

## TEN TORONTO BUSINESS MEN TO AID YOUNG

YOUNG NOT TO RETURN  
TO TORONTO FOR MONTH  
SIGNS MOVIE CONTRACT

Toronto Youth Closes With  
Famous Players, According  
to Announcement To-day

## PLAN A SCREEN TEST

Impatient to See Mother—Multi-  
millionaire's Protege—Ac-  
cepts Flattering Offers

## Special to The Star

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 17.—  
"Mother dear, I thought about you all  
the way across the channel. It was  
for your sake that I won when I felt  
like giving up and climbing into the  
boat. I'd think of you again and keep  
on going. Tell all our Toronto friends  
you are going to California for a  
while. Your son George."

This message was sent his mother  
today through The Toronto Star by  
George Young, 17-year-old winner of  
the Catalina channel marathon, in  
which he defeated over a hundred con-  
tenders for the \$25,000 prize with a  
swimming accomplishment which  
marked the conquering of the English  
channel swimmer by comparison.

It was stated here that the boy had  
declined with thanks the offer of E.  
W. Bently, president of the C.P.R.,  
for a private car to Toronto.

Young told his story to The Star's  
correspondent in the suite he was  
occupying as the fated guest in the  
city's most exclusive hostelry. Nothing  
is too good for him to-day, for  
Los Angeles, plucked with celebrities  
and little, has thrilled to this boy  
whose success makes him sound like  
the hero of an adventurous fiction  
story. The only difference is that a

Estimate Young  
To Get \$181,000

What will George Young, Cata-  
lina swimming champion, make  
out of his victory? Here is an  
estimate of the gross amounts.

Swimming prize	\$25,000
5 nights at Hollywood Egyptian Theatre	5,000
From Miramar Beach Club on whose beach he landed	1,000
Vaudeville, 20 weeks at \$2,500 a week	50,000
Motion pictures possibly	50,000
Advertising contracts pos- sibly	50,000
Total	\$181,000

The last three items are estimat-  
ed figures only but are regarded  
as conservative. One report from  
Los Angeles says a Vaudeville of-  
fer to Young was for \$3,500 a week  
for 20 weeks, but this has not been  
verified. Among the advertising  
offers he has received are those  
from bathing suit manufacturers,  
bathing cap manufacturers and  
even grease manufacturers. Young,  
with Wm. Wrigley, yesterday had  
an interview with Famous Play-  
ers, who are said to have made  
an attractive proposition to make  
a picture, which it is said to-day,  
has been accepted.

fictionist writing such a yarn would  
immediately be accused of "overdoing  
it." In this case, real life has beaten  
the most imaginative of them to it.  
Two days ago the Canadian boy was  
penitence, poor but for his courage and  
the iron determination to win for the  
sake of his mother. To-day he was  
shown the certified check for twenty-  
five thousand dollars he will receive  
officially to-morrow, "just to prove that  
there really is that much money in

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TORONTO SPORT PROMOTERS  
DIFFER AS TO THE PROPRIETY  
OF O'BYRNE-YOUNG CONTRACT

Some Say Forty Per Cent. Is Large Slice for Manager, Others  
Contend He's Entitled to It—Promoter in Some  
Cases Makes More Than Star

George Young's 60-40 contract with  
Henry O'Byrne is the universal topic  
of discussion in Toronto to-day.

Such agreements are not unusual,  
according to sporting and theatrical  
men who take the attitude that arrange-  
ment is protected by a satisfactory arrange-  
ment that in the end will mean more  
to him than if he had tried to look  
after business interests himself.

Authorities point to the fact that  
Edna Williams of Toronto, manager  
of Jackie Johnston, the bantam box-  
ing champion of Canada, works under  
a fifty-fifty arrangement. Jack Kearns  
when manager of Jack Dempsey took  
the same slice, Billy Gibson takes 30  
per cent. of Jean Tunney's earnings.

Occasionally the manager gets more  
than does the star. Noteworthy among  
such cases is C. C. Pyle in his rela-  
tions with Suzanne Lenglen and Red  
Granger. Pyle guarantees them a cer-  
tain salary and makes all plans for  
collecting the box office receipts on his  
own.

