COMMISSION WOULD CHANGE AGREEMENT ON FARES TO PORT

Drop 30-Cent Rate, Give Regular 40-Cent.

WILL ASK AMENDMENT

Council To Discuss the Idea At Its Next Meeting.

The London Railway Commission, at a meeting this morning, decided to ask the city council to amend the agreement between the city and the commission so that 30-cent fares to Port Stanley for the summer may be abolished. Instead it is proposed to charge 40 cents for adults and 20 cents for children every day in the week.

According to the agreement, the commission must give 30-cent fares on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the summer season. There is no provision made for a half fare for the children.

The commission was of the opinion that the new schedule would be more satisfactory, and would work out better than the old schedule. The matter will come up before the council at the next session. There is certain to be opposition, as the council passed a resolution some time ago asking that 30-cent fares be given on Sundays as well as Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The commission will ask the council to compel the Grand Trunk to remove certain team tracks on Bathurst street, near William, as the commission has use for them at the present time.

Tenders for boilers, etc., for the bathing pavilion were let, subject to revision by Sir Adam Back and Victor Blackwell, the architect, aggregating $1,600 in amount.

Reports were presented relative to the progress of the work on the bathing pavilion, breakwater, etc., at the Port.

The summer rates will go into effect on May 24th.

HAS ALD. DYER THE RIGHT TO SIT AS COMMISSIONER?

Question Arises at City Hall, Involving Legality of Some Measures.

At the city hall some question as to the right of Ald. J. J. Dyer to sit as a police commissioner has arisen, and the legality of some of the actions of the commission may come up for settlement.

Last year the council appointed Ald. Dyer as one of the commissioners. The council of 1917 has made no appointment. Its right to do so in any event is what legal lights are questioning and there may be some difficulty.

The police commission is composed of the police magistrate, the mayor, and the senior county judge. Ald. Dyer has been acting on behalf of the magistrate. The situation is creating some talk today.

WILL SCAN ESTIMATES

Board of Control Meets Today to Begin Its Discussions.

The board of control will meet this evening to discuss the estimates of the finance committee for the year.

It is not expected that the board will do anything further than scan them, in order to become closely acquainted with the details.

On Wednesday afternoon, City Treasurer Bell will have a provisional rate struck, and then the board will commence the pruning process in earnest.

SAYS HE GOT DRUNK ON NON-INTOXICATING BEER

A pair of drunks appeared in police court today, and each left a ten dollar bill, and the court costs before he departed from the Carling street edifice.

Magistrates Macklin and Dyer listened to an original alibi today. The first one to answer to the call pleaded guilty, and the following dialogue ensued:

"Where did you get your liquor?"

"I didn't have any liquor. I got drunk in the hotels drinking nothing but local option beer."

"Well, you must have consumed a great quantity because it is claimed to be a non-intoxicant."

"Yes, I drank a whole lot, but it got me in time," said the accused as he reached for his pocketbook.

The other individual pleaded not guilty, and said that he had had but one drink all day Sunday, and that was three hours before he had been arrested. He was arrested on Wellington street Sunday afternoon following a runaway incident, in which he claimed he threw his horse by a quick pull in order to avoid running down any person.

Four patrolmen were called and testified that the prisoner was an old-timer and had been known to plead not guilty to intoxication when he had been carried into the police station too drunk to navigate.

"Four to one. I guess you have got me beat. Well, use your own judgment," said the accused to the magistrates, as they wished a ten dollar touch and costs on him.

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CITY BREVITIES

INSPECTING BUILDINGS.—J. Dufresne of the public works department of Ottawa, is making a trip of inspection of the public buildings and other proposed constructions throughout Western Ontario. While in the city he is the guest of Sheriff Cameron.

WILL TELL OF Y.W.C.A.—A feature of special interest of the meeting Club on Tuesday evening will be an address on the work of the Young Women's Association, by the secretary of the local association. In addition, an excellent musical program will be served.

NORMAL BOYS HONORED—At the final literary held in the Normal School on Friday evening, Gunners R. Doyle, R. Braddon, W. Murray, of the 63rd Battery, and Sergt. Bayne of the C. A. D. C., Toronto, were presented with signet rings as a token of the high esteem in which they were held in the Normal School.

GRASS CAUGHT FIRE.—The fire companies from central and the Rectory street halls had a run at 1:25 o'clock this afternoon to Francis street, near the Grand Trunk tracks. A passing locomotive ignited the grass and the blaze was assuming alarming proportions when a resident phoned in a call. It was extinguished in a few minutes with no resulting loss.

