

Hydro Shop Open Evenings

To-night and Monday
Up to 9 o'clock

For Sensible, War-time,
Electrical

Christmas Gifts

Toronto Hydro Shop
282 Yonge. Branch: Gerrard and Carlaw

FIREMEN'S FUND IS STILL TO BE SETTLED

District Chief Gunn Says City Has
Done Nothing in Matter Since
October.

With the civic elections just ten days off, the problem of putting the firemen's benefit fund on a sound financial footing is still on a basis of "status quo." "We have heard of no action on the part of the city since October 22," District Chief Gunn said last night. "We are still awaiting further developments."

On October 22 the city council referred back the board of control's recommendation of a solution, and asked that a special meeting be called before November 15 to finally settle the question. But although the 15th of November has come and gone, the matter has not been touched since. The controllers recommended in their report that the city assume \$158,530 of the deficit of \$395,235, and in addition contribute an annual sum equal to 2½ per cent. of the men's salary. The men, on the other hand, would increase their contributions to 7 per cent.

KAISER KNOWS CANADIANS

Major Alex. Lewis, who has returned to Toronto on two months' sick leave, states that while at the Kaiser he saw an order issued by the Kaiser himself to a new divisional corps on the Lens front, taken from a captured German officer, in which he warned them "that they must realize they were opposed now for the first time by the Canadians, the best fighting troops in the allied army." The Kaiser instructed them to be alert "as it was impossible to tell when the Canadians would make a surprise attack."

Only Two Days in Which to Buy Your Gifts of Cigars

Saturday and Monday are the last days on which to buy those cigars that will put the finishing touch to your friends' enjoyment of Christmas Day. The Michie cigar stock is large and varied. The brands of the leading makers are included. The cigars are obtainable in boxes of 10, 25, 50 and 100. The courteous, experienced Michie service and our complete stock simplifies buying for lady shoppers. You will find that the Flor de Bances brand will be a welcome gift. Others that are appreciated are Jose Otero, Partagas, Manuel Garcia, Flor de Rey, Beaurich and Tueros.

We have a complete stock of canes in ebony, malacca, pimento, boxwood and other woods. Other suitable gifts are humidors, cigar and cigarette holders and cases, and pipes in presentation cases. See our display and make your choice.

CIGAR DEPARTMENT
MICHIE
AND COMPANY, LIMITED
7 King Street West, Toronto
Established 1835

STRICT REGULATIONS IN THE POSTOFFICE

Certain Goods Listed as Contraband and Cannot Be Sent in Future.

Parcels by mail to the United Kingdom, British possessions and protectorates which contain any of the following goods will not pass postal regulations from now on, according to an order-in-council passed Dec. 18, and will be considered as "contraband." This does not apply to soldiers' parcels. A large amount of goods which it is now against the law to send have been opened at the post-office lately, probably sent by people ignorant of regulations to the contrary. The list includes:

Apples (dried), apricots (dried), books (printed), and other printed matter, including printed posters, newspapers and daily news, and other periodical publications, imported otherwise than in single copies thru the post; beans, barley, butter, beef, pork, mutton, poultry, corned, preserved and fresh beef, corn, cottonseed oil, corn meal, corn flour, cottonseed cake, cottonseed meal, cottonseed oil, corn grits, corn hominy, corn oil, cooking fats, chicken, canned tomatoes, corn oil, canned salmon, canned fish, canned peas, canned corn, canned sardines, condensed milk (including powdered, evaporated milk), dried fruit (including raisins, apples, prunes, apricots and peaches), flour, fruit (dried, including prunes, apples, raisins, apricots and peaches), glucose, hard substitutes, molasses, maple sugar, newspapers (including daily, weekly and other periodical publications imported otherwise than in single copies thru the post), oats, olive oil, oleomargarine, peanut meal, peanut oil, palm oil, peas, poultry, pork products (including bacon, shoulders, fat backs, hams, sausages, fresh pork), prunes (dried), peaches (dried), rice, rice seed oil, rice flour, raisins (dried), soybean oil, starch, syrup, sugar (maple), sugar (except in such quantities as may be shipped to senders of military and naval forces overseas and the regulations of the postmaster-general's department), wheat, wheat flour.

