"FLU" ON WANE, SAY AUTHORITIES

Reports Coming in Indicate Decided Drop in Mortality List.

There is now no doubt in the minds of public health officials that the two widespread infections—influenza and pneumonia—are rapidly on the wane, and growing weaker daily. Forty-four deaths have occurred in Toronto during the last 24 hours. Of these 13 were attributable to influenza, six to pneumonia, and the rest to other causes. This is practically a record for low mortality since the outbreak of the two dread diseases.

The Red Cross Emergency Branch at the city hall reports cheering progress, altho tempering their encouraging statements by saying that the situation is still acute as regards the dearth of volunteer workers. While the number of cases under the city's direct surveillance has dropped away down to 578, yet 143 new families have been added to this list within the last few days. "There were 18 cases we were not able to send assistance to," said Miss Bickle, who is in charge of the relief work, "and we only had one woman register for service. The people seem to think that the epidemic is all over. It may be true that there are not so many cases, but many that are left are very serious ones."

Dr. Hastings stated that he agreed with the members of the American Congress of Internal Medicine, now meeting in Chicago, that there is little likelihood of this continent again being visited with epidemics of influenza and pneumonia, similar to this year and last.

Four policemen at No. 4 station, Constables Waghorne, Britton, Baker and Evans, have been stricken with smallpox.

The fact that nurses of the department of health use No. 4 station as their district headquarters is thought by some of the police officials to have something to do with the constables' illness.

Dr. Hastings, however, scouted the idea, stating that one of the constables had probably carried the disease and infected the others.

POSED AS INSPECTOR; NEARLY KILLED WOMAN

Mrs. Elsie Markle, Kingscourt Apartments, was badly beaten about the head and almost choked to death by a man who entered her apartment under pretence of being a telephone inspector. The man, who is still being sought by the police, was seen roaming around the place, and opening the door of the Markle apartment on the third floor, he told Mrs. Markle he came to repair the telephone. He then seized the woman by the throat, and after mauling her, struck her over the head with a blunt instrument. The cries of the woman attracted the attention of others living in the building, and taking fright, the man fled. Mrs. Markle collapsed on the floor, and is suffering from injuries and shock.

Mrs. Markle described her assailant to the police as being a tall, well dressed man, and said he was in his shirt sleeves when he entered her home.

Detectives and plainclothesmen have been detailed to the case.

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

John Coinck, 237 Simcoe street, was injured about the head yesterday when a plank fell on him while he was working in the basement of the Catto building, Yonge and Shuter streets. He was taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

When he slipped and fell on the rails in the G.T.R. yards, Simcoe street, yesterday, John Wood, 1178 Dovercourt road, was injured about the ribs. He was admitted to Grace Hospital.

DURABILITY IN A PIANO

It is by no means the whole test of a piano that it will last. Yet it is important that having invested several hundred dollars in a piano you should get one that is, aside from its musical value, built to last. This you will always be assured of in the piano made by Ye Olde Firme of Heintzman & Co., Limited, 193-197 Yonge street, Toronto.

LAW BOOK CO.'S APPEAL.

Counsel further addressed the court of appeal yesterday in the action by the Boston Book Co. against the Canada Law Book Co. for payment for sets of reprints. The defendants counter-claimed for $20,000 damage in respect that the books, some 30,000, were not up to expectation. This counter-claim was dismissed by Justice Middleton, who awarded plaintiffs $1,734.10. Defendants appealed.

EAT

What You Will—When You Will —Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets Help Digest the Meal.

Good food in itself is harmless. The usual reason stomach troubles arise is due to faulty digestion brought about by overwork, sickness, overeating, late hours, etc.

The best way to correct faulty stomach troubles due to digestive mistakes is to do what nature wants. All that nature usually needs in such cases is a little assistance to do this work. This is why doctors tell you to diet. Nature is then compelled to aid herself. You do not then overwork her when she is already exhausted.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets go into your stomach just like food. They help digest food, and thus, when the next meal is eaten, the system is better prepared to do its work without assistance.

