

HOTELS REQUEST WINE WITH MEALS

Deputation of Two Hundred
Proprietors Petition Premier
Ferguson.

ASK TAX EXEMPTION

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 10.—Requesting exemption from business tax for ten years, or until such time as their business could be placed on a substantial foundation, and the right to sell beer, not exceeding 2½ per cent alcohol by weight, and native wines from Ontario grapes with meals, the hotel association of the province of Ontario waited on Premier Ferguson and members of his cabinet at the Parliament Buildings this morning. Headed by J. J. Agar, K.C., and George H. O'Neill, the King Edward hotel, Toronto, who is president of the association, the deputation was over 200 strong, representing hotelmen from all the cities and country points in the province.

In reply to the deputation, Premier Ferguson made no direct reference to the beer and wine demand. He suggested, however, that the hotelmen confer with the commercial travellers' association, a delegation from which had already waited on the government with requests along similar lines, and draft a bill for presentation to the House at the coming session. He stated that the government would give the bill every consideration. Mr. O'Neill stated that the hotelmen would be glad to accept the suggestion.

Would curb competition.
The request to be allowed to sell beer and wine was couched in the following terms:

"Your petitioners respectfully petition that the licenses be enacted whereby the licenses of standard hotels shall have the right to sell with meals wines from grapes grown and produced in Ontario, and also beers not exceeding 2½ per cent alcohol by weight; and furthermore, the right to sell beers not exceeding 2½ per cent alcohol by weight at tables, the desire of your petitioners being not to sell beer over the bar."

The government was also urged to license all boarding houses, dining rooms, restaurants, private hotels, cafes, ice cream parlors, lunch counters, rooming houses, clubs, etc., to curb what the hotelmen called "unfair competition." Licenses were also asked for all places selling soft drinks or foods to the public.

For the regulation of the number of licenses to be issued it was asked that the government appoint a board of license commissioners in each county and city to issue licenses, and a member of the hotelmen's association to be on each board. No licenses, it was asked, should be issued under this plan to any but members of the hotelmen's association. T. J. Agar, counsel for the association, supplemented this request by pointing out that the desire is to have a special legislation for hotels similar to that enjoyed by doctors, nurses and other professions.

In conclusion, it was asked that if the present board of provincial license commissioners is retained the hotel association shall have at least one nominee on it.

Government Will Co-operate.
Replying to the deputation, Mr. Ferguson said: "We are glad that you have organized and have come here to give us your views upon one of the most important matters with which we have to deal. The hotel has become a public utility, and it has to be looked on and dealt with in that capacity. The government will be heartily in accord with some of the things that you suggest. Others will present some difficulties. The grant-

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British Columbia Abolishes Traffic Law Limiting Speed

Canadian Press Despatch.
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 10.—Drastic changes in the motor vehicles act have been adopted by the provincial legislature with a view to bringing about a condition of greater safety on the streets and highways of the province.

The House has decided to eliminate all reference to speed limits from the act and to require motorists to drive their cars in such a manner as to avoid menace to public safety.

On three convictions for offences under the act a driver will lose his or her license either by suspension or cancellation.

ing of tax exemption is, as you know, in the hands of the municipalities." A member of the delegation asked that the government take the initiative from the municipalities and deal with the matter itself. The premier continued:

"One feature of the situation striking me is that of competition from newcomers to the country, Greeks, etc. This competition will have to be overcome, and you will find that the government will co-operate with you in that. Diversity of types in hotels also presents a problem. I am glad to say that the old conception of hotels and hotelmen is passing away and there is no better business today than that of the hotelman. The premier then suggested that the hotelmen get in touch with a committee of the commercial travellers' association."

WEDDINGS

PIERSON—SHANNON.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Shannon, Adelaide street south, was the scene of a pretty wedding last night at 7 o'clock, when their daughter, Vera Irene, became the bride of John Henry Pierson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Pierson, Adelaide street. The Rev. Peter E. Nichol performed the ceremony, in the living-room, prettily decorated with wedding bells and flowers, a color scheme of pink and white being carried out throughout the house.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. John Arthur. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in her wedding gown of white duchess satin and a conventional tulle veil embroidered in pearls and wreathed with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of roses.

Mrs. William Arthur was matron of honor, wearing a becoming gown of gray. Cecil Hardy acted as best man.

Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served, the mother of the bride wearing a handsome gown of black canton crepe while Mrs. Pierson, mother of the groom, wore a pretty brown frock.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierson will spend their honeymoon in Toronto, returning to their home in London. The bride's going away costume was a brown canton gown, scarf to match and a handsome seal coat. Guests for the wedding numbered 25.

SOLDIERS' GYM HERE

TO BE REALITY SOON

Col. E. A. Seeley-Smith Notified That Equipment Is Coming.

Authorizing the equipment for the soldiers' gymnasium at Wolsley barracks, the department of national defence has communicated with Col. E. A. Seeley-Smith, officer commanding the Royal Canadian Regiment.

