ROLE OF THE JEW IN LABOR'S RANKS

S. Elstein Defines Bolshevism in Address to People's Forum.

"The world is my country, and mankind is my brother," this, declared S. Elstein, in an address to the People's Forum, at St. George's Hall last night, was the Jew's creed, and which explained "The Role of the Jew in the Labor Movement," the title of his address.

He explained the peculiar condition of the Jew in Russia, where he had served the part of leader, teacher and missionary, for the revolution. The Jew, said the speaker, could not live where there was no liberty, hence the vast migration from Russia.

The splitting up of the Socialist party was described by Mr. Elstein, and he laid great stress on the name Bolsheviki. This name, he declared, had been used as a bugaboo by the press, but in reality this word in itself meant the majority, and the other Socialist party the Mansheviki, or minority.

The split had come about as a result of difference of opinion between the members of the Social Democratic secret convention in 1903. The Mansheviki had been in favor of a less violent policy than had been adopted by the Bolsheviki. Their attitude had been one of working in harmony with the other parties who were seeking the betterment of conditions in Russia.

The speaker described in detail the gradual education of the Russian people to a class consciousness, to that condition which now obtained in Russia, an industrial democracy. It was hard to state just how many Jews there had been in the revolutionary ranks, on account of the practice of changing names and identities.

The pogroms, declared Mr. Elstein, were fostered by the Russian Government thru the Black Hundreds, and tho the Jews protected themselves as best they could, yet they paid in blood for their political ideas.

WILSON DINES WITH LLOYD GEORGE

Sir Robert Borden and Sir George Foster Also Among the Guests.

London, Dec. 29.—President Wilson concluded a strenuous day of entertainment with a dinner at the prime minister's residence last night, at which were gathered the members of the war cabinet and other government and dominion officials.

The dinner was served in the big oak-paneled dining room in which the president lunched with the premier yesterday. The table decorations consisted of poinsettias, chrysanthemums, lilies of the valley and sprigs of holly. Two silver candelabra added to the soft lights from the large electrolier suspended over the centre of the table. There were small lights on the walls, in which hung paintings, including a portrait of Washington unveiled by the president yesterday. The dinner was purely informal. Mr. Lloyd George was seated at one end of the table, with President Wilson on his right and Sir Robert L. Borden, the Canadian premier, on his left. At the opposite end of the table sat Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, with William M. Hughes, the Australian premier, on one side and General Louis Botha, the South African premier, on the other.

The other guests were Earl Curzon, J. Austen Chamberlain, G. N. Barnes, Gen. Smuts, Baron Finlay, Speaker James W. Lowther, A. J. Balfour, Walter Hume Long, Viscount Milner, Baron Montagu, Sir Eric Geddes, Winston Spencer Churchill, Lord William Weir, Sir Jos. MacLay, Earl of Reading, Viscount Grey, Sir Henry Wilson, Admiral Wemyss, Field Marshal Haig, Admiral Sir David Beatty, Gen. Sykes, Sir Maurice Hankey, W. P. Lloyd, premier of Newfoundland; the Maharajah of Bikaner, Sir Geo. E. Foster, Sir Jos. Cook, J. T. Davies, the premier's secretary, and Phillip Kerr.

HEAVY SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE FRENCH LOAN

Paris, Dec. 29.—In the chamber of deputies today, during a debate on the budget, Minister of Finance Klotz announced that the amount subscribed to the Liberation Loan now exceeded the amount announced December 3. Altho the figures were incomplete, M. Klotz said the nominal capital subscribed exceeded 30,000,000,000 francs, representing an effective capital of 21,500,000,000 francs.

The chamber held three sittings today in the hope of passing the budget for the first quarter of 1919, which must be voted before January 1. During the debate figures were given illustrating the enormous increase during the war in the output of war materials.

As an instance, it was pointed out that France made 655 machine guns monthly in 1915, 3053 monthly in 1917, and 4090 monthly in 1918.

