

ALDERMEN CRITICIZE POLICE COMMISSION

Police Commission Under Fire at City Council Meeting

Alderman Ross Says If Council Has No Say That "Aldermen May as Well Go Home"

Taxation Without Representation?

Police Magistrate's Department is Criticized by Aldermen and Citizens.

"If the Police Commission can control the Administration of Justice affairs and the administration of justice committee and the council have nothing whatever to say and do not know whether purchases are being made by tender or otherwise, we may as well go home." This was the idea expressed by Ald. Dr. B. R. Ross at the monthly meeting of the city council last evening. Ald. T. Earle Doohan, chairman of the administration of justice committee of the city council admitted that he did not know anything about what the Police Commission was doing and had no say in the matter.

ACCORDING TO ALD. DOOHAN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL BOARD THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL WAS VOTED \$15,000 OF THE PEOPLE'S MONEY THIS YEAR. BUT THE ALDERMEN HAVE NOTHING WHATEVER TO SAY IN REGARD TO HOW IT IS TO BE SPENT. THE POLICE COMMISSION, WHICH IS NOT RESPONSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE, MAKE THE EXPENDITURE AND TELL THE ALDERMEN ABOUT IT AFTERWARDS—AND MAKE THEM PAY THE BILLS.

Speaking to The Daily Mail, Ald. Ross, D.D.S., who is one of the live wires of the council, states that the aldermen including the Administration of Justice committee has practically no say as to how the expenditure of the people's money is made. He states that the police clothing and other requirements even cars for the policemen may, under the present arrangement, be bought by the Police Commission wherever that body wishes to purchase them and with or without tender. It is also stated by Ald. Ross and others that whilst the city pays a prominent lawyer as city solicitor that different amounts are also being paid in legal fees by the Police Commission to legal gentlemen who are friendly with the Commission. Whether this is necessary or not the Administration of Justice committee of the city council do not seem to have any way of knowing.

Alderman Talks to Mail
It is stated by the chairman of the administration of justice committee to The Daily Mail that he has information that altogether too much money, in some cases four or five times as much as should be necessary, is paid to the Police Magistrate for transcribing certain legal documents in connection with his work. It appears that in the old days before the typewriter and the carbon paper came into vogue that the magistrate of that day was allowed a certain figure for transcribing court proceedings and the like. It can be well understood that in those days where such an official had to work long hours transcribing documents by long (Continued on Page Four)

NEW BIOLOGICAL STATION FOR NORTH SHORE School For Fishermen Also to Be Established

OTTAWA, Ontario, June 5—Interviewed in regard to the question of establishing a new biological station and a school of maritime fishery, Hon. J. B. Michaud, Minister of Fisheries confirmed the news, stating that the Federal Government had decided to establish a school for Maritime fishermen in order to procure for the fishermen of that part of the province, that is the Gaspé Coast, North St. Lawrence region, and the north of New Brunswick, the same advantages which are enjoyed by the fishermen of British Columbia, Nova Scotia, and the southern part of New Brunswick. For the last several years the Federal government has held biological stations on the Pacific Coast and at St. Andrews as well as experimental stations at Halifax and Prince Rupert. The place where the station will be built has not been selected and it will be under the supervision of the Biological committee.

Hear A. W. Barbour, the deputy minister of public works in his CPNB radio address tonight from 7:45 o'clock until 8 o'clock, subject, "Safety Education Week."

THE FAMILY CAR REPLACES CHURCH PEW

HAMILTON, June 5—Declaration that, unless there was greater lay effort, the Church would decline was made recently by W. W. Brown, Hamilton, when the Lay Association of the Hamilton Conference, United Church, met in Ryerson Church preparatory to the Conference sessions. Appeals were made by Mr. Brown, and others for greater effort on the part of laymen to spread the Kingdom of God on earth.

Mr. Brown told more than 2,000 delegates attending that three major trends in the life of the Church menaced its existence. They were, he said, falling off in attendance at Sunday and mid-week services, failure to meet financial responsibilities by Church members, and neglect of personal responsibility.

"The family car is replacing the family pew," Mr. Brown said, "and it is turning holy days into holidays"

Answering the question as to what a layman could do about it, Mr. Brown said he could make people feel they were missed when absent from church, and make midweek services more attractive.

