COMMISSION IS REFUSING TO BOW TO ONE-MAN POWER

This Is Cause of Opposition To Wells Purchase.

PURITY IS CERTIFIED

M.O.H. Report Shows This and Majority of Board Want Emergency Met.

The committee appointed by the utilities commission to bring the purchase of the Macgregor wells before the city solicitor to arrange the details of arbitration as to price, purity and quantity, has not yet met, but it is expected that next week the arrangements will be completed and the arbitrators named.

The committee is made up of Commissioners E. K. Dennis, Philip Pocock and T. G. Mitchell, and unless the proposal to delay the proceedings, which is now being urged in the camp of Sir Adam Beck, is successful, the water will be in possession of the city within a short time at a price between the $50,000 asked by the owners and a figure to be set by the utilities commission.

Purity Accepted.

The report of Dr. H. W. Hill, M. O. H., at the last meeting of the board, that water from five wells was absolutely free from colon bacilli, is regarded as final by the majority of the commissioners. It is said that Dr. Hill assured several of the commissioners that the water was absolutely pure as well, and added to this is the action of Chairman Pocock, who has secured options on property adjoining in order to have competition in the Macgregor offer.

The question of purchase has already been decided by the commission, and on the ground of necessity. One of the commissioners has pointed out that the shortage was known a year ago last summer and that nothing was done. He believes that the emergency demands that the Macgregor wells be secured and a storage reservoir of five million gallons capacity be constructed. The medical officer of health secured water from six wells on the property. Five of these were free from colon, and the sixth had a trace.

Refuse Dictation.

The commissioners felt that although the proposal was opposed by the One-Man Power they were not going to be dictated to at a time when it was stated and acknowledged that there was serious shortage of water.

That the question of the ownership of the wells was what was bothering the One-Man Power, not the question of purity or quantity, was stated today by a commissioner who voted for the Macgregor proposal.

"They tried to work the One-Man Power on the utilities commission and found that the power has waned," he said. "Since then they have decided to try to delay the scheme by saying that the people should decide as to the purity. The medical officer of health has given the answer as to purity, and the city will pay only what a court of arbitration decides.

"The proposal to take the matter to the board of health may prove that the One-Man Power has not a strangle hold there, either," he added.

Should Be Secured.

"The wells should be secured if the price is right, and the opposition is purely spiteful, a manifestation of the fact that for once the supreme dictatorship of Sir Adam Beck did not sway the majority of the commission, who were on both sides of the political fence. The practice is to cast suspicion upon the acts of all who did not get in line, but put through millions for the pet railway scheme without so much as a 'by your leave' to the people."

CANADA'S DUTY TO PROTECT MARKETS FROM HUN RAIDERS

Capt. Guinness Appeals To Market Crowds To Lend Aid.

CALLS FOR NAVY MEN

Three Months Is Enough To Transform Landlubbers To Efficient Seamen.

Capt. Hon. Rupert Guinness, of the royal navy, is showing a lot of energy in his campaign for recruits for the navy, and at noon to day addressed two gatherings on the market. Mayor H. A. Stevenson accompanied him, and introduced him to the large crowds. Lady Guinness and Lady Beck were also present. They did no speaking, but they assisted in other ways.

The distinguished visitor explained the needs of the navy, the great demand for men, and the possibilities of doing a great service for Canada and the Empire in this class.

Capt. Guinness explained to the audiences the kind of men needed. The fact that a man had no previous experience on sea was no barrier. In three months he would be ready for one of the big ships of the line, and would be doing useful and splendid work.

"Without the navy, the war would not have lasted as long as it has, and we would have been beaten," he told the crowds. "It has kept the seas free from German vessels, has enabled the Allies to get food and materials, and has made it possible to attack the enemy on all sides. It is your fight, and you will help us, I am sure, in maintaining our great position. It is your privilege, I was going to say, your duty, to help us at this time. Your markets depend on the efficiency of the navy. I am sure Canada will do its duty, and help us. The organization is purely Canadian, and as such will appeal to you."

Capt. Guinness was enthusiastic about the prospects. He declared that as soon as the need was realized, Canadians would respond, and respond in large numbers.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED

Self-Confessed Wool Thief Pays Dearly for Act, However.

