

REFUND OF SALES TAX PLEASES CITY MERCHANTS

TURNBULL PLEASED WITH DECISION TO REFUND SALES TAX

Hon. Mr. Robb's Announcement Finds Almost Universal Approval Here.

BIG SAVING MADE

"It looks as if a new era in political honesty and justice has arrived," is the way William Turnbull, president of the Wholesale Grocers' Association of Ontario, greeted the news that the government had decided to refund the sales tax on unsold goods.

Everywhere Hon. J. A. Robb's announcement regarding the sales tax refund is regarded with satisfaction. In London it is estimated that among the wholesale grocers alone the saving will amount to as high as \$10,000.

When the budget provisions were first made public local wholesalers, manufacturers and retailers seemed well pleased with the majority of changes. All objected, however, to the reduction of the sales tax on April 1, claiming that, in fairness to each, the measure should also apply to unsold goods purchased since the first of the year.

Mr. Turnbull predicted the government would not refund sales taxes paid in before April 1, when questioned regarding the general effect of the new budget several weeks ago. This morning, therefore, he was agreeably surprised to note that his prediction proved false.

"It's the first time in history that any government refunded money it wasn't morally obliged to refund," he said. "Usually it's as hard to get money out of a government as it is out of a highwayman. The government has done the fair and right thing in refunding the sales tax. Mr. Robb is to be congratulated on his decision."

"When the new scale of tariffs and sales taxes was published, the Wholesale Grocers' Association of Ontario communicated with Mr. Robb and asked that the sales tax on unsold goods stocked since the first day of January be refunded. We did not think our plea would be considered. Apparently, however, it has had a good effect."

The concession made to steel manufacturers by reducing the tariff on ingot moulds is favorably regarded by the London Rolling Mills. This item, however, is of relatively minor importance, and no great effect will be felt.

The placing of rolled iron and steel which goes into the manufacture of implements on the free list was viewed with some apprehension by local steel manufacturers, one claiming it would probably have a serious effect on production owing to American competition.

NEWSIES' CLUB FINISHES PROGRAM FOR SEASON

The Newsboys' Club held its final meeting of the season last night at the Y. M. C. A. following the regular program the members had a supper and then wrote their Bible study tests. About 25 boys wrote the examinations.

The Trail Ranger groups also held their final sessions last night, and about 40 boys took the tests. While the results are not yet out it is understood that many of the boys made high marks.

An executive meeting of the G. W. V. A. is being called for Monday night, and several cases in which the association has been successful in securing pension for their members who have yet to receive the same, will be broed.

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THE BOBBED HAIR EPIDEMIC SWEEPS THE HIGH SCHOOL

Reports Say That a Few More Weeks Will See Every Head Cropped.

BUSINESS IS KEEN

Hair Dressing Parlors Rejoice Over Latest Developments of Fashion.

"Each day as school begins, five more girls appear with hair bobbed thin."

Above is the catchy little ditty which teachers at the Central Collegiate will keep humming for some days now, and from all appearances will keep humming for some time, as reports from the Collegiate state clearly that within a few more weeks practically every girl in the entire school will be wearing her tresses in the bobbed-hair fashion, which seems to be sweeping the city at a rapid rate.

Barbers and hairdressing parlors report that their places of business have been besieged with hundreds of the fair sex anxious to have their once pretty curls pass into oblivion. One barber reports that he has had on an average of six girls a day for the past week, and is thinking seriously of fitting up his shop with a ladies department to care for the ever-increasing patronage from the girls. Even married women are having their hair bobbed, declared the barber.

Business houses throughout the city, employing many girls state that it is now an exception to have in their employ a girl wearing her hair as mother did, and find that the girls are much more efficient in their work, even married women are having their hair bobbed, declared the barber.

"It seems to be the rage," declared one teacher at the Central Collegiate, "and while I am not opposed to bobbed hair many girls who are gifted with beautiful golden locks are joining the ranks of the bobbed-hair class. The question at the school is now: When are you going to get your hair bobbed?" and in the majority of cases, the answer is: "Right today."

