

HIGGINS CONDEMNNS PAST GOVERNMENTS

Soldier-Labor Candidate Favors Province Entering the Coal Business.

The Kapuskasing incident, exploited timber limits, rebuffs by previous administrations of their classes, which now claimed political consciousness—all these past issues supplied capital for the Independent Labor party at their open air meeting held on Saturday evening at the corner of Broadview and Danforth avenues in the interests of James Higgins, labor-soldier candidate for the Northeast Toronto seat in the coming by-election.

"The Conservative party is appropriately named. It aimed to conserve the timber limits of the province for a few favored capitalists," declared John Doggett, vice-president of the Independent Labor party, during the course of his address, and adding: "The Liberals are also appropriately named. They were very liberal with patronage during their term of office."

Candidate Higgins, in his address, flayed past governments for imperfect administration and enlarged upon the following planks of his platform as a political panacea: Democratization of the present educational facilities and their extension; increased mothers' allowances; nationalization of mines and resources; a thorough system of public ownership, including the telephone; and further social legislation for the workingman and returned soldier.

"I have nothing to say against Major Lewis or Major Klippen," he stated at one point in his address, but adding: "I think, however, that had they the interests of the returned man really at heart they would have refrained, from running and supporting the wrong man."

He was strongly in favor of the province entering the coal business upon behalf of the consumer, stating that in his belief such a course would ensure for every citizen his winter's supply.

See Altered Reception. Vice-President Doggett described the altered reception accorded the labor deputations to the provincial house under the present regime, stating that the enlarged scope of the workmen's compensation act and the securing of the mothers' pensions bill were tangible evidence of the attention which was being paid for the first time in many years to the interests of the laboring man.

"People feared class legislation who the present government came into power," he remarked, adding: "I say that it is time that we had some class legislation in favor of the worker. The doctor, lawyer and manufacturer have demonstrated their inability to legislate for the working man."

"The only way for the workingman to drag himself from the mire that he is in in this province is for him to vote for James Higgins," Mr. Doggett told his hearers in conclusion.

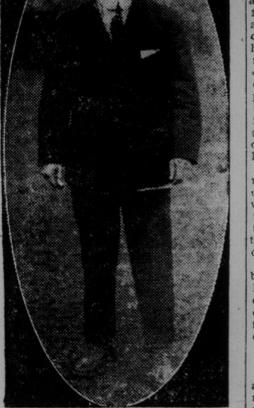
J. Harry Flynn, president of the G.A.U.V., presented Mr. Higgins as his association's candidate and stated his absolute confidence in his ability to represent both soldier and labor interests as scope was afforded by the provincial house.

Similar confidence in the candidate was expressed by Comrades J. F. Marsh and J. McLeod of the G.A.U.V. and Andrew Glenn of the Labor party.

CHINAMEN IN TOILS. In a raid on the house at 17 1/2 Elizabeth street last night by P.C.'s Ough and Tait, 16 Chinamen were taken into custody on a charge of gambling on the Lord's Day.

HURT BY MOTOR. John Schultz, 325 High Park avenue, had his ankle injured at 2:15 yesterday afternoon when knocked down by an auto at Dundas and High Park. The auto is declared to have been driven by J. McWaters, 70 Mountview avenue.

MEN YOU HEAR OF Seen as Their Friends Know Them



Dr. A. B. Wright, who is well-known in athletic circles. He was formerly coach of the University of Toronto rugby team, and was prominent on the side lines on Saturday.

WOMAN DIES AFTER FALL FROM STREET CAR

Mrs. Mary Beech, aged 60, 4 Rose avenue, died in St. Michael's Hospital on Saturday night from injuries received in the morning at Queen street and Logan avenue, when she was dragged a distance of about fifty feet along the street by a King street car.

Mrs. Beech, according to the police, missed her footing on a slowly moving street car and fell to the street. She was caught by the iron gate that connects the street car to the trailer, and was dragged the length of the car before it was finally stopped by the motorman.

The funeral will be held at 1:30 p.m. today from the house, and, after service at St. James' Cathedral at 2 p.m., interment will take place in St. John's Cemetery.

