

MORE SCRIPT ISSUING DONE

By the Medical Doctors During the Past Year.

THE TOTAL WAS 623,314

License Board to Get After Certain Drug Stores—Reorganizing Police.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—When the annual report of the Ontario License Commission has been issued, it will note to a general increase in prescriptions issued by medical men, while a substantial advance will be shown in the value of liquor seized, as well as a greater number of seizures. The annual report for the year ending April 30th, 1923, recorded that the dispensaries had filled 623,314 prescriptions issued by doctors.

James Hales, K.C., chairman of the commission, intimated today that the board have adopted the policy, that of rigidly enforcing the license law against the standard hotels. When infractions are prosecuted and convictions secured, there is to be a further inquisition to be faced from the License Board, before whom the offender must appear to show cause why his license should not be cancelled.

Getting After Druggists. It is generally accepted that changes of a somewhat important character are likely to be made in the O.T.A., not so much as concerns medical men, against whom convictions are practically an impossibility, as against a certain class of druggists. Druggists are permitted to store alcohol and spirits in the ordinary course of their trade. Companies are being organized throughout Ontario and "drug" stores established. In some cases, an apprentice druggist is in the company deal, and perhaps takes charge of the store, which is not a "dispensing drug store," but one in which proprietary preparations are sold, along with cosmetics, soap, perfumes and possibly fancy goods and cigars. In some of these drug stores the College of Pharmacy diploma has been rented at fees that run anywhere from \$500 to \$1,500. Suggestions for relief from these conditions go as far as the making the sale of liquor in drug stores illegal.

Police Re-organization. The mooted re-organization of the Provincial Police, with sufficient co-ordination to cover law enforcement by the various departments, including the Fish and Game and the Highways and Motor Vehicles branches, is under consideration. It is contended that 80 per cent of the police work is in connection with the O.T.A. and highway traffic and that it will be impossible to divorce the Provincial Police from the operations of the O.T.A. and place an independent force under the License Board.

A SPLIT AT ANPRIOR OVER CHURCH UNION

Unionists Apparently Walked Out in Body When Ballot Plan Adopted.

Annprior, Feb. 8.—A meeting held Wednesday evening in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was the scene of a split between the church unionist and anti-unionist members of the congregation when the unionists of the congregation walked out in a body apparently without any cause shortly after a motion providing for a ballot on church union had been passed by 143 to 117. At the beginning of the meeting, Rev. H. W. Cliff, pastor of St. Andrew's, declined to take the chair and it is understood that Mr. Cliff has intimated that he will resign in the event of his congregation turning down church union.

The meeting was the regular congregational meeting of the year. Mr. J. W. S. Wilson was elected chairman. After the unionists had withdrawn from the meeting, which they did following a proposal made by one of their number, the remainder attempted to carry on the business for which the meeting was called. A motion was made asking the secretary not to take away the minute book as the business of the meeting was not finished. It was without avail, however, as Alexander Reid, the secretary, walked out of the meeting with the minute book shortly after his fellow unionists had left.

The meeting was adjourned then until February 26th, when a report will be made on the ballot for or against church union.

Divorce mill of old Flume ceases to exist.

MISS BOOTH'S DOWRY ABOUT FOUR MILLION

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—It is rumored that the dowry of Miss Lois Booth is in the neighborhood of four million dollars, two million of which will be contributed by her grandfather, J. R. Booth, Canada's lumber king.

The local florists are importing flowers from Florida to decorate the church.

PROSPECT OF REVIVAL IN AGRICULTURE

Hon. Charles Stewart Says Conditions in U.S. Quite as Bad as Here.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Though the condition of agriculture is not everything that might be desired, there is reasonable prospect of a revival in the near future that should reflect on the entire commerce of this country, and work to the benefit directly of the business and professional men. This was the message of Hon. Charles Stewart, Minister of the Interior, in an address at the seventeenth annual meeting of the Dominion Land Surveyors' Association.

