

## LOWER HAY PRICES CAUSING ANXIETY

Ontario Department of Agriculture Issues Report On Farm Conditions.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Following is a summary of reports made by the agricultural representatives to the Ontario department of agriculture: Grain is going comparatively slowly to market, and unless prices improve much more wheat and oats than usual will be fed on the farm. Haidmand says: Considerable hay is moving at the present time. First-class timothy, baled and delivered at the station, selling at \$12 per ton. Alfalfa, \$9 to \$11 per ton. Farmers are not very anxious to sell at these prices and are holding back.

Dufferin reports a fair quantity of loose hay being offered at from \$12 to \$13 a ton, and some straw at \$6 a load. Hay is quoted at \$20 a ton on the Port Arthur market.

Prince Edward says that Spies are selling at \$6 a barrel, and other winter varieties at from \$4 to \$5 a barrel. Rural auctioneers state that sales are for the most part proving quite satisfactory to sellers.

Farmers are cutting and hauling straw at prices running all the way from \$5 to \$7 a cord in the Rainy River district to \$15 a cord in Hastings.

Peel says: One buyer shipped three carloads of alfalfa seed out of the district recently. There is a limited quantity of No. 1 seed still available. Peel maintained her alfalfa standard by winning the championship at Guelph. Upon request samples have been forwarded to a firm in Sweden. A few farmers are offering Huban annual sweet clover seed grown in the county this year.

Brace says: The Christmas fair held at Walkerton on Tuesday, Dec. 19, was one of the best they have ever had. The heavy draught classes were keenly contested, as well as the express and roaster classes. The Short-horn classes were the best they have ever had. The Short-horn Club was a valuable attraction. There were eleven Short-horn cows lined up in one class which would be a credit to any of the larger exhibitions. In the calf class there were eleven competitors, and in the opinion of the judges, Mr. John Gerdhouse of Weston, they were of somewhat higher merit than the Short-horn cows. The junior breeders are particularly well pleased with the showing of this club, and great pride has been taken in their stock by the boys who belong to the club.

Frontenac reports: "The activity in marketing has been greater during the last week. Dealers report very little fine beef sold locally. The class of stock coming in is chiefly canners and medium cows from 10 to 15c. occasionally choice butchers sell 8c per lb. Hogs are bringing 94c to 10c. The few lambs sold at 12c a lb. Mature sheep and bringing 6c.

Haidmand says: "The cream supply has greatly fallen off during the past few weeks, although not more than is to be expected at this time of the year. Creameries are unable to fill their orders, and are paying 35c to 40c per lb. for butter fat."

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## Isadora's Dance Mere Ether Kick

New York, Dec. 27.—Ether mixed with champagne may have been responsible more than anything else for the strange funeral march for Sarah Bernhardt danced by Isadora Duncan at the Academy of Music Monday. At least that is the claim made by Isadora herself when interviewed at her hotel the next day.

Miss Duncan told the spectators at the academy that she would interpret a march for the divine Sarah. She apparently was not herself and collided with the piano several times during the dance. The performance was concluded abruptly when her accompanist left the stage.

The dancer claimed the champagne was a gift bottle. The effects convinced her that it contained ether.

follows: Cheese, 18c lb.; No. 1 creamery butter, 46c; whey butter, 35c; milk \$2 per cwt. for standard quality. Lennox and Addington reports milk cows as selling at around \$60; light horses \$125 each, and heavy draughts \$375 a team.

Over 41 tons of poultry were sold at a turkey fair recently held in Lennox. Bruce observes an improvement in the quality of town owing to the influence of local poultry and pet stock shows.

**TURKS DICTATE NOTES TO ALLIES**

Decrease Terms of Navigation of Warships in Nationalist Waters.

Constantinople, Dec. 28.—Dr. Adnan Bey, representative of the Nationalist government in Constantinople yesterday handed to the allied commissioners two notes from his government.

The first of the communications stated that no warships or submarines exceeding 1,000 tons shall be permitted to the harbor until its predecessor has gone, and that no men shall be allowed to land in Smyrna without permission of the Turks.

