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BELLEVILLE'S EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

Public Meeting at City Hall on Friday Night to Take Up Questions of a New Collegiate and a New School Building for Coleman Ward.

Such a city-wide interest is being manifested in the proposed new Coleman Ward public school and the Collegiate Institute that the Chamber of Commerce, acting in conjunction with the Board of Education, will hold a public meeting at the City Hall on Friday evening, March 12, at 8 o'clock to discuss the two projects mentioned. A general invitation is extended to the public to attend this meeting and take part in the discussion.

For the past year or more the need of a new school in the Coleman ward district has been generally recognized as one of the real needs in the development of the city's educational facilities. It is felt by many that this school should be provided for immediately as it is contended that the present accommodations are inadequate and unsuited to the demands of the district.

Of equal importance is the project to provide at once for the Collegiate Institute, which has been under discussion for some time, in order that advanced pupils may be properly provided for and adequate facilities furnished for technical instruction. With the operation of

He is Now the Honorable Nelson

Mr. Nelson Parliament Was Yesterday Elected Speaker of the Ontario Legislature.

At the opening of the Ontario legislature yesterday afternoon the premier, Hon. Mr. Drury announced that it was his pleasure to move that Nelson Parliament be elected to the Speaker's chair. The position was one of great importance and must be filled by a man who would be fair and impartial. H. H. Dewar seconded the nomination and Hon. Howard Ferguson, for the Conservatives, added his compliments. Then Hon. Mr. Parliament took his place, the Lieutenant-Governor reappeared and was thus addressed by the new dignitary:

"May it please your Honor, the Legislative Assembly have elected me as their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfill the important duties thus assigned to me. If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the assembly, whose a servant I am, and who through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their King and country, hereby claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates and access to your person at all reasonable times, and that their

proceedings may receive from you the most favorable consideration."

"Wisdom, Temper, Prudence."

To this the reply was given: "That the Lieutenant-Governor freely confides in the judgment of the assembly and has no doubt that the proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, promising the desired 'ready access upon all suitable occasions,' and that the proceedings of the Assembly will constantly receive most favorable consideration."

The Lieutenant-Governor was later introduced to the members of the Government and to House officials, and then attended the Speaker's reception. Hon. Mr. Parliament is a farmer, and tomorrow he will be 43 years of age. He has been in the House since 1914 and is a Methodist.

Condemns Attacks on Entente Mission

BERLIN, March 10.—The German Imperial Government has issued a proclamation, signed by Premier Bauer, condemning attacks on members of the Entente mission. It declares that Minister of Defense will act with the greatest severity in punishing excesses.

UNIONIST CAUCUS TOMORROW MORNING

OTTAWA, March 10.—A caucus of the Unionist Government supporters has been called for ten o'clock Thursday morning.

TEMPERANCE FORCES DIVIDED BECAUSE OF DOMINION ACT

Bill 26 Causes Perplexity and Difference of Opinion at Big Convention at Massey Hall—Premier Drury Promises Assistance to Make Act Effective.

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

TORONTO, March 10.—The Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, in convention this morning, unanimously decided that legal difficulties must be removed before it will ask for a provincial plebiscite. In this the Alliance stands at variance with the Ontario Referendum Committee which has asked for a referendum. No decision has yet been reached by the joint gathering of the Dominion Alliance and Referendum Committee and the Alliance executive which began the special committee of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance was presented and passed at this morning's session of the convention. The deputation to the Government submitted that the present situation in Ontario is perplexing alike to the government and to the prohibition forces. The Dominion Act, known as Bill 26, is admitted to be so surrounded with difficulties as to make its use at the present time inadvisable.

TORONTO, Mar. 10.—"It is our sincere desire to make the Ontario Temperance Act effective and to enforce it in such a way that there will be no reaction, for we must not jeopardize the permanent cause of temperance in this province. We are as anxious as you to make the Act effective and we will move to that end as swiftly as possible but with due deliberation."

