

TOBACCO GROWERS ALLEGE COMBINE

Two Hundred Wait On the Finance Minister and Ask Relief.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Two hundred tobacco growers from Ontario and Quebec this morning waited on Finance Minister White, who was supported by Inland Revenue Minister Blouin and Customs Minister Reid, to request that the charge of 25 cents a pound on imported tobacco be changed from excise to customs charge, so as to withdraw the privilege of bonding until leaves were dried and lighter.

They also asked for relief from the combine which they say controls the buying and fixes prices at so low a figure that there is no profit for the grower.

Archibald McColl spoke for the growers, and urged that the Government help them instead of, as at present, appearing to be in league with the combine.

The Finance Minister said the change from excise to customs would be no help as the bonding privilege remained. He promised the usual "consideration."

Many Londoners are anxiously inquiring about the steamship offices for news of the liners which are due to arrive in England within the next few days.

The Zeeland, twelve days out of New York, has reported at Liverpool. She sailed from Portland, Maine, on Feb. 12.

The Franconia and the New York, both sailing from New York City on February 6, are expected to arrive shortly.

The Adriatic, which left New York on the 10th, is also due shortly.

7TH MOUNTED RIFLES WERE INSPECTED TODAY Well Pleased With Work Done by Lieut.-Col. Leonard and Officers.

Colonel Gregory, of Toronto, who was placed in charge of the work of organizing the Mounted Rifles of Canada, arrived in the city today, and inspected the 7th Mounted Rifles now training here.

He was well pleased with the work done by Lieut.-Col. Leonard and his officers.

The men of the 18th Battalion are still anxiously awaiting word regarding their departure for the front.

Scottish Ritters Conclude Tonight Banquet Will Follow Confering of Eighteenth Degree.

Scottish Ritters from near and far, increasing in numbers last night and today, will conclude their annual "at home" this evening with the conferring of the eighteenth degree at the Masonic Temple.

Between the solemn proceedings of the order in the closed rooms of the Scottish rite, banquets continue to be given in the banqueting rooms of the temple.

A banquet will close the annual meeting at 10:30 this evening, following the conferring of the eighteenth degree, and it is expected that nearly 150 Scottish Ritters will be in attendance.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the conferring of the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth degrees was begun.

HAT SALE EXTRAORDINARY

500 Doz. Sample Hats for 1915. SOFT and STIFF...

Buy Your Spring Hat Now 60 dozen \$1.00 and \$1.50 lines, each . 50¢ 140 dozen \$1.50 and \$2.00 lines, each . 75¢ 160 dozen \$1.50 and \$2.50 lines, each \$1.00 140 dozen \$2.00 and \$4.00 lines, each \$1.30

Sale Starts 8 a.m. Saturday Next February 20th COME EARLY AND GET YOUR CHOICE.

GRAHAM BROS. DUNDAS AND RICHMOND STREETS.

Last Photo of No. 2 Scout Patrol Before Leaving for the Battle Front



In above picture appear the members of the patrol who are now in France. In top row the man at extreme left is Private Bendie, of London. In bottom row, man on extreme right is Private Dickinson, also of this city.

INCREASE IN RATES FOR FREIGHT ASKED

Association Acting For All Canadian Railways Forwards a List of Advances Desired to Railway Commission, Boards of Trade and Manufacturers.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, Feb. 18.—The Canadian Freight Association, acting on behalf of all the Canadian railway companies, has forwarded to the board of railway commissioners of Canada, the principal boards of trade and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, an application for permission to make a general increase in freight rates.

In support of the application the Freight Association argues that it is in the interests of the country at large as well as of the companies and their shareholders, that further revenues be obtained from the carriage of freight traffic; that the rate of return in net operating income upon the property now owned by the companies has seriously declined; that the cause is the steady increase in operating expenses owing to wage increases, legislative requirements and equipment costs; that at present the borrowing powers of the companies is diminished, and money is only obtainable at high rates, which must be met by increased earnings; that at present various money markets previously open are now closed, and that rates have been increased by the inter-state commerce commission.

