

WOMEN'S POLICE COURT

IS MY MORTGAGE SAFE? YOU NEED NOT WORRY!

Questioners at a Spiritualistic Seance Asked Materialistic Questions

WOMAN COMMITTED

On Charge of Fortune-Telling—Mrs. McGuire Elects Trial by Jury

The well known perversity of things, which causes watched pots to refuse to boil, science instructors' expectations to fall abjectly before a class, and radios to howl like the spirits of departed wildcats when neighbors are called in to admire, perhaps had something to do with the disconcerting refusal of any manner of spoons, spirits, or pendulums of the afterworld or the underworld to take material shape at the feet of Mrs. M. Steer McGuire, 27 Rusholme road, for the benefit of spiritual police on Tuesday night.

The case came up in women's police court today, the accused pleading not guilty, and electing trial by jury. Mrs. McGuire, police matron, was the first witness for the crown. She told of visits to Mrs. McGuire's home on Esplanade road.

"I was instructed to go there," testified the matron. "When I got there the house was in darkness. I went up to the back and a young lady let me in. I paid a dollar admission to a young lady."

"When I got into the seance room there was quite a crowd there. On a table were trumpets, mandolins, tambourines, etc. Mrs. McGuire was talking to the audience. She was telling them that they need not be alarmed should these instruments touch them during the seance. They were to join hands in a circle and keep the circle unbroken during the whole time."

"We sat there for about two and one-half hours. There was singing of hymns and prayers. I must say that the atmosphere of the place was very quiet."

"After a while there was table-rapping. Everybody there expected a great manifestation."

"Mrs. McGuire gave some examples of her powers."

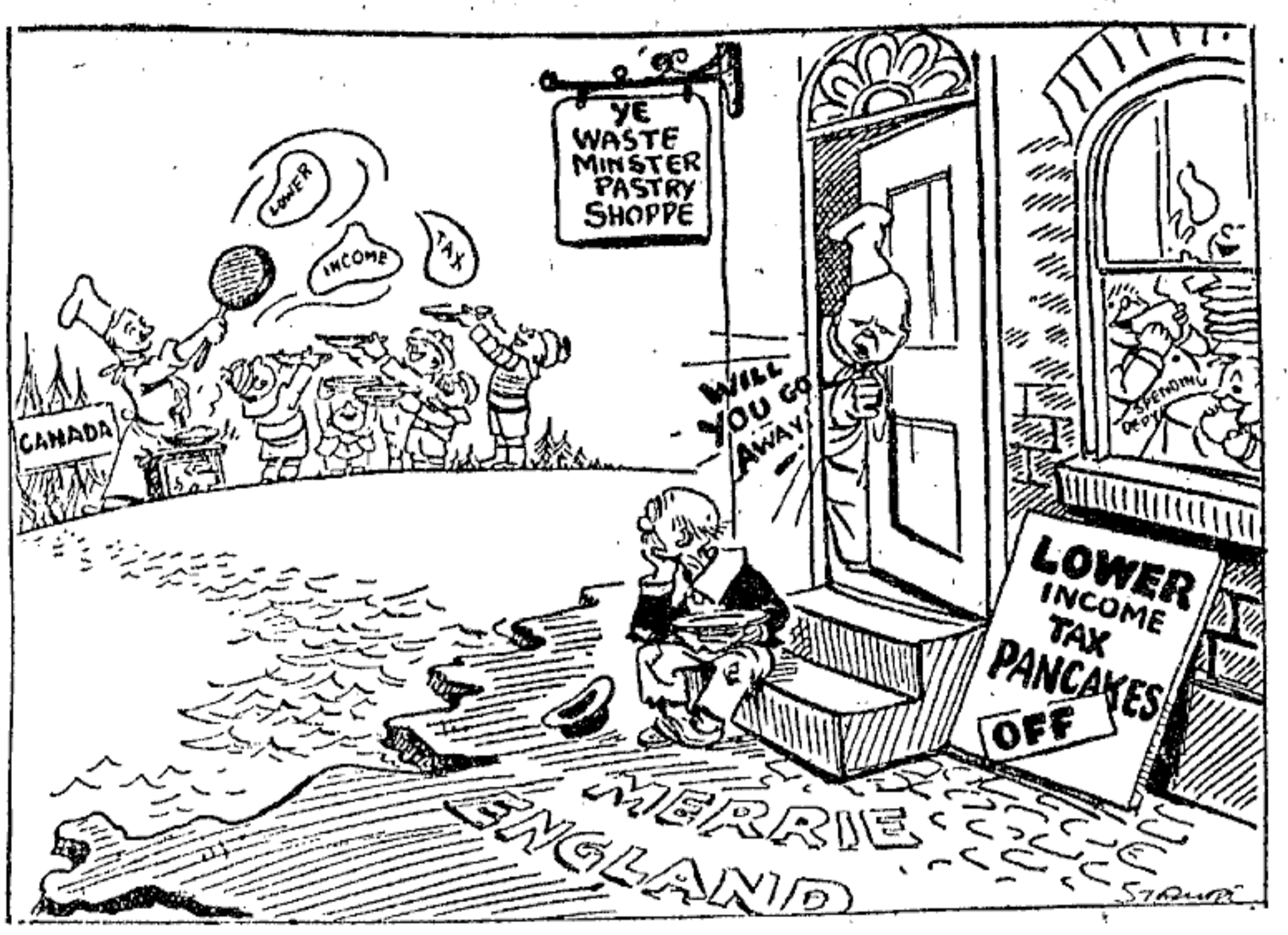
"This was all right," said Mrs. McGuire. "Whether her mortgage was all right or not, she told me that she had a very good one."