MANY ISSUES FOR COUNCIL MEETING

Additional Appropriation for Board of Education Is Recommended.

The program for today's meeting of council includes several matters which are likely to be the subject of protracted debate. Mayor Church's acquiescence in the grants to the board of education for an east-end technical school and an addition to the High School of Commerce removes one question which looked like a disputable issue. The mayor had his way at the meeting of the board of control on Friday, and had the plan for a swimming pool and gym in the School of Commerce addition turned down. Sixty thousand was the estimated cost of these, and, with this sum subtracted from the \$250,000 applied for by the trustees, council will be asked to vote \$190,000 for "an addition."

The east-end technical school, to be located on Greenwood avenue, will cost \$400,000, half of which the city council is asked to vote, and the balance will be contributed by the federal government.

The board of control also recommends a grant of \$15,000 to the Navy League fund, and the committee on works recommends the extension of St. Clair avenue easterly to the east limit of plan 820, and approval of the plan to subdivide the old hospital site on Gerard street into building lots.

The property committee recommends that Messrs. Smith and Smith be allowed to erect a monument on the east end of the street, but the board of control recommends against it.

Ald. Whetter's bill, to permit the erection of stables by Hilton's Bakery, on the east end of the street, will be up for second reading, and it is likely to meet strong opposition.

Approval of council will be asked for a number of petitions, for which petitions, were received.

POINTS TO GLAMOR OF LIFE ON OCEAN

Chaplain at Naval Service Pays Tribute to Sailors of the Empire.

The spiritual message of the sea, which has been heard in all the ages, was interpreted yesterday morning at the naval commemorative service, held in Central Methodist Church, by Rev. Dr. Alfred Hall, senior chaplain of the world Christian welfare work for men of the royal navy and merchant marine.

The preacher took as his text the passage in which Ezekiel refers to the "Princes of the Seas," and pointed out that thus even in decadent Tyro the seamen of the country were recognized as almost its only remaining force of strength and virtue. The reference, he continued, was the more remarkable in coming from the literature of a nation which was never separated from the lips of a people whose interests were never apart from the shore.

Equally remarkable, he went on, was the fact that after more than a hundred years the British peoples still commemorated Trafalgar Day, and he gave the reasons as lying, in his opinion, in the revelation which this day had given of himself as a man consciously on the threshold of eternity, declaring the path to victory lies through duty, and in the fact that the perspective of time the battle of Trafalgar had lost any temporary significance and had come to be regarded as one of the incidents of divine intervention which shape the history of the world.

Dr. Hall referred during the course of his sermon to the glamor surrounding the sea life, declaring that it bred an irresistible lure upon which was founded the greatness of our empire, and upon the continuance of which depended its existence. For all ages, he stated, the sea's depths had held a message of mystery, its huge waves one of majesty, its terrific storms one of might, its very existence one of permanence, and its breakers upon the shore one of music. Thus, he said, in some way certain or all of these features exercised a peculiar influence over many men inspiring them to follow the sea and love it.

The speaker concluded by enlarging upon the cardinal aspects of the sailor's service to the British empire which called forth the gratitude of this day. They had, he stated, laid the foundations of the empire through their work in exploration, commerce, defence and evangelism.

SUGAR IS CHEAPER IN TORONTO TODAY

Retailers Able to Buy at Net Price of Sixteen Cents.

From The Sunday World. Sugar will go on sale to the Toronto retailers on Monday morning at \$16.21 a cwt., with one per cent. off for cash, making the net price 16 cents a pound. The price to the consumer will range from 17 to 18 cents a pound.

This was the quotation announced on Saturday by the Dominion Sugar Refineries, who are acting independently of the other manufacturers. The other Canadian refineries have not yet announced any reduction, but they have notified local agents that lower prices would be announced on Monday.

The present quotation on granulated sugar is \$19.21, and the dealers look for a cut of perhaps \$2 per cwt. on Monday. The U.F.O. Co-operative Stores were selling Dominion Refiners sugar to consumers on Saturday at \$17.50 for a 10-pound bag. The big users, such as candy manufacturers, are buying from the Dominion Refiners.

