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LARGE UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

Mr. John Young, of the Toronto Union of Machinists, in replying to the recent speech of Hon. A. K. Maclean at the Chateau Laurier, says that thru the books of the locals it has been conservatively estimated that there are now at least 35,000 unemployed workers in Toronto and vicinity. He says that there is more unemployment in this city alone than Mr. Maclean credits the whole Dominion with.

Elect Harper for Alderman Ward 3.

AUSTRIAN MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Vienna, Monday, Dec. 23.—With shops closed at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, after which the streets are in semi-darkness, with homes lacking in light and heat, with food and clothing at famine prices and more than 50,000 persons unemployed, Vienna's first peace Christmas promises to be far gloomier than any during the four years of the war.

The newspapers report that 50,000 persons were waiting at the meat markets on Saturday morning, of whom 10,000 had been standing in queues all night long hoping to be able to buy a small quantity of bacon. Turkeys cost $6 a pound, beef $3 and pork $5. The prices of all Christmas fruits are equally exorbitant.

MRS. HAMILTON'S THANKS.

The hospital patients will not be forgotten at this season, and Mrs. R. B. Hamilton begs to thank the many contributors towards the Christmas tree treat for patients and nurses at Toronto General and Grace Hospitals, as she will not be able personally to thank all for their generosity.

The next general meeting of the Grand Army of Canada will be held in St. George's Hall on Dec. 30., at 8 p.m., when the business of nominating candidates for office during the ensuing year, and reports from the

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 24.—(8 p.m.)—The disturbance which was over the lower Mississippi Valley last night, has moved quickly northeastward to Lake Erie, causing rain in that vicinity and snow farther north and east as far as Quebec. In the west the weather has been fair and in most districts comparatively mild.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 4 below-12; Victoria, 34-40; Calgary, 14-40; Medicine Hat, 12-32; Edmonton, 10-36; Battleford, 6 below-28; Prince Albert, 4 below-10; Moose Jaw, 10 below-29; Winnipeg, 10 below-8; Port Arthur, zero-18; Parry Sound, 14-26; London, 28-33; Toronto, 26-28; Ottawa, 16-24; Montreal, 20-22; Quebec, 20-24; Halifax, 32-38.

—Probabilities.—

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong northerly winds; clearing and colder.

Ottawa and Upper and Lower St. Lawrence Valleys—East to northeast winds with snow; colder at night.

Gulf and North Shore—Easterly gales with snow.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales from east and southeast, with sleet and rain.

Lake Superior—Mostly fair and cold.

Manitoba—A little higher temperature, with light local snow, followed by colder again.

Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair and becoming colder.

THE BAROMETER.

Time.	Ther.	Bar.	Wind.
8 a.m.	27	29.67	28 N.E.
Noon	26	.....	.....
2 p.m.	27	29.51	34 N.E.
4 p.m.	26	.....	.....
8 p.m.	27	29.23	35 N.E.

Mean of day, 27; difference from average, 3 above; highest, 28; lowest, 26; snow, 3.2 inches.

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Cards of Thanks (Bereavements)	1.00

DEATHS.

BUCHER—On Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1918, at his residence, 213 Grace street, Herman, beloved husband of Hermine Bucher. Funeral Thursday at 3 p.m. to Prospect Cemetery.

CLIFFORD—On Tuesday evening, Dec. 24, 1918, at her late residence, 334 Lippincott street, Toronto, Mary Smedley, widow of the late John Clifford, in her 80th year. Funeral from above address Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m. Interment in St. James' Cemetery.

PRESBY—At Winnipeg, from pneumonia, on Thursday, Dec. 19, 1918, John Wilkins Presby, age 72 years. Funeral service from Chapel Hopkins-Burgess, 529 Yonge, Thursday, the 26th inst., at 2 p.m.

SHELLEY—On Dec. 22, at 955 Pennsylvania avenue, Detroit, Edith E. Shelley (nee Dillon), dearly beloved wife of A. J. Shelley. Funeral from her parents' home, 175 Langley avenue, to Park Lawn Cemetery, Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2.30 p.m.

