



A NEW YEAR THOUGHT

Here is a thought for the New Year. Business men who succeed nowadays tell the truth and walk the moral chalk line. Booze, "damaged goods," late hours, tyrannical methods and indifference spell bankruptcy. The ordinary business man is a public servant. And the bigger the business, the more the health, happiness and prosperity of the workers are considered.—Elbert Hubbard.

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WHERE ARE THE VALUABLE PAPERS MISSING FROM CITY HALL?

Plans, Profiles and Field Records Valued at \$10,000 Taken from Departmental Safe—Anonymous Letter Puts City Wise.

Who took the \$10,000 waterworks plans from the city hall? This is the question which is causing excitement and the scratching of heads down at the municipal building. The mayor, commissioners, City Engineer Craig, with all his staff, and Chief Cuddy with his detectives, are all doing the scratching.

It appears that the plans, profiles and all field records of the proposed new \$3,000,000 Elbow river waterworks scheme, which was worked out at the time that Ald. Fawkes was waterworks engineer, are missing from the safe in the waterworks office at the city hall, and that they vanished some time in May last. While the fact that these plans had been stolen was known in May last, it was kept a secret in the hope of running down the parties responsible.

The maps and records represent about \$10,000 worth of work, and if the city should decide to go on with the Elbow river waterworks scheme it would cost at least this amount of money to replace them.

A strange thing about the missing plans is that early last May an anonymous letter was received by the city clerk informing him that the plans were gone. The letter, which was typewritten, was dated Buffalo, New York, and signed "Oleason." The letter stated that the writer had been in a certain restaurant in this city and had overheard a conversation between two men. The conversation was to the effect that the plans and specifications had been stolen in the hope that their disappearance would insure another summer's work to the draughtsmen and surveyors in the engineer's office, who would have to do this work over again. The letter gave the names of the men whom he claims to have heard talking, and the names resemble somewhat the names of two employees of the waterworks department.

BANQUET HELD BY LOCAL CREDIT MEN WAS BIG SUCCESS

Over Three Hundred and Fifty Guests Heard Brilliant Speeches by Business Boosters—Good Program and Good Time.

The second annual banquet held under the auspices of the Canadian Credit Men's association and wholesalers, on Tuesday evening, was one of the most successful functions of its kind held in Calgary for some time. T. O. Baldwin, president of the board of governors of the Credit Men's association, and S. Savage, representing the wholesalers, occupied the chair jointly, and were surrounded by a number of guests, including Mayor Costello, President J. A. Valiquette, of the board of trade, and others. Over 250 guests were present at the banquet. The speeches were most pleasant and profitable, and the entertainment was most enjoyable throughout, the speech making being interspersed with music, recitations, singing and dancing. A number of the boys of the grip were in off the road, and they helped to put the "W" in fun. Everyone present enjoyed himself to perfection.

The business end of the program was not neglected, and The Standard regrets that space will not permit a lengthy report of the speeches delivered. The remarks of Bruce L. Robinson on "Salesmanship," and of J. E. Brown, of Edmonton, on "Salesmen from the Manager's Viewpoint," were of extraordinary interest, and produced a great impression. P. Burns contributed some pleasing reminiscences and prophecy. L. T. Mewburn's "advice to young travellers making their first trip" was full of meaty suggestions, and thoughtful contributions to the whole were made by Secretary F. R. Friesse, of the Calgary branch of the Credit Men's association; S. McCracken, of the Great West Saddlery company; and R. R. Gray, of the Simington company.

ENLARGING ELEVATOR

Fort William, Dec. 31.—J. R. Smith, of the grain and elevator firm of Davidson & Smith, has returned from Minneapolis, where he has been consulting the construction firm of Barnett & McQueen regarding increasing the Davidson & Smith plant here by 1,000,000 bushels storage capacity. It is understood that the contract for the new annex was signed by the Barnett & McQueen company and that work will be started early in the spring.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETING

THIS is the season of goodwill, and The Standard takes pleasure in extending the season's greetings to its numerous readers and to wish the best that Providence can give them. It is true that we are a nation engaged in war, but we do not feel depressed. On the contrary we feel that ours is a righteous cause, and there are many of us who are fain to agree with General Alderson when he expressed the belief that the soldiers, who give their lives fighting against the Germans, die in a pure cause and are therefore translated to Heaven. We know that we are trying to blot out tyranny and militarism and the doctrines of frightfulness, and if we accomplish this task, which, God helping us, we shall, we shall not begrudge the price.

So, we say and feel that this is a Happy New Year. God is still in His Heaven, and all will be well with the world.

Let us make this a bright, joyous year for the returned soldiers, for the widows and children of those who are not coming back, and for everyone who needs our sympathy and co-operation. Let us spread the gospel of good cheer with deeds as well as words, and we shall ourselves be the happier for it.