AUDIT SCHOOL ACCOUNTS. — A special committee of the county council called to audit the high school accounts throughout Middlesex will meet on Tuesday at 11 o'clock at the county buildings. The committee consists of William E. Grieves of Westminster Township; J. E. Harrison, reeve of Parkhill, and J. M. Ross, reeve of Lucan.

TO GIVE CHOIR CONCERT.—A concert of exceptional merit will be given by the choir of Dundas Centre Methodist Church Tuesday, March 27, when the choir and soloists will be assisted by Miss Marjorie Jones of Brantford, a very clever violinist. The newly-appointed soprano and contralto soloists will be heard in concert for the first time.

GOING TO CONFERENCE.—Mayor Stevenson, Controller E. S. Little and Controller J. M. Moore will go to Kitchener on Thursday to attend a meeting of delegates from a number of municipalities to discuss the route of the proposed provincial highway from Montreal to Windsor. It is expected that a large number will attend the session from all Western Ontario.

ROTARIANS WILL ASSIST IN BACK YARD GARDENING

Members Expected to Set Example—May Also Offer Prizes.

At the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club held today, W. R. Yendall gave a preliminary report for the gardening committee, pointing out that the work of the club would be devoted to assisting in the cultivation of back yards. A complete report is to be presented at next week's meeting, when it is also expected the members of the club will tell what they as individuals expect to accomplish.

Mr. Yendall announced that the Y. M. C. A. had taken up the work through the boys' clubs in the various churches, nine of whom have already been enlisted. It is proposed that the boys cultivate vacant lots and sell the produce, giving half of the proceeds to some patriotic cause and using the balance for the expenses of the clubs. It was suggested that the Rotary Club offer prizes to stimulate this work and also assist in the purchase of seed.

A. J. Morgan, who gave a brief address on seeds, suggested that the city should compel every householder to use his land to advantage. Titles to land, he said, were merely deeds of trust, and the holder of property was under moral obligation to cultivate it.

John M. Daly entertained the club with a much appreciated song.

LIBERAL WOMEN OF CITY MAY FORM AN ASSOCIATION

Talk of This for Purpose of Education Along Sound Lines.

London women are awakening to the fact that they are enfranchised citizens of Ontario, and as a result it is probable this city will have a Liberal Women's Association in the near future.

Several women prominently identified with the Local Council of Women have expressed warm approval of the "woman's platform" as outlined some days ago at a meeting of representative women of Ontario called by the provincial branch of the National Council of Women. At the same time they have voiced their opinion that while they propose to support measures, irrespective of party, yet by forming a third party, women would defeat their own aims. For this reason, organization has been mooted among women of Liberal leanings for the purpose of education along the lines of sound Liberal principles.

STILL NEGOTIATING

C. P. R. and Employees Have Not Yet Reached Settlement.

Reports from Montreal are to the effect that the negotiations between the railwaymen and the C. P. R. are still in progress, with no sign of a settlement as yet.

There have been numerous conferences, but nothing definite has resulted. The men are confident that the company will yield without a test of strength, such as a strike would show.

The committee will continue to sit until a settlement is arrived at, or a strike ordered.

EVERYTHING LOVELY

Mayor Gives Glowing Report on Visit to Port Stanley.

Mayor Stevenson and others visited Port Stanley on Saturday, and report that everything there is fine. The ice has gone out, and the grounds and surroundings are in the best of condition. The breakwater in front of the station has been completed. The foundation of the new pavilion is constructed and the upper portion under way. Work has also commenced on the improvements to the piers at the slipdock. It is expected that $50,000 will be expended there this season. It is reported that the Cleveland boat will dock on the west pier this summer, not the east pier as has been the custom.

Spring rates will be announced shortly.

HAVE NOT HEARD GOSPEL FOR LONG AS 14 YEARS

Missionary Tells of Work Among Shantymen and Their Needs.

Missionary work amongst men who had not heard the gospel for fourteen years was interestingly described by Rev. Thomas Joplin, field secretary of the Shantymen's Association, speaking in the interests of that organization at the South London Baptist Church Sunday morning.

The work of the shantymen, he pointed out, denied them in many cases all the privileges of the Christian life, and the great distance between them and centres of civilization entailed awful hardships for the missionaries who attempted to reach them. There are over 300,000 shantymen who have not had the gospel preached to them for years, the speaker asserted. Many of them have never even heard of Christ.

Missionary work amongst them was started by a Mr. Henderson, who after a few experiences in a Northern Ontario mining camp, determined to devote all his time and money to bringing the gospel into those out-of-the-way places.

