tonight a police sergeant and a license inspector made an unannounced appearance, seized two cases of liquor and took the names of those present. Summonses were issued and the liquor produced as evidence.



BOARD OF HEALTH TACKLES HOUSING

Constitutes Itself Commission to Solve Problem—To Start at Once.

WANT LODGING HOUSES

Owing to Exploitation by Foreigners, Says Hastings, Crime Will Increase.

Municipal housing was discussed by the board of health yesterday, when Dr. Hastings, M.O.H., asked if there was not a resolution of the city council to appoint a commission to report upon a policy of municipal housing. Controller McCarthy said that last year's council had passed a resolution to have a commission, but that this year's council was acting directly by applying for necessary legislation. Dr. Hastings suggested that municipal lodgings-houses should be considered.

"The Toronto Housing Company is, I fancy, finding it difficult to get from the millionaires the 15 per cent. of the capital that must be raised before the city can go surety for the bonds," Controller McCarthy said.

"At present lodgings-houses are mostly for foreigners, and are exploited by foreigners," Dr. Hastings said. "The resultant increase in crime and immorality will become more and more expensive to the city. We should have a commission to investigate and report upon a policy of betterment."

"The part I am worrying about is that there are from ten to twenty thousand families of workmen in the city that are living in congested dwellings, owing to high rents," Controller McCarthy said. "I hope to demonstrate this summer that workmen's homes can be built for \$800 or \$1000, and rented for \$12 per month."

Land Too Dear.
"You cannot get land cheap enough to reasonably place an 800 house on it," Aid. Dunn said.

"We are solving the transportation problem," Controller McCarthy said, "and that clears the way to cheap homes within and without the city limits. Let this board constitute itself a commission and tackle the housing problem ourselves."

"That is a practical suggestion," Dr. Hastings declared. "Better housing is a public health problem, and it is the duty of this board to offer a solution of the problem."

It was decided to constitute the board a commission to solve the housing problem.

FOLK LORE SOCIETY.

The Canadian Folk Lore Society will hold its regular monthly meeting this evening in room 32 of the Mining building, University of Toronto. R. McIntosh, who has made a study of symbols in stone, will give a talk on "Celtic Crosses and Folk Lore," with lantern illustrations. Some of them dating back to one hundred years B.C. All who are interested in folk lore will be welcomed.

NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

COUZENS TO VALUE ELECTRIC PLANT

Mayor Hocken Announces Appraisal of Interurban Electric Franchises.

COMPANY LOST MONEY

Slowness of Plasterers Delays the Construction of Municipal Abattoir.

Mayor Hocken told the board of control yesterday that he had instructed General Manager Couzens of the Civic Hydro Commission to investigate the value of the Interurban Electric Co. plant franchise and business within the city limits. The purchase was suggested by the Provincial Hydro-Electric Commission.

The board decided to await the report of Mr. Couzens before taking further action.

"The civic hydro-electric system has paralleled the lines of the Interurban," Mayor Hocken explained, "and the Interurban are worth only scrap price to the city. The franchise and business would cost us over \$200,000, as the scrapped value of the lines would be about \$40,000, and the company asks \$280,000 to sell out. Since 1900 the company have operated at a net loss of over \$800."

"The Toronto Electric Light Company would not buy out the Interurban," said Controller Simpson, "because the Interurban lines are paralleled by the civic hydro system, and the city has no need to buy out the Interurban unless we purchase the Toronto Electric Light Company's property and franchise."

"I'm inclined to think we are well advised by the Provincial Hydro-Interurban," said Controller McCarthy. "The provincial commission will buy out what Interurban property there is outside the city limits. If we extinguish the franchise of the Toronto Electric Light Company we should also extinguish the Interurban franchise."

"We shall wait for the report from Mr. Couzens," said Mayor Hocken, and this was agreed to.

Ald. Dunn said that construction of the municipal abattoir is being delayed thru the plastering not being expedited.

