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TELEPHONE RATES RAISED MARCH 1

New Schedule of Rates for Bell Telephone Company Granted by Railroad Board, Became Effective Tuesday of This Week.—Durham Business Phones Get Substantial Hoist, While Residence Phones Remain as of Old.

The decision of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners allowing an increase in rates to the Bell Telephone Co. was announced on Tuesday of last week, the new rates becoming effective on Tuesday of this week. The matter has been under discussion for some months, and while it is quite natural that there should be considerable antagonism to the new schedule, it is apparent that the decision of the Railway Board has been given only after a careful consideration and there may be more justification in the rise in the cost of telephones than the general public is aware of.

In the ordinary run of business, an increase is usually productive of a reduction in rates, but with the Bell Telephone Company their chief claim to an increase was based on the fact that they are now giving a much wider service, which justifies a boost in telephone rentals. It is in rentals only that the increase is granted, the long-distance rates remaining as formerly.

Durham to Pay More

The increase in the rates means that Durham and the phones connected with the Durham central will pay roughly \$1000.00 a year more into the coffers of the Company. There are approximately 250 rural phones from Durham central. These must pay an increase of 11 cents a month, or \$333.96 annually. Durham business phones, when paid formerly \$2.05 a month now pay \$2.50, an increase of 45 cents a month. There are about 150 phones in Durham, but as the residence phones remain as formerly, the increased revenue in town will not run over \$650.00 to \$700.00, making a rough total of approximately \$1,000.00 a year increase. These estimates are based on the wall phones. In the case of desk phones, these were formerly 21 cents a month additional. The extra rate on these has been reduced to 20 cents.

The old and new rates as it affects Durham and vicinity are:

Business Phones:		Old Rate	New Rate
Wall	party party party party	\$2.05	\$2.50
Desk		2.26	2.70
Extension		1.03	.80
Residence:			
Wall		2.05	1.85
Desk		2.26	2.25
Extension		1.03	.55
Rural Lines:			
Wall		1.54	1.65
Desk		1.75	1.85

CARS WITH FOUR-WHEEL BRAKES TO SHOW LIGHT

Provision of Bill Before Legislature Amending Ontario Highway Traffic Act; Speed Rules Explained.

Every motor car with four-wheel brakes will have to show on the back, so as to be clearly visible to drivers approaching from the rear, a red sign approved by the department of highways, by the terms of a provision in Hon. Mr. Henry's bill amending the Highway Traffic Act. The proposed section will be an addition to that passed in 1923 requiring all vehicles to have two brakes and giving authority for police inspection thereof.