By following this practice many have corrected their stomach troubles and have conquered the old "bugbear" of indigestion.

Always take a Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablet after meals or just before bed time. By doing this you will be acting wisely and playing safe.

Go to your druggist anywhere and buy a box now. Price, 50 cents.

Over a Quarter of a Century of Public Service

of the highest order, stands behind every packet sold.

"SALADA"

Black, Mixed or Green - Sealed Packets Only.

NEWS OF LABOR

BUILDING TRADES RESTIVE IN QUEBEC

Possibility of a General Strike—International and Catholic Unions Clash.

CONSULT WASHINGTON

Montreal, Feb. 24.—Possibilities of a general strike in the building trades thruout the province of Quebec are looming up as a result of a clash which has come to a head between the international and national Catholic unions in the industry. The two organization groups are diametrically opposed in ideals and purposes, both sides are now engaged in preparations for a struggle which must result in the obliteration of one of the groups, and which may result in a general upheaval of the building industry which would be disastrous at the present time, when a building boom is early expected. Both unions are holding meetings in the city at the present time and are organizing a fight for supremacy.

Fear Serious Clash

John W. Bruce, general organizer of the International Plumbers' and Steamfitters' Union, and chairman of the international conference board now sitting in the city, stated: "There appears to be an effort on the part of the National Catholic Union to make a fight against the International Unions. A serious clash is inevitable unless steps are taken to overcome it."

In view of the seriousness of the local situation the international conference board is sending officers to Washington to lay the full facts of the case before the international presidents of the building trades unions there.

BREAD DRIVERS PROGRESSING.

Cristall Foxhall has been appointed business manager for the Bread Drivers' Union. The union unanimously decided upon this appointment at a largely attended meeting held at S. O. E. Hall on Monday night. The union initiated no less than 64 new members. It was decided to draw up a new wage schedule, this to be considered at the next meeting of the union. It is noteworthy that the new agreement falls due on May 1, the date upon which that of the bakers falls due.

HAD NO CONFERENCE.

James T. Gunn last night denied the report to the effect that he had been in conference with Dr. W. A. Riddell, deputy minister of labor, relative to the standardization of wages. He stated that he had made investigations in the matter and had found that 60 per cent. of the women in the province were receiving $10 or less a week, and that the only decent minimum possible for women was $16 a week.

TO ATTEND CONVENTION

James Marsh, the veteran trade unionist of Niagara Falls; Harry Kirwin, president of the Marine Tenders' Federation; Harry Harper, general organizer for the International Association of Machinists in Canada; John Munro, president of Toronto Trades Council and business manager for the International Association of Machinists in Toronto, are among those leaving Southern Ontario for Montreal, where the Marine Trades Federation is holding a special convention.

ELECTED TO EXECUTIVE

Nelson Dyer, the popular member of Lansdowne barns division of the Street Railwaymen's Union in Toronto, was yesterday elected to represent Lansdowne barns on the executive of the union. Tom Gould ran him a close second. Altogether 106 votes were cast.

RAILWAY FREIGHT CLERKS

W. D. MacPherson, general organizer for the Canadian Brotherhood of Freight Clerks and Stationmen, stated last night that he and the committee of the brotherhood had been able to prove to the officials of the Grand Trunk that his organization represents the class of railroad workers in his organization. Asked if this meant that the G.T.R. would refuse to recognize the representatives of the International Brotherhood of Freight Clerks and Stationmen, Mr. MacPherson stated that that was something outside his province to say. He was himself satisfied that this railroad would recognize his brotherhood in all negotiations affecting the trade.

OLD MEN RETURN TO RANKS.

Lieut.-Col. W. K. Walker, D.S.O. (with bar), M.C., Croix de Guerre, director of machine guns arrived in the city yesterday on a brief visit to inspect the First Canadian Brigade, stationed at the Armories. "It is a splendid organization," said the colonel, referring to the corps. "We are getting all the old men back and all ranks have a high state of efficiency."

PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR ILL.

Rev. J. McP. Scott, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, contracted double pneumonia. Dr. K. A. Jones, his physician, held a conference of several specialists which resulted in the report that Mr. Scott was in a serious condition.

MORE INDICATIONS OF REAL PROGRESS

Building Trades Council Formed With Large Executive Powers.

No longer is there a building trades league in Toronto. Progress has led the footsteps of labor for many months to the immense advantage of the movement, and last night the league unanimously decided to change its status from the voluntary and therefore heterogeneous to a homogeneous unit of twenty trades involved. This means that henceforth all the twenty trades, in what has now become the Toronto Building Trades Council, will be subject to the rulings of that council, that all unions in the trade will be compelled to join this council, and that no union will henceforth be able to act upon its own initiative. That is to say, no union will be able to either refuse to go out on strike when the council orders one or to call a strike on its own, all such authority now being transferred to the council itself, which henceforth will act in a parliamentary and executive capacity.

Thruout labor circles, this action upon the part of what was once a merely voluntary body of unions spells a new era for the general labor movement, in that it co-ordinates the work of all the units within the council, and centralizes executive power, thus forging a true bond of sympathy and common-sense. It had been the custom among some unions to go on their own, irrespective of the troubles of others; this selfish attitude will no longer have leeway.

The Building Trades Council decided to act in co-operation with the joint industrial council, a body composed both of trades unionists and employers; it decided to reaffirm its affiliation with the American Federation of Labor; it pledged its support to any international union in the trade seeking to protect its rights, and thus pledged itself to support the iron workers and other workers in similar positions.

Builders Communicated With.

Communications have been sent on to those employers in the building trade who have not fallen in with the ideals of the Building Trades Council, advising them of the seriousness of the situation, and of the immediate need of proper adjustment of the situation. It was pointed out that any dispute now existent was merely a question of recognition of the principles of trades unionism, and had no direct relation to wages or conditions.

The council endorsed a letter sent down from Local 145, Porcupine Miners' Union, denouncing the policy of The Labor Leader and the men alleged to be trailing the movement in the dust before the employers of the province. Copies of this letter were ordered sent on to the press.

UNIVERSITY NOTES

Acting on imperative advice from her physician, Miss Skinner, the popular head of the Victoria Women's Students' Union, has been forced to hand in her resignation to Chancellor Bowles. Miss Skinner graduated from Victoria in '98 and has been connected with the union since its inauguration in 1917.

As a result of the complete resignation of the University College Undergraduate Association a provisional council was appointed yesterday, consisting of Misses Mary Reid '20, Jean Christie '20, Elizabeth Crinigan '21, Margaret Reid '22, and Katherine Rutherford '23, to carry on until the spring elections. That a new constitution is very badly needed is the general feeling among the students who belong to this association, while others advise waiting until the spring elections before a change is made.

The Varsity, the university students' newspaper, contains a strong letter of opposition to the intended visit of Miss Jane Addams, who has been invited to speak in the near future at Convocation Hall. The general feeling amongst the students is varied, some not desiring her appearance on the grounds that her alleged statements during the war would be in direct contrast to her appearance here at this university that so nobly did its share during the recent world-wide struggle, while others maintain that as she is undoubtedly the leading authority on social service problems in the United States and that her appearance here is to speak on these subjects, she should receive a welcome. The writer of the condemning letter, who signs himself or herself "Pro Ratia," has been invited by the editor of The Varsity to make a definite statement of the time and place of the utterances that he attributes to Miss Addams and his reply will be worth watching for.

CATARRHAL DEAFNESS MAY BE OVERCOME

If you have Catarrhal Deafness or are even just a little hard of hearing or have head noises, go to your druggist and get 1 ounce of Parmint (double strength), and add to it ¼ pint of hot water and a little granulated sugar. Take 1 tablespoonful four times a day.