The second note provides that the Turkish authorities must previously be advised of the intention of any warship to visit any Turkish port; that full particulars of the size, armament and purpose and length of the visit shall be given; that no two warships shall be admitted simultaneously, and that none shall be admitted between sunset and sunrise.

This note added that navigation of warships in Turkish waters during foggy weather is "prejudicial."

**"KLAN" HOLDS MEETINGS ON ISLAND OF MONTREAL**

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The Ku Klux Klan is well organized and furthermore is holding weekly meetings on the Island of Montreal. This is the definite conclusion arrived at by many well informed persons, although the chiefs of police of the Island of Montreal have not the slightest knowledge of the Klan's activities here.

Several who claim to be informed of the Klan's movements have definitely stated that meetings have been held in a public building in the city after midnight, the last on Thursday, Dec. 21, and another a week prior to that. These meetings were attended by hooded members and all requirements of the order adhered to.

**STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.**  
Arrivals.  
Rotterdam, Dec. 28.—Knockkierne (British), from Montreal.  
Liverpool, Dec. 28.—Celtic (British), from New York via Queenstown.  
Glasgow, Dec. 28.—Metagama (British), from St. John, N.B.  
Southampton, Dec. 27.—Majestic, from New York.

## OTTAWA TO VOTE ON CAR PURCHASE

Capital City Also Confronted by Problem of Street Railway.

HAS ELECTION PROBLEMS

Several Questions Must Be Settled by Ratepayers At Civic Contest.

Canadian Press.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Municipal ownership of the street railway system, the advisability of building a public abattoir and the much-voiced question of daylight saving will be the features of Ottawa's annual civic elections on January 1.

The question of municipal ownership involves the purchase of the street railway system. Last year the people voted for a renewal of the franchise under private ownership along the lines of the existing agreement. After considerable discussion and negotiation, the company absolutely declined to make any agreement involving fixed fares. The city council therefore decided that the ratepayers should be allowed to vote again on a proposal that the city take the railway over.

Two proposals, however, are to be voted upon, the first being for the outright purchase of all the property and assets of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company at \$4,500,000, which price has been agreed upon by the city and the company, the understanding being that the service is to be operated by an independent commission.

**Seek Service at Cost.**

The second proposal is that of granting the company what is really a service cost franchise for a period of 20 years from the 1st of May, 1923.

The principal difference between the present and the proposed service at cost agreement is in the provision for a fluctuating rate. The new agreement includes a guarantee of the net return of 7½ per cent to the company on the \$4,500,000 valuation and other capital expenditure. Unless this guaranteed revenue were forthcoming, the company would have the power, under certain circumstances, to raise the fare.

In the event of both proposals being voted down, the existing agreement with the company provides for an automatic renewal for another five years.

Other bylaws which the ratepayers will be asked to vote upon is that of raising \$75,000 for the construction of a civic abattoir in the city and another before the people of Ottawa for a long period. The project is favored by a large number of people, and altogether it is looked upon as a desirable and progressive municipal enterprise. Chief among the public organizations which have advocated the civic abattoir is the Local Council of Women. This body is composed of women who have thoroughly studied the question and have strenuously fought for it on sanitary grounds.

**Vote on Daylight Saving.**

A plebiscite is being submitted to ascertain the feeling of the electorate on the question of continuing daylight saving after the summer months. The last vote was taken two years ago, when the people voted two to one in favor of continuing the system. It had been in operation each summer since 1917.

The property owners are being asked to sanction an expenditure of \$100,000 for the playground movement in Ottawa has been developing in rapid strides, and the ideas which have been carried out successfully in a number of large American centers are being adopted in the capital. This program includes the establishment of public baths in various parts of the city. At the beginning of the present year the city council set aside \$35,000 for playground purposes.

While the municipal act was amended last year, providing for the holding of civic elections at an earlier date than January 1, the Ottawa City Council turned down the proposal on the ground that no provision was made in the amendments for the return of the assessment rolls at an earlier date. If the elections were held earlier than January 1, it would be necessary to use the rolls of the previous year, and this was not considered desirable.