"And she said that her mother was very rich. She said that she had a very good mortgage on the earth."

"I should like to take a hand in the mortgage," said Mrs. McGuire. "I would like to have a hand in the mortgage."

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How Englishmen See Our Tax Cuts



PANCAKE DAY—OVER THERE (From the London Daily Express)



JUDGE DONALD ROSS

who succeeds the late Judge Vance as judge of the Simcoe county court.

occasion, but the room was differently arranged.

The exhibits were placed as evidence. There was a mandolin, three trumpets, a music box and a tambourine. Clerk Childs amused himself by winding up the music box and filling the courtroom with tinkling music.

The witness said that the spirits had no definite statements. Mrs. McGuire wasn't sitting.

"There was absolute darkness. I couldn't see Mrs. McGuire."

A Luminous Band "There was a luminous band around one of the trumpets," continued Mrs. McGuire, "and I could follow it around. I could see by that that it was Mrs. McGuire holding the trumpet. All instruments were within easy reach of Mrs. McGuire."

"Officer Wilson put on his flashlight. It shone on Mrs. McGuire. She was standing in the middle of the room. She dropped it. There was a great yelling and several women fainted."

Mrs. McGuire could not say positively which trumpet it was.

Mrs. McGuire never promised any manifestations, did she? asked Mr. Galloway for her defense.

"No. She was quite indignant because one woman wrote and asked for her dollar back because there was no manifestation."

"I should our new chief" put in the crown.

STILL SOME CASH COMING TO CITY AS RESTITUTION

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The new notices which are being sent out in thousands by the finance commissioner, read as follows: "Will you kindly complete and return the attached memorandum at your earliest convenience."

The memorandum gives the amount of overdue taxes for 1927, exclusive of interest and penalty, with squares in which the recipient is to indicate whether the statement is correct or incorrect.

In addition to the shortages in the city treasurer's department there is one in the parks department, which the officials say will be made up. The clerk has agreed to make full restitution, although claiming that some mistake has been made.

Reading together the reports made yesterday to the board of control and on February 23 to the city council, it was inferred that at the shortages had been made up. The city treasurer apparently, in making these reports, took it that when the men were bonded the shortages was virtually made up. Reporting on February 27, Mr. Ross said:

"All defalcations to date have been actually recovered with the exception of one case. In this instance, the bonding company has admitted liability and tendered payment, but we prefer to wait until the department can investigate this particular case further."

It was concluded that the letter which Mr. Ross wrote yesterday to the board of control referred to this case in his report, but it developed to-day that the restitution reported was made by another man who was No. 6 in the auditor's report.

The letter of the finance commissioner to the board yesterday was as follows: "Compliant with the wish expressed by your board with the exception of the sixth official referred to in the memorandum presented by me at the last meeting of council is no longer in the service of the city."