## Young "Not Doing Badly"

Bob Stern, Toronto manager of the  
Gus Sim vaudeville booking office said  
to-day: "I think a 75-25 arrangement  
between Young and O'Byrne would be  
done better, but the lad is not  
doing badly. I myself wired Young an  
offer of a thousand dollars for his first  
week in Toronto, but have not heard  
from him yet."

"I only know that Young won the  
race, and that O'Byrne helped him,"  
said L. J. McQuinn, president of the  
Sportmen's Athletic Association. "We  
have Young's own statement for that,  
and I know that their relations are  
most friendly."

"If Henry O'Byrne was getting 15  
or 20 per cent. of Young's winnings,  
he would be well paid," declared Jack  
Cochran, promoter, well known in  
sporting circles.

## Says Contract All Right

J. K. Armstrong was of a similar  
opinion. "However," he said, "Young  
himself seems satisfied with the con-  
tract and there is no doubt that it is  
right."

"That is a fair contract, I would

say."

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Italy's Professors  
Must Swear Fealty  
To Fascist Cause

By HIRSH K. MODERWELL  
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Rome, Jan. 18.—University profes-  
sors will in the future be required to  
swear allegiance to the Fascist regime  
and promise not to join other political  
parties or Masonic lodges, under a de-  
cree being prepared by the minister of  
public instruction. These whose  
political views do not coincide with  
the government's may be summarily  
dismissed.

## BAIL IS GRANTED

Application for bail was granted at  
Osgoode Hall to-day to Ernestine  
Sabourin, committed for trial at Sud-  
bury on January 14 on a charge of  
murder. The amount is set at \$3,000.

Jewelry Valued at Over \$2,000  
Is Loot of Daylight Thieves

Daylight thieves were active and  
successful in the up-town residential  
district yesterday, entering two homes,  
where they secured valuable trinkets.

The unwelcome visitors got into the  
suite of Mrs. Michael Healy, second  
floor, Ainger Apartments, 210 Bloor  
street east, in the afternoon, and stole  
\$2,000 worth of trinkets including two  
diamond rings, one valued at \$1,000  
and seventy dollars in cash.

On returning from a shopping trip,  
Mrs. Healy discovered the robbery.

She had left her jewelry and purse in  
a writing desk. The key was in the  
lock and the thieves, on opening the  
desk, had seen her small purse at  
once. Besides the rings the jewelry  
taken included an amethyst and pearl  
necklace, and old fashioned cameo  
brooch.

Thieves also entered the home of  
W. R. Kirkpatrick, 58 Heath street  
west, yesterday afternoon, by forcing  
window and stole a quantity of small  
sized jewelry. The robbery took  
place between noon and eleven o'clock  
at night.

WOLVIN ARGUES  
FOR COKE DUTY  
BEFORE BOARD

Says All Coke Used Here  
Should Come From Can-  
adian Coal

## SOME OBJECTIONS

Complaint That Coal Companies  
Failed to Give Advance  
Brief

Special to The Star by Staff Reporter  
Ottawa, Jan. 18.—The tariff advis-  
ory board reassembled under the  
chairmanship of Right Hon. (Senat-  
or) George P. Graham this morning  
to consider the application of the Do-  
minion Coal Company of Nova Scotia  
for a revision upwards of the duties  
on anthracite screenings coke for met-  
allurgical foundry and domestic pur-  
poses, and the withdrawal of the re-  
bate on slack coal used in the manu-  
facture of coke in by-product ovens.  
A reference to increase in the duties  
on bituminous coal, according to the  
announcement of Secretary Hector  
McKinnon of the board, had been  
dropped.

Roy Wolvin, representing the Do-  
minion Coal Company, at the outset  
congratulated Mr. Graham upon hav-  
ing been elected to the Senate. "I de-  
sire, however," he said, "to express  
regret because it has been reported  
that he may leave the board before  
he has had an opportunity to deal  
definitely with the matters which we  
now bring before him."

Mr. Graham made no reply, nor did  
he give any indication of his opinion  
regarding the report in question.

