

RETAIL MERCHANTS PASS RESOLUTIONS

Criticize Co-operative Stores, Mail-Order Business and Eight-Hour Law.

SEE CABINET TODAY

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The convention of the Dominion board of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, called for the special purpose of discussing the operations of the board of commerce, and held at the Chateau Laurier, closed this evening after a short, but eventful session.

Tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock a delegation representative of the Dominion board and the Ottawa and eastern district will wait upon a committee of the federal cabinet to present a series of resolutions appertaining to grievances against the board of commerce, and other matters of vital interest to Canadian merchandising.

The chief item of business, which took up the major portion of the session, was a discussion of the operations of the board of commerce.

Among the other subjects discussed was that of the co-operative stores and a resolution was passed voicing the strong opposition of the association to any legislation which would give these stores any special advantages which would be detrimental to the retail trade of the country.

The delegates took this stand on the ground that the operations of co-operative stores, after due investigation by competent authorities, have not been found to be according to legitimate methods of business.

The mail order houses were also under fire and the opinion of the delegates was unanimously to the effect that no portion of the cost of operating the parcel post system should be applied to the cost of carrying letters in the mail.

The government will also be requested to provide that the limit size of the parcels to be carried by the system.

The convention went on record as being unanimously in favor of legislation saving for towns and cities and opposers to a legislated eight-hour day.

In this respect it was claimed that the legislation proposed would give to each province the power to regulate the hours at which shops may open and close, according to the needs of the majority of the merchants concerned.

While it had been intended to hold a night session, which would be of a public nature, the executive found many resolutions to deal with affecting the different sections, that the night was given over to sectional committees, which are to report to the annual banquet to be held in the evening at 6.30, at which the principal speaker will be the Hon. J. E. Foster.

The action brought by Charles Miller against Mrs. Blanche Taylor for recovery of \$20,000, on an alleged breach of contract to sell for \$40,000 seven acres on the Kingston road, was heard before Mr. Justice Logic at Osgoode Hall yesterday.

On the stand Mrs. Taylor said that her husband had unduly influenced her to sign the contract, and told her that if she did not sign it she and her children would all be out on the street. She said he had stood in front of the telephone and prevented her communicating with her lawyers.

WORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

STRONG LINE-UP FOR HYDRO RADIAL

M.P. Mayor, Reeve and Deputies Back Project at Todmorden.

CHEAP TRAVEL

If anything was left unsaid at Torrens avenue school last night to enlighten the ratepayers of Todmorden on the merits of the Toronto and eastern radial proposition it was not due to a lack of a sufficient speaking contingent. The reeve and three deputy Reeves of the township were on hand to voice their sympathy with the undertaking.

Time of Opportunity. Mayor Reeve said the district had been held back for years by the lack of proper transportation facilities, and it was up to the ratepayers to grasp the opportunity to remedy the situation.

Deputy Reeve Graham expressed the hope that when the city takes over the system it will be given the same treatment as the city takes over the streetcar system.

Deputy Reeve Miller, the next speaker, said he believed the Hydro-Electric Commission should be extended into the township.

Deputy Reeve Graham's suggestion that the Hydro-Electric Commission be extended into the township, was met with a strong approval.

T. J. Hannigan, secretary of the Hydro-Electric Commission, gave a lucid explanation of the radial system.

John B. Harris indicated some of the advantages the road would bring, and urged the ratepayers to strongly support the by-law to guarantee the bonds.

Weston council at their opening meeting heard the views of members on the condition of the roads and streets, especially those on the main highway.

A resolution was passed asking for an apportionment of the new truck to the Woodhouse without authority.

The following committees were struck, the first named being the chairman.

A branch of the Royal Bank of Canada will open up on St. Clair avenue next week in one of the three new shops on the south side of the avenue.

RATEPAYERS SCORE COXWELL HOUSES

Price and Terms Both Condemned by Many Speakers.

Municipal and board of education matters were keenly discussed at a capacity meeting, held under the auspices of the Toronto Housing Commission.

The Toronto Housing Commission was discussed at some length and general dissatisfaction was expressed by the audience regarding the results achieved to date.

