

COUNSEL ASKS MONEY OR PROBE WILL CLOSE

\$5,000 Voted by City Council for School Inquiry Is All Eaten Up.

At the beginning of the eighteenth day of the school probe, resumed before Mr. Justice Lennox to-day, Mr. Shirley Denison, K.C., investigating counsel for the city, intimated that \$5,000 voted by the city for the expense of the investigation was practically "eaten up," and unless further funds were furnished, as far as counsel was concerned, the investigation would come to a sudden and incomplete ending.

"I think I have been very modest," said Mr. Denison. "The expense has been much greater than that. Without having made out my bill, I fear we have come to the end of the \$5,000. That's my impression. I fear that the Finance Committee, of which Mr. C. A. B. Brown is the chairman, has reported against the increase in the cost of the investigation."

Mr. Justice Lennox: "So far as fees for the commissioner are concerned, I would prefer not to have the matter mentioned. I would like to continue the investigation so long as there is sufficient money for other purposes."

His Lordship said that one of the school trustees in speaking of the investigation had stated that he thought the expenses so far were about \$600.

"It's ridiculous to talk \$600 for this investigation," said Mr. Denison. His Lordship asked him to state the expenses of a stenographer alone, should she be that."

Mr. Denison said there would necessarily be a good deal of additional expense to which his Lordship added the cost of additional investigating. His Lordship said he yet had to determine the all important question as to whether Toronto was spending its money wisely in the manner in which its school buildings were being constructed. He had yet to obtain expert opinions. If the investigation fell through at this stage that information would be lost.

If there was to be no further investigating his Lordship would make a report on the evidence now before him.

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Congress Wants Help for Irish

Canadian Press Despatch. Washington, March 4.—The House early to-day, by a vote of 216 to 41 adopted the resolution expressing the hope that the Peace Conference would "favorably consider the claims of Ireland to the right of self-determination." The resolution went to the Senate, but no action was taken before final adjournment.

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Never Overcharged.

Witness asserted vigorously that he never overcharged the board. In fact he found he had undercharged upon going through his books.

"I have never solicited a single job," he declared, "and I don't belong to any lodge or organization."

Mr. Denison: "I think I know how he gets jobs. He makes speeches."

Replying to his Lordship, witness said he didn't know how his work was checked up. He understood, though, from the caretakers of the schools that some members of the school department, inspected the work. "Pretty far-fetched," observed his Lordship.

TO INTRODUCE WIDFIELD

New U. F. O. Union Stands Aloof From Both Old Parties.

W. J. Widfield, the newly elected U. F. O. member from North Ontario, will be presented this afternoon, and the question of his introduction constitutes the problem as did that of Beniah Bowman on the opening day of the House. Widfield stands aloof from both parties, and will probably be presented by Beniah Bowman and Alan Studholme.

ATTEMPT TO DERAIL TRAIN?

Log Discovered Lying Across Tracks Near Eramosa.

Special to The Star.

Guelph, Ont., March 4.—What is believed to have been a deliberate attempt to wreck a Toronto Suburban car was discovered shortly after 8 o'clock last night, when a 12-foot log was found lying across the Suburban tracks near Eramosa Station. The motorman stopped the car in time to avert hitting the log. The police are investigating.

TROOP TRAIN DERAILED

Locomotive Leaves Track on the I.C.R. Near Quebec.

Canadian Press Despatch. Quebec, Que., March 4.—Another troop train was derailed yesterday on the I.C.R., not far from River du Loup. Only the locomotive and tender left the rails and no one was hurt.

PECK IN HOUSE TO-DAY.

V. C. Winner Will Be Given Formal Introduction.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, March 4.—Col. C. W. Peck, V.C., member for Skeena, B.C., who arrived in Ottawa last night from overseas, visited the office of Mr. W. S. Middlebrook, chief Government Whip, to-day and will be formally introduced to the House this afternoon.

BREWERY STATES CASE.

Asks Judge to Reverse Magistrate's Decision Cancelling License.

Mr. Justice Rose, at Osgoode Hall to-day, heard an application by Mr. J. M. Ferguson, acting for the Berlin Brewery, to quash an order of the police magistrate at Guelph cancelling the license of that company. The order was made under Section 2 of the Dominion Act, which supplements the various Provincial temperance laws. This section of the Act gives the magistrate power to cancel such licenses, on conviction for a third offence.