"He has made restitution of the shortage ascertained to date and signified his intention of making good any further amounts that may turn up."

"When I am in a position to do so I will advise you of the exact amount involved."

The finance commissioner, when these reports were brought to his attention, stated to The Star that in his letter of yesterday he referred to the men mentioned in the first statement he made to the council and not to the one referred to in a statement of February 23. In the first statement he said he had brought about the retirement of five employees and the sixth would be dealt with just as soon as circumstances would permit it. The report yesterday was on a sixth man who is now out of the service, he having made payment.

ARABS CROSS FRONTIER CAPTURING VILLAGES

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Trak newspapers reported an uprising had occurred in Nejd, stronghold of Ibn Saud.

It was also said that advances from Boara were that a Wahabi force led by Sheikh Ed. Doudah was marching toward Irak with 1,400 camels. British aeroplane scouts, however, reported that they saw no signs of hostile movements in the desert.

Answering a question in the House of Commons, the government denied that there had been raids between Transjordan and Nejd.

AIR MINISTRY CONFIDENT

By CONSTANTINE BROWN Special to The Star. Copyright London, March 8.—Responsible government quarters are in a slightly more confident mood to-day regarding the Arabian situation. Reports from the commander of the air force in Mesopotamia indicate that the marauding Arab bands, for the time being are harmless.

It is understood instructions have been sent from London to headquarters in Irak to permit a good deal of picketing from Ibn Saud's forces without retaliation, unless the Wahabites actually approach important points across the frontier.

Small raids are not considered very harmful. But should Ibn Saud actually contemplate a mass attack, the air ministry is confident he will meet crushing defeat.

The confidence of the air ministry is based on the fact that in 1924 Wahabi tribes numbering some 10,000 men attacked Transjordan. Only five tanks and 10 bombing planes operated against the invaders, but the results were 1,200 killed and 800 prisoners.

Officers present at that operation state the moral effect was such that the prisoners were stupefied and it took them a whole week to recover and start on the hard labor to which they were sentenced for a month before they were sent back to the desert.

