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Anti-Purchase Forces Grow Desperate

It was Sally O'Neill in the Ir[illegible] who "had so great a mind it took a long time making up." We have to [illegible]te Controller O'Neill on having arrived at a decision after so many lon[illegible]ul months of hesitation. Mr. O'Neill's mind evidently does not move [illegible]as Controller Foster's, who was able to decide as soon as he had read [illegible]ticism of The Telegram. Had Controller O'Neill shown this gift of swift [illegible] months ago, we would all have been much farther along.

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However, Controller O'Neill says he made his m[illegible] up all by himself, and then got a firm of solicitors to put it into writing. If he had had the assistance of The Telegram, like Controller Foster, he might have come to a decision more quickly.

Having got his mind made up, the first thought of Controller O'Neill was evidently to save anyone else having the same trouble. Controller O'Neill evidently agrees with The Telegram and the two Tommies to this extent, that having an opinion of his own he does not think it is necessary for any other citizen to have one. So he supported Controller Church's motion, and with Controller Foster carried it in the board of control in order to prevent the proposed purchase of the street railway going before the public, or the ratepayers having a chance to express their opinion about it.

Why does The Telegram object to the people voting on the purchase question?

Why does Controller Church think that the ratepayers of the city are not fit to speak their minds on this question?

Why does Controller Foster declare by his action that the property owners of the city have no right to express their views on whether the street railway should be bought or not?

Why does Controller O'Neill believe that it is sufficient for him to make up his mind, and that the responsible citizens of Toronto are not to be trusted in a matter of this kind?

These are the questions that present themselves at once to the electorate, and to the aldermen, who, as The Telegram says, will now have to state their position. Are they going to trust the people or not? The Telegram will say no, for it is easier to bulldoze a few aldermen than a city-full of people. But will the aldermen be bulldozed? It is not likely that they will. The city hall has been freer in this year of Mayor Hocken's rule from domination by any element than it ever was before. The aldermen have been able to consult their own inclinations, and the interests of their constituents, and they are not likely to submit once more to the boss methods and the loud shouts of The Telegram. No other paper has attempted to establish the Tammany method in the city hall, but The Telegram knows no other way. It even undertook to say last night that Aldermen Burgess, Rowland, Meredith, McBrien, Spence and Maybee would vote to prevent the people passing judgment on the proposed purchase agreement. And it listed Aldermen McBride, Walton, Hubbard and Wanless as doubtful.

This was the method of the past, when The Telegram was at the head of every movement to defeat progressive policies in the last quarter of a century. We believe there are very few men in the council today who will undertake to say that the people should not have a chance to express their opinion on a matter of such importance.

But why has The Telegram and its friends, the two Tommies, resorted to such desperate measures, and why has Controller O'Neill suddenly come to the decision to assist them?

Well, it is beginning to be clear that The Telegram's case is desperate. We do not refer now to the proposed purchase of the railway, altho there it has been dissatisfied with every move. It objected to having a vote in October. It wanted the vote on Jan. 1. When it seemed clear that a vote on New Year's Day was certain, it produced the Harbor Commission bomb to postpone it. As Mayor Hocken kept steadily along, his popularity unaffected, willing to do what any reasonable man wanted, it decided that Mayor Hocken must be broken at any cost. It isn't the railway purchase The Telegram objects to. It is merely Mayor Hocken. When Mayor Hocken proposed tubes, The Telegram said purchase was the only remedy. When Mayor Hocken takes up purchase, The Telegram declares tubes to be the only remedy. Tubes and purchase are not the issue with The Telegram. Hocken is the issue. The two Tommies have accepted that issue, and now Mr. John O'Neill has joined them.

The alliance is the result of the desperate straits to which The Telegram policy has reduced its following. Three members of the next board of control are pretty certain. Who will be the fourth? Will it be Church, or Foster, or O'Neill, or Hubbard, or Yeomans? No wonder things are desperate. Anyone might be moved to make up his mind in such circumstances. When things are as desperate as this, one might even run for mayor.

The Telegram does not care very much whether either of the two Tommies come back to the council, or whether Controller O'Neill is elected again or not. The main point is to beat Hocken. If he can be beaten any way, boss rule by The Telegram will be re-established in the city hall, and there will always be Tommies to obey it. But if Hocken is not beaten, then the aldermen and the controllers can hold up their heads as free men, and do as they think right and as they ought to do as representatives of the people.

