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SPLENDID ADDRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF FIRE

Board of Trade Last Night Listened to Expert Advice Regarding Matters Pertaining to Fires—Loss Much too Heavy at Present.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the Council chamber last night. Present were President C. A. Waterous in the chair, Vice-President Reginald Scarfe, Secretary George Hatley, G. Scarfe, J. Muir, T. Hendry, K. V. Bunnell, E. L. Gould, J. P. Hoag, G. Pickles, G. Whitaker, Chief Lewis, J. Waller, W. Whitaker, A. P. vanSomeren, Mr. McFarland, G. Ireland, S. G. Read, W. W. Robinson, J. M. Young, Ald. Broadbent, G. Ellis, L. Waterous, Mr. Heaton and Mr. Walker of Toronto, who addressed the meeting, and others.

A splendid address was given by Mr. Heaton of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in the interests of the Ontario Fire Prevention Association on the science and improvement of the methods of fire protection and fire prevention. Mr. Heaton gave a very interesting and instructive address dealing with fire prevention, as he claimed, one of the most important questions of the day, and the one that the local Legislature will soon be called upon to form an act in that direction. The speaker took up the question of national fire ways and gave a

Labor and Gospel Unite to Study What's What in Brantford

A committee from the Trades and Labor Council and members of the Ministerial Alliance held a joint meeting in the parlors of the Y.M.C.A. last night to discuss together social problems, especially the wage problem.

Rev. A. E. Lavell, chairman, submitted the following subjects for the discussion:

How can the Ministerial Alliance and Trades and Labor Council best cooperate?

Is speculation or chance a justifiable basis for housing a community?

Is direct legislation by the initiative, referendum and recall necessary to social well being?

Is speculation for profit good or bad for society as a whole?

It has been mentioned that houses being built in Brantford are unfit. What style of house is in mind? What is an improper house?

Is peace-work a curse to society?

What wages does a young woman require in Brantford?

Is a shorter work-day necessary to social advancement?

Is a minimum wage system justifiable?

It was decided not to discuss the questions as a whole but to confine the discussion to certain questions. How can the Ministerial Alliance and Trades and Labor Council best cooperate? Is a minimum wage system

DEWART THREW UP SPONGE AT LEGISLATURE'S ENQUIRY TO-DAY

Left the Chamber in a Huff, Followed By Proudfoot, the Man Who Made the Charges Against Premier Sir James Whitney and Mr. Hanna--It Was Some Row While it Lasted.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

TORONTO, April 30.—Blazing with indignation, in a voice that scarcely concealed his emotion, H. H. Dewart K. C., counsel for Mr. Proudfoot, before the committee on Elections and Privileges investigating the charges against Mr. Whitney, Mr. Hanna and Sir James Whitney, threw up his brief this morning and made a dramatic exit from the room, followed a few minutes later by Mr. Proudfoot.

The investigation had reached the stage where Mr. Dewart was leading George C. Taylor up to the telling of the payment of the \$500 to Mr. Hanna. At this juncture Mr. Nesbitt restated a lot of questions by formally admitting the receipt of \$500 for campaign purposes. This did not suit Mr. Dewart, who wanted to get light on the circumstances surrounding the contribution. The chairman ruled against him, and after a sharp discussion, in which a number of the members took a hand there were two appeals from the chairman's ruling, but he was sustained on a straight party vote.

Mr. Dewart held a short conference with Mr. Proudfoot and rising, started to make his farewell address. He was interrupted by the chairman, who apparently did not want what was coming. Mr. Dewart finally got away, and after scoring the chairman's ruling and the attitude of the committee after the fair promises made by the Premier in the House, announced that there was no course open for him save to withdraw from the case.

Mr. Proudfoot followed in a similar vein, but plainly told the committee that this was not the end of it. They would hear from him again in the House. Chairman Ferguson started to put a question to Mr. Proudfoot but the latter curtly informed the chairman that he declined to be interrogated by him.

