

FORECASTS—Fresh north and north west winds, fine and cold. Wednesday: Fine gradually moderating.

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LOCAL BUSINESS INTERESTS ENDORSE ADVANCED TIME

EXPRESS OPINIONS IN FAVOR OF CHANGE BECAUSE OF ADVANTAGES TO THEM AND THEIR EMPLOYEES.

In order to get some consensus of opinion as to the ideas of the merchants and other business men of this city with regard to the daylight saving proposals, a representative of The Journal called up several of them today and asked whether they endorsed the idea. Without exception they did.

The situation therefore in St. Catharines is this, that the railways, express companies, telegraph companies, members of the Board of Trade, the City Council, etc., are in accord as wanting the advanced time. Members of the Post Office staff are strongly in support of the new time also.

Opinions of Business Men. Below are the expressions in brief of a few men who could be got to on the telephone.

Mr. H. H. Avery of Avery & Hara endorses it on account of the railroads and other organizations having adopted that time. In another sense he is in favor of it because business men can close their stores earlier. They and their employees have more time, therefore, for gardening, recreation, etc., he says.

Mr. Inkster of the J. D. Tait and Co., supports it because it gives more time to those who wish to work in gardens and such like and also for recreation.

Major Bradley of Bradley & Son says yes on account of the extra hour of daylight in the evening, and he does not understand why some people object to it. It does not affect business in any way that he can see.

Mr. Alderman Gibson supports it because it gives the general public a good long evening to work in the gardens and as far as he sees it benefits every one.

Members of the Post Office Staff are strongly in favor of the advanced time as it affords them an hour in the evening when it is light enough for bowling or other outside recreation. At the old time the staff who have to remain in the office until after the close of the mails have no time at all for outside pleasure.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH VERDICT OF JURY

No Blame Attached to Anyone for Fatal Injury to W. P. Sparrow.

As a result of an adjourned inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death recently of W. P. Sparrow, who was struck by a fallingerrick pole at the Hydro canal work near Queenston, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death. The enquiry was held last night in the Police Court before Coroner Dr. Jory and a jury comprised of W. H. Drysdale, foreman; R. Foster, T. Dow, I. B. Allan, Geo. Jones, F. Todd, W. Doughty, and R. Widdicombe. Mr. M. J. Brennan was present on behalf of the Crown and Mr. Allan Fraser of Niagara Falls, looked after the case on behalf of the Hydro. Dr. Cooper, of Niagara Falls, was the first witness and said that deceased had come to his death from a fractured skull. Mr. W. ett, foreman of the Hydro works, the deceased was working erecting a gin pole when the accident occurred.

Herbert Lett and A. Kennedy, Carl Stone, and Mr. Slater gave evidence.

After hearing the testimony the jury gave a verdict as above and attached no blame to those engaged on the work.

CHIEF ENGINEER OF CAN. NORTHERN BURIED IN SLIDE

Huge Mass of Snow Buried Him in Yellow Head Pass Portion of Rocky Mountains.

(Special to The Journal.) Edmonton, Alta., April 1.—Allan T. Fraser, aged 45, Chief Engineer of the Canadian Northern Ry., was killed on Sunday by a snow slide near Mount Robson in Yellow Head Pass through the Rockies. Fraser's train was stopped by the slide and he went ahead with a section gang to make investigation, when another slide buried them all. The section men were dug out, all practically uninjured, but Mr. Fraser was dead when they reached him.

RY. BOARD HEARS VIEWS OF RAILROADS

Arguments of Forceful Nature Presented Today to Prove Importance of Daylight Saving to Agree With U. S.

Ottawa, April 1.—The Dominion railway Commission today heard officials of railway war board and railway companies explain why they adopted daylight saving time, the argument being generally put forth that both the convenience and safety of passengers and freight on Canadian lines made it necessary to fall in line with the United States. Secty. Neal representing the railway war board emphasized difficulties in international traffic and figured out that maintenance of different time from United States would mean the loss of over two million hours by passengers on Canadian lines. Experts agreed also, he said, that it would be distinctly dangerous to operate trains with different time in the States for mCanada.

