

SENDS PUP TO DR. DAFOE

Dr. Boulding, mayor of the neighbouring town of Aurora, last week sent one of his thoroughbred wire-haired terriers to Dr. Dafoe in the north country. The Doc in Aurora heard on New Year's that Dr. Dafoe's terrier had died, so that night one of the Boulding specials was on its way.

GORMLEY

The Gormley Bible School opened December 31st, as announced with an increased attendance. Many are taking advantage of the special 3 months course, 50 students are enrolled. The school is scheduled to close the last of March.

Notes and Comments

After nominations were held people in Coldwater village found no person had qualified for reeve. So the folk are now in hot water and will have to start all over.

The Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission has completed an arrangement with practically all township municipalities throughout the Province whereby the term of subsisting contracts may be reduced from twenty to five years. R. T. Jeffrey, Chief Municipal Engineer of the Commission has announced.

Premier Mitchell Hepburn is back on the job this week after a holiday in the sunshine. With the exception of one or two fields of action, Mr. Hepburn has been a wholesome influence on the province. He has uncovered wasteful extravagance and rid the province of a government which had outlived its greatest usefulness. Mr. Hepburn has not "swung to the left" very far as yet, but he has been very busy cleaning up, and undoubtedly he will turn soon to his real task of helping the unemployed, the farmers and all who find themselves in heavy seas. Many people believed that Mr. Hepburn would call a session of the legislature during the past fall. Until the legislature opens members like Morgan Baker (North York), who was not alone among Liberal candidates in urging "a more equal distribution of wealth" during the election campaign, have no real opportunity to make their opinions felt. Eventually, if Mr. Hepburn hopes to have a second term in office his government will have to deal with the liquor problem in a more satisfactory way. The public will give no more credit to the argument that "the Henry government would have made the province even better" than it gave to the Henry argument that the beer law was a temperance measure to forestall even wetter Liberal legislation.—The Era

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Queen's Park Arena

(By the Watchman)

Rumours that Ontario's labour legislation to be introduced this session would be of a compulsory nature were officially denied by Attorney General Roebuck, Minister of Labour, in a speech given at a banquet in his honour the other night. The minister revealed that the Ontario labour department and the labour department of Quebec had arranged to work together to abolish competition between cities and to aid employers and employees in their problems. This is the first time that such a scheme has been undertaken jointly by the two provinces.

Acting Premier Harry Nixon, who hands back the reins of leadership to Premier Hepburn, announces that the government will study the problem of electoral reform as it applies to three-cornered contests. He pointed out that three-cornered fights invariably failed to reflect the will of the people and that minority candidates are often elected. It is believed that any reforms which are undertaken will apply to cities.

A saving of \$310,000,000 in capital expenditure, \$3,000,000 in ordinary expenditure and \$5,000,000 in economy policies has been effected by the government since taking office. Definite announcement that the government intends to continue its "political purge" was made by Mr. Nixon. He stated that the government intended to reduce expenditures to the bone in order to relieve the taxpayers.

At least 4,000 men will be given employment on highway construction in North-Central Ontario within the next ten days, according to a statement from Hon. David Croll, Welfare Minister.

In keeping with its promise to inaugurate several major unemployment schemes, the government is rushing plans to construct camps along the routes of the projected highways. A new highway centre at Bancroft will be created and the Toronto-Pembroke route will be shortened by one hundred miles. It is expected that this project will solve the unemployment problem in the areas affected by the work, particularly in the counties of Victoria, Haliburton, Peterborough, Hastings, Renfrew and Lanark. The project is being jointly undertaken by the departments of northern development under Hon. Peter Heenan and welfare under Hon. David Croll.

Appointment of Miss Frieda Held of Toronto as supervisor in the unemployment relief branch of the government was announced by Mr. Croll. Miss Held is regarded as one of the Dominion's outstanding social service workers and has held many responsible positions.

Premier Hepburn's return to Queen's Park marks the beginning of a busy period for government legislators. With the first session of the new Parliament looming up on the horizon, the government will prepare for its first baptism under fire. Signs point to this session being one of the most interesting in years.

CABINET REFUSES ROYAL COMMISSION PROBE OF AEMILIUS JARVIS CASE

The Ontario Cabinet has turned down Attorney-General Roebuck's recommendation for a royal commission inquiry into the Aemilius Jarvis case.

