If This is Effected, Only Nineteen Will Be Left in Canada.

### **GUESS AT IDENTITIES**

Banker Says It is Probably Two Large Institutions

tion of the Bank of British North America by the Bank of Montreal, but not until yesterday did such reports assume definite form. Until an official statement is made, surmises as to the identities of the institutions involved can be expected to take in nearly, all the nineteen chartered banks left in Canada after the recent amalgamations, but when the actual facts emerge it is probable that the great majority of forecasts will be proven at fault. The general assumption is that one of the large banks is making overtures to a small one, but a prominent Toronto banker told The World that two of the big institutions will probably be found to be concerned.

Sir Edmund Walker said last night that the Bank of Commerce was not engaged in any merger negotiations whatever, and Stewart Strathy of the Royal Bank was equally positive in his disclaimer. The opinion of the "street" is that the Bank of Nova Scotia is not a party, either, to the reported "conversations," for negotiations have not gone beyond a tentative stage. On the authority of a minister of the crown, who is a member of the federal treasury board, no such proposal has yet come before the government. He stated to The World's staff correspondent at Ottawa last night that he would certainly be aware of any such move if it had been made.

The Bank of Hamilton is mentioned in

absorbed Niagara District De

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Fewer and Fewer.

In 1869 there were 27 banks in Canada; from 1874 to 1884 there were 40; in 1889, 41; from 1894 to 1898, 38; in 1909, 30; in 1912, 26; in 1914, 23; and today there are 21 in the Dominion, and will be only 19 when the Northern Crown and Bank of British North America are taken over

## TRIBUNALS TO SIT **MIDDLE OF MONTH**

Exemption Will Be Notified.

C. Lesslie Wilson, provincial regis-

The men in category B who claimed exemption will all get notices from the registrar telling them when and where their cases will come up for where their cases will come up for hearing by exemption tribunals, and get the notices before being ordered to report. In the meantime the B men are to take no notice in regard to military service until they hear to military service until the meantime the service where the military service until the meantime the service where the military service until the meantime the service where the military service until the meantime the service where the service where the meantime the service where the meantime the service where the service where the meantime the service wher

tionnaires are returned to the registrar for lack of proper addresses, the

men place themselves in the position of forfeiting their right to exemption.

Exemptions when granted are always subject to review by government authorities, even if the men affected are in medical category E. The registrar has always the right to exemption.

Local No. 191 of the Milk Drivers' and Teamsters' Union held an enjoyable concert at Orange Hall last night, several hundred members and friends being present. More than 30 euchre tables were on the floor and a number of well-known entertainers helped to make a delightful evening. men place themselves in the position to request the return of a man's ex-emption card. If the request should be refused the offender is liable to a penalty of a hundred-dollar fine. Regarding the questionnaires sent to farmers, the registrar reports that they are being answered in a way is very satisfactory.

## CANADIAN CASUALTIES

MACHINE GUN CO.

RAILWAY TROOPS

Killed accidentally-Joseph Brassard, Wounded-Donnell O'Donnell, Ireland.

Killed in action-Major J. G. Tatlow.

MEDICAL SERVICES. Died-Leslie E. Croysdill, England. England.

Wounded—Cpl. George E. Bee, England.

# **AUTOMOBILE MEN**

Accessories Dealers Resolutions Dealing With Motor Business.

The Ontario Retail and Automobile Accessories Dealers' Section of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada last evening concluded its first convention with addresses from such well known automobile expents as F. B. Caswell, general sales manager of the Champton Spark Plug Co., of Canada; F. B. Uttley of the Acton Publishing Co., C. K. Nelson, manager of the Toronto branch of the Splittdorf Electric Co.; T.H. Elliout of Griffin and Saddler, R. A. Balter of the Baker Advertising Agency, Mr. Madden of the A. D. Gortje, Co., Ltd., and other well-known men.

Angrove of Kingston, treasurer; W. C.
Miller of Toronto, secretary; executive
committee, J. A. McLaren and W. A.
Warren of London, Thomas Livingston of Hamilton and R. B. Robson,

Guelph.

F. B. Uttley of the Acton Publishing
Co., advocated the policy of doing just
what the other fellow would forget to
do or never think of doing, of always
being an optimist, and of realizing that
other firms and individuals need your
commodity. In line with his advocacy
of originality Mr. Uttley began his address by ordering every man in the
audience to stand up and take a
stretch, which injunction was followed with aflacrity.

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Must Live With Ideal.

F. B. Caswell emphasized the need of living with one's business or ideal if it was to prove enduring. The simple things, he said, were the ones to know and to use in dealing with prospective buyers. "Never," he concluded ed, "cloud your prospects with detailed ed, "cloud your prospects with detailed scientific non-essentials. Give him scientific non-essentials.

Among the resolutions passed by the convention was one calling upon the members to assist in securing positions for returned soldiers. Others called for the need of making the daylight saving bill Dominion wide, for the need of preventing undue exploitation by false advertisers, for the need of a joint conference with representatives of the Canadian Manufacturers' Asso-Men in Category B Seeking of the automobile business.