When shown an editorial in The World which asked that the U.F.O. Co-operative Company should import sugar from the United States in an effort to break the grip on the retailers of what was alleged to be a price-fixing combine amongst the sugar refiners and wholesalers, Mr. A. A. Powers, president of the co-operative company in question, said that he considered it an early date. Although the company had no long-established business connections in the United States, he felt that its capitalization and good credit would enable it to finance the suggested importation of sugar if such a course was deemed advisable by the board.

Beet Sugar Net Inferior. The Dominion Refineries are at present marketing both beet and cane sugar, but both kinds go at the same price. Mr. Edwards, of the Dominion Refineries, said yesterday: "Many people believe that beet sugar is inferior to cane sugar, but that is not the case. The average person cannot tell the difference, and often beet sugar tests higher than the other. Our refineries at Chatham and Wallaceburg run on beets only about three months of the year, and the quality of the sugar they make is superior to that of the cane sugar. Ninety per cent. of the sugar consumed in Great Britain before the war was beet sugar."

Two carloads of United States sugar were passed by the Canadian customs yesterday, and this stock was bought in New York at \$15.21. After getting in a carload from New York, William Robertson of Robertson Ltd., manufacturers of confectionery, concludes a way that he had done just as well in the home market at today's quotations.

He said: "Buying in New York at 11-1/2 cents is saving. There is a considerable margin between that first cost and the delivery cost. Our carload cost \$11.50 per cwt. in New York. To this price must be added \$2.00 duty, plus special tribute under the anti-dumping clauses of the tariff, to retail at \$18.50 per cwt. at the factory. The cost of 11-1/2 cent United States sugar approximates \$15.21 a cwt. landed in Toronto, as against \$15.40-15.61 currently quoted by the Dominion Sugar Co."

"We shall buy no more sugar on the other side, but shall hereafter patronize the Canadian refiners, even if perhaps we have to pay sometimes a slight freight on the sugar."

"Our quotation on granulated is still \$19.21, also we look for a new price Monday," says James P. LeGall, president of the Atlantic Sugar Refining Co. "Wholesalers here are meeting all present demands of the retail trade at \$18.50 per cwt. with sugar from refiners direct, however, cut by second-hand stocks, chiefly from Quebec. Small quantities of American sugar are also trickling across the line."

Stand In With Refiners. Several front street dealers admitted the World on Saturday that the World's diagnosis of the sugar situation in the editorial columns on Saturday morning hit the nail on the head. The wholesalers are not jumping in to buy United States sugar because they figure they would make no profit on it, but on Canadian sugar, and by such a course they would be antagonizing the Canadian refiners, who might find a means later on of retaliating. The admission is that the refiners have a way of checking up, and any wholesaler who kick over the traces might find themselves unprofitable in the long run. An importation becomes unprofitable.

Another wholesale dealer said to The World before the cut was announced: "We could buy in St. James' at 16 cents under the Canadian price, but we would not be allowed to keep the difference; the public would want it. Why should we make enemies of the refiners unless something is to be gained by it?"

"Do you think the U.F.O. will import from the States to any extent?" the reporter enquired.

"The U.F.O. is in the same position as the wholesalers," he replied. "They know which side their bread is buttered on, and they take no more chances than anyone else."

A representative of the U.F.O., when seen by The World, said his concern was not imported any American sugar, but that they had picked up some that had been imported by others. It was not the intention at present to bring in American sugar.

SPECIAL VETERAN MEETING. The General Mercer, G.W.V.A., are holding their election officers' meeting in St. James' Hall.

The meeting will also include Lambton, Mount Dennis, Swansea and other representatives to make arrangements for an annual hearing of R. C. Maxwell, Dominion secretary, on November 7.

The meeting tonight is also preliminary to a special meeting of preparation on the 21st, General Mercer having been appointed as the place of meeting, at above branches. The object of the Dominion officials is to deal with main business of the association, and also to take up the matter of pensions.

