

## RIVER BANKS HAVE BROKEN

### And Torrent Is Loosened Upon Portage la Prairie.

## RESIDENTS ARE LEAVING

### Situation Reported Grave— Removal of Ice Jam Would Give Relief.

Portage La Prairie, Man., April 21.—The banks of the Assiniboine River broke southwest of here at two o'clock this morning and loosened a torrent upon this city. Railway yards were inundated and the residential section invaded. Householders began packing up to leave. The water came down from the southwest where the banks of the Assiniboine collapsed under the pressure of an abnormal quantity of water flowing eastward. The ice jam which occurred just east of Portage yesterday afternoon is still holding back the flood waters and sending a heavy flow over the low lying land on both sides of the river. Removal of the jam, it is believed, would relieve the situation which, according to latest reports, was considered extremely grave. Incidents of farms being isolated washouts on railways, damage to farm property, with occasional loss of life to livestock and hardships suffered by settlers were received here throughout the night.

## Flood Extends.

Winnipeg, April 21.—The entire west end of the city of Portage La Prairie was under water this morning and the flood was making rapid strides toward the centre of the city, according to a long-distance telephone message. All trains east and west are held up in Portage la Prairie yard and the Canadian National station is flooded. The bridge at the south approach to the city has been washed away and another on the Island Park destroyed. Residents of the west end are travelling by boat. Hundreds of homes are isolated and the foundations of houses are weakening.

## ELECTRICAL STUDENT KILLED IN TORONTO

### Fell From a Ladder, Likely After Receiving an Elec- tric Shock.

Toronto, April 21.—Harry Armstrong, aged twenty-five, a young electrical engineering student employed by the Canadian General Electric Company, and who roomed at 943 Lansdowne avenue, met his death in the transfer room of the Lansdowne plant at 3:05 o'clock this morning. The exact cause of death was unknown at an early hour, although it is thought that the young man had been on the ladder a little while before his death. The victim of the accident received a fractured skull, but it has not yet been determined whether death was primarily caused by electric shock.

## NO REASON TO FEEL BLUE OVER OUTLOOK

### There is Every Indication That Good Amount of Seeding is Going On.

Winnipeg, April 21.—There is no reason for anyone to be pessimistic of the seeding outlook in the west. says the Free Press, this morning, in publishing a summary of the reports received from fifty points in the prairie provinces which were "obtained with a view of allaying the very natural anxiety being felt in business circles, both west and east, as to the western seeding being late." The replies indicate that there will be a very large amount of wheat seeded in all the provinces by April 30th.

## Coming Into Alliance With League of Nations

Geneva, April 21.—League of Nations officials are extremely pleased with recent developments. The Irish Free State applied for membership yesterday. Turkey is coming in when a peace is signed at Lausanne, and the United States, they say, is at least displaying interest in the court of international justice, a child of the league. The Free State's application is expected to be accepted by the League when it meets in September.

## Numerous Typhoid Cases.

Cobalt, April 21.—The latest reports from Cobalt indicate that 775 typhoid cases have been reported since the outbreak of the disease.

## A COMPARISON WITH LABOR GOVERNMENT

### New South Wales Nationalist Administration Out Expen- ditures £500,000.

Sydney, Australia, April 21.—Acting Premier Oakes, of New South Wales, reviewing the first year's work of the state's Nationalist government, compares its record with that of the Labor government which it succeeded and claims that public expenditure has been reduced by £500,000, compared with Labor's last corresponding period, and that by the end of the current fiscal year the reduction will probably reach £1,000,000.

The progress of development and other necessary public work has been fully maintained, claims Mr. Oakes, while taxation has been lightened, whereas the previous government had planned to increase the taxation burden by £2,000,000. The government land development and settlement scheme was the biggest move forward for many years, claimed Mr. Oakes, and when fully operating would enormously add directly and indirectly to the prosperity of the state. Steps, he added, are being taken to stabilize the market for primary products, combined with the establishment of a system of rural credit and community settlement, which will lead to vastly improved conditions for the primary producers.

## RESISTANCE BROKEN.

Bantry, County Cork, April 21.—National army troops have thoroughly scourged the countryside in this region, and it is thought that the backbone of the irregulars' resistance in the difficult mountainous areas has been broken.