**JUDGE AWARDS LAND TO QUEBEC SEMINARY**

Special to The Advertiser.

Quebec, Dec. 28.—The Quebec Seminary was awarded its claim over a series of lots located in Belvedere ward, valued at \$200,000 in a judgment rendered yesterday morning by Justice Gibson, in the superior court against the Danand Land Company. The latter company had conceded to the Quebec seminary the right to use the property for a period of six months from this transaction it could obtain this land back by payment of \$68,325.95 and also of all municipal and school taxes arrears within that period. It appears that the company did not take advantage of its right and Justice Gibson by the judgment above reported confirms the right of the Quebec Seminary on these lots.

**CHATHAM NUNS TAKE URSULINE ORDER VOWS**

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Dec. 27.—His Lordship Bishop Fallon of London, officiated at a solemn reception at the convent of the Ursuline College this morning, when fifteen young ladies pronounced their partial and final vows for entry into the Ursuline Order. The ceremony took place in the college chapel, which was greatly decorated for the occasion. Friends and relatives of the postulants from all parts of Ontario and Michigan were present, as well as many priests from all parts of the London diocese.

**ALBERTA GOVERNMENT TO FLOAT PUBLIC LOAN**

Edmonton, Dec. 27.—A new debenture issue of probably \$3,000,000 will be put on the market by the provincial government about the middle of January. It will be on the basis of 20 years, 5 per cent, in both Canadian and American funds. The sale will be made, it is now intended, by public tender.

The issue will take up the balance still remaining from the amount authorized in 1922, and the proceeds will be applied to public works and other purposes.



## HOPE TO ENLIGHTEN CRITICS OF SCHOOLS

Boards Throughout Province Band Themselves Together For Common Defence.

TO CONDUCT CAMPAIGN

Local Officials To Lend Aid in Spreading Educational Propaganda.

Banding themselves into "one big union," as it were, the school trustees of Ontario propose to enlighten the ratepayers of the various municipalities in the matter of educational affairs.

The time has come for action in this direction, they maintain, and yesterday afternoon representative members of the London School Board proclaimed to the general public that they were only too willing to lend their influence to such a commendable undertaking.

As a matter of fact the movement has passed the preliminary stages. Rev. W. M. Morris of Toronto, secretary of the Urban School Trustees Association, representing every section of the province, was in the city yesterday outlining plans at a special session at which attended: Senior School Inspector V. K. Greer, Edwin Smith, chairman of the board; Trustee A. N. Udy, Trustee Thomas Rowe, W. A. Tanner, secretary, and others.

The local delegates were particularly enthusiastic with the proposal, and promised to lend every effort to ward the ultimate success of the same.

The provincial body proposes that the people should become better acquainted with educational matters in general by a series of public lectures in every community interested and willing to co-operate, when prominent and capable speakers will deliver addresses suitable for the task.

Men who have been prominently identified with the educational movement, as Canon H. J. Cody, have consented to participate in that capacity. Many others have given assurance that their efforts and influence is to be depended upon.

The provincial secretary contended that the greater bulk of the people receive their information concerning educational affairs only in a haphazard manner, and it will be the aim of the trustees to rectify this as far as possible.

**BRITISH OFFICIAL KILLED BY ASSASSIN IN EGYPT**

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 27.—The fourteenth attack on British officials in Egypt during the last year took place today, when Dr. Newby Robinson, a lawyer belonging to the law school here, was shot dead while riding a bicycle through the streets. The shooting was done by an Egyptian offender, who made his escape. It is believed the crime was a political one.

**MORE FREIGHT HANDLED.**

St. Paul, Dec. 27.—The annual report of the Minnesota Transfer Company, the largest freight interchange plant of its kind, shows that shipments handled through the twin cities in the last year were 23 per cent larger than in 1921. There was an increase of 52 per cent in carload shipments showing that twin cities merchants bought and sold in larger quantities. Less than carload shipments increased 5 per cent.

