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ONDON IN RACE WITH U. S. FOR HONORS

Western Ontario Conservative Association Meets Here

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nsider Making London anent Headquarters of W. O. Association.

RING IS THE MOST EPRESENTATIVE HELD

Reorganization of Party der Discussion At the Convention.

e most representative gather- ld by Western Ontario Con- Association assembled at the street club rooms this after- cuss plans for future organi- hear distinguished members y from Ottawa and Toronto. Drayton, M. P., West York, nce minister, represented the nization. Lieut.-Col. W. H. provincial treasurer, and Goldie, provincial secre- up from Toronto for the d there were many mem- d former candidates from uencies embraced in the trict. So large was the at the rooms were inade t was decided to adjourn all.

the successful outcome of tion's work in the Ju- here is a feeling among members that the impetu e allowed to die out. sident, is in favor n's Conservative well as plans for young der party auspices, and it is that the meeting will also noposal for permanent head re, with supervision of the rn district direct.

matter to be discussed is a hold a banquet here in honor h. Arthur Meighen, federa

ON ADVANCEMENT.

f the party at the provincial nd the evidences already n. G. H. Ferguson's Govern- rength, prompt decision and nent, as well as econom ented upon by those attend- ferred to by the speakers ounty was represented by wartha, member-elect for n; Charles G. Middleton, the south riding associa- Consitt and W. H. Elliott, riding executive; George deral candidate in North 21; Dudley Holmes, Wing- thers. Ex-Warden W. H. Chesley, was down from and in conversation with ress emphasized the need nization.

two or three hundred at a nd yet find certain parts unrepresented," he said; y is to have responsible work, in charge of every anization of the rural dis- uch needed as any other

num, K. C., of Aylmer, those present for East

n, of St. Catharines, M. P Hugh C. McKillop, M. P., J. J. Merner, ex-M. P. John McFarlan, ex-M. L. esex; W. R. Dawson, late East Lambton, and W. dstock, were among those

MEETING.

e meeting was held after e general session opened on Page Eighteen.

WEATHER

R—MILDER.

PROBABILITIES.

Moderate winds, fine. Friday — Southwest winds, fair and milder.

NOTES

The weather is fine and comparatively mild throughout the Western provinces, while from the Great Lakes eastward it is rather cold and light snow has fallen in many localities.

ERATURES.

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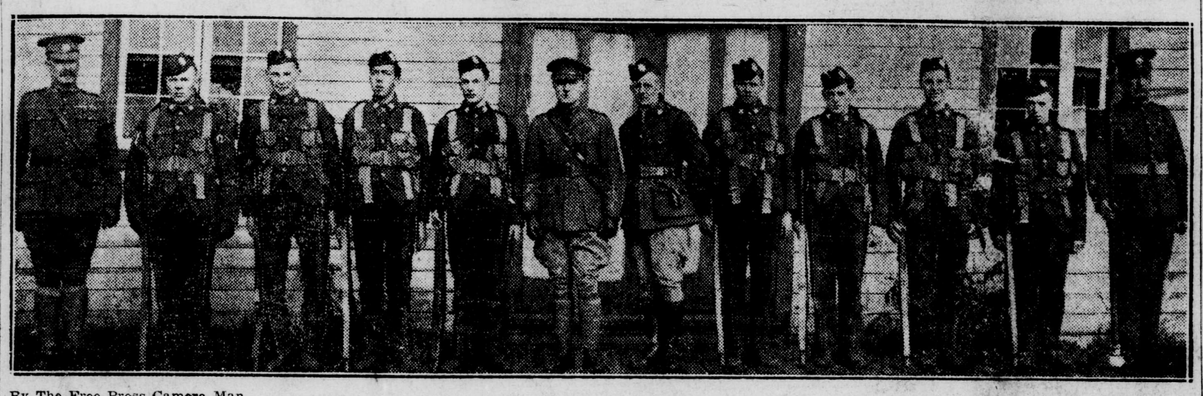
Future Leaders of Highland Light Infantry of Canada



By The Free Press Camera Man.