An appeal was made to have demobilization hastened, as there are only 4000 non-mobilized doctors to care for the 35,000,000 civilian population, the death rate among whom has doubled owing to the influenza. It was said that the army's health was excellent and that it has 16,000 physicians with the colors.

FELL INTO THE CHUTE.

Last evening about 10 o'clock, while working in the rear of the Strand Theatre, N. W. Beggs of 113 Brunswick avenue, who is a janitor, fell into an open coal chute. He was removed to St. Michael's Hospital, where five stitches were required behind his left ear.

RUG STOLEN FROM CAR.

While the car belonging to Joseph Kline of New Toronto was standing opposite the Gayety Theatre, an auto rug was stolen from it. James Eyres, who has been working in town for only a few weeks, was apprehended by P. C. Seaton in connection with it.

VETERANS

Items of Interest to Returned Soldiers Will Be Printed in This Column If Phoned or Sent In.

APOLOGY SOUGHT BY T. G. MATHIESON

Riverdale G.W.V.A. Make Amends for Bolshevik Insults to Wright.

"Councillor Wright, I ask Riverdale tonight to apologize to you on behalf of the City of Toronto for the insults to which you were subjected at the Labor Temple on Friday night."

With these words T. G. Mathieson, who has been incarcerated for taking strong stands on behalf of returned soldiers, last night at Teck Theatre dissociated himself from any affiliation with the ultra-radical element which heckled Peter Wright on Friday night. Last night's meeting was held under the auspices of Riverdale G. W. V. A., who almost unanimously voted their support to the program of the British Seamen's Union respecting the Germans.

Thanking Mr. Mathieson for his expression of regret at the sense of Friday night's meeting at the Labor Temple on the part of a certain element, Mr. Wright advised those present to stem the tide of Bolshevism which appeared to be attempting to overthrow law and order. "Wake up, men. Don't let the Bolshies take charge of things in Canada," said the councillor. "Attain your ends by constitutional means, and above all else, do not be guided by those hotheads who do not represent Canadianism. May we not hope to unite together to reconstruct society on a higher basis, that it may be possible for all to live in comfort in happy homes, that all may have equal opportunity of education, and that life of the future may be really worth living?

Everything For All.

"The Bolshies do not believe in attaining anything by constitutional means, but by syndicalism. Their philosophy is everything for all, and let the devil take the hindmost. But in the Labor Temple they went even further. They tried to make me shake hands with Germanism. But I told them, not for me, not for me. No handshakes with the Huns, the dirty dogs. My advice to you people here is to tell the natives of Germany to get to hell out of Canada and back to their own country.

"Trades unionism in Britain," continued Councillor Wright, "has stood nobly by the great cause of the allies, with the exception of a few like Ramsay Macdonald, Mme. Despard, that little cynical puppy Philip Snowden, and others of that ilk who should be in the zoological gardens. Only last year the trades unionists by a majority of a million and a half voted to stand by the needs of the government, and tonight, I am glad to tell you, only one Socialist has been elected by Britain, a striking tribute to the sagacity and loyalty of the British working man."

An American soldier, with the Canadian forces, who returned on the S. S. Northland, yesterday, described his passage as a cattle passage on a cattle coat. He corroborated the statements as to conditions and treatment meted out to the men on this boat, which have appeared in an evening paper. He and twenty comrades were packed like sardines in a room forward, and the dimensions of which could not have been more than 14 x 14, and in the forward section known as Section D, there must have been 200 equally sardined. One striking experience the men had, he said, occurred last Wednesday. The three hundred mattresses were piled together in the dining-room, which was too small already for its purpose. Many of these had to be piled on the tables usually reserved for the 300 men. Only two of the tables were left for diners, and great confusion resulted. Later on in the day, when the men were ordered to bring the mattresses back to the cabins and rooms, many a man carried off to his own place a different mattress from that which he had slept in the night previous.