NO COMMISSIONS TO BE GIVEN IN C.E.F., STATES NEW ORDER

Those Waiting Appointment Can Only Enlist.

CHANCE OF ADVANCEMENT

Authorities Think Many Will Now Join Ranks For Overseas.

In future no commissions will be granted in the Canadian expeditionary forces in Canada, according to information received at district headquarters of Military District No. 1 today.

What provision will be made to provide officers for C.E.F. units is not known, although it is probable that the officers appointed to commissions in the Canadian defence force will be transferred to the C.E.F. when required.

Appointments in the Canadian defence force will be open to qualified officers of the militia.

Many Now in Country.

A communication received at local militia headquarters from Major-Gen. Hodgins, adjutant-general, Ottawa, states that there are many militia officers in Canada who are qualified and waiting appointments in the Canadian expeditionary forces, who have no chance of going overseas, unless they are seconded or resign their commissions. If they decide to enlist, they will not necessarily need to serve with units in Canada, but will be collected at convenient centres and sent overseas as a special draft.

May Choose Units.

The communication states that arrangements will be made in England if possible, to allow them to be posted to any unit they prefer and that owing to their qualifications, their advance should be rapid.

Efforts will likely be made by the headquarters staff in this district, to ascertain how many officers of militia regiments will avail themselves of this privilege. It is thought by military authorities that a large number will be available in view of this announcement that there is no chance of their obtaining appointments in overseas battalions in Canada.

WOMAN DIES AFTER INDULGING IN SOME COLUMBIAN SPIRITS

Was Unable To Get Liquor—Death Came Quickly.

Unable to get whiskey or other intoxicating beverages, Mrs. W. D. McDonagh, 355 Clarence street, drank some Columbian spirits, a bathing preparation containing alcohol, on Sunday, and although a doctor was immediately called the woman died in the ambulance before Victoria Hospital was reached. There will be no inquest.

Her husband is in France, having gone overseas with the 70th Battalion. One little son, eight years old, survives her.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, pending the arrival of a sister from Detroit.

SOCIABILITY NECESSARY TO ALL THAT IS BEST IN LIFE

Rev. W. R. McIntosh Preaches Inspiring Sermon in Congregational Church.

Rev. R. W. McIntosh preached at the First Congregational Church Sunday morning, exchanging with Dr. Silcox. He gave a fine lecture on the ideal city illustrated in the holy city of Revelations xii. "There are texts and texts," said Mr. McIntosh, "some valuable for what they teach—some for what the suggest, and others that appeal to reason—others that appeal to the imagination."

The best things in life come to us by way of suggestion. We all admire the country, yet all flock to the city. Why? For the social life, the complexity of life. We only get the greater and best in life when we are intensely social. The ideal life must be intensely social, here and herafter. But we are wiser than in the olden days. We've thrown down our walls, we've pulled up the blinds. We want the security of clarity. We want nothing hidden.

The first gate suggests universality—all the same; every quarter of the world facing an angel; all men to have an equal chance.

There is a rebuke to our narrowness and our provincialism. A rebuke to the insularity of our national pride has been given in these days of war. when men, from all sides, of every race, have gathered together and laid down their lives for righteousness.

The second gate suggests diversity. Not all will be saved in the same way. The quiet Highlander silent with awe and reverence for the vision he has had and the "noisy" Methodist bubbling over with the joy of his religion—all have their peace in the plan of this ideal holy city.

The third gate is impartiality. The outlook for all is not the same. Some are more favored.

The fourth wall of this city suggests unwearing solicitude of God. Sam Hadley in the Water Street Mission is a good example of the eternal solicitude of God for all. Choose now to enter ere your day of opportunity pass forever.

SNEAK THIEVES BUSY IN SOUTH LONDON HOMES

Sneak thieves spent a busy three hours in South London Sunday evening, and their efforts obtained for them several hundred dollars worth of jewelry. At the home of Mrs. Walter Hegler, 191 Duchess avenue, entrance was gained by smashing a rear window. Going upstairs the thieves took a lady's gold watch with the name, M. L. Meek, engraved in the case, a man's Waltham watch, open face, screw back, with a Maltese cross fob, a five pearl gold ring, one pearl missing, two cameo brooches, and a .45 calibre government model Colt revolver No. 15685

At the home of Miss Emery, 95 Ridout street, entrance was also obtained by smashing a rear window. The only thing apparently taken at this house was a pair of mother of pearl opera glasses.