After hearing the officials of the C. P. R. and G. T. R., as well as Mr. W. M. Neil, representing the Canadian Railway War Board, Sir Henry Drayton adjourned the hearing at one o'clock (daylight saving time) until half-past two this afternoon, when other interests will be heard. The commissioners have received telegrams from about thirty-five municipalities, cities and towns in the country endorsing daylight saving.

APRIL FOOL'S DAY.

Usually April 1st is considered April Fool's Day and surely the weather prophets have been badly fooled today. With the mercury down to 10 above zero and a cutting north wind it would be interesting to know what has become of all the signs of gentle Spring. Where is the blue bird. What has become of the grasshopper, the black coated caterpillar, the fish worm or the musical bullfrogs. What but call for more ale and lay fresh wood on the fire as Coleridge would say.

ST. LAWRENCE OPENING

Ocean Navigation in River Early Next Week. Quebec, April 1.—The St. Lawrence will be clear of ice and open to navigation before the middle of next week, according to the local offices of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. The ice is quickly breaking up between Three Rivers and Montreal, and the two Government ice breakers, Lady Grey and Montcalm, have made good progress.

COMPERS COMES HOME

Washington, April 1.—Samuel Gompers and his party sailed for New York yesterday on the steamer Rotterdam.

ESTHONIANS AGAIN WIN BATTLE WITH BOLSHEVISTS

London, April 1.—An official communication issued by the Estonian army, says the Estonians on Sunday captured the town of Pechory, in the Pskoff sector, and the town of Hainash, on the eastern shore of the Gulf of Riga, about thirty miles south of Pernau. Both battles were won after hard fighting. The victory of the Estonians has released the strategically important railroad between Hainash and Volmar on the Aa River from the hold of the Bolshevists.

HOMER CASE IS TO BE PROBED

Commission Appointed by Govt. to Enquire into License Dept. Affairs Will Widen its Scope and Will Touch Local Incident.

(Special to The Journal.) Parliament Building, Toronto, April 1.—Commission which has been issued to Sir William Meredith and Peter White to investigate Hartley Dewart charges in connection with License Department is even wider in its scope than has already been indicated according to authoritative announcement made at Queen's Park today. It is understood that the Commission will be empowered to touch upon the Homer case and the employment of private detectives by the License Department in addition to the charges against inspector Ayrarst and other officials of the department. The Commission will also be authorized to pass judgment upon the truth or falsity of the report carried by the Toronto World with reference to the Homer case. No indication is forthcoming as yet as to the date at which the probe will be opened.

LEGISLATURE ADOPTS THE NEW TIME

To Follow Daylight Saving Policy—Mayor Church Speaks. After a sort of chaos prevailed at the Parliament Buildings in Toronto for one day, the Ontario Government announced that the daylight saving scheme had been adopted so far as the House and the departments were concerned. There were reported to be queer mix ups as a consequence of clerks coming in at various times, members arriving by trains that were an hour ahead of the old time and finding old time prevailing still at the building, etc. Mayor Church in an interview yesterday scored the Government at Ottawa and the farmers. He said that most of those who objected to the new time were the same people that opposed the military service. His Worship, indeed, became quite strong in his criticism of the reactionaries and conservatives with respect to the time.

COCK FIGHT COST EACH SPECTATOR 10 DOLLARS

Court Held by Lantern Light in Barn Where all Were Caught

Niagara Falls, Ont., April 1.—At an early hour yesterday morning N. Y. State troopers surrounded a barn near La Salle, just over the line, and caught a hundred or so sports from Niagara Falls, Thorold, St. Catharines and other places on this side, who were conducting a cock fight. Not a man escaped. A Magistrate was procured, and by lantern light he held court right in the barn and fined each man \$10. The birds were confiscated. Every man paid without a murmur.

ORANGEMEN HOLD FINE CONCERT

Largely Attended Affair Under Auspices of L.O.L. and Scarlet Chapter—Programme Given.