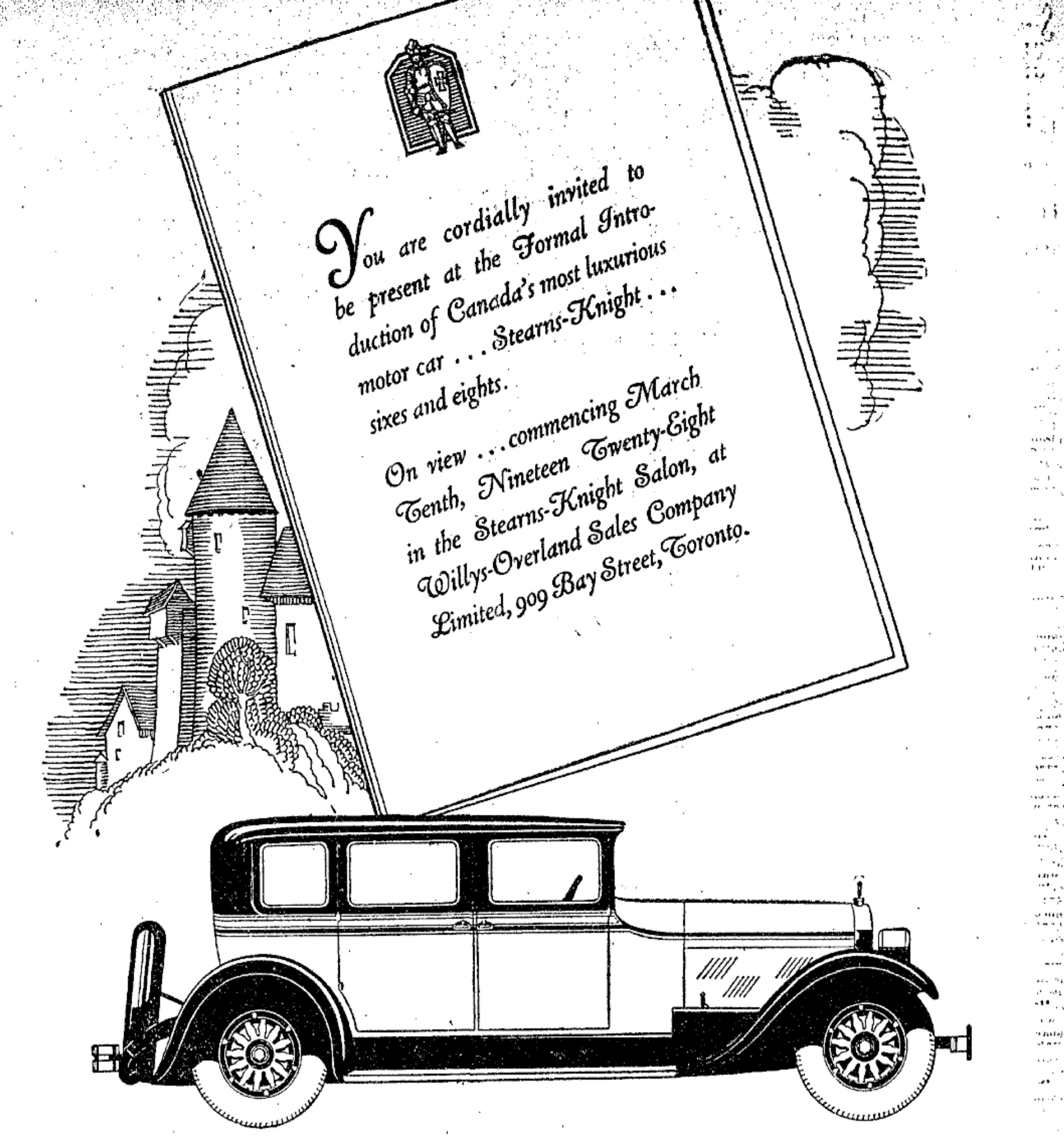
FIRE IN APARTMENT

Electric Iron Causes Kendal Avenue Outbreak—Loss Small

Fire caused by an electric iron burning through a floor in the Birchcliffe apartments, 315 Kendal avenue, to-day, brought out the Fairbank volunteer brigade and Wyckwood and Balmoral fire stations under District Chief Gunn.

The fire was outside the city limits, but owing to the great number of apartments that might have been caught if the blaze proved dangerous, the Toronto fire station responded to the call.

The water system in the apartment was turned on and the fire was soon extinguished with very little loss. District Chief Gunn reported the water damage as very small.



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J. M. PARKINSON DEAD LAST OF OLD FAMILY

Death of Toronto's Oldest Jeweler Recalls Pioneer Days of Centre Island

John Marshall Parkinson, 200 Grace street, last member of the old Parkinson family of Toronto, was buried Tuesday in Mount Pleasant cemetery, with Rev. J. A. Tuer of College Street United church conducting the service.

At the time of his death he was the oldest jeweler in Toronto, having been in the manufacturing business here for 67 years, 60 years of which was spent on Yonge street with E. M. Murphy. He then opened a store on Lombard street. He retired from active work about three years ago and his son, Thomas, still carries on the business.

He was born in Toronto, the son of Albert Parkinson, who came from Waterbury, N.Y., and who owned Centre Island at one time. It was Albert Parkinson who built the first ferry boat to cross Toronto bay, a horse driven boat, and his wife and mother of the deceased, planted the willow trees on Centre Island now so much appreciated by visitors there.

The late Mr. Parkinson was interested in aquatic sports and was a staunch friend and one of the early backers of Ned Hanlan. He was a member of the old Toronto Yacht club, which afterward was amalgamated with the Royal Canadian Yacht club, and was one of the organizers of the Queen City Yacht club. He was a life-long Methodist, a member of Berkeley street church of which his father was one of the first members.

The late Mr. Parkinson died last Sunday in his 90th year as a result of a fall about three weeks ago at his home.

He was twice married, and leaves five sons and two daughters by his first wife, Freda A. William E. James S. Thomas, Mrs. P. McPhee and Miss Carolyn, all of Toronto, and Bernard of Philadelphia. By his second marriage he leaves his widow, three daughters, Mrs. A. Wilson and Mrs. H. Henderson of Toronto, and Mrs. J. Crozier of Buffalo, and one son, Marshall, of Toronto.