This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head noises. Clogged nostrils should open, breathing become easy and the mucus stop dropping into the throat. It is easy to prepare, costs little and is pleasant to take. Anyone losing hearing or who has Catarrhal Deafness or head noises should give this prescription a trial.

RETAIL CLOTHIERS DISCUSS RULING OF COMMERCE BOARD

Second Annual Convention Opens With Many Delegates in Attendance.

FAVOR CANADIAN TRADE

Discussion of the clothing order, as it affected the retailer, was the principal item of business before the afternoon session of the second annual convention of the Ontario Retail Clothiers' Section of the Retail Merchants' Association, which opened yesterday at the King Edward Hotel. The convention will continue for three days.

Premier Drury was unable to attend, also Controller Maguire, who is ill with the influenza. Controller Ramsden officiated.

It was pointed out by President Ed Mack in his opening address that the ruling of the board of commerce allowed 26 per cent. on all goods costing $30 and down and 33 1-3 per cent. on all goods costing over $30.

"If this Ontario body cannot show just reasons why they cannot do business on the mark-up the board has made a ruling on," said Mr. Mack, "it will become law thruout Ontario."

"Now, it has been shown conclusively to the government that clothiers thruout Canada cannot do business on that mark-up. Let us meet it in a cool and unselfish manner and not forget that the members of the board of commerce are gentlemen and, as servants of the government, only doing their duty. It is up to us to assist them to solve the problem of the H. C. of L. insofar as we can, by resolutions or any other means, to stop all profiteering and fraudulent advertising in the clothing business.

No Misrepresentation.

"The greatest offender is not the merchant who marks his goods at 33 1-3 per cent. profit and gives 100 per cent. value in goods and service for every dollar he receives, but the unscrupulous merchant who tells the public thru the daily press that he is giving the public $40 to $50 suits for $25 and so on. Let us adopt 'truth in advertising' as our slogan.

"There is also another very important matter—the advisability of not buying American goods, and also by cancelling what goods we have already bought, or compel the American manufacturer to stand the major portion of the exchange."

The report presented by Secretary R. F. Fitzpatrick showed that while the first annual convention was somewhat of a venture, thru the co-operation of the leading manufacturers the convention was financed, leaving a small credit balance of $59.54 on hand.

Pointing out that the association had only been organized in Ontario for one year, Mr. Fitzpatrick predicted that a Dominion-wide organization would be formed within the coming year. He stated that there was a growing need for this.

"We will be a force to be reckoned with when it comes to laws being enacted that tend to handicap us in the proper merchandizing of our business, but we on the other hand should stand ready to co-operate with the government on all legislation that we deem fair and just, and oppose it if in our wisdom such legislation is not in the best interests of the country."

In view of the reported willingness of Major Duncan, representing the board of commerce, to meet a committee and co-operate in arriving at a solution of the clothing order for the rest of the province outside of Toronto, Mr. Fitzpatrick suggested that a committee of three members be appointed to meet Major Duncan while the convention was in session.

In the absence of H. B. Muir, advertising manager of The London Free Press thru illness, his address dealing with "Advertising of the Retail Clothiers," was read by George Scroggie, of The Mail and Empire. The address read in part as follows:

"It wasn't much of a trick to make money in the clothing business last year. We might go back farther, but last year will serve for the comparison I want you men to mull over when you go home. It will pay you handsomely to resort in preparedness for maintaining business on a solid profitable basis during the months and years ahead of us.

"For instance, take an article which sold for $20 last year and required $1.20 or 6 per cent. of that $20 to cover the direct sales charge involved in marketing it. Now consider what happens if this article comes to be sold at $15, and it has only been possible to cut the payroll or increase the effectiveness of the sales people to a degree that reduces the direct sales salary charge involved in marketing the article to $1. Of course, the percentage that was formerly 6 per cent. then would become nearly 6.7 per cent. Many of the other items in the cost of doing business as well as the total cost of operating would under those conditions be similarly affected.