Attached to the Royal Canadian Regiment at Tecumseh Barracks are Lieut. J. C. Richardson, of the Lambton Regiment, and Lieut. J. A. MacDonald and nine other ranks of the H. L. I. of Canada at Galt, all of whom are taking a six weeks' short course in infantry command and training. Above ,from left to right—Sergt.-Major Instructor W. J. White, M.C., W.O.1, R.C.R.; Corpl. R. McKellar, A. Snutch, C. F. Nighton, R. Johnson, Lieut. J. C. Richardson, Lambton Regiment; Lieut. J. A. MacDonald, H.L.I. of C.; C. Richardson, R. Bain, E. Thompson, H. McDonald and Q. M. S. E. J. Wyatt, D.C.M., R.C.R.

TRIAL OF BANK MEN MUST BE BY JURY

Nine Directors and Officials of Home Bank Ask Speedy Hearing.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE IS BEFORE JUDGE

Prosecutor Asks That Cases Be Traversed To January.

TORONTO, Nov. 1.—Nine directors and officials of the Home Bank appeared to-day before Mr. Justice Smith in the assize court charged with conspiracy in connection with the failure of the bank. The charges were laid under sections 414 and 444 of the criminal code.

Mr. Justice Smith will announce on Friday, November 9, whether the trial of directors and officials of the Home Bank of Canada, charged before him with conspiracy in connection with the failure of the institution, will be deferred until January or whether the accused are entitled to a speedy trial under part 18 of the criminal code.

Announcing his intention to reserve decision, Mr. Justice Smith faced the problem of what to do with defendants, demurring at Mr. McCarthy's suggestion that they should remain in custody. It was finally decided to admit them to bail.

D. L. McCarthy, K. C.; H. J. Scott, Crown Attorney Eric Armour and Deputy Attorney General Bayly appeared for the crown, while a dozen lawyers, Hon. N. W. Rowell, K. C.; W. N. Tilley, K. C.; I. F. Helmuth, K. C., and H. H. Dewart, K. C., represented the various directors and officials.

Mr. McCarthy, special prosecutor, addressed by the crown, asked that trial be deferred until January, but W. N. Tilley, appearing for R. P. Gough, vice-president, urged that the defendants be dealt with under part 18 of the criminal code, dealing with speedy trials.

ASK SPEEDY TRIAL.

"We all elect a speedy trial," he said, "and ask to be taken to the proper judge."

Mr. McCarthy objected that "the matter is not properly before your lordship until the accused are in custody."

To this Mr. Tilley spoke of the appearance in police court. "If my friend takes the position that the matter is not right at this moment, then I do not know what the proceedings are," he said. "The defendants are here for the purpose of surrendering bail."

Mr. Tilley then quoted the act, saying: "We claim our right to have trial at the earliest possible moment."

Mr. Tilley quoted authorities for an hour and he was supported by Hon. N. Rowell. Mr. McCarthy, however, submitted that they had not adopted the proper procedure.

MUST BE JURY.

Mr. Justice Smith then enquired if the charge could be tried without a jury. Mr. McCarthy replied that the case must be tried in the court in which it now is and by a jury. It was unnecessary to consider decisions in other provinces. "You are bound by the sovereign case," he urged.

"The defense were not in a position to elect as to whom and by whom they should be tried," he maintained. "It can't be done here; they must go before a county judge," concluded Mr. McCarthy.

"[illegible], we'll go there," said Mr. Tilley.

Mr. McCarthy then closed by asking [illegible] accepted and the cases [illegible] ased to January. If the contention of the defense was correct, they could go to the county judge, surrender their bail and take steps to place themselves under section 825 of the code.

No Diabetic Patients Have Died Here Since Insulin Distributed

Total of 22,150 Units of Banting Preventive Have Been Sent Out and Indigents Supplied Free In Two Months.

In the two months that insulin has been distributed free to indigent diabetic patients of London and Western Ontario —September 1 to October 31, this year—exactly 22,150 units of the almost magical remedy have been sent out by the London Institute of Public Health, through the department of which Dr. J. Slack is in charge.

In the three months since insulin began to be distributed locally not one diabetic patient has succumbed to diabetes.

Many have been brought to Victoria Hospital and similar institutions throughout Western Ontario, already sunk into the dread diabetic coma, which, before insulin, was the unfailing sign of rapidly approaching death. These, without fail, have been literally snatched from the grave and most of them are on the way to lengthened years of life.