Condemns Destruction
President Alex. MacLaren pointed to the small increase in membership and asked if the association was justifying itself. He condemned wholesale destruction of food along side of starvation, pointed to heavy relief rolls, loss of self-respect and said that better sanitary conditions were demanded for live stock than for human beings. There was a million dollars for the quintuplets but nothing for babies who came into the world singly. All resources were turned to the Moose River mine rescue while old people and babies were in dire need of relief. Closing, he urged a Christianizing of relations with their fellow-men.

Police Affairs

Is it a fact that \$15,000 was voted to the Administration of Justice Committee of the City Council for this year, and that this amount is handed over to the Police Commission for that body to use as it sees fit?

Is it a fact that the Police Commission has the power to purchase everything including policemen's clothing and even cars from whomsoever they like, and that the Administration of Justice Committee cannot say a word? They as the people's representatives may only pay the bills. PUT UP AND SHUT UP. Giving the Commission a free hand to spend the money. Is that it?

Is it true that whilst the city employs a prominent barrister as city solicitor that the Police Commission hires favorite lawyers to do extra legal work and the city pays the bills?

Is it true as claimed by the chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee and by legal men who should know, that the police magistrate is receiving three times as much as he should for transcribing legal documents and that the taxpayers are paying through the nose for the services of this official?

Is it true, as some of the Administration of Justice Committee contend, that the city is paying a ten dollar fee for each time the police magistrate adjourns a case over? We cannot believe that this is true, but it is up to the citizens' representatives to investigate.

Is it true that the Administration of Justice Committee of the City Council held a meeting yesterday afternoon and invited the Chief of Police to be present and that that public servant paid by the people refused to meet the elected representatives of the people?

Is it true that the members of the police force may do as they wish in so far as any control of the Administration of Justice Committee of the city council goes?

In other words, is it true that the people through their elected representatives at the Council board have absolutely no say in regard to the conduct of the Chief of Police and those under him. That the people have no say as to how many cars, how much clothing, etc., may be purchased by the Police Commission, with or without tender? May legal fees be accumulated and other charges piled up without any authority being given by the people's representatives at the Council board?

Prominent citizens and heavy taxpayers who have the interests of the city at heart are asking these questions.

More than one alderman, including the chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee of the city council, are anxious to have these questions answered. Why do they not go ahead and get the answers? One would think that they were living in Russia under the rule of the old Czars where a man would be shot for daring to question the rule of the despotic rulers.

If the Aldermen cannot get to work and let some light in on all these questions which they themselves are asking, why not have a citizens' committee appointed to go into these questions. If everything is O.K.—as we hope it is—well . . . all right! If not, why not? In any event, even if the Police Commission is rosey, there is no need of a Police Commission. It is not democratic. The police and everything that pertains to the police should be under the control of the Administration of Justice Committee of the City Council.

OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED AT W. A. ANNUAL MEETING

The election of officers at the concluding session of the Fredericton Diocesan Board of the Women's Auxiliary yesterday afternoon, resulted in re-election of all but two members of the old board. The thirty-third annual meeting was a most successful one.

Mrs. W. H. Moorhead, of Saint John, was elected third vice-president and Mrs. H. L. Enman, of Rothesay, has been elected the Living Message Secretary-treasurer to succeed her. Those re-elected included Mrs. G. C. P. McIntyre of Sussex, as president. Next year's sessions will take place at Saint John. At the afternoon session Miss Caroline Prince of Hammond River spoke on Sunday, defining it as work well done. Joy was derived from doing work well she emphasized.

His Grace Most Rev. J. A. Richardson, archbishop of Fredericton, spoke also and said that he had worked with the W. A. for almost thirty years. If our work together proves effective, he said, the workers of the next generation should be better. Votes of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting were passed. The complete slate of officers is as follows:

Honorary president, Mrs. J. A. Richardson, Fredericton; honorary vice-presidents, Mrs. L. R. Harrison, Mrs. W. D. Forster and Mrs. John M. Hay, Saint John; president, Mrs. G. C. P. McIntyre, Sussex; first vice-president, Mrs. James F. Robertson, Saint John; second vice-president, Mrs. C. Gordon Lawrence, Saint John; third vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Moorhead, Saint John; corresponding secretary, Miss Muriel Fairweather, Rothesay; recording secre-