Should Study Advertising.

"Thousands of clothing stores today lose at least half the value of the advertising space they buy because they do not know or recognize the fact that advertising definitely adds value as well as attractiveness to clothing that is intelligently exploited. Teach people to know what kind of a store yours is by repeating day after day in your advertising the things you want people to think about your store. It pays real money. Two stores may be equal in character, merchandise and service, and may sell goods on the same margin of profit, but the one that is the best advertised, that has told about it day after day—the best story—is going to do a vastly larger business than the one that prints its name and its price list in the same size newspaper space.

"It is human nature to be easily led. It is human nature to believe what is read. We are all very susceptible to a plausible story. That is why advertising has such a power. That is why dishonest advertising has so many dupes. Toronto the good, seat of learning and honored critic of the play, is too often scandalized by clothing advertisements in the newspapers.

"Advertising that is absolutely honest six days a week the year round has a marvelous power. It always has the public's respect. Dishonest stores come and go—usually into bankruptcy—but the honest stores thrive and grow great, in spite of all aggravating, tricky competition."

The fundamental principles underlying good advertising were enlarged upon in an address presented by Mr. Scroggie.

The convention will open its second day's session this morning at 10 o'clock.

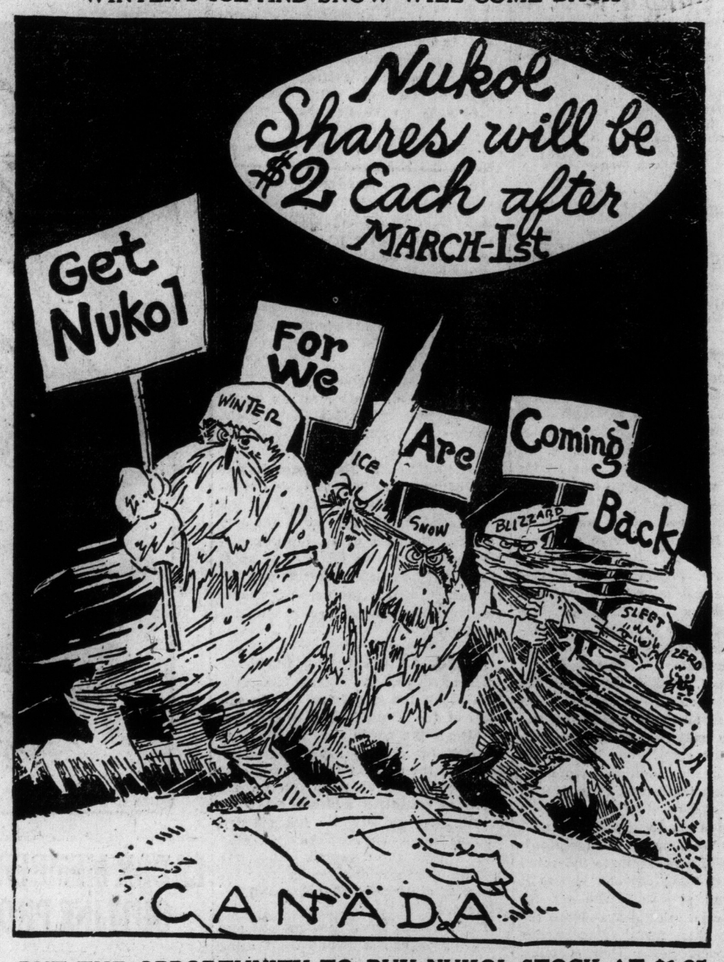
HONORED VICE-CONSUL.

Dr. Geo. Gionni, acting Italian vice-consul, was banqueted last night in recognition of his services during the war. About 150 were present. Don Ovaro, vice-consul at Welland, was chairman, and speeches were delivered by Signor Carboni, Rev. Fathers Vigilengi and Scafino, F. Nicoletti, F. D. Ungaro and V. Futo.