Changes Asked. The following changes in freight rates are asked for (where not otherwise stated they are for one hundred pounds): That goods carried under Canadian classification ratings and class rates be advanced two cents per hundred pounds first class, and one cent per one hundred pounds fifth class, rates for other classes to be figured on the usual basis subject to standard mileage class rates as a maximum; that coal and coke be advanced ten cents a ton, sand and crushed stone, except flaking stone, five cents a ton; that billets, pig iron, wire rods, rails, crop ends, ferro silicon, iron ore concentrates, crude oil, iron and mill chiller be advanced from five cents a ton to thirty cents a ton above certain of the present rates.

Other Advances. One-quarter cent to one and one-quarter cent above certain present rates for pulpwood, cordwood, paving blocks, logs, stone and artificial stone; one-half to two cents advance on a number of articles used in the manufacture of iron and steel, lumber and forest products, potatoes, wire netting, one cent to two cents on spirits, ale and beer, petrol and green hides under certain conditions; one-half to two cents for grain and grain products, fax seed and beans. The association further asks:

That rates on grain and rail products from Fort William, all rail and lake and rail, also from bay ports, be advanced one cent per hundred pounds, that rates from Fort William and bay ports, and Ontario points, be advanced one cent per hundred pounds plus the difference in Montreal; that rates from Toronto be advanced one cent per one hundred pounds plus the difference in Montreal.

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London Boy Held for Thefts From Local Officer

George Garden and Toronto Youth Caught in Buffalo—Will Come Here Tonight.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 17.—George Garden, 17 years of age, of London, and Charles Madill, 15 years old, of 362 Davenport road, Toronto, were arrested last night on a raid on the quarters of officers' quarters in the armories on Dundas street, London, of \$250. When searched, Garden had \$75 and Madill \$85. Garden told his captors that Madill in Toronto, divided with him, then went to Peterboro, Montreal and afterwards to Buffalo.

Detective Robert Egerton will return to London tonight with the two youths he arrested in Buffalo, and the latter will appear before Police Magistrate J. C. Judd in the Carling street court tomorrow.

The great white war opened up brightly for George Garden, of this city, and Charles Madill, of Toronto, who, with \$250 between them, started out to "do up" Buffalo, but whose flight ended in the juvenile court in the American city.

The youths have been in Buffalo nearly a week. During that time, military men and local detectives have been searching everywhere for the culprits, who took pay-envelopes from the desk of Capt. Spry, at military headquarters.

When the search for the guilty parties had been almost given up hopeless, a message came to the detective department here from Buffalo that two youths, arrested on suspicion, because of the fact that they had too much money in their possession, which was being spent recklessly, were discovered to have hailed from this city.

A clue in the information gave the local detective department a clue on which to work. There was a swift interchange of messages between the two cities, that they were on the right track, the local police telegraphed the Buffalo authorities to hold the youths.

Last night Inspector Egerton left for Buffalo to bring the alleged offenders back for trial.

Seeing the Sights. Blissfully unconscious of the systematic search that had been instigated for their apprehension, the youths "took in the sights" in the American metropolis. The results of their wanderings were taken into custody a large automobile had been taken in the large "borrowed" roll. In short, over \$100 had been spent in the pursuit of pleasure.

Missing Since January. The money was first missed on Jan. 30, from a drawer in Capt. Spry's desk, shortly after two unknown youths had been left alone in the room for a few minutes. The youths had gone to military headquarters in search of an unknown officer. When told that an officer by the name given was not around, they asked to use the telephone. They were only alone in the office for a short time.

POINT OUT PROVISIONS OF COMPENSATION ACT Builders' Exchange Representatives and Members of No. 4 Committee Convene.

Representatives of the Builders' Exchange waited upon No. 4 committee at its regular meeting last night and pointed out the importance of many of the provisions of the new compensation act which comes into effect this year for the first time.

Citizens, they pointed out, especially those who are planning to build, are all too likely to be misled by the building inspectors who are liable to, for under the new act, and as a result of what the builders said, special advisers will be gotten out and placed upon all persons who are going to build, and the council will be recommended to send it in as it now stands.

Mayor Stevenson, Controller Gamble, City Clerk Batten and all the members of No. 4 committee were appointed a delegation to welcome the Grand Chapter Masons when they arrive next week.

A grant of \$5 was also made towards the grocers' convention, which will be held here May 11 and 12.