The deceased was for some time a member of the York Pioneers.

IMMIGRATION ENQUIRY OPENED BY COMMITTEE

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object is to discuss the immigration problem generally they should know that. So far as the government is concerned, the fullest possible scope will be given to the enquiry," he said.

C. H. Cahan stated that a general review was contemplated by the opposition to deal with the enquiry as a broad national problem. "We want to avoid petty matters, we are warring off any moves toward censure, at least for the moment," he stated.

Hon. J. W. Edwards added that general information was the need at the outset. "Officers of the department are officers of the country, and we want them to co-operate with us. They may have to answer questions which will be somewhat critical," he said.

Col. Ralston reminded the committee that suggestions of suspicion had appeared in the press and on the floor of the House.

Hon. Robert Forke, minister of immigration and colonization, stated that he was only too glad to co-operate with the committee. "I have nothing to hide," he said. He hoped to benefit from the suggestions and recommendations of the committee.

Tells of Organization W. J. Egan, the deputy minister, was called and Mr. Cahan asked that he explain the operation of the department as he would to a new minister. "I am at a loss to begin," observed Mr. Egan, "the minister should state the policy of the department." Then he turned to the phase of operation in Britain.

Mr. Cahan: "Mr. Egan, will you please give us a general statement of your departmental organization in Canada and abroad?" Mr. Egan: "Our headquarters here at Ottawa carry out the government policy on immigration. We have commissioners who direct the operation of specific divisions of the country. These districts were Eastern, Western and Pacific, with a commissioner for each. There was also a superintendent for the women's branch and the juvenile branch.

Inspectors operated under the superintendents and commissioners, and much effective directional assistance was provided by the field supervision of the soldier settlement board. Then there was the border preventive and inspection service and the port receiving inspectors. The American work handled by 17 agencies in the U. S. was supervised from Ottawa. There were known as information bureaus there. Annual conferences were held. Dr. Edwards asked for a statement of the location of these.

"Our work in the United States is very much different than anywhere else," witness stated, adding that it was largely an advertising proposition. In the United Kingdom the department had 10 agencies and 27 officers. All agents were now Canadians. There were nine women officers operating in connection with the obtaining of domestic help. There were in all 237 officials in the United Kingdom and

ASTROLOGERS BUSY SETTING THE DAY WHEN SEATTLE MISS WEDS POTENTATE

Bombay, India, March 7 (AP)—Lava preparations in keeping with the splendor of an Oriental potentate are now in progress for the coming marriage of Tukoji Rao, former Maharaja of Indore, and Miss Nancy Ann Miller, of Seattle, Washington.

Reports from Indore say that the former ruler's staff is busy preparing for the marriage, which will take place at the "water palace" on the edge of a lake at Barwah, forty miles from Indore. The wedding guests are expected to number fully 50,000.

The palace is being lavishly appointed, carloads of furniture being sent out from Indore. Magnificent illuminations and fireworks are planned for the ceremony which will be accompanied by a gorgeous procession of decorated horses and elephants.

In order that an auspicious day may be selected for the marriage, astrologers are busy studying the stars and preparing prognostications.

Miss Miller's initiation in the Hindu faith has been scheduled for March 13 at Nasik.

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MAYOR RAPIDLY RECOVERING

His condition showing improvement daily, the rapid recovery of Mayor McBride is now anticipated. It is expected that while his strength may not have returned a complete cure will have been effected by the end of the week.

Five agencies are operated on the continent of Europe, at Rotterdam, Antwerp, Paris, Riga and Dantzic, and the purpose of these offices is not to advertise, but to visa passports and assure that the requirements of the regulations are carried out.

Seek Old Country Folk J. Bruce Walker is the director of immigration and colonization in this old country.

"Every effort is made to secure from the old country as many immigrants as we possibly can," said Mr. Egan. "Are the medical inspectors included in your statement of personnel?"

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LEMON IS MUM

Refuses to Comment on New Ocean Express Rates

Commenting on the reduced ocean express rates to Canada from certain European ports, announced to-day, Postmaster W. E. Lomon told The Star that he could make no statement until a comparison of the express and parcel post rates between Canada and other countries could be made.