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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Summary Of Drummondville Municipality's Financial Standing For 1928

As Compared With 1920 — Assets \$983,498.75 And Liabilities \$1,039,775.58 — Revenues, \$116,810.47; Expenditures, \$120,808.22 — Taxable Properties, \$6,379,770.00 — Receivable Imovable Taxes, \$123,311.90; Exemptions To Manufactures, \$59,898.60.

OUR BORROWING POWER

ASSETS		1928	1920
Cash on hand		16,598.71	\$ 5,521.75
Tax arrears		51,528.10	9,781.40
Sinking Fund Bonds (Par value \$21,400.00)		20,683.70	
Debentures and Victory Bonds			8,645.91
Sinking Fund Interest Deposited at Quebec		212.49	
Renewable Credit (Nadeau & Brouillard)		11,899.80	11,899.60
Sewer System		69,657.11	45,000.00
Waterworks		830,252.29	118,280.39
Sidewalks, Paved Streets, macadam			
or gravel, Bridges		172,183.82	72,008.24
Street Dept. Machineries		9,223.60	6,200.00
Immovables, Public Scales		18,636.54	8,860.00
Fire Dept. and Alarm		10,279.62	5,500.00
Workmen Houses		233,288.72	
Divers		19,053.25	
Bonus, Improved Match, Drummond Shirt, Campbell-McLaurin, Actna and Chemical			34,113.06
Total		\$983,498.75	\$326,491.06

LIABILITIES		1928	1920
Floating Debt		\$35,682.66	\$39,660.09
Balance due on loan for macadam		9,900.00	9,670.12
Balance due on Workmen Houses		179,501.00	
General Debt		814,691.92	359,522.24
Total		\$1,039,775.58	409,052.45

ORDINARY REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Revenues		1928	1920
Immovable Taxes		\$56,068.44	\$35,145.33
Sidewalk and sewer taxes		4,448.52	5,781.75
Licenses and Permits		11,365.12	7,873.55
Water taxes		24,010.91	11,850.64
Tenements, workmen houses		16,016.84	
Amusement taxes		1,606.81	
All other revenues		3,298.83	9,425.56
Tenants' taxes			878.66
Total		\$116,810.47	\$70,955.49

EXPENDITURES		1928	1920
Current Expenditures		5,200.98	\$ 4,874.74
Upkeep of streets, sidewalks, sewers		5,502.47	5,247.17
Waterworks		9,184.37	10,502.31
Lighting		4,674.36	3,975.39
Salaries		11,325.52	5,956.21
Fire		891.14	1,025.95
Costs		495.29	1,882.05
Interest on Floating Debt		3,619.28	3,081.45
Sinking of debt		14,561.30	
Interest on bonds		56,295.21	47,185.39
All other expenditures		9,058.50	20,836.27
Total		\$120,808.22	\$104,566.93

Surplus of expenditures over revenues		3,997.75	33,611.44
Total receivable immovable taxes		123,311.90	
Exemptions to manufactures		59,898.60	
Taxable properties		\$6,379,770.00	\$1,233,000.00

Proportion of the actual debt affecting borrowing power relatively to taxable property: 13.329%.

Members of the Municipal Council in 1920: Mayor, Mr. Napoleon Garceau; K.C.; aldermen: MM. Alexandre Mercure, J. Alex. Chevalier, Napoleon Lindsay, Ephrem Archambault, C. Arthur Sciotte, P. A. Robitaille, Adelard Birtz and J. W. St-Onge.

Members of the Municipal Council in 1929: Mayor, Mr. W. A. Moisan; aldermen: MM. Napoleon Lindsay, J. C. Duchesne, Adolphe Bernard, Stanislas Thibault, Edgar Larocque, Eugene Pelletier, E. R. Tanner and J. W. St-Onge.

Treasurer: Mr. Joseph Marier, K.C.

Health Being Improved In This Province

Quebec Declared by Dr. G. Amyot to be Now on Right Road — Local Government to be Cautious Entering on Any Contracts.

UNITS HELPFUL

Quebec—Quebec is on the right health conditions in the rural sector towards the improvement of the situation, declared Dr. George Amyot, Deputy Minister of the Federal Department of Health, in speaking to the men and women who make up the staffs of the sanitary units of the Province of Quebec at a banquet held in the Parliament restaurant to mark the close of the three-day convention.