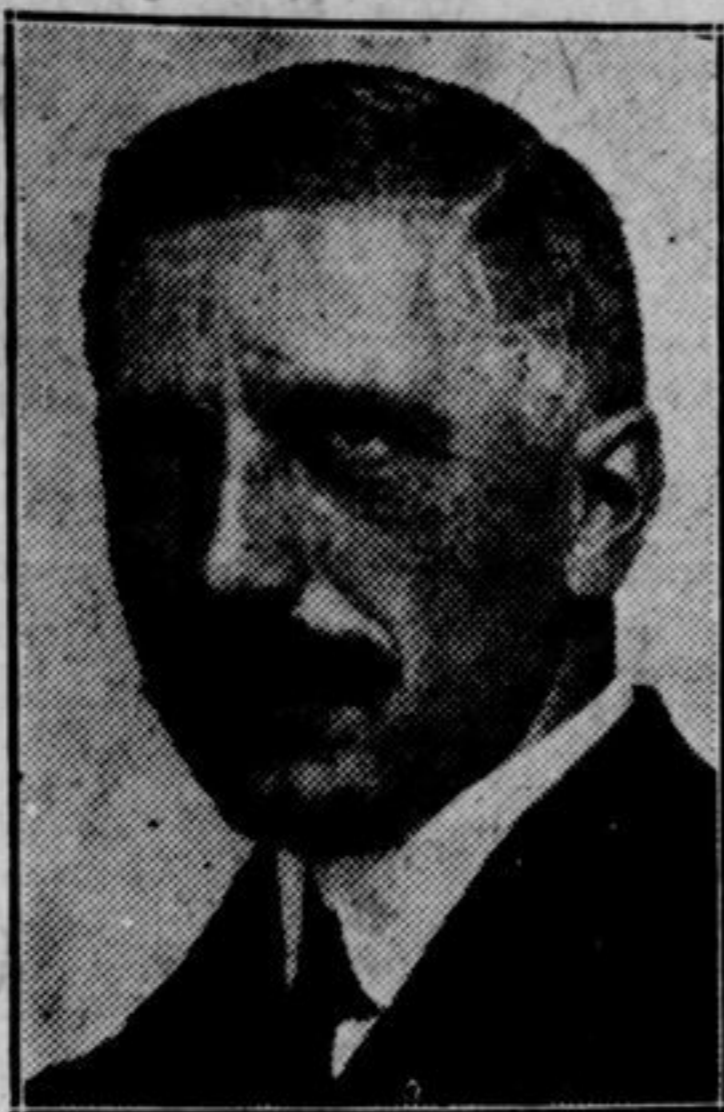
As a corollary of the higher speed limit of 35 miles, which this bill will legalize, the legal speed at intersections will also be increased. The existing statute lays down a speed of 10 miles within town and villages and 12½ outside, at road intersections and curves where there is not a clear view, and at railway crossings. Intersections and curves in the country may be negotiated in future at 15 miles an hour.

Proof of Negligence

The Traffic Act of 1923 laid down that, notwithstanding the ordinary provisions as to speed limit and the penalties provided for infractions, any motorist driving at a greater speed than 40 miles per hour, or negligently or recklessly, could be fined up to \$100 or given a term of imprisonment. In future prosecutions under this section will rest entirely upon the proof of negligence or recklessness, as the bill now before the House cuts out the 40 mile provision. The department evidently recognizes that 40 miles nowadays is not necessarily reckless driving.

In the clauses restricting motor vehicles carrying six tons to a speed of 10 miles an hour the maximum speed is set at 20 miles instead. With regard to the provisions for half loads on trucks during March and April, the scope is to be restricted. After the proposed law is enacted this section will not apply to public vehicles, nor to those with gross capacity of less than three tons, instead of one.

A new clause permits a magistrate to extend the time for serving a summons where sufficient evidence is adduced to show that by reason of the default or unlawful act of the person to be summoned a summons could not be issued and served within the time specified.



LABRADOR MISSION NEEDS FUNDS

Dr. Harry L. Paddon, co-worker with Dr. Grenfell in the Labrador Mission, urges Canada to establish a sinking fund to enable the Mission to engage more workers.

J. W. LUNNEY FORMER BENTINCK BOY HONORED AT REGINA

Former Resident of Aberdeen Presented with Life Membership at Big Annual Bonspiel at Regina, At Which Over Five Hundred Curlers Were Present.

It is quite a few years ago since "Jack" Lunney, who formerly lived at Aberdeen, shook the dirt of Ontario off his shoes and took up his residence in the West, but for all that there will be many yet left who knew and remember him, some of them, like the writer, having gone to school in his company where, in "the good old days" there was more deviltry hatched to the square inch than the present bunch of school kids ever dreamed of.

It was therefore with a great deal of pleasure that we received a letter recently from our good old friend and subscriber, Harry Aldred of Ceylon, Sask., containing a clipping from the February 3 issue of The Regina Daily Post in which was an account of a banquet given during the annual meet of the curlers from all over Saskatchewan and the West. Mr. Aldred was present and tells us that it was attended by over 500 curlers and, judging from what the writer of the article, a staff reporter from The Post, has to say, it must have been a gala night in old Regina. Mr. Aldred tells us that the presentation of the life membership to Mr. Lunney was the outstanding number on the program and that "a pleasing personal touch was added to the occasion when Doug. Munro, an old schoolmate and lacrosse sidekick was the first to clasp his hand in sincere congratulations on his new honors."