tary, Miss Edith Skinner, Saint John; treasurer, Miss Dorothy Robson, Saint John; secretary-treasurer of Dorcas department, Mrs. A. C. Rawlings, Saint John; secretary-treasurer of junior department, Mrs. B. R. Armstrong, Rothesay; secretary-treasurer of Little Helpers' department, Mrs. R. D. Paterson, Saint John; girls' secretary, Mrs. C. LeRoi Moores, South Devon; extra-cent-a-day treasurer, Mrs. Herbert J. Wetmore; secretary-treasurer of literature, Mrs. H. A. Cody, Saint John; secretary-treasurer of Living Message, Mrs. H. L. Enman, Rothesay; social service secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. R. Hibbard, Rothesay; Living Message editor, Mrs. W. C. V. Martin, Saint John; secretary-treasurer of boys' department, Miss Louise Peters, Fredericton; organizing and visiting society, Mrs. H. H. Pickett; Pickett Scoville memorial secretary, Mrs. Cortlandt A. Robinson; prayer partner secretary, Mrs. Gordon G. K. Holder, Saint John; "Book of Remembrance", Miss Annie Magee, Rothesay.

HAMILTON, Ontario, June 5—The 62nd general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada elected Rev. Dr. Malcolm A. Campbell of First Presbyterian church, Montreal as moderator last night, a few hours after convening.

On the first ballot, nearly 200 commissioners named Dr. Campbell to succeed Rev. Dr. D. T. L. McKerrall of Toronto in the church's highest position. Dr. McKerrall defeated Dr. Campbell for the moderatorship at last year's assembly in Montreal

RAINS NEEDED IN PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Grasshoppers Busy, and Some Damage Reported.

(Special to The Daily Mail)
WINNIPEG, Man., June 5—Need for heavy rains over the prairies is stressed in the weekly crop report issued today by the Department of Agriculture of the Canadian Pacific Railway as a result of a general survey of western conditions.

Lower temperatures during the week have reacted favorably, especially in southern sections, but the hot weather and high winds of late may have made heavy demands, on moisture supplies to the detriment of crops promising well earlier in the month, seeding has continued with out interruption and only a small percentage of oats, barley and flax acreage intended for fodder remains to be sown. Aside from this immediate need for moisture in some areas, western grain, says the report, shows a good stand and wheat is seven to eight inches high in places.

Southern Alberta's sugar beet fields look well and thinning has begun.

Compared to last year at the same time, Manitoba shows an acreage decrease in wheat of 3 percent, or 77,600 acres; Saskatchewan an increase of one percent, or a total of 132,000 acres; and Alberta approximately the same as in 1935. A survey of coarse grains is now in progress.

Western Saskatchewan reports the grasshoppers hard at work and central and southern Alberta are reporting some damage from the pests. Severe outworm losses are felt in western Saskatchewan also. Pasture for livestock would benefit by rain. Good progress in grain and vegetables in British Columbia as well as in fruit, mark a promising season and early and late apples appear to be setting well. Growing conditions on Vancouver Island are reported excellent.

RE BUS FRANCHISE

P. J. Hughes, K.C., city solicitor, appeared before the city council last night respecting bus franchises which have been forwarded to the council and which are now before the N. B. Board of Public Utilities. The council was asked to approve or reject the applications and there was some discussion on it by the council, although the council's approval or disapproval bears none on the decision of the rulings of the Board of Public Utilities.

Inquest Tonight Into Tragic Death of Murray A. Hoyt, C. N. R. Wreck Yesterday

Three Dominion Contracts in New Brunswick Awarded

OTTAWA, Ont., June 5—The department of public works last night announced the award of five contracts, totalling about \$127,997, the major portion of which goes to New Brunswick, Nova Scotia will benefit by about \$15,457 and Quebec by about \$4,695. The contracts are: Escuminac, N. B.—Breakwater extension; B. F. Somers and J. R. Kingston of Newcastle, N. B., about \$22,178.

Moncton, N. B.—(Public building) paving, retaining walls and fences: Acme Construction Company, Ltd. of Saint John, N. B., \$8,167.

Negro Point and Fort Dufferin, N. B.—Breakwater repairs: Charles V. Billie of Montreal, about \$77,500.

Cross Point, Quebec—Dredging: The Federal Dredging Company, Ltd., of Ottawa, about \$4,695.

East River, N. S.—Removal of concrete lock walls, lock gates and back fill excavation: T. C. Gorman (Nova Scotia) Limited, of Halifax, N. S., about \$15,457.