REV. JOHN NEIL RESIGNS.

Rev. John Neil for many years pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, has sent in his resignation to the congregation.

WINTER'S ICE AND SNOW WILL COME BACK



BUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY NUKOL STOCK AT $1.25 WILL NOT COME BACK AFTER MARCH 1ST.—ACT TO-DAY

CITIZENS' PARTY SENDS OUT APPEAL

Issues Clarion Call for Service Against "Prohibition Czars."

W. J. D. Penley, notable Cobaltian, was the chief speaker at last night's meeting of Ward IV Liberty League, held at Occident Hall, the meeting being in the nature of an organization campaign for the ward. Lieut.-Col. H. G. Machin was to have addressed the gathering, but apparently his train was delayed. In his absence Mr. Penley managed to fully carry out his wishes, paying more than his modicum of carefully considered tributes to the work and character of the prohibitionists in Ontario and Canada. He believed that the two old parties were leaving the U. F. O.-Labor government alone now, so that it might hang itself by its own rope, intolerance, when with a mighty surge the Conservatives and Liberals would endeavor to sweep the country. But, no, the new political star, the Liberty League, would be on hand to step in and take the reins of government.

Police Hug Shores.

Mr. Penley derided the attempts of the present government to cope with the liquor traffic in the great unknown north. Up there the police, fearing they might lose themselves, hugged the better known shores of the uncharted seas. Thus many a miner and frontiersman was as able to brew his beer as his tea. Continuing, the speaker pointed out that all the world was preaching the redemption of the young. What about the aged? They were treated with contumely and $200 fines or jail if they drank a glass of beer.

"The Conservatives have no party," said the Cobaltian. "The Laborites have no party; the Liberals have no party. This leaves us free to form a great leavening Citizens' party with planks based upon Christlike principles, freedom for the moderate drinkers, education, clothes and food for the children of widows, and pensions for the aged." There was only one temperance party, that was the Citizens' party, he said. He would venture to say that the party stood for the complete control of the liquor traffic and the abolition of the bar. The speaker had had his treat drinks in his time, and wanted no more of them. Not a single dollar, he said, had come to the league from the brewers nor anyone connected with them. Finally following a strong attack upon the American methods of robbing Canadians of 17c upon the dollar and forcing prohibition down the throats of the Dominion, Mr. Penley appealed for large additions to the membership of the new political party.

TWO SMALL CHILDREN ARE SERIOUSLY BURNED

Milton and Lloyd Armstrong, aged five and three years, respectively, were seriously burned yesterday morning when their clothing caught fire from their playing with matches. The mother went out to work at seven o'clock in the morning and locked the children in the bedroom of her home, 247 Church street. Mrs. Magee and Mrs. Peterson, living in the same house, were attracted to the room by smoke coming out. Unlocking the door, they carried the children from the room. The children were badly burned about the body and were rushed in the police ambulance to the Hospital for Sick Children. A man who entered the room was overcome and had to be dragged from the room. The damage by fire to the house was $60.

B.O.T.A. CONVICTIONS.

The following fines were imposed on violators of the O.T.A. in yesterday's police court: William Plew, $200; James J. Daly, $200; Thomas Ival, $300 and costs; David McDonald, $200; John Courtney, $200.

MINOR CLAIMS DAMAGES.

An action for $10,000 damages has been entered on behalf of Murray Cassidy, a minor, against John T. Dunn.

POLICE SERGEANTS RECEIVE INCREASE

Board of Commissioners Grant an Extra $150 a Year.

Sergeants and detective-sergeants were yesterday afternoon granted an additional increase of $150 a year by the board of police commissioners. With this increase and the $300 granted recently, when every member of the department was given a raise, the sergeants and detective-sergeants will now be getting $2350 a year. A deputation appeared before the board pointing out that the men in question were only receiving $17 a year more than patrol sergeants.