Earle Rawse of Dorchester Township appeared before Judge Macbeth this morning and pleaded guilty to stealing wool to the value of $15, the property of William Lewis, a neighbor. Rowse was allowed to go on suspended sentence on condition that he make restitution to the value of the wool and pay $50 towards the prosecution. He paid both amounts and was allowed to go on a surety of $400 furnished by himself. The light sentence was imposed in view of his previous good record.

CITY BREVITIES

NO WEEKLY HIGH COURT.—There was no weekly high court today, no cases having been set down for hearing.

MEETS ON MONDAY.—The annual meeting of the directors and trustees of the Protestant Orphans' Home will be held on Monday afternoon at 3:30.

JOIN ENGINEERS.—Walter Wilson, Detroit; W. J. Kennedy, Thorndale, Ont.; Wm. Parton of Monongahela, Pa., and S. Skorina from Russia, have signed on with the Engineers.

EXPECTED TOMORROW.—Bishop Williams of the Huron Diocese, who has been at the Anglican convention at St. Louis, Mo., is expected to return to London tomorrow.

LOCAL DOG CHAMPION.—John Eagan has received the welcome news that his West Highland white terrier, Ardoch Model, won first prize open and cup for best specimen in the big show at St. Johns, N.B., on Thursday.

JAMES CHRISTIE RECOVERING.—James Christie, the teamster who was injured on Wednesday afternoon by a fall from a load of lumber, is recovering from his injuries at Victoria Hospital, and is now out of danger.

WRIT TO RECOVER $375.—The Bank of British North America has taken action in the county court against J. Rattenbury to recover $375 as the amount claimed due on a promissory note given by the defendant in favor of plaintiff.

YORK STREET MISSION.—"Confession to Whom? Forgiveness by Whom? Cleansing Through Whom?" will be Evangelist Belcher's subject Sunday night at the York Street Mission hall. Last Sunday evening's service recorded the conversion of a whole family, father, mother and two sons.

CHOIR'S NEW OFFICERS. — The choir of New St. James' Presbyterian Church held a meeting after choir practice on Friday evening, October 13, and elected officers for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Rev. Mr. McKay; president, Mr. Messer; vice-president, Mr. Forbes; treasurer, Miss Irene Brown; secretary, Miss Evelyn Windsor; convener social committee, Mrs. Seeley.

Y. W. C. A. SUBSCRIPTIONS.—The following subscriptions to the Young Women's Christian Association special fund for the heating system recently installed in the residence are gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. H. M. Egan, $1; Miss Kessack, $1; Miss Gretta Jarvis, $2; Miss E. Douglas, $1; Miss N. Douglas, $1; Miss Mary Purdom, $1; Miss F. McColl, $5. Total, $12.

GOES TO AUSTRALIA.—London friends of Thomas Carnegie who was formerly connected with R. C. Struthers & Co., will be pleased t learn that he has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Sydney, Australia, branch of Frederick Stearns & Co., manufacturing pharmacists, Detroit, Mich., and leaves for his new field o. labor on November 1.

ELECTS OFFICERS.—The Nightingale Red Cross Circle met on Thursday night for the election of officers for the ensuing year and for the discussion of plans. A most successful year's work was reported. The new officers elected were: President, Miss Ivy Radway; vice-president, Miss Leah Thomas, treasurer, Miss Nelly Graham; secretary, Miss Etta Staples. The Nightingale Chapter intends to meet weekly during the winter to sew for the boys in khaki.

CHARGED BY EMPLOYER.—Mrs. Annie Wilson, charged with theft, appeared in police court today and was bailed for trial on Monday next. The charge was preferred by C. F. O'Neil of 219 Rectory street, where Mrs. Wilson had been employed for some time. The complainant alleges that Mrs. Wilson has stolen several articles to the value of $25, consisting of a gold watch, a silk shirt and one dollar in money. She elected trial before Magistrate Judd and was bailed on her own recognizance to appear on Monday for the hearing.

HAD BIG MEETING.—Hackett, L. O. B. Lodge, No. 805, meeting on Thursday night, was largely attended. Wor. Master E. Post was in the chair, and one application and one certificate was received. One candidate was initiated. Rousing speeches were delivered By prominent members of the order. In future Hackett Lodge will meet at 7:30 in the evening. Arrangements have been made for the concert under the auspices of the fife and drum band on Wednesday evening next in the Duffield Hall.

CALLS BECK THREAT WORSE THAN KAISER'S

Niagara Falls' Mayor Declares Prussian Could Be No More High-handed.