Free insulin for indigent people was one of the first official acts of the new Provincial Government, of which Premier G. H. Ferguson is the head. No section of Ontario has taken fuller advantage of that great state welfare plan than has London and district.

Insulin has been supplied in quantities to St. Thomas, Sarnia, Exeter, St. Marys, Chatham, Inwood, Stratford, Strathroy and many other points.

Accurate records are kept by the Institute of Public Health, of which Dr. H. W. Hill is the dean, showing what patients receive the free insulin and the results of such treatment.

SCORES INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Coaches, Crowded With Passengers, Roll Into Field.

ORLANDO, W. Va., Nov. 1. — More than 75 passengers were injured, four seriously, when Baltimore & Ohio train No. 62, a local running from Clarksburg to Richwood, was derailed near here to-day. Two coaches crowded with passengers jumped the tracks and rolled about 40 feet into a field, where they came to a stop upside down.

The injured were brought to a hotel here.

THREE DIE IN SMASH

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 1. — Three men were killed early to-day when a Philadelphia & Reading Railway milk train struck an open switch here and plunged over a trestle siding. The train was on its way to Harrisburg.

REV. A. T. SOWERBY RESIGNS PASTORATE

Pastor of Maitland Street Baptist Church To Retire.

After two years as pastor, Rev. A. T. Sowerby, Ph. D., has tendered his resignation to the deacons of Maitland Street Baptist Church. Dr. Sowerby has been a resident of London for a number of years and prior to accepting the pastorate of Maitland street church he was in charge of Talbot street church for sometime. He is a popular citizen and a beloved pastor and it is likely that the deacons will ask that he reconsider his decision to retire.

Prior to coming here the doctor held several important pastorates in United States centers He is also a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity.

BRANTFORD DRIVER IS KILLED BY M. C. TRAIN

BRANTFORD, Nov. 1. — Sidney Rendle, 40, of Brantford, late of Toronto, was killed this morning near Lasalette, when the bakery wagon he was driving was hit by an M. C. R. train. He leaves a wife and five children.

FINES "VAG" 10 CENTS AND OFFERS TO PAY IT

Kind Woostock Magistrate Snubbed When Prinsoner Decided On Jail Instead.

WOOSTOCK, Nov. 1.—A fine of 10c or five months in jail, was Magistrate Ball's finding, when John Smith, an elderly veteran of the world war, appeared before him to-day on a charge of vagrancy.

"I'll pay the fine myself, if you wish to go," said the magistrate, but Smith decided that without a job and a hard winter ahead, he would take the five months.

LET RATEPAYERS DECIDE QUESTION

Of London Street Railway Purchase Method.

THE PRESIDENT ADVISES

President Charles Currie, of the London Street Railway Company, who is in the city on one of his regular visits, suggests that in view of the fact that it may be impossible for the company and the city to agree upon a purchase price in time to submit that price to the ratepayers for approval, it would be wise to ask the electors at the coming elections whether they wish to take over the road. Then, if the citizens give their consent to this it would be possible for the two parties to reach an agreement next year that would be satisfactory to the city and fair to the company.

"I believe it would be possible to reach an agreement with the city that would be entirely satisfactory to the citizens," Mr. Currie stated, discussing the proposition to-day. "I believe it would be a good plan for the Council to submit a vote to the electors this year asking if they wish to take over the road. That can be done without any price being set. Then, if the people decide they want the road, there should be no difficulty in the company and the city getting together next year and settling upon a price. There are many things that could be agreed on without any trouble and if there happened to be a few points on which the two could not agree it would be an easy matter, and certainly not a costly one, to submit those points for arbitration.

"According to the franchise by-law the city should take the road over by arbitration," Mr. Currie continued. "But we would be perfectly willing to negotiate for the sale of the road and we would sell it in that way, but we want a reasonable price."

"The public thinks the company is asking entirely too much when it asks $55,000 a mile," it was suggested to Mr. Currie.

"Does the same public think the offer made by Sir Adam Beck is a fair one for the company?" Mr. Currie replied.