The Central Collegiate is not the only school in the city where the girls are having their locks sheared, as reports from other centers carries the announcement that, the same condition is prevailing in general in all the schools.

COMPLETE HOBBY FAIR PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

Roy Cunningham Gives Details of Event to Start on May 12.

The final plans for the Hobby Fair to be held during the week of May 12 have been announced by Roy Cunningham, one of the executive in charge of the affair.

Monday night at 8 o'clock, the exhibition will be opened by Robert Forke, leader of the Progressives, for exhibitors, their parents and friends. Tuesday afternoon at 4, the general public will be welcomed by Sir Robert Borden, war premier of Canada, and it is expected that all school children of the city will attend, it being understood that the schools will close at 3 o'clock on Tuesday night, the cooking contest will be held, while the sewing contest will be held on Wednesday.

On Thursday night, the wood-working contest for the boys will take place.

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NOTED ITALIAN AVIATOR TO GO WITH AMUNDSEN

Associated Press Despatch. Bergamo, Italy, May 1.—Lieut. Locatelli, one of Italy's most prominent aviators, has been chosen to accompany Raoul Amundsen on his attempt to fly to the North Pole this summer. The choice of Lieut. Locatelli is commented on favorably by the Italian press. The aviator himself today expressed pleasure over his assignment.



Our Own Lost and Found Department.

Myrtle Broom—Can someone give me the rest of the poem beginning: I am dying, Egypt, dying. Dear Myrt—This is the best we can do: I am dying, Egypt, dying. Using henna, for I'm told That's the stuff for unifying. These silver threads among the gold.

Elizabeth T.—Can you tell me the finish to the line: Call me early, father darling. Dear Lizzie—It's mother's finish, not father's, which you are seeking. Thus: Call me early, mother darling! Such a sale! I can't be late! Fifteen-dollar Paris models. Cut to fourteen ninety-eight.

Why Not? Nipp: "How long did Gray hold down his job?" Tuck: "Until he made enough to buy a lounging robe." —C. H. Thompson.

Back To Eden. They found him wandering around in a dazed condition, bearing the earmarks of a vigorous quarrel—a gap in his front teeth. Filled with pity, they seized him by the arms. "Come, old chap, let us take you home to your wife." He groaned piteously. "Don't you understand?" he murmured feebly, "that's where I got it." —Dennison Varr.

The man who invented work never finished the job.

Some Do Remain Faithful. I noticed that she was quivering as I approached her, and I could not help but see that her breath came in quick, sharp gasps. My heart softened and I resolved that although I had been miserably hard on her, I would not be in the future. My errant heart had even prompted me to leave her now that her first youth was passed, and I was ashamed. After all, she was my pal, my standby. She had ever been ready to follow my slightest wish, to go with me to the ends of the earth. My conscience smote me as I gazed on her today. She was still vigorous, still sufficiently up to the minute to pass muster anywhere.

All she needed was a coat of paint and a new set of tires. —Mary F. Kingston.

Wild Willie. By George S. Chappell. Little Willie, with some ink. Gave the speaking tube a drink. Then he whistled down to Lena; We had to send her to the cleaner.

Willie, who's an awful cut-up. Told the minister to shut up. This made Uncle Luther say: "Ain't I often felt that way?"

Fulfilled. "Phil, dear, for years everybody has joked about the bride's first apple pie." "Yes, dear?" "So my first pie will be a lemon." And it was. —William M. Newman.

Oh, Abused Women! If you have ceased to be in love, if they call you inconsistent, if you choose not to love at all, if they call you indifferent, if you love anyone else but the one they want you to love, they call you false, and only when you give yourself to him whom they think you ought to love are you called loyal. Yours is a hard lot indeed, oh, woman. —Satanello.

Modesty. Kriss: "Modesty is an admirable trait in a girl." Kross: "But even blushing calls for a certain amount of cheek." —Kenneth Andrews.