"Neither czar nor kaiser could act in a more high-handed way," said Ald. Stephens of Niagara Falls, Ont., at a meeting of the city council of that place last night.

Niagara Falls had been negotiating with the Perfection Tire and Motor Company to locate there.

The city passed a bylaw with more than two-thirds majority agreeing to sell power to the company at $10 a horsepower, although the regulate rate for power was $14, the balance to be given the firm as a sort of bonus.

Sir Adam Beck threatened to cut off the power of the city, leaving it in darkness, and without means of carrying on business, of the city if the power were sold for $10.

The councillors were indigannt, as they had power under the municipal act to grant bonuses. They expressed their opinion of Sir Adam Beck in heated language, but for the present because of the threat to cut off the city, they are marking time.

BARRIERS ARE STILL UP DESPITE MAYOR'S ORDERS

West London Breakwater Blockade, However, Coming Before Council.

Although Mayor H. A. Stevenson gave orders some time ago to have the fence barriers of the West London breakwater removed, no action has as yet been taken, and the pathways are still barred.

It was stated at the city hall today that the matter would be taken up at once by the board of control.

The city engineer's department is acting under instructions from the city solicitor, and until the board of control or council issue other instructions, the roadway will continue to be closed. It was a great convenience to the residents of West London, and they feel the action of the city engineer to be a hardship.

Sell Out Or Be Put Out Choice

These Are Alternatives Put Up by L. and P. S. Overlords.

"Sell outto us or we'll go into the dance hall business, and put you out of it." This was the attitude taken toward the proprietor of a dancing pavilion at Port Stanley by the mighty overlords of the London and Port Stanley Railway.

A St. Thomas man constructed a handsome dancing hall on Erie beach at Port Stanley. He thrived for several seasons, even before the London railway was electrified. Each season business has increased and his enterprise has been rewarded. Uncertain as to the permanency of the dancing craze, nevertheless the owner spent large sums.

Observant members of the board noticed that he was doing a good business, and he was told that they wanted to buy him out. Their mania for municipalizing everything had been transferred from steamboats to dance halls, and it is said that plans are now under way to construct the hall, as well as a bathhouse.

While the bathhouse enterprise is commended by citizens, as having a certain permanent standing, if the investment is not too high, many citizens do object to the investment of London's good hard-earned dollars in dance halls. By the same token the city should begin at home and purchase all theatres, dance halls, and ice cream parlors, with restaurants expropriated as a side line. Gradually the system might be transferred to cigar box factories, shoe warehouses and other staple industries.

Meanwhile the Port Stanley man, who put his money into the dance hall, is said to be ready to give the municipal jig-shop a fight to a finish.

BRITISH RED CROSS CAMPAIGN OUTLOOK MORE THAN BRIGHT

Workers Enthusiastic Over City's Contribution.

MAKING ARRANGEMENTS

Teams Report Last Night and Hear Testimony of Great Service.

Another step in the British Red Cross campaign was completed last evening at a meeting of the executive committee at the Tecumseh House.

The reports of the captains of the different teams were submitted, and final arrangements will be completed next Wednesday evening for the canvass to be held on Thursday, October 19, when an effort will be made to raise $71,000 for British Red Cross purposes.

The city council will be waited upon by a delegation on Monday evening next, and will be asked to grant $5,000, the same amount as granted last year.

George H. Bel'on, president of the board of trade, presided, and after a few remarks introduced Pte. Hugh Fleming of the 1st Battalion. He was twice wounded in the second battle of Ypres, and was at different times in nine Red Cross hospitals.

Praised Red Cross.

He exhibited an X-ray photo of his arm, showing the bullet embedded in the flesh. He then told of the care and attention he had received in the hospitals, and attributed the recovery of the usefulness of his arm to the extraordinary attention he had received in the British Red Cross hospitals.

The Red Cross nurses, he said, worked harder than the men in the trenches.

Controller W. W. Gammage, captain of the Shriners' team, informed the executive that all arrangements had been completed by his team, and it was ready for work.

E. C. Mitchell and A. H. McMahon, captains of teams selected from members of the board of trade, reported that their arrangements were nearing completion and they would be ready in a day or so.

Rotarians to Help.

Capt. Watt was unavoidably absent, but the chairman announced that the Rotarians would put at least one team, if not more, in the campaign.

