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to allow companies to con-  
siderations as they had done  
thirty or forty years,  
pointed out that com-  
the policyholders a right  
could not exercise unless he  
present. "What," he asked,  
the harm in allowing policy-  
holders to vote by proxy?" Mr. Mac-  
donald then pointed out  
around and collect proxies  
quite or a sense of grievance  
policy Best Safeguard.

Mr. Macdonald's protest-  
insurance officials being  
for publicity in respect to  
paid. He did not see why  
be required to make a re-  
all salaries above \$4000  
financial institutions should  
the clause forbidding the  
theory of the legislation was  
money but in insurance was  
it, which could not be taken  
at will, as in the case of a  
that publicity was the best

Hal Brown, Montreal, was  
on behalf of British com-  
regarded that the bill had  
modeled on British rather  
American methods, and en-  
quest of the Canadian Life  
association that valuations  
biquinquennial.

against Fire Rebating.  
opening of the sitting R. G.  
M.P., presented a resolu-  
the clause forbidding the  
the recommendation of the  
Manufacturers' Association  
section 71, which provided  
financial life companies must  
union license.

person had also a number  
from British Columbia  
the clause forbidding the  
rebating be extended so as  
fire as well as life insur-  
advised to meet to-

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## NEW LICENSE BOARD IS NAMED

EX-MAYOR COATSWORTH, EX-ALD. DUNN, COMMANDER LAW

### GOVERNMENT SPRINGS SURPRISE

Unexpected Announce-  
ment of Unexpected  
Names—Selection is  
Said to Be Good

OLD BOARD RESIGNS  
FOR A SQUARE DEAL

EMERSON COATSWORTH,  
JOHN DUNN,  
FRED C. LAW.

At 2.30 p.m. yesterday the govern-  
ment got their slate filled and in the  
course of the afternoon the names of  
the three gentlemen to compose the new  
license board for Toronto were an-  
nounced.

Ex-Mayor Emerson Coatsworth, it is  
assumed, will be chairman of the  
board, ex-Ald. John Dunn and Com-  
mander Law, R.N., being the other  
members.

Official notification had not reached  
them of their appointment at a late  
hour last night, so it is not clear that  
the meeting of the board announced for  
to-day will be held, as the old mem-  
bers have resigned.

Ex-Mayor Coatsworth was the only  
one of the three to whom public opinion  
may have pointed, but the announce-  
ment of the other two names seems to  
be generally viewed as completing the  
constitution of a satisfactory board.  
The civic career of Messrs. Coats-  
worth and Dunn is familiar to all citi-  
zens, and Commander Law has been a  
well-known figure for many years as  
secretary to the government house.  
His contributions to local architecture  
as designer of the Church of Our Lady  
of Lourdes and other striking buildings  
have distinguished him among his fel-  
low-citizens. All three gentlemen are  
of moderate but public-spirited  
views.

With the announcement of the appoint-  
ment of the new board was made public  
the letter of resignation of the outgoing  
commissioners. The position taken by the  
retiring members is as outlined in The  
World of a week ago last Sunday, made  
emphatic by their declaration that they  
could not continue in office under the  
circumstances.

A Tackling Task.  
In the face of the present license  
situation the new board has undoubtedly  
a delicate task to face. How they  
will acquit themselves will furnish the  
best possible testimony to their ability  
as civic statesmen and diplomats.  
It will not be on such lines, however,  
that the new board will endeavor to  
make a reputation, but in a sincere  
and earnest effort to administer the  
law as they find it, without fear or  
favor.

It is regarded as likely that the pol-  
icy of a dry district may be followed  
by the board in conforming to the new  
city council regulation reducing li-  
censes. This would involve the can-  
cellation of all the licenses from Park-  
dale, round by Dundas to Bloor, and  
that therefore all the way east, sweep-  
ing the second ward clean and closing  
all the houses in "the ward" and in  
outlying districts. This would make up  
half the number to be reduced. The  
others could be selected from the houses  
which are not "keeping hotel" in any  
effective way down town.

Another policy would be to cancel all  
licenses in houses wherever situated  
that do not keep hotel in the strict  
sense, leaving the actual hotelkeepers  
wherever situated. In this way the  
reduction would chiefly affect the down  
town localities.

Will Council Be Generous?  
It is rumored, however, that by Mon-  
day next a motion will be presented to  
the city council which will materially  
change the situation. The council has  
power to rescind this resolution entirely,  
but failing this, an attempt will be  
made, either to postpone the opera-  
tion of the bylaw for a con-  
siderable time during which selected li-  
censes would have an opportunity to  
renew business, or to have an ar-  
rangement made by which the can-  
celled licenses will be retired by degrees  
on the installment plan.  
In this connection a competent au-  
thority has pointed out that the can-  
cellation of licenses for cause would  
probably reduce the number by half  
a dozen or more a year, and that such  
cancelled licenses would not be trans-  
ferred until the total had been reduced  
to the desired number.  
Another statement which would ap-

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## Why the Commissioners Have Resigned

License Commissioners' Office,  
Rooms 606 and 607, Temple Bldg.,  
TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 18, 1908.