"This word 'reconstruction' doesn't sound well to me when applied to returned soldiers," said Judge Emerson Coatsworth yesterday, to a large number of returned men at the Red Triangle Club, Victoria street, after the men from the Northland had been welcomed and dined by the club. "As a matter of fact, it is, and always has been my belief that the returned soldier will not become a problem involving such high sounding phrases, but will himself be one of the strong factors in assisting Canada to go on constructing. I know now as I have always known, that you men from Flanders and from historic London, will apply yourselves to the great civic problems of civic progress in Canada with that spirit in which you tackled the problems you encountered in the trenches." The Red Triangle took charge of more than 60 of the men from the Northland, a number of whom later made their way to Chicago and way points.

Overseas men generally are fully conversant with the new order-in-council relating to the gratuity which is to be given to soldiers upon their discharge into civil life. Those who have served only in Canada are apparently at a loss to understand it. A number of men were discussing the order at one of the clubs yesterday. Some opined that the man who had served in Canada only had no share in the gratuity, others again believed that in any case the month's gratuity in the case of this class would amount to only $34. R. A. F. men were of the opinion that as they belonged to the imperial services they would not be included in this gratuity.

The R. A. F. does not come within the jurisdiction of the Canadian military regulations, and its members are therefore not included in the new order-in-council. Those members of the C. E. F. who have served only in Canada, come under the second class considered by the order. Such men who served three years and more will receive three months' gratuity, at the rate of $93 for married men, and $73 for single men. Those with two years' service in Canada will receive two months' gratuity, and those with only one year's service in Canada, one month's gratuity. The second class differ from the first class in this respect that the former if discharged before Nov. 11, 1918, will receive no gratuity.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
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POST DISCHARGE PAY.

Editor World: In the government's recent announcement, re-increasing post discharge pay, the clauses are very complicated. Are the men invalided home and discharged to come under these regulations, or are we to be overlooked and neglected? It is the men that have been returned in the last three years is unfit for active service that will feel the shortage of work, if there is any shortage. The employer sees no difference between the soldier invalided home and the soldier returned home at the close of hostilities, except that he can get more work out of the fit men, probably a draftee of 1918, who never saw any active service, but who will be drawing double post discharge pay, while the old veteran cannot secure a position, and will have to exist on his meagre pension.

Public opinion will force the employer to employ returned soldiers, and as long as it is a returned soldier he will not care what service the man has seen, the main thing to him is how much work can the man do.

Surely it is not the government's intention to throw the invalided men out of work without any means of subsistence, and give fit men the increased post discharge pay? We want the returning men to get all possible, especially the oldtimers, who deserve it more than any, and feel sure they will support our request to be treated the same as themselves.

An announcement from the government, stating exactly where we stand in this matter would stop a lot of criticism and discussion among the returned men.

A Returned Soldier.

Russell Motor Car Company Entertain Munition Employes

It was a red-letter day at the Russell Motor Car Company's munition plant Saturday, when the employes and ex-employes were the guests of the company at an entertainment and tea, and the women who had worked for two years on munitions were presented by Mr. T. A. Russell with very handsome gold badges in the form of brooches. When Mr. Russell entered with his wife and daughter, he received an ovation, which showed what an immense favorite he is with those in his employ, and his speech, which was really a talk to his friends, was listened to with the greatest interest by the assemblage. The Hon. Dr. Cody also made a magnificent speech. The enormous room so lately used for manufacturing shells was centred with a platform against the wall, banked with palms and hung with bunting in red, white and blue, with the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes. An orchestra was in attendance, opening the proceedings with the National Anthem, and Mr. Oldfield sang several times, his songs including "Sussex by the Sea," which brought down the house. Those on the platform included Mrs. Russell, Miss Russell, Mr. J. A. MacKay, and the two United States officers who up till Christmas Eve were busy inspecting the United States contracts.