The street railway issue is a big issue, but behind it is the issue of boss rule in the city hall by The Telegram, which has cost the city so many millions in the past, and kept it till the present with the circumscriptions of a village, and the aims of a village pump orator.

The street railway issue can take care of itself. The business men of the city are aware of its importance, and they are not going to allow it to be either burked or railroaded. The property owners have not followed the negotiations carried on for a year by Mayor Hocken to be told now by The Telegram and the two Tommies that it is none of their business. The aldermen are fully aware that the people cut a bigger figure in Toronto than even The Telegram.

THE WARNING

Burglars House Entered In West End **Labor** Influx From U.S. To Be Stopped **Embargo** Canada Wants Changes Made **Hydro** Peterboro Gets Power

BURGLARS STOLE IN FAMILY'S ABSENCE

Entered Marmaduke Street House, Switched on All Lights, Ransacked Drawers, Stole Jewelry and Silverware, and Left Candles Burning That Might Have Caused a Fire.

Bold thieves paid a visit to the home of Herbert Breckenbridge, at 9 Marmaduke street, and after ransacking the house from cellar to garret, carried away valuable silver plate and jewelry. The men evidently were experts at the game, as they lifted nothing but the best and showed exceptional knowledge in selecting their loot. Had it not been for the timely return of the Breckenbridge family shortly before midnight, there is little doubt but that the house would have been destroyed by fire, as the marauders left two candles burning when they retreated from the premises.

Before leaving their residence, Mr. and Mrs. Breckenbridge asked the next door neighbor, J.M. McIvorr, to have an eye on the house. Mr. McIvor and his wife were also going out, and an hour later, when they passed the Breckenbridge house they were surprised to find it ablaze with light. They concluded that the family had returned home. When Mr. and Mrs. McIver again passed the house about 11 o'clock the lights were still on, and they thought the occupants were entertaining.

Ransacked the House.

Mr. and Mrs. Breckenbridge arrived home about 11.30. Seeing the lights they called Mr. McIvor out of bed and asked him to go in. A constable was summoned. He found that the burglars had gained an entrance thru a cellar window at the side. The house had been completely ransacked. Everything had been displaced. About $150 worth of silverware in addition to jewels and money was stolen.

When the police reached the garret they discovered that two candles had been lighted on the stands on an old "dresser." In another half hour these would have burned so low that the wood would have caught fire.

THREE HAMILTON WOMEN INJURED

Hospital Doors Opened to Trio Who Fell Down Flights of Stairs at Their Homes.

By Staff Correspondents.

HAMILTON, Thursday, Dec. 18.—As the result of falling down two flights of stairs at her home, 30 Maple avenue, Mrs. Annie Park was admitted to the hospital yesterday evening in a state of coma. The X-rays failed to reveal any broken bones or any internal injuries, but Mrs. Park's body was badly bruised, and she was suffering from shock. She was reported to be out of danger at the hospital last night, but in considerable pain.

HAMILTON, Thursday, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Marion Parkin, 31 North Bay street, was admitted to the hospital yesterday, suffering from a fractured arm. The injury was the result of a fall down a flight of stairs at her home.

HAMILTON, Thursday, Dec. 18.—Annie Connors, 70 Napier street, was admitted to the city hospital yesterday, suffering from minor injuries received as the result of falling to the bottom of a flight of stairs. It is expected the woman will be all right again in a few days.

Men! The Season of Fur Lined Coats Has Come.

The weather for the fur-lined coats is here and prices are as low as they will be this winter. The mild season is the explanation and you will find the prices quoted at Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, more moderate than ever before at this time of year. You can buy a fine coat, natural muskrat linings, natural otter or Persian lamb collars and imported beaver shells, priced $50. Other coats of extra special quality moderately priced to suit the most exacting buyer. It would be wise to see these serviceable, comfort-creating coats before deciding elsewhere.

CONFERENCE OPENING TODAY ON EMBARGO ON POTATOES BY U.S.

Canada's Deputy Minister of Agriculture at Washington With Representatives of European Countries to Press for Modification of Stringent Regulations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Can. Press)—G. F. O'Halloran, deputy minister of agriculture of Canada, arrived here today to be present at a hearing tomorrow at the department of agriculture on the question of modifying the department's embargo on potatoes from Canada and certain European countries. T. P. Gill, secretary of agriculture of Ireland, also will be present, and some other countries will have representatives.

The question to be considered is whether the Plant quarantine board shall allow the importation of potatoes, as it does of trees and shrubs, provided they have been examined abroad by experts and declared to be free from infection.