Mr. Lunney was quite naturally somewhat put out by the suddenness of the affair, but made a good reply, stating among other things that he supposed one reason they considered the life membership was coming to him was the fact that he had attended bonspiels for many years and carried away very few prizes.

In referring to the banquet, the reporter of The Post said: "There were other speakers whom I would have enjoyed reporting if I had the time and space to spare. I am overlooking them from necessity, not from choice. There was one function on which I must dwell, because it was one of the most important occasions of its kind which ever happen at the annual meeting. (Continued on page 8)

CHRISTIAN CHURCH BIGGER THAN SECT

"Dissent" From One Denomination Not Important.—"Anglican" Not In Prayer Book, Says Rev. T. G. Wallace.

"I am a 'nonconformist' over and over again, I hope," said Rev. T. G. Wallace, rector of St. James' Church, South London, in his Sunday morning sermon. "Where there are standards that are wrong, or when men are called upon to compromise in the matter of conscience, let us be nonconformists."

Mr. Wallace referred to charges sometimes heard that the Church of England is "narrow," and he reminded his hearers that the term Anglican is not encountered in the Book of Common Prayer, which refers only to the Christian church.

"The church is bigger, you know, than either you or me," he said. "The church is bigger than this school of thought or that. The word 'dissent' is sometimes applied. The wrong does not consist in dissenting from the Church of England, this church or that; the wrong, as some of us would say, consists in dissenting from the church, the Christian church, the Catholic church."

"What is the Catholic church? Perhaps some of you have noticed over the default or unlawful act of the person to be summoned a summons could not be issued and served within the time specified."

SOUTH GREY'S MEMBER AT MASSEY HALL

F. R. Oliver, M.P.P., One of Speakers at Royal Templars of Temperance Meeting Last Sunday Afternoon.

Reporting the mass meeting of the Royal Templars of Temperance, held in Massey Hall, Toronto, last Sunday afternoon, Monday's Globe reported the speech of Farquhar R. Oliver, the member for South Grey, as follows:

"An eloquent tribute to the efficacy of the Ontario Temperance Act was given in Massey Hall yesterday afternoon by Farquhar R. Oliver, M. P. P. for South Grey, the youngest member of the Legislature at a crowded meeting under the auspices of the Royal Templars of Temperance."

"While he was not familiar with the difficulties of enforcement in Toronto, he declared that the benefits of the act were written in indelible ink on the hearts and minds of the people of South Grey. 'Since 1916 we in South Grey have seen the act enforced with an iron and equal hand and, I believe that in Toronto possibly your enforcement was more lax than ours. I believe that was the trouble with the O.T.A.—that it was not enforced evenly all along the line, but I know it was enforced in South Grey with beneficial results.'"

In that riding, home ties had been knit more tightly together and wives and children no longer greeted drunken husbands and fathers at the close of the day," said Mr. Oliver. He claimed that since the passage of the O.T.A. temperance people had rested on their oars, feeling content that the battle was over. "The fact remains that we have got to start all over again and to lay the foundation for a new temperance structure. Let us see to it that we start it on solid ground and not build our next temperance structure on sinking sand. Let us see that no flaws or crevices enter into it."

Will Increase Sales

"Any Government is anxious to increase its revenue, to blot out deficits and to present a balanced Budget. When a Government sells liquor, they realize that if they sell two bottles instead of one it will bring twice as much revenue to the Province. I defy you to find a Government that will stand up under that temptation. Instead of curtailing sales it will add to them."

