

TO ASSESS DUTY AT BANK RATES OF EXCHANGE

Bill Passed in Australian House to Encourage Trade With Countries Where Money Has Depreciated.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Dec. 12.—The Australian government has taken steps to enable countries whose currency has depreciated to trade with Australia, according to advice received by Mark Sheldon, commissioner for that dominion.
Australia has been collecting customs duties at the mint par rate of exchange based on the value of invoices in the currency of the country where the goods originate. This, the commissioner says, has made it virtually impossible for certain countries whose currency has depreciated to trade with Australia, because the duties would be too high.
At the same time it tended to prevent French and Italian exporters from using the exchange position to dump goods at prices which neither Australian nor British manufacturers could compete.
To remedy this situation the Australian House of Representatives has passed a bill proposed by the minister of customs which provides that the board of trade shall review the position whenever the exchange rate in any country falls ten per cent below the mint par rate and authorizes the board to recommend to the minister that the bank rate of exchange should be adopted in assessing duties.

HELP DOCTORS KEEP RIGHT UP WITH SCIENCE

(Toronto Globe.)
Realizing the difficulty that besets most doctors in rural centres who wish to keep fully abreast of the rapid onward march of medical science, the Ontario Medical Society at its meeting here yesterday decided to launch an elaborate educational programme.

It was agreed to inaugurate a post-graduate course for all rural doctors, and a schedule has been drawn up to meet the needs of every locality. For a long time hundreds of medical men who wished to "brush up" on one or more subjects had to come to Toronto, and perhaps leave a practice to a substitute if one could be obtained. This is often difficult.
By the new plan, if twenty-five or thirty medical men in any section wish to "brush up" they will be able to send word and lecturers will be sent once a week, if necessary. The best men in the profession have volunteered their services as lecturers.

A weighty appeal is to be made to the Ontario government to undertake a complete survey of the unattended sick of the province. The association is willing to undertake the work if the government will pay the cost. No figures were available regarding the number in Ontario, but reports from other places show that the average is from forty to sixty per cent. The association has the machinery for such a work through the agency of 3,500 doctors.
The venereal disease situation was also given attention at the meeting. The campaign undertaken by the Ontario department of health will be actively supported. Certain kinds of treatments were discussed and educational schemes outlined.

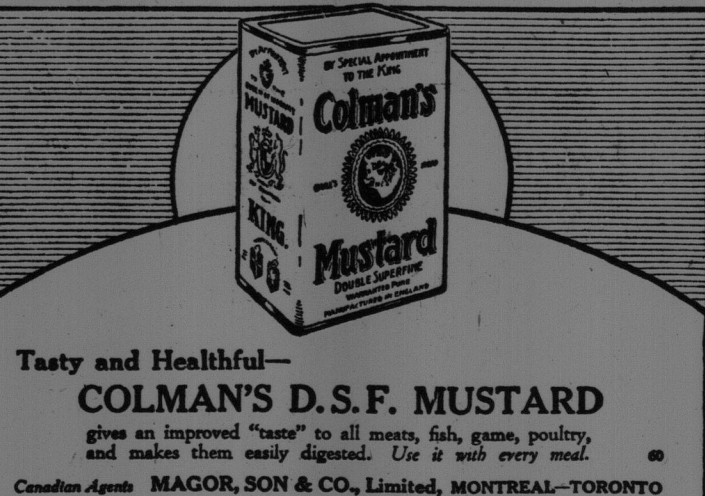
Dr. T. C. Routley of Toronto, secretary of the association, who is taking a very active interest in matters affecting the profession and the public, announced that the Ontario Medical Association is being incorporated under the Companies' Act of Ontario.

FARMERS PROPAGANDA

(Associated Press.)
Riverside, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Farmers of Suffolk County expect to snuff out speculators and pull down food prices by marketing their products through cooperative storehouses. They also have mapped out a five-year programme to make rural life attractive to their sons and daughters.
Through the Suffolk County Farm Bureau they expect to build structures to store the potato crops and other products and see that they are distributed evenly on the market. Then they believe they will be absolved of blame for the operations of speculators.
At a recent meeting where the programme was drafted the bureau directors recommended the appointment of practical farmers only to the directing board of applied agriculture.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The number of horses in this country has decreased 1,300,000 in the last ten years, say reports submitted to the Horse Association of America.