Probably no country has recovered more rapidly and with less cost from war conditions than Canada, said Mr. Stewart, and the agricultural conditions in the United States are quite as bad as in this country. Mr. Stewart spoke of the tendency on the part of many people to leave it to the government and leaders of the country to solve the problems, adding that some of the most valuable suggestions came to the government from unexpected quarters. He urged that technically trained men should offer suggestions when possible to the government. In matters of technical research in this country, Mr. Stewart said that he was extremely optimistic for the future.

MAY SHORTLY REVISE FEDERAL TAX SYSTEM

The Dominion Government Will Likely Confer on Subject With Provinces.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The government has under consideration a complete review and reorganization of federal taxation system. The sales tax has brought out many anomalies in our taxation system, and this method will have to be reconsidered. It is so with the income tax and with certain excise impositions.

At the present time consideration is being given by the cabinet to this important work. There will probably be a conference called in which taxation and taxation fields will be discussed with the provinces. In addition the conference may discuss a simplification and more economical method of collection.

AFRICA WEARY OF BARREN POLITICS

Conciliation in House of Assembly Reaches Point of Somnolence.

Cape Town, Feb. 8.—General Hertzog, the Nationalist leader, moved in the Union House of Assembly that it was the government's duty to consider the problems of unemployment and increasing poverty. He made a moderate speech, the points of which were insistence on the necessity of maintaining walls between the European and non-European spheres of labor, and support of the Asiatic policy of General Smuts. Hertzog said emphatically that the Nationalists wished Premier Smuts to understand that they were all with him in what he had done in Europe with regard to the Asiatic question. Otherwise the speech was an unconditional championship of the color bar.

The death of Mr. Van Der Merwe, South African party member of the Assembly for Wakkerstroom, is a serious misfortune for the government. Young and energetic, he was the most promising Dutchman in the party and the seat is not safe for the government. Neither the Nationalist nor Labor party is happy about the pact between them and would welcome a general election. At the moment there is much public weariness of barren political controversy and a general desire to see parliament do useful work. The atmosphere of the session so far has been conciliatory between the parties to a point of somnolence.

Not Sentenced Yet. London, Feb. 8.—Sidney Murrell and Henry Williams, found guilty this week of murder in connection with the slaying of Russel Campbell Bank at Melbourne in April, 1921, will not be sentenced until after the Topping trial to-day.

The rinderpest epidemic among the herds of West Australia has been completely eradicated.

THE LEADERS VERY ACTIVE

Liberals to Have Amendment to Speech From Throne.

URGE GREATER ECONOMY

In Issue of Bonds—Hon. Manning Doherty to Keep to Agriculture.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal leader, is busy preparing an amendment to the speech from the throne. What form the amendment will take is not known, although it is anticipated that it will run toward a combination of greater agricultural activities and greater economy in finance owing to Mr. Sinclair's proclivities in these directions.

According to members of the Liberal party at the parliament buildings today, the official opposition is going to do its best to provide a survey and criticism of all government legislation. Mr. Sinclair for some time has been working up a speech on the bond flotations of the provincial treasurer, and it is expected that his initial effort on the floor of the house this session will be along that line.

According to the best information available Hon. Manning Doherty, designated as "House leader" of the U.F.O.—Progressive group, will devote his attention chiefly to agricultural matters. It is said that Mr. Doherty is quite aware that he will have to defend the administration of his late government and is preparing vast "briefs" of defense in this connection.

While it is still too early to make any accurate forecast, it would seem that the present legislature will have many lively sessions.

CANADIAN CATTLE URGENTLY SOUGHT

Strong Appeal for Replenishment of Slaughtered Cheshire Herds.

London, Feb. 8.—A strong appeal for the admission of Canadian breeding cattle to replenish the herds decimated or destroyed by the government's slaughter policy, is made in a letter to the London Times signed by two Cheshire landowners. They point out that in Cheshire, which was the heaviest sufferer from the foot and mouth disease, 30,000 cows have been slaughtered, and business is at a complete standstill although the cheese-making season is at hand.

INVESTIGATING DEATH.