WILKINSON—At Parkdale Private Hospital, on Tuesday, Dec. 24, Edward (Ted), beloved son of Edward and Mary Ann Wilkinson, of York Mills. Funeral Thursday, Dec. 26, at 2 p.m., to St. John's Cemetery, York Mills.

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ALL RANKS GRANTED FIVE DAYS' LEAVE

Five days' leave has been granted to all ranks at headquarters and Exhibition Camp. One-half of the staff will take their holidays at Christmas and the other half at New Year's. During the past month things have been very quiet at the district headquarters, 149 College street, the principal activity being in connection with demobilization at 1 Queen's Park, where Major Goodwin Gibson has a large staff of officers and clerks employed. Owing to the continuous arrival of troopships it would be impossible to dispense with his assistants at this time.

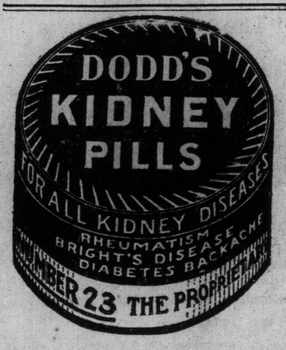
Leave has also been very generously granted to the force at R. A. F. headquarters. It is felt that the clerks and stenographers are entitled to a good holiday, as they put forth every effort to assist when the demobilization rush was on.

N.c.o.'s and mechanics of the air forces are not being discharged at present, pending certain decisions by the air ministry at London. It is not expected that any further discharges will be given to the few remaining cadets until the beginning of the new year.

UNNECESSARY LITIGATION.

Justice Riddell yesterday dismissed the action of Fleming v. the Town of Sandwich, over a real estate dispute, and ordered Mr. Fleming to pay $1701.80 toward the opening of a new street thru his property in Sandwich. In delivering the verdict Justice Riddell said:

"This case affords as striking an instance of uncompromising insistence upon strict legal rights and of wholly unnecessary litigation as often occurs in our courts. But the parties are entitled to the law as we may find it to be, and they claim their rights in that regard."



SIDELIGHTS ON TORONTO MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

(Continued From Page 4).

affect the people of the city. In short, he is an excellent man and worthy to represent any city. He is electrical contractor, and married.

Charles W. Mogridge.—Ran for office last year, but was defeated. He has a keen perception of affairs as they are in the city hall and should most certainly be able to keep out of the ruts which he has seen others drop into. He is frank in saying that the tax rate cannot be reduced with the jolt which many others are talking of, and in being so above board he is making himself eligible for a great deal of credit. Being a journalist of no mean repute, he very naturally has taken the trouble to keep posted on all civic issues thruout the country and not alone in Toronto. His platform is a lengthy one, but at the same time it is quite within reason. In other words, the young man is not making rash promises by any means. He is married.

William Harper.—A new man in the field of civic sports, therefore cannot understand what he is stacking up against, but at the same time, being a customs broker, he must have a very thoro and keen knowledge of business, and after all, that is really what is needed in the city council. And then again there is this about it: Any man who can get satisfaction in the customs house here straightway becomes eligible for any sort of office, even to being lieutenant-governor. His idea of alien business tax is excellent that is, he wants to put a 25 per cent. heavier ax upon that element than is paid by an allied subject. As for the conscientious objectors, he would also tax them to the hilt. It is understood that Mr. Harper is running upon the advice of many of his friends. He is married and is a native of Toronto.

Ward Four.

John Christopher McMulkin.—Was 98 votes behind the man who ran second last year, and when one considers that he was probably not as well known as his nearest competitor it means that he did some mighty good sliding. He is also one of the quiet type; seldom makes a speech; in fact, there is hardly a meeting passes that some visitor does not ask who he is, so that thru his reticence he has not allowed himself to be very well known. However, when he does have occasion to speak, or perhaps we should say when he does take advantage of opportunity, he does extremely well. We recall that he made quite a decided fight on the changing of Wells Hill to some other name. Of course, that may not be exactly a big issue, but it certainly caused enough disturbance in ward four, and Mr. McMulkin showed his good sense in attempting to pacify his constituents. He is an insurance broker and handsome enough to be married, even if he is not. At the present we cannot make an authentic statement on that score.

