

CANADA'S PLACE IN LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Lieut.-Col. Biggar Tells Canadian Club How Organization Was Formed.

Lt.-Col. O. M. Biggar, K.C., addressed the Canadian Club yesterday at luncheon on "The Place of Canada in the League of Nations." Col. Biggar is son of the late city councilor C. W. R. Biggar and grandson of Sir Oliver Mowat.

The league of nations he thought to be the inevitable step, whether immediately or later. There were, of course, opponents and some critics had said that the partisans of the league included all who were unsound. He considered this view might be reversed.

The only motive that could preserve order, according to some, was fear. Those who had been unable to see the self-abnegation of the past five years would think it madness to depend upon the ordinary resources of civilization and desired to create standing armies. The ordinary co-operation of the people, he said, was the only way to larger and larger aspects of organization, and to those who thought that this could be realized upon it was possible to win sympathy for the league of nations.

There were those also who had the democratic idea of the evolution of society but who stopped at the limits of the nation as the ultimate unit of development.

Examples of international organizations formed since 1859, such as the postal conventions, the radio telegraph union, the sanitary organizations and others, ten in all, described by Mr. Biggar in his book on the subject, illustrated the possibility of advance in international co-operation.

Had Small Beginning
The league of nations was nothing more than a comparatively small step beyond what had already been done. It was only one of a considerable number of similar organizations. On the peace side it was but a small step, being intended to promote international co-operation as the first and chief object, and, secondly, international peace and security. In this connection it was contemplated to bring all existing international conventions under the league, subject to the consent of the signatories.

On the war side the mandatory principle he considered of great importance, but it was still in process of being worked out, and its success would depend on the public opinion of the world.

As to the prevention of war, the covenant provided for the creation of an international authority, and while its success depended on whether its form was sound or not, the recognition of the principle was the important thing: up to the present in international law it had been recognized that in morals as well as in law a state was sovereign. Whatever a state decided was binding on itself. The new covenant did not forbid war, but it did forbid war under certain conditions. No law would prevent murder, and the objection that it did not prevent altogether was not a valid one, but if in any measure the covenant prevented the kinds of war condemned its object would be gained.

It was unreasonable to say that because the league existed, no military preparation should be made. He could think of no Canadian laws which would not be observed but for the authority of the police. (Laughter.)

Canadians came under the convention individually were therefore responsible for their share of the duty to prevent war as the league provided, and Canada had therefore to take her share in providing the police to enforce the law and the rules which had been made. This force would also serve for national defence. We had acquired a new allegiance to a body created by our consent for the purpose of extending international law.

SEVEN RELEASED FOR CHRISTMAS
Sentences Remitted for Men Convicted of Holding Banned Literature.

According to an official notification received by J. G. O'Donoghue from the secretary of state yesterday, the seven men who received sentences of six months to three years in June last from Magistrate Kingsford, because they had in their possession literature banned by an order-in-council, have been released.

The trial of these men—Herbert Hite, 162 Logan avenue; Anton Medwek, 19 Camden street; Luke Barylsky, 589 West Richmond street; Joseph Bell, 139 Heward avenue; Audisio Volerio, 137 Grange avenue; Mark Rotchay and Constantine Golshech—aroused great interest throughout the country, and was the reason for the holding of many indignation meetings. The men were arrested in a house on West Queen street where they had gone to arrange plans for a picnic. The police, however, raided the place while they were in there, and a bundle of objectionable literature, which was on top of a bookcase, was seized and the men charged with its possession.

Liberated for Christmas.
The men were placed on trial, and they were sentenced with five others who did not appear before Magistrate Kingsford. An appeal was made, and the other five were granted a new trial, which they had before Magistrate Cohen, who imposed a similar sentence to that imposed by Magistrate Kingsford. At an appeal before Judge Widdifield, the five men's convictions were quashed.