With Premier Hepburn presiding for the first time since his return from his West Indies holiday, cabinet directed Mr. Roebuck to study the case himself and make what recommendation, if any, to the federal department of justice he may deem advisable after his study is completed.

"It's a delicate way of expressing confidence in the attorney-general," said Mr. Roebuck afterwards, in commenting on cabinet's policy.

Mr. Jarvis has persistently complained of "unfairness" in his trial. Now it is to be the duty and the responsibility alone of Mr. Roebuck to determine if there was that unfairness.

"Have you decided in your mind to recommend a new trial for Jarvis?" he was asked by the press.

"How can I answer that question yet?" came his reply.

Several weeks ago, when Mr. Hepburn was in Bermuda, the attorney general announced his determination to press immediately before cabinet for a commission inquiry into the case. The matter was shelved, however, until the premier's return. When he revived it, he encountered stiff opposition. It is understood, from several cabinet associates, that these ministers are alleged to have protested vigorously the idea of a costly commission probe, and to have strongly stressed the point that the attorney-general should handle the situation on his own.

A Story Well Told

Beverly Baxter of the London Daily Express Once Visited Stouffville — Piano Salesman — Salary Now \$40,000

When the local editor travelled to England back in 1926 with the Canadian weekly press party, one incident which will ever stand out fresh in our memory, is the visit to the offices of the London Daily Express, Lord Beaverbrook's newspaper which has the largest circulation of any paper in the world. We went there alone, (the visit was not on the newspaper editors' agenda) because before we left Stouffville a promise had been made to Mr. Harvey Lawson, then living on Church street, that we would call on Beverly Baxter, his nephew and superintendent of the great London newspaper.

When we found the visiting rooms for Mr. Baxter's office there was at least a dozen persons waiting to see him, but after sending our card with a boy in uniform, it was less than three minutes before Mr. Baxter appeared in the room and made enquiries for us. We were promptly ushered to his private office, and ere we left it was our privilege to sit in on the daily conference of all the editors of the Express, when Mr. Baxter scrutinized their leading articles, offered advice and sometimes severe criticism. This conference which Mr. Baxter insisted that we sit in on, is held daily at 4 o'clock promptly, and never before had any outsider listened in as we did, hearing the leading items of the next issue discussed and reported on to their editor-in-chief Mr. Baxter.

Beverly Baxter is now writing a series of articles for MacLean's magazine, in Toronto. He is a Toronto boy, and rose from a piano salesman to command his present position at a fabulous salary around \$60,000 per year.

In his opening article in MacLean's he relates the incident (some incident) of England going off the gold standard, and briefly here is how he tells it:

Ramsay MacDonald had summoned every London daily newspaper editor to Downing-street on the eve of the big world announcement, yet, unknown to the masses.

MacDonald, Baldwin, Sir Herbert Samuel and Snowden, the pillars of the first emergency National Government, sat at one side of the table. Behind them ticked the same clock that had kept the march of time while the Cabinet had waited for the expiration of the ultimatum to Germany in 1914. And now, eighteen years later, on another August evening, the clock was measuring the minutes before the storm. If ever a room was pregnant with fate it surely is the Cabinet room at No. 10.

I looked with understandable curiosity at the National quartette. What of Ramsay MacDonald? I had seen him at Downing Street three weeks before when, as head of the Labor Government, he had talked petulantly and foolishly. He had given the impression of a man who had let himself get out of hand and was on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

Now he was calm and strong. There was none of that compromise between words and their meaning which has marred so many of his speeches. His moment had come and he had risen to meet his destiny. Baldwin fingered his 'unlit pipe and licked his lips with that curious mannerism that betrays the unexcitement of his voice. Snowden squatted like a little heathen god, and was Samuel's inexpressive Oriental face seemed darker than usual.

In ordinary conversational tones the Prime Minister welcomed us and regretted that it was only times of crisis that brought the Government and the newspapers in personal contact.

"I have asked you to come here," he said, "because the Government of this country passes momentarily tomorrow into your hands. Accordingly to how you represent the news I shall give you, so we shall see financial panic or food riots and all that kind of thing, or else there will be calm, confidence and even a feeling that better times lie ahead. We have no power over you—or at any rate we do not propose to exercise any power. The patriotism of the press cannot be questioned, and so it is with complete confidence that we meet you at this table in the interests of the nation which we all serve."