Rev. Principal Waller, speaking for the Canadian Club, said that the matter of a team from the club had been left in the hands of the executive committee, which would report within a few days.

Ensign Martin of the Salvation Army, stated that the Army team was ready for the campaign, and that it would make an endeavor to beat all previous records.

The chairman announced that A. E. Knox would captain a team from the Builders' Exchange.

R. H. Dowler will take charge of a team to be selected from the Advertising Club.

Chas. Abbott, who was unable to be present, has agreed to furnish a team from the Benevolent Order of Elks.

An educational team will be in charge of President E. E. Braithwaite of the Western University and Public School inspector C. B. Edwards.

Inspector Edwards announced that he had spoken to the principals of the schools and had been assured that the central committee could rely upon their support.

F. E. Leonard, Philip Pocock and A. B. Greer all spoke warmly in favor of the strongest efforts being put forth to raise the $71,000 on Thursday next. Mr. Pocock pointed out that no Red Cross funds had yet been raised in London by taxation, though there was an impression to that effect.

J. H. Laughton promised a team from the I. O. F., which was already doing great patriotic work.

Dr. H. J. Reason, district commissioner of the Boy Scouts, promised, with the help of George T. Copeland, district scoutmaster, to enlist the services of the Scouts in the city-wide canvass, which will follow the canvass by teams.

All teams will meet on Wednesday evening next, and all captains are requested to send the names of the members on their teams not later than Monday morning to Secretary Gordon Philip.

153RD ROUTE MARCH.—The details of a route march to be held next Tuesday afternoon are contained in today's orders. The 153rd Battalion is the only unit affected. The route will take the men through the country north of the city. The men will march north on Adelaide street until they reach Geary's Corners. From there they go east on the 4th concession road, from there east to the Asylum side road, south to Oxford street to the camp.

CHATHAM 33RD MAN WOUNDED IN THIGH

CHATHAM, Oct. 13.—Official word was received this afternoon that Pte. Herb Chrysler, who enlisted with the 33rd Battalion, had been wounded by gunshot in the thigh.

THREAT OF CRIMINAL CHARGES FOR FOUL PLAY BRINGS TRUE STORY OF DISAPPEARANCE OUT

Rather Than Face It, "Survivor" Makes Clean Breast of His Participation in Frame-Up That Was Followed by Harrowing Tale of Drowning.

Faced with almost incontrovertible proof of his complicity in the recent attempted "set-away" of James Brandon on the evening of October 4, A. J. Clarke of 214½ Dundas street, manager of the Little Big Bargain store, confessed yesterday that the whole affair was a "frame-up" from start to finish.

The confession made by Clarke to T. J. Barrell, on investigation for the Merchants' Casualty Company, came after fourteen hours hard gruelling by the insurance representative.

Held Out for Hours.

Clarke clung for hours to his original story as told the night of the supposed drowning, when he claimed he and Brandon while on a fishing trip down the River Thames attempted to change places in the boat and as a result the boat capsized and Brandon was drowned.

The investigator's assertion that unless Clarke came through with a true statement, he would be charged with foul play because of the non-discovery of the body, apparently had an effect that was somewhat startling to say the least.

His first statements given to Mr. Barrell were sworn to before City Clerk Baker, and merely reiterated his story as told in the papers. An additional statement made to the investigation at noon yesterday admitted the frame-up, and reads as follows:

FIRST CONFESSION.

I, A. J. Clarke, on being further questioned by Mr. T. J. Barrell, state that I mailed a parcel given to me by James Brandon addressed to "Smith," Niagara Falls, and the parcel probably contained clothes.

The boat was upset by Brandon, and at the time it was his intention to get away to St. Thomas and then to Niagara Falls.

He is not dead and was not drowned that night, and my part of the affair was not to obtain the insurance money, but to help him get away from London.

A. J. CLARKE.

London, Oct. 13, 1916.

Confesses at Last.

When interviewed last evening by an Advertiser reporter at his store, 214½ Dundas street, Clarke admitted first that he had signed the statement, a copy of which was shown him, but still declined to admit that the plan was prearranged between him and Brandon.

Finally he was induced to say that the whole affair was staged from start to finish.

He then told his story. "I guess I might as well come across, they have got the goods on me, so I admit that it was a "frame-up" between Brandon and myself."

Had Short Notice.