THEY'RE PROVINCIAL 'TEGS Absolutely Denied Any Relation to Well-Known "Whiskey" Spotters.

After hearing lengthy evidence pro and con, against the Bismarck Evans act, charged with breach of the liquor license act, Police Magistrate J. C. Judd today reserved his decision for one week.

Alexander Corriean and A. E. Sarvia whose work caused Evans' appearance in court, stated to reporters that they were not common "whiskey spotters," but provincial "tegs."

"When you write your story please refer to us as provincial detectives, not 'whiskey spotters,'" chided the men who were working under the aegis of provincial license inspectors.

The whiskey detectives found a quantity of beer, greater than the law allows in Evans' hotel.

BLUE CROSS DOING GOOD WORK HERE While Red Cross Society work is being well attended to, citizens must not forget that the Blue Cross Society is doing a great deal of good work here.

The London Humane Society has at the present time 70 saddle pads finished for canine borders, and will have more in a few days. They will be forwarded to the secretary of the Blue Cross Society in London, England, and thence to the front.

A vaudeville entertainment will be held in April under the auspices of the Humane Society for the benefit of the Blue Cross Society in London.

DEPARTURE ORDERS FOR A. S. C. FAIL TO COME The expected orders for the departure of the special Army Service Corps, recruited in this city, have failed to arrive, and, therefore, the 40 odd drivers, mechanical transport apt and battery will not leave tonight as was originally expected.

W.O.W. LODGE "AT HOME" Members of Pine Grove Camp Hear Splendid Program.

NEWS

BANK CLEARINGS.—Bank clearings for the past week, as shown by the custom house statistics, are \$1,676,125.

HERMITAGE "AT HOME."—The Hermitage annual "At Home" was held last evening at their new rooms, Imperial Bank Chambers. Dancing and bird-riding were greatly enjoyed by a large number.

BREACH OF LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.—John Kennedy pleaded guilty before Police Magistrate J. C. Judd today to a breach of the liquor license act and was given the option of paying a \$10 fine or spending 21 days in the county jail.

ABOVE REQUIRED MARK.—The motor ambulance fund has reached a total above the mark required. It now stands at \$2,520.50. The following donations have been recently received: Mrs. J. G. Hennessy, \$3; M. A. W., \$5; L. G., \$1; Dr. and Mrs. Seaborn, \$25; a Canuck, \$5. Total, \$2,520.50.

ENTERTAINS.—Pte. G. Ernest Donohue, of the 33rd Battalion, entertained some members of that regiment at the home of his parents, \$2 Royal Bank avenue, a musical evening. Singing and music, including "Tipperary" and other patriotic songs, were sung, after which a light lunch was served.

WANT MORE MONEY.—The Salvation Army will ask the city to increase its annual grant to the Rescue Home for \$500 this year, to meet the next meeting of the finance committee. On account of the war public donations have been fewer this year than previously, and the number in straitened circumstances financially.

INTERESTING PROGRAM.—An interesting program has been prepared by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Dundas Central Methodist Church on Thursday evening, the 25th inst., in aid of Red Cross work. The Ladies' Aid Society of that church, of which Mrs. William W. W. is president, are attending to the details.

TALENT TEA TO AID SOLDIERS.—Bank Chambers provided music for the talent tea to be held by the Ladies' Aid of the First Methodist Church at Wesley Hall on Friday afternoon, February 19, to help the Red Cross work in the front. There will be a large and tempting display of home cooking and also tables of plain and fancy articles. A talent show will be a feature of the affair.

SHORT MATRIMONIAL VENTURE.—After a brief courtship, John and Marie, who were once a man and wife, but their matrimonial venture was short lived, for after a session before Police Magistrate J. C. Judd today, they decided to separate today. John is from now on. It was a case of another man. John took a dislike to this and he beat his wife. She said an assault on her, and today his worship bound them both over for the sum of \$100 to keep the peace.

ORGANIZE MISSION CIRCLE.—Young women members of the Methodist Church have organized a mission circle, to be known as the Eric L. Anderson Circle, and the association has elected its members. The members are: Miss Rose Smith, corresponding secretary, Miss Harriet Corbett, treasurer, Miss M. Alport, superintendent of systematic giving, Miss B. Anderson, pianist and organist. The circle will meet every third Tuesday each month.