There have been more flowery openings, but none that I can remember more quietly impressive. Ramsay MacDonald the lad from Scotland, the journalist, the pacifist the dreamer, the poseur, the sentimentalist, the lover of literature and the "journeyman politician" had found himself as Lincoln had done when the challenge came from Fort Sumter. And, looking at him, I felt once more that a man who springs from the people can draw upon a greater strength than any whose quarters go back to the crusaders.

In a few words he told us how the run on sterling had become so drastic that on Friday afternoon the Bank of England had urged the suspension of the gold standard. The Government had asked for one more day to see if the lunatic world of international finance would not come to its senses. Once more England had thrown her millions of money

THE PROPER CARE OF YOUR AUTOMOBILE Selecting the Right Polish



IN the first article it was told how many motorists make the mistake of believing that their cars must be re-finished when the finish becomes dull and faded. In restoring the color and gloss of the finish, however, it is important that the right polishing material be selected. There is little advantage, for instance, in using an oily polish, because it doesn't remove the traffic film, but only forms an oil film over it.

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into the sales, but before noon on Saturday the game was up. The Bank had been forced to suspend gold payments.

"By doing so," said the Premier, "the Bank has incurred liability. Therefore, tomorrow in the Commons I shall introduce a bill of indemnity. It will be rushed through its various stages, will reach the Lords by six o'clock, and will receive the Royal Assent immediately."

One of the editors spoke. He asked if the Prime Minister anticipated any obstruction to the bill.

"I will brook no obstruction," said MacDonald, and for a second his eyes flashed with the light of battle. The Scottish had had travelled a long way.

"Now, gentlemen," he went on, "I must ask you to reveal this news to no one until midnight. It is essential that the facts should not reach the foreign capitals till then. This must be kept a secret until twelve o'clock."

So far the drama had been quiet and intense. Now it was to develop into burlesque. One after another the various editors put their peculiar difficulties forward.

"I supply a tape service to the clubs. Do you not want the news to go out on our service?"

"I represent a group of provincial papers, some of which go to press before midnight. Are those editors to go without the news?"

"We send a cabled service to Australia. Unless we can telegraph by 11 o'clock it will be too late."

Someone asked what time it was in Australia. There also seemed an element of doubt as to whether it was yesterday or tomorrow there.

"Our editors for Scotland and Ireland go to press early. It will be a serious thing if we cannot carry the only news that matters."

My only contribution to the discussion was to suggest muzzling the B.B.C. in case they had the news from any source. A secretary left the room to telephone the instructions.

MacDonald smiled wearily. "It is all very complicated," he said. "Perhaps, Mr. Baldwin, you might care to say something."

Dear old Stanley was true to form. He said that this was a time when everyone should play the game.

Snowden and Samuel had nothing to add to the discussion.

"Then, gentlemen," said the Premier, and suddenly the burlesque ended, "since I cannot legislate for each newspaper individually, I must ask you to be patient with me and keep this news to yourselves until midnight. I know that you will approach your great tasks this night with true statesmanship."

Outside No. 10 the usual London miracle had happened. It was empty when we arrived. It was full of people when we emerged. That most psychic of all mobs, the London crowd, had sensed that something was up.

office asking what we wanted from America on the news.

Thirty minutes before, we had been sworn to secrecy. Now the world had the news. Who had talked? No one. It was simply that two or three junior reporters on rival papers had probably told each other of the activities of their particular "old man." The foreign correspondents would thus hear of the Downing Street conference. Some perfectly honorable editor, when asked what the news was, had perhaps answered that he could reveal nothing until midnight. The foreign correspondents would argue that since the one great piece of news was England's struggle to remain on the gold standard, this conference must be in connection with that matter. And, further, since remaining on the gold standard was not news, the abandonment must be the midnight announcement. The reporter who could not find the truth after that should take up gardening-notes.

Next morning we announced to the public that Britain's liberation from the Cross of Gold had been achieved. Now the compass was set for smoother waters. "No longer," thundered the British press, "is the pound backed by a metal, but by the character and resources of the British people."

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