The owners of the houses were absent at church when their homes were visited.

Detectives are at work on all the cases, and are making a thorough investigation today in search of clues to find the thieves.

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Berlin Claims To Have Many Ships In Last Two Days

Report Sinking of the British Hospital Ship Asturias.

Berlin, March 25—By Wireless to the Associated Press, via Sayville, March 26.—The sinking of 25 more steamships, 14 sailing vessels and 37 trawlers, with an aggregate gross tonnage of 80,000, in the last few days is announced by the admiralty.

Among the steamers listed as destroyed is the British hospital ship Austurias, of 12,002 tons, and two American steamers, the Illinois and City of Memphis, previously announced as sunk.

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS WILL BE PRESENT AT THE TRIAL OF LOCAL DOCTORS

Chairman and Vice-Chairman Coming to Hear Liquor Prescription Cases.

Unusual interest is being manifested in the trial at police court tomorrow of four local doctors, each charged under the Ontario temperance act with furnishing prescriptions to persons so that liquor might be obtained by them for other than medicinal purposes.

The stage is all set for a full house tomorrow, as the case promises to be one of the most interesting heard here in some time.

Mayor Stevenson has signified his intention of being on the bench and upon the decision of the magistrates will be established a precedent for the province of Ontario.

This being the first and a test case, Chairman J. D. Flavelle and Vice-Chairman W. S. Dingman, both of the Ontario license commission, will be present.

It is expected some startling disclosures will be made as the result of the recent investigation and compilation of statistics made by Provincial Inspector Fred Corey and local inspector, J. E. Keenleyside.

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR FALL HAT YET? IF NOT, YOU'RE IN DANGER OF BEING BEHIND

Women's Rush to Get Ahead of Each Other Bring Spring Hats In Winter.

The bright spring sunshine and elevated temperature of Saturday and Sunday brought forth an array and a week-end display of new spring bonnets. But this was by no means the initial appearance of the season. Away back, the beginning of February, the "exclusive models" began to appear in the millinery show windows of the very up-to-date city of London. Fair femininity pounced upon them, and while the winter winds yet howled, the winter blizzards blizzed, and the winter snowdrifts piled high, my lady fair came forth in a perky straw or silk and satin chapeau.

What if her ears were frost-nipped and her hair congealed? So far as fashion was concerned, she was in the lead.

Formerly it was only poor people who couldn't afford more than one hat or a "hand-me-down" from a richer relative or neighbor who dreamed of appearing in a straw bonnet in midwinter. Of recent years it has become the height of fashion to literally "rush the season."

While mere man mops his heated brow, fans his crimson face with his panama or near-panama, and discards as much wearing apparel as society deems permissible, ain't he while ordinary woman frizzles and stews in August, the same damsel who dons her spring bonnet before St. Valentine's day, in the midst of the dog days when the temperature registers 120 in the shade, sallies forth cool and serene in a chic velvet or felt hat, muffled to the ears in a white fox stole.

Race for Precedence.

By Easter the pristine freshness has left the spring hat of the lady who has rushed the season. But what matters it! Moreover an excuse is afforded for a second chapeau of the year.

Miss Frivolity never misses an opportunity to grasp time by the forelock when it means getting ahead of somebody else. Miss Frivolity's sisters, aunts and cousins, and even her mother, seeing that she doesn't die of pneumonia of the brain, and that she puts their winter-worn headgear to shame, all like sheep are prone to follow her example.

This has been responsible for setting the millinery calendar a whole month ahead of former, more slow-going years.

The openings were in full bloom long before the sun in its course proclaimed that spring had come on March 21st. This has been the case for some years past.

The cynic says the reason Miss Frivolity didn't succumb to pneumonia of the brain this year is that it is impossible to have a disease in an organ that doesn't exist. The sporting editor takes up cudgels for the fashionable fair. He declares that he counted dozens of "spring lids" at a hockey match before the end of February, and "believe me, ten of those girls belonged to a hockey team, and were some swell dames, all right," Which was conclusive proof that their upper stories were properly filled as well as becomingly crowned.

Her Own Lookout.

In any case if my lady wants to take chilblains in her scalp isn't it her own business. The millinery trade can't be blamed for making the most of the opportunity offered.

But the Easter parade isn't what it used to be in the good old days when woman was willing to swelter a week earlier, muffled to ears in winter togs, that she might emerge in all the glory of fresh array on Easter day.

Didn't any devotee of fashion in more elder days ever get her ears nipped wearing her spring hat and find herself chilled to the marrow in an Easter suit that she might appear in regulation attire on the day decreed for coming forth so clad?

