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FORTY-FIRST YEAR

## LEADING CITIZEN OPPOSES WATER COMMISS'N ABOLITION

A successful manufacturer and one of our most prominent citizens said this morning, "What will the Council do if the majority of the ratepayers vote in favor of abolishing the Water Commission, when the bylaw is submitted at New Year's?"

"Do they intend to take it over and appoint a committee to handle it, or is it only a scheme to get rid of the present commission? If the latter, why not allow the ratepayers the privilege of selecting the committee they think most capable to run the proposition."

"If it is the intention to select a committee from the Council, the idea is hardly one that will work out satisfactorily. I do not mean that there will not be men elected to the Council at New Year's who would not be qualified to undertake and carry through the work successfully, but under the present system of electing aldermen from year to year the committee might only get started on the work when they would be left at the polls the next year, no matter how much good they accomplish during their term of office."

"As you know, some of the members of the different Commissions and Boards in the City are elected or appointed for a term of 2 or 3 years, others one or two years as the case may be, but from year to year there are always some of the old and experienced members left on to coach and guide the new members as they are elected to the Board."

LOSSES MEMORY WANDERS ABOUT FOR SIX DAYS

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—After wandering about for six days, unable to remember his name, Donald I. MacLeod returned to his home on Wednesday afternoon accompanied by a physician who took charge of him. MacLeod, who had been walking aimlessly in the direction of Scarborough Heights Park a few hours previously.

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"Were the Aldermen elected in this way it would certainly be an advantage to our City, and while Government by Commission is coming sooner or later, it is a known fact that men who are in touch with Municipal affairs, whether they be Water, Light, Park or any other, will tell you that the first year one only gets acquainted with the work."

"Under these circumstances it hardly looks a good proposition to put the Water Commission in the hands of the Council. I think I am right in saying that the Council have had under consideration the turning over of the Cemetery under the supervision of the Park Board for the reason that more good can be done by this body and more attention paid to it for the simple reason that the members are elected for a term of years. What works in one case should certainly work in another."

"I have no intention of criticising the Water Commission. They have had a tough proposition on their hands but from present reports the situation is very much improved and with any kind of luck ample water will be forthcoming from now on. It's an easy matter to find fault but let me say that I hardly believe the turning of the Water Department over to the Council would be an improvement for the first year at least," he concluded.

RANEY ASKS FOR REPORT ON PLANS OF MEAT PACKERS

(Special to the Record.) TORONTO, Dec. 12.—The new Ontario Government has not declared war on the meat packers. "I merely asked Mr. Lundy to give me an interim report on his work in connection with the recent investigation before the Board of Commerce," said Hon. W. E. Raney, Attorney-General, this morning when asked about the report that he had deputed Mr. J. S. Lundy, K.C., to inquire into the whole Canadian packing situation and to make a complete report on the combinations of the packing houses and plants of this province, which are allied with American concerns.

"It is not a new appointment," Mr. Raney said. "Mr. Lundy was retained by the old Government and his appointment holds over. He represented the Ontario Government at the Board of Commerce inquiry."

"Have you asked him to investigate the recent amalgamations of Canadian and United States packing house concerns?" "I wrote him about 10 days ago asking for an interim report on his work in connection with the recent investigation before the Board of Commerce."

"This is not any policy of the new Government," added Mr. Raney. "We don't know what our policy will be with respect to packing houses. We are merely ascertaining what was done under the auspices of the old government and will decide upon our policy when we learn what the present situation is."

FIRST DRY YEAR SEES INCREASE IN AM'T OF LIQUOR

How to Tell a Scotchman From a Russian Jew.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Over four million proof gallons of spirits were produced in Canada during the fiscal year which closed March 31 last, compared with three and half million proof gallons in the previous year, according to the annual report of the Inland Revenue Department. The revenue of the department for the year exceeds thirty million dollars, as compared with about twenty-seven million last year. The revenue from war taxes touched the twelve million mark as against a little over two millions during the previous year. During the year actual amount of tobacco taken for consumption was nearly 47½ million pounds compared with nearly 45 million pounds during the previous year.

NO ONE EXPECTS EARLY ELECTION

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—The advice given by Hon. Mackenzie King to his party to place candidates in the field at an early date wherever possible is not taken, even in Liberal circles, as indicating an early dissolution of Parliament and a general election. It is regarded merely as a preliminary statement of policy to be followed by the Liberals, preceding the inauguration of a plan calling for more activity in preparation for the federal contest whenever it may come.