Dear Sir,—For the reason hereinafter stated, we beg leave to  
resign the position we have held for the past two years as members  
of the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Toronto. Our  
relations with the Hon. Mr. Whitney as premier, and with yourself  
as head of the department, have always been so satisfactory that, had  
the recent action of the city  
council not rendered the re-  
tention by us of the position  
of members of the board im-  
possible, we should have been  
glad to continue to give to  
the government our services in  
the administration of the  
Liquor License Law in To-  
ronto.

But we cannot be the ac-  
tive instruments of what we  
feel is an act of injustice, and  
not in accordance with the  
wish of the citizens, but in  
absolute defiance of the plain  
expression of the will of the  
majority of the people, whose  
mandate we have always  
obeyed, and in whose behalf  
and service we have acted  
conscientiously.

Strong as have always been  
our personal views in favor of temperance, our determination to give  
to everyone whom our actions as public servants might affect, absolutely  
fair treatment, is just as strong. WE BELIEVE IN GIVING  
EVERYBODY A SQUARE DEAL.

No true temperance advocate will, on reflection, be convinced  
that the cause of temperance requires the sanction of injustice or sharp  
practice for its successful propagation, or that it will be permanently  
advanced by trickery or bad faith. A bylaw compelling the com-  
missioners to cancel 34 existing licenses, railroaded thru the city council  
in a single night, without previous public discussion, after the people  
had pronounced a short time before, and, in fact, during our term of  
office, against the passing of such a bylaw, was manifestly a betrayal  
of the electorate. Indeed it will, if permitted to take effect, grievously  
injure those who have obeyed the law, and have, to the best of their  
ability, carried out in letter and in spirit the special demand of your  
department, namely, "to keep hotel."

Such action on the part of the council cannot have our approval  
or support, either as citizens or as commissioners, peculiarly conver-  
sant as such with the inevitable effect of the bylaw.

The passing of the bylaw was not acting in good faith with the  
electorate or with the licenseholders. For a few men to suddenly and  
arbitrarily destroy privileges which the people, by a substantial ma-  
jority, had assured the holders thereof would be continued, and which  
largely formed the consideration for an expenditure of over one  
million dollars for the establishment and furnishing of proper buildings  
in which to exercise those privileges, we venture to say was not  
playing fair.

We, therefore, respectfully tender to you our resignations as mem-  
bers of the Board of License Commissioners of the City of Toronto.  
We must leave to others, who may be able to view the situation dif-  
ferently from ourselves, the performance of a task we cannot consci-  
entiously undertake.

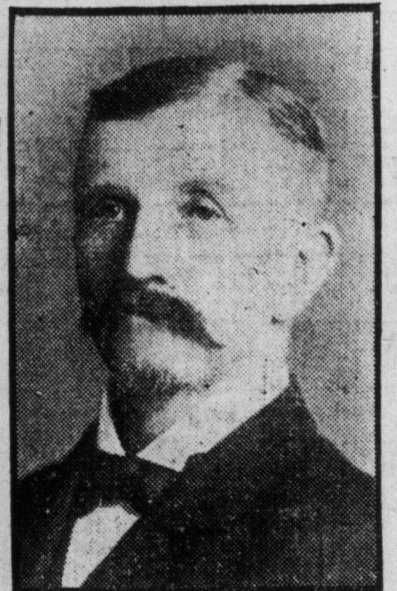
We take this opportunity of expressing our thanks for the support  
you have always given to us in our desire, as commissioners, to give  
to the people an honest, efficient and non-partisan administration of  
the law. We are, Dear Sir, faithfully yours,  
(Signed)

R. J. Wilson,  
K. Millicamp,  
D. M. Defoe.  
To the Honorable W. J. Hanna, K. C., Provincial Secretary, Par-  
liament Buildings, Toronto.

Mr. Barber, formerly Liberal representa-  
tive in the legislature for Halton. The  
letter was written to B. H. Spence, sec-  
retary of the Ontario Alliance, in reply  
to a request for Mr. Barber's signature  
to a petition against the three-fifths  
clause. A copy of the letter was sent  
to Hon. Mr. Hanna, who asked Mr.