"I did not agree to the plan without some hesitation; in fact, the scheme wasn't suggested to me until we were in the boat, and had started fishing.

"Brandon asked me if I would help him to get away by consenting to tell that he had been drowned. He told me he was sick of London, and had had a lot of trouble with relatives, although none with his wife, and he urged me to help him see the thing through. I consented, but I regret the part I played in the affair, as I nearly lost my life in getting out of the river.

Misjudged the Spot.

"We had arranged to tip the boat at a comparatively shallow spot, but we miscalculated, and went over in a deep spot.

"I never saw Brandon after we went over, but I know now that he got away, although for a few days I really believed that he was drowned.

"Insurance was never mentioned, and I am sorry now that I had any connection whatever with the affair.

"The last words Brandon said to me were, 'I will write you when I get away,' but I never heard from him yet.

"That's my story; I have told it all, and that's all I can say."

Wife Surprised.

Mrs. Brandon, when seen by the reporter, stated that she could hardly believe that such a thing would have been possible, but was now satisfied that her husband was not dead, since Clark's confession had been made.

"They were inseparable friends, but I can't understand why he would want to leave me as he did. We had no trouble, and although he had many times said he would like to get away from the city, I never thought he would take the course he did. He could have left without doing it the way he did.

Expects His Return.

"I am not going to take any action against him whatever, as I believe he will yet return to his home and children. I really don't believe his conscience will permit him to desert these two little children, and I think he will come back when he fully realizes what a terrible mistake he has made," said Mrs. Brandon, and her voice choked with emotion, and tears came to her eyes as she looked at the youngest child playing on the floor unconscious of his mother's mental anguish.

Had No Suspicion.

Mrs. Brandon claimed that her husband had said nothing to her the evening he left, and she had been led to suspect nothing.

"Some persons may think I was in on this deal to try and get his insurance, but I swear that I knew nothing, and fully believed him dead until today, when Clark confessed to the story," said Mrs. Brandon.

"He simply worshiped the children, and I cannot possibly believe that he has deserted me never to return. I will be looking for word from him any time, as I fully believe he will write. I did not know until Clarke told it, that my husband had sent an express parcel to Niagara Falls. He told me that they were going down to fish, and even took a basket along for the fish.

Had Premonition.

"I pleaded with him not to go, because I seemed to have a premonition that something might happen. My grief since this affair has happened has been almost unbearable, and now that the truth has come out and the scheme exposed by Clarke, it seems even a greater burden to bear.

"For the children's sake, if not for mine, I hope he will return," continued Mrs. Brandon, who was forced because of her feelings to discontinue a further discussion of the affair.

Fifty dollars was given to Mrs. Brandon on Tuesday from the McClary benefit fund, the amount payable at death of an employee of the firm.

Mrs. Brandon states that the money was handed over to her without solicitation on her part, and agrees to return it at any time, now that she is convinced that her husband is not dead.

The committee of the McClary benefit fund, which handed over the $50 to Mrs. Brandon, fully believing Clark's story that Brandon was drowned, has decided to hold a meeting the first of the week to decide what course to take in the matter.

Two courses are open to the committee. One to ask for the return of the money from Mrs. Brandon, the other, because of the destitute circumstances in which she was left, and out of sympathy to her and the children to permit her to retain the money.

Crown Attorney McKillop has the facts in hand, and has under advisement what action will be taken with Clark.

Firemen to Make Claim.

Fire Chief Aiken will attempt to seek redress from Clark for the time spent by the firemen, and has placed the matter in the hands of City Solicitor Meredith to deal with.

The firemen are extremely indignant that they should have been forced to drag the river for hours, in fact, days, because of the plot between Clark and Brandon. Chief Aiken says that it means a lot of money in lost time for the department, and hopes he will be able to recover damages from Clark as a result.

"When I heard the story of Clark's confession and saw his signed statement at the hall here yesterday, I wished then that I had that Clark fellow by the nape of the neck on the bank of the Thames, and I would have given him a ducking worth while, and I'll gamble he would have got any cigars he had in his pocket wet before he got out," said one indignant fireman today who spent hours assisting in the dragging operations.

A Modern Sherlock Holmes.

How Clarke's original story was explained by the Merchants' Casualty investigator reads like a Sherlock Holmes story brought up-to-date. Mr. Barrel makes no pretence of being another Sherlock, but his deductions lead to the idea.