A large number attended the entertainment held at the Orange Hall last evening under the auspices of L. O. L. 573 and 720 and The Scarlet Chapter. Bro. James Wiley, evening mayor, was chairman for the evening. The entertainment was opened by the orchestra of the Collegiate Institute, followed by the following: Song by Mr. Maurice Dickson. Reading by Mr. Bennett Solo. Mrs. J. M. Elson. Encore by Mrs. J. M. Elson. Solo by Bro. E. Harris. Encore by Bro. E. Harris. Solo by Miss Hook. Skirt Dance by Miss McShane. Quartetmaster Bro. T. C. Weatherhead. Song by Bro. J. Rothwell. Selection by Collegiate Orchestra. Address—Rev. Bro. Howitt, Rector of St. Thomas Church. Song by Bro. E. Harris. Sword Dance by Mrs. Cowan. Song by Mr. Anthony. Selection by Collegiate Orchestra. Duet by J. Rothwell and son. The accompanist for the evening was Mrs. Treusch. Mrs. Percy Miller accompanied Mrs. Elson. A vote of thanks was then extended to all who took part in the program, after which refreshments were served by the lodges.

HOT FIGHT IN WINDY CITY

Bitterest Contest in History of the City is Waged for Mayoralty and Other Offices in Chicago.

(Special to The Journal.) Chicago, Ill., April 1.—Men and women balloted for mayor and other city officers today after a campaign said to have been the most bitter in the history of the municipality. With six candidates in the field for mayor, partisan, religious and racial hatred fanned high during the campaign, which ended last night with riotous scenes in central districts, which extra policemen had difficulty in controlling at times. The candidates for mayor are William Hale Thompson (Republican), incumbent; Robert M. Switzer (Democrat); Macbay Sayne (Independent Democrat); John Fitzpatrick (Labor); John M. Collins (Socialist); Adolph S. Carn (Socialist Labor). Each of the four leading candidates claims his election to-day, although political forecasters say they are at a loss to make anything like creditable predictions.

This vote is expected to be heavy. Among propositions appearing on ballots is "Shall Chicago Become Anti-Saouon Territory."

"OLD MAN" KRAMER WILL GO BACK TO THE RACES

Newark, April 1.—Frank L. Kramer, champion bicycle rider of America, is 38 years old, and will start on his nineteenth year as a professional cyclist when the bike season opens at the Velodrome next Sunday, April 6. Kramer, who was defeated for the championship in 1917 by Arthur Spencer, the Canadian rider, demonstrated that he was not all in by a long way when he came back and won the title again last year. Kramer has won the national championship seventeen out of nineteen times.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN

Samuel Gompers and his party sailed yesterday for New York on the steamer Rotterdam. The allied missions which were in Budapest when the Hungarian revolution broke out have arrived at Belgrade. One hundred and fifty persons were executed by the new Budapest Government for looting when the political turmoil of last week occurred.

WANTS NEW TRIAL FOR MURDERER

Attorney Asks for New Trial for Man Who Murdered Willie Viau at Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, Ont., April 1.—F. G. Smith, attorney for Gino m-mo Cavanaugh, the Italian who was recently convicted of the murder of Willie Viau, a French Canadian, and who is under sentence to hang on May 30, has made an official application for a new trial. He is waiting to hear from his appeal now. It is expected, however, that if the motion for a new trial is denied, that he will be able to secure a stay in sentence. Efforts are also being made to have Cavanaugh's sentence commuted to a term of imprisonment.

500 LOCKS READY

Canals May Open This Week—Four Through Channel.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., April 1.—The 500 locks are ready for any vessels that may care to pass this way. Painting and repairs to the locks are completed, and the only reason for delaying their opening is that there is no traffic. The lakes are now wholly free from ice, and the ice which remains in St. Mary's River is not so heavy as to cause trouble to a freighter. A Canadian tug made a trip from the Soo into Little Lake George yesterday through the old ship channel yesterday; and is the first steam vessel to venture out this year. If there is any request the canals will open this week. The earliest date of opening was in 1902, when the first vessel went through on April 1.