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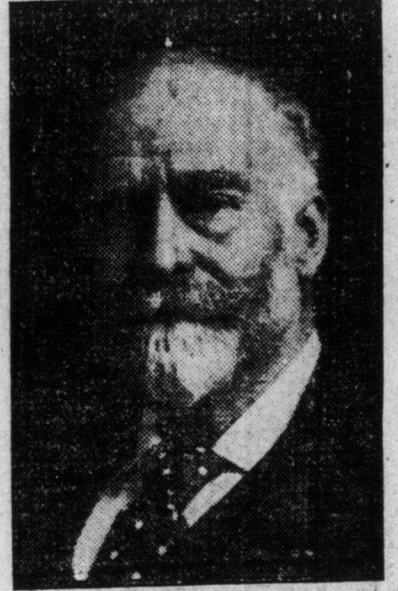
## TORONTO'S NEW BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS



JOHN DUNN.



EMERSON COATSWORTH,  
Chairman.



FRED C. LAW.

## FALLEN LOW



THE BEAR: I have positively so tumbled in reputation that an absurd  
Turkey Gobbler will defy me now.

## NOT THE GHOST OF POSSIBILITY OF WAR

Great Britain's Obliga-  
tion to Side With Japan  
Conditional, Says  
Whitelaw  
Reid.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Whitelaw  
Reid, ambassador of the United States  
to Great Britain, in a speech to-night  
at the dinner of the Pilgrims of the  
United States at Delmonico's, declared  
that talk of the obligations of Great  
Britain to sustain Japan in war against  
the United States was nonsense. The  
ghost of a possibility of war with  
Japan, and that there "was every rea-  
son to think the Japanese sincerely our  
friends."  
"Our relations with Great Britain,"  
said Ambassador Reid, "were cordial  
and there were no serious complica-  
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the 400 members of the Pilgrims of the  
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## GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE \$300,000 TO QUEBEC FUND

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Will on Friday  
Move Resolution to Preserve  
Battlefield.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Sir  
Wilfrid Laurier has given notice that  
on Friday next he will move the fol-  
lowing resolution:  
"That it is expedient to provide  
that the sum of \$300,000 be expended  
for the preservation, in a suitable  
manner, of the historic battle-  
fields of Quebec, in connection with  
the tercentenary of the said City of  
Quebec."  
This practically assures a contribu-  
tion of \$300,000 towards the scheme, as  
the provincial government has prom-  
ised a grant of \$100,000.

Government Deputation to Inter-  
view Him at Ottawa To-Morrow  
in Regard to Preservation of  
Rights at Niagara Falls.

MR. BECK POINTS OUT  
DANGERS THAT CONFRONT

That Ontario's rights at Niagara  
Falls should be amply safeguarded is  
the position taken by Hon. Mr. Whit-  
ney and the members of his cabinet.  
With this view three members of the  
government and W. K. McNaught will  
go to Ottawa on Friday to interview  
Hon. James Bryce, who is there con-  
sulting with the Dominion Govern-  
ment in regard to a treaty between  
the United States and Canada.  
When asked yesterday whether his  
government would take any steps in  
this matter, Hon. Mr. Whitney said:  
"I understand that Right Hon. James  
Bryce, British ambassador at Wash-  
ington, is at Ottawa this week going  
over the different questions in dispute  
between Great Britain and the United  
States, with a view to the settlement  
of all of them. Among questions in  
which Ontario is interested is that of  
the water powers on the International  
boundaries. The attitude of the prov-  
ince will appear from the following  
letter addressed to me by the Hon. Mr.  
Beck:

An Important Statement.  
Toronto, Feb. 14, 1908.  
The Hon. J. P. Whitney, Premier, Pro-  
vince of Ontario, Toronto:  
My dear Mr. Whitney,—I desire to  
call your attention to an Ottawa de-  
spatch which appeared in The Mail  
and Empire of the 10th inst., announc-  
ing that an agreement had been reach-  
ed by Great Britain and the United  
States under which no further power  
franchises were to be granted on either  
side of the Niagara frontier, and that  
it only remained for the Dominion Gov-  
ernment to express its concurrence be-  
fore giving the agreement effect, and  
that the Hon. James Bryce, British  
ambassador at Washington, would visit  
upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his col-  
leagues in Ottawa on Monday next to  
obtain their formal approval.  
I need scarcely point out that the  
proposal is fraught with very deep  
significance to the people of Western

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## CHARGES A CRIME TO EXONERATE HIMSELF

Samuel Finkle Faces the  
Charges of Arson,  
Perjury and Suborn-  
ing Perjury by an  
Employee.

Samuel Finkle, 252 Elizabeth-street,  
did a rapid change stunt yesterday  
afternoon against his will.  
Accompanied by his attorney, Louis  
F. Heyd, he went to the detective of-  
fice to issue a warrant, charging Chas.  
Goodman, proprietor of the Empire  
Jewelry Co., Yonge-street, and, De-  
tective Cardwell of the Canadian De-  
tective Agency, with conspiracy. He  
is now arrested, charged with subor-  
nation of perjury.