Of An Infant—Young Mother Almost Lifeless. Peterboro, Feb. 8.—The death of the infant child of Mary O'Brien, a young girl found living in sordid destitution in a hotel near Orland, is being investigated. Dr. Rundel, of Brighton, was called at midnight, on Monday, to attend the young mother, and made the trip through blinding snow over almost impassable roads, only to find the child dead, and the mother, who had been removed to better quarters, almost lifeless. The girl, it is claimed, was lying in a shack with a young man not much older than herself.

Labor unions and building trades in Britain to co-operate with MacDonald government in housing schemes.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC IS SWEEPING BRITAIN

London, Feb. 8.—There is no sign of the epidemic of influenza, which is sweeping over the United Kingdom, abating as yet. The deaths recorded from influenza last week numbered 367. Paris, as well as London, is being afflicted with the influenza epidemic.

Prince of Wales Has Fall And Breaks Collar Bone

London, Feb. 8.—The Prince of Wales broke his collarbone while exercising one of his hunters at Billington Manor, near Ascot, this morning. An official statement says: "The collar bone was broken about as slightly as possible." The prince was putting his mount over a fence when his horse fell, throwing his rider heavily on one of his shoulders. He was taken to the surgery at Leighton Buzzard where he received treatment, and about noon was brought to London. After receiving treatment he returned to St. James palace and went to bed.

A SECRETARY FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO

Government Will Push Needed Legislation—Frank Keefer to Receive Appointment.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—The government is preparing legislation for the creation of a legislative secretary for Northern Ontario. The new position ranks with the cabinet. The salary, according to the resolution to be moved by the prime minister, will be \$8,000 a year and will be retroactive to July 16th, 1923. Frank Keefer, Port Arthur, will be the secretary for the north. He was for some years a member of the house of commons before being elected to the legislature at the last general election.

In the union government at Ottawa Mr. Keefer was an under-secretary during the war period. He was defeated for the commons when the Meighen government was unsuccessful in its appeal to the people. The creation of this post implements the promise made by Premier Ferguson during the last provincial election campaign.

Must Not Interfere.

There has always been a certain amount of friction between the members for Port Arthur and Fort William, and although both seats are now occupied by Conservatives, the mayor of Port William, himself a Tory, has issued notice in a press interview, that Mr. Keefer must not interfere in Fort William affairs before the government or legislature. This is a reference to the industrial rivalry of the Twin Cities. As a matter of fact, all northwestern ridings and the Kenora and Fort Frances members will not be content to have Mr. Keefer act as arbiter in locating new lumbering interests, etc., in the northwestern districts.

A lively debate is promised upon the creation of the new office.

GOVERNMENT PLAN FOR A LIQUOR REFERENDUM

Col. Currie May Withdraw His Resolution, Owing to Cabinet's Promise.

Toronto, Feb. 8.—Speculation as to the government's attitude towards the liquor question was halted by the inclusion of the government's determination to present the question to the people in the speech. It was a well-known fact, however, that had the government decided not to include the reference to the O.T.A., it would have been brought up on the floor of the House either by Col. Currie or James McCausland.

For some time the government was undecided whether or not to include liquor legislation this session, but finally it was decided to include mention of the O.T.A. to avoid embarrassment on the floor of the house if the matter was brought up by supporters of the government as a private motion or by the Liberal party.

Col. Currie, it is expected, will withdraw his motion now that the government has seen fit to include his desire for a referendum in the government legislation.

The provision for legislation setting up the machinery for a referendum is necessary for the reason that Premier Ferguson, during his campaign, expressed himself as prepared to grant a referendum when popular opinion called for it. At the present time there is no provision in the Act permitting him to implement that promise. The Currie resolution, according to those who know, does not conflict, though it goes farther in that it looks to "immediate" action.

There are two ways in which public desire for a referendum may be communicated to the government. One is by election vote, and some people argue that a mandate was given last June. Another is by petition.

Doukhobors Start Trek. Kamsack, Sask., Feb. 8.—The exodus of Doukhobors from Saskatchewan started last night when a party of 240 left for New York on the first lap of their journey back home to Ukraine.

