

RAISE LIMIT OF TAX EXEMPTION

G. W. V. A. Would Have the Amount Increased To \$4,000.

HOLIDAY ARMISTICE DAY

Comrade French Urged To Remain As President.

A movement was commenced at a meeting of the Grand Army of United Veterans last night to have the limit of tax exemption for returned soldiers raised from \$2,000 to \$4,000. Authority was given a small committee to interview next year's Council on this matter with a view to securing the ends desired by the veterans.

It was pointed out that whatever the civic bodies could do to lighten the expenditures of the men who fought overseas would be an accomplishment along the right line, as many men are not yet firmly established in civilian life. The feeling of the meeting was reflected in the unanimous adoption of a resolution to have the city fathers of 1921 interviewed.

The local command added its support to the plan by which Armistice Day will be a civic holiday and marked by appropriate celebrations. Secretary Lavenex, of the Central Veterans Council, was empowered to go ahead with plans in this connection and to make representations to the mayor that November 11 be set aside as a gala day.

URGED TO REMAIN.

Comrade J. F. French, president of the local branch, offered to resign from his position in view of criticisms which were said to have been directed by certain members against a commissioned officer holding office. By a standing vote the president was urged to remain in the premier office of the London command.

One of the members explained that it was seemingly impossible for some comrades rather than the ranks which supported them overseas. It was understood that the members of the command were not to interfere with the working of the command, but to make it up and had won his rank of lieutenant.

Various points were discussed, including the proposed change in the limit of tax exemption, and the members were urged to remain loyal to the command.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the speakers and a resolution to support the proposed change in the limit of tax exemption.

CLAIMS PRICES OF FOOD HIGH

Alleged That \$1.20 Dozen Asked For Oysters.

INVESTIGATE FURTHER

Report Submitted To Fair Price Committee.

Workingmen of London are complaining that it is impossible to secure a breakfast or supper in the local restaurants at reasonable prices, according to the report submitted to the fair price committee last night by Mr. Bentley, who has been investigating the restaurant prices which prevail in London.

Mr. Bentley called attention to the fact that chicken omelettes were sold at 60c each and he estimated the cost of the omelette at 16c. The prices of oysters are also high, according to the report, which stated that \$1.20 a dozen for oysters was asked in the local restaurants.

Mr. Bentley is to compare with prices of the regular dinners in the cafes and restaurants with the dinners served for the same prices in the local hotels, and will make a further report of his work at the meeting on Friday next.

OVER \$10,000 RECEIVED FOR GRENELL FUND

Less Than \$2,000 More to Be Secured to Complete Objective.

London has nearly reached her objective in the Grenfell perpetuation fund. Honorary Treasurer H. F. Skye points out that there is but \$1,400 necessary to reach the top. It is expected that this will be donated within a few days. There are many citizens who have not yet had any part in this noble work who are, no doubt, anxious to give what assistance they can. Mr. Skye will receive donations at the Bank of Montreal, on the corner of Richmond street and Queen's avenue, at any time during the business hours.

To date the cash donations amount to \$10,137, but a concrete machine valued at \$400 was also given, and this makes the total for London \$10,637. The objective is \$15,000, but A. T. Little has promised to give as his share 25 per cent. of the total subscribed by London. Thus if the other citizens raise \$15,000, Mr. Little's quota will complete the fund.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS.—Commencing to-morrow social gatherings will be held immediately after the Sunday evening service at Knox Presbyterian Church. It is planned to have light refreshments and short program of sacred music in connection with these meetings, and it is believed that they will become popular during the winter months.

Laugh At Present Court Trials As Citizens To-Day Laugh At Time When Pigs Were Tried

Psychopathic Clinic For Prisoners Is Advised By Dr. H. W. Hill.

There is just as much sense in trying and punishing a dog for a crime as there is in trying and punishing a mental defective," declared Dr. H. W. Hill, of the Institute of Public Health, when questioned by The Free Press to-day in regard to the advisability of establishing a psychopathic clinic for prisoners in connection with courts of law.

Dr. Hill declared that the establishment of such a clinic would be a most excellent thing. He pointed out that a very large percentage of crimes could be laid at the door of the mentally defective, whom it was an injustice to punish. The normal person who commits a crime should be punished, but there is no way of distinguishing between the two except by a clinic.

ANIMALS WERE TRIED.

"The reference of Dr. Hill to the trial and punishment of a dog used as a comparison to the trial and punishment of a defective, was a reference to a case in the year 200 or 300 years ago, when animals were employed in their conviction and being given formal trials and executed if found guilty.

There are records in Germany, Switzerland and France of pigs being brought to trial for the murder of a human being. The animal was assigned counsel and all the machinery of the court was employed in their conviction or acquittal. If found guilty the public hanging was as impressive and solemn as that of a man convicted, and the pig was interred in the common prison burying ground.

The value of a psychopathic clinic, according to Dr. Hill, would be in the fact that it would prevent the punishment for crime of those mentally defective. These people, he declared, should not be punished, but should be segregated. Punishment would do no good.

