

MUST TAKE COAL IN LITTLE LOTS

No Large Supplies Likely Until December

WHEN NAVIGATION ENDS

St. Thomas Solicitor Reports on Situation

ST. THOMAS, Oct. 30.—The price of hard coal in this city and the outlook for the winter's fuel supply were thoroughly discussed at the meeting of No. 4 committee of the City Council this evening. Mayor Raven opened the question, pointing out that the fuel problem was becoming a very complex one. In Toronto the fuel controller had fixed the price of hard coal at \$15.50 per ton, and in other cities it was now \$16 a ton. Many inquiries had been made to him by local citizens as to why the prices in St. Thomas were about \$2 higher than in Toronto especially when considering the transportation facilities of this city.

The mayor reviewed the situation since the provincial fuel meeting held in Toronto in August. At that meeting the municipalities had been advised that coal would be scarce this winter, particularly before Christmas, and the purchase of Welsh coal had been recommended. At that time the only Welsh coal available locally had been bituminous coal at \$12 to \$16 a ton laid down. Later Welsh semi-hard coal became available locally at prices from \$12 to \$24. The city decided to buy at these figures, but did purchase an emergency quantity of hard wood amounting to about 1,200 cords cut up. Mayor Raven then called on City Solicitor Doherty, who conferred with the provincial fuel controller in Toronto last week, to give a report on conditions at the present time.

BROKERS GET MORE.

Mr. Doherty stated that in discussing the situation with J. J. Ellis, the controller, the latter had declared that largely through weather conditions the fuel situation had become less acute of late. Hard coal was coming into the province in small quantities, but there was not enough coming in to meet the demand. Mr. Ellis did not expect large quantities of hard coal till December 1, after navigation closes up.

Dealers have largely followed the advice to get in substitute fuel where hard coal was not available and had stocked up with wood, soft coal, coke and hard coal where it was obtainable from the independent mines. The Toronto price of \$15.50 was based on a price of \$3 at the mines, and as higher prices than this are asked by the independent companies, the dealers who are getting coal from this source cannot sell for \$15.50. The controller urges citizens to buy as small quantities of coal as possible at a time, and dealers have been ordered not to deliver coal to consumers who have two week's supply or more on hand.

WEST ZORRA MYSTERY MAN

Window Tapper or Cave Man Supplies Hollow Atmosphere

INGERSOLL, Oct. 30.—West Zorra seems to have a cave man. He has been spending his nights of late in tapping windows and likewise peering in. One night he was reported to have been discovered under a bed in a farmer's house. Saturday night last he was reported to be brandishing a gun and running along the road without any clothing. County Constable Fred Hill, of Woodstock, has tried to locate him; so have the Ingersoll police, but he still goes free.

WALKERTON COUPLES MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

WALKERTON, Oct. 30.—The golden wedding of two of Walkerton's venerable couples took place over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Krootach celebrating their 50th anniversary on Saturday and Mr. and Mrs. George Lambertus on Sunday. All the children of both couples were home for the occasion, coming from the United States, Western Canada and different points in Ontario. Besides receiving valuable remembrances from their children they received many messages of congratulation from friends and relatives.

FORMER LONDONER DEAD

Harry Rose, One Time Member of Local Police Force, Dies in Hamilton.

Constable Harry Rose, ambulance driver of the Hamilton police force and a former resident of this city and member of the local police force, died suddenly in Hamilton on Sunday. Deceased, who was 32 years of age, had been in ill health for the past two months.

He was on the local force when the war broke out, and resigned to go overseas. He served at the front for four years. He came to this city from London, Eng., where he was a member of the metropolitan police force. On returning from the war he joined the Hamilton force.

Deceased was a son-in-law of George Burgess, late inspector of the Humane Society here. Besides his widow he is survived by one son, Harold. His parents, one son, and four brothers reside in Stratford.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Harry Barnes, 653 Hamilton Road, Knocked Off Bicycle by Motor Bus.

Harry Barnes, aged 14, of 653 Hamilton road, had a narrow escape at 4:45 yesterday afternoon when a bicycle he was riding was struck at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, by a motor bus driven by Reginald Delow.

Delow was proceeding south on Richmond, and the lad, who was on the west on Dundas, got in the path of the bus, and before it could be brought to a stop it had knocked him off his bicycle, ran over his wheel and only by inches did the huge wheel miss passing over him.

He suffered slight cuts and a shaking up.

HUNTERS' SPECIAL TORONTO TO NORTH BAY VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM.

For the accommodation of hunters, the Grand Trunk has arranged to operate a special train, consisting of baggage cars, first-class vestibule coaches and Pullman standard drawing-room sleeping cars, from Toronto to North Bay and intermediate points, leaving Toronto 11 p. m., Friday, November 3. Some of the best hunting districts in Ontario are located along the Grand Trunk Toronto to North Bay line. Full particulars as to tickets, etc., may be had on application to Grand Trunk ticket agents.