Commencing with Beauce County three years ago, the Provincial Bureau of Health, with Dr. Alphonse Lessard, director, as the moving force, has made great strides in the province, and within six months there will be 15 rural counties for in matters of hygiene.

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WOULD MOVE TO WINDSOR CASTLE

London.—A rumor is actually current today that King George was likely to be removed from the damp and fog of London sometime in February.

Although there was no confirmation of this at Buckingham Palace, the visit paid by Queen Mary to Windsor Castle was believed by some to be connected with the possible removal of the King there.

The Queen was absent from Buckingham Palace for several hours — the longest time she has been away from the near neighborhood of the King since his illness began. This was taken as further proof that the King continued satisfactory, if slow progress.

It was officially stated at Buckingham Palace this morning that the progress in King George's condition noted in the last bulletin was maintained.

The next official bulletin from the King's doctors will be issued tonight.

Lord Dawson of Penn paid his usual visit to Buckingham Palace this morning and for the first time in some days he was not accompanied by Sir Hugh Riggby, the noted surgeon, who operated on the King.

The Prince of Wales attended a Rugby match between England and Wales, at Twickenham. This was his first public appearance since his dash to the bedside of the King from Africa.

MARSHALL FOCH GAINING GROUND

Paris.— Marshal Ferdinand Foch has gained further ground in his fight against attacks upon both his heart and kidneys. The Marshal has not yet reached the first objective of his doctors which is to get him out of danger and definitely on the road to recovery. He was, however, making steady progress toward that goal.

The morale of Foch is described by his physicians as marvelous. They say they hope to soon permit him to read newspapers again. Their bulletin said: "The perceptible improvement noted yesterday persists today."

For the first time since her distinguished husband became ill, Madame Foch came out of the house for a few minutes this morning. She said the Marshal had enjoyed a refreshing sleep during night and was "getting on better" at breakfast time. Her remarks were made before the doctors who came for their morning consultation so it was evident that to laymen Foch had made some improvement.

General Weingand, who is regarded almost as a son by Marshall and Madame Foch, was at the house a little after 8 a.m. He remained as has been his custom until the doctors left at ten. The physicians were with their patient about a quarter of an hour.

WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATE OF VALOR AND SERVICE

Mrs. Donat Grondin and Mrs. Napoleon Bernier, of Drummondville, Will be Honoured, Next Week, by R. C. Humane Association — At Royal Theatre, Monday or Tuesday Night.

CITIZENS INVITED

Mayor Moisan has received the following letter signed by Mr. J. E. Morazain, General Superintendent of the Canadian National Railway:

"I am in receipt of Royal Canadian Humane Association medals granted to Messrs. Blanchard and Drolet and congratulatory letters from the Honorary Secretary of the Royal Canadian Humane Association for these two men, also parchment certificates in favor of Mesdames Bernier and Grondin, for services rendered when No. 45 train derailed at Drummondville, April 2, last.

It is desired that these be presented to the parties concerned at a public gathering at which it is also desired by Mr. A. Gaboury, General Secretary of the Province of Quebec Safety League, that he should be advised so as to date so that he may be present.

I feel that these presentations should be made in the city of Drummondville at as early a date as possible and would ask you if you would be so kind as to permit us the free use of the City Hall, or any other public building under your jurisdiction for the occasion and what date would better meet your convenience. Needless to say that I am very anxious to have the honor of your presence at these presentations and that you will also be good enough to address a few words on the occasion. We would also very much appreciate the presence of your Council, Board of Trade and the general public. This being a case where valor and service of two women of your community, in connection with a very unfortunate accident, are to be recognized we would like to give it as much publicity as possible."

The Mayor has advised our representative that the presentation will take place at 8 p. m., Monday or Tuesday night, next week, at the Royal Theatre, Heriot St.

PENNY WISE

A penny saved is not always a penny earned. Sometimes it is two pennies lost. The merchant who spends nothing on advertising is practising false economy; his losses in sales far exceed the pennies saved.

The money spent for plate glass windows is not looked on as lost; nor is the money spent on better interior lighting.

Anything that increases favor, that adds to sales, that multiplies customers is very properly regarded as a good investment.

Advertising is a good investment — just as plate glass windows are. Advertising is the plate glass window the merchant can send into every home. Advertising sells to more persons than shop-windows do.

