

CITY-MANAGER IS CLAIMED THE BEST

Large Audience Hears Research Institute Men on Local Administration.

While no form of civic government is a cure-all for municipal diseases, and forms of government must change as needs change, it is the view of Dr. Horace L. Brittain, head of the Citizens' Research Institute, Toronto, and R. Fraser Armstrong, of the staff of the Institute, that the city-manager plan is the best instrument yet devised to produce good city government.

This view was expressed at the Board of Trade last evening during a discussion in which the two speakers reviewed the various forms and made a great deal of light upon the whole subject. Many questions were asked, and were answered at length, and included the Mayor and several commissioners, gave undivided interest to the consideration of civic administration.

George E. Barbour, president, expressed pleasure at the large attendance, and said he was sure the audience would be well repaid. Dr. Brittain was well known, and a group of citizens heard quite often from him and his organization, the Citizens' Research Institute of Canada. He came with a knowledge of the problems of government in the municipal and other spheres, and had with him R. Fraser Armstrong by whom the discussion would be shared.

Dr. Brittain pointed out that the place to begin to reduce is at home, because municipal government touched us in more points than any other, and the costs were greater. He cited one town where the cost was \$80 per head of population. The general range was from \$12 to \$70 per head in the center of Canada, being greater at one moved west. There had been at least 30 years of unrest in regard to municipal government, especially in the United States.

In that country inefficiency developed but it took an act of God to start the change which began at Galveston. Hundreds of others followed it and adopted the commission plan. In Canada the City Council system was better than the old one in the United States because there were permanent heads of departments, but the cities here were cursed with the ward system.

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BRONCHITIS YIELDS TO VICKS

Dunedin Man Tells of Prompt Relief.

Mr. Lee Berrigan, Dunedin, Prince Edward Island, says: "During the winter months I was always troubled with bronchitis and tried many preparations to relieve the trouble. None were successful until I tried Vicks VapoRub. It gives relief in a very short time after application and I can honestly advise sufferers from bronchitis to use this salve."

By invitation of the manufacturers, fifty thousand families in Canada tried Vicks for cold troubles, the only condition being that they would report results. The above is just one of the many enthusiastic reports received.

Vicks VapoRub comes in salve form, and for chest colds, you just apply it over throat and chest and cover with a warm flannel cloth. The body heat releases vapors that are inhaled and night long into the throat and lungs—Menthol, Camphor, Thyme, Eucalyptus and Turpentine.

Vicks is also absorbed through and stimulates the skin, aiding the process to relieve congestion. Usually colds go in one night and cure is commonly relieved in 15 minutes.

At all drug stores 50c a jar. For a free test size package write Vicks Chemical Co., 844 St. Paul St., Montreal, P. Q.

Though Vicks is new in Canada it has a remarkable sale in the States. Over 17 million jars used yearly.

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CONTINENTAL LIFE MAKES NEW RECORD

1923 the Biggest Year in the History of the Company.

The annual meeting of the Continental Life Insurance Company disclosed some remarkable figures for 1923. Although the previous year has been a good one, breaking all former records, the figures for 1923 showed a marked increase in business. Here are a few items: Insurance issued and received, \$8,208,106, an increase of \$274,977; total income, \$938,699.24, increase of \$88,109.07; surplus earned, \$16,087.26, increase of \$32,037.89; dividends paid or allotted to policy holders, \$60,967.75, increase of \$18,854.96; reserves, \$5,277,248, increase of \$229,809; assets, \$3,969,283.45, increase of \$813,136.81; surplus including paid-up capital stock (\$200,000), \$468,284.53, increase of \$81,739.88.

The increase is regarded as the more remarkable in view of the general business conditions in Canada during 1923.

The directors of the company expressed their appreciation of the excellent work of the staff.

HERE'S WOMAN WHO SAW WELLINGTON

Mrs. Mary Lowther Recalls Death of Napoleon—Crimean War "Recent."

(By Dominion News Service.) Newmarket, England, Jan. 25.—Pittsburg has spoken to London across 3,500 miles of land and water. London has sent Pittsburg's voice to South Africa at the moment of speaking. It was a quiet Suffolk rectory, a little old woman spoke to me across a century of years, writes a correspondent.