GENERAL TONE CONCILIATORY

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—Germany's reply to the last notes from the supreme Council have been sent to Versailles. Nothing has been given out relative to its contents aside from the hint that its general tone represents the conciliatory tone of the last communication from the Entente.



FAMOUS ADMIRAL VISITS QUEEN CITY—Viscount and Lady Jellicoe in the front row. On the Admiral's right is Mayor Church.

## NEED OF HELP FOR ARMENIA

Illustrated Lecture on Trials of That Country. Opportunity to Assist People.

"Shall Armenia perish?" This is the question which comes to each and every one. Its importance and significance were impressed upon citizens last evening at the illustrated lecture in Trinity Methodist on the question by Rev. Eric Lewis of the Central organization, Toronto, which is assisting in the humanitarian work of securing money and clothes to be devoted to the cause of the unfortunate people in Armenia who, while after hundreds of years of slavery and inhuman abuses under the heel of their oppressors have been liberated politically, are still in dire circumstances owing to the loss of property and lives in the war.

The lecture by the official visitor revealed the unparalleled sufferings and trials of these people and touched the heart of many. Taken from actual conditions as they are these illustrations depicted the comparative life of ease of the Canadian people. Vividly it was shown that there are many thousands of people in the world to-day who are in unenviable circumstances. From them comes the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us."

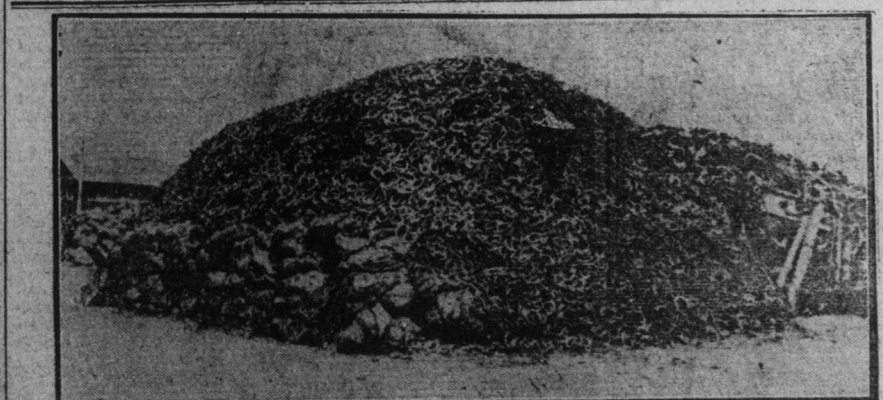
The lecture by Rev. Mr. Lewis should, bear fruit and many a local contribution to the cause should be received.

## FIND DEAD MAN IN THEATRE BOX

(Special to the Record.) St. Catharines, Dec. 12.—This morning a woman who sweeps out the Griffin Theatre found a man, James Battison, of Toronto, who had fallen off his chair in a box. He had been dead some time. He probably was seized with heart failure but whether during the show last night, or whether in some way he managed to get into the theatre later, the police are trying to discover, as he was reported seen at a hotel in his room at 9.45 last night.

## DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL FINANCE

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau resumed their conference on war problems to-day. Earl Curzon of Kedleston, secretary of state for foreign affairs; Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary of the War Cabinet, and the French Ambassador were present. International finance was under discussion. J. Astor, Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer being called into the conference. He cancelled a speaking engagement to attend.



ONE MILLION HORSESHOES! Economy in the Army—This huge pile of over a million horse shoes, at the Base Ordnance Department, Saloniki, is the result of careful collecting of salvage all over the Balkans. They, with thousands of miles of old barbed wire, millions of old nails, etc., have been sold to steel manufacturers.

## TORONTO KEEPS UP POOR RECORD

50 New Cases of Smallpox, Total 1252. (Special to the Record.) TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Reports covering the past 24 hours indicate that the smallpox epidemic is still as active as ever. There were 50 new cases reported, which is an increase over yesterday's figures. The total number of cases has reached 1,252, and 1,734 persons are now under quarantine.

## KIEV THREATENED FROM TWO SIDES

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Bolshevik forces have again heavily attacked the left flank of General Denikin's army and driven the latter's volunteers back to a depth of thirty or fifty miles along a front from three to four hundred miles long. The Reds are within fifty miles of Kiev, and Poltava and are swinging around to the southeast of Kiev which is also threatened from the northwest according to news from southern Russia. The situation gives rise to anxiety. On the Caucasian front, however, the Bolsheviks have been repulsed before Tharizant with heavy losses. Don Cossacks have also been successful in pushing back the Reds.

