

CIVIL SERVICE FUTURE KEEPS OTTAWA STIRRED

Much Talk in Governmental Circle of Drastic Cuts For Economy.

SUPERANNUATION PLAN Believe Proper Scheme Would Greatly Reduce Size of Staff.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Jan. 29.—What will be done with superannuation in the civil service?

The call to deputy ministers and the civil service commission to meet the government on Friday to discuss civil service economies has sent a flutter of excitement through all the government offices with questioning as to what is likely to be the outcome. Will there be drastic cuts in the civil service? The question is asked on all hands, but coupled with it is the further query as to what the intentions of the government are in regard to the institution of a proper scheme of superannuation.

In the view of a number of civil servants it is here that one way out of present difficulties may be found. A proper superannuation scheme and further additions to existing staffs for a definite period would, it is claimed in some quarters, form a remedy for much of the over-staffing which at present exists.

A special committee of the House of Commons which investigated the civil service last year recommended a superannuation scheme as removing "one of the greatest deterrents to efficiency and curtailment of staffs in many of the departments of the public service."

The superannuation scheme which most found favor with the civil service commission was based on these principles:

1. Employers and employees both contribute to the scheme, the entire cost being borne approximately equally by both.

2. Benefits include allowances on retirement after attainment of a stipulated age with allowances to widow and minor children in the event of death of the employee during service or after retirement, the widow's allowance being only one-half of the employee's allowance.

3. Allowance to the employee on retirement from disability regardless of age.

4. Provision for the return of the employee's contribution without interest in the event of his voluntary retirement after a minimum period of service has been rendered.

Apart from superannuation schemes, there are suggestions of the possible merging of some departments with a view to economy in staffs. Whatever the outcome of Friday's conference, the call has given rise to considerable anxiety in public departments.

AID FOR CANADIAN FARMERS PLANNED

Effort To Supply Crop Conditions, Marketing May Be Undertaken.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Means by which Canadian farmers may be brought into direct touch with the Dominion bureau of statistics and tap its information regarding markets and crop production were discussed here today in a conference between federal authorities and a delegation comprising representatives of all departments of agriculture in Canada, the board of grain commissioners, and the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association. The delegation tonight met the prime minister in informal conference.

An effort will be made to supply to farmers data concerning crop conditions, marketing and other matters affecting them, to insure profitable operation of farms and marketing of farm products.

Award Damages Against Sister

Princess Gets \$100,000 For Alienation Husband's Affections

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Jan. 29.—A sheriff's jury after deliberating two days yesterday awarded Princess Elaine De Lippe Lipski, \$100,000, damages from her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Schroeder, for alienation of the affections of her husband, the prince.

Joseph A. Shay, attorney for the princess, told the jury Mrs. Schroeder now was in Germany with the prince. Princess De Lippe Lipski wept as she told her story to the jury, recounting how she expected to become a mother soon, and that she and the prince were very happy, until her sister came between them.

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MORE AND BETTER SEWERS WANTED BY POTTERSBURG

Citizens Demand Improved Lights, Schools and Street Railway Service.

The need for improved street railway service for Pottersburg and district was stressed at a regular meeting last night of the members of the Pottersburg Community Club, attended by Mayor Wenige, Ald. Frank McKay and Ald. Ted Warren.

While the mayor was confident that several additional miles of trackage were due the city from the street railway company, he would not commit himself as to the possibility of any extension for Pottersburg, or in fact, any section of the community until after March 8 next, at the least, when it will be definitely determined whether the city is going to purchase the road.

Better lighting for Hale street and district was urged last night, while the lack of adequate sewerage facilities, and an alleged improper sanitation for the Pottersburg public school was scored.

Will Make Inquiry. Mayor Wenige promised to make inquiries today in connection with the situation involving the school, and members of the council in attendance expressed frank surprise to know that all the residences were not served with sewers.

Ald. McKay explained that the proposed sewer extensions were under consideration, however, and a mass meeting would be called in the near future, when the city engineer would explain the plans, cost, etc., to the residents to be affected.

The ratepayers will petition formally to the city council for action pertaining to their request for a danger signal at the C. N. R. crossing of the Stratford line at the corner of Dundas and Hale streets.

Members related personal experiences of narrow escapes from accidents, and the reason of the fact that there is neither signal well nor crossing watchman. The visiting legislator stated that they would take this question to the Ontario Railway Board after due consideration when the petition was presented.

Bell Out of Order. One ratepayer stated that the danger bell at the corner of Hale and Trafalgar streets had been practically out of commission all last summer. A formal complaint in this connection will also be registered.

