

LONDON'S VACANT LOT GARDENING RAISED \$11,979 LAST YEAR

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The amount of produce, if sold, that was raised by the citizens under the vacant lot gardening scheme last year at the prices which prevailed in the fall, would amount to \$11,979.40. The following is the amount of produce which was raised and reported to the association by the citizens in bushels:

Potatoes, 8,942½;
Carrots, 350½;
Turnips, 502½;
Onions, 397;
Beets, 241½;
Heads of cabbage, 13,493;
Tomatoes, 177½ bush;
Corn, 1,045 dozen;
Pumpkins and citron, 297 bush;
Celery, 429 bush.

The financial report showed that there was a balance of \$18.25 to the credit of the association. One alderman was appointed in each ward by the city council to arrange for the gardening work of this year. At the meeting they were authorized to approach the city council regarding a grant for the association the same as last year.

The following are the names of the members of the committee: Ald. L. S. Holmes, Ald. S. R. Manness, Ald. F. G. Watkinson and Ald. Wm. Wilson. A committee was also appointed to nominate officers for the annual meeting which is to be held on March 5. The committee is composed of E. R. Hamilton, Mayor C. R. Somerville, E. D. Burk, Dr. F. Bryant, E. Tamen and Ald. S. R. Manness. The proposal to increase the membership fee to \$2 instead of \$1 was left over for the annual meeting. Mr. Hamilton suggested securing the advice of experts in preparing the potatoes for seed, as much trouble was experienced last year in the curing of the Carman potatoes to the Irish Cubblers in reference to what kind was the best to grow. A hearty vote of thanks was given the supervision and prizes committee, of which E. B. Hamilton is chairman. Ald. S. R. Manness was chairman of the meeting.

FUNERAL OF LONDON

GIRL AT HESPELER

The funeral of Miss Mabel Aikens of this city took place in St. Andrew's Church at Hespeler at 2 p.m. Wednesday, the service being conducted by Rev. Mr. Small, the pastor. A brief service was also held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Aikens, 229 Hyman street, Tuesday evening by Rev. D. C. MacGregor of St. Andrew's Church, this city.

During the service at Hespeler a solo, "Some Sweet Day," was sung by Mrs. Pierre of Hespeler with much expression. Interment was made in the family plot in Hespeler Cemetery. Six cousins of Miss Aikens were pallbearers: James Howard, James Brown and James Aikens, Thomas Aikens, John Ling and Thomas Elchert.

Miss Aikens is survived, in addition to her parents, by one brother, William John Aikens, of this city. Another brother, Wilson Aikens, was killed at the battle of the Somme in 1916.

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AIRMAN JACK WALKER, FORMERLY OF LONDON, DIES HEROIC DEATH

Plane Crashes and Burns During Raid Against the Hun.

News has been received in the city of the death of Lieut. Jack Walker, nephew of Mrs. (Dr.) Woolverton of Grand avenue. The young airman, who was also listed as missing, and who has since been repatriated, has reported that he saw the machine of Lieut. Walker crash and burst into flames.

Although Lieut. Walker has been absent from this city for almost eight years, there will be many that will remember him, he having been employed in the Cowan Hardware Company for some time, leaving this city to start in business for himself in North Bay. After a three day-session the flying in this city resided on High street, and was connected with the firm of Plewes & Walker.

Lieut. Walker is survived by his wife who is now on her way to Regina from London, where she is residing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Walker, and three sisters, Miss R. Walker, Miss Jessie Walker and Mrs. Holland.

The squadron to which Lieut. Walker was attached was engaged in the dangerous work of bombing an enemy aerodrome when he met his death.

C. S. PARKER HEADS CLAYWORKERS ASSN. FOR ANOTHER YEAR

Was Elected at Closing Session of Convention Held Yesterday.

At the clayworkers' convention on Thursday, Calvin S. Parker was re-elected president of the Western Ontario Clayworkers' Association. The other officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, Alfred Wehlan, Castro; secretary, Gilbert Armstrong; director, William McCredie.

After a three day-session the convention came to an end yesterday, but the chairman of the natural gas committee, if it is desirable, call the committee together on short notice to discuss the natural gas question, which it is expected will be taken up most thoroughly in the near future.