Such was the assurance given by Premier Drury to the deputation of some 250 delegates from the Dominion Alliance convention, who waited on the government today, asking that action to remove the legal difficulties which hamper the enforcement of temperance legislation.

Labor and Farmers Vote With Liberals

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

OTTAWA, March 10.—By majority of 34 on the division in the small hours of this morning the Union Government of Sir Robert Borden was settled in the House of Commons. The vote of the members of the House, was 112 to 78. It was first taken on the amendment of the Liberal Opposition Leader, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, demanding a revision of the voters' lists and an immediate general election. After the defeat of this amendment the House divided and the vote was reversed on the main motion on the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. Eleven cross benches, largely representative of the agricultural parties,

France and Italy Oppose Occupation

(Special 4 p.m. Despatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

LONDON, March 10.—Continued postponement of the Allies' decision with regard to Constantinople is attributed in peace conference circles here to France and Italy, neither of which countries it is asserted have definitely answered Great Britain's invitation to cooperate in occupying the city. Italy is credited with maintaining reluctance to participate in any drastic actions and to be receiving support from a section of French politicians. Former Premier Briand is said to favor the British proposal, however.

SAVED MAN'S LIFE BY KNOCKING HIM DOWN

"Old Settler" Relates Interesting Experience of the Days of the Gold Excitement in Madoc.

Editor Ontario:

It has been said that reminiscence is a token of senility but old stories are far more interesting and if you think that they will be of interest to your readers I may send you a few anecdotes respecting matters that transpired in the sixties and seventies of the last century in the northern part of the county of Hastings.

As a sample brick I will give you one of which I was reminded by reading in a recent paper about a woman who saved a girl from being burned alive by knocking her down and extinguishing the fire in her clothes by wrapping a rug around her.

At the time of the Eldorado gold excitement I was running a sawmill in Madoc. The boom brought lumber up to nearly a quarter of what it is now and we thought that times were pretty good. Our mill was of the most primitive description. The saw was an upright one fastened in a heavy frame of oak plank called a gate, and as the saw, gate, stirrup and pitman, weighed more than a quarter of a ton with the force of the water added, it came down with great force.

One morning when a neighbor who had some business at the mill happened to be around, we had a momentary delay in starting, and I had just arranged the matter and signalled my helper to start the wheel when I turned around and saw the vicar standing directly under the gate, while the saw had just started to come down.

To have spoken to the man would have been worse than useless, and in a quarter of a second his skull would have been crushed like an eggshell. His back was turned to me and I struck him a blow between the shoulders that knocked him flat into the sawdust but saved his life. He got up and rubbing the sawdust out of his eyes asked me what I meant by striking him. I pointed to the saw and told him that I was too busy to attend funerals if it could possibly be avoided, but although he did not say much I could see that he would have preferred to have had his life saved in a more polite way. I do not think that he ever really forgave me for taking the only possible means of saving his life.

Yours truly,
An Old Settler.
Bancroft, March, 6th, 1920.

IMPORTANT PROBLEMS TAKEN UP BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Bay Bridge, Athletic Field, Daylight Saving, Rural Relations, Route of Provincial Highway and Other Matters to be Dealt With Soon.

A number of important matters were considered at yesterday's meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Riggs was in attendance and took part in the discussion of the bay bridge situation which followed the report of the deputation sent to interview the Hon. Mr. F. C. Biggs last week. Owing to the fact that there are a number of new angles to the situation and that there are some details that still remain to be run down, it was decided to collect all the information possible as a result of the new turn of affairs so that when a public meeting is called to discuss the subject the matter can be laid before the people in some complete form. It is believed that the bridge situation has reached a very satisfactory point and that it will be possible to dispose of the question definitely within a very short time.

Mr. George K. Graham, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, reported very favorable progress in the plans under way to secure an athletic field for the coming season. He also laid before the directors a plan for organizing the various athletic activities of the city under the head of an athletic association and a public meeting to discuss this plan will be called in the near future.

