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Religious Move to Censure Pictures Will be Opposed

An Association To Preserve the Freedom of the Stage Incorporated In New York — Will Give Laymen a Vote in the Decency Crusade Now Being Carried On.

NEW YORK, July 13—The Association for the Preservation of the Freedom of the Stage and Screen was incorporated yesterday to provide "intelligent opposition" to the religious movement for the moral purging of the motion picture industry should it threaten to become "dictatorial."

Explaining he had founded the organization to give the layman a voice in the present "decency" crusade, Robert Broder, attorney, said there was danger that a restrictive condition "similar to liquor prohibition and its attendant evils" might result from the present movement within the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths.

"We hope," he said, "to conduct a nation-wide referendum in order to get the critical opinion of the average movie-goer. After all, your average citizen sees enough films to know what entertains him and what measures up to his standards of good taste."

"We agree with the church groups that reforms in pictures are necessary—up to a certain point."

GEORGE L. SLIPP PASSES AWAY AT QUEENSBURY

One of York County's Leading Farmers Ends a Long Life of Great Usefulness—Was Well Known Here.

The County of York lost one of its leading farmers yesterday, when George L. Slipp passed away at his home at Lower Queensbury, after a lingering illness. News of his death will be received with deep regret on all sides, especially in this city and throughout the river parishes where he had many warm friends. Mr. Slipp retired from active work several years ago, but maintained a keen interest in all that was going on. Among recent visitors at his home was M. Byron McNally of Edmonton, Alberta, a life long friend and former neighbor. Mr. McNally on arriving here from the west a short time ago and on learning of Mr. Slipp's serious illness proceeded at once to his home and remained with him for several days.

Successful Farmer

The late Mr. Slipp was a native of Queensbury and resided there all his life. The large farm which he operated successfully for many years overlooks the Saint John river opposite Long's Creek and is considered one of the best in the province. For many years he specialized in pork raising and made a success of it. Each season he slaughtered tons of pork and disposed of it during the winter months to the big lumber operators of the Miramichi district. At that time the price of pork was much lower than is the case today. Mr. McNally whose farm adjoined that of Mr. Slipp and his brother, Edgar P. Slipp, who lived across the river, also specialized in pork raising in co-operation with Mr. Slipp and all made a success of it.

Fine Type of Man

Mr. Slipp was a man of unimpeachable honor a good neighbor, an active worker in the Baptist church, and took a deep interest in the affairs of his community. In politics he was a

WILL APPEAL FROM DECISION OF MAGISTRATE

Newcastle, July 12—Martin Comeau charged with a statutory offence, was sentenced by Magistrate Aitken here today to five years in the Dorchester penitentiary. Comeau, 60 years of age, lives at Chatham Head. He came before the magistrate and pleaded guilty previously. Comeau was represented by J. P. Barry, Chatham, who made a motion to have the plea changed to not guilty. This was objected to by T. H. Whalen, who appeared for the Crown, and after the evidence was finished Comeau was sentenced. It is understood Mr. Barry will appeal the decision.

Elderly Lady Passes Away at Marysville

Mrs. Elizabeth Higgins, aged 73 years passed away at her home at Marysville at 12:30 noon yesterday. She is survived by one son, Cecil J. Higgins, Marysville; two daughters, Mrs. Harry McPherson, and Mrs. Clarence Peterson, all of Marysville; and one sister, Mrs. Teenia Cochrane, of Robury, Mass. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon conducted by the Rev. Mr. Smith and interment will be made at the Baptist Cemetery.

life-long supporter of the Conservative party.

The deceased is survived by a widow, a sister of George F. Burden, ex-M.L.A. of this city and also of Hon. F. P. Burden for several years agent general for British Columbia in London, and one son, Harry L. Slipp of Queensbury. One brother, Edgar P. Slipp, resides at Brainard, Minn., and there are two sisters; Mrs. Ida Crandall of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Susan Hartley of California. Judge A. R. Slipp of this city is a cousin of the deceased. Mr. Slipp had reached the advanced age of eighty-two years.

The funeral will take place at 2:30 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Corey will conduct the service and interment will be made at Lower Queensbury.