"They are certainly not criminals, and it is good news to hear that they have been liberated for Christmas," said their counsel, Mr. Widdifield, in the action of the government. "I think the government is beginning to realize that it is high time the rigid orders-in-council were removed. The orders-in-council have not all been removed yet, as these men would still have been in jail had not special executive clemency been exercised. They were not released under this latest act of the government, as the censorship act has not been repealed as far as I can make out."

A PIANO FOR CHRISTMAS.
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OPEN EVENINGS DIAMONDS

CITY HALL NOTES

"When a person is taken from a house suffering from smallpox all others in that house who have come in contact with that person must be vaccinated. If they have been successfully vaccinated previously to the other contracting the disease they may be released provided they have taken thorough cleansing baths. In such a case they are permitted to go to work. But only if successfully vaccinated."

This was the explanation given to The World yesterday afternoon by Mr. Rowland, secretary to the medical officer of health, respecting the case of 190 George street, in which one man named Weller was taken to the hospital suffering from smallpox and the other inmates of the house were released provided they carried out the instructions noted above.

Smallpox figures for both the week-end and yesterday up to four o'clock show a decided falling off from previous daily returns. Week-end figures show that only 47 new cases were reported for the 48 hours ending midnight Sunday (Monday), while only 13 new cases were reported for the sixteen hours ending yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. This is the most satisfactory report in weeks, and shows that a decrease has set in dating from last Friday. Nearly a thousand cases have been discharged to date.

Willards, Limited, have received a permit for the erection of a two-storey brick factory (the site of another branch of the firm) at the corner of Dupont and Manning avenue, the building to cost \$65,000. Another addition is to be made to the life-saving station at the western gap, and yesterday a permit was issued for a \$12,000 building for this purpose. Still another notable permit issued yesterday was that to the Sunnyside Pavilion management for a new pavilion at the Sunnyside beach. Other permits issued were: Semi-detached dwellings for Crawford & McClintock, \$11,000; a private garage for the Dunlop Rubber Company, Bussey avenue, near Logan, \$13,000, and a number of dwellings at \$4,000 and \$6,000.

Commissioner Bradshaw in his financial statement for 1919 shows that taxes collectible for 1919 amounted to \$19,462,287, \$605,403 less than for 1918. The mill rate for 1919 was two less than for the previous year, hence the decrease in the amount collectible. Of the amount collectible \$16,756,418, or 86.16 per cent, of the collectible amount having been taken in in 1918.

In the analysis of payments collectible and paid up made up for the various wards none is shown for ward eight. The totals here show only \$2,705,897 outstanding. Mr. Bradshaw in his report shows by a comparison of the figures for 1919 and preceding years that business in Toronto is becoming more sound.

Real estate was shown to be livelier in 1918 than in several preceding years, 17,405 tax certificates being issued during the year.

Commissioner Bradshaw urges the need of a liquid reserve or surplus fund at the earliest opportunity, and he points out that arrears of taxes involve for the city heavy temporary borrowings since all expenditures for the year are based upon the supposition that all taxes will be paid within the year.

It is generally understood among officials of the city health department that it would be difficult for St. Catharines or any other city to lay charge against Toronto of being the means of transmitting smallpox to the provincial centres with any justification or probability of winning the case. Officials were, however, reluctant to discuss the matter.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL

Candidates Must Be Freeholders on Assessed Basis of \$1000.

Candidates for city council honors must qualify as follows: They must be freeholders or leaseholders, freehold property to be free to the extent of \$1,000, the assessed valuation to be taken as the basis for this calculation.

Every candidate for council from the mayor down must be a freeholder or leaseholder. If the property is freehold, it must be free of incumbrance to the extent of at least \$1,000, and in calculating this sum the difference between the amount of the incumbrance and the assessed value must be taken, not the value placed on the property by the owner. There is an exception to this qualification, however, which states that a man may qualify if he is in actual occupation of freehold property assessed for \$2,000, notwithstanding any incumbrance.