A WORD TO THE PUBLIC

Do you resent having a merchant address his message to you in the form of an advertisement in our columns? On the contrary is not your impulse to respond to his friendly overtures?

Advertisements are Store Windows

HON. PERRAULT DEALS WITH EFFORTS AT REPATRIATION

They Have Given Fine Results So Far, He Explains To Legislature — Commercial Fisheries — Mr. Duplessis, Conservative, Blames Government Re Newsprint Situation — Camilien Houde Makes A Lengthy Speech Of Criticism — Asked To Speak From His Seat — Dr. Plante, Liberal Member For Mercier, Querries Mayor Of Montreal.

MR. HOUDE COMPLAINS

Quebec.—Recital of definite accomplishments brought about in the immediate past, and of definite accomplishments which are to come, not in the vague future, but in the present and immediate future, was what the Hon. J. E. Perrault, Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries, was able to tell the Legislature Assembly and the province, when he spoke Wednesday, in the debate on the Speech from the Throne. He dealt with the annual subject of emigration of French-Canadians to the United States, the matter being a constant theme for Opposition speakers, and this time he was able to tell of new accomplishments in the way of repatriation, his department working in conjunction with Ottawa, which had provided some funds for the purpose after years of solicitation. Mr. Perrault said that today New England offers nothing so good to the native sons of Quebec as is offered them at home. He admitted the lure of the United States, and especially the ever constant propaganda, that could not be avoided when it was remembered that there are but few families in Quebec which have not a relative in the United States.

Other reasons for the desertion of the farm was that the years of 1921 and 1922 had been very dry. In any event, said Mr. Perrault, people did not leave Quebec because economic conditions were bad, for last year, this country had enjoyed prosperity, and those who had read the speeches of managers of banks at annual meetings would realize that fact. There was the statement of Mr. Beatty, of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, to the effect that 1928 had been the most prosperous year enjoyed by Canada for a long time past, and, further, that the indications were that the reasons for such prosperity were of a durable nature. One reason why people left the province for the United States was that there were too many members of the Opposition crying hard times and blue ruin, especially at election times; and the member for Laval, (Jos. Renaud), had admitted last session that such cries were raised in order to win elections.

To the question whether the province of Quebec has anything to offer to those who wished to go to the United States, he was ready to answer with a decided affirmative.

FISHERIES

Mr. Perrault talked of commercial fisheries, and was able to show an excellent record of accomplishments since 1922, when the province had taken over jurisdiction of maritime fisheries, and he talked enthusiastically of still more to be done, of more co-operatives to be formed, of more inspection and classification work, and of being able to overcome the lingering traces of prejudice against co-operative action. He had one bad chapter to speak of in the way of fisheries. This was the porpoise invasion, which had caused devastation last year in the fisheries of the lower St. Lawrence. He hoped some way could be found of driving them out the river and back into Ungava Bay, from which they had come, but in the meantime the Government had adopted a policy of helping the fishermen as much as possible to overcome their trouble.

MAURICE DUPLISSIS

Mr. Perrault was followed by Maurice Duplessis, Conservative M.L.A., for Three Rivers, who charged strongly against the Government on the ground, as he put it, of not being prudent in the administration of its forest wealth, and thereby bringing on the present newsprint crisis. He claimed that the Legislature had gone altogether too far in sanctioning municipal tax exemption in favor of industrial companies. He wanted the provincial police made more efficient, and promised to have something to say about Sunday labor later on, saying there was a connection between Sunday labor and the overproduction in the newsprint industry.

CAMILIEN HOUDE

Mayor Camilien Houde, Conservative, St. Mary's, Montreal, figured in the Quebec Legislative Assembly Thursday, with a speech which lasted three hours, in the course of which he covered all branches of governmental activity. He praised the Ontario system of mothers' allowances, and made a plea that the Province accept the Federal Old Age Pension Act. He talked of the loss of Labrador to Canada, and said the Provincial Government was equally to blame for this loss, claiming that the necessary preparations had not been made, whereas New Foundland had made all possible studies into the matter and, he added, the natural predisposition of the Privy Council was for Newfoundland since the island colony was in debt to England, and to Englishmen.

FOREIGN CAPITAL

Mr. Houde said foreign capital in the province was being encouraged to a point where outsiders were allowed to drive the Quebec farmers from their homes.

