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CENTRAL GUARDIAN

DISCUSS TRAIN SERVICE—This morning a delegation from the people of Elmira and vicinity have arranged for a conference with the Superintendent of the Island Division of the C. N. R. and with President S. A. MacDonald and other members of the Associated Board of Trade. The proposed cancellation of the train service between Souris and Elmira will be dealt with.

WALL BLOWN DOWN—About 5.30 last evening during the high winds a portion of the south end of the Prince of Wales College building was blown down. Part of the stable end had apparently been quite solid and was left standing when the greater part of the walls was torn down. However it was unable to stand the strain of the high wind and collapsed. Luckily no one was handy at the time.

KIDNAPPERS

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between the family and the kidnapers until final arrangements were made for the payment of the ransom by the intermediary in a Bronx (a borough of New York City) cemetery.

The retired educationist was not mentioned by name, but it was clear that it was his work, including the advertisements signed "Jafale," which made possible the negotiations culminating in the futile \$50,000 ransom payment. Several points in the bizarre chapter still were vague, however, and there was doubt whether the details ever would be known beyond question.

Both Dr. Condon and Col. Henry Breckinridge, Lindbergh attorney, it was understood conferred with Col. H. Norman Schwarzkopf in New York yesterday, and the latter said in a police bulletin that "conferences are liable to be conducted at any time and at short notice, but none is anticipated in the immediate future."

Trinity United Church

WEDNESDAY 3.30—Mission Band, regular meeting—Social Hall. 7.30—Prayer Service, Congregational—Visitors welcome—Heartz Memorial Hall.

Is Elevated

LONDON, April 12—(Canadian Press Cable)—Alfred Lawrence, first Baron Trevelyan and former Lord Chief Justice, today said his son Geoffrey Lawrence sworn in as a Judge of the Court of King's Bench before the present Lord Chief Justice, Lord Hewart. Geoffrey Lawrence, who is 51 years of age and had a distinguished record, is well known to the members of the Canadian Bar. He has appeared in almost every important Canadian appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in recent years.

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Fire at Montague

A disastrous early morning fire occurred at Montague yesterday about 5.30 o'clock, when the fine home of Mr. H. W. Ives was completely gutted. The blaze was discovered in the dining room and is thought to have started around the fire. The firemen arrived promptly and with their excellent work and the assistance of neighbors, the fire was confined to the one building. The building of W. P. Wright, quite nearby, escaped without damage. Considerable furniture was fortunately saved. The building is partly covered by insurance.

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The Budget Debate

OTTAWA, Ont., April 12—(By the Canadian Press)—The Minister of Trade and Commerce (H. H. Stevens) who spoke yesterday, had fallen into the error of assuming that the policy of the Liberal party was free trade, said W. R. Motherwell (Lib., Melville), continuing the budget debate in the House of Commons today. The policy of the Liberal party was freer trade, and on that policy it had risked its political life on a number of occasions. A conspicuous example of such an occasion was in the reciprocity election when the Liberal party had gone down to defeat because of its advocacy of freer trade. Again, at the last general election, the Dunning budget had contained measures of freer trade with the mother country, and the administration of the day had staked its life on that budget.

Very Critical

The attitude of the present administration toward the "Mother Country" in trade matters was criticised by Mr. Motherwell. Great Britain had made concessions to Canada as a preliminary to the coming conference. Canada had made no response. Why should the Government not have done something to pave the way for success at the coming meeting. He did not wonder that the British newspapers were so silent about the budget.

The speech of Mr. Stevens yesterday, when he made a strong argument in favor of stabilization of currency, was criticised by Mr. Motherwell. Stabilization of currency would probably prove beneficial, he agreed, but how was it to be brought about. Mr. Stevens himself said that it was an international matter and could only be done by conference. He was glad, said Mr. Motherwell, that the government was at last beginning to think internationally. It had been a hard task to educate it to do so.