Mayor Wenige and both members of the council sympathized heartily with the request for better lighting. Ald. McKay concurred with Mayor Wenige that there was need for more improvement throughout the city, but more particularly in Pottersburg and its outlying districts.

"The entire lighting system must be improved," the mayor stated. "Our expenditures in this regard have not kept pace with other items. In 1912 about \$29,000 was expended in this direction, and by 1921 the expense had increased to only \$31,000. Not a fair increase by any means."

The members of the association were unanimous that Pottersburg and the district to the south, rapidly growing, was deserving of improved street railway service.

Reference was made to a two-minute compulsory halt at Pottersburg by every car, a loss, it was charged, of about 3 hours a day, that could be avoided by extending the line in order to make a loop with the Hamilton road. A two-way service was also possible in the near future, reasoned the members.

Wenige Doubtful. Mayor Wenige would not commit himself on this score. "Not that I am afraid," he stated, "but I do not feel that an opinion would be of value at this juncture until we see what is going to be done. Personally I can't see where the city is going to take the road over, but we will not know definitely until after March 8."

Replying to a question in the audience, the mayor thought that the company would undertake extensions if granted an extension of franchise. He agreed with other members that increased service for East and South-east London was imperative if the industrial area was to be "sold" to industries.

Last night's gathering was very well attended, and many valuable suggestions were advanced by the members. Robert Beatty, president, presided, with J. C. White, secretary, assisting.

DURHAM CHURCH HOLDS RECORD ANNUAL MEETING

Special To The Advertiser. Durham, Jan. 29.—Durham Presbyterian Church on Monday night held the largest-attended annual meeting for some years. Rev. W. H. Smith, B.A., the pastor, was in the chair. All the various organizations of the church were found to be in a flourishing condition. The amount raised for all purposes was \$6,347.70, and while this was a slight decrease over 1922, several funds, such as the Russian famine fund, etc., helped to swell the contributions of the latter year.

The newly-elected managers were: Messrs. J. C. Smith, Thos. Turnbull, J. McEwen, S. D. Croft.

The salary of the pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, was raised \$200, making it now \$2,000. A social hour was spent and light refreshments served.

Special To The Advertiser. Windsor, Jan. 29.—Herman H. Samuels, 56 years old, former Ouellette avenue drygoods merchant, this afternoon was sent to the Ontario Reformatory for eighteen months. He was found guilty of receiving \$20,000 worth of merchandise stolen from railway cars. The goods were seized at his store two months ago.

STRONG EARTH SHOCKS FELT IN NORTHERN CHILE

Associated Press Despatch. Santiago, Chile, Jan. 29.—Strong earth shocks were felt in Northern Chile last night from Coquimbo northward to Copiapo. While there was much alarm among the inhabitants, there have been no serious results so far as known.

Telegraphic communication, however, is interrupted.

RECEIVED STOLEN GOODS, GETS REFORMATORY TERM

Special To The Advertiser. Washington, Jan. 29.—Diplomatic relations between the United States and Greece were resumed today when Secretary of State Hughes received M. Tsamados, Greek representative in Washington, as charge d'affaires, and instructed Ray Atherton, who has been unofficially in charge of United States affairs at Athens, to act as charge d'affaires ad interim to the Greek government.

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WOMAN'S SLAYER ATTEMPTS TO END LIFE AFTER CRIME

Emma Gordon Shot Down in Toronto Street by Former Lover.

FOLLOWS ARGUMENT

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Jan. 29.—Benjamin Gottlieb, aged 39, a former resident of Rochester, New York State, when walking along the street here tonight shot down and killed a woman known as Emma Gordon, aged 25, with whom it is reported, he had formerly lived. It is reported that he then put a bullet in his own skull. His recovery is doubtful. He was enraged, it is said, by the woman's refusal to return to him.

Gottlieb was removed to the General Hospital, where the bullet was extracted, while the body of the woman was taken to the morgue, where an inquest will be opened tomorrow.

Little is known about Gottlieb, but Emma Gordon was known to the police here. It is said that Gottlieb and the woman had been living together for some time here. Last summer they were to have married, but at the last moment, the match was broken, and the two went their separate ways, the woman to some friends in the north, the man to his parents in Rochester, N.Y.

Gottlieb returned to the city recently and while walking along the street met the woman. There was an altercation, probably over the separation of last year, and Gottlieb took the automatic from his pocket and fired. The bullet entered the woman's temple and she fell dead. Gottlieb then turned the weapon on himself and fell beside her.