LATE CAPT DELANEY IS LAD AT REST

Funeral Present to Pay Last Respects to Well Known Mariner

The funeral of the late Capt. James P. Delaney took place on Monday morning from the family residence, No. 1 Walnut street, to St. Catharines R. C. Church, where requiem mass was chanted by Very Rev. Dean Morris, thence to Victoria Lawn Cemetery. The funeral was attended by a large number of prominent citizens assembled to pay a last mark of respect to the memory of one whom they had esteemed in life. St. Catharines Council Knights of Columbus assembled at the home of the deceased on Sunday evening and recited prayers in his memory. The bearers were Capt. Robert Chestnut, Capt. George Clifford, Capt. Dennis Enright, M. J. McCarron, Thos. Joy and Thos. Foley. The honorary bearers were Capt. E. Wright, Capt. W. McLaren, Capt. G. Motley, J. Carty, F. Todd, J. Powell, J. De Young and Wilfred Murphy. The floral tributes were very numerous and exceptionally beautiful. Among friends from out of the city were Mrs. Margaret Drennan and son, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Mary Allen and Leo Delaney, New York; Mr. and Mrs. John Powell, M. S. Brinker and family, Mrs. W. O'Reilly, Capt. W. F. Delaney and family, Buffalo, N.Y., and several others.

NEW COAT OF ARMS FOR THE DOMINION

Ottawa, April 1.—A Committee consisting of Sir Joseph Pope, Mr. Thomas Mulvey, Under-Secretary of State, General Gwatkin, Chief of the General Staff, Department of Militia, and Dr. A. G. Doughty, Dominion Archivist, has been named to design a new coat-of-arms for the Dominion. It has been decided that this is necessary because the existing coat covers only the Provinces which constituted the Dominion at the time of Confederation.

THE DOMINION

A new Dominion coat of arms is to be designed. The Social Service Council of Canada has been incorporated. Hamilton women may refrain from buying butter and even milk or cream until the prices fall to more reasonable figures. The Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force is to return, the date being kept secret by request of the British Government. Alexander Wood, an employee of the Lake Erie Coal Co., was instantly killed by falling from a coal hoist into a barge at Erieau. Alexander Duthie, about forty five years of age, an Austrian Ukrainian was shot dead in the foreign quarter of Guelph Sunday night.

LOOKS LIKE BUSY SEASON FOR LACROSSE

Seniors Will Hold Council of War Tomorrow Night to Arrange for Events.

This promises to be a busy season for lacrosse in this city and district. Some of the old-time zest is taking hold of the boys and they are looking forward to many keen games. On Wednesday night of this week an O.L.A. senior meeting will be held in the Council chamber to make arrangements for the entry of a senior team in the Association, to elect officers and to name delegates to the convention in Toronto to back up the candidature of Ald. Westwood for the presidency. As it now looks there will be four junior teams, one juvenile and a senior team for this city. Some of the men who have been able players are becoming interested in the outlook and may handle stick again. They include Marriott, Cunningham, Gayder brothers, Collins, Dixon, Hare and Sheahan.

OTTAWA MUDDLED OVER NEW TIME

Some Parts of Parliament Buildings Use the Old Time, Others Move Clocks

Ottawa, April 1.—The capital is in a badly mixed condition. Confusion reigns supreme and promises to be still worse confounded. Trains are arriving in Ottawa, and leaving Ottawa, on daylight saving time; the telegraph companies have accepted it, and even the Post office right in the Parliament Buildings, where daylight saving was doubted, the other day, has been forced to adopt itself to the new time. The hotels also have moved their clocks ahead one hour to accommodate the traveling public. This morning Ottawa adopted daylight saving. This will help some, but there are some twenty five thousand Government employees who at present do not know how they will stand in the matter. Today the Railway Commission will hear why the new time should not go into force on the railways. A speedy judgment is expected. Should it be favorable to the railways, there is bound to be an agitation from the farming interests that local trains at least run on standard time. Even against this the railways have strong objections. Should standard time be adopted on locals, the dairy and truck farming industries would be benefitted, but the Surbanites would arrive at business an hour late. Should an adverse judgment be brought down by the Railway Board then it is anticipated that the Railway War Board will appeal to the Privy Council on the question of fact, and to the Supreme Court on the question of law.