The speaker declared the people of to-day laugh at the action of their ancestors in punishing animals for the death of human beings, but he pointed out that the children of the present day laugh at the action of their ancestors in punishing animals for the death of human beings.

THE CLASSIFICATION.

There are three classes of so-called sane persons: The normal; those on the borderland, and the moral defectives. The normal are always accounted on. Probation and parole systems will take care of the second class, those on the borderland. It is the third class, the moral defectives, that require the psychopathic clinic. This means these persons who have no emotional reaction to the requirements of conscience or society can be classified accurately by means of tests that are the product of years of work and experiment by the best psychiatrists. They could be segregated from society for their own good and for the protection of society as a whole.

Dr. Hill stated that at the present time punishment was meted out where help should be given. The greatest amount of crime has been found to come from the latent type of insanity, where no outward signs were visible. In this connection, Dr. Hill stated that it had been shown by repeated observation that 70 per cent. of prostitutes were mentally defective.

FINED FOR CARRYING LIQUOR ON THE STREET

Citizen Told Magistrate Graydon That He Was Taking Bottles to Windsor.

A citizen, who was apprehended this morning on a charge of having liquor in other than a private dwelling, was fined \$200 and costs by Magistrate Graydon at to-day's session of the police court. He said that he was taking three bottles of liquor from his home to a place where he stayed in Windsor.

"You have no right to keep liquor in such a place," the court told him. "The facts as told me," said Chief Robert Birrell, "are to the effect that he takes liquor to Windsor for sale. However, I have no evidence of that. The defendant admitted that he makes three trips to Windsor."

Gooderham-Mulhern.

At St. Peter's rectory, at 130 to-day, the marriage was quietly solemnized of the late Patrick Mulhern and Mrs. Mulhern, of this city, to Henry Stephen Gooderham, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gooderham, Toronto, Rt. Rev. Mr. McKee officiating. The bride, who wore a smartly-tailored suit of deep old bolivia cloth, with chic brown hat and corsage of roses, was attended by her matron of honor, Mrs. Raymond Boeck, of Toronto. Mrs. Boeck wore a tailored frock of navy serge. Mr. Dean Gooderham, also of Toronto, was his brother's groomsman.

A buffet luncheon at the home of the bride's mother, Wellington street, followed the ceremony, the guests including only the younger friends of the bride and groom. Mrs. Mulhern resided in a tailored suit of navy blue with handsome fur. The room was fragrant with flowers, the bride's table in the dining-room glowing with deep pink sweetheart roses. In the early afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Gooderham left on their wedding journey to Hot Springs, Virginia, and on their return will reside in their new home, St. Clair avenue, Toronto. Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gooderham, Mr. and Mrs. Stark, and Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, all of Toronto, and the Misses Esther and Ruth Manure, of Detroit.

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RAMBLING AROUND WITH OLD DOC. PEP

October 20. Up, and a fine, cool, breezy day as ever was, and thank heaven and St. George that the snow do no more than leave visiting cards. My Aunt Mary assured me that we shall now have Indian summer, as it has snowed, but I ask her what it is we have been having for the past two months. But she is determined that there is no Indian summer if it comes not in November.

So dress and find that another one of my collars, which I have by me for two years past, is beginning to split to its front. A strange thing that I never observed before how collars last hardly any time at all, and the price of them is the most ridiculous thing that ever was. What a waste of money! The madnes of profiteering seems to be in the haberdashery business, and what we poor fellows are to do, St. Andrew alone knows.

Which reminds me how at breakfast I tell my wife that it is high time she got to her darning, especially of socks. But the mad creature sniffs haughty and says: "Did you think, sirrah, that in marrying me, you married a seamstress?" But I tell her that I thought to have a wife who would combine all those pleasant trades and give obedience as is man's due.

We herewith nominate the Lord Mayor of Hamilton for chief justice or some such office. This because he cries out pretty high upon those mad reformers that would stop men from their tobacco. But, St. George, I am sometimes ashamed of being a man! Here I go into a tobacconist's yesterday to get me smoking mixture, and the keeper of it is gloomy beyond anything, saying: "Tobacco is doomed! The women be after it as they were before strong liquors, and there is no hope!" Whereat I tell the coward that they can't do it. And the man says: "Uh-huh! That's what they said about whisky!" Lord have mercy on us.

But votaries of Lady Nicotine, attention! Action should be taken at once to nip this campaign in the bud. If we men will stick together, we shall have the matter soon settled. This by starting a campaign against the painting of faces by women and using of seductive scents. Also to ban tea, a drink fit only for children. So all sober smokers who will join this movement, send your names forthwith and we shall call a mass meeting for the election of officers. Alcoholics may allow their strong drink to be taken from them, but give us our pipes or give us noddled cells!

"Regular Citizen"—Well, then, vote early and often. I shall gladly hear from you, but abandon this flag idea. For while you propose it to keep motor coach drivers away from you, "his highly probable" is a band of revolutionists (to their heads) would fall in behind you singing the "Marseillaise," "Dieppe," or some such song. I have a better plan and give it here with. Get a hand bag made in the shape of a black canister and paint on it "Dynamite." No motor coach will then run into you, and 'tis even possible that you can get room on a sidewalk.