## RIISING FROM ASHES IN NORTHERN ONTARIO

### It is Now Quite Difficult to Recognize the New Hal- eybury.

Toronto, April 21.—With incredible rapidity Halleybury and other fire-swept towns are rising from their ashes of last summer, according to W. H. Alderson, chairman of the Northern Ontario fire relief committee, who returned to the city yesterday, after investigating relief needs in that area. It would be difficult to recognize Halleybury, he stated, in the new and substantial buildings which have been erected since the fire. It will no longer be necessary for the towns to receive assistance through the Northern Ontario relief funds, he said, as they have already regained their feet.

## LAKE FREIGHTS ADVANCE.

### Higher Charges for Grain Announced at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, April 21.—An advance in lake freights for grain was announced here yesterday. Steamship agents are asking six cents from the Canadian lake terminals to Buffalo, an advance of 1 1/2c during the past two weeks. Shippers state that they cannot get tonnage for oat shipments on opening of navigation, but that plenty of space is available for wheat.

## LABOR STORM BREWING.

### Tyneside Shipyards Posting Up 120- 000 Lockout Notices.

London, April 21.—A storm is brewing in the Tyneside shipyards. The employers are posting up 120,000 notices of a lockout of the boilermakers, plumbers and joiners at the end of this month because of the men's refusal to accept the terms of a recent agreement which was signed by the shipbuilding federation on behalf of all the unions in the shipbuilding industry.

## Woman Band's Leader

Montreal, April 21.—Patrick Campbell gave Mary Barrow, colored, \$1 to buy beer. Instead, she went out and rounded up a gang of colored men who held Campbell up for \$81. The woman was sentenced to six months at hard labor.

## NOTHING ON FOOT TO OUST FERGUSON

Toronto, April 21.—A rumor or is prevalent here that W. S. Middleboro, for thirteen years M. P. for North Grey, may soon succeed Hon. G. H. Ferguson as Conservative leader of the Ontario legislature. Prominent Conservatives, including W. F. Nickle, K.C., Kingston, deny, however, that any move is on foot to replace Ferguson.

## The Senate stands adjourned un- til Wednesday evening.

## VICE RAIDS IN MONTREAL

### Ninety-Seven Women and Girls Appear For Sentence.

## THE RECORDER LENIENT

### A Slackening of the Police Anti-Vice Drive Is the Forecast.

Montreal, April 21.—Ninety-seven women and girls, taken in morally squad vice raids during the past two weeks, are due to appear before Recorder Geoffrin today for sentence. A considerable number of the principals have been in court several times recently, and it is anticipated that the costs of the case, with the alternative of two months in jail, will comprise the bulk of the sentences, unless the recorder goes one step further and flatly punishes with severe sentences.

Disorderly houses are re-opening and the general air among the denizens of the vice district is that "The war is over" according to the police, whose nightly raiding had more than half closed up the red light district at the end of last week. The reason is said to be the attitude of Recorder Geoffrin, as demonstrated during the week when he remarked to Lieut. Gregoire of the morality squad: "I don't like to see the city of Montreal making revenue out of these houses," referring to the arraignment of a number of women and girls on the evening of the day they had just paid fines for previous raids. He then allowed the women and girls to sign their own bail bonds, guaranteeing their appearance today for sentence. On face of that, yesterday he allowed the costs of the case of keepers and girls each time he was assured by the police that the house from which they came was in the recognized vice region, and that the reports showed the condition of the place as orderly. Slackening of the police anti-vice drive is forecast in view of the recorder's attitude, and the women and girls are correspondingly jubilant.

## AN APPRECIATIVE WORD FROM AN AMERICAN

### For Years to Come the United States Will Buy Wheat in Canada.

Los Angeles, Calif., April 21.—The time will come when the United States will buy its wheat from Canada, according to Joseph I. Brittain, American consul-general at Winnipeg, now visiting in Los Angeles. "I believe Canada is the greatest wheat producing country on earth," he said. "Our commercial relations are close and profitable. We have consumers and Canada for years to come will be producing foodstuffs in large quantities. The Canadians are splendid, alert, progressive people."

