MEGANTIC HIT ONE ICEBERG; NOT DAMAGED

Passed Ten On Way Across Atlantic, Causing Anxious Time.

HOSPITAL CASES ARRIVE

Large Crowd Meets Party of Veterans—Some Wear Decorations.

A party of returned soldiers numbering 101 all ranks, hospital cases for No. 1 Military District, from the SS. Megantic, arrived in this city at 8 o'clock today. The party traveled via G. T. R. on a special hospital train, and there was a large crowd of relatives and friends on hand to greet them. There was a good turnout of local auto owners to transport the boys in khaki to Tecumseh Barracks, but the party exceeded the transportation facilities, and the military ambulances in consequence were pressed into service.

Immediately upon being loaded into the autos a motor parade was formed, and headed by the Canadian Garrison Regiment Band the party passed through the principal streets to Carling Heights. The band led the parade as far as the armories, and upon arrival at Tecumseh Barracks, the men were tendered a banquet by the women of the local Red Cross. During the banquet speeches of welcome were made by Rev. H. B. Ashby on behalf of the Ministerial Alliance, Ald. F. Harley, chairman of the local reception committee, and Ed. Lance, Soldiers' Aid Commission secretary.

The soldiers were then taken onto the strength of the Western Ontario Military Hospital for further medical treatment, and were given a furlough, and transportation to their homes in Western Ontario.

An Original 18th.

One member of the party, Pte. C. O. Carpenter, of 132 Elmwood avenue, city, was an original member of the 18th Battalion, wearing two wound stripes and five service chevrons. He was severely wounded in the left arm at Mons on November 9, 1918, two days before the armistice was signed.

The party reported a very dangerous trip over on the Megantic, the weather being very foggy, and ten icebergs were passed by the hospital ship, which struck one of them. No damage was done owing to the slow rate at which the vessel was traveling in the fog.

Sergt. V. Vannan of Windsor, wore on his tunic the ribbon of the military medal, won at Passchendaele in 1917, and the blue shoulder straps indicating that he is a member of the first contingent. He enlisted in the 1st Battalion, and has served overseas for almost five years, during which time he was wounded twice.

The Mons Slaughter.

Sergt. J. C. Powers of Detroit, enlisted in the 70th Battalion here, and was transferred while overseas to the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles. It was while serving with this unit that he won the D. C. M. at Cambrai. He was wounded at the capture of Mons, where he stated that more than one-half of the 4th Canadian Brigade became casualties on November 9, 1918.

Pte. W. D. Robinson of this city, whose parents reside at 44 Victor street, served with the Machine Gun Section of the 47th Battalion, and was wounded at Cambrai after two years' service. Pte. B. A. Rivers of Lucknow wears two wound stripes, having served in the 72nd Highlanders for almost four years, while Pte. O. Money of Stratford, enlisted with the 110th Perth Battalion, and was wounded at Arras while in the ranks of the 102nd Battalion.

Has Military Medal.

Pte. J. Austin of Stratford wears the ribbon of the military medal, which was awarded him for gallantry at Amiens in 1918, while serving with the 43rd Canadian Highlanders. He also was wounded at Arras. Pte. Wm. Weston of 128 Waterloo street, a brother-in-law of Capt. H. W. Ashley of this city, served in the C. A. M. C. for four years. While acting as telephone operator at Taplow Hospital, the home of Lady Astor in England, he was stricken with Spanish influenza, from which he has not yet completely recovered.

Immediately upon receiving their furlough and after their documents were adjusted, the soldiers were allowed to leave Tecumseh Barracks, local auto owners conveying the men to the railway stations here to leave for their respective homes in the district.

YOUNG'S ANNUAL PICNIC ENJOYED AT SPRINGBANK

The annual picnic of the employees of the firm of R. J. Young & Co. was held yesterday afternoon at Springbank. Prior to the tea hour, a program of races was run off, the following capturing the prizes:

Fifty yards dash for ladies — Miss Velma Tye.

Sack race—Jack Steele.

Tug-of-war—Fred Long.

Shoe and stocking race—Miss Zimmer.

Leg race—Mrs. Patterson and Miss Flora Webb.

Men's leg race—Mr. Steele and Mr. Schunuck.

Thread and needle race—Miss Taylor.

Various games, including a ball game between the drygoods department and the clothing department, were played in the evening.

