HAMILTON NEWS

HAMILTON COUNCIL CONCLUDES LABORS

No Frills at Inaugural, and Annual Luncheon Will Be Dispensed With.

Special to The Toronto World.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—The city council this evening finished the labors of 1917 and did not overlook the opportunity to extend thanks to Mayor Booker for the capable manner in which he had presided in the past twelve months. Replying, the mayor projected compliments in the direction of all and sundry, especially lauding the controllers for the keen and conscientious co-operation they had accorded him.

The mayor's announcement that the annual luncheon would be dispensed with, and that there would be no frills at the inaugural meeting, received the endorsation of the council. It was felt that the public, in permitting the entire council to be returned by acclamation, did so with a view to dispensing with needless expense.

Lieut.-Col. C. E. Davey of this city will take charge of the soldiers' convalescent home and military hospital at the Brant House. An announcement to this effect was made today. Col. Davey returned home last week after serving nearly three years overseas.

Tax Collector Kerr cannot close the tax rolls for 1913 and 1914 because there are a number of taxes still outstanding. This information was given out at the board of control meeting today as a result of the tax collector applying to the controllers for an extension of time for the closing of the 1913 and 1914 rolls until May 31 of next year, and for 1915, 1916 and 1917 until Nov. 30 of next year.

Request of T. Reginald Sloan, local barrister, for another medical examination was turned down by Judge Snider at the sitting of the appeal tribunal today. Mr. Sloan was first placed in category E and granted exemption until that class was called upon. The military representative appealed and on a second examination Mr. Sloan was placed in category A2 and given until Feb. 1 to arrange his business affairs before being called to the colors. At the tribunal yesterday Mr. Sloan contended that he was not physically fit.

A MILITARY WEDDING

Phyllis Marjorie Henderson Wedded to Major D. H. Storms.

Hamilton, Dec. 28. — Christ Church Cathedral was the scene of a prominent military marriage today when Phyllis Marjorie, second daughter of Mrs. C. F. Henderson, was united in wedlock to Major Douglas Hinch Storms, M.C., C.F.A., younger son of Dr. D. G. Storms. Very Rev. Dean Owen conducted the ceremony and Miss Amprose played the wedding music.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Norman L. Henderson of Montreal, and was attended by her sister, Miss Dorothy Henderson. Capt. Harold Storms acted as best man. The ushers were Major Drew, D.S.O., and Major Lancaster of St. Catharines. The bride was attired in white crepe de chene, the skirt paneled in silver brocade, and the bodice trimmed with silver lace. The veil was of old family lace and the bouquet sweetheart roses and lily of the valley.

Following a quiet reception at Mrs. Henderson's, Duke street, Major and Mrs. Storms left for Toronto, where they will make their home for some time, as Major Storms is one the instructional staff at the exhibition.

The bride traveled in a long coat of taupe cloth, trimmed with seal, small black hat of satin and tulle, wreathed in French flowers of pastel tints.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS MEET.

Hold Dinner and Social Evening While Discussing Outlook.

Nearly one hundred members of the Social Democratic Party of Canada were present last night at a dinner and social evening arranged by the campaign committee. Short addresses were given by H. Perkins, who presided; John Bruce, candidate in West Toronto in the recent federal election; A. W. Roebuck, candidate is Timiskaming; H. Pettitt, and A. W. Mance. The outlook for the future was dealt with in the addresses, and reference was made to the growth of the principles of democracy in Russia, France and Italy. A vacant chair was placed at the table in token of Isaac Bainbridge, secretary, and editor of the party's organ, who is at present undergoing nine months' imprisonment for publishing seditious writings.

ALLEGE CHEQUE SPURIOUS.

Proprietor of Restaurant Arrested for Alleged Improper Financing.

On a charge of fraud Albert H. Harbin, 531 Sherbourne street, was arrested last night by Detective Guthrie. Harbin was the proprietor of the Delmonte restaurant on Yonge street.

According to the police, Harbin is alleged to have forwarded a spurious cheque for $115 to a firm for a supply of meat. Harbin made an assignment of the business on Dec. 12 after endeavoring to pass the cheque in payment of the account on the 10th. The cheque was sent back unpaid. He was allowed bail.

KRAUSMANN GETS BAIL.

Charged with aggravated assault, William Krausmann, proprietor of the Hotel Krausmann at 101 East King street, appeared in the police court yesterday morning and was remanded out on bail, as the crown was not ready to proceed with the case. The complainant, Wilbur R. Irwin, is still in the hospital suffering from the effects of the assault early Christmas morning.