He talked of the by-election in St. Mary's; of alleged intervention by the Government with the magistrates; denounced the Government for allowing strangers from the United States to seize the natural resources of the province, and evict farmers from their homes; and he urged, as the way of escape, that the province develop what water-powers which remain to it, so that if A. R. Graustein, president of the International Paper Company, of whom he had made special mention several times, notably as being animated with a desire to have his

THE REASONS WHY

One factor, said the Minister, was that during the war, in consequence of high prices of farm products, farmers had bought land at high prices, and when the drop in food prices came had found themselves unable to meet their obligations. The federal bankruptcy law was another reason of trouble in

NEWS FLASHES OF INTEREST

DANVILLE ELECTIONS

Danville.—Voting took place last week for the election of three councillors, Messrs. C. Fred Burbank, Omer P. Shaw, Joseph Panneton and Theobald Gregoire were put in nomination on last Wednesday.

The voters were 420 in number and 290 of them cast their vote during the day, which is considered a high percentage.

At the close of the poll, the result was the following: Mr. C. Fred Burbank received 214 votes, Mr. Omer P. Shaw, 107, Mr. Joseph Panneton 178, and Mr. Gregoire 84.

Messrs. C. Fred Burbank, Omer P. Shaw and Joseph Panneton were therefore elected councillors of the village of Danville for the year 1929-1930.

SNOWSHOERS' RALLY

Montreal.—Canadian snowshoers to the number of a thousand or more are planning to attend the International Snowshoe Convention which will take place at Lewiston, Maine, on Feb. 2nd and 3rd next.

In addition to the large number of members of Snowshoe Clubs at Quebec, Lewis and Montreal, who will attend, there will also be a considerable delegation from Sherbrooke, Drummondville, and other points in the Eastern Townships. The first congress of this character took place at Lewiston in 1925 and the succeeding events, have been growing in importance with increasing attendance each year.

COULD NOT DECLARE

Burlington.—A. J. Garland, of St. Armand, Que., drove his car across the Canadian border into Vermont with a load of liquor in the general direction of the Swanton customs house, but an inquisitive patrolman prevented his reaching there.

Therefore, he could not properly be charged with a violation of the law, according to his counsel in the Federal Court here, for he argued, Mr. Garland had not passed a custom house and, consequently, had no opportunity to declare his cargo.

The prosecution contended that the defendant committed a crime the moment he crossed the border, because liquor cannot be classified as dutiable merchandise.

The court considered the point sufficiently well taken to dismiss the jury and take the case under advisement.

GIRARD APPEALS CASE

Montreal.—A motion to dismiss the appeal of Jos. A. Girard, of East Angus, was taken on deliberative by the Court of Appeal in Montreal, presided over by Mr. Justice Greenfield, last week.

The motion, which was presented by Messrs. E. P. O'Gabe and Valmore Bienvieux, Crown prosecutors, was based on the fact that the In-

Expansion Is Again Shown By Quebec Mining

Production in 1928 is Expected to Show Increase of \$5,000,000 — Annual Report Stresses Growth in Industry.

PROSPECTING

Quebec.—Progress made by the department of Hon. J. E. Perrault, Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries, is shown in all branches, according to the annual report just tabled in the Legislative Assembly.

The mining industry, notes the Minister, continues to progress in a remarkable manner. In 1927 its production attained a value of \$29,124,110, and indications are that in the year 1928 its value has been considerably higher. Prospecting is pursued with great activity, the number of prospectors continually increasing, as well as the number of registered claims. It is expected that 1928 will show an increase of \$5,000,000 in production.

Prospectors have so extended the field of their operations that they have now invaded the remote region of Chibougamau, and over 37,000 acres have been staked there, states the Minister, and his comment is all the more important in view of the fact that the Chibougamau railway company is asking this session for an extension of their franchise so as to enable them to push as far north as James Bay.

Several mines are specifically dealt with in the report of A. O. Dufresne, director of the Bureau of Mines, to the Minister. The Noranda smelter commenced in December, 1927, to pour copper ingots for the first time, and since

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We Towne Gossip

We wonder why Tinst good-will tour of our dis- family of five can live on. Leclerc weighs himself so triet.

often on the Regent scale, Heriot St.? Of course there's a mirror on said scale and it must worth one cent to avoid the appearance of vanity.