MANY MONS STARS AWAIT CLAIMANTS

There are now on hand at militia headquarters, Ottawa, a number of 1914-15 Stars, the majority of which have been returned thru the mails "unclaimed," owing to wrong addresses being returned or the soldier having changed his address since being discharged.

Persons who have not yet received their decoration are asked to forward their present address to the secretary, military council (marked for attention, "director of records"), militia headquarters, Ottawa, Ont., quoting regimental number and name in full.

ALLEGED BURGLAR CAUGHT IN STABLE

Was Given Hard Race by Police Officer, Who Fired Two Shots.

After a chase of about 300 yards and the firing of two shots in the air by the police officer, Detective-Sergt. Mulholland Saturday afternoon, caught Harold Lecroy of Ottawa in a stable on Centre avenue. Emilian Roux, Transville, Quebec, who, along with Lecroy, is alleged to have burglarized a number of summer residences at Jeannette Creek, Ont., recently, was arrested earlier in the day, by Detective-Sergts. Elliott and McMahon. It was thru information divulged by the latter that the arrest of Lecroy was made possible. Both men are held on a charge of house-breaking and theft.

From Roux the police learned that the two had rented a room on Simcoe street, and Detective-Sergt. Mulholland posted himself in the vicinity during the entire afternoon. His patience was rewarded eventually, when two young lads came to the house and inquired if Mr. Roux was the officer. They took Mulholland to a nearby restaurant, where Lecroy was having a meal, and Mulholland instantly recognized him as the man he wanted from a description previously obtained.

The recognition was mutual and Lecroy eluded the officer by dashing out of the restaurant and east along Queen to University, north on University to Armoury street, along Centre avenue and north on Centre avenue to a stable. Going up University, Mulholland fired two shots at the retreating Lecroy, but failed to halt him. Mulholland eventually found his quarry hiding under some horses. Lecroy crawled from his hiding place and calmly submitted to being handcuffed. He was taken to the police station.

Some persons who saw the chase up University, avenue saw Mulholland, who had been armed, and the police that a man had been shot on University avenue, and detectives were hastily despatched to the scene to hold a smoker and concert on Saturday next. Good talent has been procured and one or two prominent labor men will speak.

BUREAU SUGGESTED FOR RETURNED MEN

Veterans' Organization Will Have Conference With Minister of Labor.

A conference for the discussion of the feasibility of the proposed employment bureau for returned soldiers has been suggested by Hon. Walter Rollo, provincial minister of labor, to take place on Wednesday next between himself and representatives of the G.W.V.A. and G.A.U.V. The conference is granted by Hon. Rollo to the purpose of allowing the returned soldier to compete in the open labor market with men whose efficiency had not been impaired by their military classification, as regards physical fitness. A labor bureau, solely for returned men, he held, would be the means of bringing together the veterans and the jobs for which they were suited.

Careful consideration of their petition that Sergt. George Richardson, Y.C., be kept under D.S.C.R. care until such a time as the projected home for aged veterans shall be erected was promised by Col. Nettleton, local officer of the D.S.R., to J. F. Marsh and J. V. Conroy who Saturday formed a delegation from the veteran associations to him in regard to the matter. Sgt. Richardson is at present a patient at the Davy Hospital, suffering from bronchitis and heart trouble, but is reported to be effecting a rapid recovery.

James Higgins, candidate for Northeast Toronto of the G.A.U.V., stands pledged to the veterans, according to J. F. Marsh, to bring to the attention of the provincial house the democratization of the universities and colleges of the province. Mr. Marsh stated that the veterans regard these institutions, as indicated by the tuition and living charges exacted as open at present only to the favored classes of the community.

VICTORY FOR CITY IN CLASH WITH T.S.R.

Justice Orde Declines to Rule in Absence of Application From Bondholders.

The refusal of Justice Orde to give a ruling on the application of the Toronto Street Railway for an interpretation of their agreement with the city, is considered at the city hall as a victory for the city.