LLOYD GEORGE MAKES DENIAL

Of An Interview Alleging Secret Rhineland Convention.

HE REPUDIATES ARTICLE

That Charged a Treaty Between Late Woodrow Wilson And Clemenceau.

London, Feb. 8.—Lloyd George, through the Daily Chronicle, has issued the following statement concerning the interview printed in the New York World on the alleged secret Rhineland agreement between President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau at the Paris Peace Conference.

"I did not give the interview referred to, and was more than surprised when my attention was called to it by telephone messages. I cannot accept the views attributed to me as accurately setting out the facts of what happened at a critical moment in the Peace Conference. As to those facts, the official statement issued by the French Foreign Office is substantially correct."

Perfect Loyalty by Allies.

Then, alluding to how he was called to London at the time in question, Lloyd George proceeds: "I found on my return to Paris that during my absence an agreement had been arrived at between Mr. Wilson and M. Clemenceau on two very important issues. One was the military occupation of the Rhineland, and the other a guarantee by the United States of the French frontier against acts of aggression by Germany."

"To describe this agreement as a secret compact between Mr. Wilson and M. Clemenceau is ridiculous. Mr. Wilson, I need hardly say, acted with perfect loyalty, and it cannot be imputed as a blame either to the late president or to M. Clemenceau that I was called to England at the time these grave matters were under discussion.

"The fact that the late president and M. Clemenceau had arrived at an agreement during my absence was communicated to me on my return, and the agreement regarding the occupation of the Rhineland was, after some modification, ultimately incorporated in the Peace Treaty."

Why Documents Not Returned.

Expressing regret that any public reference should have been made to a communication sent to him by the British Foreign Office, Lloyd George says: "The facts are, in effect, set out in the Foreign Office communication." (This communication was issued by the Foreign Office Wednesday night.)

THE WATERWAY PROJECT IS LARGELY FAVORED

Opposition is From New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Montreal.

New York, Feb. 8.—The St. Lawrence to the lakes waterway project has been favored by formal resolutions and appropriations from eighteen states, representing forty per cent of the population and 77 per cent of the wheat producers of the United States, while the opposition is confined to New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Montreal, James P. Goodrich, former governor of Indiana stated yesterday before the New York state chamber of commerce.

"Whatever you may lose in shipping will return to you in the development of the hinterland," he said, in stating the arguments of the western shippers.

Accepts Call to Cornwall. Gananoque, Ont., Feb. 8.—Rev. D. Mick, for the past four years pastor of Grace Methodist church, has accepted the invitation to become pastor of Cornwall Methodist church, in June, at the close of his pastorate here.

Hay at Belleville is being sold at \$13 a ton.

BRITISH SCHOOL BOYS TO SETTLE IN CANADA.

London, Feb. 8.—A party of public school boys left London last night en route to Canada, where they will settle on the land. Bulkeley Evans, honorary secretary of the Public Schools Employment Bureau, who saw the boys off, explained that one of the latest activities of the bureau had been to introduce to head masters of schools in Britain Professor Lochhead of McGill University, who was here to encourage British youths to settle on land in Canada.

I.W.W. BEHIND STRIKE IN THE LUMBER CAMPS

Is the Opinion of the British Columbia Minister of Labor.

Victoria, B.C., Feb. 8.—That the I. W. W. movement is behind the strike in lumber camps in Cranbrook district of British Columbia and that the fight inaugurated by the loggers for better working conditions and higher wages is likely to be a long drawn out one, is the opinion of J. D. McNiven, deputy minister of labor, who returned to the city yesterday following two weeks' investigation of the trouble in the strike area.

HIS SWEETHEART PAYS A VISIT TO MURRELL

Mrs. Edmundson, a Young Toronto Widow, Calls at the Toronto Jail.

London, Ont., Feb. 8.—A veritable "ray of sunshine" was allowed to enter the lonely cell of Sydney Murrell, convicted murderer, who was found guilty of the capital crime by the jury on Tuesday night, when Mrs. Edmundson, comely young widow of Toronto, who formerly kept company with the convicted man, was given permission to converse with him through his cell bars yesterday.