"Styling the brewers and distillers behind the hand and the power behind the throne," he pictured them hammering on the door of the Provincial Government and entreating them to remove the restrictions with the sole object of enriching themselves. It was impossible to imagine, said the South Grey member, how much pressure such an organization could bring to bear on the Government, and furthermore, if sound entry on their part did not have the desired effect they took the other course of contributing to political campaign funds."

On the platform with Mr. Oliver were Rev. Father Minehan, who delivered a rousing address on temperance.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT QUEEN ST. SOCIAL

Members of Mission Band Entertained Their Friends on Friday Evening Last.

The Mission Band of Queen Street United Church held a very successful social in the church on Friday evening, February 25. About eight o'clock the young chairman, George Glass, opened the concert with a fitting address of welcome and the programme, consisting of eighteen numbers, was as follows: Opening Chorus, "Keep Sweet" by the Band; recitation by Jasper Greenwood; piano solo by Frances Hay, song by Olive Yrns and Edna Elliott; recitation by Ross Wilson; lullaby song by eight little tots with dolls; piano solo by Genevieve Saunders; recitation by Clara Jack; motion song by four little boys; recitation by Glenn Lloyd; duet by Josie Falconer and Inez Twanley; piano solo by Gertrude Glass; recitation by John Greenwood; duet by six girls; recitation by George Glass; motion song by eight girls; horn duet by Frank and Mr. Ritchie and closing chorus by the band.

The president, Mrs. Wiggins, who is very faithful and devoted to the work thanked those ladies who had assisted her in preparing the programme and then called on Mr. Peters to speak. He gave a very fitting address, emphasizing the worthiness of the cause for which the band was working, illustrating the story of a little girl of India who died a martyr's death for a very trivial breach of their country's laws.

After this the children amused themselves at the hsn-ponds, while the grown-ups enjoyed an old-fashioned spelling-match. For this prizes were given. Mrs. Arthur Greenwood obtained the prize of a silk handkerchief while Mr. W. A. McGowan won the gentleman's prize of a safety razor. At the close a dainty lunch of sandwiches, cake and tea was served.

Yes, Ah, Yes!

Mrs. West: "The average woman has a vocabulary of only 50 words." Gordon: "It's a small stock, but think of the turnover."

WANT MAIL BOXES ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROAD

Rural Mail Carriers to Request Government for Same Standing as Other Officials.

That all rural mail boxes throughout Canada be placed on the right side of the roadway in order to prevent further accidents and loss of life among rural mail carriers is a request which will be made to the Dominion Government this week by the Rural Mail Carriers Association members of which point out that many serious accidents have happened in recent years requiring months of hospital treatment and entailing considerable expense and loss of time, through the practice in some districts of locating rural mail boxes on the left side of the road.

The mail carriers also wish other changes made. They will advocate the abolition of the contract system and the introduction in its place of a salary paid system, where the members of the association will be placed on a permanent salary basis of engagement at the rate of \$70 per mile per year for the rural mail contractors and the contractors operating between postoffices and stations.

They are also asking that the mail contractors be given ten statutory holidays with full salary payment, the same as are now enjoyed by all other branches of the postal department, as well as other governmental departments throughout Canada. The city letter carriers, postal clerks in city post-offices, railway mail clerks, postmasters, and janitors who have no running equipment to maintain all receive an income several times bigger than the rural mail contractor, who has to maintain his whole running equipment, which on an average route of 20 miles, consists of two horses and rigs, and the maintenance cost of which has been considerably more than the average income received from the contract, the members assert.

LONG FRIENDSHIP ENDS IN MARRIAGE

Former Bentinck Lady, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall, Married to Ex-Mayor Thomas Urquhart, of Toronto.