A resolution was passed requesting that the question of freight rates be taken up with the railway commission by the executive.

Yesterday morning H. Ferguson of the Canadian Oil Company of this city spoke on "Lubrication." "Drier Problems" were discussed by J. H. Hest, representative of E. M. Freese, Gallon, Ohio. William McCredie, vice-president of the W. O. C. A., addressed the clayworkers on "Peace-Time Problems and the Outlook for the Future," while C. Martin spoke on the "Coal Situation."

DETAILS SECURED IN RY. PROBE OF USE WHEN BUYING

City Would Like To Get Independent Auditor.

In connection with the proposed investigation of street railway conditions in this city, there are rumors circulating to the effect that it will be made with the view to having the city take over the road and use it as a source of relief in the way of increased fares. There is little thought that the road would be taken over in the near future, but the facts gleaned from the investigation will be useful when negotiations are commenced for this.

Some Suspensions. L. Tall, treasurer of the street railway company, pointed out at the meeting of No. 1 committee when an investigation was decided upon, that the man chosen for the work should be acquainted with railroad conditions. When the aldermen admit that a railway auditor would be able to give a better report, they say there is a danger that he would be in sympathy with the company and his finding might be influenced by his sympathy. If an independent auditor could be secured, who is thoroughly acquainted with railroading, to preside, such a report as the city wants, the aldermen think this would be advisable.

There are some rumors to the effect that Sir Adam Beck will be asked by some person or persons to make a valuation of the road shortly, for the eventual purpose of the city taking over that he knows nothing of this at all. Ald. S. R. Manness is opposed to the city paying the expert in connection with the investigation. He thinks that the company should pay for this, as it is the asking for the increased fares. He would have the city appoint the man and the company bear the expense.

CONTROL OF WORKING PEOPLE BY OWNING CLASS A DETRIMENT

City Clerk Baker Tells Citizenship Meeting.

GOES AFTER SWEATSHOPS

Mayor Somerville and J. M. Moore Among the Speakers.

Some forty persons attended the education-in-citizenship meeting held in St. Andrew's Hall last night. Mayor T. G. Murphy was chairman. City Clerk Samuel Baker gave an interesting paper on why London has not progressed as the founders of the city had expected. Mr. Baker declared that the early settlers of London had not been to blame for any defects on the city's progress. There had been men of vision, and, therefore, London had the cheapest street car service, water, light and power on the continent.

One detriment to the city in the speaker's opinion was that law and custom emphasized ownership which meant that the owning class had more or less control of the working people. Money had been tight as far as industries were concerned but not for mines and banks.

Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Baker spoke of the great opportunity afforded the Chamber of Commerce if the people would back it up. It was the mission through which industries could be helped.

Labor in the speaker's opinion had not been recognized as it should have been and Mr. Baker paid his compliments to the sweat shop. Land values should be fixed by the amount the land brought in and not by its price. Vacant land should be fairly properly taxed. Figures were quoted that showed capital followed industry, and that the city that neglected its streets, schools and workers, drove away capital.

Mr. Baker declared that there had been a lack of good men running for public office in the past, but that the electors had done the very best with the material they had to work on.

Retarded Growth. Favoring the owner's preference to the worker and the failure to work hand-in-hand with the board of trade had retarded the city's growth. Mr. Baker's opinion and the industrial interests had also failed to co-operate in giving better shipping facilities.

Land values had not received the proper attention they should and street improvements had been neglected as far as factory districts were concerned. J. M. Moore gave a short history of the city's form of government up until the present year and also outlined a scheme of commission government to the audience.

Among those who took part in the discussion that followed were: Mayor T. G. Murphy, Mayor C. R. Somerville, Dr. H. H. Arnold, E. E. Thompson and Messrs. Bees and Webster.

Public Ownership. Mayor Somerville declared that there were some branches of activity that were natural municipal businesses, which should never be allowed in the hands of private corporations, and cited as examples the waterworks, electricity, telephones, gas, and street railway ownership. The mayor did not think coal yards came under this head. He would place coal under the same heading as groceries, clothing, etc.