THE HEPBURN GOVERNMENT USING THE AXE

F. A. Gaby, Chairman of the Hydro Commission, Dismissed—Other Changes Made—A Seat For Heenan.

Toronto, July 12—F. A. Gaby, chief engineer of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, was today dismissed from his post by the new commission. Along with him went L. B. Lucas, general solicitor and former attorney-general of Ontario, while 46 other commission employees receiving salaries in excess of \$5,000 were served with notice of dismissal but given the option of remaining at their tasks at such salaries as the commission might decide to pay them.

Thus on the second day of the new Liberal government's term of office Premier Mitchell Hepburn's "Big Parade" continued. No time was lost in giving effect to his announced intention of slashing the cost of operating the Hydro Commission. The new commission was appointed yesterday with only one paid commissioner, T. Stewart Lyon, chairman, at \$10,000 a year.

Economy Move

Another economy move taken was to stop work on the erection of the Hydro Commission's new \$1,400,000 building for which a contract had been let by the Henry government to Anglin Norcross, Ontario, Limited.

This action was taken, the commission stated, "in view of the state of the commission's finances as revealed today and the necessity for economy in the public interest." Mr. Lyon declined to amplify the statement or to give any details as to finances.

Work on the building has not been definitely abandoned but the contractors have orders to stop operations until the question of continuing with or dropping the project can be fully considered.

All employees of the commission drawing more than \$5,000 a year are dismissed, but except in the cases of Mr. Gaby and Mr. Lucas they have the option of keeping their posts for the time being. Mr. Gaby's salary was \$29,070 a year and Mr. Lucas was paid \$10,895.

Salaries of the other employees dismissed but given the option of remaining at lower rates to be determined later range from \$5,000 up to the \$13,520 received by T. H. Hogg, chief hydraulic engineer. Included in the list is W. B. Crombie, who was formerly with the Ontario Power Service Corporation, operators of the Abitibi-Canyon power project which was taken over by the government. Mr. Crombie has been retained temporarily by the commission at a salary of \$9,000 to work on outstanding claims against the Ontario Power Service Corporation.

With Mr. Lyon on the new commission are Hon. Arthur Roebuck, attorney-general, and Hon. T. B. McQuesten, minister of highways. Both ministers receive no salary apart from their remuneration as members of the government. The chairman of the old commission received \$18,000 a year and each of the other commissioners, \$10,000, a total of \$38,000. Mr. Lyon's personal salary of \$10,000 replaces that expenditure.

Seat For Heenan

Receipt of the resignation of Earl Hutchison, Liberal-Labor member of the Ontario Legislature for Kenora, today opened a seat for Hon. Peter

APPEAL BEING ARGUED IN FILM LIBEL CASE

Defendants Seeking To Have \$125,000 Award Set Aside

ENORMOUS, SAYS COUNSEL
The Princess Threatens Action In Many Countries

London, July 13—The famous Rasputin film libel case was reopened here yesterday with the argument of an appeal by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures, Limited, against an award of £25,000—\$125,000—in trial court to Princess Irina Alexandrovna Yousouppoff.

Princess Yousouppoff alleged she had been libelled by the film "Rasputin and the Empress", because the character Princess Natasha, shown in the picture as Rasputin's mistress might be taken as a portrayal of herself. There were many points of similarity between the film and her own life, she claimed. Her husband Prince Yousouppoff testified during the trial that he killed Russia's "Mad Monk".

Attorney for the film company denied Princess Yousouppoff was represented by Natasha, who was said to be a purely fictitious character. The Princess sat at her solicitors' table today and followed with keen interest the presentation of the appellants' case by Sir William Jowitt.

Sources close to the Yousouppoffs members of the former Russian nobility, said they planned to bring similar suits in other countries, although Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer promised no further showings would be made of the picture, in which Ethel John and Lionel Barrymore had featured roles.

Sir William in presenting the case to the Court of Appeal made a point of the fact that the trial judge did not see the film although the jury twice did so.

He contended the character Natasha was presented in such a way there was nothing defamatory in being identified as the original and the trial judge should have so held.

The defence also argued the judge should not have instructed the jury it could disregard the fact brought out in the trial that Princess Yousouppoff had never met the real Rasputin.

Sir William characterized the \$125,000 damages awarded the princess as "enormous". He said it was brought out in the trial that Princess Yousouppoff was bringing actions in respect to the film in nearly every country of the world, and was either bringing or threatening actions against 250 other picture palaces in which the film was exhibited in England.