McCaull St. Residents Ask Order.

Deputation from McCaull Street urged the Ontario Railway Board to-day to compel the Toronto Railway Company to run an all-day service on McCaull street. The Board reserved judgment.

Traffic Commission Delayed.

The Civic Traffic Commission was to meet this afternoon to deal with transportation problems, but as the Mayor is busy on the estimates and the Police Commission this afternoon, the meeting is postponed until 2:15 to-morrow.

QUEBEC SCHOOL FIGURES

In Sixty Schools in Capital 85 Per Cent. Attend.

Canadian Press Despatch. Quebec, March 4.—The Quebec Catholic School Commission has prepared statistics on school attendance for the sixty schools in the city under its jurisdiction. The number of children is 14,659 and the average attendance is 85 per cent. A census of all children of school ages in the city is being taken by the commission to establish irrefutable figures on school attendance.

SCORE'S ESTATE SALE GETS A WONDERFUL START.

The great estate sale opened auspiciously this morning—and it could hardly have been otherwise, for men have come to know and appreciate values, particularly in their dressing apparel, and it but needed the announcement of such a sale as this \$35,000.00 stock of high-grade woolsens present to have them show their appreciation very practically. The discounts are certainly worth while, and the opportunity to select the finest qualities in British woolsens has a "good business" appeal to it for the men who demand the best, and at the closest prices. R. Score and Son, Limited, 37, King, street, west.

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CAMERON, IN DISGUST LEAVES THE MEETING

Will Come Back When You're in Saner Mood, He Tells the Mayor.

Estimates of the Department of Health were passed by the Board of Control this morning, after almost two days' consideration, one session being adjourned with the M.O.H. and Controller McBride engaged in warm repartee, with the reductions by the board of a little less than \$27,000.

On a number of occasions the Board of Control laid aside the health estimates to consider various other matters.

"We will now resume the Battle of Hastings," said the Mayor, with a laugh, when the Board of Control was called to order to-day to continue revising the estimates of the Health Department.

"One of the generals is absent," said the Mayor, referring to Controller McBride, who was meeting a troop train.

"If we don't get down to a sane tax-rate there will be no citizens here to receive medical attention," said Controller Robbins.

M.O.H. Has Figured It Fine.

"Some members of this board—I do not say intentionally—have been putting me in the wrong light before the Council, and indicating that I have not been co-operating to keep the peace," said the M.O.H. "Now, the controller is supposed to represent the working-class, and I can demonstrate to him that 99 cents out of every dollar is spent by us in the interest of the wage earner."

"We have 82 nurses, each earning \$1,200 a year, more than many of our men," said Controller Robbins. "You are spending too much on nursing salaries. There are too many nurses running round the city. Soon everybody will be depending entirely on city nurses."

"I say you cannot speak on this subject unless you have spent an hour in the departments and are ignorant of the facts," said the M.O.H.

"While we may spend a lot of money on health," said Controller Maguire, "everything contributory to the death rate and the death rate has come down since Dr. Hastings took charge."

"His figures tell us we can have as much health as we are willing to pay for, and we must consider just how much we can afford to spend on this important department," said Controller Cameron, who was at the fact-finding mission. "Instead of this city growing in population we may find it decreasing in population through citizens being unable to pay the taxes on living in Toronto," said the Controller.

"I have just showed you what if the same death rate had maintained, as we had in 1909, 1,600 more of our citizens would have died at the cemeteries," retorted Dr. Hastings.

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LIEUT.-COL. BRUCE AND HIS ENGLISH BRIDE. Lieut.-Col. Herbert Bruce, who has been acting as consulting surgeon for the British forces in France for the last two years with his charming English bride. They arrived in Toronto last night from the Lapland, and are already being overwhelmed with flowers and wedding gifts from their friends here.