Capt. Norman S. Macdonnell Tells of Capture of Beersheba

Capt. Norman S. Macdonnell, Royal Flying Artillery, in a letter to his partner, H. Hartley Dewart, K.C., M.L.A., dated in Palestine, says of the fighting there: "Just a line from the hills of Judea to say Merry Christmas. They gave me a battery in the beginning of September. I was with the advance guard that took Beersheba. Since then we have been following up the fast receding Turk. First we reconnoitered in the hills; then we took the battery, then the game. It is a wonderful thing to take a town complete and intact, instead of towns on the Somme. But it leaves little time even for sleep. The troops are very tired and very happy. Nothing like movement and victory. I am O.K., and expect to have Christmas in Jerusalem. And Christmas? My hope will be home, but I hardly expect still you never know. However, cheer up; the gods hang high, and some day I hope to be sitting at your festive board (again telling the tale) when my traveling days are done."

Capt. Macdonnell is a son of the late Rev. D. J. Macdonnell of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, King st.

WELL-KNOWN TEACHER DEAD

George A. Chase was formerly at Jarvis Collegiate Institute. One of Ontario's well-known teachers, George A. Chase, this week died at his home in Ayr, Ont. Chase was formerly master of English at Jarvis Collegiate and was regarded as a great educationist, having twice prepared the province. A framed photograph of Mr. Chase hangs in the halls of Jarvis Collegiate, presented by Dr. Sanderson's report was in 1905, when he retired, his friends raising a fund, which is held in trust, to provide the Chase prize.

Mr. Chase is survived by his wife and two nieces residing in Toronto, Mrs. (Rev.) T. Wardlaw Taylor and Mrs. Fred Rous.

LECTURES ON JERUSALEM.

Mrs. Patterson Gives Interesting Talk on Holy City at Cooke's Church. On Thursday evening at Cooke's Church Mrs. Patterson, wife of the Rev. Dr. Patterson, delivered a lecture on Jerusalem. Mrs. Patterson having been in Jerusalem some years ago, made her lecture very interesting. Beginning with several pictures before Christ, the speaker gave a city down to the time when the troops of the entente marched into it, several days ago. "Nothing has affected German prestige as much as the fall of Jerusalem to the entente," said Mrs. Patterson. "Before closing nearly an hour's lecture, the speaker quoted the British foreign secretary's statement of some weeks ago to the effect that when the city was over Jerusalem would be restored to the Jews. Rev. Taylor had moved a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded by John E. Turner, and unanimously carried. Mrs. M. Stevenson presided.

TELEPHONE GIRLS ENTERTAIN.

Operators From Acolaid and Long Distance Exchanges Distribute Cheer.

One of the most enjoyable Christmas treats of the season was given last night in Hayden Hall by the employees of the Adelaide and Long Distance exchanges of the Bell Telephone Company to the women and children of Canon Dixon's parish at the east of Toronto. This is the fourth annual Christmas entertainment given by those operators and undoubtedly one of the best.

There were fully one hundred entertained at the supper. Afterwards a concert, full of fun and frolic, was enjoyed in the large hall. The clown hand escorted Santa Claus to the hall, and the wonderful Christmas trees were lighted. Each child received a gift and each mother a basket containing a substantial Christmas dinner. Miss E. Stewart and Miss M. Carson, the chief operators, had charge of the entertainment and were assisted by a committee from the two exchanges.

DIAMONDS·WATCHES·JEWELRY

ONLY 2 DAYS
LEFT

CHRISTMAS is here and you are not ready---There is still time, though. We want the late shoppers to come to us. Do not turn away because you see crowds. Our sales staff is large and competent. The showing of practical gift articles includes almost everything you could expect us to have and many more besides.

A SUITABLE BOX OR CASE IS PROVIDED FOR
EVERY ARTICLE WE SELL.

COME EARLY---COME LATE
OPEN EVENINGS

BRACELET WATCHES.

Strap Watches from... \$8.50
Expanding Gold-filled Bracelet
Watches from... \$10.00
Same in 10k gold from, \$20.00
Same in 14k gold from, \$27.50

RIBBON WATCHES.