EXPRESS RATES TO BE LOWERED

Dominion Railway Commission Makes Sweeping Order With Respect to Bills of Lading.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—(Can. Press.)—The railway commission today issued an order reducing express charges for the handling of freight bills of lading and collection of moneys thereunder.

At present the express companies forward bills of lading for freight shipments, they, however, charging for the collection and return of money under the bill of lading one per cent.

By the order signed today a change in the express classification has been made. Under this a new rule provides for the charge of one-eighth of one per cent, with a minimum of one per cent. on $100 on one company's line and one and one-half per cent. when carried by more than one company.

In practice, present and proposed rules will work out as follows: On $100, present $3, proposed one line $1, two line, $1.50; on $300, present $3, proposed one line $1, two line $1.50; on $500, present $5, proposed one line $1 two line $1.50; on $1000, present $10, proposed one line $1.25, two line $1.50; on $2000, present $20, proposed one line $2.50, two line $2.50.

JUSTICES ADVISED OF NEED FOR STRICTNESS

Many Fatal Accidents in Ontario Are Caused by Trespassing on Tracks.

Thru a letter sent out at the instructions of the attorney-general for Ontario the justices of the peace are having their attention called to the fact that during last year 132 persons were killed and 62 persons were injured in Ontario by being run down by railway trains while in the act of trespassing upon railway tracks.

The letter states that the need for protection of life demands the strict enforcement of the law against railway trespassing, which provides that "every person, not connected with the railway or employed by the company, who walks along the tracks thereof" shall incur a penalty not exceeding $10, recoverable upon summary conviction.

STILL AT ODDS ON HOME RULE

Door Opened, But Unionists Merely Shout at Window, Says Sir Edward Grey.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Can. Press.)—Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs, addressing his constituents in Northumberland today, acknowledged that no progress had been made as yet in the direction of achieving a settlement of the home rule question by consent.

The government, he said, actuated by a spirit of conciliation, has opened the door, but, instead of entering in and discussing terms, the opposition persisted in staying outside and shouting in things at the window. Still, the door would continue to be open, and it would not be the fault of the Liberal party if a peaceful settlement was not reached.

GIRL SUICIDED WHILE INSANE

Jury Finds That No Outside Influence Was Concerned in Maud Guest's Death.

That Maude Guest committed suicide on Thursday, Dec. 4 by jumping into the Humber river while presumably insane, and that, as far as the jury could discover, no outside influence was responsible for the act. This was the gist of a verdict rendered by Dr. Carman Ricker's jury at Newton's Humber Bay Hotel last night, when the death of the young English girl who disappeared from her boarding house on Dundas street some time ago, was investigated.

The evidence failed to show any reason for the girl's act as far as her character was concerned. The medical testimony of the post mortem, given by Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M. L. A. and Dr. Geo. b. Graham, proved that Miss Guest was physically perfect. Dr. Godfrey advanced the theory that a natural depression common to women had driven Miss Guest partly insane and caused her to take her own life.

IN CLASH OVER PHONE SYSTEMS

Manitoba Legislators Debate Rival Merits of Local and Saskatchewan Lines — Gloomy Predictions.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 17.—(Can. Press.)—The Manitoba Legislative Assembly continues to occupy its time with the debate on the speech from the throne today and the speakers were C. C. McDonald, opposition member for Swan River, and Robert F. Lyons, member for Norfolk.

G. H. Malcolm of Birtle and D. A. Ross of Springfield, both opposition speakers, kept the debate going until the adjournment. A feature of the debate was the answer made by Mr. Lyons to criticisms made by the member for Winnipeg North yesterday in respect to the government telephone system. He challenged comparison with the Saskatchewan system and added that he knew how the latter was being operated and that within two years it would be in the biggest mixup that ever took place. This was contradicted by T. H. Johnson, the member for Winnipeg West.

BANK CLERK MISSING SHORTAGE IN ACCOUNTS

Eleven Thousand Dollars Unaccounted for at Vancouver Bank Branch.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 17.—(Can. Press).—Cash in North Vancouver branch of the Bank of British North America is short $11,000, according to a reliable statement made today. It is stated at the bank that the clerk suspected recently applied for leave of absence to get married, and has overstayed his time. An investigation resulted, with the above discovery. No warrant has yet been issued.

STRONG PROTEST AGAINST BIG OUTLAYS

Toronto Hibernians Are Opposed to Expenditures on Navies by European Powers—Apology for Recent Inflammatory Utterances Aimed at British Government.