SPECIAL MEETING COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the city council will be held at noon today to consider the question of placing the Metropolitan railway deal in the hands of the Ontario Railway Board. The plumbers' bylaw, overlooked at the last meeting, and the grant of $250 to each of the four G. W. V. A. companies in the city will also be put thru.

INJURED AT SLIDES.

The first accident to be reported so far this winter from the High Park slides was last night when Albert Law, a youth living at 63 Parkway avenue, slipped on the toboggan chute and severely injured his head. He was removed to the Hospital for Sick Children in the police ambulance.

WILL ANSWER THEFT CHARGE

Charged with the theft of a muffler from Sidney Rubinoff, Ralph Jauman, 9 Phoebe street, was taken into custody last night. It is alleged that Jauman took the muffler from a peg in a pool room where the complainant's coat was hanging. He will appear in the police court this morning.

DR. CHOWN WILL SPEAK.

Beech Avenue Methodist Church reopening services next Sunday will be led in the morning by Rev. S. D. Chown, general superintendent of the Methodist Church, and in the evening by Rev. E. B. Lancely. The event will consist of the dedication of a large solid brick south wing to the church, which cost $9000.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

Sir John Jellicoe has resigned his position as first sea lord of the British Admiralty, and is raised to the peerage. The government thanks him for his distinguished service, and hopes to use his experience and services with advantage to the nation in another post. Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, second sea lord, succeeds Sir John as first sea lord. He is one of the men who have come to the front since the war began. Owing to several German raids against neutral shipping convoyed by British destroyers, many attacks on the administration of the admiralty have appeared in the British newspapers. The complainers made a particular target of Sir John Jellicoe. They also accuse him of over-caution in the North Sea engagement with the German fleet off the Jutland coast. It has been said that he should have annihilated the German fleet. In defence it is claimed that the victory would have been too costly for the British navy to warrant the destruction of the German navy.

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The Germans, according to Russian reports, are using the armistice to mass their principal forces on the Russian southwestern front for the probable object of advancing against the rich, grain-growing regions of Russia. This news will make the Russian people less willing to sign a separate peace, for they perceive that the Germans are procrastinating with the negotiations, and that they are really in hunt of food. It is a long march from the Bessarabian frontier into the Russian grain belt, and any sort of organized resistance could envelop them and cut them off before they arrived at their destination. Desperate conditions at home, however, may drive them forward. The failure of the Bolsheviki to maintain order and to get a definite answer from the Germans about peace terms is playing havoc with the influence of Lenine and Trotzky. Every day that passes sees the power of these agitators decline. No news of importance has arrived from the Cossack revolters, beyond the fact that they have made their position secure in the mineral regions. The Bolsheviki have apparently given up as useless attempts to compromise with the Ukrainians.

The German agents have turned their attention from Britain to the United States in their propaganda at Petrograd, and they are endeavoring to stir up strife because the American Red Cross is assisting the southern Russians and the Rumanians. The influence of the German spies continues to sway the Bolsheviki organization and these are making much over the refusal of the United States to recognize the Bolsheviki faction as the government of Russia. The United States, in common with the rest of the allies, believes that Russia within a reasonable time will have a settled administration. The constitutional assembly meets again in a few days and the public are looking to it rather than to the anarchists for guidance. Owing to fears of trouble the German delegation destined to visit Petrograd has determined to visit Minsk instead. The opposition to the Bolsheviki and German domination is rising so high that an upheaval may come at any time.

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The Italians, tho they regained their lost territory on the right bank of the Brenta River in a counter-attack, could not hold Col del Rosso and Monte Valbella, owing to the strong forces of the enemy encountered. The Italians checked his advance in the first dwellings of Casso on their extreme right. Their artillery barrage promptly checked an attempt of the enemy on the right bank of the Brenta. The weather continues fine and favorable to the enemy. The allies are anxiously waiting for a heavy fall of snow. It is an unusually open winter in this part of the Alps. Italy appears in need of stronger succor from Britain and France, and it is probable that aid is already on the way to this hard-pressed sector. The enemy, for political effect, is concentrating his offensive against the Italians and not against the British and French. He aims at causing dissatisfaction with the British and French for leaving the Italians to defend the critical sectors. The Italians, probably at their own request, have elected to hold the post of honor in defence of their country.