The married man sighs and answers, "No difference at all, 'twixt then and now. It's all a phase of the mystery of the eternal feminine, and voting won't make a bit of difference."

WESTERN "U" GIRLS MAY ASSIST ON THE FARMS

Movement on Foot to Get Volunteers For National Service.

Following the example of the girl students of Toronto University and Queen's, the fair "co-eds" of the Western are giving their serious attention at the present to the contribution they will make during the coming summer to national service in the way of agricultural work. Some are already planning to offer their services to farmers in this district.

Miss Hilda Baynes, lecturer in French, is taking up the matter with the girls, two or three of whom have expressed keen interest. It was stated in this city last week by Miss Una Saunders, national secretary of the Y. W.C.A., that some hundreds of girls are enrolled for agricultural work at Toronto University and a number of these will engage in fruit-picking and other work in the Niagara peninsula, the Y.W.C.A. to take charge of camps which will be established.

It is understood that some definite step along the lines of national service will be made by the girls of the Western in the next few days. Closing examinations begin April 30, and close about the middle of May. Four months would be offered for service, provided the students volunteered for the entire summer.

COUNCIL WILL PASS MOTION REQUESTING MAYOR'S SIGNATURE

Merchants' Money for Hospital Still Held Up.

There will be a special meeting of the city council this evening to discuss another of the famous checks which Mayor Stevenson has refused to sign. The latter is the one covering the overdraft of $13,000 for Victoria Hospital. His worship refused to sign the check at the last meeting of the council, and Controller E. S. Little was authorized to sign it. He did so, but legal technicalities prevented the payment. Now the council will meet, and pass a resolution requesting the mayor to sign the check at once. City Solicitor Meredith has framed up the necessary motion, in due legal form and the council will pass it. If his worship does not sign the check at once, a member of the board of control will do so. The money should be available in a day or two.

BROOMS JOIN PROCESSION OF HIGHER PRICED ARTICLES

And Manufacturers Say Another Rise Is To Be Expected.

Even the spring housecleaning is going to play a part in sending the high cost of living higher. Brooms, which are acknowledged to be 75 per cent of the spring "drive," registered an increase of 29c a dozen or thereabouts on Saturday, and are selling now for $6.75 a dozen. Of course, nobody wants a dozen, but the price for one large-sized whisk is now just about 56 cents. There are numerous grades and brands of brooms, and although the increase affects all of them the increase will not be the same percentage of the former prices in each case.

Manufacturers say the increased price is necessary because of the difficulty of securing broom corn. At one time this could be purchased for $300 a ton. It is now selling for $380 a ton, and is expected to advance to $400.

LAW QUIETS RUMORS OF LANDING BY ENEMY ON THE BRITISH ISLES

London, Mrch 26.—Rumors which have been in circulation for some days on the landing of Germans in Scotland or at a place on the English coast received their quietus in the House of Commons today. Chancellor Bonar Law said that, so far as it was possible to give any reason for the origin of the rumors, they probably were due to the fact that home defence troops had been told to be ready for an emergency. This often happened, but in the present instance it created an unusual commotion.

FOR BELGIAN RELIEF

More Donations to Cause Acknowledged by Treasurer.

Mrs. A. T. Edwards, treasurer of local Belgian relief, wishes to acknowledge the following contributions received for Canada's relief committee: Edith Cavell Memorial Patriotic League, Bothwell, $10; Mrs. J. M. Tilliman, city, $10; Mr. J. B. Clark, Cedar Springs, $5; Miss Mary B. Smith, Parkhill, $5; Mrs. B. Taylor and Miss Tilly Taylor, Blyth, $2; Mrs. H. A. Moore, city, $1; Mrs. D. A. Cole, (monthly) Chesley, $2.50; Mr. Waletr Fairbairn, Hensall, $5; the Estherville Red Cross Society, $10; The Oneida Sewing Circle, Southwold Station, $5; The A.Y.P.A. of St. James Anglican Church, South London, $5; the same damsel who dons her spring bonnet before St. Valentine's day, in the midst of the dog days when the temperature registers 120 in the shade, sallies forth cool and serene in a chic velvet or felt hat, muffled to the ears in a white fox stole.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

FUNERAL OF MRS. HANLEY.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Hanley, who died on Thursday, was held today from the residence of her son-in-law, T. J. Murphy, 235 Hyman street. Requiem high mass was sung at St. Peter's Cathedral by Dean McKeon, and the services at the grave were conducted by Rev. Father Finn and Father Quinlan of Strathroy.