At one time the scarcity of coal had warranted a civic coal yard, but at present he did not consider it a public ownership business.

Mayor Somerville favored a 2-year term for city officials, as it was more likely better men would run than under the present one-year regime.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

THE FUTURE OF THE AIR.

One road with interest in last night's Advertiser the letters of those two "sons of blighty," George Keats and Fred Young, the one expressing his concern for the future of booze and the other anxiety for rules governing the road, which prompts another son of "the tight little isle" to write concerning the future of the air.

It is common knowledge that the war has made a tremendous effect on the progress of flying. The science of the air was developing with great strides when hostilities broke out, and the world had not come along with it should have seen immense changes during four and a half years, but cannot be doubted that the struggle for military ascendancy in the air has quickened the pace. It has not been merely in matters of speed, handiness in control or fighting value that our achievements have been pronounced, but in such directions as carrying capacity, endurance and safety, which are even more important from a peace point of view.

The work of our aeroplanes in combating piracy, hunting submarines, and bombing German munition centres has evolved types of machines essentially suited to what we believe will be the future domain of aviation—commercial utility as opposed to mere sporting ends.

The linking up of the continents by air is actually accomplished, as the flight to India shows, and the crossing of the Atlantic is plainly only a matter of a short time. One is concerned, therefore, for the necessity of promulgating laws and regulations necessary to meet the new era which is upon us. The necessity for proper rules is evident, and it is good to know that our experts have so far advanced in thinking out the problems involved that the draft of an international agreement is ready, with the corollary regulations required to safeguard our own public in the domestic flying field.

It is obvious that we cannot allow the air to be at the mercy of irresponsible persons who like to buy an aeroplane or to build one in his back garden. There must be rules both for the safety of those in the air and, still more important, for the safety of the rest of us below.

If anyone could fly in any sort of machine, accidents would be innumerable; therefore the use of the air must be confined to expert pilots on trustworthy machines.

It is evident that there must also be a great organization on the ground, in the shape of aerodrome, from which the machines can start and to which they must return. Indiscriminate landing must be ruled out as rigidly as circumstances will permit.

There must be training facilities for pilots, as we see a body to examine them when trained.

Naturally, all this should come under the purview of national authorities. Yours truly, WILLIAM GILES.

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LESS THAN HALF SATURDAY



Whether or not your immediate needs suggest the purchase of a superior quality coat or suit, foresight and economy urge upon all women the necessity of investigating this clearance sale, replete with unequalled features in coat and suit reduction offerings now at minimum, half price. The qualities and the pricings alone would commend these garments to discriminating women, but the continued scarcity of woollen materials makes buying at these prices an event of double importance just now. Turn this opportunity to your advantage, and investigate this final clearance of ladies' coats and suits and children's coats.

Every Winter Coat at Less Than Half Price

We will not attempt any descriptions, as the styles are all this season's, and the materials are velours, chevrons and velour-finished frieze; cosy-fitting collars, belted and fur-trimmed models, in navy, brown, green, raisin or black.

35 Coats in ladies' sizes and 20 'misses' or small women's coats. Prices \$14.88, \$21.50 and \$25.00

All Children's Coats at half price, also a few ladies' Suits, high-grade models at less than half price \$22.50, \$47.50 and \$55.00

Georgette Blouses

Clearing Less Than Half

All odd lines of Georgette Blouses, also crepe de chine, will be found tabled Saturday for speedy clearance, much less than half price, to make way for new spring stocks. Come early for these.



Table No. 1, your choice for

..... \$6.95

Table No. 2, your choice for

..... \$3.95

Second Floor.

SPECIAL QUALITY YARD-WIDE TAFFETA SILKS, FOR \$2.50 YARD.

Taffeta Silks are going to be great favorites again this summer. The leading fashion centres are contributing smartest models of Taffeta Silks, and the demand will surpass previous seasons because women know exactly the advantage of this silk for cool wear; something that almost rids its surface of dust by merely shaking. These special features should be the first to consider in selecting your summer skirt or dress. Tomorrow we show for the first time a purchase of yard-wide, all pure silk taffetas, in heavy double thread weave, the best value and the lowest price in several seasons, and suggest you make an early selection while we are able to supply these colors—old blue, taupe, gendarme blue, navy, sand, beaver, also black, also the new in shot effects: navy and black, navy and brown, grey and black, Belgian and black; yard wide, only \$2.50 yd.