HYDE PARK ANNIVERSARY.

HYDE PARK, Oct. 30.—Anniversary services were held in the Presbyterian church here yesterday. Rev. J. Crawford, of Wilton Grove, preached earnest and thoughtful sermons. The choir gave special music at both services. In the morning Mr. Charles Graham, of Hyde Park, sang a suitable solo, while in the evening a pleasing duet was given by Miss Phyllis Gray and Mr. Malcolm, of this village, and Mr. Peter Wade, of Dorchester, formerly of Hyde Park, contributed a solo in fine voice. The people gathered in such numbers that chairs and benches were used.

SEE LLOYD GEORGE GAINING GROUND

British Press Says Law Forces Are Handicapped.

ORATORY IS INFERIOR

New Cabinet Is To Hold First Meeting To-Day.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—(Associated Press Cable).—There has been a slight lull in "big gun" election oratory to-day. The new prime minister, Mr. Bonar Law, moved into his official residence in Downing street, and will hold his first Cabinet meeting to-morrow. He is still experiencing difficulty in completing his ministry.

Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Birkenhead, in their recent speeches at Glasgow, made great play with the mediocre political capacity and attainments of the statesmen the prime minister had gathered around him, contrasting them with those who had remained loyal to Lloyd George, and these personal attacks on the new administration have caused much angry feeling on the part of the prime minister's lieutenants, the more especially as in their election campaign they are feeling their inferiority in oratory in comparison with their opponents.

Moreover, Stanley Baldwin, who is Mr. Bonar Law's chief lieutenant, is generally thought to have been somewhat tactless from an electioneering standpoint, when he declared that there would be no immediate reduction in taxation at a decision ever since noting the attitude of the Cabinet toward the matter.

CARSON AND ULSTER.

Lord Carson, in a letter to friends in Belfast, makes his first political pronouncement in this connection, expressing his belief that the Northern Ireland Government will be thoroughly loyal to the Irish settlement as contained in the Act of 1920. Mr. Carson, who is a Unionist, is concerned, and declaring that he wishes to bring home to the minds of the British electorate that the single aim of the Northern Ireland Government is to promote even still closer relations between Ulster and England.

John Robert Clynes, in a speech at Huddersfield, Nottinghamshire, to-night said that the Labor party would readily give up its capital levy plan if there was a better method, but if the other parties had no plan they had no right to say that labor's scheme could not succeed before it had been tried.

ANXIOUS.

A source of anxiety for the Bonar Law party is the mystery surrounding the week-end meeting at the Earl of Balfour's Scottish home at Whittingham, which was attended by Mr. Lloyd George, Austen Chamberlain, Lord Birkenhead and Sir Robert Horne, and which, according to current gossip, was concerned with the arranging of some new agreement for co-operation between the Conservatives and the Liberal-Unionists. Such a tacit agreement is in actual existence in Scotland and in Leeds, Bristol, Sheffield and other places, and there seems to be a growing tendency in this direction despite official denials from Sir George Younger's Conservative organization that any such agreement exists.

In fact, the whole tendency of the present moment appears to be towards a new coalition by which, under the name of "co-operation" rather than "coalition," Mr. Lloyd George and his adherents will again come to the front and Bonar Law's party will be side-tracked. The whole situation is quite new and precludes any prediction how it will develop when it comes to an appeal to the electorate.

The absence of any distinctive party cry or platform adds to this ambiguity. Although known as appeared as far south as London, open air election meetings in many ridings, especially in the metropolis, start this week. So far the election excitement has been confined almost exclusively to committee rooms and political clubs with, of course, a big scramble for tickets when one of the leaders is to speak. Drury Lane Theatre on Thursday, when Bonar Law is to speak there to women, could be filled four times over with applicants for tickets.

HAD FAIR CHANCE.

"Beware of death-bed repentances and promises," is the main line of the Women's Liberal Federation manifesto issued to-day, which points out that Unionists in the last Parliament outnumbered all other parties, consequently it was childish for them now to plead that they did not have a fair chance under Lloyd George.

If Viscount Grey, of Fallodon, were in the foreign office, declare the women Liberals, international confidence and belief in Great Britain, which has been so seriously jeopardized," would return.

The manifesto is interesting because the women's vote is a most uncalculable factor. It is generally supposed that they decline to Toryism.

C. A. McCurdy, the coalition-Liberal whip in the last Parliament, cautiously describes himself to the Northampton electors as "the people's candidate." It is not surprising that a Conservative will oppose him.