JAMES WHITE
Secretary of the Conservation Commission at Ottawa, who has carried through good work during 1915, and has a good program for 1916.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BROKE ALL RECORDS DURING PAST WEEK

The fire department made a record for attending fires during the week. This record was made on Tuesday, the day of the big storm, and is not surpassed by any one day in the history of Calgary. From 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Captain Smart's men answered the fire call no less than 17 times (two calls the result of accidents). According to Chief Smart, this is the record for any one day in the history of Calgary's fire department, the previous record having been 11 calls in 24 hours which happened about two years ago.

The fires were chiefly small blazes and easily extinguished. With the exception of the Empress hotel and a stable, all were at private residences, and gotten under control before any serious damage was done. Chimneys were the source of the damage in the majority of cases, a garbage fire being responsible at the Empress. While belated dumped outside buildings were the origin of a couple.

LATE BULLETINS

(Special to the Sunday Standard.)

THE WAR

Paris, Dec. 31.—Two Austrian torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk as a result of an encounter with a fleet of the Allies at a point outside of Cattaro, in the Adriatic. The purpose of the Austrian ships was to bombard Durazzo. An Allied squadron went to meet them, and the result above set forth. In addition the remainder of the Austrian squadron was pursued by the warships of the Allies, and compelled to flee toward the Adriatic base.

This information was contained in an official announcement of the French marine department given out today, which reads: "An Austrian naval division having come out from Cattaro for the purpose of bombarding Durazzo, certain squadrons of the Allies went forth to give battle. The Austrian torpedo boat destroyer, 'Lika' encountered a mine and was blown up. The destroyer, 'Triglav,' of the same type, was destroyed by fire from the ships of the Allies. The remaining warships of the enemy were pursued and fled in the direction of their base."

Washington, Dec. 31.—Ambassador Penfield at Vienna has received Austria's reply to the second United States note regarding the sinking of the liner Ancona. An official announcement that effect was made by Secretary Lansing yesterday. Mr. Penfield reported that the reply was about 3,000 words and that considerable time would be necessary to place the communication in code in the embassy in Vienna. There was nothing in his dispatch to indicate the tenor of the reply. Officers of the

state department believed the note would arrive sometime before Saturday.

BUCHANAN MAY BE IMMUNE FROM ARREST

Washington, Dec. 31.—Service of the warrant for the arrest of Representative Frank Buchanan of Illinois, on the indictment charging conspiracy with seven others identified with Labor's National Peace Council to foment strikes in American munition plants, was held up while department of justice officials considered whether Mr. Buchanan, as a member of congress, was immune from arrest.

CLERGY AND LIQUOR

Quebec, Dec. 31.—Although rebuked by the local municipal authorities, who refused to pass a bylaw prohibiting the granting of licenses to the retailers within a radius of 720 feet from churches in the city of Quebec, it is understood the clergy who had started the movement will go higher up, asking the legislature to forbid the existence of theatres near churches in this city.

PREMIER HAS GRIPPE

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Sir Robert Borden has brought back with him from the south, where he has spent a fortnight's holiday, a rather severe attack of grippe. Lady Borden has also contracted the ailment which is epidemic in Ottawa at present. The prime minister has been confined to his home, though he is attending to his correspondence with the help of his secretary. Throughout the department, grippe has played havoc with the service.

UNITED FARMERS' CONVENTION WILL BE A LARGE ONE

Program Will Be a Good One, and Every Reason to Believe Many Visitors Will Come to Calgary.

The programs for the United Farmers' convention and also that of the Women's Auxiliary, which will be held in Calgary, January 18-21, are not yet completed, according to Secretary Woodbridge, but the secretary says that every preparation is being made for good conventions. It has not yet been decided where the conventions will meet.

The delegates will be made welcome by Hon. C. S. Coombs, representing the city, and by Hon. Duncan Marshall, representing the province. Special arrangements are being made for the entertainment of visitors, of which there promises to be a large number.

The following program will be subject to revision next week, but The Standard believes that it is near the mark.

Monday, January 17
Directors' meeting—Postal office, Evening.
Open meeting and registration of delegates.

Tuesday, January 18
10 a.m.—Opening.
Invocation.
Addresses of welcome: Mayor of Calgary, hon. minister of agriculture, Election of chairman.
Appointment of committee on credentials.

Wednesday, January 19
9.30 a.m.—Constitutional amendments.
11 a.m.—Fifteen minutes adjournment, nomination for president.
11.15 a.m.—Constitutional amendments.

Afternoon
2 p.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
3 p.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.

Thursday, January 20
10 a.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
11 a.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.

Friday, January 21
10 a.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
11 a.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.