LONDON TOWNSHIP TO HAVE REAL "OLD HOME WEEK" TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL DURING THIS MONTH

Great Time Scheduled For June 18 in St. John's Village, With Old Boys and Girls Coming To Attend From All Four Quarters.

London Township is to have a genuine "old home week" this year, when it is said the township's former girls and boys will gather home "from all parts of the world" for the big centennial celebration which will take place on Wednesday, June 18, at the historic village of St. John's. On that occasion the township celebrates its hundredth birthday by holding a mammoth picnic. A feature of this will be the unveiling of the honor roll of the township at 1 o'clock, containing the names of many gallant lads who have offered their lives in the service of king and country.

Among the home-comers expected who have made names for themselves in the world of affairs is a remarkably long list of "honorables."

"We seem to have excelled in teaching the science of politics," Reeve James Littlewood Robson remarked today as he named over some of the "honorables."

All Honorables.

There was Hon. Newton Wesley Rowell, the Sittons (Hon. Arthur and Hon. Clifford); Hon. Walter Scott, formerly premier of Saskatchewan; Hon. Mr. Ferguson, at one time minister of agriculture of British Columbia.

So far as churches are concerned, London Township boasts that historic St. John's Anglican Church was founded before any church in London existed. St. John's was "the" city in those days of a hundred years ago. Didn't the village of St. John's have a distillery?

"Was it a private still?" was a question put today to a resident of London Township, who is immensely proud of its one hundred years of history. "No questions," he replied, threateningly.

Over in the office of the township clerk, Miss Mary Grant, are records of the township dating back to January 1, 1819, records made by the clerk of a hundred years ago, Duncan Mackenzie, an ancestor of the Grant family.

His duties were not particularly onerous, evidently from the fact that municipal meetings were only held once a year, on January 1.

Incorporated 1850.

It was not until 1850 that the township of London was officially incorporated and the first bylaws were drafted.

In all these 69 years, London Township has had only three clerks. The first was William Taylor, who entered office in 1850, and held the position for 23 years. He was succeeded by the late James Grant, who held the office for 28 years. Miss Mary Grant, daughter of James Grant, succeeded to the position in 1901, and is, so far as is known, the only woman township clerk in the province of Ontario.

A fact in connection with London Township, to which Reeve Robson drew attention today is significant.

"London Township had a much larger population sixty or seventy years ago than it has had the present time," he said. "Quite a few villages were laid out in the early days that have ceased to be villages. We know of an area where within a radius of three miles 300 people made their homes 60 years ago. In the same area there are only 30 people today. London Township in those days of long ago was very thickly settled, but the people were seized with the wandering spirit and moved westward, to Michigan, and later to the Canadian west."

SOCIAL UNREST TO BE DISCUSSED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

"oFrward Movement" Will Also Receive Attention.

"Two questions which will have positions of special prominence in the deliberations of the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church this year are those of the 'forward movement,' which has now become an interdenominational movement, and that of the present social unrest," stated Rev. D. C. MacGregor, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church today. Mr. MacGregor had just arrived home from Hamilton, this year's assembly city, after attending meetings of assembly committees, of which he is a member.

"The discussion of the social unrest will arise out of the report of the committee on social problems, of which Rev. C. C. Pidgeon, minister of Bloor Street Presbyterian Church, Toronto, is convener," he continued. "The decision of the church on the question of the elder moderator will be made known. Following last year's assembly when J. K. MacDonald of Toronto, was nominated for the office of moderator, the question of the elder moderator was sent down to every presbytery in the Dominion to pass upon. The result of this referendum will be announced.

Will Announce Policy.

"The policy for the coming year in regard to the forward movement will be announced next Monday night, which is to be 'inter-church' night.

"Since last general assembly, when the forward movement of the Presbyterian Church was launched in this city, the forward movement has become a great interdenominational movement.

"Methodists, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Baptists and Congregationalists are uniting in this forward movement for expansion work of the Christian church at home and abroad as a war memorial and war thanksgiving.

"The Methodist and Presbyterian churches have each set as their objectives in a financial way the raising of $4,000,000, and the other churches also large sums.

Close Co-Operation.

"The closeness of co-operation is manifested by the fact that a general manager has been appointed for the inter-church forward movement, C. W. Warburton, and on his national board he has a representative of each of the five communions. Similar organization is being effected for the provinces, and I understand the plan is to be carried into effect in the church districts, and to be perfected to the last congregation.

"It is planned to hold the canvass in November next. I understand that the making of this a community instead of congregational affair is under consideration."