## HYDRO FRIENDS SPEAK TO DRURY

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Thorough sympathy with the projects of the Hydro-Electric Commission and the Hydro-Electric Commission, coupled with some fears that the proposed radial lines might possibly duplicate existing lines, all this was expressed by Premier Drury this morning in an interview with three hundred representatives of the Hydro municipalities in various parts of the province.

The deputation submitted a resolution that the terms of office of Sir Adam Beck, Chairman, be six years and that the Commission consist of five members for such terms as would ensure the continuity of the Board. Secretary Harrington presented the arguments and J.W. Lyon of Guelph urged that Sir Adam should not have a shorter term than the chairman of the Dominion Railway Board who is appointed for ten years.

## AN EXHIBIT OF SUITABLE CHILDREN'S XMAS BOOKS

"What kind of books should Santa Claus bring to the children?" He can find the answer at the Public Library. The energetic Librarian, Miss Mabel Dunham, has placed on exhibition in the library several hundred children's books which would be acceptable Christmas gifts from Santa. The purpose of this exhibition is not to dispose of the books to inquiries but to give them an idea about the character of books that should be selected. Should any book be found that is acceptable the medium of the bookstore can be used to place an order for it. To date many inquiries have been made and selections of books made by adults.

The books which include about two hundred is a diverse list embracing many subjects, and answer all purposes of child-life. Just a few examples are given: "The Sleepy Song Book; The Overall Boys; Tanglewood Tales; The Butterfly; The Sunbonnet Babies Primer; The Boys' Book; The Aesop for Children; The Wonder Book of Aesop; The Wonder Book of Knowledge; The Sunbonnet Babies Primer; The Boys' Book; The Aesop for Children; The Prince and the Pauper by Mark Twain; Mother's Nursery Tales and so forth.

## FREE TRADE IN WHISKEY

Watertown, N.Y., Dec. 12.—Tales of border-running that rival the most thrilling yarns of olden days develop almost daily in northern New York since prohibition made importation of liquor from Canada a profitable business for those willing to take a chance.

There is a little village across the Canadian line north of Malone which is said to be one of the principal sources of supply for the smugglers. To the casual visitor the town is nothing out of the ordinary. Yet from this town it is said one to half a dozen automobile loads of whiskey depart almost nightly.

Andrew Bonar Law informed the British House of Commons that no negotiations were proceeding for a separate Anglo-French treaty. Roumanian troops have occupied the territory across the Danube promised to Roumanian by the treaty signed by the Central Powers in May 1918.

Geo. L. Yeigler has resigned as manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Bridgeton.

## WILL NOT INSIST ON EIGHTY FEET

Width of Proposed East Avenue Reduced on Suggestion of Property Owners. WIDTH AT END OF QUEEN SOUTH

The City Planning Commission held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon in the old Council Chamber. Several matters were before the members for their consideration and were disposed of.

A plan presented by Mr. H. Ford, on behalf of the Park Board of the proposed connecting street between Theresa street and Heins avenue was not acted on, the Commission wishing to get more information on the plan which includes the sale by the Park Board of a small section of land on the east side of the proposed link.

A plan of a subdivision of lots Wilmot and Michael streets, which have a width of 35 feet each was accepted.

Owing to a residence being in the way of Pandora avenue extended east of Lydia street the street at this point will be deserted 50 feet to the north.

Mr. W. Cowan and Mr. Jacob Baetz, sr., who were present at the meeting presented their plan of the proposed East avenue running south-westerly through their property on King street. At the last meeting of the Commission it was suggested to the owners of the property that the width of this street be 80 feet instead of 60 feet.

They were urged to have a plan prepared showing a street of this width. The owners, however, do not think that it is necessary to provide a street of 80 feet width pointing out that future property owners would not want to pay the increased cost of maintenance. The Commissioners while they prefer to have as wide streets as possible where desirable are not desirous of insisting on a width beyond the requirements in the statute, which is 66 feet. The plan presented therefor was approved and it was also decided to reduce the width along the whole proposed street from 80 feet to 66 feet.

A suggestion in a communication from Mr. F.S. Hodgins, city found favor with the Commission and it was decided to recommend to the city that the suggestion be adopted and carried out. Mr. Hodgins pointed out that for a distance of about five hundred feet from the town line, the Petersburg Road takes it up to Factory Road, but from there to Queen street, the road is only 40 feet wide. He stated that there is no advantage in this irregularity in width. At the time the strip was purchased he believed it was the intention of the town to widen this road out to sixty feet right up to Queen Street South.