The member for Melville proceeded to take the speech from the Throne and contrast certain statements contained therein with the budget speech. The speech from the Throne, he said, declared that conditions in Canada were "fundamentally sound." Trade was maintaining itself well. Yesterday the member for Shelburne-Yarmouth (J. L. Ralston), had shown the House that trade was about cut in half. The speech from the Throne apparently disregarded this situation. Again, the speech from the Throne declared that measures for the relief of unemployment had proven effective. If so, it seemed rather strange that unemployment was increasing all the time.

Some people in Canada had taxable incomes of half a million dollars. Last year the abortive proposals of the Government would have reduced their rate by \$41,000, but this year those of Mr. Rhodes increased it by \$51,000—a difference, said Mr. Motherwell of \$92,000. The Finance Minister was to be commended upon his policy of graduating the income tax; but why did he not do the same thing with the civil service salary cut?

The stamp tax had been increased to three cents. The principle of graduation should have applied there, with a fifty cent tax on cheques of \$100 and over. Mr. Rhodes would have got more revenue and he would have been more consistent. Mr. Motherwell found fault with the 200 per cent increase in the excise tax on importations. The budget of Neville Chamberlain had been met by increasing this impost. How could the Government defend such a horrible piece of hypocrisy? Mr. Stevens had pleaded for goodwill among the nations of the empire; and this was how Canada expressed her goodwill. In attempting to balance the budget the Government had unbalanced itself, said Mr. Motherwell.

"No one outside of a mental hospital would act as they did," he commented. The government was itself preparing now to make the forthcoming conference a failure. Was it going to use this 3 per cent excise tax for balancing purposes? There

was an old saying: Set not the net in sight of the bird, said Mr. Motherwell. If that was not the government's purpose, then that purpose must be further to restrict empire trade. But what else could be expected from a "small-bore Government?" asked Mr. Motherwell. He denounced the reduction in agricultural estimates and deplored that high insurance rates into Churchill would have a tendency to hinder development of that port. Earl Rowe (Con. Dufferin-Simcoe) said he agreed with the Liberal critic that the budget was a "clear-cut statement." With a passing reference to the speech of Mr. Motherwell, he said the remarks of the former Liberal minister were becoming "more conspicuous for the entertainment afforded" than for "their logic."

He doubted very much if the Liberal opposition could find any glory "in the difficulties under which we are passing" when the Liberal party had failed to recognize the true situation economically and otherwise before going to the

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City Council

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such a statement, so far as I am concerned."

Resolution Carried

The resolution was then put in the following terms, having been amended according to a suggestion of Coun. Reardon: "Whereas a great deal has been said regarding the financial situation of this city, and whereas our citizens are entitled to a correct and satisfactory statement regarding its affairs, therefore be it resolved that the Finance Committee of the City Council be empowered to make arrangements for an external audit of the finances of the city, to go back twenty-five years if necessary." On a standing vote Couns. Doull, Hennessey and Day opposed; Couns. Kennedy, Holman, Reardon, Trainor and Burke supported the resolution.

Mayor Stewart: "The resolution is carried; and nothing will come of it."

Coun. Holman: "Wait and see."

Complains Of "Lobbying"

At the beginning of the meeting controversy was invited when the Mayor read a statement of complaint that the Legislature on motion of Hon. Dr. MacMillan had deleted from the amendments to the Civic Incorporation Act a section empowering the Mayor to suspend police officers. He criticised Dr. MacMillan and also certain Councillors who, as he gathered from Dr. MacMillan's statement in the House, had been lobbying against the amendment, charging both the Doctor and the Councillors with having "conspired" in

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"Intrigues" to defeat the amend-

ment. The meeting then passed on to consideration of routine business. Later Coun. Hennessey remarked that he for one was "not guilty" of any lobbying.

Coun. Holman said the occasion might be opportune for him also to plead not guilty in respect to any lobbying over the section in question. While on his feet, however, he would say, since the Mayor had seen fit to insinuate that any Councillors had been lobbying— Mayor Stewart: "I didn't make any insinuation."

Coun. Holman: "You stated they had."

Mayor Stewart: "I stated Dr. MacMillan said they had approached him."

Coun. Holman: "I understand that certain legislation was passed that was not recommended by this Council at all."