H. H. Asquith, leader of the Independent Liberals, went to Paisley to-day accompanied by Mrs. Asquith. Mrs. Asquith is not expected to participate much in the present contest.

Lord Birkenhead's vehement attack at the big Glasgow meeting on Saturday on members of the late Government, who adhere to Bonar Law, has created much discussion in political clubs in London.

THE WELLINGTON REMARK.

Lord Birkenhead raised a laugh which lasted ten minutes when he related the story about the Duke of Wellington who, when reviewing some what levies, said "I don't know what the enemy thinks of them, but by God, they frighten me."

Sir Frank Swettenham, the well-known writer, to-day questions whether it is in the best taste for men going out after long tenure of office to claim a monopoly of administrative ability and declare their successors to be very poor things. Swettenham wonders what Wellington said of those untrained levies after they had seen active service.

A provisional list of candidates already in the field shows 435 Unionists, 160 National Liberals, about 300 Independent Liberals and over 400 Laborites. These will contest 613 constituencies which will be represented in the new Parliament.

Some of these candidates doubtless will drop out, but many others will come forward before nomination day.

WINTER GARDENS.

Grand Halloween masquerade dance to-night.

BIG YEAR FOR ORE

SUPERIOR, Wis., Oct. 30.—The million tons of ore, the largest tonnage shipped through Superior since the period of depression following the war, has been sent down the lakes from the three ore docks here this season, it was announced to-day.

CABINET TURNS DOWN MILLERS

Refuses To Order Review of Rail Board's Decision.

SERIOUS FOR ONTARIO

Millers Claim It Is Blow To Their Export Trade.

OTTAWA, Oct. 30.—The governor-in-council has declined to grant the petition of the Dominion Millers' Association and the National Millers' Association for a review of the judgment of the board of railway commissioners in regard to flour arbitrations over wheat for export. The hearing of the petition took place before a sub-committee of the Cabinet on April 19 of the present year. D'Arcy Scott, of Ottawa, appearing for the millers. It was represented at the time that the freight rate on grain products for export from Georgian Bay ports to Montreal and St. John were too high in comparison to the rate on grain for export to the same ocean ports. Discrimination against the millers was being shown in these rates, it was argued.

The governor-in-council having declined to grant the petition for review, the judgment of the railway commissioners continues in force.

THE TARIFF.

Under the tariff complained of wheat is hauled from Fort William to Montreal, and the flour from Montreal to St. John for export at a total cost of 27½ cents a 100, which includes a charge of one cent for the milling stop-over. From Goderich and Georgian Bay ports to St. John, however, the wheat rate is 15½ cents, and the flour rate 23 cents. Allowing one cent for stop-over, this means, according to the millers' viewpoint, a discrimination of 6.83 cents against the ex-lake wheat.

COMMISSIONER'S RULING.

The railway commission's finding in the matter was that charging of 6.83 cents for 100 pounds differential against flour over the export wheat trade from Eastern lakeport elevators was not "unfair treatment to flour" against one cent per 100 pounds differential to the same seaboard port on flour from Port William or west thereof.

The basis of the millers' appeal was that the decision was not in accord with the evidence and contrary to the Railway Act. They quoted section 316, subsection 3 (a) which says that "No company shall make or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to, or in favor of any particular person or company, or any particular description of traffic, in any respect whatsoever."

At the hearing in Ottawa in April, the millers' spokesmen were T. A. Thompson and C. B. Watts, Toronto, and H. L. Rice, of St. Marys. The appeal of the associations was strongly backed by representatives of the provincial departments of agriculture in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, and it was stated that other provinces were in accord. Prof. Archie Letch, R. W. Wade and W. Bert Roadhouse, Ontario deputy minister, emphasized the injustice being done farmers and stockmen, who absolutely require the mill-feed turned out by mills producing flour for export. Hon. J. E. Caron spoke for the Quebec department of agriculture, and D'Arcy Scott for the National Dairy Council.

HOW IT WORKS OUT.

The case of the Western Ontario miller was illustrated by T. A. Thompson, who has a mill at London, 91 miles from Goderich. When he mills wheat from the Lake Huron port he has to pay, not one cent per 100 extra, as in the case of grain milled at Montreal for export, but 6.83 cents, or 5.83 additional. Mr. Thompson told the Cabinet ministers that the discrimination meant "so handicapping mills in Ontario and Quebec as to practically put them out of the export flour trade."

"Politics are politics" was the gist of comment by millers with whom The Free Press was able to get in touch last night. One said that he had feared such a decision ever since noting the attitude of the Cabinet toward the matter.

H. L. Rice, St. Marys miller, preferred to have any statement come from The Free Press was able to get in touch last night. One said that he had feared such a decision ever since noting the attitude of the Cabinet toward the matter.

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