"When I left Hamilton it was understood that a memorial service for Canada's heroes fallen in battle would be a feature of this year's assembly, and the name of Rev. W. T. Herridge, D.D., Ottawa, was mentioned as the preacher.

"The commissioners were coming in large numbers from all parts of the country last night, and there is every indication that this assembly will be much larger than that of last year, which was held in St. Andrew's, London. Last year a suggestion was sent out that owing to the advanced cost of traveling, the war conditions and so on, it might be as well to reduce the representation coming from long distances. This had the effect of reducing the attendance. This year there is nothing of the kind."

COVES AGAIN BEING TALKED OF AS POSSIBLE NEW SITE FOR WESTERN FAIR GROUND

Report Says Land Is Being Inspected With Change In View.

That the Western Fair Board is looking around for new grounds for the exhibition and that with this in view the "Coves" have been under inspection is a report current today. A. M. Hunt, secretary of the board, is out of the city, and no one at his office cared to deny the report officially, or to admit that there was truth in it. A. T. Little stated he had not heard of any action being taken.

This is not the first time the possibility of this change of location has been mooted, and it may be that civic plans for the future include utilizing the present fair grounds for other purposes.

Cadet Corps of City Made Fine Showing On Inspection

Lieut.-Col. McCrimmon Pleased With Smart Appearance of Boys.

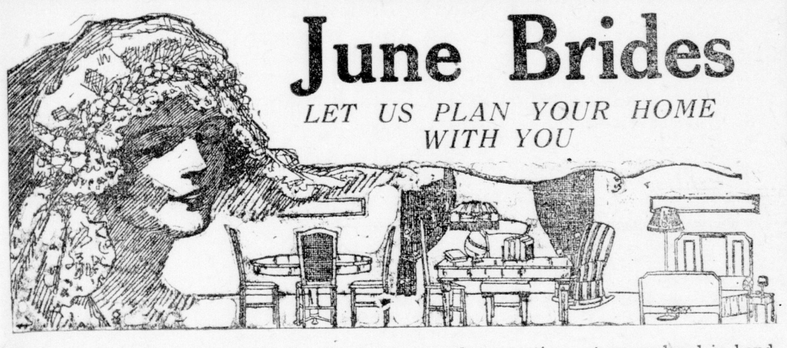
Twelve Public School Cadet Corps of this city were inspected by Lieut.-Col. W. A. McCrimmon, O. and I. C. C., M. D. No. 1, at the Armories Monday and Tuesday. The cadets of this city presented a smart appearance on parade, and interest in this work is keen among the local boys. The Collegiate Insitute Cadet Corps is being inspected at Victoria Park this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Lieut.-Col. McCrimmon, who has been very busy recently inspecting the various cadet corps throughout the district.

Two new corps have been formed in London within the past few weeks. The London Rifle Club is a new cadet organization, as is also the St. Andrew's Church Corps. Neither of these units will be inspected this year, as both are in their infancy, but they are expected to round into shape within the near future.

FORCED TO VOLPLANE FROM 30,000 FEET WHEN HIS MOTOR FROZE UP

French Ace Was Unable to Break Altitude Record.

Issy les Moulineaux, France, June 4.—Captain Rene Fonck, the famous French ace, attempted this morning to break the altitude record in an aeroplane of 31,000 feet made by Adjutant Casale, May 28. The aviator rapidly ascended until he had attained a height of 30,000 feet. Here, however, his motor froze, and he was forced to make a thrilling volplane with his engine stopped.



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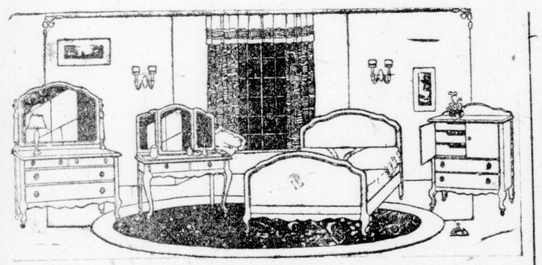

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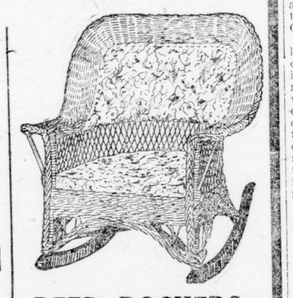

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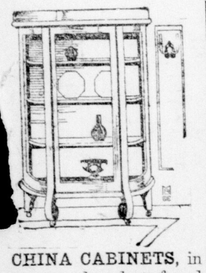