#### SURVEY SITUATION OF RETURNED SOLDIERS

A survey of the whole returned soltrar, states that a thousand of the dier situation in Ontario, with a spemedical category B men in Toronto cial individual report from each of the military district have already receivby his department. sion held in Toronto yesterday, with Hon. W. D. McPherson presiding. Also attending were K. W. McKay, St. Thomas; W. L. Best, Ottawa; J. B.

military service until they hear from the registrar.

The registrar states that several of in mind for the betterment, or making the tribunals in Toronto, both local more complete, of the present system courts and appeal courts, will com- of alding the incoming war veterans. mence sittings on April 15. His opinion is that the cases of the B sion has now branches in 132 of the men will probably go before the appeal tribunals for hearing in most cases.

Forfeit Their Rights.

Attention is drawn to the importance of the B men making sure that their present home addresses are on file at the registrar's office. If questionnaires are returned to the regis-

CONCERT AND EUCHRE.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Charged with theft from Adam Libosky. Andrew Collody, a Russian, 16
Portland street, was arrested last night on a warrant by Detective Nursey. He will answer to the charge in the police court today.

The regular work meeting of the Fleur de Lis Club was held last night at the home of Mrs. L. Canning, Main street, when a full attendance of members was présent. The usual two boxes of soldiers' comforts were packed, after which other patriotic work was engaged in Light refreshments marked the conclusion of the meeting.

# **MUCH YORK LAND**

SUNDER GRASS

Farmers' Association Residence of the second of the second

#### AYERS ENDORSE MAIL CARRIERS' PLEA

The letter-carriers' appeal to the Dominion Government for a living wage was strongly endorsed at a meeting of the Earlscourt Citizens' Committee, held in Earlscourt Public School, North Dufferin street, last evening. George R. Ellis occupied the chair.

Robt. H. Cox, secretary of the letter-carriers' committee outlined the position of a letter-carrier and his arduous duties, and pointed out the insufficient remuneration for such services.

The members were unanimous in their agreement that the scale of pay was insufficient to support a man and his family, and a resolution to that effect will be sent to the Dominion Government.

ment.

The wastage of food in Winnipeg was the subject of much discussion. The Canada Food Board was strongly criticized for its refusal to fix a price on potatoes, and particularly seed potatoes.

"There will be thousands of tons of rotten potatoes thrown away presently," said Geo. R. Ellis, "which should have been forced on the market long ago," he said.

#### IS INVALIDED HOME. Signaller H. A. Barber Gets Reception From Friends.

The home of W. J. Barber, 52 Pleasant boulevard, bedecked with flowers inside, the gifts of friends, and bunting outside, has been the scene of considerable interest during the past few days, the occasion being the return from overseas of has son, H. A. Barber, signaller with the 53rd Battalion.

Before enlisting Signaller Barber was employed as draftsman with the board of education, going overseas in September, 1916. He saw active service in France for ten weeks, when thru cold and exposure he was invalided to an English hospital at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Four months later he was sent to King's Canadian Convalescent Hospital, Bushby Park, and from there invalided home. Sig, Barber leaves in a few days for Whitby Military Hospital. Signaller Barber, coming home in a hospital ship, says there was no possible cause of complaint on the home voyage, all being well treated.

#### GOOD TEMPLARS MEET. Initiations Made Into Both Branches of the Order.

A meeting of the Hope of Earlscourt Adult Lodge, I.O.G.T., was held last evening in Loblaw's Hall, corner of Earlscourt and Ascot avenues, Bro. J. Mitchell presiding. Solos were rendered by W. Magee, J. Dargie, jr., and J. Christie, A special feature of the enentertainment was the Highland dancing by Miss C. Carter.

One candidate was mitiated and 45 members were present.

Miss Jane Anderson, superintendent, presided over a meeting of the juvenile branch, when six new members were initiated and over 50 members were present.

### ADULT BIBLE-CLASS.

The adult Bible-class of Hope Methodist Church held a social evening last night, C. J. Bell presiding in the absence of Miss Helen Buckberroughs, who was detained thru illness. Violin solos were rendered by Miss A. Rushwork, and others who contributed to the evening's pleasure were Mesdames Strong, Prescott, Sudgeon and Sheppard.

### FLEUR DE LIS CLUB.

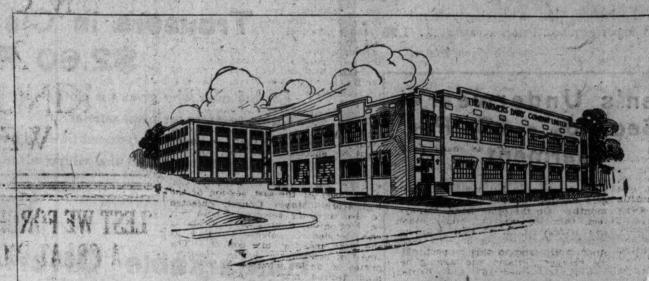
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