The pallbearers were: O. Labelle, M. O'Sullivan, J. J. Callaghan, M. J. Gleeson, J. Sullivan and R. M. Burns.

DEATH OF W. G. BANFIELD.

The death of William George Banfield occurred at Victoria Hospital early today, after an illness of some length. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Banfield, three daughters—Flossie, Grace and Gwendoline, all at home, and one son, William, at home.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon from his late residence, 344 Eleanor street. The services will be conducted by Rev. R. T. Fergusson of the Centennial Methodist Church, and interment will take place at Woodland Cemetery.

DEATH OF SOLDIER.

Ill almost since his enlistment in the 63rd Battery on March 7, Robert Crossman died in the military hospital last night from diphtheria. His father, John L. Crossman, resides in Detroit. A message has been sent to him notifying him of his son's death, but no reply has been received.

Funeral arrangements have not been made, but it is likely that full military honors will be accorded to the dead soldier, although interment may take place in Detroit and not here.

He was born at Edmonton, Alta., but lived the greater part of his life in Texas and other of the western states, where he gained a name as a rancher and cow-puncher.

TO BE BURIED HERE.

A special service will be held at the Church of St. John the Evangelist for Dr. Charles Fisher, who died in Detroit on Sunday night. A private service will be held at the home of his family at 808 Waterloo street, tomorrow, and the funeral will go from there to the church. Rev. Canon William Craig will conduct both services, as well as that at Woodland Cemetery, where interment will take place.

Dr. Fisher was the son of Lieut.-Col. C. E. H. Fisher of this city, and was well known here. He was graduated from Western Medical College, as well as from the University of Michigan. He was a prominent athlete during his college days, and played with the rugby team in 1901. He was also a member of hockey and lacrosse teams.

DEATH OF MRS. MacGREGOR.

The death of Ellen S. MacGregor occurred on Saturday at her residence, 125 Bruce street. She was the widow of James MacGregor, and was born in Caradoc Township 76 years ago.

Interment will take place at Cook's Cemetery, Mount Brydges.

DEATH OF MRS. PARDOE.

Mrs. Laura Pardoe died in St. Joseph's Hospital this morning after a lengthy illness. She was the widow of the late Alan Pardoe, formerly of Toronto.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday morning at 8:30 to St. Peter's Cathedral from her late residence, 115 Dundas street.

ESCAPES SENTENCE

WALKERTON, March 25. — Saturday Mrs. Helwig pleaded guilty before Judge Greg of the county court to being a party to a conspiracy with Tony Zuber in blackmailing several citizens, demanding money for an alleged case of rape. She was let go on suspended sentence on condition that she leaves town in ten days.

Zuber elected to be tried at the assizes, which take place next week before Judge Latchford.

NEW SERVICE BADGES TO BE ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT

Four Classes Will Be Sent Out—Present "Returned Buttons" Not Legal.

Provisions of an order-in-council recently passed, authorizing the issue of four classes of war service badges, were received today at district militia headquarters.

The order provides for the free issue of the badges by the military authorities, and makes it illegal "to manufacture, sell, purchase or wear any other badge purporting to be for such purposes as the war service badges are issued."

Class A badges will be issued to those who have been honorably discharged after active service at the front.

Class B will be for those honorably discharged after six months' service in the C. E. F., or after less than six months' service, provided that their discharge was by reason of some disability due to military service.

Class C badges are for those who have been discharged after less than six months' service in the C. E. F., or who have volunteered and been rejected as physically unfit.

Class D will be for those who have volunteered but have been refused, owing to the fact that they are considered more useful to the state in their actual occupation than if enlisted.

A further provision states that no badge will be issued to men discharged by reason of the cessation of working pay if they are still fit for overseas service.

Infringements of the provisions of the order-in-council are punishable by a fine not exceeding $500 or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

The badges will not be available for some time, but will be forwarded as soon as possible to the various military districts, with complete instructions regarding their issue.

These provisions will render the wearing of the button worn at present by returned soldiers, which is provided by the patriotic fund, illegal. Until the official badges are ready for distribution, however, it is probable that wearing the present badges will be allowed.

ARTILLERY PRACTICE FOR 63RD AT PORT STANLEY

Will Have Targets Out on Lake, Giving Fine Training.

Preparations have been made for the members of the 63rd Depot Battery at Queen's Park to obtain some artillery target practice at Port Stanley in the near future.