**VANCOUVER MAROONS WIN.**

Seattle, Dec. 28.—Creating a tie for first place in the Pacific Coast League, the Vancouver Maroons tonight defeated the Seattle Mets 4 to 3. It was the locals' fourth consecutive defeat. Seattle and Vancouver now occupy first place with 13 points each, Victoria trailing with only half the number.

**Escaped Desperadoes Surrender When Pal Is Shot Down By Officers**

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—A squad of central precinct detectives at 10 o'clock last night trapped four of the prisoners who escaped from Wayne county jail Sunday morning. The issue was rounded up in an apartment house on East Jefferson avenue, but not until considerable gun play had been indulged in on both sides. The course of which one of the fugitives, Joseph Ryan, was shot in the stomach by a bullet from the revolver of a detective, were the men subdued.

## Dig Up Skeletons of Indian Braves

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 27.—Harry Berry, a trapper living near the village of Vienna, made a startling discovery yesterday when he was digging out an elusive skunk in a lonely woods near his home. In a little sandy mound, near the rotten remains of a log cabin, he unearthed six human skeletons, evidently those of six Indian warriors slain in some long-forgotten battle. The bones are exceptionally well preserved, and two of the skulls show well-defined holes made by arrows and spears.

## BUILDERS OPPOSE COST-PLUS PLAN

Suggestion of Windsor Alderman For Standardized Schools Meets Objection.

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Dec. 28.—Windsor contractors are opposed to the plan of building standardized schools on a cost-plus plan, as suggested by Alderman Samuel Keyser. "Under cost-plus plan," Mayor Wilson, himself a contractor, said, "the price is never determined until the job is completed. I prefer to know beforehand what the work will cost."

Allan McGill, manager for Wall, Gray & Company, suggested that the city saved money by having Prince Edward school built under the plan advanced by Ald. Keyser. At that time, however, he pointed out, prices for building material was unsteady, and a contractor would have been forced to bid high to protect himself.

**TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL AT MASONIC CEREMONY**

W. H. Prowse Suffers Relapse From Injury Received Some Time Ago.

While attending the banquet in connection with the installation of officers of ten Masonic Lodges last night, W. H. Prowse, 594 Eglar street, camp sergeant-major at Carling Heights during the war, became suddenly ill. He was attended by Dr. C. A. Harris and Dr. J. Ferguson.

**DRASTIC GRAIN MEASURE DEMANDED BY FRANKLIN**

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Legislation to authorize the appointment of a royal grain commission to investigate every detail of the grain-handling system, closing of all mixing houses and a permanent wheat board to have a monopoly of dealing in grain, are urged in a resolution passed by the rural municipality of Franklin, Man.

**"I SHALL BE WELL AGAIN," MME. SARAH CONFIDENT**

Paris, Dec. 28.—The medical men attending Mme. Sarah Bernhardt declared last evening that there was no improvement in her condition since this morning, but neither had there been a change for the worse. The actress herself was as optimistic as ever.

"Tell all my friends how much I appreciate their kind interest," she said. "I shall be well again, never fear."

**AN EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE United Welfare Fund Association will be held Saturday, Dec. 30, in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 8:30, to deal with matters pertaining to the last drive.**

## FINES FARMER \$500 FOR O.T.A. BREACHES

Chatham Magistrate Declares Penalties Will Be Increased If Activities Continue.

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Dec. 28.—In imposing a fine of \$500 and costs on a Dover Township farmer for two offences against the O. T. A. in the county police court yesterday, Magistrate Arnold declared that if "moonshining" activities continued in the county that he would raise the liquor fines.

Clemency for the defendant was asked for by J. M. Pike, K.C., counsel. He suggested that as there were two charges, the minimum fine should be imposed. "No doubt the magistrate is filled with the Christmas spirit," he suggested. "Not this kind of spirit," replied Magistrate Arnold as he imposed the fines.

In a special report to the Chatham Board of Education, M. M. Levan, inspector of high schools, recommends that a new collegiate institute be needed in this city.

**NEW CITY TICKET OFFICE ESTABLISHED BY C. P. R.**

Monday, January 1st, the Canadian Pacific Railway city ticket office will remove from its present quarters, corner Dundas and Richmond streets, to 417 Richmond street, three doors north of Dundas street.