One of the first clues was the lantern, supposed to have been lit before the pair left. Mr. Barrel got the lantern, fished up from the river, and found the glass was still intact. It said Mr. Barrel, the lantern had been lit for the time Clark claimed, then the glass would have been hot. The sudden immersion in cold water would have broken it in a second. Still the glass was intact. When this was put up to Clark his story changed. He "recalled" that the lantern was not lit, because it was a moonlight night. Mr. Barrel declared that it was not a moonlight night, and the original version was weakened still further.

Watch Told Story.

Another was the wrist watch of Clark. Clark claimed to have swum half the river on his way to shore.

"If you did," said Barrel, "your wrist watch, being a stem-winder, would have stopped if you had swum that distance."

Clark thereupon made another change in his story. His watch had stopped, but he had started it again by striking his wrist. Continuing his investigations, Mr. Barrel found that the time, as indicated by Clark's watch, corresponded with that shown by other correct watches and therefore, it could have been in the water but a short time. This hardly jibed with the man's assertions that he had not only been in the water so long, but had lain long on the shore after reaching it.

A cigar was another trap for the alleged survivor. Clark took it from his pocket after the "rescue," and handed it to one of those near the spot. It was given to one of the searching firemen and smoked by him. This was another proof that his statements of the time he had been in the water, were false. If the cigar had been in the water it would have been unsmokable, even by a "smoke-eater" of the London fire department.

Stories Varied.

Different stories of how the "fatality" occurred aided in checking up the story. One story was to the effect that Clark had gone over Brandon's head. Another version by Clark was that he had been thrown on one side of the boat and Brandon on the other.

A full basket of lunch for a two-hours' fishing trip after supper was something Mr. Barrel wanted explained. There was no satisfactory explanation forthcoming.

Another question mark in the investigator's mind was the hat recovered from the river. It was not stained on the crown only, and apparently had been weighted down to sink it.

Still another was the bait. This was of cardboard, and identified by Clark as the one he had taken it, as his previous stories indicated, this had been thrown into the river with bait and earth, it would have either sunk or been water-soaked. Only grass-stain marked it.

With these to work on, the investigator started after Clark, to use his own statements. The sworn statement that the "survivor" made bore out his previous stories of the accident, but some questions that might have appeared unnecessary and foolish on the face were incorporated therein, and the answers succeeded in tripping up the man.

Constant cross-examination broke down first one part of the story, then another, and finally the written statement was secured, in which Clark made the assertion that Brandon was not dead, never had been drowned, and had made a "get-away."

The investigator declared that in his opinion, Mrs. Brandon, wife of the supposedly missing man, was innocent of any connection with the frame-up. Her story, however, secured by cross-examination, that two coats had been taken by her husband on his fishing expedition added to the story that piece by piece was put together by the inspector, and finally put up to Clark, with the result that he made his statement.

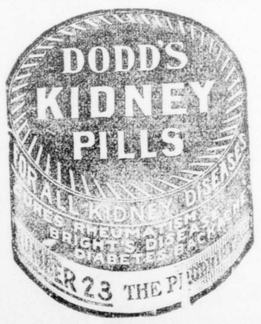
PROGRESS FAVORABLE

Lieut. Tom Murray's Condition Not Serious, Says Wire.

J. P. Murray of the postoffice inspector's staff received a telegram from Ottawa today in response to queries as to the condition of his son Lieut. Tom Murray.

"Cable received from England states that Lieut. Thomas Francis Murray is progressing favorably. Condition not serious; will send further information when received," reads today's wire.

Lieut. Murray, who was first taken to a hospital at Havre, France, has since been transferred to England, suffering from trench fever. He enlisted with the 70th Battalion, and was subsequently transferred.



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NINE LONDONERS APPEARING TODAY IN CASUALTY LIST

Three of Them Wounded in Left Eye, Say Reports.

Still another soldier is reported as having been wounded in the left eye, in this morning's list there were two so reported wounded, and another this afternoon. Mrs. Mary Good of 40 Dillabough street, East London, received a message from Ottawa announcing that Pte. William Good, No. 124495, had been admitted to No. 8 Stationary Hospital at Rouen with wounds in the left eye.

Was Reported Before.

Another report of the wounding of Lieut. Melville Jones came through today in a message to his mother, Mrs. Mary Janes of 307 King street. Lieut. Jones is a London boy, but enlisted at the O. A. C., Guelph, where he was attending college.