Owing to the fact that there are no vacant spaces of land in the vicinity of London sufficiently large to allow artillery firing without the danger of destroying property or lives, permission has been obtained to place floating targets in Lake Erie, and it is expected that much good will result from the practice thus obtained.

The detachments which will go to Port Stanley probably some day this week, have already been chosen, and the boys who were fortunate enough to be selected are the envy of all their friends.

Owing to the movement of the target due to the waves, the gunnery practice provided at the lakeside will be of an additionally difficult nature. This method of target practice has been tried at Toronto, however, and proved of excellent training value.

This morning the battery boys enjoyed a driving drill (a route march on horseback) and seemed reluctant to return to camp after the pleasure of a ride in the keen morning air. Leaving Queen's Park by the King street gate, the route followed was along King street to Wellington, Wellington to Hill, Mill to Talbot, Talbot to King, King to Ridgeway, Ridgeway to Wharncliffe, Wharncliffe to Dundas, Dundas to Wellington, Wellington to King and King street to the camp.

MORE APPOINTMENTS MADE TO 7TH OVERSEAS COMPANY

Additional appointments of officers and non-commissioned officers for the headquarters staff of the 7th Regiment Overseas Company were announced today by Major Gordon Ingram, subject to the approval of the military authorities administering this district.

Sergt. Masters, who served with the "Princess Patricias," will be quartermaster-sergeant of the new unit.

Sergt. Maurice Lee of the 18th Battalion, and Sergt. Rawlings of the 1st Battalion, both returned men, will act as recruiting sergeants.

Lieut. Crosbie of the 142nd Battalion will be the first officer for the overseas draft, and another will likely be appointed in a day or two.

Sergt. Edward Walker of the 18th Battalion, as announced some days ago in The Advertiser, will be sergeant major of the overseas company.

A start will be made tomorrow morning to take on men at the office in the armories, who after training here will be sent to the 4th Reserve Battalion in England, and from there to the 1st and 18th Battalions at the front.

No recruiting scheme has been prepared as yet, pending arrangements with the civic recruiting committee.

The men will be at first allowed a subsistence allowance and billetted at home until sufficient are recruited to make quarters necessary. The men to be attested in the 7th Regiment first and then will sign up for service in the overseas company.

REVIVALS SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BY PASTORS

The annual conference of the Lambton and Middlesex Baptist Pastors' Association has been timed this year to coincide with the visit to London of the Baptist divine, Rev. Joseph Kemp of Calvary Baptist Church, New York, in order to afford the members of the association an opportunity of meeting and hearing him.

The first session met this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Wortley Road Baptist Church, Rev. H. Elmer Green of Forest, the president in the chair.

The conference will be entirely devoted to papers on, and discussions of problems of pastoral work.

The subject of "Revivals" is receiving special attention this afternoon. The program opened with an address on "The Work of the Church Before Revival," by Rev. W. E. Mason of Lobo, followed by an address on "The Work of the Church During Revival," by the president, Mr. Green, and an address on "The Work of the Church After Revival," by Rev. W. G. Young of this city. Several minutes are allowed for discussion folowing each paper.

Rev. Joseph Kemp is giving the closing address of the afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

The delegates will join in the special service this evening in Talbot Street Baptist Church, conducted by Mr. Kemp. Some fifteen or twenty ministers are attending.

For the Tuesday forenoon session the following is the program: 9:00, devotional, Rev. W. M. Walker; 9:15, address, "The Four Gospels," Rev. J. M. McLachlan, Strathroy; 9:45, discussion; 10:15, address, "The Problem of the Church After the War," Rev. J. W. Boyd, London; 10:45, discussion and closing.

CLEAR VIOLATIONS OF TREATIES, IS U. S. CHARGE

Washington, March 26.—Germany's "clear violations" of the treaties of 1828 and 1779 and her "disregard of the canons of international courtesy" were assigned by the United States as reasons for refusal to re-affirm or extend these agreements. The note of refusal to Germany transmitted through Dr. Paul Ritter, the Swiss minister, was made public today by the state department and disclosed that this government "is seriously considering" whether Germany's conduct has not in effect abrogated these treaties.

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Landed at Quebec from Overseas Service

Quebec, March 26.—The following is the list of returned soldiers that reached Quebec yesterday morning from overseas:

Montreal—H. H. Smith, J. Taylor, G. Turner, J. Vaillancourt, M. Wells, M. Wood, B. Williams, R. Abbott, S. J. Beardmore, D. C. Kerr, E. Hicks, H. Lesler, F. McNab, C. Pelletier, A. Strugnell, J. Samaran, F. Sinclair, J. Simpson, E. S. Seceerec, Martin Delany, J. Deacon, E. Prechette, H. Foston, C. Forrest, W. Green, V. Gravel, W. Hadley, E. Hornsby, A. Holisher, R. Anderson, W. Burrows, S. Boatlee, V. Barck, P. Baker, A. Cole, C. Charron, G. Campbell, J. Copeland.