It was even possibly a greater surprise for the convicted man than the finding of the jury, whose foreman reported in an even tone, after a deliberation of exactly an hour, less two minutes: "We find the prisoner guilty, your lordship."

Following the verdict, Murrell, so far as he knew, was through with the outside world, with the possible exception of members of his family, at least for the time being, and to say that he was surprised, when told by his guards that the lady in question would be allowed to visit and talk with him, would be putting it much too mildly. He was more than surprised.

It has been known for some time that the lady had been in constant communication with the prisoner ever since his return from California, and whenever permission was granted the prisoner to write letters, the first one, with few exceptions, was mailed to his Toronto acquaintance.

WARNING AGAINST MODERN DANCING

Montreal, Feb. 8.—On Sunday next in all the Roman Catholic churches of Montreal and the surrounding districts, a pastoral letter will be read, written by Archbishop Gauthier, apostolic administrator of the diocese of Montreal, warning Catholics against indulgence in modern dancing.

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SWEPT AWAY ON ICE FLOE

When Ice Bridge Broke Between Quebec And Levis.

MANY LIVES ENDANGERED

But None Were Lost—All Managed to Reach Shore Safely.

Quebec, Feb. 8.—No lives were lost in the breaking of the ice bridge which formed in the river St. Lawrence from Quebec to Levis shores yesterday. While hundreds had narrow escapes and five people drifted upstream on a cake of ice and were given up as lost this morning a check-up by authorities revealed the fact that everybody had got safely to shore at Cap Rouge.

With dramatic suddenness the picturesque bridge, the first to form here since 1896, was torn from its moorings by the rising tide. The roar and crackle of the breaking ice attracted the attention of hundreds of people who had congregated on Dufferin Terrace to view the spectacle of the ice bridge, and in a moment the beauty and wonder of the scene were changed to tragedy. At that very moment there was a string of pedestrians, men, women and children fighting their way across the traverses, one way or the other, in order to avoid the long trip round by the Quebec Bridge rendered necessary by the cancellation of the ferry service earlier in the day.

On Gigantic Floe.

Almost at the same instant as the watchers on the terrace realized what had taken place the stranded people on the ice discovered that they were adrift on a gigantic floe. Some of them on the Quebec side had almost reached their goal, and in the half-light of dusk they could be seen making frantic signs for help, and faint cries "Au secours, au secours" could be heard on the land.

In a very few minutes all of them knew that they were beyond aid from the shore, and there was a waving of arms and lighting of matches to signal their danger to the spectators standing in safety on the banks. One or two of them were even possessed of electric torches, and they made every use of them to communicate their plight to the helpless watchers. Shouts of men and screams of women added to the horror of the scene as the great mass of ice slowly drifted up the river with the freight of human souls marooned as completely as on an uncharted island.

Darkness Gathers Over the Scene.

Darkness fell with almost appalling rapidity to hide the victims from those who would attempt a rescue and to hamper the efforts of the rescuers. In a few minutes the faint light of the torches and the fainter shouts of the stranded people were all that was to be seen or heard of the tragedy that was being enacted in the river.

The alarm was given instantly, and rescue work was at once initiated, but under tremendous handicap. Deputy Chief of Police Bragopette immediately assumed command of the situation, and with a detachment of policemen set the rescue operations in motion.

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"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE D'ALROY

On "Farces and Faces."

Are WOMEN TWO-FACED? Well—SOME ARE—and Some might TRY it With ADVANTAGE— And some, who are VERY young, Might let the world See for a while The face MOTHER NATURE Gave them BEFORE FATHER TIME lays His hand on it. If Time was cruel, It is as well NOT To advertise it, And a little camouflage DOES help— NO woman was ever loved for her SHINY NOSE, But a few have managed To be loved In spite of its shine. TOO MUCH paint, like a Poster Advertisement, Attracts attention, BUT Though a man may BUY it, He seldom STUDIES it— And that's the story, If women only know how To advertise their QUALITIES As well as they advertise Their ALLURE, men MIGHT Stay put!