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The British merchant shipping losses from mine and submarine have fallen during the past week to eleven ships of over 1600 tons and one ship of under that burthen, or three less in each category than last week, according to an admiralty return issued last night. These figures show that the allied counter-offensive is again gaining upon the submarine attack. It is probable that before losses of shipping rise again the British losses will decline considerably more. Throughout its course the submarine campaign has been one of descending climaxes. The periodical half-recoveries represent the putting into the sea of new crops of submarines. The growing strength of the defence, however, is beginning to overcome the gains secured by new construction in the German yards.

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Hardship in Germany is increasing until hunger is pinching everybody but the very rich, who can afford to pay $50 for a medium grade dinner. Even Christmas did not bring relief to the poor. Women begged in the streets of German border cities for bread to feed their children; work people rioted in some of the German towns. The churches were closed owing to lack of fuel. The new socialist party, comprising men of independent views, is increasing its membership at a rapid rate. Altho only nine months in existence it has secured 120,000 members, and it is beginning to rival the old social democratic party with its time-serving leaders. Bad as German conditions now are, they will rapidly become worse, and despite the iron-clad repression of the bureaucratic police, a spark might yet kindle a revolutionary fire.

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A snowfall in France has stopped military operations on the British front. The British did not fraternize with the Germans this Christmas, but stood sternly on guard. The French continue their artillery combats.

YORK COUNTY —AND— SUBURBS

MAYOR ACCOUNTS FOR LOST MILLIONS

Gives Account of Stewardship and Takes Full Share of Responsibility.

CANDIDATES SPEAK

Earlscourt Citizens Given Chance to Hear Aspirants for Civic Honors.

"It is amusing to hear at the various meetings thruout the city about the expenditure of the $7,000,000 war debt," said Mayor T. L. Church at a well-attended meeting of the ratepayers of Earlscourt in Earlscourt School, North Dufferin street, last evening. George Wills, vice-president of the B. I. A., was in the chair.

"Where was my opponent when the money was voted upon, and for what purposes was it appropriated?" questioned the speaker, who proceeded to point out that two millions of the amount was taken by the Ontario Government. Three millions was paid for the insurance of between five and six thousand soldiers; another million was paid to civic employes at the front and $850,000 was given to the patriotic fund, Canadian Red Cross, French Red Cross and similar organizations, unavoidable expenditure, which all towns and cities thruout the Dominion are facing and are nobly doing their bit. "Not until election times do we hear of economy," declared the mayor, "and I would point out that this is the fourth occasion I have come before you to render an account of my stewardship and when I came into the mayor's chair on the first occasion I was told the city was about to become bankrupt, but we are now putting every thing into the tax rate and our policy now is 'pay as you go.' It is not deficits now but surpluses, and save for the hospitals' grants this year we would have finished up the year with a surplus.

"There is a great hullabaloo about business methods and a business management in the city hall, and economy and retrenchment. You are hearing it at all times, but I emphatically state that our estimates are going down and there was never more economy than at the present time.

"It was my duty to do what I have done for the soldiers, and as I am unfit to go to war I have given 18 hours a day of my time and two-thirds of my salary to the city's business. I will take my fair share of the responsibility for what has been done. It was the city council who voted the money spent and passed every item of it.

"I hope something will be done by the Union government in the matter of securing a surplus of water from the Falls, as this at present is a critical time for the Hydro owing to the pending shortage of power," said the speaker, who stated that all franchises have been cleared out around the city limits in preparation for the taking over of the big Toronto Street Railway franchise in 1921.

Finances Are Healthy.

"The finances of the city are in a healthy condition and I am not pessimistic of the future," said the mayor.

"I think there will be perfect unanimity when the electorate are asked the question regarding the taking over of the Toronto Street Railway franchise in 1921," said Controller R. H. Cameron, mayoralty candidate. "This will be the first step, and then devolves on the city the matter of working out a comprehensive scheme for management.

"There will be attempts made to thwart the wishes of the people, but we must be prepared for them," said Mr. Cameron, who proceeded to point out that the city was prosperous just in proportion to the prosperity of its workmen, and that we have now reached a position in Toronto when we must take stock. "With a debt of $98,000,000, and then some, we have reached a time in the city when our homes are now jeopardized.

Promises Economy.

"I am a business man," said the controller," and pay a large amount in taxation and am seriously interested.

"There is a possibility of your taxes not going higher if you look at it in a business manner. If you send me down to the city hall as your mayor, I promise you I shall work in the best interests of Toronto. I will not be shaken by every wind that blows and am determined to do business on business lines. My record is straight before you and I have stood for straight business and a square deal in the interest of Toronto as a whole during my period in the council chamber."