Georgette Crepes in new colors; a range of about 25 colors now in stock of our special indestructible quality, pure silk \$2.50 yard

See display of fancy Georgettes—the finest collection of the newest novelty patterns for separate waists, tunics, overdresses and sleeves. The colors are varied and will combine with most colors; 40 inches wide \$4.00 yard

SATURDAY CANDY SPECIAL

Another 150 pounds of fresh-made Peanut Butter, our own make, same as sold last Saturday. While it lasts, 25c lb. Also 100 boxes of fresh Chocolates, assorted flavors 25c box

An Excellent Suit of Clothes for \$25

Men who know the values we have given in the past also know what to expect when we announce that these suits on sale Saturday at \$25.00 are exceptional quality for the price, and we would advise you not to overlook this lot.

A good suit of clothes at \$25.00 should appeal to any man in need of a new suit, and you will find here on Saturday a very attractive range of tweeds, worsteds and navy blue serges. The tweeds and worsteds are greys and browns, in checks and stripe effects, regular sack and the double-breasted body-fitting styles, with regular or slash pockets. The serges are the regular sack coat style. You will appreciate the values here offered. Sizes 35 to 42. Price \$25.00

BOYS' SUITS, \$4.95.

Several complete ranges of Little Boys' Suits, in tweeds and worsteds, comprising brown, grey and mixed patterns, in the newest juvenile styles, with belt and buckle, convertible or sailor collars, all neatly trimmed, with straight knickers, very exceptional value; sizes for boys 3 to 7 years. Price \$4.95 a suit

MERINO COMBINATIONS, \$1.75 SUIT.

A medium weight line of Men's Combinations in the natural shade cotton merino, a very serviceable underwear for those who do not wear heavy wool, suitable for present wearing or early spring, all well made and durable, sizes 34 to 44. Very special at \$1.75 suit

NEW SPRING CAPS, \$1.50 TO \$3.50.

Men's Spring Caps, assorted shades and patterns, Eastern brand, lined, very smart looking. Get your spring cap now while there is a good choice of patterns, sizes 6¾ to 7¾. Prices \$1.50 to \$3.50 each

MEN'S HEAVY WOOL SOCKS, THREE PAIRS FOR \$1.00.

You save one pair of socks by buying three pairs for \$1.00 here on Saturday; heavy wool, in medium or dark grey and khaki shades, standard sizes. Prices 3 pairs for \$1.00

SPECIAL IN TIES FOR SATURDAY, 75c EACH.

A fine assortment of Men's Silk Four-in-Hand Ties, in neat assorted patterns, good wearing quality, loose flowing ends—at a big reduction in price, a clearing of broken lines. Saturday price 75c each

CORTESE ORCHESTRA—Saturday Afternoon AFTERNOON TEA.

Ham Sandwich, Layer Cake, Cup of Tea 25c
Oyster Stew, with Thin Bread and Butter 25c
Club Sandwich 25c

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The season's final clearing of all odd and broken lines—two tables full: One table of Ladies' Vests and Combinations, odd and slightly soiled lines, to clear at half price; one table of odd lines in Children's Vests, Drawers and Bloomers, all half price. Second Floor.

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Large Aprons, made of very fine white cotton, at \$1.25 and \$1.50

Dutch style Dusting Caps, made of good quality print. Price 15c each or 2 for 25c



MEN'S TWEED RAINCOATS, \$12.75.

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BOYS' BLOUSES, \$1.00 EACH.

A quantity of Boys' Blouses in neat stripe effects, with collar attached, of good wearing and washing qualities, also plain white; all have adjustable band, button at side, no drawstrings; there is also the new patent hook on collar; sizes for boys 6 to 15 years. Price \$1.00 each

CORTESE ORCHESTRA—Saturday Afternoon AFTERNOON TEA.

Banana and Pear Salad, with Thousand Island Dressing, Thin Bread and Butter 25c
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