## AWAY FROM THE FARM.

### United States Loses 460,000 Agri- culturists in 1922.

Washington, April 21.—A decrease during 1922 of approximately 460,000 persons in the agricultural population of the United States is reported by the Department of Agriculture, which says its figures were based on a survey of 10,000 representative farms and groups of farms. The estimate, which included not merely workers, but men, women and children living on farms, showed a decrease of about 1.5 per cent. from the 1920 census which placed the agricultural population in rural districts at 31,259,000 persons.

The population movement away from the farm, the department stated, was strongest in the Pacific States, while the percentage of loss was greater than the average for the entire country in the west south central and New England states as well as in the Pacific group.

## "GUN LADY" ARRESTED.

Cabaret Dancer Held in \$10,000 Philadelphia Hold-up. Philadelphia, April 21.—Mrs. Catherine O'Connor, 23 years old, a cabaret dancer, was arrested yesterday in connection with a \$10,000 hold-up early this morning. When arrested, the woman, who said she is from New York, had a revolver in a garter holster, and in her clothing were found pieces of men's jewellery.

## Her husband was also arrested.

They were both held without bail. The man is said to have a police record, and the police say he is the man wanted in connection with three murders and a number of recent shootings.

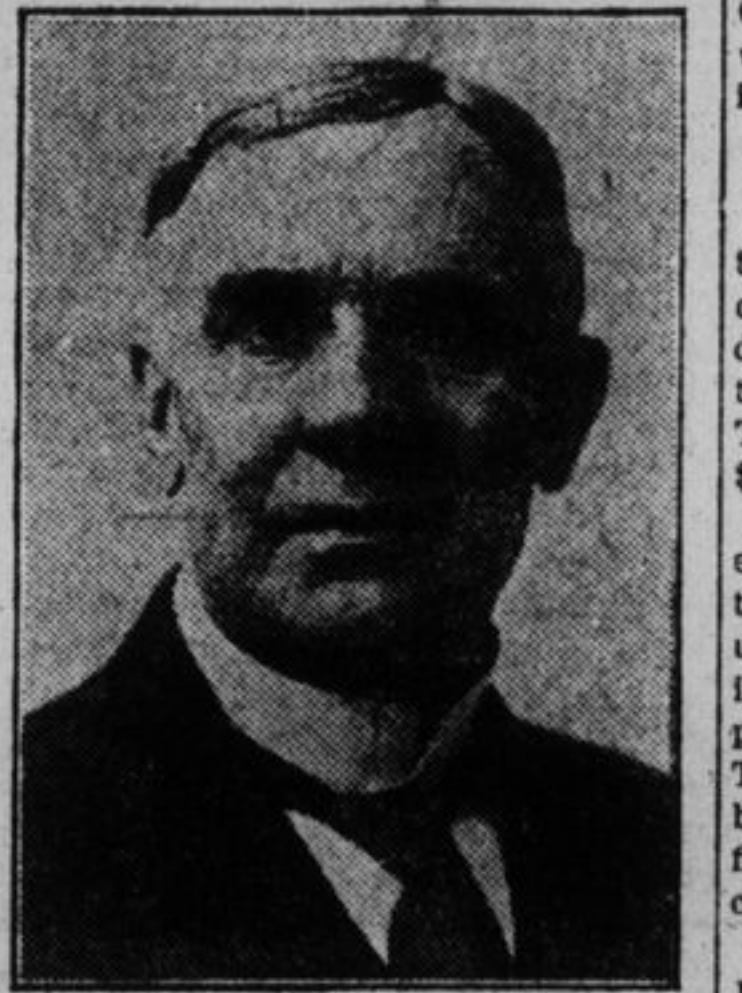
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## LIQUOR REFERENDUM HAS FOUR QUESTIONS

### The Alberta List Is to Include Government Sale of All Drink.

Edmonton, Alta., April 21.—Four questions—prohibition, licensed sale of beer, government sale of beer and government sale of all liquors—will be submitted to the electorate of Alberta in the form of a referendum if the report of the special committee on the liquor control referendum is adopted by the Alberta legislature.