The following from a recent issue of The Toronto Daily Star, refers to a former resident of Bentinck, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall. The Star says:

"There is a beautiful story of a long friendship, that culminated in the marriage of ex-mayor Thomas Urquhart and Mrs. Mary Ellen Houser. The ceremony was performed recently at the residence of the groom in North Toronto by his pastor, Rev. Alex. Thomson, of the Mount Pleasant Road Baptist Church. There were only a few of the personal friends of the bride and groom present. After the wedding the happy couple left on a trip to New York. Thus the story might end, but through the high esteem in which the contracting party is held by their friends the inside story has come to light. This story goes back to twenty-four years ago when a strong attachment was formed between the former Mrs. Urquhart and the present bride. When Mrs. Houser's husband died after a painful and lingering illness, the Urquhart home was thrown open to her and hers. Having no children of his own, Mr. Thos. Urquhart grew to look upon the Houser boys as he would his own relatives. They became very much part and parcel of his life. A man of very strong domestic attachment was a great shock to him as well as to her friend, Mrs. Houser. Their mutual sorrow drew them together. So today Thomas Urquhart is the proud possessor of the family of which he has been the guiding hand for years, three fine Christian boys who are proud to call him "dad."

W. M. S. AND LADIES' AID MET AT PRICEVILLE

The regular monthly meeting of the W. M. S. of St. Columba church, Priceville, was held at the home of Mrs. H. B. McLean on Wednesday, February 16.

The president, Mrs. McCormack, was in the chair. The meeting was opened by singing and scripture reading followed by prayer by Mrs. Robert Parslow. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting the roll call was answered by a text on "Trust."

Mrs. D. G. McLean and Mrs. J. Williamson had charge of the "Watch Tower," for this month and gave suitable readings. The study chapter for the meeting "In the Steps of the Great Physician" was ably presented by Mrs. E. Ritchie. Miss Grace Ramage favored with a sweet solo "His eye is on the Sparrow" after which the meeting was closed by singing and the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison.

The Ladies' Aid then convened with Mrs. L. McArthur, the president in the chair. Several matters of business were disposed of and plans were made to hold a St. Patrick social on the 17th of March. At the close of the meeting the usual social hour was enjoyed while lunch was served.

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MRS. LAURA E. JAMIESON
Wife of the late magistrate Stuart Jamieson of Burnaby, Vancouver, who has been appointed judge of the juvenile court of that district by the Provincial Government.

TUESDAY NIGHT WAS CHURCH NIGHT IN DURHAM

No Less Than Four of Durham's Six Churches Had Something On, and Good Programmes Reported in Every Case.

If there's anything in co-operation, then the churches of Durham were there with the real thing Tuesday night when no less than four of them had gatherings of different kinds at which both members and outsiders were entertained.

At Knox church a crokinole party was given to the members of the congregation. There were 21 tables in play and a series of 16 games played to decide the winner. Arthur Derby got the men's prize, and W. Ritchie the men's consolation. For the ladies, Miss Effie Milligan won first place, while Miss Margaret Drummond captured the consolation. Besides the crokinole a short program was given. Barrister Burns was in the chair. The program consisted of selections by the Ritchie orchestra, a duet by Misses W. Blyth and J. Bell, and a solo by P. Ramage. There was a good crowd in attendance and lunch was served before the crowd dispersed.

At the Baptist church the Ladies' Aid put on a social evening and program, consisting of a duet by Miss Redford and Mr. H. E. Phipps, a cornet and vocal solo by Mr. Phipps, readings by Mr. P. Glenn and Miss Oppertschauser, and an address by Reeve Bell. The program was followed by a social evening spent in games and contests the evening being brought to a close with a sumptuous lunch.

The Young People's Society of the Presbyterian church held a social evening in the church basement the same evening, but following the business meeting a social evening was spent in games and contests. There was a large crowd of the young people present and a most enjoyable time was spent.

In the A.Y.P.A. rooms the young people of the Anglican congregation and their friends assembled for an evening of progressive euchre. About 20 tables were in the contest. The rooms were suitably decorated in green and white and presented a very attractive appearance. In the men's class, Mr. A. D. Noble won the first prize, and for the women, Mrs. Moorhead carried off the honors. Play was continued up until 11 o'clock when lunch was served the crowd dispersing about midnight.