Saturday, January 22
10 a.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
11 a.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.

Sunday, January 23
10 a.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
11 a.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.

Monday, January 24
10 a.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
11 a.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.

Tuesday, January 25
10 a.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
11 a.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.

Wednesday, January 26
10 a.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
11 a.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.

Thursday, January 27
10 a.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
11 a.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.

Friday, January 28
10 a.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
11 a.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.

Saturday, January 29
10 a.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
11 a.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.

Sunday, January 30
10 a.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
11 a.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.

Monday, January 31
10 a.m.—Consideration of resolutions.
11 a.m.—Election of president.
Consideration of resolutions.
4.30 p.m.—Nominations for vice-presidents.



HON. DUNCAN MARSHALL
Who will welcome the United Farmers to the big convention to be held in Calgary this month.

SISTER, A NURSE, FINDS BROTHER DYING ON A HOSPITAL SHIP

(By United Press)
London, Dec. 30.—One of the lesser tragedies of the war, enacted on a British hospital ship plying between Malta and the Dardanelles, became known here today.

Edith Alway, a nurse of the Canadian Red Cross, doing duty on the hospital ship, learned that an Australian private of the same name was aboard. She searched the ship and finally found him. He was dying of pneumonia, but recognized his sister five minutes before he died.

Private Alway left Canada for Australia six years ago.

BANK CLEARINGS STILL SHOWING BIG INCREASE

Calgary's business, as represented by the bank clearings for the past week, shows an improvement of a million and a quarter dollars over the corresponding week of last year. The comparative figures are:

1915\$4,795,677

19143,544,924

Increase\$1,250,753

representative on the Vacant Lots Garden club.

GOVERNOR DIES

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 30.—Governor W. S. Hammond, of Minnesota, died unexpectedly early today at Clinton, La., about 30 miles north of here, according to a telephone message from Clinton.

HARCOURT RESIGNS

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—A special cablegram from London, received here today, says: "Right Hon. Lewis Harcourt has resigned from the cabinet to become viceroy of India."

FILE SUIT FOR \$21,922

A writ has been filed in the supreme court on behalf of Irene Wishart, formerly Mrs. Breckenridge, claiming from Ada and Percy L. Newcombe the sum of \$21,922.95 under the terms of a mortgage by which certain property is held to secure the sum of \$15,000 which was advanced to the defendants by the plaintiff. The payment of the amount or in the alternative a sale of the lands involved is asked from the court.

BOARD OF TRADE

At the meeting of the directors of the board of trade held during the week in the board rooms at the city hall it was decided to hold the annual general meeting on January 10, when officers will be elected for the coming year.

A nominating committee consisting of Ald. J. S. Arnold, T. A. Hornbrook, J. H. Walker, Dr. Egbert, J. A. Valiquette, R. A. Darker, W. H. Berkinshaw, S. J. Pee, J. A. McDonald and Shaw, G. Fowler was appointed to select nominees for the next year's officers. R. A. Darker was appointed the

GREAT BRITAIN TO ADOPT FORM OF COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE

This Will Apply to Single Men Only With Regulations for Later Groups of Men Engaged in Reserved Occupations.

London, Dec. 31.—Premier Asquith is faced with the resignation of Bon. Meares, McKenna, Hartcourt, Ruelman, Simon and Buckmaster over a disagreement with other members of the government on the conscription question. It is said that the premier has the support of such men in the cabinet as Bonar Law, Kitchener, Grey and Lloyd-George. The Liberal, Nationalist, and Labor parties are still debating matters although the Liberals may give Asquith support.

The following statement has been given to the press:

"It has been generally expected that Premier Asquith's pledge to martial law would be carried out in letter and spirit, but the view is held in some quarters that a further chance for single men to enroll would not be inconsistent with the fulfillment of that pledge.

"The premier himself rejected this interpretation of his words and informed the cabinet that resort to conscription was called for, in his opinion, not only to carry through an honorable obligation, but also it was needed in the present state of the war to provide a steady flow of reinforcements for the various armies."

"On the question of compulsory service for single men, with relegations to later groups of men engaged in reserved occupations, there is no difference in principle within the cabinet. 'Until the details of the procedure are definitely settled there is no expectation of personal changes in the administration. It is recognized, however, that to pass at the present stage from the well-defined case of single men and set up a general obligation to military service on the part of the adult population would introduce difficulties.

"In a matter which touches so many ingrained prejudices, the government may be expected to move warily. Ministers must be prepared for some opposition to their proposals, however limited in form."

"It is undoubted that the government will carry a majority of the house of commons with them for any reasonable scheme, and anything like organized obstruction is unthinkable. For the smooth passage of the bill it is possible the measure will not apply to Ireland."