It is generally understood that the price which has been decided upon by Sir Aram Beck, in accord with the report of his engineers, is approximately $1,100,000.

While Mr. Currie did not discuss that angle of the situation at length; in fact, he did not mention what price has been offered, he insisted that the price set by Sir Adam is entirely too low.

"Our price was based on actual figures prepared for us by experts who valued the road," Mr. Ivey explained. "Taking the valuation made some time ago and adding to it the cost of work which we have completed since brings the present value to $55,000 a mile."

"What about depreciation?" he was asked.

"That was taken into consideration in the present valuation," Mr. Currie assured.

"I am convinced that if the Council would submit a vote on the question of taking over the road, leaving aside the question of price, for some would oppose the purchase even if the price were placed ridiculously low, the purchase could be negotiated next year without any difficulty," Mr. Currie concluded.

BLUENOSE WINS THE RACE AND TROPHY

Defender Walks Away From U. S. Schooner In Spanking Breeze.

BEST SAILING WEATHER SINCE RACES STARTED

Captain Walters Scores Fine Victory For Canada In International Contest.

ON BOARD THE LADY LAURIER, OFF RACE COURSE, Nov. 1. — The Bluenose, the Canadian fisherman, today demonstrated her superiority over the Columbia, of Gloucester, American challenger for the international fishermen's trophy, in a rip-snorting northeaster that caused both skippers to shorten sail and shower their decks with spray with every plunge. By today's win the Bluenose retains the trophy won two years ago from Elsie and retained last year off Gloucester in competition with the Henry Ford.

There was little to choose between the two schooners to-day off the wind, but when the outer mark was reached and a start was made on the 17-mile thresh to the windward line, it was apparent that the Bluenose would win. She ate to weather of the challenger under conditions said to be favorable to the Columbia and seemed to make better weather than the Burgess boat. Walters won out at the start and was never headed.

WEATHER FINE.

This morning furnished the nearest approach to racing weather the week has produced, and the Columbia and Bluenose were both away from their wharves before 8 a. m., jockeying about in the outer basin of the harbor in a 5-knot wind from the northwest, waiting for the gun to send them across the line on the second of the international series. A signal from the starting committee on the breakwater indicated that No. 2 course would be sailed. This is the same course sailed over on Monday, when the Bluenose won a thrilling victory.

After the pouring rain of the previous night, the sky was overcast and wintry when the schooners went down the harbor to "tune up" for the start, but as the clock approached, blue sky began to appear in patches and an ideal racing day was predicted.

Five-minute gun found both schooners behind the line, with all sails set except topsails. They were circling swiftly around one another, seeking the advantage for a quick dash across the line on the gun. They came about together about 50 yards back of the line, and it looked as though Bluenose would be the gun across the mark. Time, Blue nose 9.27; Columbia, 9.40.

JOCKEY FOR LEAD.

The schooners got away to a fine start and, running almost before the wind

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ABBEY TOO CROWDED FOR LAW MEMORIAL

Statue Will Likely Be Placed in Lobby of Commons.

BY HARRY N. MOORE.

Special Cable to London Free Press.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—A proposal to erect a fitting memorial to the late Right Hon Bonar Law will be raised in Parliament as soon as the session reassembles in two weeks' time.

There is little doubt that the final decision will be the erection of a statue to be placed in a vacant niche in the inner lobby of the House of Commons, close to the spot where he labored for more than a quarter of a century.

The majority of people would prefer to see a memorial raised to the former prime minister in Westminster Abbey, Valhalla of the empire, but owing to the already crowded state of this building it would be impossible to find space for a suitable memorial without disturbing other memorials.

APPLIANCE FOR DIAGNOSING OF DISEASE PERFECTED HERE BY WESTERN UNIVERSITY DOCTOR

Patents Asked For In Canada and United States, While Michigan University Laboratory Works On Similar Plan With Hope of Securing Patent First—Lack of Funds Handicap To Securing Honor For Canada.

DR. R. A. WAUD DISCOVERS REVOLUTIONARY METHOD OF DETECTING CERTAIN DISEASES

While the sporting interest of the whole continent is now turned towards the international schooner race at Halifax, another race—the stakes of which are international prestige and the betterment of mankind—is being staged in the laboratories of two neighboring universities—one in the United States and the other in Canada. The former, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and the Canadian university is the University of Western Ontario in this city.