The ballot would be taken in the form of a preferential ballot with transferable vote. The report was submitted to the legislature yesterday and created quite a stir in legislative circles. It is expected there will be a keen debate when the report comes up for discussion tomorrow. The committee recommended that the four questions be submitted to the electors and that an amendment be made to the Direct Legislation Act in order to allow the additional questions of the ballot beside the one as to whether beer shall be sold by the hotels, as asked for in the petitions to the Legislature.



E. N. HOPKINS  
The successful candidate in the recent Moose Jaw bye-election. He represents the Progressives.

## JUICY MELON OUT BY BERLIN COMPANY

### Dividend of 1,045 Per Cent. Will Be Paid on Dollar Basis.

Berlin, April 21.—The Kammerlich W. & Co., a Berlin company manufacturing steel and iron products and corrugated lead sheeting, has declared a dividend of 1,045 3/4 per cent, breaking all German records for such declarations. The dividend is also unique in that it will be paid on the dollar basis, in the treasury bills recently issued by the government.

The company reports that its net profits increased 50-fold last year.

## AEROPLANE DROPS FOOD TO MAROONED PERSONS

### On an Island in Michigan— Have Enough For Two Weeks.

Grand Rapids, Mich., April 21.—Nine men and one woman, marooned on South Fox Island, upper Lake Michigan, now have food supplies sufficient for two weeks. An aeroplane sent by the Chicago Tribune flew over the island yesterday afternoon and dropped two sacks of 200 pounds of food each, beans, bacon, sugar, tobacco and other supplies. The men in the aeroplane saw the marooned people come out of the cabin and carry in the food. The second Tribune plane is at Charlevoix, Mich., and the one that delivered the food returned to day-lid. Both are returning to the island to rescue the Wilson plane which is in trouble four miles from camp.

## DANCED OVER 90 HOURS.

### Cleveland Girl Is New Marathon Dance Champion.

Cleveland, April 21.—Completing 90 hours and ten minutes continuous dancing, Miss June Curry walked off the floor of a local dancing academy Thursday night, the world's champion endurance dancer. When she quit at 9:10 o'clock she had beaten by one hour and 52 minutes the record of 83 hours and 18 minutes established the same day by Arthur Howard Klein.

## Gives Up His Phone Number

Peterboro, April 21.—J. J. Howden has voluntarily surrendered his telephone number (100) to the city, to be transferred to the fire department solely for fire alarms. This is in line with an effort made by chiefs throughout the Dominion to make 100 a standard telephone number for fire-alarm purposes.

It is generally recognized in Dublin that armed opposition to the Free State is almost at an end.

## THE RAILWAY OWN INSURER

### Canadian National to Save Profits Paid Companies.

## INDEMNITY TO CATTLE MEN

### Bill to Reduce Payment to \$150 Goes to Commons Committee.

Ottawa, April 21.—The House of Commons yesterday afternoon approved the resolution introduced by Hon. J. P. Graham authorizing the National Railways to carry its own insurance, was taken up. Mr. Graham said the experience was that insurance on the National lines provides a large profit to the companies carrying the insurance. There would be a saving of approximately \$750,000 a year under the new scheme, he stated. The Grand Trunk had an insurance fund of about \$2,000,000. Each year a certain amount would be put aside for purposes of insurance.

## Cattle Indemnity.

The House discussed the resolution to reduce the indemnity paid owners of cattle slaughtered by order of government inspectors under the Animal Contagious Diseases Act. The reduction asked for is from \$200 to \$150.

Hon. W. R. Motherwell explained that the resolution protected cattle owners whose cattle may be valued for slaughter under the existing regulations, but after the proposed reduction is made effective. The resolution was approved and a bill based upon it put through the first two stages and taken up in committee.

The continuation of pensions to retired officers of the late war, now in the public service, was provided for in a bill which received a second reading.

A bill was passed providing against unauthorized publication of divorce committee evidence.

## GRANTS ORDER FOR RE-ARREST OF SHIP

### The Repairs of Victim of Col- lision Cost More Than the Bail Given.

Montreal, April 21.—Sitting in the Admiralty Court Justice Maclean granted a motion made by the George Hall Coal Company of Canada, Limited, against the steamship Bayouona for leave to amend the writ of summons by altering the sum in which the action was entered from \$4,000 to \$5,500, and that a warrant be issued for the re-arrest of the steamer Bayouona.