A charge of conspiring with Harry  
Green to defraud the London Insurance  
Corporation of \$1000 will be laid. Fur-  
ther, Finkle stands in imminent dan-  
ger of prosecution for arson and per-  
jury.

If the case which the detectives be-  
lieve they have made out against  
Finkle, be sound, he will stand as the  
founder of one of the most complicated  
schemes that has yet been devised  
for the \$1000, which, it is said, he hop-  
ed to secure.

Finkle is an Austrian Jew, and came  
to this country two and a half years  
ago. He is 23 years of age. About  
two months ago Charles Goodman, for  
whom he had previously worked, set  
him up in business at the Elizabeth-  
street house as a manufacturing jew-  
eler. He advanced Finkle \$25, with which  
Finkle purchased tools and also goods  
worth about \$25. As his assistant he  
employed Harry Green, 10 Armory-  
street.

Damage by Fire.  
At 2.30 on the morning of Jan. 22,  
fire was discovered in Finkle's shop,  
but the department arrived too quickly  
and little apparent damage was done.  
This was placed at \$50 to the building  
by the police at the time and no dam-  
age was placed to contents on the  
police register.

A suspicious condition was found  
by the firemen, in that there were  
many auger holes in the walls and a  
pronounced odor of gasoline pervad-  
ing the premises.

Nevertheless Finkle filed a claim  
with the London Insurance Corpora-  
tion for the full amount of a policy  
of \$1000 which he had placed upon his  
stock and tools.

In his claim, to which he later made  
oath in a declaration, he set out a list  
including tools valued at \$300, and  
stock, bringing the total loss to \$1200.  
In the stock list he included 30 gross  
of precious stones, among which were  
listed two valuable diamonds. There  
was also, according to the list, much  
fine gold.

The insurance inspectors became  
suspicious and consulted the Canadian  
Detective Agency. Cardwell was put  
on the case. He examined the pre-  
mises and found an auger, the bit of  
which fitted the holes bored, and the  
odor of gasoline was still present.  
"Where is the gold?" he asked Kin-  
kle.

"There," replied Finkle, pointing to  
a heap of charred debris.  
"And the precious stones?"  
Finkle again indicated the heap.

A Wild Story.  
This was carefully conserved and  
the whole put into the hands of an as-  
sayer. He proceeded to test its value.  
It panned out a small lump of gold  
and copper alloy, valued at about \$10,  
and nine stones of slight value.

Then the detective got in touch with  
Goodman and was given the facts in  
connection with the prices.  
Finkle learned that the next  
feature of the case was the appear-  
ance of Finkle, accompanied by Mr.  
Heyd, who urged the issue of a war-  
rant, charging Goodman and Cardwell  
with conspiracy. To bear out their  
claim, Harry Green was produced. He  
told a strange story.

He said that Goodman had asked  
him to steal a lathe from Finkle, upon  
the production of which he was to be  
paid \$25. This was done and the lathe,  
Friday last it was showed to Good-  
man outside his store. The \$25 was  
paid to Green in three fies and a ten.  
Goodman told him to take it to Sam-  
uels, a jeweler, at 63 West Queen-  
street, where he was to sell it. He  
was promised another \$25 when he  
had done the work.

On Monday, he said, he had taken  
it to Samuels, who had refused it be-  
cause Finkle's name was stamped  
upon it. He had tried another ques-  
treet shop, but failed to place it.  
"File out the name," said Good-  
man. This was done and the lathe,  
worth \$12, was sold to A. Woods, a  
second-hand dealer at 138 York-street,  
for \$12.50.

A declaration subscribing to these  
facts, before Mr. Heyd, was also pro-  
duced.

Detectives "Make Confession."  
Inspector Duncanson asked for time,  
and Finkle and the lawyer departed.  
Goodman was called in and Green re-  
peated his story despite a point blank  
denial by Goodman.

Then Goodman went and Green and  
the inspector talked the matter over,  
with the result that Green admitted  
that the whole story was a lie, which  
he had told at the instigation of Kin-  
kle.

"I had no money, so I had to tell it,"  
he said, in explanation.

He had said previously that he had  
spent the money at Sapira's poolroom  
in West Queen-street in the presence  
of one Jackson, who, tho he said he  
was an intimate friend, he could nei-  
ther describe nor give the address of.

Also, the date of the sale of the lathe,  
now in the hands of the police, had  
been fixed at an earlier date by Mr.  
Woods.

Green was held as a material wit-  
ness and is lodged in the Esther-street  
police station.  
Detective Sockett was despatched in  
search of Finkle and brought him in  
at 8 o'clock.