Regarding leasehold qualifications property of this character must also be assessed for \$2,000 or over, and the tenancy for council must not be in arrears with their taxes, but this regulation does not apply to the board of education.

Must Be Residents.
Candidates for council must reside in the city or within a two-mile radius of the city, while those for board of education must be residents either in the city or within a one-mile radius. Candidates for council must not be in arrears with their taxes, but this regulation does not apply to the board of education.

Nominators and secondors of candidates must be persons at least 21 years of age, who take place at noon in the respective wards.

Every candidate, whether for council or board of education, must file his declaration of qualification at the office of the city clerk at the city hall either on the day of nomination or before 9 p.m. the day after. Otherwise, candidates will be deemed to have resigned and their names will not appear on the ballot paper.

Candidates are requested to obtain a receipt when filing their declarations, the city clerk having decided to issue them in order to avoid mistakes.

Last year's board of education candidates were not required to file a declaration, but during the present year a ruling on the subject has been given by the county judge at Barrie.

CITY NOMINATIONS REGISTERED TODAY

Nominations for the city council will be held today at noon at the following schools. Candidates must register not later than 1 o'clock:

Ward One—Riverdale Collegiate Institute.
Ward Two—Winchester Street School.
Ward Three—Wellesley School.
Ward Four—Lansdowne School.
Ward Five—Harbord Collegiate Institute.
Ward Six—Kensington School.
Ward Seven—Annette Street School.
Ward Eight—Kew Beach School.

Nominations for the mayoralty and the board of control will be held at the city hall.

PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY Deputation Urges Change in the Method of Payment.

A large deputation representing the municipalities situated along the front part of the counties of Durham and Northumberland waited upon Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works, yesterday. They asked that some arrangement be made with regard to the payment on account of the provincial highway.

At present, local municipalities pay 30 per cent of the cost. What they want is either for the province to take over the whole cost of the highway or for the expense to be borne by the whole of the united counties.

Mr. Biggs said he was considering new legislation. This year the counties would pay the 30 per cent, and the council could divide that as they desired among the municipalities interested.

Option Sought on Defunct Times, But No Tenders for Purchase

No tenders for the defunct "Daily Times" have yet been received by Master in Chambers J. A. C. Cameron, altho the tenders were supposed to have been in by noon on Saturday last. At the session yesterday Harry Ferguson, solicitor for the paper, and Guy Clarkson, acting for the liquidator, appeared before the master and stated that some dozen people had looked over the property since the plan was shown to be reported the plan was worth \$125,000. It was intimated, however, that certain interests are seeking an option on the property, but nothing definite is yet known of their intention.

GRACE FOR AUTO LICENSES

Owners of automobiles, the licenses for which are due on Jan. 1, are to be given a month's grace by the provincial authorities, and the money need not be paid before the end of that month. The new licenses will, of course, be available at any time.

ROADS MEN TO MEET

The annual meeting of the Ontario Good Roads Association will be held in Toronto on March 3, 4 and 5. The county roads superintendents will also convene here March 1, 2 and 3.

A NEW SUMMER RESORT.

Information has been received at Grand Trunk headquarters that Canada will have next year a summer resort hotel that will surpass in size any similar enterprise previously created in the Dominion. This hotel will be in the "Lake of Bays" district of the "Highlands of Ontario," and will be known as the "Bigwin Inn." Construction work has been completed and the hotel will be opened during the coming summer. It will have accommodation for six hundred guests. Railroad authorities state that the opening of the Bigwin Inn will mark a notable step in the development of Canadian summer resorts.