A few weeks ago it was announced that Dr. R. A. Waud, of Highgate, was on the point of perfecting an appliance and method of diagnosing diseases of the circulatory system of the body, and also other diseases indicated in that system.

To-day it is definitely learned that success has crowned Dr. Waud's efforts. A patent has been applied for at Ottawa and steps are being taken to secure a patent in the United States. When that is accomplishd, if it is, the full details of what will work a revolution in certain phases of disease treatment will be published.

MICHIGAN U. WORKING.

But, it is also definitely known, scientists of the University of Michigan, backed by that wealthy and long-established institution's resources, are working day and night along similar lines in order that they may perfect a method similar to Dr. Waud's and secure the U. S. patent.

So far the University of Michigan's experiments have only reached one of the earlier phases of Dr. Waud's successful research work. One of the most important features of the local discovery has not yet been worked out. But they have worked out another point upon which the efficacy of Dr. Waud's diagnostic method depends, and from now on it is a race against time as to whether the great honor now almost in Western's grasp will be retained by it for Canada and Western Ontario, or be lost to the American Institution.

It is suggested that the board of governors of the U. of W. O. should immediately place a sum sufficient to cover the cost of Canadian, American and foreign patents at the disposal of Dr. Waud and Dr. F. R. Miller, head of the department of physiology, in which Dr. Waud has carried out his researches, so that it may never be said again, as of Dr. Banting, that London and the university let a tremendous opportunity slip through doubtful or supine fingers.

FUNDS ARE NEEDED.

The university governors are being approached to-day, and in view of the university's slender financial resources at present an appeal may be made to the City Council for a special grant.

All senior faculty members of the medical school have been shown the details of Dr. Waud's method and have pronounced it epoch-making in the medical diagnostic sense.

It is pointed out that Dr. Waud would have completed his work from six months to one year earlier had he been able to devote his full time to it. He has carried on his search for an apparatus that will mark a new era in blood pathology, partly by night work while carrying on a country practice, and partly by week-end experiments conducted in the university laboratories in Dr. Miller's department.

If those concerned take immediate action it is certain that the prestige of the University of Western Ontario will be notably enhanced. London and Western Ontario, in consequence, will also secure a large space on the map of world-benefiting discoveries.

Common History Book For Empire Is Not Favorec

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The economic conference meets this afternoon with a varied program, ranging from patents to educational books. With reference to the latter the previous proposal of a common history book for the empire met with scant sympathy.

The objection raised was that the different dominions had different historical backgrounds and that so far as Canada was concerned provincial rights would have to be taken into consideration. A resolution submitted was then withdrawn, but another phase of the question is to come before the conference.

MAYOR WILL NOT MEET LAWRASON

Meeting On Public Platform Is Not Acceptable.

ON CITY HALL PROPOSITION

Claims His Proposition Is Not Being Met.

Mayor Wenige refuses to accept the proposition submitted by S. F. Lawrason in connection with the challenge issued by his worship with reference to the mayoralty election. Because Mr. Lawrason submitted a plan of what he believes would solve the city hall question, the mayor challenged him to try conclusions in the mayoralty race. But Mr. Lawrason pointed out that he had not the time to consider that, but he proposed that, as the discussion arose on the city hall proposition, he would meet the mayor on the platform on that question. He proposed that the two plans be submitted for the approval of the ratepayers and each party could champion his own plan. But that is not acceptable to the mayor.

"That is not accepting my challenge," Mayor Wenige declared today in reply to a query. "What would be the use of accepting that proposition suggested by Mr. Lawrason. He knows what my challenge is and if he will accept it I will meet him, but I cannot consider his proposition at all."

TWO KILLED BY DYNAMITE BLAST

Premature Explosion At Quarry Has Fatal Results.

THIRD MAN IS HURT

Montreal Men Victims of Accident At Villeray.