## What Companies Want

Mr. Wolvin submitted that the coal  
mines of Canada could not be prop-  
erly developed unless the present cus-  
toms tariff was amended to prevent  
the free importation of coal and coke.  
The two Nova Scotia companies asked  
for tariff amendments under the following heads:

An import duty on coke.

Cancellation of the 99 per cent.  
drawback now given on bituminous  
coal imported for conversion into coke  
to be used in the smelting of metals.

Cancellation of the 99 per cent.  
drawback on bituminous coal imported  
for the manufacture of coke in by-  
product ovens.

An import duty on anthracite  
screenings, "team sizes."

## Claims Inconsistency

Mr. Wolvin submitted that "coke  
being merely coal in another form,"  
it would be inconsistent that Canada  
should permit the free entry of a manu-  
factured product and charge at the same  
time a duty on the raw material.

On the amount of bituminous coal  
required to make a ton of coke the duty  
would be 30 cents, he said, yet the  
coke itself came in free. The surplus  
from United States coke ovens, espe-  
cially in big cities where coke was a  
by-product of gas ovens, was being  
imported into Canada at a time when  
fuel demand is low.

Mr. Wolvin submitted that Cana-  
dian coal should be used in the pro-  
duction of all the coke used in Cana-  
da for any purpose.

## Under Serious Disadvantage

The refusal of duty paid on coal  
transformed into coke for use in the  
manufacture of steel placed Canadian  
coal mines under a serious disadvan-  
tage, said Mr. Wolvin. He quoted the  
statement of the Andrew Rae Duncan  
commission on maritime claims to the  
effect that if this drawback was con-  
tinued Canadian coal used in the  
manufacture of steel should be bonus-  
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GEORGE YOUNG IMMEDIATELY AFTER HIS SWIM  
This picture, wired from Los Angeles, shows a close-up of George Young,  
the young Toronto winner of the Catalina race. The photograph was taken  
almost immediately after the finish. Exhaustion is plainly written in the lad's  
face.

LACK OF CITY SUPPORT  
CAUSES CLOSING DOWN  
OF PUBLICITY BUREAU

Resignation of the Directors  
Announced by President  
W. H. Alderson

## MAYOR INDIFFERENT

The Toronto Publicity Bureau  
resigned to-day and in a letter to the  
board of control intimated that the  
primary cause of their resignation was  
lack of financial support from the city.

The executive of the bureau is com-  
posed of W. H. Alderson, president;  
H. H. Williams, vice-president; John  
O'Connor, J. Allan Ross, E. L. Cou-  
sins, W. C. Davidson, E. L. Ruddy,  
George E. Scroggie and I. H. Weldon.

"We are through," remarked Mr. Al-  
derson, who was present when a long  
report was read outlining the extensive  
work of the bureau and explaining the  
reasons for the resignation of the  
directors.

Mayor Callous About It  
Mayor Foster's indifference to their  
action called forth considerable com-  
ment from members of the board.

On the conclusion of the reading of  
the letter, Mayor Foster made no re-  
mark and was about to proceed to  
further business when Controller  
MacGregor and Wemp protested.

"This is very sudden," said Con-  
MacGregor, "why has this occurred so  
suddenly? Here is a body of public  
spirited citizens who have given funds  
and service freely to the city for the  
last five years and the mayor in a  
most cold-blooded way accepts their  
report, prepares to file it, and is allow-  
ing them to go away without a word  
of thanks."

Worthy of Appreciation  
Con. Gibbons, "We should certainly  
express our appreciation of the mag-  
nificent work which these gentlemen  
have done for the city."

Con. MacGregor, "Mr. Alderson,  
could you tell us the reasons which  
have led to the resignation of the  
directors of the bureau?"

Mr. Alderson: "Yes; first of all the  
city has not contributed sufficiently  
to our funds. In our opinion, and in  
the second place there are two other  
similar organizations at work."

Other Cities More Progressive  
The report of the directors showed  
that the city contributed but \$2,000  
annually to the work of the bureau,  
in contrast to \$20,000 by Vancouver  
to a similar organization, \$6,000 by Ot-  
tawa, and \$25,000 by Victoria.