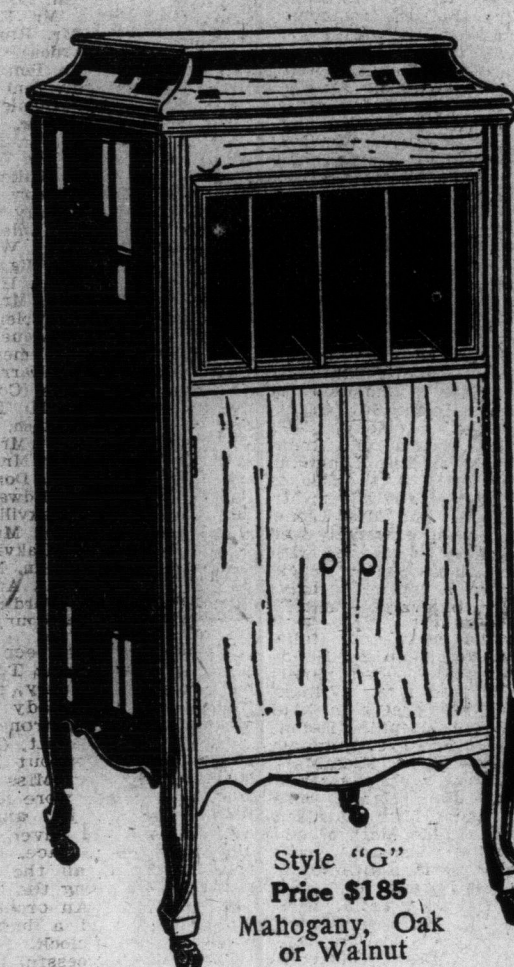
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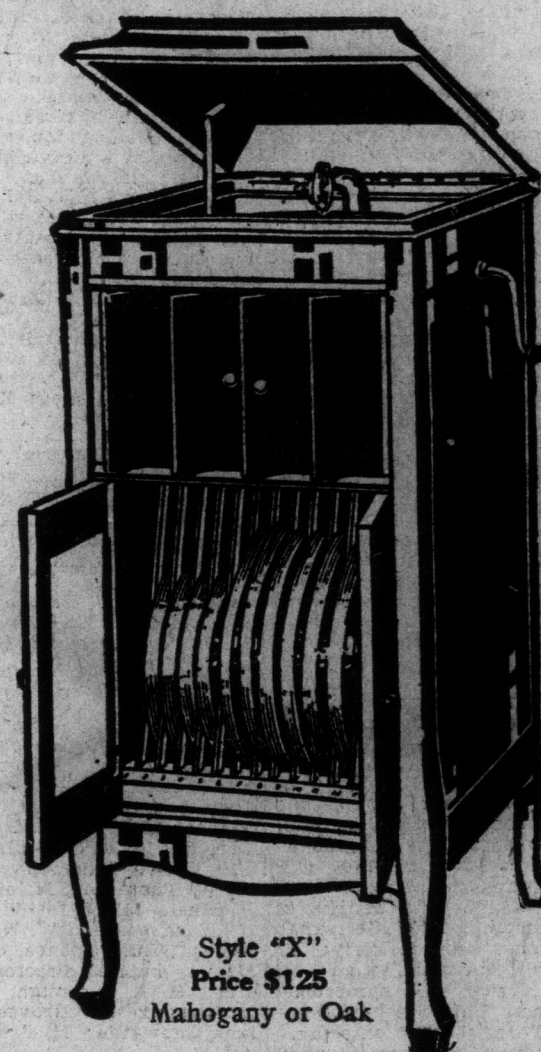
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The Cecilian Co., 247 Yonge Street.
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The Deer Park Music Shop, 1435 Yonge Street (at St. Clair).
The Dale Furniture Co., 308 Yonge Street.
Gourlay, Winter & Leeming, Limited, 188 Yonge St.
Home Furniture Carpet Co., Ltd., 345 Queen St. East.
Fred Johnston, 1174 Queen Street West.
Geo. M. Lawson, 3085 Dundas Street West.
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Newcombe Piano Co., 442 Yonge Street.
Russell Music Co., 535A Bloor Street West.
Reliable Furniture Co., 36 Queen Street East.
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Standish Phonograph Co., 382 Yonge Street.
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