By the action, plaintiff claimed \$4,000 damages by reason of a collision between the plaintiff's barge, Frank D. Even, and a dock in the Lachine Canal, which happened on Oct. 25th, 1922, and which it was claimed was caused by the improper navigation of the S.S. Bayouona, which was arrested and subsequently released upon bail being furnished in the amount of \$4,000, which it was estimated at the time would be sufficient to cover the costs of the repairs to the plaintiff's barge, compensation for her detention and costs of the action. The repairs have now been made, and it is declared that the damages suffered in consequence of the collision amount to \$5,512.54, apart from the cost of the action.

The gross register tonnage of the Bayouona is 1,355.95 tons, and the bond of \$4,000 was said to be insufficient. Hence the demand for leave to amend by increasing the amount claimed and the re-arrest of the ship.

## VOTERS WANT HENRY FORD.

### But Most of Democratic Leaders Are Opposed to Him.

Washington, April 21.—Henry Ford continues to be the mystery of the political situation in the United States. The latest development, the circulation of petitions in a number of states having presidential primaries, to put his name on the ballot as a third party candidate, has increased the already plentiful speculation as to what figure Mr. Ford will be in the 1924 campaign.

Democratic voters may want Mr. Ford but it is certain most of the leaders are opposed to him.

As for the republicans, they have no expectation that Mr. Ford will become a seeker for the republican nomination against Mr. Harding.

## Oshawa Calls Pastor.

Oshawa, Ont., April 21.—At a meeting of the congregation of the Presbyterian church a call was extended to Rev. F. J. Maxwell, Pembroke, to become the pastor of the local church, with a stipend of \$2,1500 a year.

## NOVA SCOTIA LABOR SEEKS COAL MARKET

### And Would Advertise Its Pro- ducts in This Part of the Country.

Halifax, N.S., April 21.—Archibald Terris (Labor, Cumberland), moved his resolution in the House of Assembly yesterday calling for the appointment of an expert on Nova Scotia coal to go to Upper Canada for the purpose of advertising and demonstrating the product, and to act in general as a trade commissioner in the interests of Nova Scotia products. Mr. Armstrong reminded the opposition speakers that the motion was out of order as the speaker had already advised another member that it was incompetent for a private member to introduce a motion calling for the expenditure of public funds. Nevertheless, he stated his attitude toward the measure. He claimed that Nova Scotia coal, which had been on the market 100 years, needed no advertisement. The introduction of Alberta coal into Ontario was an experiment only, he said, and, after all, the whole matter of finding larger markets for Nova Scotia in that province rested upon the freight rates. He did not see how the Canadian National Railway could profit by freight rates that would permit Alberta coal being shipped to Ontario, when it could not be shipped profitably from Cape Breton.

## DAUGHTER IS ARRESTED INSTEAD OF MOTHER

### Taken to Jail at Midnight— Habeas Corpus Granted in Montreal Case.

Montreal, April 21.—Alleging that she was arrested in error, and forcibly taken to jail by Liquor Commission Police in mistake for her mother, Irma Hagin, of this city, is seeking liberation from custody under circumstances that were declared unique in court circles. Yesterday a petition for habeas corpus was granted by Justice Brunau.

Miss Hagin, represented by G. Dutaud, alleges that the Liquor Commission had preferred four charges against her mother, an aged widow, three for selling liquor contrary to the provision of the liquor act, and the other for illicit keeping of alcoholic beverages.

On each of the first three, the mother was condemned to one month in jail and costs, or three months, while a fine of \$1,000 was imposed for the other offence, with an alternative of costs or one month. The woman let the four cases go by default, and when sentence had been imposed and the commitments made out ordering her to jail, it is alleged seven constables of the Quebec Liquor Commission penetrated the house at midnight Wednesday and took the daughter to jail.

## Courtesy Cost This Man a Fine of Fifty Dollars

Cobalt, Ont., April 21.—The courtesy of Joe Sovinski, a Bretherton township farmer, in permitting the use of his telephone to Provincial Constable Craugh cost Sovinski \$50 and costs in police court here. When the officer entered the house to telephone to New Liskeard, he found a liquid other than milk, in a churn. Sovinski was held to court charged with having a mash in his possession, but the charge was reduced to brewing fermented liquor without a license.