"One day," she continued, "I remember, my pet canary died. That was in—dear me, how the time flies!—that was in 1820."

Mrs. Mary Lowther is 106 years old, and will be 107 in May. The canary when she was three years old is her earliest memory. She does not remember the other great event of 1820—the coronation of King George IV.

"One day," she continued, "I remember somebody said, 'Boney's dead.' I knew that meant Napoleon, the boggy of thousands of children, was gone. Napoleon died in 1821."

"I did not see George III," she said, "but I had seen the Duke of Wellington riding through the streets. He was several feet taller than Lord Byron's death."

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DEATHS

George W. Jones.

George W. Jones, of Evandale, died at his home yesterday afternoon after a short illness. He leaves, besides his wife, one son, Willard Jones, and a large circle of friends, by whom he was highly esteemed. Mr. Jones' death was due to pneumonia. He was in his seventy-third year, having been born in 1851 at Kars, Kings county.

The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27, at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence, Evandale.

Miss Mary A. Mitchell.

The friends of Miss Mary A. Mitchell, of 20 Millie street, regret to learn of her death, which occurred at her home late yesterday. Miss Mitchell was a daughter of Captain F. Mitchell and was born at Wallace, Cumberland county, N. S. She had lived in St. John the greater part of her life. She is survived by four sisters and two brothers. The sisters are Misses Isabel, of Douglas, Ariz.; L. Gertrude, of Cambridge, Mass.; Georgia, of St. John, and Emma J. Mitchell, matron of the General Public Hospital here.

The brothers are Samuel, of Phoenix, Ariz., and J. C. of St. John.

W. A. Cunningham.

W. A. Cunningham, general traffic manager of the C. G. M. M., died yesterday at Montreal after an illness of three weeks. He was 62 years of age, and was a native of Montreal, and two sisters, of Halifax.

Husband and Wife Both Receive Benefit

Mr. N. St. Hilaire Recommends Dodd's Kidney Pills to All Who Suffer.

Quebec man who suffered from pains in the back got relief immediately through using Dodd's Kidney Pills.

East Angus, Que. Jan. 25.—(Special) "Both my wife and myself have obtained great relief through using Dodd's Kidney Pills."

So says Mr. N. St. Hilaire who lives in this place. "I took 2 boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills for pains in my kidneys and back and they did me good immediately. I always keep a box in the house. My wife has also used them and they have done her much good, and she is very grateful. Today we are quite relieved thanks to Dodd's Kidney Pills. I recommend them to all who suffer from kidney trouble and back pain."

Dodd's Kidney Pills stimulate and strengthen weak kidneys. You will be surprised how quickly they begin to cleanse and purify, to soothe and heal the kidneys—the same time backaches and rheumatism disappear.

Ask your druggists for Dodd's Kidney Pills do not make sound kidneys.

PROTEST BEER TAX

Munich, Jan. 26.—(United Press.)—The "Associated Christian Brewery Workers" of Bavaria have opened a new branch between Munich and Berlin, reviving at the same time the ancient feud between hard liquor and the malt. Berlin proposes to increase the tax on beer. Bavaria protests that beer is liquid bread and takes a dig at the profligate north, by suggesting instead more taxes on Schnapps.

OFFICE BUILDINGS ARE LITTLE CITIES

Have Police and Fire Department—Net Average Earnings Above 8 p. c.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—The average office building in the United States has a population of 1,004 and is a little more than 11 stories high, according to a survey made by the accounting and exchange committee of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers.

Office buildings in themselves were shown to be little cities with fire departments, police forces, transportation systems, cleaning departments, lighting systems, sewer water departments and other facilities similar to those of modern cities.

The average taxable valuation is \$9.94 a square foot of floor space, which means a valuation on the building averaging more than \$1,000,000. The average net return to the owner is a little under \$85,000 a year.

SALES CONTINUED

Sale of Sample Corsets

These are traveler's samples and are marked at Genuine bargain prices for quick clearance. Models are thoroughly up to date in style. A fine variety to choose from—75c to \$1.95 pr.

Brassieres—35c, 40c, 75c ea.