Quebec Opposition Leader Duplessis Airs Scandal

Premier Taschereau's Brother Drew Interest on Government Funds

Deposited Funds in Bank Where Son is Manager

Bank Inspectors Complain Interest Paid on Government Funds

CITY PURCHASES OUGHT TO PASS COMMITTEES

A remark by Ald. Dr. B. R. Ross last night at the June city council meeting, when he questioned how it was that the city engineer, J. D. MacKay, was enabled to buy a sprayer for the Roads and Streets department without the matter having passed committee stage, \$100 worth of apparatus was brought. "This needs some explaining", asserted Ald. Ross. The city engineer suggested that the alderman needed to do some explaining himself, as he had, according to the engineer, ordered some street light fixtures purchased in the same way. Ald. Ross had previously described the buying of the sprayer as a precedent, and he said that such purchases should be passed first in committee.

Crown Not to Appeal

Hon. J. B. McNair, K.C., attorney general, stated today that the Crown will not appeal the decision of the New Brunswick Appeal Court, which this week at its June session ordered a new trial for Daniel Robert Bannister, of Berry Mills Road, who had been convicted by the Westmorland County circuit court for the murder of Philip Lake at Pacific Junction. A new trial will be held at Dorchester on June 23 or 24. It had been reported that the Crown would appeal the decision to the Supreme Court of Canada. Mr. Justice Fairweather will be the presiding judge for Daniel Bannister's new trial. Arthur Bannister, a brother, is scheduled to hang for Lake's murder on June 20, appeals both to the N.B. Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Canada having been refused.

QUEBEC, P. Q., June 5—The doing of members of the Taschereau family were again aired yesterday when the leader of the opposition, Duplessis laid complaint against the brother of the premier for having drawn interest personally on government funds. In answer to the charge, Antoine C. Taschereau, brother of Premier Taschereau and accountant of the Legislative Assembly, told the Quebec accounts committee yesterday that from 1922 to 1935 he had drawn interest personally on government funds deposited in the Banque Canadienne Nationale at St. Pamel, Quebec.

He received interest on approximately \$75,000 a year, he said. Banks did not pay interest on government funds, he said, but on his appointment as Legislative Assembly accountant bank officials told him they would "personally pay me interest if I deposited the money with their bank".

Mr. Taschereau came before the committee at his own request to rectify statements he made last week. "When I stated the amount of Legislative Assembly funds I deposited with the Banque Canadienne Nationale at St. Pamel, where my son, Jean Thomas Taschereau was the manager, was approximately \$30,000 a year, I made an error", he declared.

"I was nervous and upset", he added. "The amount deposited was approximately \$75,000."

Followed Predecessor
"As my predecessor received this interest I did the same thing", Mr. Taschereau said. "I deposited the money at the St. Pamel branch to encourage my son who was manager there. The province did not lose anything because it would not have received the interest in any case."

"I am not ashamed of what I did. I would do the same thing if I had to start over again".

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Veteran Engineer's Death Occurred at 5.15 Yesterday — Horribly Burned, Scalded—C. N. R. Investigates Rails.

The death of Murray A. Hoyt of South Devon, occurred yesterday afternoon at 5.15 o'clock at Victoria Public Hospital, where he had been conveyed following serious wrecking of the C.N.R. express train running from Newcastle to South Devon yesterday at 12.45 o'clock. The accident occurred at Wades Crossing, between Penniac and Marysville.

Inquest into the death of the 51-year-old Devon engineer will be held this evening in the York county court house, commencing at eight o'clock. A jury was empanelled last night by Dr. Charles MacKay and the body was viewed. Also the jury visited the scene of the wreck and made an investigation. Members of the coroner's jury are A. J. Ryan, C. C. Camp, Major J. S. Scott, F. Cedric Cooper, Frank J. Donahoe, Gordon A. Foster, C. D. Holder and W. R. Tait.

Dr. MacKay found the death of Murray A. Hoyt to be due to extensive burns and multiple fractures, principally about the legs and lower ribs. The man's right thigh had been pierced by a steel rod.

While there were fifteen other passengers on the Devon-bound train only one other was injured. This was William Matthews, of South Devon, who was catapulted from the cab as the engine overturned, and plunged down the embankment, followed by cab and baggage car. Matthews, who was not critically injured succeeded in cutting off the escaping steam and assisted in extricating Engineer Hoyt from his pinned down position in the engine cab.

The late Murray Hoyt had been engaged in railway work for thirty-five years. Hoyt was caught between the seat, throttle and reversing lever. Because of the escaping steam it was some time before he was freed. It was necessary to pry the apparatus which held him before his body could be extricated. Deceased was horribly scalded and burned.

Murray Hoyt had been the local engineer for the C.N.R. for the past 30 (Continued on Page Four)