Golf Foursome Got \$600

Chicago, Ill., July 12—One foursome yesterday cost the Twin Orchard Golf Club \$600. Asked to register as they entered the clubhouse, the "golfers" whipped a submachine gun out of a golf bag. "Sure, we'll register with this," one of them replied. Instead of mashies other members of the four-some produced guns. Albert C. Schultz, cashier, opened the safe rather than test the accuracy of the four-some's "iron shots".

MOSCOW — Soviet Russia desires to enter the League of Nations only if an eastern Locarno pact—guaranteeing peace in eastern Europe—can be affected, authoritative sources said today.

Heenan, new minister of lands and forests. The resignation was received today by the clerk of the Legislature and he said writs for a by-election would be issued without delay. Mr. Heenan has resigned his seat in the federal House of Commons.

Amendments to Ontario Liquor Act Proclaimed

Beer and Wine Issue Has Moved Nearer To Open Sale as Result of Government Action; One Man Liquor Board Has Full Authority To Arrange Details.

TORONTO, July 13—Beer and wine moved a step closer to open sale in Ontario yesterday when the new Liberal government proclaimed the amendments to the Liquor Control Act passed at the last session of the Legislature. At its second cabinet meeting on its second day in office the government took the necessary step to put the law enacted by the previous Conservative Administration in effect.

The necessary preparations for the sale, such as the granting of licenses, the procuring of supplies and the making of regulations to govern the control of the sale of beer and wine have yet to be made. But by proclaiming the Act the government provides E.G. Odette the new one-man liquor commission with full authority to go ahead with details.

Mr. Odette did not attend today's cabinet meeting, although a memorandum he had previously prepared was considered further. He was busy at the offices of the Liquor Control Board, familiarizing himself with the staff and mapping his plans for the sale of beer and wine.

The Act provides for the sale of beer by the glass and by the bottle in licensed beverage rooms and for sale of beer and wine with meals in hotel dining rooms and restaurants, which may obtain licenses.

WILL CUT OFF WHEAT FROM AUSTRALIA

Ottawa, Ont., July 12—Designed to cut off importations of Australian flour and wheat into Canada, an order in council has been passed withdrawing from such commodities the benefits of the British preference rates, when they are imported indirectly into this country. The order-in-council appears in an extra edition of the Canada Gazette today.

Other commodities from which the benefits of the preference are withdrawn are raisins, dried currents and butter.

The government's action follows representations to the government of Australia, under Article 9 of the trade agreement, whereby either government would be required to take remedial measures if its imports were injurious to domestic business of the order. What action Australia took is not indicated, but recently a huge shipment of Australia flour arrived at Halifax, from London, and became the subject of representations from the Canadian government. This was permitted to be discharged since the order set forth that goods in transit on or before July 3 would not come under the ban.

BAPTIST PASTOR YELLS AND DIVES

Orange, Tex., July 13—Because a Methodist minister dared him, the Rev. C. E. Eskridge, pastor of the first Baptist Church, shouted "Whoops" and hurled his 200 pounds in the Sabine river.

The Methodist followed suit. The preachers' antics nearly broke up a political rally which they were attending.

A WELL-KNOWN DEVON MAN HAS PASSED AWAY

Whitman Brewer, Prominent Contractor, Died Early Last Evening; In Failing Health For Several Years--Funeral Sunday.

The death occurred at six o'clock last evening at his home in North Devon of Whitman Brewer, well known New Brunswick contractor and bridge builder. He has been seriously ill for several days and was 77 years of age. The late Mr. Brewer was widely known and respected by all who knew him and his passing will be generally regretted. His contracting work had made the late Mr. Brewer eminently known throughout this province.

The late Mr. Brewer was a deacon in the George Street Baptist Church of this city, a member of Alexandra Lodge No. 3, F. & A.M. and also a former alderman of the town of Devon where he lived most of his life. Surviving is his wife, two sons, Gordon and Alfred, of Devon and one daughter, Mrs. Laura Hamilton, Devon.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon with service from the late home at two o'clock and Rev. M. H. Mason will conduct. Interment will be made at the Rural cemetery.

High Hard Liquor Fee

Pittsfield, Illinois, July 12 — It costs money to sell hard liquor in this town. The City Council decreed that the yearly license fee should be \$3,000 believing it to be the highest in the nation. A beer license is only \$100. The population is 2,400.