The Forum Committee reported that a general meeting of the entire membership of the Chamber of Commerce will be held on Thursday evening, March 18th, to be preceded by a dinner at the Hotel Quinze, for the purpose of discussing daylight saving, the establishment of rural relations section of the chamber and also to get the opinions of the members relative to the local link in the provincial highway. While the great majority appear to favor the Bridge Street route, there is some mention of Dundas Street as the city link in

RITCHIE'S

SPRING OPENING

Your Presence is Requested Tomorrow at Our Official Opening Display of New STYLES FOR SPRING

Because of the pointedly different character of the 1920 Fashions this opening is a highly instructive exhibition. An entirely new influence is evident. The new ideas in Apparel, Millinery and Accessories of Dress reveal a vast difference from those of past seasons—every section of the store is ablaze with the new goods and we would welcome your presence on these opening days.

An Unprecedented Showing of Millinery

The art of Millinery is delightfully expressed in the Spring Hat Models that have emerged from our workrooms for the Opening Days—Hats that are inspired by all that is best in the latest Parisian importations. The new Hats are gleaming—they are bright with flowers and fruits and bright surface straw or glossy Satin. There is not a popular shape or model but that is prominently conspicuous in these Spring Opening Displays. We will not attempt to describe them but come in and look around—come tomorrow if at all possible.

New Style Features You'll See Opening Days

THE NEW DRESSES mostly all show low necks, shorter sleeves, and short skirt lengths. You'll see them displaying these and many other clever characteristics in all the accepted fabrics, priced from \$25.00 to \$115.00.

SEPARATE SKIRTS are shown in a great variety of treatment this season. Many novel effects are shown that are developed of Serges, Taffetas, Fancy Tweeds and Novelty Silks in Plaids and Fancy Designs. The accordion and box pleated styles are especially popular, priced \$7.50 to \$42.50.

THE BLOUSE DEPARTMENT offers for your seeing many delightful new styles that have just come to hand in time for opening, showing sheer silk Crepes, Georgettes, Wash Satins, Voiles, Etc., priced \$4.00 to \$20.00.

Quite apart from the Suits of other seasons are the new models that are here for Opening Days. Just to see these new garments will be an education in Suit styles for Spring, and we would welcome the opportunity of showing you. Prices \$35.00 to \$100.

Don't fail to see the extensive exhibit of artistic Furniture. —3rd floor.

A Visit to the 3rd Floor

Just to walk through this Department on Opening Days is an education to home-lovers and the displays are sure to impart many artistic ideas to any one at all interested in "dressing up" the home. Several new model Window Drapes are on exhibition. Scores of new Pedestal and Table Lamps, Metallic Table Lamps, Chesterfields, Reed Furniture and Rugs in the most wanted colorings, patterns and qualities. We would ask our guests on Opening Days not to leave the store until they have seen this most interesting display of Homefurnishings.

The Ritchie Co., Ltd.

EDITORIAL

We were just thinking this morning as we walked from Department to Department, how really instructive and pleasing it was to look at and feel the goods when they are fresh and new. We thought again how nice it would be if we could have all our friends see this splendid assortment of New Spring Merchandise, for to do so, one would never think there was any great shortage in merchandise. But the fact is obvious, goods are scarce indeed—but not at Ritchie's.

In making spring selections we have adhered strictly to those fundamental principles by which our store is so well known—EXCLUSIVENESS, STYLE, QUALITY and DEPENDABLENESS.

This applies not only to wearing apparel, but to everything that this big store sells. We would like to have you come in this week, during the opening days if possible,—but in any case come in soon and view the new goods—that are displayed for your easy seeing in the various Departments.

The Ritchie Co., Limited.

the highway. An opportunity will be given the advocates of each route to present their case.

A petition from the hotel men, relative to the general and unrestricted sale of non-alcoholic beverages, was considered at some length and a reply will be sent to the hotel men which, it is believed, will be satisfactory to them.

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