**REGINA CAPITALS LOSE.**

Saskatoon, Dec. 28.—Making their first victory of the season a decisive one, the Saskatoon Crescents, led by "Newey" Lalonde, tonight trounced the Regina Capitals by 3 to 1 in a Western Canada League fixture. The Crescents appear to have struck their stride, judging by tonight's performance and that against the undefeated Edmonton Eskimos Monday night, when they held the latter to a draw.

## WOODROW WILSON ATTAINS 66TH YEAR

U. S. ex-President, Much Improved in Health, Observes Celebration Quietly.

Canadian Press.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Former President Woodrow Wilson was 66 years old today. The former president and Mrs. Wilson observed the day quietly with a few close friends. Intimates of Mr. Wilson say that he is better in health than he has been at any time since he became ill toward the close of his term of office.

He is taking a keen interest in political and international affairs, and is showing every sign of being prepared to take part in the 1924 presidential campaign as a factor in the Democratic national convention.

**ARREST IRISH REBELS AFTER CURRAGHEN MASS**

Tralee, Ireland, Dec. 28.—A detachment of National army troops from Tralee is reported to have captured 22 active irregulars after mass at the Curraghren Church on Sunday. Seven of the men were found hiding under the altar, which the priest, it is stated, permitted the troops to search.

**FOUR DETROITERS HURT WHEN STREET CAR BURN**

Detroit, Dec. 28.—Four persons were injured in escaping from a street car that caught fire at Hastings street and Piquette avenue about 6 o'clock last evening.

An alarm was sent to the fire department, but when the firemen extinguished the blaze the car was found to be only slightly damaged.

**THREE MASKED MEN ROB POSTMAN IN WINDSOR**

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Dec. 28.—Henry Turner, special delivery postman, reported to police yesterday that he was held up last night by three masked men with revolvers at Bridge avenue near the Essex Terminal Railway tracks. The men escaped after taking \$2 from Turner's pockets, he said.

## SEVERE CRITICISM OF HYDRO CHIEF

Montreal Gazette Launches Attack on Beck's Alleged Interference.

THAT C. N. R. LOCATION

Struggle of Maguire and Beck Against Thornton May Lose Headquarters for Toronto.

Special to The Advertiser.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 28.—"It is a pretty row," concludes the Gazette in an editorial this morning, pointing out that the attacks being made on Sir Henry Thornton by Sir Adam Beck and Mayor Maguire will tend to drive away the headquarters of the C. N. R. from Toronto. The editorial says in part:

"The question as to the permanent location of the C. N. R. headquarters has become involved in the remarkable rough-and-tumble fight which is being waged in Toronto over what is known as the 'Waterfront grab.' The grab is 'paramount issue' in the municipality election campaign and the battle is without quarter."

"The struggle was raging fiercely with neither side gaining any apparent advantage, when a communication was sent to Sir Henry, then on his eastward tour of inspection asking him the position of the C. N. R. with regard to the traffic conditions in the territory contiguous to Toronto and Hamilton. This message was not sent from Toronto, but from Hamilton, and by a Hamilton man, W. H. Wardrop, K. C. Sir Henry replied:

"This announcement dropped like a bombshell in the camp of the Beck project supporters in Toronto. Sir Adam Beck promptly turned his guns against the C. N. R. president, as did his supporters, and Mayor Maguire sent off an angry message to Sir Henry. Sir Henry is being accused of interfering in municipal politics, a charge which comes with particularly delicate flavor from Sir Adam Beck, who is doing just that thing."

"The C. N. R. head has something of a reputation in the matter of organizing suburban services, and the situation in the Niagara-Toronto district might, conceivably, engage his attention irrespective of Toronto's internal trouble. In any event, what he has said, he has said, and he is not taking any of it back. Whether his message will influence the Toronto vote remains to be seen. The immediate result, however, is that Toronto, through its chief magistrate, has chosen to quarrel with him, and this at a time when the board of trade and other local organizations are using every means at their disposal to extract from him a promise that the C. N. R. headquarters will remain in Toronto."

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