White wear, 2nd floor

Sale of Curtains

Offering hundreds of pairs of curtains in popular varieties at prices in many cases just half their original marking. These must be cleared out immediately in order to make room for incoming stocks.

Among these are Odd Pairs slightly soiled—marked very low. No Appropriation No Exchange German St. entrance

Talented Girl Has Relatives Here

Miss Doris Lenore MacLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell MacLean, of Calgary, and a great-granddaughter of John Livingstone, a former editor of the St. John Daily Telegraph, has been awarded the silver medal in the annual examinations of the Royal College of Music and the Royal Academy of Music of London.

As she is only about 14 years of age her success as a pianist is, indeed, remarkable. Many in St. John will recall her sister, who was the guest of Mrs. W. Edmond Raymond last summer, and will join in extending congratulations to so brilliant a young musician.

HAS 637 STUDENTS

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Official announcement is just made at the University of Chicago of the Winter Quarter registration up to January 12, 1924.

In the Graduate School of Arts and Literature there are 513 students and in the Ogden Graduate School of Science 461, a total of 974.

In the Professional Schools there are 129 Divinity students, 218 Medical students, 310 Law students, 251 in Education, 531 in Commerce and Administration, a total of 1,460. University College has an enrollment of 1,225.

The total for the University, exclusive of duplications, is 6,337, a gain of 319 over the corresponding quarter year ago. Of the whole number enrolled, 1,769 are graduate students and 4,608 undergraduates.

In a recent test, clothing made from a bale of cotton was worn the second day after its transportation from the south to New England by airship.

CORNS

Lift Off—No Pain!

Doesn't hurt one bit! Drop a little "Freezone" on an aching corn, instantly that corn stops hurting, then shortly you lift it right off with fingers.

Your druggist sells a tiny bottle of "Freezone" for a few cents, sufficient to remove every hard corn, soft corn or corn between the toes, and the foot callouses, without soreness or irritation.

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SPECIAL QUILT SHOWING

Featured For The Fourth Week of Our FREE HEMMING SALE

Commencing Monday

Specially attractive values make this quilt showing of more than ordinary interest. There are many kinds to choose from, among others the popular English White Satin. Here are just some of the values you may expect to find.

English White Satin—In floral and scroll patterns. Single bed size—\$5.25, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$6.75. Double bed size—\$6.50, \$7.25, \$7.75, \$8.25, \$9.75. Extra Large Size—\$9.75, \$11.75, \$12.50.

English Satin—Superior grade in heavy make. Special maple leaf pattern—\$10.00, \$11.50. English Quilts in "Pearl" finish. Full size—\$12.50. English White "P. K." single and double bed sizes—\$6.50, \$7.25. English "Ripple" hemmed. Full size—\$4.75, \$5.50. English Honeycomb; hemmed. Full size—\$2.65, \$3.50, \$4.25, \$5.25.

Krinklette—Light weight quality; hemmed. Very easily laundered—\$2.75, \$3.50. American Satin—Double bed size. Three special prices—\$5.00, \$5.25, \$6.50.

THREE BIG SPECIALS IN

White Crochet Quilts For Week Commencing Jan. 28

Single bed size Special \$2.00

Three Quarter size Special \$2.25

Double bed size Special \$2.50

Hemming done free of charge during this event. Every order receives particular attention. (Linen room—ground floor.)

Be In At The Death Tonight At Daniel's

The Bargain Hunt comes to a climax tonight at London House. The ladies of the land are closing in on their quarry and "a good time will be had by all"—for all are sure to catch the prize of Perfect Economy. Come out tonight and go home richer.

Last Minute Sale News

Underwear holds out all kinds of opportunity. Warm Wooltex, light and long-lasting. And away down in price.

White Wear runs a close race. Gloves galore make a joke out of regular prices. Hosiery hits a new low level in cost, a high one in worth.

Neckwear needs no word of guidance. A good half dozen price plums. Values in Veils found only on a day and month like this.

Swagger Sweaters at special clearance savings. Kiddie Wear comes a cropper in price only. Silks and Yard Goods at resplendent reductions.

And so the story goes in twenty departments. For tonight only. Sales stop at closing time.

DANIEL CORNER KING LONDON HOUSE