"The case of Ireland is exceptional, since registration there has only been carried out in a partial manner, and there has been no attention there under the Derby group system."

"The cabinet will do its utmost to meet all objections and secure a measure of general agreement, which the premier declares essential."

WANTS TO LOCATE MAN

The local vice-consul of the Netherlands, is anxious to locate E. J. Van der Laars, who left Montreal for Calgary, in July, 1914. Van der Laars is an East Indian citizen who went to Holland from the Indies and came from there to Canada.

PRIVATE ARNELL'S DEATH

The remains of the late Private John Arnell, of the 56th Battalion, who died during the past week were buried on Thursday afternoon with military honors. The late John Arnell was an old resident of Calgary, having resided here for the past 30 years. The widow, who lives at 805 Fifth avenue west, has suffered sad bereavement during the past few months. A daughter died last April, and a son, John Arnell, who enlisted in the 56th, was killed at the front only a few months ago.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY

The correspondent of the Post in a letter published yesterday states that the old enemy between Austria and Hungary has burst into fresh flame and that even the pretense of unity which had existed has disappeared, since the time when the Austrians defended the Hungarians by removing the Hungarian flag from a fortress at Belgrade.

NOT QUOTE CONSCRIPTION

When it is decided to call to the colors any attested group under the Earl of Derby's plan, a day will be given for the men in that particular group to present themselves at a military depot. Until Monday any untested bachelor of the age stipulated for that group may volunteer for the army and by so volunteering will escape the stigma of compulsion, but all failing to volunteer on the stipulated day will be fetched.

R. M. SIMPSON IS ARRESTED IN KING'S UNIFORM

London, Dec. 30.—Robert Mills Simpson, a sergeant who has been serving with the 1st Canadian Trench Battalion, was remanded in Bow street court yesterday on a charge in connection with the construction of government buildings for the province of Manitoba at Winnipeg. Simpson said the matter was purely political.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—A report has reached here by special cablegram that Dr. R. M. Simpson, of Winnipeg, Man., who recently has been with the Army Medical Corps at the front, has been arrested in England on the technical charge of receiving \$100,000 from the province of Manitoba. Dr. Simpson was formerly head of the former Conservative organization of this city, and, according to witnesses, was supposed to have charge of the campaign fund raised in part from the parliament buildings contract. Attorney-General Hudson this afternoon confirmed the report of Dr. Simpson's arrest. He will receive his preliminary hearing in Bow street police court.

F. M. BLACK TO SIT ON NEW JOINT COMMISSION

The Calgary board of trade have appointed F. M. Black, of P. Burns & Co., as its representative on the joint commission of agriculture and commerce, which is to hold meetings early next year. This joint committee is being formed with the view of establishing close relations between agriculturalists and men in other business. It will consist of 20 farmers chosen by the agricultural associations of the west, and of 20 business men selected from various commercial enterprises. The boards of trade of Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge, Saskatoon and Regina each select one representative. Mr. Black is the choice of the Calgary board.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL MAKES AN APPEAL TO ALL CANADIANS

His Royal Highness, as President of Patriotic Fund Asks Readers of The Standard to Assist During 1916.

His Royal Highness the Governor-general of Canada sends The Standard an appeal which he has issued on behalf of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The message sent by the governor-general, which speaks for itself, is as follows:

Somewhat over a year ago, as president of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, I made an appeal to the people of the Dominion for funds to assist the families of the gallant men who were going to the front. Though anticipating a generous response, I was hardly prepared for the magnificent manner in which the call was met. Months have poured into the treasury of the fund until the total contributions have reached and exceeded six million dollars.

Large, however, as this sum appears, it has not greatly exceeded current demands and, if peace were declared in the immediate future, the entire surplus on hand would be required before all the men of the expeditionary force could again return home.

Today there are 25,000 families, comprising, it is estimated, 80,000 individuals dependent upon the Patriotic Fund. With further recruiting the demands upon the fund will with each succeeding month continue to grow, so that it is estimated that, should the war continue during 1916, a sum amounting to some \$8,000,000 and probably more will be required. This would, however, only mean \$1 per head of the population for the people of Canada, and it is little indeed to ask those who remain at home in comparison with the sacrifice of life and limb of those who are fighting in defence of the nation.

In spite of all the various calls that have been made for funds to aid our soldiers and sailors and the magnificent response that has been made in each and every case, I still feel assured that the warm hearts of all Canadians will respond to this further appeal to enable the Patriotic Fund to continue its splendid work during 1916 and take care of the families of those who are fighting for their sovereign empire and the dominion, on the battlefields of Europe and on the high seas.

(Signed) ARTHUR.
President Canadian Patriotic Fund.
Government House,
Ottawa, 1st January, 1916.