If Sir Henry Drayton's contention is upheld then new legislation is not necessary, and if the Government in view of the circumstances feels like changing its mind, then all that is necessary is a proclamation by order-in-Council.

GERMAN OFFICERS TO DRILL HUNGARY'S ARMY

Budapest, April 1.—The Hungarian Government has sent a delegation to Berlin to conclude a treaty of alliance against the Entente Allies. German officers formerly belonging to Field Marshal Mackensen's army has arrived in Budapest to reorganize the Hungarian army along German lines. The army now numbers 100,000 men.

DEATH OF MRS. M. PEGG.

There passed away on Sunday evening at the Children's Shelter, 217 Queenston street, Mrs. Martha H. Pegg, wife of Mr. James Pegg, in her 65th year. Besides her husband she leaves to mourn her death two sons, Addison A., of Toronto; J. Hamilton, of Minneapolis, and one daughter, Grace, at home. The late Mrs. Pegg has been matron in charge of the Children's Shelter for some time.

FINANCIAL

Many tenders bid for Weston bonds aggregating \$60,000, which sold at 104.46. Mr. J. H. Gundy, just returned from the West, stated that conditions in Western Canada are improving. Reports at the annual meeting of the Wm. A. Rogers, Limited, yesterday, promised a much better outlook for the company.

RAILWAY BOARD TO HOLD SITTING AT BRIDGEBURG

Will Hear Application From Telephone Companies to Have Their Plants Consolidated Under one Company.

Bridgeburg, Ont., April 1.—April 8 has been officially set as the date when the Canadian municipal and railway board will come to Bridgeburg to hear the application of the Bell and Welland county Telephone companies that their plants here be consolidated under the management of the Welland County Independent line, according to an announcement made yesterday by H. C. Small, secretary of the Ontario municipal and railway board.

DEPUTATIONS PROPOSES CHANGE IN ROUTE

Lincoln County Represented in Request Made Before Deputy Minister.

A strong deputation from Hamilton Saltfleet township and Wentworth and Lincoln counties, waited on W. A. McLean, deputy minister of public works, at Toronto, and asked that the department reconsider its decision in regard to the route of the provincial highway from this city to Niagara Falls, and to have a survey made of the Barton street route. The deputation consisted of Controllers Peebles and Halford, Wm. Lees, Guy H. Long, A. C. Garden, and Willoughby Ellis, of this city, and Wm. Mitchell, J. W. Smith, George Millen, Fred Carpenter, Capt. Orr. F. C. Briggs, R. H. Lewis, and E. J. Mahony, representing Lincoln, Wentworth and the township of Saltfleet.

The county controllers stated that when the matter of choosing a route eastward from this city was under consideration, the city authorities were busy with war matters, and didn't give it the attention it deserved. In their opinion Barton street would be a better route than King Street, which is winding and longer.

The deputy minister promised that government engineers would be ordered to make a survey and a report on the proposed route and that the department would consider the question thoroughly. If the idea is carried out it will affect the Q. and G. highway through Grimsby and Beamsville.

SENDS CONTRIBUTION FROM CALIFORNIA

City Clerk Pay has received the following letter from Mr. John G. Moore who has been spending some time in Pasadena, Cal., and a check in aid of the Ambulance: Hotel Huntington, Pasadena, California.

J. Albert Pay, Secy. Board of Health, St. Catharines.

My Dear Mr. Pay, Your letter of the 18th inst. re Ambulance was forwarded to me here, and I have much pleasure in enclosing cheque to you for \$50.00 and trust that our liberal St. Catharines public will promptly furnish the required amount for an up to date ambulance, as it is badly needed. With kind personal regards. I am, Yours very truly, JOHN G. MOORE.

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THE WEATHER
Toronto, April 1.—The barometer
continues low over the Maritime
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pressure which came in from the
northward over Ontario on Sunday
is gradually diminishing in energy.
The weather has become quite mild
in the western provinces and is very
in Ontario and Quebec.