Out to a meeting of our high school committee of trustees, and the most ridiculous meeting I ever was at in my life. The gist of it is that they plan to build the new high school in a central location—a central location for one ward only! Also, they will build complete high schools all over the town, or else manage with makeshifts. Which St. George witnesses is a delusion of grandeur that is Peter McCarthy's diagnosis of our troubled state. "A high school is very necessary," says my grandfather, "and our trustees should take shade that six months have passed and naught done towards building a new one. But London needs many other things besides a copy of high schools. A city hall, for instance; a dam for the river, a motor bus service, grants for our university, and other high things. But if we follow these Toronto suggestions, we shall have naught to show visitors but high schools and a few public schools with additions to them. Like clothes handed down from father to son!"

And the worst of it is that our trustees listen meekly to these Toronto people, who never keep the same mind for 12 months, and stand not up to them like burghers of old days in face of tyranny and tell them: "We shall build as we see fit, or else we won't build at all. London has practiced the half-day session, and that plan can be extended. Take your fads to some Utopia where the citizens are soft to their heads, but think not to dictate to Londoners who pay high taxes, beyond any reason, and yet nothing to show for it but a few more school monuments surrounded by unpaved streets and a river full of sewage!"

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3-SCHOOL PLAN SUBJECTED TO

Trustee Smith Sees Real Estate Scheme In Proposal.

ONE SCHOOL ENOUGH

Debtenture Debt of City Is Already Large.

Proposed building of a \$750,000 high school on the site of Sir Adam Beck's London residence, "Heady," causes Trustee Edwin Smith to see a scheme to inflate property values in North London. This "scheme" may be wholly free from any sectional beneficial design, he points out, but he is convinced that the erection of the new high school on Sir Adam Beck's property would double some adjacent property values.

Mr. Smith, in an interview to-day, also stated his intention of asking the Board of Education to endorse a scheme that will solve the central high school problem. He proposed and made for the greater efficiency of the public schools "the public schools," Mr. Smith stated, "are Canada's hope. There should be nine grades in the public schools. This would do away with the first-year class at the Collegiate, and incidentally provide classrooms for 400 additional scholars."

ONE HIGH SCHOOL.—"London doesn't need more than one high school now, and that school should be built on the site of the old Collegiate. It is centrally located as is proved by the fact that the site selected for the new hotel is almost on the same base line as the site of the old Collegiate. To remove the school a mile further north would do away with the convenience of all other sections, and ward politics would demand high schools for each section."

"The cost of this should be considered. It should be considered by plain business men who do not feel that the city treasurer possesses of Allah's gift of the lamp. Our debtenture limit is not very far away. We have the highest tax rate in history. But what has London to show for it. There are three complete high schools, with all that would mean in maintenance costs, to take care of 10 pupils? It is the number of up-to-date school pupils now taught in the Collegiate; 10 of that number come from the country. Think what three high schools or even two complete high schools would cost the city in maintenance. Is London ready to pay taxes for supporting such a scheme? What would be the cost of the schools have with three Collegiates coming to the city, exchequer with the 'more cry.' Every citizen should express an opinion on this matter. A ninth grade in the public schools would solve the difficulty. One school, built on the central site we now have, according to plans adopted, would take care of London's high school problem. The Adolescent Act comes into effect. Trustees talk of the future, but the future is here. Let us solve its own problems," Mr. Smith concluded.

MOVING TO SETTLE

ADRIATIC DISPUTE

ROME, Oct. 29.—Direct negotiations will begin early in November between Italian and Jugoslav representatives to settle the Adriatic question, according to a semi-official note issued to-day.

A Rome dispatch on October 26 said the Italian Council of Ministers had decided to resume negotiations with the Jugoslavs concerning the Adriatic problem in order to bring them to a conclusion, in one way or another, before the reopening of Parliament, fixed for November 10.

The negotiations, it was said, would be conducted on Isola Bella, or the Borromean Islands in the Bay of Tosa, and would have a twofold aim—territorial and economic.

MCNEAL DEPORTED

Man, Acquitted of Murder of Thorold Girl, Arrested in United States.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Oct. 29.—David McNeal, acquitted at Welland last week of the murder of the child, Margaret Beucher, was taken across the river and handed over to United States immigration authorities, who turned him over to Detective Walsh, of Philadelphia.

Detective Walsh had warrants for McNeal's apprehension on charges on which he is liable to from 20 to 25 years' imprisonment.

SEES OWN NAME IN LIST OF THE DEAD

COBOURG, Ont., Oct. 29.—Cephas Finnemore, of Winnipeg, accompanied by his bride, formerly Miss Pearl Alexander, of Winnipeg, has been visiting his parents here during the last few days and has had the unusual experience of seeing his name engraved on a memorial tablet in Victoria Hall, Cobourg, in honor of the fallen brave men of the 13th Battalion.

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Youth Convicted of Fraud Is Sentenced By Magistrate.

THREE MONTHS TO 2 YEARS

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