Readers are requested to contribute. All humor: Epigrams (or humorous mottoes), jokes, anecdotes, poetry, burlesques, satires, and bright sayings of children, must be original and unpublished. Accepted material will be paid for. All manuscripts must be written on one side of the paper only, and should be addressed to the Fun Shop, The London Advertiser. No manuscripts can be returned. The rates are \$1. to \$10. for accepted material, and 25 cents to \$1 a line for poetry.

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CHECKS POUR IN TO TAX OFFICES

Last Day For Filing Income Returns Proves Busy One For Officials.

Checks for 23 cents and checks for \$600,000 have been arriving daily at the federal taxation offices for the past few days in an ever-increasing number.

Yesterday was the last day for the filing of returns, and today's mail is much heavier than any day since the rush began. A double staff has been put on in the sorting rooms, where huge wire hampers, each containing more than five thousand letters are to be opened and sorted.

While all is quiet in the main office, where a solitary constable of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police stands guard, behind the scenes the large staff is busily engaged sorting, filing, tabulating. Here the paper-knife gets in its deadly work on thousands of envelopes per hour.

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PLAYGROUND HEAD TAKES UP DUTIES

"Jerry" Goodman Examines City Equipment—Many Repairs Needed.

"Jerry" Goodman, chief supervisor of the London civic playgrounds, took over his work this morning and began to look over the equipment, preparatory to getting it going for the summer rush in the playgrounds.

While no construction work is possible in the grounds this year, owing to the cut in the estimate made by the council, there is a good deal to do in the way of repair. Swings have to be made safe, ground rolled, tennis nets repaired, grass cut, fences kept in order, swimming pools cleaned, doors and windows in sheds put in shape, and, as usual, a little painting to do.

So the new "chief" is putting in his time and finding that his job calls for a great deal of time and thought.

Liquor Seized Worth \$6,000

Inspector Bolton Submits His Quarterly Report.

The quarterly report of License Inspector Walter Bolton of London and Middlesex shows a total of seven convictions and seizures and one dismissal. The value of liquor seizures and fines totals \$6,000, the inspector states. One thousand bottles of whiskey were captured by the inspector during the quarter.

IF ANTIS SUPPORTED UNION IS KILLED

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hearing of the church union bill opened with a continuance of the same unusual interest. Again there was a crowd waiting in the corridors half an hour before the private bills committee began its sittings. Admittance was not quite so great as on the preceding day, the seating accommodation in the committee room was exhausted and the aisles were filled and the walls lined with spectators.

Dr. Murray McLaren (Conservative, St. John), asked G. W. Mason, counsel for the unionist group, to read the minutes of the general assembly authorizing Dr. Gandier to sign petitions on behalf of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Mason said the moderator was mentioned in the minutes as one of a committee to put the bill in final shape. The blue book of rules of procedure was quoted from: the moderator was given the right to sign "all documents having the authority of the times signed moderator had at all Dr. McLaren asked if all the bills introduced to the legislature proposed for the churches to vote themselves out of the union by a majority vote.

Mr. Mason said that within six months the congregations could vote themselves out with their church property by a majority vote. In the bills in the Maritime Provinces there were provisions regarding the vote of two-thirds of the pew-holders. This was a traditional matter.

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DAVID E. WOLF,

of Artistic Ladies' Wear Company, who has left for a trip through England, France, Germany, Poland, Russia, Turkey, Egypt and Palestine, returning in July. Mr. Wolf will buy extensively for his firm, and will study market and economic conditions in Europe. He sails Saturday on the Leviathan.

BELL DEPLORES M'CORMICK SUIT

Recalls That He Advised the Council Against Move at the Time.

Mayor Wenige and members of last year's council are reminded today by City Treasurer James Bell that he advised them strongly at the time not to sue the McCormick Manufacturing Company in the "annex school tax" case, but to choose another firm in that district.

"I advised a suit against the Ruggles Truck Company at that time," he stated. "The councillors will recall that," he pointed out, "we would be able to collect in the event of a win, as the taxes were for land only, and we would have had no difficulty in securing them. We have since secured other taxes."