Mayor Stewart: "What was that?"

Coun. Holman: "With regard to the signature of the Mayor on civic documents."

Mayor Stewart: "Have you any objection to it?"

Coun. Holman: "I don't say that I have, but it should have been put through in the regular way."

Mayor Stewart: "I don't think it required to go through. I can sign my name any way I like."

Coun. Kennedy: "I think I can clear my skirts as to lobbying on that particular matter. I don't know how it was, but they seemed to be shrewder over there than we were. At any rate, I don't think I was the offender."

Mayor Stewart: "I think Dr. MacMillan was the offender. I am not suggesting that any Councillors would know. In fact, I don't believe they did."

The Sole Supporter

Coun. Kennedy: "There was only one man in the Legislature that didn't take objection to it; that was Mr. LePage, I think everyone else was opposed to it."

Mayor Stewart: "Why were they opposed?"

Coun. Kennedy: "I suppose they can answer that. At any rate Dr. MacMillan was not the only one."

Mayor Stewart: "He led off."

Coun. Hennessey: "It would be an indication that he was right, when Mr. LePage went against him."

Coun. Reardon said that on other occasions amendments to the Incorporation Act were drawn up by the Recorder and copies were presented to the Council members. Had that practice been followed, the recent amendments could have been discussed in a business like way and the trouble complained of would never have occurred.

Mayor Stewart replied that all except Councillor Holman, who was away at the time had met in the Mayor's Office and nobody had asked for a copy.

Coun. Reardon: "The reason I didn't have a copy was because you read them over and I took your word that they were all right."

Mayor Stewart: "They were all right."

Coun. Reardon: "Perhaps so, but had we a copy we should have had the privilege of checking them and knowing what we were doing."

Mayor Stewart: "If you had asked for a copy you would have got it. There is no reason for raising the question now."

Coun. Reardon: "It was brought up by yourself in the harangue made by you before we started business this evening."

The Mayor's reply was inaudible to the reporter.

Running The Show

More controversial discussion arose when, on the ground that there was no provision in the estimates, the Mayor refused to put a motion to promote Police Officer Bradley to the position of Sergeant.

Coun. Reardon said he did not understand why such a ruling should be given.

Mayor Stewart: "I have given my ruling. I don't care whether you understand it or not."

Coun. Reardon: "It looks as if you are running this affair, and the Council will not have any say in it."

Mayor Stewart: "Well, I am trying to run it."

Coun. Reardon: "How you will get along with it is another question."

Discussion On Estimates

On the Estimates being read by Coun. Kennedy, Mayor Stewart raised frequent objection. He complained that "for some reason or other" he had not been consulted when the Estimates were being prepared. To the proposed expenditures in aid of the Exhibition and Tourist Association he took special objection on the ground that such expenditures were unwarranted by the finances this year.

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and the value of their activities to the city.

Mayor Stewart said he did not think any more visitors were coming here now than were coming twenty years ago.

Coun. Holman then read from the bylaws the provision, that in case of equality of votes the Mayor or Chairman had the privilege of expressing his reasons for giving the deciding vote, but that he was not to take part in any other discussion except for the purpose of keeping order. "I would like to call your Worship's attention to that section," he said. A great deal of time, he added, had been wasted by interjections from the chair that were out of order, on matters that had been agreed to in committee.

Mayor Stewart interrupting at this point, Coun. Holman insisted that he had the floor and intended to maintain it. The Finance Committee, he continued, had met many times during the past week and had gone into the items of the estimates very thoroughly. Reductions had been made wherever possible. Reluctantly the committee had already reduced the Exhibition grant. He thoroughly agreed with Coun. Reardon as to the importance of both the Exhibition and the Publicity Association grants. "If we are going to stifle such industries as these," he concluded, "then we might as well put a fence around the city."

Mayor Stewart said if the Council had only asked him for his opinion, much time would be saved in passing the Estimates. As it was, he had not been asked.

Coun. Holman: "That is a question for the chairman of the committee to answer."