The tall blond Cockburn St. man with the hunted look is not a criminal, Mr. Policeman. No, he just lives with his wife's people...

As the St. Hyacinthe team could not be listed to play ours, Wednesday night last, the mercury then contented itself with marking 150 below zero.

Straw hats in Drummondville, this season, are getting as common as the Hop Hall heroes' visits to Halikas' soda fountain.

Times have changed. Today, if a body meets a body coming through with rye, then a body bribes a body lest the land be dry.

Indeed this is a queer world, and Drummondville is indeed a queer town! The more it rains here and the less water we have. Saturday morning many local geniuses had to go to the office with their neck unwashed.

It isn't difficult to find a golf ball if it's lost at home and the baby demands a drink at 3 a. m.

The morning after last Friday night's flood it looked much like springtime in this town and vicinity. Many a citizen reported that the lettuce, the early kind, of course, was doing very fine thank you, in their garden, and even a young Lindsay street spinster writes in that a lily plant she has was then in full bloom, something very uncommon nowadays, at this time of the year.

A fellow-citizen thought he had struck an oil well, the other day. Unfortunately, for him and for this town, the "well" in question was only an obsolete gasoline tank for years left buried behind a once public garage. It will surely be a great deception for U. S. president-elect Herbert Hoover who, on having heard of the discovery of an oil well here, was preparing to make a

Hon. Perrault Deals With Efforts At Repatriation

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company get hold of all the paper mills in the province, was too harsh in his demands, the province would be able to meet the situation by a Government-owned power development.

Mr. Houde did not make all his speech from his seat. He walked about, his hands in the armpits of his vest at times, at other times he waved his arms. Now he turned to the Speaker, now to the Ministers, then completely around to face the end of the House.

W. P. GRANT

Mr. Houde had followed W. P. Grant, Liberal M.L.A. for Champlain, who, while not in the class of brilliant speakers, made a speech that had the merit of knowledge of the subjects he dealt with, which were largely relating to the forests, a subject in which he is an expert.

DR. ANATOLE PLANTE

Dr. Anatole Plante, Liberal for Mercier, Montreal, following Mr. Houde, said honest Conservatives do not hesitate to express regret for the attacks made by Mr. Houde nor admiration for the conduct of the Liberal Ministers, and they also expressed the feeling that such tactics were harmful to the Conservative party. Dr. Plante made use of an expression which gave offence to Mr. Houde, who protested at once, but was told by the Deputy Speaker that a member could speak only from his seat. Mr. Houde

"Hal Ha" chuckled the father, as he slipped and fell against the bath tub, "that's the third time this week junior has played with the soap and left it on the floor."

What happened with that silk loom that looked like an old covered wagon, and that was invented, last week, in one of our local manufacturers, by a well known and always glad feller?

Everything is relative, in Drummondville as elsewhere. A good citizen here, nowadays, is one who doesn't break any laws except the ones you break.

Willie Daneau, of the Bank of Montreal, has left yesterday for Ottawa. In him we lose the most famous soft water fisherman Drummondville has probably known since Heriot's companions served the first hooked worm to the St. Francis River carps. We wish him fine catches in the historic Riendeau canal where he will surely enjoy dropping a line-and-hook, more often than now and then, from Sparks street bridge or Chateau Laurier Terrace. Drummondville is not the only place where fish abound.

So this very morning Jimmy O'Donnell stepped out of his gilded cage. Nothing is sweeter than liberty, but the bars do not a prison make, dearest Jimmy. A bird in a cage is worth two in the bush. Luckily there's one good redeeming feature to that old saying. Jimmy is not a bush guy.

The Gossiping Editor well knows that even flattery can be irritating when an installment collector and a bond salesman call at the same time.

Where did last Friday's snows go? Melted away and caused a flood. What did the flood caused? Pools on the sidewalks and lakes in the cellars. Why didn't the water go in the sewers? But why so many insipid questions?

Among the things that thrill us very little is a millionaire's estimate of what a

WHO'S WHO?

Editor, "The Spokesman": In my last week's letter, which took some valuable space in your local social activities' columns, I should have explained that the hero in question is clean shaved and is on faithful duty day-time and evenings. My two young cousins tell me they are very sorry they said anything concerning his attractive looks. To be an ideal policeman, as you know, is as hard for a man as for a woman to be an ideal wife, to-day. If a wife isn't dumb, it's hard to keep a husband convinced of his superiority. The same thing, but vice versa, with a cop. If he is a super-man girls will believe he does it on purpose. (Signed) Sarah...