John Argen Cowan.—Has been in the city council for three years, and has been working every meeting during that time. There are those among us who may think that he is a quiet person with little to say, but they are all wrong. He is most active, and has the courage of his convictions. Takes a slam just the same as he would a boost, thereby showing that he is a regular.

He always appears to be trying to find some way to help the citizens, and what is more to the point he knows enough to make suggestions. Also we may say without fear of contradiction that he is not a lobbyer. That alone should elect him. Has the interest of the soldiers at heart, and will do his share toward straightening out the mess which the city is in. He is a gentlemen of leisure, which is enough to make him the envy of the press table. Married.

Arthur Russell Nesbitt.—Is another member who has been in the council for three years. He must be admired in his part of the town or he would not have been elected so often. However, there is the other point, which is that he is secretary of Ward Four Conservative Association. Holding that position should give him more or less prestige with the voters, providing of course that they pay any attention to the organization.

He became interested in the housing problem after it had been taken up by John O'Niell, but when the issue was up in the chamber, he did not make any effort to fight for it, showing to our mind, rather a watery attitude, because if a question is large enough to be used as means of opening the doors of the press to a person, surely it is large enough to talk about at the proper time, and in all civic matters that is the council chamber. He is a barrister by profession, and married.

Harry Winberg.—Is one of the men who caused us to get in wrong with a few of the elect because we said that he was not running in Ward Four, or we mean because we overlooked the fact that he was making a try for it. This will not be the first time that he has attempted to break into public office, but on the other occasions he entered the mayoralty race.

He is a Hebrew and should therefore stand a good show in his riding, because he will be well supported by his own people. He is connected with The Hebrew Journal, so that he too is a journalist. Certainly it must be said that the aspirants this season are right there when it comes to professions. He is married.

William Brant.—Never tried for public office, but has been a close student of the methods which have been used in the city council, and is therefore going into the thing with his eyes wide open. He must know the snags which beset the paths of all who make the grade as city fathers. Undoubtedly he has most decided views on all issues, but unfortunately we were not able to reach him, and so cannot quote for him.

Mr. Brant has been a resident of Toronto for about 34 years, having come here from England. He was in the real estate business for some time, but is now retired. He is married.

Ward Five.

Clifford E. Blackburne—Took some very decided stands during the last year, but at that he is not an outstanding feature in the city council by any means. He has put arguments on various issues, but none of them were of the sort which would make you turn and look at him. In other words, he is a good alderman, but not one that will ever make a dashing record in the press.

He is, or rather he was, in the real estate business, but we understand that he is now listed as a financial broker. One thing is that the title has a very much better sound. His was the idea to have the bells ring in the city hall tower when a troop train was due. Apparently he forgot that the trains never arrive when they are scheduled, and poor Danny Chisholm would have had to stay all night waiting to pull the cord. The proposition was turned down; but even tho it was perhaps not exactly plausible, yet it showed that he had ideas. Married.

William Rothwell Plewman—Been in the city council two years, tho not consecutive ones. Has opinions which he expresses upon everything that even suggests cropping up at the meetings. There have been many occasions when he appeared to talk himself out of breath, and, unfortunately, we must say that we do not know of any time when he swayed an issue, but he seems to have a feeling that he will some day, and so keeps right at it.

He is listed as "a war editor," which, you must admit, has a most distinguished sound, and at that he has been most successful in his line of journalism; so much so that we understand that he is publishing a book. However, in civic affairs he seems to us to be just slightly eratical, but at the same time conscientious.

Robert Henry Graham — Known thruout the country as the dean of the city council. As there could not be higher tribute paid to any man, we find it useless to attempt to invent one.