It was decided to endorse the Central Council of Ratepayers' motion to request an investigation into the present Toronto Housing Commission's methods and a report of progress to date.

The early closing of stores' by-law was also discussed. Many opinions were expressed as to the wisdom of the measure.

Deputy Mayor J. E. Foster, D.C.M., said the matter of proper housing for the people, as he had already stated, will have his best attention on the floor of the council.

Regarding the high school 60 per cent. of those who attend public school in the city are now attending a university course.

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Baldwin's Limited, Making Preparations to Open Plant. Baldwin's Limited of Bristol, England, who took over the rights of the British Forgings from the imperial government are now securing help in preparation for the opening of their big tin plate plant.

With the tremendous shortage of tin plate owing to the tie up of the industry during the war, a ten year boom is being experienced.

Under the auspices of the Harris Athletic Association a well attended concert was held in the Wilford hall at the Harris Athletic plant recently.

South Dufferin street, Earlscourt, which hitherto has had few stores between St. Clair and Davenport road, is now being rapidly occupied by new stores and apartments.

The Earlscourt Athletic Club has made some changes and elected Henry Morrow, Earlscourt, in charge of the club.

A large meeting of Earlscourt Baptists attended the opening meeting of

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JANUARY SALE

Store Opens At 8 Closes at 6

There are doings around this great store these days. Great crowds of customers are taking advantage of this January Sale. There are so many real bargains in seasonable goods, that are so useful, and necessary, and think what a saving in good money.

Heavy Tweed Ulsters, in grey checks and other mixtures. We tailored. Regular price \$27.50 and \$28.50. Sale price, \$18.75.

A large stock of Young Men's Ulsters, in brown all-wool checks, camel's hair and dark grey Melton. Regular price \$40.00. Sale price, \$28.75.

Men's Heavy Tweed Ulsters in Scotch frises, brown heather mixtures and plain greys. With belts all round or half belts. Regular price \$60.00. Sale price, \$38.50.

English Made Overcoats, in fine wool blanket cloths, camel's hair and assorted tweeds. Regular price \$55.00, \$60.00 and \$65.00. Sale price, \$45.00.

Men's Coon Skin Coats, extra fine quality of fur. 50 inches long, large collar. Regular price \$225.00. Sale price, \$159.50.

2 Very Fine Plucked Beaver Coats, dark natural fur. 50 inches long, full size. Regular price \$60.00. Sale price, \$46.00.

Heavy Winter Tweed and Cloth Gaps, in a great variety of patterns. Some with camel's hair and ailing bands. Regular price \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50. Sale price, \$1.00.

HIGH CLASS FURS IN THIS SALE

Choice Quality Hudson Seal Coat, 32-36 inches long. Reg. value \$395.00 and \$450.00. Reduced, special... 295.00

Hudson Seal Coat, trimmed with Alaska seal, deep collar and cuffs, very choice. Reg. \$450.00 and \$500.00. Reduced, special... 350.00

Hudson Cooney Coat, trimmed collar and cuffs, dyed opossum or grey squirrel. Reg. \$225.00 and \$250.00. Reduced, special... 185.00

Blended Opossum Scarf, heavy satin lining. Regular price \$15.00. Reduced special... 7.50

Coon Tie, \$13.00 for... 6.50
Piece Persian Ties, Reg. \$5.00 2.50
Piece Persian Ties, Reg. \$10.00 5.00
Piece Persian Ties, Reg. \$15.00 7.50
Isabella Fox Stole, Reg. \$20. 10.00

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HAMILTON

Hamilton, Jan. 13.—The gas stokers went on strike at the artificial plant of the United Gas & Fuel Co. today, but their places were filled.

In the Hoffman v. H. G. & B. case, heard in the assize court today, damages were fixed at \$600 for the motor and \$440 for personal injuries, but no damages allowed for the death of the child.

Mrs. J. Gray, 258 York street, used to receive several burns today when her clothing accidentally caught fire.

The annual meeting of St. James' Presbyterian Church was held today. The site of the church may be moved.

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PAYMASTERS NEVER CALLED PAY ROLLS

Extraordinary State of Affairs Laid Bare at Military Investigation.