The police believe that the name of the dead woman is Emma Foubert, and that her home had been in Smoky Hill, Ont. A letter was found on her body addressed to Miss E. Foubert, Smoky Hill, Ont.

LATE JUDGE DICKSON'S WILL OVER \$55,000

Second Document, Unfinished, Found—Application Expected in Near Future.

It is understood that application will shortly be made to the Court of Probate of the will of the late Judge L. H. Dickson of Goderich, who died suddenly in his office in the Court House at Goderich, Ont., on December 17th last.

The late Judge's estate is valued at about \$55,000, consisting largely of stocks, life insurance and real estate. His widow is to receive a life interest in the estate, and on her death the property passes to his only daughter, Dorothy K. Dickson. In addition to this both the widow and daughter of the deceased receive substantial sums by way of life insurance.

A tragic incident in connection with the death of Judge Dickson was the finding of an unfinished will, which he had evidently been preparing a few hours before death intervened.

The Canada Trust Company of London, is the executor named in the unfinished will and also in a previous will which is being probated. The company's officers feel that their institution has been unjustly honored. This is the second case in the last few years where a Surrogate Court Judge of Western Ontario has named The Canada Trust Company as executor; the other case being that of the late Judge Ermatinger of St. Thomas.

The duties of the late Judge Dickson included reviewing executors' work in the Surrogate Court, and his experience there evidently led him to believe that a reputable Trust Company in this connection also, the unfinished will mentioned particularly that proceeds of the estate were to be invested only in the choicest securities, including Government Bonds and securities of The Canada Trust Company.

Second Victim of John Primak Dies in Dome Mine Hospital.

Canadian Press Despatch. North Bay, Jan. 29.—John Primak, the foreigner who ran amuck on the 600-foot level in the Dome Mine last Tuesday night, who awaits trial on a charge of murdering Mike Barney, whom he smashed over the head with a shovel, is now held responsible for the death of another man, Pete Zeman, the owner of a small garage, who had influence with local council men that enabled them to avoid the regulations, and it would be better, he said, if the enforcement and inspection of such places were under the Dominion authorities.

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REV. L. W. REID IS ELECTED HEAD OF RELIGIOUS COUNCIL

London Educational Body Picks Officers At Final Institute Meeting.

C. WALKER SECRETARY

Rev. C. W. De Mille of Toronto Speaks On Adult Work.

The London Religious Education Council will have as its new president Rev. L. W. Reid, succeeding G. A. Hoffer who has served efficiently in that capacity for the past three years. Elections took place at the conclusion of the institutes held on the past four Tuesdays in the First Presbyterian Church to promote the work of the council in all its departments.

Others accepted with the report of the nominating committee are: First vice-president, A. D. Hone; second vice-president, C. R. Walker; secretary, O. D. Newton; finance committee, F. N. Robinson; chairman, H. R. Franks and E. B. Reid; chairman of Children's Work Board, Miss Lillian Moss; vice-chairman, Mrs. D. A. McKay; secretary-treasurer, Miss Mayne Young; chairman of the Girls' Work Board, Mrs. J. D. De-twiller; secretary, Miss Helen D'Avignon; chairman of the Boys' Work Board, P. G. McAlister; secretary, W. H. Spearman; chairman of the Young People's Division, Rev. F. W. K. Harcourt; secretary, Rev. E. W. Jewitt; chairman of the adult division, E. J. Jenkins; chairman of the department of home religion, Rev. W. L. Armstrong; the teacher-training department, G. A. Hoffer; and Y. K. Greer; missionary department, Rev. A. G. Clarke and John Holman; temperance department, Rev. Matthew Kelly.

Report Pleases. Last night's attendance was made up largely of department heads and workers of Sunday Schools and several local clergy. Complete satisfaction was evinced with regard to the report of the secretary, Mr. O. D. Newton, who summed up in a comprehensive manner the amount of work which is being carried on in the churches by the various departments of the Religious Education Council. This work includes the E.T. and C.G.I.T. groups, both of which are organized in practically every church, and carried on under the Girls' and Boys' Work Boards. The Children's Work Board, although it is not organized similarly to these with a full-time secretary, also functions extremely well, a great deal of work being carried on among the younger children of the city, both those who are connected with Sunday Schools and those who are not (the latter by means of summer camps, and the like).

The institute began at 6:30 with a supper, which was followed by an open discussion on the present-day methods of religious education, led by Rev. W. R. McIntosh and Rev. C. W. DeMille of Toronto, the general superintendent of the Ontario Religious Education Council. Practically all present entered into a frank discussion of what methods may be used which might be discarded in favor of a new and more efficient system.

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