Although it is not yet known when the apparatus will arrive, the amount has been specified. There will be 75 feet of wall bars for Swedish drill, horizontal bars and parallel bars, as well as a Swedish horse and springboard. Other equipment will include Swedish beams, ropes for climbing and bridge ladders.

Mr. C. H. Hill, former commanding officer of the regiment, left for his new post in Ottawa he had the gymnasium building prepared to receive the apparatus so that when it arrives it will merely require setting up to have a regulation gymnasium at the barracks.

NOTICE IS SENT SCHOOLS TO CLOSE DECEMBER 19

Official notification was sent out from the office of Senior Inspector V. K. Greer, M.A., today, informing the principals of the public schools that the Christmas holidays will commence on Friday, Dec. 19, instead of Monday, Dec. 22.

The schools will not reopen until Monday, Jan. 5.

The board of education some time ago passed a resolution that the schools should close on the Friday rather than reassemble for just the first day of the week.

MRS. SARAH M. BRODERICK

PASSES AT HER HOME HERE

On Wednesday last three passed away at her residence, Hayman Court, Sarah M. Broderick, widow of John W. Broderick. Although born in England, Mrs. Broderick spent most of her life in London, where she had many warm friends. She was a devout member of the First Methodist church, and took a keen interest in its different activities. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Robert K. Cowan and Mrs. Edward W. M. Plock, both of this city.

Pussy Is "Still in the Ring"

After Night In Furnace

While one little kitten was being recovered by her frantic owner yesterday from a bundle of clothes sent to his laundry, another little black feline was having a "warm" time in his London south home.

This black kitten had apparently lost his mistress. At any rate, he was cold, and when his master went down the cellar Tuesday night to shake the furnace before retiring, pussy curled his back and purring followed.

Yesterday morning pussy was pined in vain by the entire family. Mr. Chittin travelled down to the furnace once more to do battle with the shaker. He opened the bottom door of the furnace and out shot a black furry ball with badly singed whiskers, but "still in the ring," as far as pussy was concerned.

"That darn cat must have crawled into the bottom of the furnace when I had my back turned," said the man related the citizen. "I didn't notice that it was missing, and after leaving the drafts on for a few minutes, closed the furnace door. It is a good thing that I didn't shake the furnace in the morning before opening the door, or the children would have been able to officiate at a pussy cat's funeral."

SALVATION ARMY POTS NOT READY COL. BROWN HEADS WORKERS' LEAGUE

London Corps Make Annual
Appeal to Aid Poor at
Christmas.

The Christmas baskets which will be supplied to families in distress this year will go a long way toward providing the necessities of life and a little happiness to those who know little of it. Already the Salvation Army has made plans to take care of such families between Christmas and New Year's. The Salvationists need your help.

A. H. Hurd, financial representative of the London division, is in charge of the Christmas appeal. He has arranged for Army lassies to be stationed in various parts of the city to collect your spare dimes and dollars to carry on the good work.

Ten pots will be placed in as many districts Saturday morning. Army workers will attend the pots day and night, working in two and three hour shifts, according to the weather. The officers say they will not mind the cold if London keeps a command. Adjutant L. Ursaki, the command-in-chief of No. 1 corps, will take charge of two pots. He will supply the comrades who will stand at the bank of commerce corner and the C. bank of commerce office.

Ensign Chittenden and Ensign Stokes, the officers in charge of two No. 2 corps, will be assisted by Ensigns and one near Smallman & Ingram's. Ensign and Mrs. Foster, officers in command of No. 3 corps, will have charge of two pots. One will be placed at Adelaide and Dundas and the other at the market.

Ensign and Mrs. George Luxton, officers in command of No. 4 corps, will have charge of two pots. One will be placed at the postoffice and one at Hamilton road and Rectory street.

Adjutant and Mrs. Wm. Lewis, officers in command of the men's soldiers' department, assisted by Lieut. George Hunt, will have charge of one pot. This will be placed at the corner of Rectory and Dundas streets.

Commandant and Mrs. Sharp, officers in command of the women's boarding house, will have charge of the pot at the C. N. R. depot.

Adjutant and Mrs. L. Smith, officers in charge of the emigration lodge, will have charge of the pot at Richmond and King streets.

No. 12 pot, which will be at the corner of Clarence and Dundas, will be looked after by the office staff.

Commandant H. H. Hurd will be pleased to call and see anyone that has anything to give, either in goods or cash.

Later in the evening the tickets which had been sold on the lot, watches donated by E. H. Flach, St. Thomas, were mixed and drawn for the lucky number being 170. The holder of this ticket proved to be Ralph Glover of Port Stanley.

This was one of the most successful bazaars ever given by the ladies of Port Stanley.

BOYLE MEMORIAL CLUB.