The middle-aged man's glare doesn't indicate hatred of foolish youth. It just makes him mad to think he used to be like that.

Sir Walter Raleigh was surely a very gallant man, but Paul Brodeur got him beat by a mile the other day. To help a lady against someone trying to steal away her purse, with the compact and the puff that it contains, is doing the real heroic stuff to-day. If the lady had been queen Elizabeth, Brodeur would no doubt now be one of the Canadian Celanese admirals. But...

Heard outside of Drummondville, last week: "Don't be afraid of that dog. You know a barking dog never bites." — "I know, but you can never tell when he's going to stop barking."

When one makes an anodyne joke on taking water in the right spirit, he naturally expects that the joke in question is to be taken in the right spirit.

The local hockey fans and players, it is said, are contemplating to protest against the Weatherman if things do not change for the better in the domain of temperature here. Summer storms, they claim, can be dispensed with in the month of January, even if it helps Jack Greenspon, Messara and other chaps sell more umbrellas.

An Orator

In one respect Sir Kynaston Studd, London's new Lord Mayor, stands head and shoulders above his predecessors of many years. He is one of the most accomplished speakers in the City, and he has already shown promise in his after-dinner speeches at the Mansion House, Guildhall, and elsewhere, that his year of office will reach the highest traditions of the City in oratorical achievement. Tall and dignified, graceful and courteous, he combines great culture with perfect delivery, and his resonant voice rings clear through any hall. A Lord Mayor of London has to dine in public every night except Sunday during his year of office, and has on an average five public luncheons a week. But Sir Kynaston Studd has sufficient resources as a public speaker to meet all occasions. He learned his public speaking in the Polytechnic and Freemasonry.

Salt Cleans Sinks

Sinks and drains can be kept free of grease and odors by pouring hot salt brine through them once or twice a week.

the cost? Is that nothing for Montreal? Why does he not mention that the Government is building a bridge at Lachine, that it has built two bridges at Ile Perrot? That is something for the city over which he presides. Why does he not mention the creation of the technical school, of the school of fine arts? He loves the workmen and wants their sons to be something in the world.

SPORT NEWS

LOCAL TEAM TO PLAY HERE ON WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY

Will Then Meet St. Jean d'Iberville and Notre-Dame de Grace Respectively — Games Called Off, Last Week, on Account of Bad Weather.

FANS ARE IMPATIENT

Owing to the inclement weather, wind, snow and rain, that was our lot in Drummondville, last week, the hockey games the local team was to play here, with the St. Hyacinthes, Wednesday night, and with the Lachines, Sunday afternoon, had necessarily to be called off. The fans, and the players, were disappointed, but things by no way could be helped.

To-morrow evening the locals will clash against the St. Jean d'Ibervilles, or possibly the Victoriavilles. Sunday afternoon, at 3 sharp, the puck will be on the municipal rink, and the honors will be disputed by our team and Notre-Dame de Grace's, Montreal.

The two games scheduled should prove to be most interesting and no doubt a large crowd will want to see them and so encourage the Drummondvillers whose only two games played so far this season have been two victories.

The local club has received another nice subscription, this time from the Dominion Silk, and for the sum of \$25.

Dempsey May Fight

New York. — There is every indication that Jack Dempsey will knowledge congratulations on his return to the ring and fight this engagement, announced by her publisher in the decisive bout of rents on Tuesday.

The heavyweight elimination series to select Gene Tunney's successor, William F. Carey, new ruling power in the Madison Square Garden Corporation, declared today. Carey's belief, he admitted, was not based on any definite assurance from Dempsey, but the Garden officials regard it as significant that the former champion has said nothing about retiring.

For the present Dempsey's main interest is in the promotion of the Stirling-Sharkey fight which may produce an opponent for the ex-S. title-holder. Dempsey will not referee this bout, Carey said, but will act as arbiter in case there is any disagreement over picking the third man in the ring.

When Husking Corn

To remove corn silk with the least effort, first husk the ear, then time comes, may be a year from brush toward the stem end with a clean whisk broom.