Lieut. Herbert A. Whittaker of the artillery is reported wounded on October 8, in a message to W. C. Whittaker of 238 Pall Mall street.

Pte. George Edward Gordon, late of the 70th Battalion was wounded on September 21, but no particulars are given as to the nature of his wounds in a telegram sent to Colin Gordon of 24 Elmwood avenue.

Wounded Severely.

Pte. Henry Thomas Young, Mounted Rifles, is reported wounded severely in a message sent to Mrs. Mary Young of Briscoe street, Manor Park. He is in the 2nd General Hospital at Bristol.

Mrs. Annie Bray of 559 Bathurst street was notified that Pte. Frederick John Bray, infantry, had been wounded on September 29.

TANKS MOST MARVELOUS WEAPON HE EVER SAW

London Aviator Tells of Visit to One of These Wonderful Machines.

Sub.-Lieut. R. S. Carroll, a former Londoner, nephew of William H. Skinner, 415 King street, an aviator in the British army, has written some interesting things to the family here, describing the world-famous "tanks," now doing great execution against the Huns. Lieut. Carroll was employed in the Bank of Commerce, and last year studied aviation at the Curtiss school, where he was most proficient. When in England, he passed his examinations most creditably, taking a high stand. He did the spiral, and other feats, and was given a first-class pilot's license. He is now on duty on the French front.

"I have personally been inside one of these new types of armored cars or "tanks," as they are called," he writes, "and a more marvelous or ingenious weapon I have never seen. Of course, I must not give you any particulars of this new mammoth wonder, but will tell you this much, these terrific cats can travel over mine craters, shell holes, brick walls, houses, trenches or barbed wire entanglements as easily as if these great obstacles never existed, and that's saying a lot."

In his own department, he makes some interesting comments.

"The mere flying of the machine is a secondary phase of this life," he continues. "Besides other things the pilot has a Lewis machine gun to fire in the event of a hostile machine being seen. Nowadays each machine is provided with two machine guns, one for the pilot and one for the observer. The pilot also has to do the map reading and, last but not least, he has to do some of the observing."

"I was on evening patrol from 8 to 10 o'clock the other night," runs still another letter. "I had climbed to an altitude of 5,500 feet. After I had been up about an hour the sun began to set and at the same time a thick bank of pure white clouds began to roll up at a much lower altitude than that in which I was patrolling. I shall never forget that sight. Imagine a blood-red sign on the pure white clouds. Then the German artillery started, and the flashes of their heavy guns and trench mortars completed the picture."

FRANCHISE EXPIRES, BUT THOSE CANS DO NOT

Unsightly Receptacles Still Litter Streets—Will Go Soon.

The franchise for the unsightly garbage cans that have not beautified London's streets for a decade has expired, but the cans are still there. Just why this should be is not known. It has not been hinted that some of the aldermen have passes for the theatre that controlled the franchise, but it is strange to the ordinary observer that the cans are still on the streets, when there is no franchise and no permission has been given the owners since September to so clutter the highways.

City Solicitor T. G Meredith informed the council some months ago that the franchise would expire in September, and after that date, the company had no right to keep the cans on the streets.

It is probable that the council on Monday evening will take some steps to get rid of the nuisance.

Chief of Police Williams informed The Advertiser that he knew nothing of the expiry of the franchise for the garbage cans.

"We have received no instructions regarding them," he stated to The Advertiser. "When we are informed as to our duty, we will see that the law is lived up to. Had any instructions been given us, they would have been carried out."

The cans have no right on the city streets, and the garbage department or street cleaning departments could remove them. That this will be done is certain, unless the owners of the cans get rid of them at an early date.

City Clerk Baker stated to The Advertiser that the franchise had expired, and that it was the duty of the council to order their removal from the streets.

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160TH BATTALION

through the line in single file, passing to the coaches assigned to their section.

The train was divided into two sections. A and B Companies occupying the first one, in charge of Major Moffatt; C, D, the Base Companies and the band left with the last section, in charge of Lieut.-Col. Weir.

Authorized on the 29th of November, 1915, the 160th began recruiting on the 29th of December. On the 29th of March, 1916, the bells of Walkerton simultaneously commenced to peal. The men of Bruce had turned out to the call of their chieftains and the battalion was up to strength.