In 5 years, \$55,873 has been con-  
tributed to the Toronto bureau of  
which the city has only contributed  
\$10,000. The report shows that the  
bureau has done to advertise the city  
in the States and England, and how  
it has successfully brought industries  
to the city through its campaigns.

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GIVE FINANCIAL ADVICE  
TO CATALINA WINNER  
IN HANDLING OF MONEY

Mother Has Been Taken to  
Another Home for Com-  
plete Rest

## LEGAL AID SECURED

Ten prominent Toronto citizens,  
headed by Allan Ross, president of the  
Wrigley Company of Canada, have  
consented to act as a board of trustees  
to assist and advise George Young and  
his mother.

They are, in addition to Mr. Ross,  
Col. W. H. Price, attorney-general of  
Ontario, Wm. Worthington, president  
of the swimming association of On-  
tario, Geo. H. Ross, finance commis-  
sioner of the city of Toronto, H. H.  
Williams, John Western, of the  
Y.M.C.A., R. A. Laidlaw, C. L. Bur-  
ton, R. A. Stapells and C. S. Black-  
well.

Mrs. Young is no longer at her  
home on Lippincott street. She was  
taken by friends to-day to Knox  
church young women's home and from  
there she went to the home of friends  
who will see that she has a complete  
rest.

"We have taken Mrs. Young away  
from her home and will keep her in  
seclusion where she will be well cared  
for," Allan Ross told The Star.

"She has been interviewed almost  
to death and she cannot stand the  
strain any longer. She is a physical  
wreck."

## Wired Wrigley

"Yesterday I sent the following tele-  
gram to Mr. Wrigley:

"Wm. Wrigley, Jr., 391 South Orange  
avenue, Pasadena, California.  
"Congratulations on wonderful out-  
come of race. Canada, particularly  
Toronto, is tremendously interested.  
Owing to fact George Young and  
mother needed financial assistance  
obtained through twenty-five thousand  
dollar prize we in Toronto are strong-  
ly of opinion that a trust of Toronto  
business men be formed to help George  
do best he can with winnings. This  
suggestion has unanimous endorsement  
here. I know you do not want to tie  
any strings on the prize but believe  
you will appreciate the protection we  
have in mind."

"(Signed), ALLAN ROSS."

## Wrigley Attorneys Aid

This morning I received the follow-  
ing reply:

"Allan Ross, Wrigley buildings, Car-  
law avenue, Toronto, Ontario.  
"Thank you for wire. George Young  
is a fine young man, has both feet on  
the ground. My attorneys here are  
acting for him as his attorneys. He is  
getting \$2,000 here for ten minutes  
each day for nine days at two theatres.  
His win will likely make him a hun-  
dred thousand. This country has gone  
crazy about Young. Millions of peo-  
ple have heard of Toronto for the  
first time in their lives. Glad to have  
you co-operate with Mrs. Young, Wm.  
Wrigley, Jr."

"In view of this telegram from Mr.  
Wrigley it is clear that George will  
be guided along proper lines in California  
or in fact wherever he goes in the  
United States."

The committee formed to-day, who  
are interested in the future of Mrs.  
Young and her son, will help them to  
this end, not in a dictatorial capacity  
but as advisers."

## BUILD APARTMENTS

Board of control to-day passed plans  
for an apartment house to be built at  
the southeast corner of Queen street  
and Scarborough Beach boulevard.

## JOHN DUFF SAFE IN CHINA

"Are all well and safe?" is the re-  
assuring message received in Toronto  
to-day by the China Inland Missions  
from John Duff, business man, of  
Kluang on the Yangtze river in the  
rioting area. The message was direct-  
ed to Mr. Duff's father, John Duff,  
of the firm of John Duff and Son of  
Hamilton.

## TO SELL BEER WITH MEALS

## Said to Be Premier's Plan

The sale of beer with meals in hotels  
under government control is assured,  
according to a parliament buildings  
informant of The Star, who is in close  
touch with Attorney-General Price's  
department, and known to be also in  
close touch with the premier's depart-  
ment.