For his plucky work in arresting a burglar on Merton street, last Friday night, Policeman Dawson was given a merit mark which carries with it twelve months' service towards a good conduct badge. At the next meeting the board will confer with the board of trade and other civic bodies regarding traffic regulations. Permission was granted for the holding of a tag day for the blind on June 3. The commissioners will consider the request of team owners who want to increase their charges from $1 to $1.25 an hour. The G.W.V.A. will hold a tag day on August 30. Constable Martin (11) tendered his resignation.

MASONIC IMPERIAL LODGE.

The regular monthly meeting of the Imperial Lodge, A.F. and A.M., held last night in Riverdale Masonic Temple, took the form of an annual at-home and ladies' night. The worshipful master, W. Bro. C. H. G. Fletcher, and Mrs. Fletcher, held a reception in the lodge room and there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Bro. D. S. L. MacDougall, on behalf of the officers and members, presented Mrs. Fletcher with a beautiful piece of cut glass as a token of the occasion. A splendid banquet was provided and the entertainment by Ben Hokea and Bros. Lee and Capps, was highly appreciated. There was also dancing and progressive euchre, the winners of the prizes for the euchre being: Ladies, Miss Galbraith and Mrs. Grimshaw; gentlemen, Bros. Mundy and Hastings.

LARGE SHIPMENTS OF PIANOS TO GREAT BRITAIN

Mr. Chas. E. Cartman of Southport, England, who has on other occasions ordered stock of the piano made by Ye Olde Firme of Heintzman & Co., Limited, 193-197 Yonge street, Toronto, has just furnished another instance of the popularity of this long-established Canadian piano by ordering for immediate shipment to Liverpool twelve uprights and one player piano of this firm.

INCREASED SCHOOL GRANTS ARE ASKED

Government Told of Difficulties Confronting Continuation Classes.

No deputation could have had a more sympathetic reception of any request for government money than the hundred or more delegates who waited upon Hon. R. H. Grant, minister of education, yesterday to request increased grants to the continuation schools of the province. There are about one hundred and thirty-seven of these schools in the rural districts of Ontario, mostly in the villages, but many in the townships, where they are carrying on the work of secondary education under considerable difficulty. Their equipment and maintenance depends upon direct grants from the department of education regulated by reports of inspectors as to their efficiency. The county councils also give grants of equivalent amounts to those from the education department.

Yesterday's deputation was introduced by Rev. Father McAuley of Ennismore. Several of the speakers had dealt with the general plan of continuation school work to argue its necessity in the public school system of the province, when the minister of education said:

"Four of my own children were educated in a continuation class, but I am paying the board of my other children now in an urban high school because the continuation class went out of existence. I am fully impressed with the necessity for the continuation schools." (Applause.)

The delegates from the north country — Muskoka and New Ontario — pointed out that theirs are district schools to which pupils come from points of considerable distance. It costs $66 per annum to educate a pupil in such a school. When the tax rate runs as high as 45 mills on the dollar, the necessity for the government being generous should be obvious.

Hon. Mr. Grant, in replying to the deputation, said he had made up his mind to give the case presented to him immediate and generous consideration. He believed in expenditure upon education to the ability of the province, and in no department was it called for more strongly than for the continuation classes.

MR. BRADSHAW WAS COY

At the fortnightly meeting of the United Women Voters, which had been announced thru the press to take place last night at 21 McGill street, and at which Thomas Bradshaw, Toronto finance commissioner, would give an address, the chairman, Alderman Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, in introducing the speaker, stated that Mr. Bradshaw would only speak on condition that no publicity would be given. Miss Margaret Russell was to speak on the "Franchise for the Women of India."

CHEW A FEW—END STOMACH DISTRESS!

At once! Indigestion, Heartburn, Gas and Dyspepsia, caused by Acid Stomach is relieved. Buy a box! Eat meals without fear! Read "Common Sense Rules Regarding Stomach" in package.