Want Union Rate of Pay.
Controller Simpson introduced a deputation of the Plasterers' Laborers' Association, who complained that the union rate of pay for the plastering at the abattoir is not being paid by the contractor.

"We will have an investigation," said Mayor Hocken, "and make certain that the union rate of pay is given."

Ald. Dunn said that the delay in the plastering was caused by defective work having been supplied. The cork is used on the walls of the chilling department. Good cork has now been supplied, and Commissioner Chisholm has written Architect Perrin to order the plastering to proceed. The aldermen urged that sixty plasterers be put upon the job at once. The architect will be asked to hurry the plastering.

Season's Best Seller Written by Woman Who Writes for The World

No book in months has enjoyed such a remarkable sale as Leona Dalrymple's novel, "Diane of the Green Van." Placed on the bookstore counters Monday, there has been a rush for it that has increased each day since. The given great publicity because it won for its author a \$10,000 prize in a competition judged by S. S. McClure and Ida Tarbell, the tremendous sale of the book is chiefly due to the recommendations of its first purchasers.

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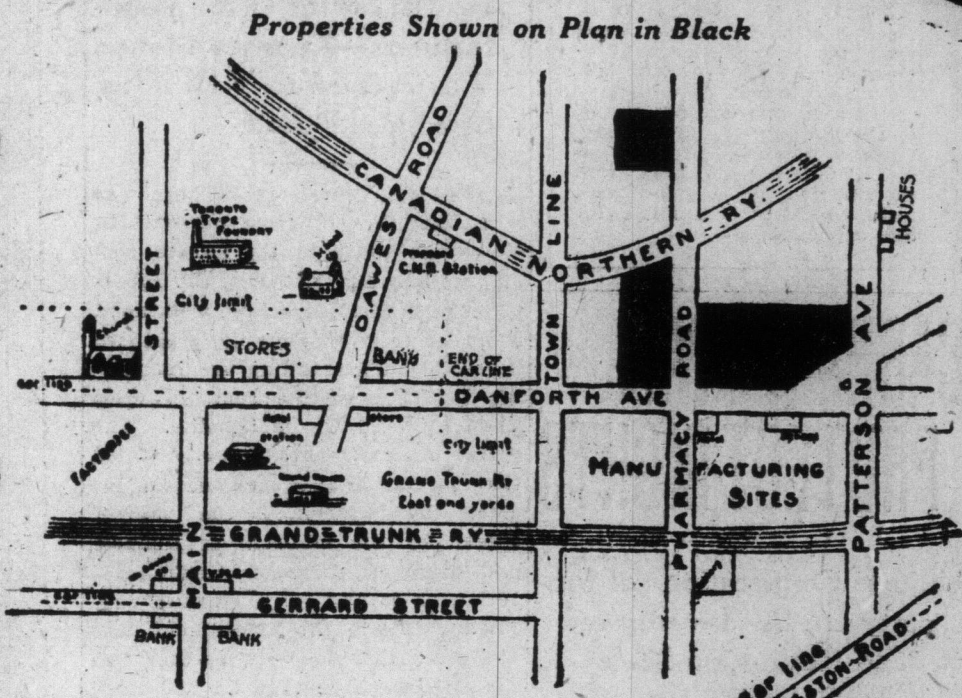
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MAY USE CONCRETE FOR BLOOR VIADUCT

The Bloor street viaduct will probably be constructed of reinforced concrete. In discussing this some aldermen declared yesterday that a reinforced concrete superstructure would cost much less than steel, that the difference in cost of upkeep was much in favor of concrete, and that a good foundation was found for a concrete structure.

A half a dozen firms have prepared plans and specifications for a concrete viaduct. About fifteen firms have notified the city that they will tender on a steel superstructure. The situation now is that tenders for a concrete viaduct will be given equal importance with those for a steel one. It is unlikely that the department of works will be ready to call for tenders for the viaduct for a month or two yet, so great is the work in preparation of plans and specifications.