Before the committee began taking evidence this morning Mr. Nesbitt asked the chairman to permit him to ask some questions with reference to the alleged irregularities in the coal tenders. He did so at the request of Mr. Hanna.

This was refused by the chairman, who argued that they could not possibly widen the scope of the enquiry without getting permission from the House. If this question was to be investigated a charge would first have to be made in the House and then referred to the committee in the usual way.

Taylor's Evidence.

George C. Taylor was then called by Mr. Dewart and questioned with reference to the Central Prison contract. The business was transferred to the Taylor-Scott Company, now doing business in Palmerston. The agreement of the Central Prison contract was made with Mr. Hanna through Mr. Thorne. The intention was to settle the accounts with the Government from month to month. Mr. Nesbitt challenged Mr. Dewart's statement and charged to the effect of questions—They did not relate to the question of whether any matters were corruptly dealt with. It did not make any difference whether accounts were settled monthly or yearly. The chairman urged Mr. Dewart to get to the point as to how Mr. Taylor's claim against the Government grew from time to time.

Mr. Dewart—When did your differences with the Government start in connection with this contract?

Taylor—Almost from the beginning.

Mr. Dewart proceeded to read a letter from the Taylor-Scott firm to Mr. Hanna giving a statement claiming allowance for worn-out machinery, etc., and asking if this might be deducted from the next settlement, and asking if new machinery should be purchased and charged to the Government or if the Central Prison authorities would make the purchase.

Accounts aggregating \$600 were enclosed. This letter was dated July 9, 1907.

Mr. Dewart—As early as July 9, 1907, matters were in dispute with the Provincial Secretary's department.

Mr. Nesbitt—There is no evidence of a dispute. This is merely a claim which was settled, I believe.

Mr. Dewart—You wrote Mr. Hanna personally about this matter?

Mr. Nesbitt—Not necessarily personally. I wrote to him as Provincial Secretary.

Mr. Dewart produced a letter written by Mr. Postlethwaite referring to an interview between Mr. Hanna and Mr. Taylor. He wanted the witness to examine it in order to refresh his memory.

Mr. Nesbitt objected, but after a

CHESS BOARD OF WAR IS BECOMING INVOLVED

There is no Telling What May Happen—Russia and Austria are Growling at Each Other, and Little Montenegro Remains Firm.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

NEW YORK, April 30.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: Austria's threat to take matters into her own hands in the Balkans has declared a decision to proceed with the evacuation of Scutari is regarded here as an attempt to bring pressure to bear upon Great Britain, France and Russia, to induce them to accept the Austrian proposals at the Ambassadors' conference in London tomorrow.

Austria made her attitude quite clear at Monday's conference, but some of the powers represented were opposed to taking military action until Montenegro had had reasonable time to reply to the warning. The meeting was then adjourned until tomorrow, it being understood that if King Nicholas had not by then returned a favorable answer Austria would issue a very short ultimatum and act at once.

The only reply received up to the present, however, is the laconic note

PROVISION FOR BRITISH HEROES

(Canadian Press Despatch)

LONDON, April 30.—In addition to the supplementary annuities announced yesterday by Premier Asquith for the families of Captain Scott and Dr. Wilson, the British Government will pay the following:

To the widow of Petty Officer Evans, in addition to the regular admiralty allowance of about \$75, an annuity of \$60 and 75 cents a week for each of her children until they reach the age of 18 years.

The Government of India, as an employer of Lieut. Bowers of the Royal Marines when he started with

MALLEABLE FIRE LOSS WAS \$28,000

The loss at the recent fire at the Malleable Iron Works, which is now being adjusted by experts, will be a great deal higher than was at first thought. A loss of \$18,000 on the machinery alone was placed yesterday by the adjusters, who it is expected will finish their work to-day. The buildings are this morning being

CHANGES IN LICENSE ACT

It is Believed that Amendments Will Go Into Effect in May.

The belief in official circles is that the amendments to the liquor license act, under which bars and saloons will be opened until 8 a.m., will go into effect almost immediately. The effect will be to open the bars and saloons on May 1, and under ordinary conditions the amendments would come into force on that date. From present appearances, however, it will at least be several days later before the lieutenant-governor will be able to pass on them after the House is again called.