St. Catharines, Jan. 13.—The circumstances surrounding the drawing of a cheque for \$821.50 by Capt. Stewart Patterson, paymaster of the 19th Lincoln Regiment on October 15, 1914, in favor of Lieut.-Col. W. W. Burleigh, officer commanding, was the subject of a rigid examination at the opening of the court of enquiry being held at the Armouries into the pay and allowances, and disposal of government moneys by the Welland Canal guard. In opening the proceedings the court president, Gen. E. A. Cruickshank, stated that he had a letter from Major R. J. Orr, assistant advocate-general, also instructing him to inquire into the relations regarding the purchase of a motor car by Col. Burleigh and the disposal of certain government moneys for fuel and other supplies.

The court was composed of Brig.-Gen. E. A. Cruickshank, director of historical section military headquarters, president; Lieut.-Col. W. H. F. Elkins, D.S.O., with Bar. R.C.H.A.; Lieut.-Col. N. M. Young, C.E.F., attached to headquarters, M. D. 2, and Major W. H. Smythe, C.A.F.C., Pay Sergeant-Knew.

Cross-examined by Major Smythe, Captain Charles Stuart Patterson, paymaster for the force, could not recall any man ever questioning his account. He would not say that the men could see their account before signing the pay roll. The pay sergeant knew, about the stoppage of the pay allowance. He had held no paymaster's musters to verify the rolls submitted by the post commanders. He could not recollect any fines, stoppages of pay or reports of absence without leave.

All the men were present all the time, commented Gen. Cruickshank, president of the court. "The most remarkable military force I ever heard of."

Lieut.-Col. Forbes, paymaster for military district No. 2, testified that in the first stages of the war he had simply to take the word of the officer commanding units as to the strength of the force under arms, for which pay was being drawn. There were no command pay musters held and no instructions had been issued to unit pay officers to hold muster parades. His cheques for pay and allowances were paid direct to the officer commanding the unit.

G.A.C. to Register Protest Against Civilian-Caretaker. The Grand Army of Canada, according to F. W. Pritchard of the parliamentary committee, will send a deputation to the board of education on Thursday with a protest.

"It has been decided," stated Mr. Pritchard, "to appoint a supervisor of caretakers by the board of education. We have information that a man has already been decided upon, but that he is neither a caretaker nor a returned soldier. We consider that the appointment, or if that is impossible, a returned soldier should get the job. We intend to watch all appointments of this nature and to register our protest against such as do not endeavor to secure men who have served overseas and who are otherwise qualified."

DIAMONDS

CASH ON CREDIT. Buy diamonds on credit. Buy diamonds on credit. Buy diamonds on credit.

DOHERTY CLAIMS ELECTIONS LEGAL

Says Members Were Regularly Returned Under New By-Elections Act.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Hon. C. J. Doherty disagrees with the opinion expressed by Alexander Smith, barrister, of the city, as to the irregularity of election of members of parliament returned under the Dominion by-elections act passed last year.

"As I read it," said the minister, "the kernel of the claim is that while the by-elections under the war-time elections act would have been regular, those under the by-elections act were irregular, the former not being repealed. It is an elementary principle that an act automatically repeals provisions of any previous act with which it is inconsistent, and in this case parliament decided that the by-election act should apply."

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Nothing is known as yet at the headquarters regarding the eventual reopening of the German embassy. Moving vans have arrived in the embassy court, Rue de Lille, from Berlin, but the peace delegation is without any knowledge of their contents and still in ignorance as to the intention of the German government for representation at the French capital.

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CONSTANT GAIN

Services in Hold-Up by O. Nine men of the police force have been nearly two months in the hospital.

RAILWAY DISPUTE AWAITS BONAR LAW

Stated That Certain Modifications of Government's Offer Will Be Made.

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Holland Not Yet Decided To Join League of Nations

The Hague, Jan. 13.—Jonker Karnebek, the foreign minister, announced today that, after Holland had not yet decided to enter the league of nations, delegates have been sent to Paris to arrange Holland's participation in the league's plans regarding shipping on the Rhine.

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