Controller W. H. Shaw appealed for re-election as controller, pointing out that during the past year he had been a student of civic affairs in the city hall, but owing to the fact that during last year matters were quiet and very little activity was apparent in the works and other departments, he was able to keep his end up with the other members. Mr. Shaw eulogized the work of Commissioner Bradshaw and was in favor of the taking over of the Toronto Street Railway franchise in 1921.

Supports Beck Policy.

"I stand firmly behind Sir Adam Beck and his policy and the taking over of the Toronto Street Railway franchise in 1921 and everything for the benefit of the returned soldier," said Alderman Donald C. MacGregor, candidate for the board of control. "I would give the foreigner a similar wage to the boys who have gone overseas. It is a shame to give the foreigner $8 and $9 a day and allow them to take the place of the men who have given up home and every comfort for $1.10, and I am thankful to say that but for my motion in the city council to memorialize the government to disenfranchise the alien, it is possible that a Laurier government might now have been in power," said Mr. MacGregor, who pointed out that in taking over the Toronto Street Railway the city need not take over the buildings, land or property, according to the act of parliament. "This feature of the situation is not perhaps generally known," said the speaker.

Favors Railway Purchase.

Alderman W. G. Robbins, board of control candidate, also favored the taking over of the Toronto Street Railway franchise and that the management should be by a commission and one man appointed as manager, and not directly under the supervision of the city council.

Ald. Chas. A. Maguire, candidate for board of control, said he was always a consistent supporter of public ownership.

Controller John O'Neill, Ald. Joe Gibbons, Brook Sykes, aldermanic candidate, ward six; Miles Vokes and others also spoke.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip
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SPARK STARTS FIRE.

A spark from the stack was the cause of a fire at a building on Pelham avenue, which was damaged to the extent of $20. The building, which is owned by R. Lovering, is rented by the Dominion Government for the manufacture of aniline dyes.

INJURED IN STREET.

J. W. A. Coows of 79 Evelyn avenue had his right leg injured yesterday afternoon, when he was struck by an auto which skidded to the sidewalk on Bloor street.

H. DUNCAN IS DEAD AGED EIGHTY-FOUR

Former Reeve of York Township Dies After Illness of Four Years.

The death of Henry Duncan, a former reeve of York Township and for more than half a century prominently identified with the municipal and public life of the county, took place at the family residence near the Don postoffice on Wednesday night, after an illness extending over about four years.

The late Henry Duncan was 84 years of age and was born in West York about ½ miles west of Lansing, but practically all his life was spent in East York, up the Don Mills road.

He early evinced a great interest in municipal affairs and away back in the early 70's was elected as councillor, deputy and later reeve of York Township, defeating the late William Tyrell in one of the closest contests ever held in the township. For a while he retired from public life, later re-entering it as reeve and holding the office for four or five years, after which he voluntarily retired. In all his municipal career Mr. Duncan never suffered defeat.

Later he received the unanimous nomination in the Conservative interest in East York, but prior to the election met with a serious accident, and retired in favor of J. W. Moyes, the latter being defeated. He was eminently successful in all his municipal career and never lost his interest in the affairs of his native township.

Mrs Duncan, who predeceased him a number of years, was a sister of the late William McGinn of Wexford.

The late Mr. Duncan is survived by two sons—Harold, on the homestead, and Herbert, in Markham Township, and four daughters. The latter are Mrs. William Stewart of Kent County, Mrs. J. White, near O'Sullivan's Corners, and two daughters, Carrie and Mary, at home.

In political life he was a Liberal-Conservative and was a Methodist, attending the latter church at Don. David Duncan, the well-known dairyman and breeder of Jersey cattle, was a brother.

The funeral arrangements are not yet fully completed.

DR. G. C. STEELE IS IN LINE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP

Has Served Usual Qualifying Course as Member of Board of Education From Eastern District.

Toronto East district is in line for the chairmanship of the Toronto Board of Education for the coming year, Dr. Gilmour C. Steele during his service as a member of the board has taken the usual qualifying course in the committees, especially as chairman of the management committee. An interesting feature of the present municipal contest is criticism of some candidates that they should be in Ward 1 instead of staying at home to run for civic honors. Dr. Steele's answer to this criticism is the production of a rejection certificate from the military medical board.