SWANSEA

CANDIDATES STATE PLATFORMS.

A well-attended meeting of the residents of the Swansea district was held in Windermere avenue school on Saturday night, when many candidates for York Township Council were present and outlined their platforms.

T. L. Hutchinson, president of the Amalgamated Ratepayers' Association, presided. F. H. Miller and Chas. McKay, candidates for reeveship, outlined their work in council during the past year. Mr. McKay pointed to his four years' experience and strong advocacy of municipal ownership. William M. Graham, candidate for second deputy reeve, said the York Township Council put thru many improvements last year despite war conditions, and promised large works of improvement would be carried out during the coming year.

James Syme, aspirant for councillor, said a change was necessary in the government of the township, and, being a new man, solicited consideration.

Nelson A. Boylen, candidate for councillor, was out for good roads in the northern part of the township. "The roads around Mount Dennis are a disgrace," he said.

Duncan B. Hood, who is a contestant for third deputy reeve, stated he was an adherent to the platform of the amalgamated ratepayers' association, under whose auspices he was a candidate for council.

Chas. Lacey, candidate for second deputy reeve, championed the soldiers' dependents, and said he was out for a square deal on their behalf. He urged the establishment of filtration beds as a substitute for the present sewage disposal system. Mr. Lacey pledged support to the amalgamated ratepayers' platform.

Robert Wood, candidate for councillor, promised if elected to work for hydro-electric light, police protection and a lower tax rate.

German-Austria's First Loan Is Largely Oversubscribed

Zurich, Dec. 29.—According to The Vienna Neue Freie Presse, German-Austria's first loan has been highly successful. The subscriptions will close December 31. Nearly 600,000,000 crowns had been subscribed by December 24. This was more than 100,000,000 crowns over the total asked for.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

STRONG CRITICISM OF ASSESSMENTS

Candidates at North Toronto Press for Expropriation of Metropolitan.

Scathing criticism of the Assessment Act as at present constituted, especially in its relation to the northern part of the city, together with a strong determination to press the expropriation of the Metropolitan to a finish, no matter how long deferred, were the outstanding features of Saturday night's meeting of the North Toronto Ratepayers' Association, held in the Eglinton Town Hall.

Probably never in the history of the association has there been a more representative gathering of the business men of the north end, nor a better turnout of municipal candidates. President R. L. Baker was in the chair and everybody got a fair show and the full time limit.

The first man to toe the mark was Dr. Risk, one of the aldermanic candidates in Ward 3, who claimed that as chairman of the board of health for two years he saved the city a lot of money thru his insistence that everybody who could pay be required to do so. The doctor was strongly in favor of the expropriation of the Metropolitan, and claimed that before long we would have a uniform system of milk delivery and bread wrapping.

J. R. Beamish, another candidate in the ward for the position of alderman, was chiefly concerned with the wanton destruction of his election cards which had been ruthlessly torn down and the conspirators traced to an opposition committee room. He asked for re-election as a retired successful business man.

Ald. H. H. Ball, who got a rousing reception, handed out some hot stuff re the Metropolitan Railway, and the assessment reform on both of which he had done yeoman service. Dealing with the Metropolitan Mr. Ball said: "The minute you begin to take over the Metropolitan Railway you start to disintegrate the Mackenzie-Mann interests and you will be opposed by the best legal and expert talent in the country. Speaking of the inequalities in the assessment of the city he declared that the only solution was the appointment of a provincial commissioner.

"It is manifestly unfair," said Mr. Ball, "that just over the line in the country the assessment and taxes in some cases are not more than 25 per cent. of the city. The appointment of a provincial commissioner with something of the powers of the railway board would adjust these inequalities, and this was especially the case now when the war taxes must be reckoned with. He said as chairman of the assessment committee for two years he has come in close touch with the matter, and nearly every candidate at last night's meeting bore testimony likewise to his good work. Another thing Ald. Ball was strong on were athletic fields in the north, east and west, and the proposition was loudly cheered.