ARRIVES NEW YORK AT END OF MONTH

Mrs. E. K. Jackson and Party Left Shanghai January 28 and Expect to Arrive Home About End of March.

The Chronicle was pleased to receive a letter from Mrs. E. K. Jackson from Teintsin, China, announcing her departure from that city for Shanghai, where they were to embark for England on the 28th of January. With her are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Seymour and family, who are taking holidays and intend spending them in United States and Canada. Mrs. Jackson's letter says in part:

"Sailing 8 a.m. from Shanghai, from where we sail January 28 via Suez, arriving in New York, March 24. All well and hoping for an enjoyable trip homeward."

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour are fortunate to take holidays at this time. War conditions do not improve. Most of the foreign women and children, also the men, are being brought into the seaports for safety. One wonders how it will all end.

NEIGHBORS GATHERED TO SAY GOOD-BYE

Home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Livingston in Bentinck Scene of Pleasant Gathering Last Week.

Last Friday was the scene of a very enjoyable evening spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Livingston when the neighbors and friends gathered to express their good wishes, mingled with a touch of sorrow on the eve of their departure from the community.

Early in the evening a crowd began to gather, which grew to be of considerable size. As soon as all were settled a short programme ensued in which Mr. H. Hunt as chairman expressed his sincere regrets at losing such worthy friends but hoped that they would not be lost to the neighborhood entirely.

The presentation of two luxurious chairs followed. Miss Rita Bailey reading the following address on behalf of the section:

Dear friends: We, your friends and neighbors, have assembled here tonight to spend a few social hours with you before your departure from our immediate midst. We hope you will not go far hence so that we will still have the pleasure of neighboring with you in a sense, but we felt we could not let you leave without expressing our appreciation of you. As neighbors and friends you were unsurpassed, a joy to know, ever ready to give a helping hand, sharing your joys and lightening our cares. We treasure that high and noble type of friendship. As you retire to spend the latter part of your lives in a less active sphere, we hope that you may yet be spared many years of health and happiness and that not the least part of your happiness may revolve around your old neighbors. As a token of our sincere regard for you we would ask you to accept this gift, as a small remembrance and whenever you sit in them, bear us in mind and we hope you'll always remember the happy yagone days spent with your friends in this community.

May God's richest blessings always attend you. Come to see us often that we may still mutually share friendship and example. Signed on behalf of friends and neighbors.

Mr. Livingston then arose and made a very suitable reply in which he thanked everyone for their kind interest in himself and his family, assuring them that the benefits of friendship were entirely mutual and that they had been immeasurably helped by it. He soon allayed any apprehension by assuring on behalf of himself and his wife that their keenest interests still lay in this vicinity.

The first use made of the chairs was to seat Mr. and Mrs. Livingston while he sang a motion song entitled, "Whoo, Mule," in which he transferred himself and his audience to the seat of an "old buckboard".

Some of the older members became reminiscent and shed some light on the earlier life of the couple which brought back pre-nuptial days. The younger ones, however, were not to be delayed unnecessarily for already the suspicious "thing, thing" of tuning up announced the next item on the programme.

Floors were cleared of furniture and covered with feet eager to "hammer down" till morning.

The sun had already thrown his glow over the scene before the last dancer gave way to weariness.

Everyone had an enjoyable evening and expressed their best wishes for the future happiness of their host and hostess.

Good Business

A seissors grinder stopped out front yesterday. "How's business, Tony?" we asked.

"Fine!" says he, "I never saw things so dull in all my life."



EMINENT SOAP BOX ORATOR
Sir Harry Brittain has the distinction of being the first British Conservative member of Parliament to become a soap-box orator in Hyde Park on a Sunday. This form of speech-making is usually confined to radical orators, but Sir Harry's motive was to denounce Communists and Communism. Lady Brittain, with other prominent personalities, lent her support to the new movement.