A concerted effort on the part of all the prominent men in the county, working on the best recruiting system so far originated in the Dominion of Canada, had filled the unit in record time. They were coming so fast that they could not be stopped, and almost 1,400 men had been attested before the last were in.

Fates Against It.

Although the beginning was suspicious the fates were apparently against the battalion, as measles and mumps attacked the men almost at once. For months the diseases crept through the battalion, and even after it was sent to London for the summer the men had to be isolated for some weeks. Training was naturally interfered with and on top of that the call came for men to work in the fields to prepare for the harvest. The battalion was scattered.

Scarcely had they returned from the late seeding operations when the men, many of them still suffering from the diseases which had earlier afflicted them, were called out to get in the harvest. Another month of this passed and hardly a man remained to carry on the work of training.

Lost None of Their Spirit.

Returning to London on the 17th of August, Col. A. Weir for the first time since recruiting had a full battalion, free from disease, with which to work. It is a great compliment to the influence which the commanding officer exercised over all ranks that they lost none of their "esprit de corps" as a result of their various misfortunes. All ranks, under his inspiring leadership, immediately got down to hard work, determined that if at all possible the 160th would make amends for the blows which fate had dealt them.

That it has succeeded is apparent. When Major General Lessard inspected the unit some weeks ago he was very enthusiastic, and it was no longer in doubt that it would be called upon to take its place in the firing line before long.

Most Canadian Yet.

The 160th is claimed to be the most Canadian battalion which has so far been organized in Canada. The statement is based on the fact that more than 82 per cent of the men claim Canada as their place of birth. The average of physique and intelligence is unusually high, and even in the ranks are to be found men who are in affluent circumseances in private life.

It is confidently predicted that Lieut.-Col. Weir's unit would form part of the new 5th Canadian Division which is being organized for service at the front. That it will be a credit to Canada and to its native county is a foregone conclusion.

List of Officers.

The battalion leaves in full strength. This morning a new nominal roll of the officers was made out embodying some change which it was found advisable to make. The list of officers is as follows: Lieut.-Col. Adam Weir, officer commanding; Major A. McL. Moffat, second in command; Capt. R. B. Whitehead, adjutant; Capt. A. H. Veitch, medical officer; Capt. F. Shaw, paymaster; Major A. W. McNally, "A" Company; Major H. M. Chadwick, "D" Company; Capt. J. C. Little, "B" Company; Capt. H. Danard, Capt. A. P. Todd, Capt. Logie Foster, Capt. W. L. McKay, Lieuts. H. E. Henderson, D. D. McLeod, E. D. Cameron, H. Parker, R. C. Rowland, J. A. Crowle, M. J. Aiken, V. A. McKechnie, H. B. Krug, J. A. MacDonald, E. Pettigrew, H. Oliver, D. W. Stewart, J. H. Zinn, F. C. James, H. C. Harcourt, A. M. Chatter, R. T. Seibert and E. H. Johns.

Capt. E. R. Clarke, Lieut. H. V. Patterson and Lieut. H. E. Kay were rejected at the last minute as medically unfit.

GREEK SIGNS WITH ENGINEERS—W. Dimittronowlis, a Greek, who for convenience sake signs himself plain "Bill," signed on with the Engineers for overseas service yesterday.

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TIME EXTENDED

Duchess of Connaught Fund Subscriptions Received Till Monday.

It has been decided to extend the time limit for receiving donations from London women to the Duchess of Connaught prisoner-of-war fund until Monday. All women who desire to contribute to this mark of appreciation to her royal highness, which is taking the form, at her own request, of aiding Canadians who are prisoners of war, are asked to send in their subscriptions before that date.

There are two channels for so doing in London. On behalf of the Local Council of Women, Mrs. H. A. Boomer, 393 William street, is receiving donations, and for the I. O. D. E., who contributed to the National Chapter, Mrs. (Dr.) C. T. Campbell is acting as treasurer.

Mrs. Boomer acknowledges the following donations: Mrs. Moorehouse, $5; Mrs. Trelevan, $1; Mrs. R. W. Puddicombe, $5; Miss Buckle, $5; Women Teachers' Guild, $10; president and officers of the Local Council of Women, $10.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. George Kelly, Wharncliffe road south, spent Thanksgiving with friends at St. Thomas.

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Miss Vina Phipps, 422 Maitland street, after a week's visit with friends and relatives in Detroit, returned to her home today.