Mr. Justice Orde says: "There is no present issue between the city and the bondholders, and there is no question as to the railway company's obligations to discharge its liabilities to both the city and the bondholders. Notwithstanding that the question of priority has not been raised either by the city or by the bondholders, the railway company claims to be entitled to submit the question of priority to the court under rule 68. I do not think that rule 68 was intended for any such purpose as that proposed here."

"I am at a loss to see what 'rights' of the Toronto Railway Co. are in any way affected by the question of priority. If there are any such, they can only arise in some remote and incidental way, and the questions which are here submitted to the court involve in the most direct and vital manner the rights of the city and of the bondholders as between themselves, which they express no desire to have determined. I do not think that rule 68 was intended for any such purpose as that proposed here. I decided the motion upon the simple ground that there is no right of the railway company's either in respect of the bondholders or requiring some immediate remedy or relief which justifies any such motion as this. The result would be the same if the motion had been the subject of an action. Motion dismissed with costs."

THEFT IS CHARGED. James Zoppina, no home, was arrested on Saturday night by Plainclothesman Clarkson on a charge of theft. Zoppina is alleged to have stolen an overcoat from Stephen Chick, Aberdeen Hotel, Queen and Chestnut streets, which he later sold for \$4.

BAKERS ARRANGE CONCERT. At a meeting held in Occident Hall yesterday afternoon by the Bakers' Union, 1st C. F. of L., it was decided to hold a smoker and concert on Saturday next. Good talent has been procured and one or two prominent labor men will speak.

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MORRISBURG EPIDEMIC HAS RUN ITS COURSE

Brookville, Ont., Oct. 25.—The smallpox epidemic in Morrisburg has apparently run its course. Following measures instituted by Dr. P. J. Maloney, provincial health officer, to curb the outbreak no new cases have developed, and the public places which were ordered closed will be open on Monday. Compulsory vaccination has been carried out in the schools.

NOBODY HAS POWER TO CURB CAFE MEN

Major L. Duncan Reported to Ottawa About High Profits Earned.

Now that the board of commerce has been temporarily shelved, Major L. Duncan, the local representative of the board, finds himself tied up in the middle of his campaign against high restaurant prices. He has forwarded his findings to Ottawa with a suggestion that a sitting be held to go into the question of prices. An Ottawa despatch says: "Restaurant-keeping in Toronto is profitable, with returns ranging from 75 to 120 per cent., according to Lewis Duncan, representative of the board of commerce, in a report to that late lamented body."

"The principal restaurant proprietors in Toronto claim that 100 per cent. advance on their outlays is necessary to their business. Mr. Duncan encloses a copy of the report of the city health department as to profits in restaurants without allowing for overhead. "Subsequent to the publication of this report he sent out a number of questionnaires to the parties, and writing to the board, says the 'answers show returns on outlay in food cover the whole business, varying from 75 to 120 per cent. These returns give in some cases in certain months, an outlay up to 40 per cent. The managers of the principal restaurants with one conspicuous exception, state that 100 per cent. advance on outlay in the figure which they must aim to get, if they are to run the business properly."

"Mr. Duncan suggested a public hearing of the matter by the board, but there is no board to conduct a hearing or make an order so that nothing will be done. The staff of the board of commerce is like Japhet searching for a father."

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G.W.V.A. Suggests Giving Soldiers' Settlement Board Charge of Scheme.

The transferring to the Soldiers' Settlement Board of the administration of the federal housing act in so far as it affects returned men is sought in a housing relief project made public Saturday at the local offices of the G.W.V.A. The housing act prescribes the granting of loans by provincial governments to municipalities which in turn make application, and the altered program for which the veterans are agitating seeks principally setting aside of the sum of \$50,000,000 to be administered for housing purposes to ex-service men in individual loans not exceeding \$5,000, standardization of plans, thereby eliminating architects' fees, co-operative purchasing of materials thru the Soldiers' Settlement Board, the co-operation of a town planning department in order to secure relief for the Toronto housing situation, and the extension of a 30-year period, with interest meanwhile at a rate not exceeding six per cent, for the repayment of the loans.

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