James Phinnemore—Had the distinction of being interviewed immediately upon his nomination. That is an honor that does not fall to everyone; in fact, there are men who go thru life and no one ever takes the trouble to ask them their views for publication. The enquiry in question was: "Do you believe in the principle of allowing civic contractors for civic buildings to run for civic honors?"

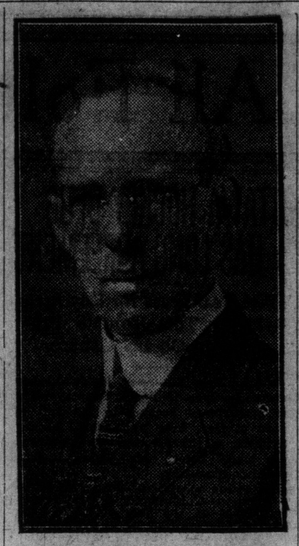
The answer came back quickly, and suddenly. The gentleman said: "Most emphatically I do." So there is no need to worry along that line; that is, providing that anyone who has a vote cares a rap. Personally we cannot see just what that has to do with the administration of the affairs of the City of Toronto. Mr. Phinnemore is a painter and decorator. Married.

Angus Beaton—Was nominated by a member of the Great War Veterans, which is possibly an indication that he will have those fellows behind him, and if he has, what else can he ask? He is a member of the G.A.C., which would naturally give him the reputation of being fearless, so far as any danger was concerned. In the city council the danger mostly lies in talking either too much or too little.

He is very strong in his views of what should be done for the returned man and also on reconstruction. As these will be two of the strongest issues of the coming year, he has fortified himself with possibly the only two things which will count at all. Mr. Beaton is an agent.

James F. Coughlin.—Ran last year, but was defeated, in fact, he came in fourth in the race, which was not particularly a close one for the first three or four, but which became more so in the last stages of the game. He has taken a very firm stand this year on the matter of the police commission, which will no doubt make him popular with numbers of citizens.

Mr. Coughlin is also in the professional class, being a barrister. Once again we cannot help commenting



W. J. C. McCREA,
Well-known east ender, who is a candidate for the board of education in Ward 8.

upon the number of men who are either lawyers or journalists. It is simply a matter of opinion which is the most desirable of the two. He is married.

Thomas E. Vallentyne.—Is once again trying for the honor of being an alderman. Last year he did not poll a very good vote, but like others, he evidently believes in the motto of trying again, if at first you do not succeed.

He is a builder by trade, and possibly by choice, but in any case he is man enough to have ideas which he will try hard to see carried out. However, it is just as difficult for aldermen to make good their promises in one term, as it is for either a mayor or a controller. Mr. Vallentyne is married.

Ward Six.

James Hamilton Ballantyne.—Is making his initial bow to municipal honors, altho he did make a stab at the Dominion ones. He is an excellent man in every respect, and altho he would be new in the game, yet he is the calibre of man who could not help making good. Not only that, but he is vitally interested in all labor questions.

His platforms were all good ones, and if he is elected it is safe to say that he will do his utmost to see that his ideals are carried out, particularly those along the lines of taxation. He is a machinist by trade, and married.

George Birdsall.—Took a most active part in the securing of the two platoon system for the firemen. If he had not done anything all year, that would have been quite enough to re-elect him, but he did not allow his activities to stop there, in fact we might say that he has been on the job every meeting, and has taken a stand on every question.

He also has a dry sense of humor which is most refreshing, but at the same time he knows exactly where he is going to stand before the question is kicked around for two or three

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Department of External Affairs.

PASSPORTS.

Owing to the sudden extraordinary increase in the demand for passports, it will be necessary for applicants to allow for a delay of two weeks after the receipt of the completed application before the issue of their passports.

W. H. WALKER,
Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.
Ottawa, Dec. 17, 1918.

SOUTHERN EUROPEANS LEAVING.

According to Sharpe & Son, steamship agents, there is not one-quarter the steamship accommodation for the large numbers of foreigners who are leaving Canada for southern Europe ports. The vast majority of these pilgrims are Italians, and next in number are many natives of the little island of Malta. Next come Greeks, Rumanians, Spaniards and Portuguese.

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