The members of the Commission present were Messrs. W.H. Breithaupt, Mr. Huenegard, W.H. Schmalz, Mayor Gross and Walter Hartung.

## NO MORE EXAMS IN JULY HEAT

New Minister of Education Places Examinations in Month of June.

DATES FOR VACATIONS

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Hereafter school examinations which for years past have been held in the hot days of July are to be held in June. The new calendar of the department of education announced to-day by Hon. R.H. Grant, minister of education, fixes the dates for the various examinations which will begin on June 8, and end during the last week of the month. The change will not only provide the students with more pleasant weather, but will enable them to get the full benefit of the summer vacation.

The senior high school entrance and the senior public school graduation examinations and the examinations for entrance into the model schools are to begin on June 8. On June 9 the lower school examinations for entrance into the Normal schools and into the faculties of education and the pass honor and scholarship matriculation examinations will begin.

On June 16 the Normal School final examinations for group B will begin, and the model school examination for entrance to the Normal schools, will begin on June 24, and the junior high school entrance on June 28.

The calendar sets the number of teaching days in the public schools in 1920 at 199, and in the high schools at 196.

Following the Christmas vacation this year the schools will reopen on January 5. The Easter holidays will be held from April 2 to April 11, inclusive, and the midsummer holidays from June 20 to August 31 in the public and separate schools, and until September 6 in the high schools.

## WINNIPEG TRIAL BRISTLING WITH HUMOR FLASHES

WINNIPEG, Dec. 12.—Flashes of humor, principally in the passages between Judge Metcalfe and E. J. McMurray, counsel for the defence of R. B. Russell, have become a daily feature of relief to the strain of tedious court proceedings.

A witness had remarked that he was attacked by a "foreigner who looked like a Russian Jew."

"How do you know he was a foreigner, what does a foreigner look like?" blandly queried the defence.

"Well, he was a foreigner, surely a man of your education can tell what a foreigner looks like," replied the witness with withering sarcasm.

"But that's just the trouble," complained the counsel, "I can't!"

"Does a man need to be highly educated to distinguish a foreigner?" inquired the judge of the witness. The latter appeared in doubt.

"He might have been a Scotchman," ventured Mr. McMurray.

"You'd never mistake a Scotchman for a Russian Jew," remarked the Judge emphatically.

"We'll confine it to appearance," said the Judge with an air of finality.

The inevitable question to which all witnesses are being subjected by the defence counsel McMurray is, "Were you a member of the citizens' committee?" Disappointment is registered by the audience when the counsel forgets his pet question, as it has generally provided a titter.

As each witness in Tuesday's hearings gave a negative reply, Judge Metcalfe finally turned with a smile to Mr. McMurray and said slyly, "Are you sure there ever was such a thing as the citizen's committee?"

"I am almost inclined to believe it," agreed the counsel, "as I have only found one man who was a member and then he didn't know anything about the organization."

"About all we can find out," said Judge, "is that they carried a flag and five strikers objected and took it away."

PROBS FOR XMAS—DRY!

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—There is to be no relaxation in the restrictions governing the giving of prescriptions for liquor during the Christmas season.

Inquiries have been made of the Ontario license commissions looking to an easing up on the part of the board during the Christmas festival, but the reply has been a straight declaration that the board would insist upon the law being strictly observed.

O.B.U. WIN IN CALGARY

CALGARY, Dec. 12.—Complete returns in the municipal election show that Mayor Marshall was re-elected by a majority of 2,272.

The citizens' committee elected all four of its candidates. The two other aldermen chosen are Ald. Brodie, enthusiastic advocate of the One Big Union, and Mrs. Anne Gale, whose tendency has been to support labor ideas in the Council. The surprise was in the defeat of James Rae and Walter Smitten, the regular Labor candidates.

JOB FOR CURRIE

KINGSTON, DEC. 12.—Col. J. A. Currie, M.P. for North Simcoe, is mentioned as a possible appointee to the vacant position of warden of the penitentiary here.

COURT OF REVISION MET.

The Court of Revision met this afternoon. The members are Sheriff H. G. Lackner chairman, Charles Cowan and Henry Knell.

GOVIN WILL STAY.

Quebec, Dec. 12.—Hon. Medet-ic Martin, M.P., Mayor of Montreal, in moving the address in the upper House, intimated that the Prime Minister would remain at the head of the Government, and expressed gratification that Sir Lester Govin was not thinking of retiring, although he well deserved a rest after 15 years of service as Prime Minister of the Province.