"Another point to my mind was that I did not want it to be said that I would not advise suit against Ruggles as I held stock in that corporation. In any event, I did advise against their choice, but they felt otherwise and did not accept our recommendation."

Both Ald. Frank McKay and Ald. Leonard Douglas, mover and second of the resolution respectively of the "annexed tax" resolution, voiced the opinion at last night's session that it was unfortunate the city had not taken action against a firm other than the McCormick Company.

FIRE CHIEF SELECTS TWO YOUNG FIREMEN

First Two of Ten Men Chosen by ead of Department Today.

The first two of the ten new firemen to be hired by Fire Chief John Aitken began their trial period this morning.

They are Stewart Smith of 113 Lorne avenue and Norman R. Grover of 154 William street, both of whom Chief Aitken believes will measure up to the standard required for firefighters. They were assigned to minor duties about the hall and will be given an excellent chance to display their ability after Saturday, when the holiday season for the firemen begins.

Chief Aitken hopes to select from the sixty applications which he has on file men who are capable of doing mechanics' work and also line work. He deems it that he wanted men who could occupy themselves about the hall in some way rather than be standing idly around.

CUSTOMS DUTY JUMP IS SHOWN IN APRIL

Total For Month \$137,514.25, a \$52,440.36 Drop From Last Year.

The cashiers report on customs an excise receipts for April shows increases in excise duties and decreases in import duties, import sales taxes, import excise taxes, and sundries.

Import duties for April, 1923, were \$150,867.87, and for April, 1924, \$116,917.34, a decrease of \$33,950.53. Import sales tax for April, 1924, were \$19,822.65, a decrease of \$18,095.95. Import excise taxes for April, 1924, show \$226.27 against \$254.34 for the corresponding month last year, a decrease of \$28.07. Sundries show a decrease of \$130.54.

The customs total for April this year is \$137,514.25; for April, 1923, \$189,954.64, a decrease of \$52,440.36. Sales taxes show April, 1924, \$60,416.28; April, 1923, \$116,782.06, a decrease of \$56,365.78. Excise duties, April, 1923, were \$18,222.47, in 1924, \$25,527.29, an increase of \$7,304.82 over April last year.

The excise totals April, 1924, show \$85,943.57, for April, 1923, \$135,004.53, a decrease of \$49,060.96. Totals for April, 1923, show \$324,959.17, a decrease of \$101,501.32.

MANY JOIN G. W. V. A.

The executive of the G. W. V. A. report that a surprisingly large number of new members are joining up with the association, and hopes are entertained that the membership will be up to its strength of old.

1914 SAW LAST CHANGE IN ACT

Provincial Education Department Advises Board on Placing of Schools.

A letter from the department of education at Toronto to the secretary of the local board of education says that there has been no amendment to the High Schools Act since 1914 as its affects the clause dealing with the location of new schools and the authority of city councils

A DEAD GIVEAWAY

"I had to be away from school yesterday," said Jimmy. "You must bring an excuse," said the teacher. "Who from?" "Your father." "He ain't no good at makin' excuses. Ma catches him every time." It's up to father to square himself. Buy friend wife a perfect blue-white diamond from John A. Nash, My Jeweler, London and Windsor. "Where you will eventually buy."—Adv.

G. W. V. A. Needs New Billiard Table

Officials on Lookout For a Reasonable Exchange.

The G. W. V. A. is on the lookout for a new billiard table and an exchange for the one now in use. Any information as to where the association might secure one at a reasonable cost will be gladly received by the officials.

The old one has been in use since the association was founded and it being the chief recreation in the club has seen considerable service.

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Everything new in plain or plaid Ratines at, yard.

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About 60 dozen Ladies' Cotton Hose, in gray, white, brown and black. All sizes, at per pair,

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100 dozen Silk Fibre Hose, in sand, brown, silver, meadow lark, suede, black and almond. Plain and striped. All sizes. A real buy at, per pair,

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