Silver Watches on ribbons
from... \$10.00
Gold-filled Watches on ribbons
from... \$10.00
Beautiful Octagon, Square and
Round Watches, plain and en-
graved bezels, 10k and 14k
gold, \$20.00 upward.

DIAMOND RINGS.

Solitaire, cluster, 3-stone,
Princess and a large variety of
unique designs in Diamond
Rings, \$10.00 to \$2,000.00.
See our special value Solitaire
Tiffany Rings at \$25.00,
\$50.00, \$75.00 and \$100.00.

DIAMOND JEWELRY.

Bar Pins, in gold, with platinum,
\$35.00 to \$1,200.00.
Bar Pins and Brooches, white
gold, \$15.00 to \$200.00.
Earrings, Scarf Pins, Laval-
lières, in large variety at every
price.

GOLD JEWELRY FOR MEN.

Fobs, Scarf Pins, Cuff Links,
Watch Chains, Cigar Cutters,
Tie Clips, Studs, Collar But-
tons and Rings—Masonic,
Bloodstone, Signet, Amethyst
and many other styles. AT
EVERY PRICE.

JEWELRY FOR LADIES.

Black Onyx Jewelry, Peridot,
Amethyst, Sapphire, Topaz or
Aquamarine Jewelry. There
are Pendants, Necklaces, Bar-
rings, Brooches and Bar Pins,
which are so much in demand.

SILVERWARE.

Entire Dishes, Cake Baskets,
Pie Plates and Casseroles,
Dishes, Gravy Boats and Meat
Platters, Vases and Candle
Sticks, Tea Sets and Coffee
Sets. Simply no end to our
Silverware Display of House-
hold Requirements.

CHINA AND GLASS.

In this department you may
procure Cups and Saucers of
English China as low as 50c,
and exclusive pieces of china,
bronze or marble up to \$30.00
or \$100.00. Mahogany and
brass goods are shown in large
variety.

The important point in this--You will find here a gift for
everyone on your list whether it is a 15c Xmas Card or a
handsome and valuable gift of Diamonds or Pearls

OPEN . . .
TONIGHT AND
MONDAY NIGHT

JEWELERS

ELLIS BROS.
LIMITED
98 Yonge Street

SONS OF SCOTLAND ADOPT HUNTER TABLE

Rates Will Be Applicable to Members
Who Joined Prior to Year 1899.

About one hundred and seventy
delegates from all parts of Canada
were present at a special meeting of
the Grand Camp of the Sons of Scot-
land Benefit Association, held in For-
esters' Hall yesterday afternoon and
evening. Grand Chairman Gordon pre-
sided.

A report submitted by Dr. Frank
Sanderson, consulting actuary of the
association in Toronto, was carried at
the evening session after a long dis-
cussion. The schedule of rates pro-
posed by Dr. Sanderson's report was
the Hunter or government table, which
some time ago was made applicable to
members joining since 1899. It is now
made applicable to the attained ages
of members who joined the association
prior to 1899.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Sanderson
was passed, and also a vote of thanks
to Dr. Menzies, chairman of the spe-
cial committee.

BOOKBINDERS MAKE MERRY.

The International Brotherhood of
Bookbinders held a supper and dance
at the Labor Temple last night follow-
ing the installation of their officers.
The hall was profusely decorated with
flags of all nations. The committee in
charge of the social and dance were
J. N. Spergel, Miss Lillian Grey,
Miss Florence Townsend, S. H. Skuce,
William Pelley and Robert Pritenard.
The following officers were installed:
President, Fred Thompson; vice-presi-
dent, Jack Sheppard; recording secre-
tary, W. H. Smith; financial secre-
tary, R. A. Miles; treasurer, E. Wood-
len; stenographer, James Wigsworth;
sergeant-at-arms, William Burke; in-
spector, Robert Browning.

MAJOR MASSIE RETURNS.

Major Robt. F. Massie, president of
the Canadian Fire Insurance Company,
returned to Toronto yesterday from
the front. Major Massie organized the
34th Battery. He was also recruiting
officer in Toronto for the R.C.H.A.,
which unit enrolled over 2000 men in
Toronto. At Passchendaele last No-
vember, Major Massie was wounded
by shrapnel in the head and shoulders.

YOUNG LAD FATALLY INJURED BY SHOTGUN

Stanley McKelvie Dies in Hospital as Re-
sult of Accidental Discharge
of Weapon.