Toronto—G. Addy, T. Brewer, A. Bryson, H. Bickerseoff, J. Brown, W. Bolton, A. Burness, A. Broomer, A. Bradstock, A. Cluderay, D. Cockburn, M. J. Clair, M. Chiddenton, W. Davis, V. Forman, H. French, F. Furniss, H. Greengrass, J. Grady, H. Hooley, J. Hopkins, F. Howett, L. Heath, W. Harding, W. Hannan, A. Hardy, T. Hewitt, T. Hargon, D. Jones, R. Joneston, A. Koopman, J. Kennedy, P. Lloyd, A. Maynard, A. MacKinnon, O. Morrall, R. McNee, W. Masson, N. Munroe, R. Maxwell, F. Nugent, C. O'BRIEN, E. Pett, J. Reeves, J. Rexen, J. Robb, F. Riley, R. Roberts, J. Rapley, F. Ray, H. Sinclair, T. Smith, J. F. Sullivan, W. Stanley, R. Tetlow, G. Thompson, B. Terry, E. Thomas J. Valentine, A. Wilson.

Ottawa—A. Zisheinsky, G. Donovan, R. English, T. Lowry, J. Lawrence, A. Cassidy, H. Muldoon, J. Stanger, J. Verdon, T. Wilson.

Guelph—A. Aitken.
Oshawa—F. Brugger.
London—C. Begler, L. Beeson.
Hamilton—W. Billyard, S. Boswell.
Brantford—J. Cann.
Belleville—C. Clairmont.
Prescott—H. Cook.
Sarnia—H. Dickens.
Windsor—J. Demontalambert.
Bellville—H. Harris.
London—E. Jones, R. Kingsley.
Brockville—J. McKenzie.
Kingston—E. Morey.
Cobourg—A. Moffatt.
Brockville— J. Mercer.
Walkerton—C. Nutting.
St. Thomas—J. Roxon.
Port Hope—W. Downey.
Stratford—H. Desroche, A. C. Nab.
Brantford—H. Fitzpatrick, J. Pizzey.
Hamilton—A. Flewett, O. Gardner, E. Hamilton.
London—H. Hildebrand, A. Rowley.
St. Catharines—J. Hartley, W. Malone.
Hamilton—B. Huckle, B. Merrington.
Peterboro—R. Irwin, J. McFadden.
Woodstock—W. Long.
Port Arthur—J. McCarry.
Cookstown—M. Marling.
Peterboro—A. Moscrop.
Georgetown—H. Norman.
Windsor—E. Purdy.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

Chicago, March 26.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Wheat—					
May	193	193¼	190⅜	190⅞	191
July	166	166¾	163½	163¾	163⅜
Sept.	152	152	149⅝	150¼	148⅞
Corn—					
May	116	117½	115¾	116	116¼
July	114⅜	115⅞	114⅜	114⅝	114⅜
Sept.	112¾	114	112¾	113	112½
Oats—					
May	61¾	61⅞	60½	60⅝	..
July	58½	58¾	57⅞	57⅝	..

CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

Chicago, March 26.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Pork—				
May	$34 55	$34 55	$34 55	$34 55
July	33 60	33 60	33 60	33 60
Lard—				
May	19 85	19 85	19 85	19 85
July	19 87	19 87	19 87	19 87
Ribs—				
May	18 07	18 07	18 07	18 07
July	18 22	18 22	18 22	18 22

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

Winnipeg, March 26.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Wheat—					
May	190	190	190	190	188¾
July	186	186	186	186	184⅞
Oct.	154⅛	154⅛	154⅛	154⅛	152⅞
Oats—					
May	64¼	64¼	64¼	64¼	64½
July	63	63	63	63	62⅞

STANDARD STOCK AND MINING EXCHANGE.

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Toronto, March 26—Noon.

	Bid.	Ask.
		Week.
Aper	9	9¼
Dome Extension	26	26⅛
Dome Lake	18½	19½
Dome Mines	18½	..
Imperial	3½	4
Jupiter	30	32
McIntyre	191	192
New Holly	520	525
New Ray	132	135
Porcupine Crown	64	65
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