## To Plant Thorn Bushes to Deter Suicides

Rochester, N.Y., April 21.—In an effort to curb the number of suicides which for the past three or four years have been increasing steadily in the public parks in Geneva, thorn bushes will be planted about the favorite jumping places, park officials have decided.

Officials believe the wounds made by contact with the thorns on the bushes will have a tendency to awaken other interests in persons contemplating death.

## A. B. Hunt, M.P., Seriously Ill.

Compton, Que., April 21.—A. B. Hunt, M.P. for Compton, has again been taken seriously ill and has been removed to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, where his condition is causing some concern.

## WAR ON SLOT MACHINES

Quebec, April 21.—War has been declared on slot machines and punching boards throughout the province. Orders have been issued and will be given effect today to put an end to those instruments, which are said to have reappeared in large numbers throughout the whole province.

## Open Eleven New Schools

Montreal, April 21.—Eleven new schools under the Catholic school commission will be opened in Montreal and district by September 1st. They have been erected at an approximate cost of \$2,300,000. But these will not be sufficient to take care of the growing demand for school accommodation.

## PROPOSAL OF SINKING FUND

### To Retire Province's Indebted- ness in Forty Years.

## CRITICIZED BY NICKLE

### Premier Declines to Say That Gregory Commission Will Be Discontinued.

Toronto, April 21.—Hon. Peter Smith's proposal for a sinking fund to retire the province's indebtedness within forty years was strongly criticized yesterday by W. F. Nickle, Kingston, who contended that the money set aside each year would increase that year's deficit so that at the end of the forty year period, the province would have a debt equivalent to that which it had just discharged. A demand that the Gregory investigation commission should not continue to sit after the dissolution of the house was voiced by H. H. Dewar, who feared "political capital" might be made out of the commission's activities. Premier Drury declined to give the required assurance.

## New to North Member.

Toronto, April 21.—"I have heard nothing about it, and it does not interest me in the least," stated Major Malcolm Lang, Independent Liberal member for Cochrane, discussing a morning paper article to the effect that a New Ontario bloc is talked of to contest twelve ridings at the next Provincial election. The names of A. J. Young and Arthur Slaght have been mentioned in connection with the proposed bloc, which would have a "New Ontario First" policy.

## NEW ONTARIO PARTY.

### May Appear in the Coming Provin- cial Elections.

Toronto, April 21.—The Globe says: At least one more party is being formed to take part in the coming election. Disatisfied with present and past administration of the resources of the north country, a number of electors in New Ontario feel that they would better their position if a New Ontario bloc represented the north.

From reliable sources the Globe learns that steps will be taken to form a New Ontario party in the very near future. Much of the preliminary work has already been done, and a public announcement is expected at any time. It is understood that candidates will be placed in 12 ridings.

During the U.F.O. convention last December a number of delegates from the north held a private caucus, and favored the inauguration of the new party. They adopted as their motto: "New Ontario first."

## MONTREAL-PACIFIC RADIO.

### Message Relayed to Vancouver and Back in 20 Minutes.

Hartford, Conn., April 21.—A radio message was relayed across the continent by Canadian amateurs on three consecutive nights of amateur tests just completed, according to information received here tonight by the American Radio Relay League. The best record was relaying a message from O. Ball, 704 Louis Veuillot, Montreal, to W. F. Reeves, Duncan, Vancouver Island, and return in 20 minutes. As Canadian stations are thinly scattered over a wide area, this feat records favorably with the 1921 record of American amateurs who relayed a message across the continent and return in six and a half minutes. Canadian amateurs were unsuccessful in their first attempt March 24th, 25th and 26th, on account of atmospheric conditions.

## Pastor Dies a Millionaire.

New York, April 21.—Rev. John R. Paxton, former pastor to Jay Gould, Russell Sage and other millionaires, died a millionaire himself. His daughter and sole heir, Mary Paxton Hamlin, filed in the surrogate court an application for letters of administration on his estate, valued at \$1,000,000 in personal property and \$160,000 in real estate.

Dr. Paxton was pastor at the West Presbyterian church, known as the "Gate to Heaven" of the millionaires from 1882 to 1893.

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