Gamble's Chance.

William Harper, aldermanic candidate in Ward 3, who got a good reception, and George Ramsden in the same ward told what they would like to do and had already done and were followed by Sam McBride, who called on all and sundry to witness that in all his 12 years of municipal life no man, woman or child could point the finger of scorn at his any vote given in the city council.

He attacked the policy of passing any share of the war debt on to posterity, and said that to do so was taking a gambler's chance. Pay as you go. He lauded Mr. Bradshaw as a heaven-born genius, and declared that in the Toronto Street Railway the city had an asset worth $100,000,000. The ex-controller declared that the newspapers of the city did not want him on the board, and went into a mass of figures which nobody attempted to follow. He tried to belittle the efforts of Ald. Ball and others to get reform in the Assessment Act, but did not get very far along that road.

Ex-Controller Cameron said that he did not think that last year's board had pushed the expropriation of the Metropolitan very hard. The success of the Victory Loan had shown that there was plenty of money, and he strongly favored the selling of the city bonds at home. High taxes and unfair assessment would drive manufacturers away. He ridiculed the statement that the taxes could not be reduced, and declared that the handling of the city's finances was not the work of a wizard, but needed only common-sense.

G. A. Archibald, candidate for controller, dealt largely with assessment reform, and declared that the Toronto Street Railway, when taken over, must be run by a commission, or it might be a white elephant. He strongly supported more playgrounds.

Ex-Ald. Gibbons, who is also running for controller, and who got a great reception, declared that he had fought the Mackenzie-Mann interests more consistently than any other man in Toronto.

He dealt in succession with the attempt of the Consumers' Gas Co. and the Toronto Ferry Co. to increase the rates which he said would have paved the way for every other corporation to try the same thing. He said that he favored taking over the Metropolitan stock, lock and barrel, and taking them clear off Yonge street.

Posterity's Debt.

Alderman Maguire criticized unmercifully the principle of paying the war expenses out of the current taxes and said it was absolutely wrong and that the saddling of the city with a 30-102 mill-rate was an injustice. Posterity would reap the benefits and might well have saddled the debt. Dealing with the financial situation, he declared that he would not follow Mr. Bradshaw if his better judgment did not agree with the treasurer.

Touching on the housing problem, Mr. Maguire said: "Transportation is the keynote of the whole situation. Give the people transportation and the housing problem will right itself." He opposed the increase in the water rates and read a number of comparative statements which seemed to bear out his contention.

John O'Neil got a good reception and spoke briefly and under considerable emotion. He said that if elected the citizens would get clean government and resented the suggestion that he was a rubber stamp in the hands of any official. He said the city was all right, financially.

Fred McBrien devoted the most of his time to an attempt to vindicate the increase in the water rate, which he claimed to have fathered. C. W. Mogridge also spoke.

A suggestion from W. G. Ellis, that next Saturday night's meeting deal with the Metropolitan situation, was favorably received.

SINN FEINERS BLEW UP SOLDIERS' MONUMENT

Cork, Dec. 29.—Sinn Feiners on Saturday night, after the announcement of the election results, blew up the monument erected by subscription to the Cork soldiers who had fought in the South African war.

YORK TOWNSHIP ELECTORS
Your vote and influence is solicited
— for —
FRED H. MILLER
AS REEVE.

EARLSCOURT

ELEMENTS OF HOME.

Prof. Sissons, secretary of the Ontario Housing Committee, was the speaker at the Men's Own of the Earlscourt Central Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon. The speaker referred to the absolute necessity of paying the working man a decent wage, that no man could be expected to marry and bring up a family on $18 per week. A man can lift up his head and meet the world and its problems a good deal better on $22, and wages should be based on the married man's standard, and not on the single man's, he said.