FEW DAILY ASK AID.—Applications for aid from the patriotic and charity fund are few in number according to the weather. While the average number of families applying for relief to the Salvation Army on a normally cold winter day is about five, none had entered the building today.

FATHERS INVITED, TOO.—A social evening, with fine musical program, will be given by members of the Simcoe Street Mothers' Club tonight, when all the mothers and fathers of the district are invited to attend.

BUILDING INSPECTOR HAD NO EXPERIENCE Investigation Begun of Draft Charges in Drill Hall Building.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Feb. 18.—An investigation into charges of corruption and fraud over the construction of Government drill halls recently built in Ontario, was opened here today by R. A. Pringle, C. C. of Ottawa.

The principal evidence was given by Joseph Hansen, of Meaford, a sub-contractor of the Tom Construction Company, of Collingwood, who laid the charges.

Hansen charged: 1.—No footings in the foundations of the drill sheds, as shown on plan. 2.—No weeping tiles installed, as called for. 3.—No waterproof dressing to walls or floor. 4.—Old wire fences used instead of expanded metal.

Mr. Hansen also stated that no provision was made for drainage. Commissioner Pringle: "Do you contend that the work was in the employ of the Government and still in the employ of the Tom Construction Company?"

Mr. Hansen: "That's it. At Brampton the overseer was paid \$5 per day by Mr. Tom to look after brickwork. This overseer was also employed by the Government."

Hansen admitted having some trouble with the Tom Construction Company regarding payment for his work. Corroborative evidence was given by John A. Tuttle, of Collingwood, and Frank King, of Meaford.

T. Judd, a retired farmer, was the inspector of the work at Blackstock. He admitted he had no practical experience, but "had seen many buildings put up."

"Is that all?" asked Mr. Pringle. "Yes," answered the witness.

FUNERAL OF SIMON N. CHIERA. The funeral of Simon N. Chiera, who died Monday, was held from the family residence, 501 Talbot street, at 11 o'clock yesterday morning to the Trinity Park station, where the remains were forwarded to Detroit for interment on the 11:35 o'clock train.

Representatives of King Solomon Monte Lodge, A. F. M., M. E. C. and Knights Templar, attended the funeral in a body. Services were conducted by Archdeacon Fourie, who offered a number of prayers and was followed by the station in an open carriage.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. Joseph Dambra, A. Carothers, Ben Noble, J. C. S. Messrs. S. S. and Aid. William Wilch, reading; Miss H. J. Scott; Messrs. W. R. Wilson, G. G. Hooper, president.

The "Silent Sleuth" "Hound of Slander" Is Again Unleashed

Things dire and dreadful are being whispered about STANDARD DRUG STORES with as little foundation as the silly stories circulated about us when our first announcements of our policy frightened the old sleepy methods into a state of well nigh despair.

The people of London and vicinity have surely stood by us in our great fight against the High-priced Drug Combine which had hitherto existed in London. Thanks to your assistance we have won the greatest fight that has ever been waged in the Retail Drug Business in any town or city in the Dominion of Canada—all because we have kept faith with you and have always "SAVED YOU MONEY."

Bargains for Friday and Saturday at Both Standard Drug Stores

ZONOX TASTELESS GOD LIVER OIL The Great System Builder. Regular \$1.00.....75c

500 ROLLS TOILET PAPER Just received. Regular value 10c per roll. Friday and Saturday..... 5 for 25c

LIQUID VENEER at Special Bargain Prices FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. Regular 25c.....17c Regular 50c.....35c Regular \$1.00.....65c Not more than two to a customer.

BIG IMPORTATION OF BEAUMONT BRAND OLIVE OIL The kind we always sell. Regular 35c.....19c Regular 50c.....35c Regular \$1.00.....85c Regular \$1.25.....85c Friday and Saturday Only.