Helen Wills Engaged

Oakland.—Helen Wills has acknowledged that she has accepted her plans for the future, which she envisages as a three-fold career of matrimony, tennis and artistic endeavor.

Although Miss Wills and her mother, Mrs. Clarence A. Wills, both said earlier in the day that there would be no hurry about the wedding, the daughter said she could not see how it could possibly interfere with her tennis. Both Miss Wills and her fiancée, Fred Moody, Jr., San Francisco title-holder, are young. She is twenty-three and Moody is twenty-four.

Miss Wills said she intended to finish her education at the University of California. She intends to go ahead with her painting. She may continue to write. She will play tennis as long "as I can hold a racquet." And then, when the time comes, may be a year from now, she says, she hopes to make a good wife.

LOCAL RETAIL MERCHANTS

Meeting Under the Auspices of the Quebec Section of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada Inc.

AGAINST CHAIN STORES

Merchants of this town have received the following letter, from Mr. F. X. L. Rattey, the Secretary of the Quebec Provincial Board of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada, Inc.: "A rally will be held, Wednesday, the 23rd inst., in Courchesne Hall, Heriot Street, in view of organizing a section of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada. It is up to you, in these difficult times the retailers are confronted with, to take the means to organize so as to promote your own interest against the invasion, in the retailing domain, by the chain stores. It is an almost impossibility for one merchant to oppose the latter, but in co-operation with his confreres in the trade and, thanks to a well organized association, he will easily be able to do so. You are cordially invited to attend said meeting which will be to your benefit."

BIG FARMERS' RALLY HERE

More Than 300 Met in Drummondville, Last Week, and Discussed Way of Obtaining Help From Government for Good Grain Seed.

DELEGATION TO QUEBEC

Wednesday afternoon, more than 300 farmers of this district met in the former Macdonald plant, here, with the important object of finding the means to obtain grain seed for next Spring. The crop, last autumn, was an almost total loss in many rural towns of this county and the farmers are actually without seed sufficiently good to sow in their fields this year. Mr. Esdras Mailhot, mayor of the parish of Drummondville, presided the rally. The curates of the localities affected by last year's bad crop, and the following delegates will in a few days call upon the Minister of Agriculture, at Quebec, and impress the necessity of the help to be given, in the circumstances: MM. Willie Paul, St-Germain; Octave Houle, St-Edmond; Esdras Mailhot, Drummondville; Armand Rajotte, Notre-Dame du Bon Conseil; Victor Gatteau, West Wickham; Joseph Jutras, St-Cyrille; Omer Rivard, St-Majorique; Felix Blanchette, St-Nicéphore, et Zephirin Leblanc, St-Eugene.

SALESMEN WANTED

We are in need of good salesmen speaking both languages and having aptitudes for the sale of automobiles.

Experience not absolutely necessary.

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Ottawa Plans Laboratories Says Premier

Larger Sums Will be Spent for Research Work Than on Technical Schools — Amendments to Dominion Elections Act at Coming Session.

Ottawa. — The Government of Canada proposes to make an expenditure on the establishment of laboratories for scientific research which will exceed many times its contribution to technical education. Premier Mackenzie King told a delegation of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada here recently. The Prime Minister also forecast amendments to the Dominion Elections Act which will be introduced at the coming session of Parliament. In this connection Mr. King asked if the delegation of the Trades and Labor Congress had placed itself on record as favoring compulsory voting. President Tom Moore replied that it had not. The Congress, however, said Mr. Moore, favored the establishment of a permanent voters' list, which could be revised as necessity arose.

Discussion of the voters' lists prompted a statement by James Simpson, of Toronto, one of the vice-presidents of the congress that the present method of adding names to the lists was "obsolete." In Toronto, he said, scores of names were "forgotten" because their owners were not of the same political faith as the patronage committee. "This is not hearsay, I can prove it," added Mr. Simpson.

Headed by Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the delegation presented a lengthy memorandum covering a great variety of subjects interesting to Labor throughout the Dominion. Mr. Moore was the chief spokesman during the presentation, and he was supported by Vice-Presidents James Simpson, Robert Tallon, J. Foster, and Secretary P. M. Draper.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Premier Mackenzie King gave a little time to discussing the technical education situation. The congress had requested that the Dominion continue the grants to provinces for this purpose, which have been discontinued. The federal Government felt, declared the Premier, that it should get away from special grants to the provinces. If there were to be any contributions, they should be made as an adjustment of the subsidies payable to the provinces by the Dominion. The federal Government, he pointed out, had great obligations. The people demanded that there should be decreases in the public debt from year to year. It was the duty of

the administration to attempt to make such decreases.