THE WAR REVIEWED

Significance of Events Reported To-Day

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts boasts that enough votes in the new United States' Senate have been pledged in black and white to ensure the defeat of the plan for a League of Nations. As this plan is to be part of the general peace treaty, its rejection would involve the refusal of the American Congress to ratify the war settlement agreed to by all the delegates at the Peace Conference. Senator Lodge tried to obtain unanimous consent last night, for the discussion of his resolution against the League of Nations but two members objected to suspending the rules, with the result that the dying Senate will not record its opinion. Senator Lodge then read the names of 37 members of the new Senate who had given pledges not to ratify the peace treaty. That number is more than the one-third vote necessary to veto the treaty and Senator Lodge says he knows others are prepared to vote the same way. Senator Lodge is one of the most prominent members of the Republican party. Senator Knox, who was in the McKinley, Roosevelt, and Taft Cabinets, also made a strong speech against the constitution of the League of Nations. These two Republicans have the support of many Democrats and it is clear that they are co-operating in a strong and organized movement which may not be unrelated to Ireland's bid for independence. It is significant that early to-day, following Senator Lodge's boast in the Senate, the dying House of Representatives expressed the hope, by a vote of 216 to 41, that the Peace Conference would "favorably consider the claims of Ireland to the right of self-determination."

IRISH VETO OF THE PEACE SETTLEMENT.

It is not clear whether the American supporters of Ireland's claims stand for the creation of an Irish Republic or for home rule as part of the United Kingdom. Speaking in Chicago on Saturday, Sir Horace Plunkett, who was chairman of the abortive Irish Convention during the war, declared that autonomy on the Dominion plan and not separation was what Ireland needed. Whichever plan may be favored by the Irish political element in the United States it is clear that they want it to be understood that they will not hesitate to block the formation of a League of Nations—ad the ending of a state of war, unless their views regarding Ireland are heeded by Britain or the other conferring nations. For many years they similarly held up the arbitration treaty between Britain and the United States.

The House of Representatives now expiring had a Democrat majority; the new one will be controlled by the Republicans. The resolution regarding Ireland passed to-day was first worded so as to instruct the United States' peace delegates to insist upon self-determination for Ireland, but later it was modified to the mild form quoted. On Saturday twenty-five delegates appointed by the Irish Race Convention that met last week at Philadelphia, tried to see President Wilson at Washington. They made repeated calls in vain, but at last have secured an appointment for to-night, just before the President starts for Europe and following a meeting in New York at which President Wilson and his former political opponent, Mr. Taft, will speak in favor of the League of Nations. The Irish delegates are headed by Judge John W. Goff, of New York City.

THE POSITION PRESIDENT WILSON IS IN.

President Wilson is not in a good position to urge upon the Peace Conference to decide the future of Ireland. Recently he said he knew of only one change that he would like to make in the wording of the constitution of the League of Nations and that was of such a minor nature that he would not ask for it, in view of the fact that all the other nations would have to approve of it and the way might be opened for more substantial amendments. The constitution has been approved by the committee representing the five first-class allied powers in the war and while it will be open for discussion at the next plenary session of the Peace Conference, it is doubtful that any changes will be made. The British delegates to the Peace Conference formally acknowledged the application of the Sinn Feiners, on behalf of Ireland, to representation in the Peace Conference. The American delegates say they received no such application though, perhaps, President Wilson received a personal communication. The President, up to now, seems to have declined to bring the matter to the attention of the Peace Conference he privately may express to Lloyd George his hope that some solution will be found for the Irish problem before Congress takes up the ratification of the peace treaty.

In connection with Ireland's demand for representation at the Peace Conference, it is a peculiar fact that the credentials of the peace delegates have not been passed upon. Many knotty questions can crop up when looking into credentials, which might take months to straighten out, and rather than waste time, the Peace Conference brushed the whole matter of credentials to one side. The present intention is to verify credentials before the various nations sign the peace treaty.

THE OBJECTIONS OF SENATOR KNOX.

No doubt Senator Knox made a clever analysis of the proposed constitution of the League of Nations, but the indications are that he was playing a nasty political game with issues of transcendental importance. His main objection appeared to be that Germany would be excluded from the League and that she would form another world-wide league, dividing the world into two warring camps. He thought the League would produce the greatest war in history. "We are thus thrust fully into the terrible cauldron of European politics," he said. There were three ways in which war was made mandatory on members of the League and the United States could not agree to that as it was in violation of her constitution. While asking "how much longer shall the return of our boys wait on academic discussions of unattainable dreams?"—the attitude of the cynic—in another a later date a League of Nations might be formed which would embrace all the nations of the world. Senator Knox appears to fail to realize that the allied nations represent the only formidable military and naval power in the world and that they can keep it in their own hands and keep their opponents in an absolute state of helplessness for decades or generations, if they so will, and the odds are that within a very few years every nation in the world will be admitted to membership in the League formed by the allies. Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey would be glad to come in and submit to general disarmament to-morrow if they so desired.

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