He had no solution to offer as to the difficulties confronting the young unmarried woman who was filling the place of the young man today. No man should be expected to pay more than 25 per cent. of his wages for house rent, but in many cases 40 per cent. was being paid, which meant a deprivation of proper food and clothing for the family.

Prof. Sissons spoke against building houses of 6 or 8 rooms when boarders had to be taken in to meet the expenses of the upkeep. He advocated the smaller house of 4 rooms, which was a real home to a small family, and thought this matter should be considered when the government grant was distributed.

He favored the English and Scotch plan of co-operation known as co-partnership, limited, by which several families clubbed together, built their own homes and paid for them on this co-operative system. The homes were known as "our" not "my" home, he said, and when a member wanted to change his residence, he could withdraw his investment without trouble. There should be twelve houses to a gross acre, and that there was ample room in Canada for building houses with garden patches if the land could only be released from the grasp of mercenary owners, were other suggestions made by Prof. Sissons. Rev. E. C. Hunter presided, and the Men's Own orchestra played selections.

PIGEON RACERS MEET.

Earlscourt and West Toronto Homing Pigeon Association held a social on Saturday night at the headquarters on Harvie avenue, Earlscourt. President W. Walker in the chair. The program for next year's work was outlined, when a series of races will be held for old birds up to 500 miles, and also a very extensive series for young birds. There are to be numerous specials to fly for, and a large increase of membership is reported.

Returned soldiers in this district are taking up this sport enthusiastically, as they have seen the magnificent service rendered by birds both on the firing line and on the sea. According to one well-known pigeon fancier, Tom Abrams of Fairbank, and a Princess Pat man, the Dominion Government was the only government which did not adopt a pigeon service during the war.

The association's radius is open to members living north of Bloor street and west of Spadina. The officers elected for 1919 are: W. Walker, Hatherley road, North Earlscourt, president; O. G. Budge, Harvie avenue, Earlscourt, vice-president; and A. Russell, secretary-treasurer, Western road, Mount Dennis P.O., Box 14, to whom all enquiries should be made for membership.

Rev. Peter Bryce of the Earlscourt Central Methodist Church is confined to his home with an attack of la grippe, and was unable to officiate at any of the services on Sunday. Rev. E. Crossley Hunter, assistant pastor, was the preacher morning and evening.

Under the auspices of St. Clement's (Italian) Church a four-day fancy fair, which opened on Friday last at the parish hall, 1469 Dufferin street, has been largely attended by members of the congregation and friends from other sections. The many gaily decorated booths and stalls in charge of the women's committee were well patronized, and valuable prizes were distributed. Other attractions for the young people are the games and dancing. The fair, which is continued today, closes tomorrow evening. The proceeds will be devoted to the church building fund. Rev. A. Scarfuro is pastor.

RIVERDALE

The funeral of the late James Dawson, 42 Amroth avenue, who died in the Toronto General Hospital on Thursday last after a lingering illness, in his 48th year, took place at St. John's Cemetery, Norway, on Saturday afternoon. Rev. A. S. Madill, rector, St. John's Church, conducted the funeral. The late Mr. Dawson, who was a brush manufacturer, is survived by his widow and family.

Under the auspices of the Riverdale Ratepayers' Association, a mass meeting will be held in the Riverdale Collegate Institute, corner of East Gerrard and Leslie street, this evening. Candidates for municipal honors will address the meeting. L. W. Mullen, president, will occupy the chair.

TODMORDEN

Rev. W. H. Adams, pastor Don Mills Methodist Church, Don Mills road, will deliver an address, "An Evening With Dr. Johnson," in the church this evening.

A concert and entertainment was held in Don Mills Methodist Church recently, under the auspices of the Sunday school teachers and pupils. Solos and choruses were rendered and an amusing play, entitled "Sniggler's Family," was cleverly rendered under the supervision of John Garlick, superintendent. Prizes were distributed to a large number of children for regular attendance. The number at present on the roll is 170. Rev. W. H. Adams, pastor, occupied the chair.