In the matter of technical education, Mr. King said, the Government felt that the provinces had been given a pretty good start. The desire now was to develop scientific research by federal aid, leaving the provinces to continue the work of technical education. It was proposed to make very considerable expenditures for the establishment of laboratories which would be open to the provinces to use, and the outlay on these would exceed many times that on technical education.

Mr. Simpson interjected a remark about what Toronto was doing for technical education. Mr. King smiled. "Well," he said, "we make up pretty well to Toronto for what she does for us," he said. The delegation laughed.

The Prime Minister dealt at some length with what he said was the "fallacious argument" that when a nation exported raw materials she was necessarily imperiling her existence. It was the proper conservation and use of raw materials which was important. He thanked the delegation for its presentation and promised every consideration.

The programme presented by the delegation included the following:

Research in the Old-Age Pensions measure field before amendments are passed; re-enactment of the Technical Education Act of 1919; fair wage matters; curtailment of the veto power of the Senate; amendments to Militia and Canada Shipping Acts; prison reform. These and other suggestions were added to the memorandum from conferences and conventions and placed before the Government by the delegates.

Other recommendations included: Abolition of all money grants for cadet training and concentration upon physical training in schools; elimination of the sales tax; appointment of a fair wage officer in the Maritime Provinces; stricter enforcement and wider application of the fair wage law.

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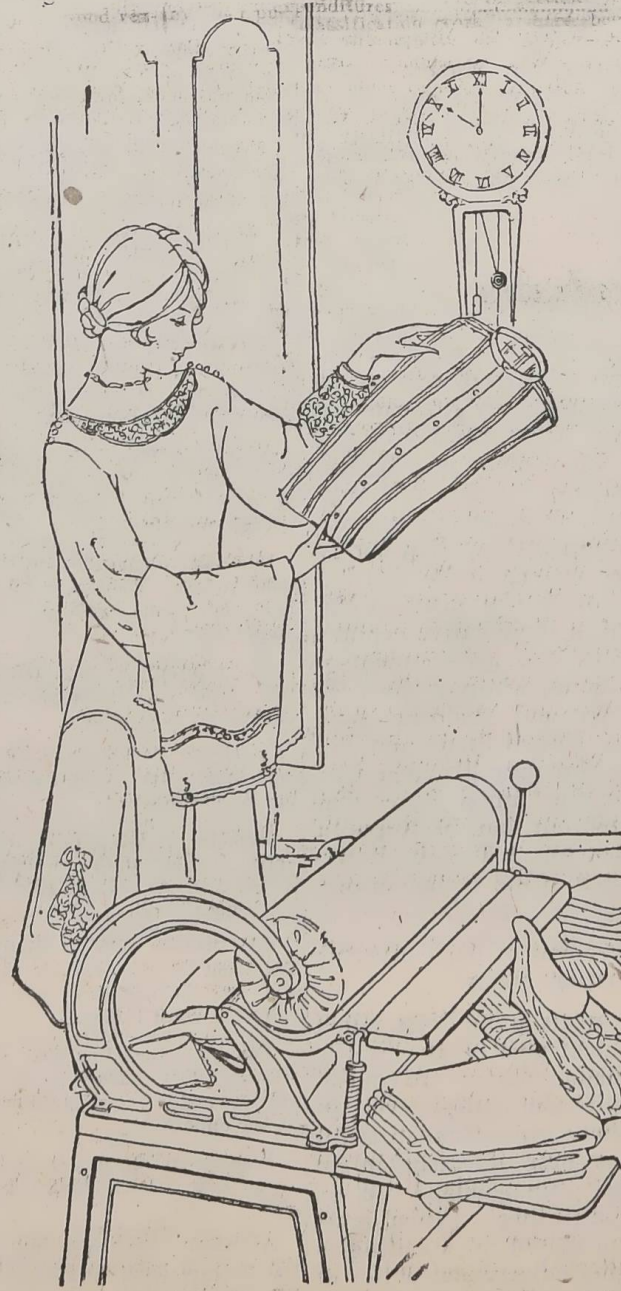
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