DRUNK IN CHARGE OF CAR.

A heavy motor car, owned and driven by Charles B. Williams, contractor, 29 Wellesley street, crashed thru the store windows of J. Michaelson's stationery store at 438 West Queen street, yesterday morning. Williams was arrested on a charge of being drunk while in charge of a motor car. He asked to be remanded and given time to pay for the damage.

FELL FROM CORNICE.

While erecting a cornice on a store at the foot of Strachan avenue yesterday afternoon, William S. Smith, 137 Sumach street, a carpenter in the employ of the Brown Cooper Co., fell a distance of 12 feet to the ground, receiving severe injuries to the head and body. He was conveyed to the Western Hospital, where it is reported he will recover.

IS NOW TWENTY-THREE.

About 30 friends and relatives of William Silk, 239 Arthur street, attended a surprise party tendered him on the occasion of his 23rd birthday, by his sister, Miss Florence Silk, and Miss Symington, last night.

CHAMPION CHINESE BALL TEAM.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—Fifteen Chinese baseball players and their manager, Hong Sing, arrived here today from Honolulu on the first leg of a seven month tour that will take the team over the country, ending with a series of games to be played in Cuba during September. The team are the champions of the Hawaiian Baseball League and made a successful tour of this country last year.

GIRL IS MISSING FOUL PLAY FEARED

Mysterious Disappearance as Sequel to Fire is Being Investigated.

MONTREAL, March 11.—The mysterious disappearance of his niece on the night of March 5, following an equally mysterious fire in his home, Alfred Gauthier to consult the police today.

ARREST OF GREENBAUM CLEANS UP BAD GANG

The police department completed the clean-up of a gang of jewelry thieves and house-breakers yesterday, when Detective Montgomery landed Jack Greenbaum at the Union Station. Greenbaum, it is claimed, acted as fence for the gang, and is charged with receiving.

When searched, Greenbaum was found to have in his possession about \$200 worth of the missing valuables. Among the articles found is a diamond pin, stolen from the residence of Mrs. Yulle, 162 East Roxboro street, valued at \$150; a gold watch stolen from Mrs. Hewlett's residence, at 313 West Marion street, valued at \$75, and a pearl pendant stolen from H. B. Gardner's house at 100 Grenadier road, valued at \$25.

R. KELLY PROMOTED.

The G.T.R. announces: G. B. Perdue having asked to be relieved of trainmaster on account of illness, R. Kelly is appointed trainmaster of the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth districts, with headquarters at Durand, Mich.

CURRENT REVENUE PAYING FOR N.T.R.

Bulk of Cost Has Been Met From Year to Year by Appropriations.

OTTAWA, March 11.—A return tabled in house this afternoon shows that out of \$140,621.17 expended on the construction of the N. T. R. up to the end of last year, all but \$41,066.89 has been paid out of revenue. The estimated cost of completing the road is \$20,745,633.

It further states that the cost of the Quebec bridge when completed will be \$22,000,000. The expenditure on the collapsed structure was \$6,424,781. In reconstructing the bridge \$4,889,313 has been spent and its completion will entail a further expenditure of \$12,000,000.

CONSTABLE ARRESTED.

MONTREAL, N. B., March 11.—A Belyea, a local constable, was arrested by Officers Gaw and Webb on the charge of attempting to shoot with a revolver.

It is alleged that Belyea entered a Main street board-ing-house and threatened to shoot the proprietress, her daughter and a boarder.

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DRIFTING SCHOONER FREED FROM ICE AND BEACHED.

PARRSBORO, N. S., March 11.—The schooner which has been adrift on the ice in the bay and which has been sighted several times on the south shore has been beached near Spencer's Island, N. S., and proved to be the Lyra of this port, a tone register, owned and commanded by Robert Newcombe of this place. She was bound from St. John for this port in ballast.

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