John R. Price, 104 Morrison avenue, Earlscourt, died yesterday at his late residence in his 53rd year and is survived by his widow. The deceased was a native of Birmingham, England. The funeral will take place to Prospect Cemetery on Thursday next at 2 p.m.

J. HAYDN HORSEY DIES IN ENGLAND

Well-Known Toronto Banker Had Been in Poor Health.

Word was received by cable on Saturday of the death in London, England, of J. Haydn Horsey, manager of the London office of the Dominion Bank. While Mr. Horsey had for some time been in poor health, not having recovered from a serious operation of a year ago, his death came as a shock to his many friends in this city.

Mr. Horsey was well known here, having for a number of years been closely identified with the banking circles of Toronto. He entered the Dominion Bank in 1875, four years after its establishment, and from the first showed marked ability as a financier. His promotion was rapid, and after holding various positions at the head office, and manager of a number of the Toronto branches, he was in 1906 appointed manager of the Bank of Montreal. After spending seven years in that city, he was sent to represent the bank as manager of their office in London, England, which position he held at the time of his death.

While in Toronto, Mr. Horsey was identified with a number of the leading clubs, and was for several years president of the former Male Chorus Club.

He was a member of an old English family, several of whom distinguished themselves in army and navy service. He was the third son of the late Samuel Horsey of Toronto, who for many years was a member of the staff of the Bank of England in London.

Mr. Horsey was married twice, his first wife being the widow of the late Charles A. Massey, by whom he had one son, the late Lieut. Clifton Maubank Horsey, of the Royal Scots, Montreal, who made the supreme sacrifice at Festubert, in 1916. He is survived by his widow, who was formerly Miss Amy Laing, and by three brothers and three sisters, all residing in this city.

DANFORTH

Rev. Eli Middleton officiated at Hope Methodist Church, Danforth avenue yesterday, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. I. Terryberry, who is at present at Clifton Springs, New York, where he will remain for the next few weeks.

A meeting of the inspectors appointed in connection with the Muskoka Cordwood and Lumber Company, was held at the office of Alexander MacGregor, chairman, Confederation Life Building, recently, when a report was read from the superintendent in charge at Southwood, who states that 86 cords of first-class cordwood have been cut, sawn up and piled from logs in the bush, and from the latest estimate the logs will produce 225 cords.

The report also stated that the lumbermen have completed the roads from the woods to Southwood station but the weather, which has been the mildest on record in Muskoka, made the paths impassible up to the present time.

It was decided unanimously by the meeting to bring the wood to Toronto as soon as sleighing opens, and it is hoped that delivery will take place in Toronto about Jan. 2.

The next public meeting of depositors will take place in the Labor Temple on Thursday, Jan. 2.

SCHOOLS ARE COLD.

Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed at the inconvenience caused to ratepayers and candidates thru the lack of heat in the school buildings and the refusal in some cases to grant permission to use the school for meetings by the board of education.

The matter will be discussed at the Central Ratepayers' Association meeting in the Y.M.C.A. building, College street, this evening.

LEASIDE

FIRE DESTROYS CAFE.

Fitzpatrick's Cafe, Leaside, was burned to the ground early Saturday morning. The damage to building and contents is estimated at $2000. Mr. Fitzpatrick, his wife and two children, who lived on the premises, escaped in their night attire. The cause is attributed to an overheated stove. Good work was done by the R.A.F. fire reels, and there was ample water pressure from the town's hydrants, but the structure, which was a one-storey frame erection, was completely gutted. The adjoining buildings—a large shed in which a quantity of gasoline was stored, and a garage—were saved, thru the efforts of the soldiers from the camp and the residents.

Since the closing of the Leaside munition plant a few weeks ago, workmen have been busily engaged completing the unfinished houses, the property of the company, in the town. As fast as the houses, of which there are about a dozen, are completed, they will be rented. There are about 12 or 15 employes retained in "A" and "B" plants of the munition works, and all machinery has been left standing. According to the statements of several officials, it is expected that work will be resumed in the spring in the manufacture of wire and cable.