BARGAINS FOR BABY Three-Star Feeding Bottles.....5c 15c Soothers.....5c 25c Soothers.....10c 25c Carnitative.....10c 25c Baby's Own Tablets.....10c 50c Horlick's Milk.....34c 100 Horlick's Milk.....67c 33 1/3 Horlick's Milk.....22.69 50c Nestle's Food.....39c 35c Castoria.....24c 25c Baby's Own Tablets.....10c 10c Godfrey's Cordial.....7c 25c Perfection Nursing Bottles.....19c

EXTRA SPECIAL Six Dozen PARISIAN SAGE Regular 50c. Friday and Saturday, 27c. No mail orders. Not more than two to a customer.

50c Gin Pills 3 for \$1.00 25c Mentholatum 14c 50c Fruitives 29c 25c Cold Cream of Roses 19c 50c Chase's Nerve Food 29c

NEILSON'S CHOCOLATES Made in Canada. "The Chocolates that are Different." BOTH STORES. Special Bargain Prices at Standard Drug Stores. 25c S. D. & L. Tooth Paste.....2c 25c Talcum Powder..... 2 for 25c \$1.00 Zono's Fruit Salts.....65c 50c Hind's Honey and Almond Cream.....39c \$1.00 Scott's Emulsion.....69c 25c Williams' Talcum.....17c 50c Sweet Nutt Kidney Pills.....29c 50c Initial Stationery, a few initials out, while it lasts,.....19c

EXTRA SPECIAL Castle Soap Made in Canada. Long Bar. Regular 25c. Friday and Saturday.....17c

BARGAINS FOR MEN 25c Zonox Shaving Lotion.....19c 25c Zonox Shaving Lotion.....19c 25c Williams' Holder Top Stick.....19c 50c Hind's Honey and Almond Cream.....39c 50c Hair Tonic.....19c 75c Shaving Mirrors.....85c 25c Men's Pocket Combs.....19c

SHAVING BRUSHES AT CUT PRICES 75c Shaving Mirrors.....85c 25c Men's Pocket Combs.....19c

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SAVE YOU MONEY

NEW SPRING CLOTHES STILL ENGLISH STYLE Extreme Types Available, But Majority Shown Are Quite Conservative.

Fashions for the coming spring in men's clothes will continue to emphasize the close-fitting, English, line, according to the leading tailors of the city. Some extreme types of this mode will be available, but the majority of those being shown are quite conservative.

The differences between this year's styles and those of last year are mostly differences of detail rather than of general effect. The fronts of the coats are cut straighter, and the lapels lie flatter; rather long notch or peak lapels are in vogue. The outside breast pocket remains, and in some cases the side pockets have wells instead of flaps.

The new waistcoats have collars, and are cut with a rather lower top space than last season. Trousers are narrow at the bottoms, giving the effect of fullness at the hips. Cuffs are almost universally shown on the trousers.

Greens, blues and greys are fashionable and some very nice effects are being shown in the blues and greens, the material having an indistinct pattern, which relieves the plain effect pleasantly.

Fancy shoes of a somewhat effeminate style are much in vogue. Calf of black or tan with uppers of fancy cloth, black calf with tan uppers and tan with lighter tan uppers are all popular. Many of the shoes duplicate the effect of spats.

G. M. Millar, of Toronto, formerly of the Advertiser office, here, is in the city, calling on old friends while on a business tour.

Strand Cafeteria SERVE-SELF. Try our griddle cake for breakfast. Wheat, Corn or Buckwheat Cakes, Tea, Cakes.

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Another growing department which has saved you hundreds of dollars during the past year.

Equally as Startling Bargains this week as last, when an unprecedented demand forced us to replenish our stock four times during last Saturday.

Daftodils..... 25c dozen Violets..... 19c bunch Carnations..... 35c dozen Tulips..... 25c " Roses..... 35c " Narcissus..... 35c " —Prompt Delivery Service—

ZONOX GLYCERINE SOAP

GREEN, RED and AMBER. Needs no introduction. Regular 15c. Cake..... 3 for 25c

ZONOX SYRUP OF FIGS

A mild laxative; equally good for baby. Regular 25c.....19c Regular 50c.....35c

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50c Mercolized Wax.....\$0.85 50c Canthrox......40 \$1.50 Menneline.....1.39 \$1.00 Liquid Arvon......85 \$1.00 Delatone......89 \$1.00 Boranum......83 \$1.00 Clemite......89 50c Saxolite......40 50c Parnotis......40 \$1.00 Remoy......80 75c Face Powder......69

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