MONTREAL, Nov. 1.—Two men were instantly killed and a third slightly injured when a stick of dynamite prematurely exploded at the Villeray quarry in the north of Montreal, yesterday. The dead are: Paul Pailment, 41, and Jas Reid, 30, both of this city. J. O. Bissonette, 24, was taken to the hospital suffering from severe shock, but his condition is not serious. Pailment, who was in charge of the operation, was tamping the dynamite down, when he thrust against what he thought was an obstacle down the opening in the rock in which it was placed. The dynamite exploded, pieces of rock fracturing the skulls of the two men, who died instantly. The third man was thrown to the ground, but was not struck by flying rock.

DECLARES ESKIMOS WERE GIVEN A FAIR TRIAL

Defense Counsel Declines To Discuss Move For Reprieve.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 1.—That the Eskimos tried at Herschel Island for murder had been given a thoroughly fair trial and that everything was in accordance with the best traditions of the British court of justice was the statement made last night by Thomas L. Cory, of Ottawa, counsel for the defense, who reached Winnipeg yesterday, after leaving Herschel Island on August 12. Mr. Cory declined to discuss the movement on foot for getting the condemned Eskimos reprieve on the ground that they were not familiar with the laws of civilization.

OWNER QUIZZED IN FIRE PROBE

Meyers Gootson Gives Evidence At Fire Probe.

SEVERAL NOT QUESTIONED

Continue Inquiry Into Blaze At Soda Water Works.

An investigation, which took up the greater part of the morning, was conducted to-day by D. H. Saville, deputy fire marshal, of Ottawa, in the office of Fire Chief Aitken into the origin of the four fires which broke out at various intervals in the plant of the Dominion Soda Water Company, of London, Limited, within the past two years.

Meyers Gootson, chief shareholder in the company, was questioned concerning his association with the company and other matters. Other shareholders of the concern were also present, but were not questioned. They were represented by Howard Cluff, counsel for the company. The number of shares held by Gootsen and other shareholders, and his status in the operation of the firm, is understood to have been the principal object of the quizzing.

Noel Pettet, manager of the Pettet Pattern Works, whose establishment is directly above that occupied by the Dominion Soda Water Company at 665 Dundas street, was not present. It is understood that the allegation said to have been made by Mr. Pettet that the fires were the work of an incendiary who had designs on his establishment, has been found by Mr. Pettet to be incorrect.

Little information is allowed to leak out concerning the investigation by Deputy Fire Marshal Saville through the shroud of secrecy which surrounds it, but the greater part of the inquiry is understood to be over, with only a few remaining details to be cleared up. The conference to-day was lengthy and took up the greater part of the morning. The participants adjourned at noon.

BURN GUY FAWKES ON LOCAL MARKET

Old English Custom Will Be Revived On Monday.

Reviving an old English custom, Guy Fawkes of gunpowder plot fame, will be burnt in effigy on the market square on Monday night, November 5. Several patriotic societies will stage a torchlight procession through the city's main streets that night, headed by brass and bugle bands. The straw and oil-soaked image of the gunpowder plotter will be born in the procession, and when the parade reaches the square it will be set fire to. It is understood that permission for the pradae and jollification has been secured from Mayor Wenige in return for which, and as a special honor, he may be asked to set the torch to the scarecrow.

Thousands of interested citizens will watch the parade and old-time Guy Fawkes burning, if the weather is propitious, it is expected.

INCREASE OF 42 IN POPULATION OF CITY

A net increase in population of 42 is shown in the vital statistics for London for the month of October. This is 29 less than the increase in the corresponding month of last year. There were 123 births and 81 deaths registered during the month just closed, as compared with 138 births and 67 deaths for October of last year.

During October of this year there were 78 marriages registered in the city clerk's office. This is an increase of 13 over the registry for the corresponding period of 1922.

STRIKE DEEP OIL WELL IN ROMNEY

Now Shooting Oil 150 Feet In the Air.

DRILLERS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Believe Well Will Be One of the Best In Years.

CHATHAM, Nov. 1—The first deep oil well to be struck in Romney township came last night on the farm of Hugh Shanks, two and a half miles west of Port Alma. Reports received in the city to-day are very optimistic and there is every indication that the well will prove one of the best struck in this part of the province in recent years. The well came in shortly before midnight and at 9 o'clock this morning was shooting oil 150 feet in the air. Oil was struck at a depth of 2,500 [illegible] ed in by the Southern [illegible] Company.