This informant stated to-day that,  
according to the present plans of the  
government, provision has been made  
for selling 8 or 9 per cent. beer with  
meals in the approved hotels through-  
out the province.

It was pointed out to him that the  
government had several times hinted  
with considerable positiveness that  
there would be no sale of beer by the  
glass under government control.

"The present intention," he said, "is  
to permit the sale in bottles with  
meals."

## Sandwiches Appear

News of this has leaked out, it is  
said, to the customers of several On-  
tario breweries and during the past  
week sandwiches, etc., have begun to  
appear in the bars of Yonge street  
hotels and other places, where form-  
erly one could not buy anything more  
than a cigar or chewing gum. The  
idea is said to be to put these hotels  
on a meal-serving basis before gov-  
ernment control is brought in, so that  
there will be no question about their  
right to sell beer when this is legal-  
ized.

## SUCCEEDS DR. BURKE

Dr. Charles J. Hastings, M.O.H., re-  
ported to the board of control to-day  
that he had appointed as district  
health officer, Dr. Clarence F. W.  
Hames to succeed Dr. F. S. Burke,  
recently appointed director of medical  
service.

VICTIMS OF FIRE  
ALL BURIED TO-DAY  
IN SINGLE CASKET

Firemen Who Fought for Lives  
of Geoffrey Children  
Send Flowers

## NORWAY CEMETERY

"Safe in Arms of Jesus" Sung  
at Pathetic Funeral  
Service

A majestic black hearse with a  
pathetically tiny burden moved slowly  
along, Gerard street east to-day, mak-  
ing its way to Norway cemetery. The  
white curtains draped against its win-  
dows and the little white casket inside  
told part of its story—that it was a  
childish burden it carried on its grim  
errand. The humble dress of the  
mourners in the four cars behind  
spoke of poverty bereft of its only  
riches.

Only a few of those who glanced at  
its passing, however, guessed that the  
white coffin contained not one but  
four small bodies—a whole family—  
and that the two young parents who  
sat awed and silent in their new  
mourning had nothing left them but  
the charred bulk of what had been  
home.

They were Augustine Geoffrey and  
his wife, and the funeral was that of  
their children, Matthew, aged 4, Jose-  
phine 3, Florence 14 months, and Em-  
erson, 4 months, all four of them  
trapped in their sleep and burned to  
death in the fire at 39 Poultice street  
early Sunday morning.

Human sympathy was doing its in-  
adequate best for them.

## Firemen Send Flowers

There were wreaths on the casket  
from friends and neighbors, and one  
from the firemen who had fought in  
vain to save their little ones. A  
friend had supplied motor cars for  
the funeral, the undertaker himself  
had contributed finer appointments  
than his instructions called for. The  
appeal of their sorrow was not going  
unanswered.

There was comfort from a higher  
source in the service held by Rev. J.  
O. Johnston of Berkeley street United  
church at D. M. Johnston's funeral  
parlor on Gerrard street. "Safe in  
the Arms of Jesus" was the hymn  
that had been sung for them, and  
there was solace in the words of the  
text: "He shall feed His flock like a  
shepherd; He shall gather the lambs  
with His arms and carry them in His  
bosom."

There was the minister's message to  
the empty mother heart. Though she  
might no longer shelter her babies  
and soothe them with the strength of  
her tenderness, they were not forlorn  
as she was.

"God takes His children to Him-  
self, where they shall be protected  
from the harms and evils of this  
world." And the most gracious poem  
of the ages followed:

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall  
not want.  
He maketh me to lie down in green  
pastures; He leadeth me beside the  
still waters. He keepeth me from all  
harm, thy rod and thy staff, they com-  
fort me. Thy goodness, and thy loving-  
kindness shall follow me all the days  
of my life. And thou shalt dwell with  
me, and I shall be blessed. Thy way,  
O Lord, is righteousness and truth,  
and thou hast made known thy secrets  
unto me. Thy voice shall hear, O Lord,  
when I cry, and thou shalt answer me,  
because thou art merciful. Let all thy  
wonderful works be made known unto  
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