A strong stand against the naval expenditures of the European powers and a protest against the heavy taxation necessitated because of it was taken by the Ancient Order of Hibernians at a crowded meeting in St. Mary's Hall last evening.

The resolution adopted read in part: "Resolved that in this day and age when the noblest and brightest minds of all nations are seeking a solution of the problem of the reduction and eventual abolition of the huge armies and navies, which in the end oppress and grind down the poor, it ill becomes a body of Hibernians, whose motto is 'friendship, unity and true Christian charity,' to seek to perpetuate racial hatred. The great majority of the Irish people do not look upon the British people as oppressors of liberty, but thru their legally elected representatives, have always acted in harmony and co-operation with the British Government for the amelioration of the oppressed in breaking the shackles of feudalism from all God's creatures, over whose destiny He presides."

The resolution further pointed out that the first thing in the heart of the true Hibernian in Canada was Canada itself, and in a measure apologized for recent utterances of an inflammatory nature against the British Government. In it was extended good will to all British subjects in Canada, whether of French, English, Irish or Scotch origin.

LABOR INVASION FROM U. S. TO BE CURBED

Unemployed Men Seeking Admittance Must Pass Rigid Test of Money Resources—Strict Orders Issued to All Officials of Immigration Department.

(Special to The Toronto World.)

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—In order to protect the interests of the workingmen of this country from undue competition during the winter months, so far as government regulations can do so, the very strictest regulations regarding the immigration of laborers into Canada have been put in force.

Labor conditions in the United States are much worse than in the Dominion, with the result that there is an exceptionally large number of United States workingmen at every port of entry trying to get into Canada. Were they allowed into the country wholesale, the labor market would be flooded worse than it is at present, and much misery and privation would ensue.

The most stringent regulations, therefore, have been put into force to keep them out. They must possess cash to the amount at least of $50, and prove to the immigration officials that they are capable of sustaining themselves during the trying winter months. The sum which non-agricultural immigrants must possess under usual conditions is $25. Today, therefore, the immigrants may fairly be said to be handpicked as never before, for the usual regulations apply not only to every port of entry along the United States border, but to ocean ports as well.

COLD STORAGE INSPECTION TO BE URGED IN BRADBURY'S BILL

Will Seek to Prohibit Absolutely Freezing of Fish as Menace to Public Health and to Prevent Food Hoarding to Enhance Prices.

(Special to The Toronto World).

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—George H. Bradbury, Conservative member of Selkirk, Man., will introduce a bill into parliament at the very earliest opportunity when the house opens in January, which is designed to put in operation a system of cold storage inspection. It will probably be amalgamated with the government's cold storage measure.

Talking with The World today about the proposed legislation, Mr. Bradbury, who has just returned from the west, where he was campaigning in Macdonald, said his bill was based largely on legislation which had gone into effect in the United States, as well as other bills which are before other state legislatures. He has picked from each what he considers the best.

The feature of the bill will be the clause which absolutely prohibits the placing of fish in cold storage. Fish should not be frozen, says Mr. Bradbury. When it is frozen it is apt to be poisonous.

The general effect of the bill will be to date all goods placed in cold storage, to record the amounts of all classes of produce, and so prevent the hoarding of food in order to raise prices.

DUG OUT FROM TOMB OF SAND

Heroic Work on Part of Fellow Workmen Saved Life of John Castles in Sewer.

Buried under 6 feet of sand when the sides of a sewer in which he was working, on Pine avenue, East Toronto, gave way, John Castles, of 270 Parliament, had a narrow escape from death by suffocation yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Fellow workmen happening to be on hand at the moment, succeeded in getting his head clear after a moment's frantic digging.

He was removed to his home in the police ambulance.

Charming Play for Xmas Week.

The Christmas week attraction at the Princess Theatre will be that most delightful play, "Milestones" that created such a favorable impression here last season. The box office sale of seats opens this morning.

PETERBORO GETS HYDRO-ELECTRIC

New Street Lighting System Inaugurated Last Evening When Mayor Bradburn Pressed Button.

(Special to The Toronto World).

PETERBORO, Dec. 17.—Thousands cheered and bands played when the new magnetic arc lamps were lighted tonight, thus introducing hydro-electric into this city. This is the first step in providing a municipal power and lighting system, and a wonderful change has been brought about.

Only the business section has so far been provided with street lighting, but the work will be continued with a view to supplying commercial lighting. For the whole undertaking, $120,000 was voted by the people.

Mayor Bradburn pressed the button tonight, and with Ald. W. J. Johnston, chairman of the power committee, gave an address.