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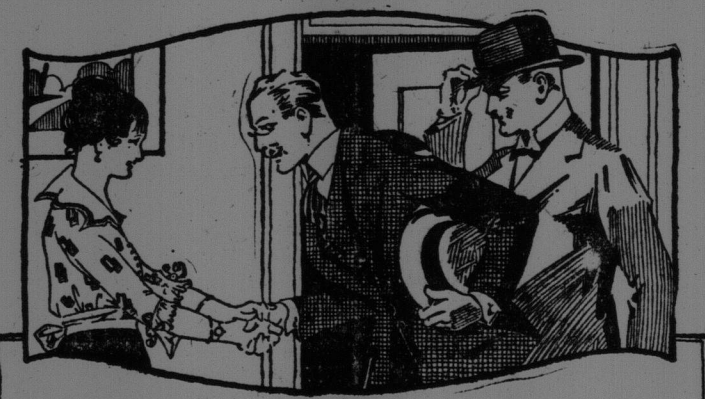
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WOMEN WANT PLACE IN THE TOWN COUNCIL

Whitby, Dec. 12.—Whitby women are indignant at what they term a subtle scheme of the town council to keep them out of town politics. At a meeting the council reserved the gallery at the Music Hall on nomination night for the women thus leaving the front seats open for men only.
Despite the action of the council some of the women say that they are going to make themselves heard, even though they have to speak from the back of the hall, where the gallery is situated. Never in the history of the town has a woman sat on the town council, and there has

been much talk this year of getting at least one woman on that body. No names have been mentioned, but it is reported that several of the women are preparing to run.

A FLOATING CREMATORY.
Tokyo, Nov. 12.—(A. P. Correspondence.)—Tokyo will soon have a "floating crematory" the first of its kind in Japan. Two specially constructed vessels of 150 tons each, with facilities for cremating 80 bodies at a time will be used. The vessels will be anchored at a wharf at Shibura and, after funeral services have been held on board, they will leave for a point about seven miles off the bay for the cremation.



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"MEDICOS" WANT
SHOW-DOWN WITH
CHIROPRACTORS, ETC.
Will Put All Cards on Table—Ask Others to do Same and Let Legislature Decide.
(Toronto Globe.)

The cards of the medical men of Ontario went down on the table yesterday afternoon. From now on they intend to place the responsibility for passing legislation governing those who undertake to treat the ills of humanity squarely upon the law-makers of the province. They will not indulge in criticisms of chiropractors, osteopaths, or any other class, nor will they attempt by any other means to fortify their professional interests.
Through their various sectional bodies throughout the province they are going to get in touch with all public organizations, state their viewpoint, and in return learn the viewpoint of those approached. All this information is to be gathered and sent into a central body, which will put it in such shape that it can easily be understood by the members of the legislature. The medical men want the osteopaths, chiropractors and others to do the same, and much good is expected to result. All the medical men ask is that all who undertake to treat human illness should have the qualifications that modern science can give them.
This decision on the relation of the medical profession to the public was reached at a meeting of the Ontario Medical Association, over which Dr. J. Heurmer Mullins of Hamilton presided. The association has until now met only annually, but there are such weighty questions of interest to the profession awaiting settlement that they have decided to meet twice a year.

DIAMOND WEDDING
FOR EDITOR
London, England, Dec. 12.—Editor of Lloyd's News from 1884 to 1907, Thos. Catling celebrated his diamond wedding last week.

COLLEGE SCENARIOS

Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Temple University students will be offered a course in scenario writing next year. It will be named in honor of Stanley V. Mastbaum, a pioneer motion picture man.

WOMEN VOTE IN HOLY LAND

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 12.—The first popular election ever held in the Holy Land found women campaigning and voting as spiritedly as the men and just as successfully.

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