Stanley McKelvie, aged 17, of 1 Sim-
coe Park, son of George McKelvie, super-
intendent of the storm signal station,
eastern bay, was severely injured when
his gun accidentally discharged yester-
day morning that he died last night in
St. Michael's Hospital from shock and
loss of blood.

The young man was getting into his
boat to go duck shooting when the trigger
of the shotgun he was packing beside him
caught on one of the ribs of the boat,
sending the charge thru the lad's shoul-
der. His father, who was in the vicinity,
heard the report and ran and picked up
the boy and hastily bound up the wound
before the shock proved too much for
his weakened condition. He was a third
year student at the Technical School,
where he was an active member of many
of the sporting organizations of that
institution.

ARRESTED AT PORT ARTHUR

At the request of the Toronto police,
J. F. Fitzpatrick, formerly of Toronto,
was arrested yesterday in Port Ar-
thur by the police of that city. Fitz-
patrick is wanted here on a charge
of fraud. Detective Twigg left last
night to bring him back.

SHOPLIFTING CHARGE

Maggie Nicklin, of Hamilton, and
Alice Walker, of Montreal, both mar-
ried women, were arrested yesterday
charged with shoplifting. The T.
Eaton Company and the Robert
Simpson Company are the complain-
ants.

SOLDIERS ARE ENTERTAINED.

Women from St. Aidan's Church
entertained the soldiers of St. Aidan's
ward in the Base Hospital to a
Christmas treat and entertainment.
The ward was decorated with flags,
flowers and evergreen, and a happy
hour was spent by the soldiers and
their hostesses.

LEAVE FOR HALIFAX.

Brigadier and Mrs. Bettridge and a
party of eight Salvation Army officers
left this morning for Halifax to assist
in the army's extensive relief work
in that city.

CONTROLLER R. H. CAMERON FOR MAYOR 1918

In urging the electorate to
support--and vote for--Con-
troller R. H. Cameron, many
prominent citizens believe
that he will be unequaled no
person who has more right to
the Mayoralty than he has.
Toronto wants to let Mayoral
honors go round as an incen-
tive to and reward for faithful
service in the City Council.

CARPENTERS' ANNUAL MEETING

Local No. 2639 of the Brotherhood
of Carpenters last evening installed
the following officers at their meet-
ing in the Labor Temple: President,
Jas. Strachan; vice-president, Arthur
Barker; secretary, E. Gregory;
treasurer, Morgan Matthews; conduc-
tor, Thomas Sharpe; warden, Arthur
Sanders; district secretary, John Cot-
tam; business agent, John Doggett.
Trustees: Geo. Turner, Geo. Short.
Executive committee: Luke Mackin,
Mark Tapley, Jim Woods, Geo. Turner
and Morgan Matthews.

METAL WORKERS' OFFICERS.

Local No. 30 of the Sheet Metal
Workers installed the following offi-
cers at their meeting held last evening
at the Labor Temple: President, John
Lawson; vice-president, Fred Robin-
son; recording secretary, H. W. Mc-
Kay; treasurer, Alex. Kay; financial
secretary, S. Cox; trustees, H. Lord,
K. Mason, P. Finn; conductor, H. Lord;
warden, Charles Playter.

SOLDIER MAY BE CANDIDATE.

Deputation Asks Lieut.-Col. R. G.
Levesconte to Run for Alderman.

There is a possibility of Lieut.-Col.
R. G. Levesconte becoming a candi-
date for aldermanic honors in ward
two. A deputation of his friends wait-
ed on him yesterday, and he promised
to give the matter his serious con-
sideration.

Col. Levesconte is a barrister, hav-
ing offices in the National Trust Build-
ing. He raised the 16th Q.O.R. Bat-
talion, but before the unit went over-
seas he broke his ankle in a fall from
his horse and the battalion was taken
to England by Lieut.-Col. W. G.
Mitchell.

QUIET PREVAILS IN COURT.

There was little movement in the
courts at the city hall yesterday, the
only cases recorded being two minor
suits tried yesterday morning. The
next session of the non-jury assize
court is not expected to open until
the second week in January, and the
jury assize court reopens on or about
January 21.