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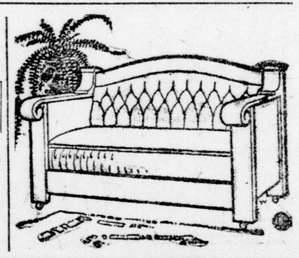

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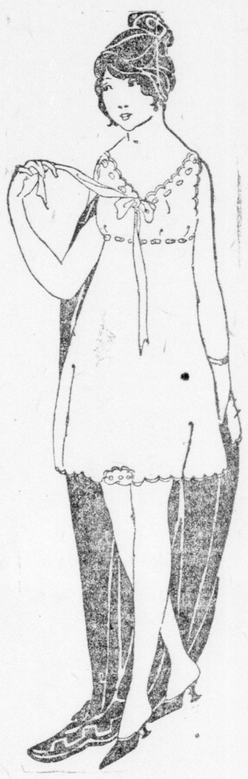

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SCHEME IMPOSSIBLE, ABSURD, SAYS MAYOR, WITH REQUIREMENTS

For Government to Stand Aloof, as It Apparently Is Doing.

The housing commission, after talking over matters for some time last evening, and after examining a list of applicants prepared by Secretary S. Baker, giving the approximate earnings of each of them, came to the conclusion that, so far as ninety per cent of the people who wished to take advantage of the housing scheme were concerned, the requirements laid down by the provincial commission made impossible the building of houses at a price which was within the means of the applicants.

Mayor C. R. Somerville, who was present for the first time since the commission was organized, declared that in his opinion it was absurd for the government to stand aloof, as it apparently was doing, and make regulations which would not help the people who were in need of assistance in the matter of housing.

Commissioner R. H. Hessel said Toronto had apparently reached this conclusion, because it had decided not to have anything to do with the government's scheme, but to proceed with a scheme of its own, borrowing the money from other sources than from the government.

A suggestion was made that an attempt should be made to have J. A. Ellis, the housing controller, pay another visit to London, with a view to ascertaining whether the present regulations could not be modified to permit of the construction of houses which could be built for a more reasonable price. The secretary was instructed to get in touch with Mr. Ellis in connection with this proposal, and if he is unable to come to London, Chairman J. G. Richter and Commissioner Hessel will go to Toronto to discuss the matter with him there.

Building Inspector Piper showed the commission a plan which he had prepared, and he stated that, if the bath, wash basin and furnace were omitted it could probably be built for $2,000. The commission's idea was that, on the showing of the average earnings of the applicants, the kind of house which would meet their financial capabilities would be one costing, with the lot on which it was built, not more than about $2,000. Mr. Piper also had a rough drawing of a small house which he thought could be built cheaply, and he will prepare a finished plan of it for submission to Mr. Ellis, who will be asked to arrange that such a plan may be approved by the provincial commission.

The mayor read an extract from a book on industrial housing problems by a housing expert, who stated in the course of one chapter that, as economists were agreed that a man should not pay more rent per month than his earnings per week, the man earning $12.50 a week would not be able to pay more than $12.50 a month on the cost of a house and lot, including taxes.

Two applicants who were present to interview the commission with a view to commencing building in time to have houses ready for occupation before the winter, were advised not to do anything until after the next meeting, on Wednesday next, by which time the commission hoped to have more definite information as to the possibility of erecting houses which the average workingman could pay for.

A solicitor was not appointed. The secretary stated that one solicitor who had been interviewed by the chairman had undertaken to prepare a schedule of charges, and had given the impression that he would make them low enough to be reasonable in view of the fact that most of the applicants under the scheme were workingmen. He would have the schedule ready by the next meeting, and the commission decided to defer any action in the matter in the meantime.

About a dozen applications for appointment as building inspector's assistant were tabled by the secretary, and these were referred to Inspector Piper for a report on the apparent qualifications of the applicants.

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Matrimony Epidemic Has Struck Factory; Chaplain Is Needed

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"The chaplain? Well, we didn't definitely engage him for that, but we happen to have on our office staff a former minister. The other afternoon, he asked if he might get off, stating that two of our employees were getting married, and had asked him to do the job. This gave us the great idea. With so many hearts being made to 'beat as one,' from right under our factory roof, why not engage a chaplain to do the job free of charge, or at least at a nominal fee?

"No, we haven't exactly done this yet, but present conditions give room for serious thought along such a line."

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