Coun. Kennedy: "It was no 'hole in the corner' meeting. You are the only man who is accused of that. The doors were wide open to you to attend if you wanted to."

Mayor Stewart: "You might have invited me."

Coun. Kennedy: "We didn't see fit to invite you."

Mayor Stewart: "Well, you can't shut my mouth."

Coun. Kennedy: "It takes a lot to shut your mouth, because it is going all the time. It is like a dishwasher's tail. You are not satisfied to get your name in the papers, but you have to come here and spill the same yarn again. And what are you getting out of it?"

Mayor Stewart: "Well, I intend to do it."

Routine Business

Routine business included the granting of a request for a light on McGill Avenue in the vicinity of the Sanatorium. Petitions for the gravelling of McGill Avenue and Park Terrace were received. The application of Robert Devereaux for permission to install a gas tank between the curb and sidewalk near his premises created discussion.

Coun. Holman opposed on the ground that the tank was to be placed in the centre of his ward and his constituents should first be consulted. The motion to grant the application was supported on a standing vote by Couns. Kennedy, Reardon, Hennessey and Trainor, and opposed by Couns. Holman, Day, Burke and Doull. The Mayor gave his casting vote in favor of it.

A similar application from P. J. MacDonald was read, when the Mayor expressed the opinion that it would be inadvisable to grant the application.

Coun. Holman: "You can't make fish of one and flesh of another's worship."

The application, on motion, was granted.

The application on behalf of Mrs. Robert Vanilderstine for damages for injuries caused by a fall on the sidewalk was read.

Coun. Hennessey asked why the bylaw respecting snowshovelling was not being observed, and why the city and not the property holder should be sued in case of accidents.

Mayor Stewart: "It is easier, I suppose, to sue the city."

Coun. Hennessey: "Will the city get a chance to come back at the property holder?"

Mayor Stewart: "I don't think they can."

Coun. Hennessey asked why. The Mayor suggested that law suits were uncertain and jurist might vote against the city corporation. The application was referred to the City Solicitor. Correspondence between Mr. George Gardiner and the city authorities with respect to property sold for non-payment of taxes was read and discussed. After the reading of the health officer's report, Coun. Holman called attention to the new regulations re the covering of milk wagons and suggested that copies of the bylaw be distributed to all concerned.

Coun. Hennessey, for the Public Property Committee, said the breastwork at Victoria Park would be finished on Wednesday evening. Coun. Day for the market committee, read a letter from Dr. Croken recommending necessary repairs to the Market building. Coun. Kennedy suggested that an estimate of the work be prepared and submitted to the Council. Matters of police detail were inquired into by Coun. Hennessey, after the reading of the police report by Coun. Burke, chairman of the committee. The question of a new police patrol car was raised. Coun. Burke moving that the committee be empowered to make inquiry into the matter. Coun. Hennessey said he was unable to discover what had become of the old patrol car. He thought it would be more economical for the city to engage a taxicab, and let the police walk. Mayor Stewart thought it might be feasible to get a horse-drawn vehicle. Coun. Burke's resolution carried, Coun. Hennessey dissenting. On motion of Coun. Burke, seconded by Coun. Reardon, Police Officer Doyle was promoted to the position of Sergeant. Coun. Hennessey complained that certain police officers were being "petted" and others neglected. A motion to promote Officer Bradley to the position of police sergeant was not put by the Mayor, on the ground that there was no provision in the estimates. Bylaws, including the regulation of the rate of assessment for general civic purposes at 2 per cent, were read in committee. The following resolution, moved by Coun. Kennedy and seconded by Coun. Holman, was adopted: "That in view of the present year's financial condition the salaries of the following city officials be reduced by the following amounts: City Clerk fees as secretary of Fire Board and Board of Health, \$100; City Surveyor, \$300; City Assessor, \$300; Chief of Police, \$200; Market House engineer, \$200; Mechanical foreman \$138. Another resolution authorized the bank overdraft of \$60,000. Coun. Kennedy in delivering the budget went into a detailed statement of all the estimated expenditures. The meeting adjourned at 12.15 p.m.