Some of the members of the Boyle Memorial Mothers' club met at the home of Mrs. J. Darling, Ontario street, yesterday for sewing, with the result that 27 nightgowns were made for the small boys and girls at the orphan home.

Mrs. McKay, relief convener, is asking the members not to forget the grocery store which is now in progress. At the close of the afternoon tea was served by the hostess.

The W. M. S. Kilmarin met at the home of Mrs. Robertson for their December meeting. It was the annual meeting, and reports for the year were given. The treasurer's report showed that the 5 per cent increase in giving which had been asked for had been made. The election of the following officers was reported: President, Mrs. D. Robertson; first vice-president, Mrs. D. McAlpine; second vice-president, Mrs. J. Moore; secretary, Mrs. R. M. Campbell; treasurer, Mrs. D. Galbraith, and messenger secretary, Mrs. D. W. Munroe.

ELECT ORPHAN OFFICERS.
Mrs. Albert Glitz was elected worthy matron of the Orphan W. M. S. at the annual meeting held last night. T. A. Mercer is worthy patron and the other officers are as follows: Associate matron, Mrs. A. G. N. Bradshaw; conductress, Miss Betty Saunders; associate conductress, Mrs. James, Weir; secretary, Mrs. A. Nichols; treasurer, Mrs. A. Peterson.

The installation of these officers and the officers to be appointed by the incoming matron will take place early in January.

COARSE GRAIN POOL NOW

PLANNED IN THE WEST

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 11.—Preparations for the formation of a coarse grain pool, similar to the Manitoba wheat pool, will be discussed at the meeting of directors and members of the Manitoba co-operative wheat pool association here shortly. It was reported yesterday.

The pool would provide for the co-operative marketing of oats, barley, rye and flax, and if the scheme is approved by the general meeting of the members it would be established in time to handle the 1924 crop.

BOOSTERS' CLUB DANCE.

The members of the Boosters' club of the Westwell school held their annual banquet and dance at the Blue Dragon tearooms last night. Twenty couples were present. Music was supplied by the school orchestra under the direction of D. McCrae. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Limon. There was dancing from 8:30 to 1 a.m.

SEEK WORK ON FARMS.

Eight experienced farm hands gathered in the office of immigration inspector John Farrell this morning, anxious for jobs on the farm by the year.

Mr. Farrell stated that there would be no difficulty in placing the men as they were all experienced farm hands and willing to take small wages for the winter months in anticipation of better money during the spring and summer.

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foremost lecture on the "Simple Forms of Animal Life." Lantern views of many of the forms were shown. The origin, method of feeding, growth and other actions were discussed by Prof. Robertson.

APPOINTED CONSTABLES.
Since the Elgin county assizes the following have been appointed to the

FIRE REGULATIONS WILL
BE TALKED ON TUESDAY
Ald. L. H. Douglass, chairman of

No. 1 committee, has called a special meeting of that committee for next Tuesday at noon. Fire regulations of the city will be discussed.

The city's fire bylaw has already been up for revision and has been passed upon. The regulations, however, have been passed over from time to time, and the chairman is anxious to have action taken without leaving the regulations for the council of 1925.

NEW ISSUE

\$400,000

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From a letter of Mr. J. A. O'Brien, President of the Company, and from other information supplied to us, we summarize as follows:

BUSINESS AND LOCATION
The business was established twenty-five years ago, and Seaman Kent Company, Limited, is now the largest manufacturer of hardwood flooring in the British Empire. The Company operates three modern mills in Ontario, situated at Meaford, West Lorne and Renfrew, equipped to manufacture thirty million feet per annum. Warehouses are owned at Montreal and Toronto.

ASSETS
The fixed assets of the Company as appraised by the Canadian Appraisal Company amount to \$1,053,397.89
Surplus of current assets over current liabilities, including proceeds this issue. 209,273.44

Making total assets securing bonds, not including good-will, contracts, etc. \$1,262,671.33
or in excess of \$3,100 for each \$1,000 bond.

EARNINGS
Earnings available for bond interest and depreciation, for the past five years, as certified by Edwards, Morgan & Company, Auditors, have averaged \$125,934. This is over four times annual interest requirements on this issue. Earnings available for the year ended June 30th, 1924, were \$142,229.54, or at the rate of five times interest requirements. After depreciation, earnings available for bond interest for the past five years averaged \$104,157 per annum.

SECURITY
The bonds are secured by a specific first mortgage and floating charge on all the assets of the Company. Further bonds may be issued only to the extent of 66 per cent. of the cost or fair value, whichever is less, of additions, extensions or betterments to the property of the Company and only when net earnings for each of the three preceding years are not less than two and one-half times the interest requirements on outstanding bonds and those proposed to be issued.

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ENGINEER'S REPORTS
The Company's business, plants, management, etc., have been favorably reported on for us by Messrs. Lockwood, Greene & Company, Industrial Engineers, of Boston, whose report is on file at our office, as is the appraisal report of the Canadian Appraisal Company.

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