It is probable that another clause may yet be added to the bill by which the authority would be granted to bring the new rules into force at the time, and following this the new licenses for the coming year would be issued on the understanding, so that present indications point to the revision of the bottle trade of hotels, the shortening of the hours of sale in the mornings and the elevation of the law becoming operative at once.

WERE CAUGHT WITH THE COODS

Four Farmers at Oakland Were Caught Illegally Fishing.

For some time complaints have been made to the Game and Fisheries Department about parties spearing fish in the creek in the vicinity of Oakland, and the case was put into the hands of Game and Fish Inspector Henry Johnson and High Constable Fred Kerr. The pair made the unsuccessful attempt to catch offenders, but their efforts were fruitless. Last night the two officers took a round about way to the creek and caught four men red handed who took to their heels when they caught sight of the officers, but as they were well known to the officers and in that vicinity returned and gave themselves up and handed over all their paraphernalia.

A police court case will follow in due time as a result of the vigilance of the officers.

SIR CECIL IS VERY POPULAR

Britain's New Ambassador to Washington is Democratic Enough.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

NEW YORK, April 30.—A despatch from Washington, says: Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice, K.C.M.G., the new British ambassador, made a formal call on the acting secretary of state, John Bassett Moore, yesterday. He rather shattered precedents by calling at once, although his acquaintance with Prof. Moore dates to the time he served in Washington as secretary of the embassy.

Mr. Moore declared that plans for the formal presentation of the new ambassador to the President have not been arranged, but that his credentials probably will be submitted the latter part of the week.

The new ambassador is a strikingly democratic person and said he expected thoroughly to enjoy his mission to Washington. One of his first visitors, he said, was the new Austria-Hungary ambassador, Dr. Constantin Dumba, who has just arrived in Washington.

"Both of us have just come from Stockholm, where we were close colleagues for some time," said Sir Cecil. "It was delightful to meet an old friend on my arrival here."

Regarding the report that Alfred Mitchell Innes, councillor of the British embassy, is to be transferred from Washington soon, Sir Cecil said that Mr. Innes is on the list of promotion, and that the chances are that he will soon be appointed minister to some post, although he had no intention of leaving the Foreign Office. He intimated that Mr. Innes would have leave of absence soon.

STRIKE WOULD BE SERIOUS

Entire Building Trade in This City Might Be Tied Up.

In the event of the carpenters going out on strike by the sanction of the building trades council it is said it will cause a walkout of practically all the tradesmen connected with the building trade with the exception of the brick layers. The brick layers, however, it is said, are also contemplating going out.

The Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and the Brotherhood of Carpenters are amalgamating, and in the event of their striking the laborers working in the building trades, belonging to the American Federation of Labor, are bound to go out also. The laborers receive 25c per hour and are now out for 27½c, a nine hour day and twelve o'clock on Saturdays. The walk out would affect 120 laborers. The laborers have appointed a committee.

A meeting of the carpenters will be held to-night.

Obituary

The Late Mr. Muirhead.

The death occurred at Kilarney, Manitoba, April 14, 1913, Alfred Edward Muirhead, at the age of 68 years, 11 months and 26 days eldest son of the late William Muirhead, the first Mayor of Brantford. Mr. Muirhead leaves two surviving brothers, Tom of Emerson, Manitoba, Alfred of Morris, Manitoba and one sister, Mrs. James K. Wye also of Morris. To mourn his loss are his wife and three sons, William of Edmonton, Alb. doat wodar dowad dooat on, Alex, near Kilarney and Pruson living with his mother at Kilarney.

NOTICE

Conservatives Ward Two.

A meeting will be held at Conservatives headquarters (old Masonic Hall), on Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a ward chairman.

G. H. RYERSON, President.

Buying Furniture.

Mr. G. L. Goodwin of the Y. M. C. A. is in Berlin to-day concerning the purchase of furniture for the new Y. M. C. A.

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