Under the auspices of St. Cuthbert's Church Sunday School, Leaside, an entertainment was recently held in the parish hall. Prizes were distributed to the children, and a lecture on Dickens' Christmas carols was given by Rev. J. M. Lamb, rector. There was a large attendance.

320,000 French Prisoners Are Already Repatriated

Paris, Dec. 29.—Already 320,000 French prisoners have been repatriated from Germany, according to announcement made by Louis Deschamps, under-secretary for demobilization, in the chamber of deputies today. It is expected that all prisoners will be repatriated within a month.

With respect to the possibility of using ports on the Rhine for revictualling, the liberated regions and the armies, Foreign Minister Pichon declared that general headquarters was attending to that matter and had appointed a committee for the formulation of a plan of procedure.

BRAINS and PLUMBING
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University of Toronto

CLASSES TO ASSIST OUR SOLDIERS

in preparing to enter the University will be started on or about the 1st of February. Those who desire to enter such classes should make immediate application to the Registrar of the University to learn the conditions of admission.

A Meeting of Depositors of the
MUSKOKA CORDWOOD & LUMBER COMPANY
will be held in the
LABOR TEMPLE,
Thursday, January 2nd, at 2 p.m.
All depositors heartily invited to attend; full report, to date, will be given.
ALEXANDER MACGREGOR,
Chairman, Chosen by Depositors.

UNIONVILLE

CONSERVATIVES OF MARKHAM TOWNSHIP

Hon. G. S. Henry Reviews the Agricultural Situation in Ontario.

The annual meeting of the Markham Township Conservative Association, held in Victoria Hall, Unionville, on Saturday afternoon, was fairly well attended. President William Carruthers was in the chair and James A. Gibson acted as secretary.

These officers were re-elected: Alex. Pingle, president; William Carruthers, first vice-president; Captain Robert Reesor, second vice-president; R. E. Stiver, third vice-president, and J. A. Gibson, secretary-treasurer (re-elected).

The chairmen in the sub-divisions are: No. 1, Stewart Willcox; No. 2, R. J. Beatty; No. 3, W. Brown; No. 4, T. Frisley; No. 5, R. J. Allen; No. 6, H. Spoffard; No. 7, H. H. Duncan; No. 8, Amos Cole; No. 9, William Shank; No. 10, Capt. Reesor; No. 11, George Bowers.

Hon. George S. Henry, minister of agriculture, spoke at some length, dealing, for the most part, with the outlook for that industry, which, he said, was most promising. He urged upon those present the importance of the live stock industry, and said that the demand would undoubtedly be heavy for years to come. The same was not, however, applicable to grain, which would naturally seek a lower level.

He eulogized the agricultural college and touching on the problem of looking after the returned soldiers, said that the government was inclined to go a long way toward getting them started, not alone in New Ontario, but in the older settled portions of Ontario.

The minister practically eschewed party politics and said that there was a disposition to let the Union government deal with the big problems confronting the country.

J. R. MacNicol, president South York Conservative Association, spoke briefly.

Some of those present were Jos. Bond, Albert Weighill, John Allen, George Bouers, R. J. Allen, James Galloway, Alex. Pingle, Capt. Reesor, Leslie H. Armstrong, Robert Sisley, J. A. Gibson, W. Carruthers, T. W. Underwood.

BEDFORD PARK

Under the auspices of the Bedford Park West Ratepayers' Association, a Christmas tree and entertainment was held in the Ratepayers' Hall, Bedford Park avenue, on Saturday evening. Presents were distributed to upwards of 50 children. A musical program, box social and dance featured the proceedings and speeches were delivered by Wm. Grant, chairman, and George Greeve. A most enjoyable time was spent by all present.

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