In view of the steadily increasing public school population in some parts of the district, and the temporary stoppage of permanent school buildings, new classes are to be accommodated in rented class rooms in the various Sunday school buildings.

JOHN A. McDONALD ELECTED A TRUSTEE

Todmorden Residents Turn Out and Enter Spirited Contest for Public Office.

One of the largest and most representative school meetings ever held in Todmorden took place in Torgen's Avenue S.S. No. 27, last night, George Claybusto presiding. The meeting was called for the election of a trustee caused by the expropriation of John A. McDonald's term. Principal Hartman Jones, assisted by Mr. Marchington, acted as secretary, and the following were nominated: Dr. Galbraith, Albert Tobin, Philip Pedlar, and John A. McDonald.

There was a spirited contest and the result of the polling showed the votes cast as follows: McDonald, 36; Pedlar, 16; Tobin, 13, and Dr. Galbraith, 8. More than 100 electors were in attendance. The term is for three years.

SCHOOL AT LANGSTAFF RECEIVES LAND GRANT

Trustees Elected to Office for Year include D. James, a Thirty-Year Member.

At the school meeting held yesterday at Langstaff, Robert See of the T. Eaton Co. presented the school section with one acre of ground to be used for agricultural gardens in connection with the schools. Mr. Lee stipulated that the grounds were to be neatly fenced and graded, and planted with suitable shade and ornamental trees. R. F. Thompson, J. Reaman and D. James were elected school trustees. This is the thirtieth consecutive year that Mr. James has been elected to hold the position.

McKAY RE-ELECTED TRUSTEE.

Will Again Be on Board for No. 14 York Township.

Councillor Charles McKay was last night unanimously re-elected trustee for school section No. 14, York Township, at a well-attended meeting of the ratepayers held in Bathurst school north last night. Together with his duties as trustee Mr. McKay is secretary-treasurer of the board, and was last night again voted to the position. Miss Gore, the teacher, also came in for warm commendation for her excellent work.

STRUCK BY SLING.

While hoisting a heavy casting at the Gurney Foundry yesterday morning, A. E. Sturges of 24 Howard avenue was struck on the head by a falling sling, rendering him unconscious. He was attended by Dr. Macnamara, and later removed in Spiers' ambulance to the Western Hospital where he is suffering from concussion.

SUPPORTING MR. STUBBINGS.

East end bowlers are interested in the candidature of A. J. Stubbings, one of the Ward One candidates for aldermanic honors, owing to the fact that he is president of the Withrow Park Lawn Bowling Club.

SUPPORTING WOMEN CANDIDATES

Mrs. G. B. Toye, president of the Beaches Women's Christian Temperance Union, and the members of that organization are conducting a vigorous and systematic campaign on behalf of the candidature of Mrs. A. C. Courtice. Mrs. Toye is confident that interests of the women teachers and the girl scholars will receive more consideration than ever with three such representative Toronto women on the board as Mrs. Courtice, Dr. Caroline Brown and Miss Constance Boulton.

COMMISSION RULE IDEA OF CANDIDATE

Public Ownership Generally Favored at Meeting of Norway Ratepayers.

How would you have the street railway run if the city did acquire it? was a question given W. G. Stubbings, aldermanic candidate for Ward One, at last evening's meeting of the Norway Ratepayers' Association held at St. John's Hall.

"How?" replied the candidate. "Well, not by the aldermen themselves, anyway. No, sir. I would have a commission specially appointed to run the Toronto street railway. And the same for the civic abattoir, too."

Every candidate present was a strong advocate of municipal ownership, and the consensus of opinion among them coincided with the sentiments expressed by Mr. Stubbings. Mr. Honeyford was also a strong critic of the system of local improvement taxation. Several of the candidates—Ald. Fenwick and Mr. Honeyford in particular—were asked direct questions by A. J. Dunnett as to the possibilities of municipal ownership under such poor management as he claimed was shown in the direction of the civic abattoir today. A specially appointed commission composed of strong business heads in place of the present system was the gist of the replies flung back at the questioner. Among those who spoke were Dr. Steele, member of the board of education, seeking re-election; Percy Douglas, a new aspirant for a place on the board; Ald. Fenwick, Richard Honeyford, Frank Johnston, strongly favoring public ownership and summary action regarding aliens; C. A. Bullock, now with the Royal Flying Corps, and W. Stubbings, also a strong advocate of municipal ownership.

Thos. Adams, the new president, was in the chair, and the aldermen were allowed ten minutes each in which to propound their platforms.

Dr. Steele, of the school board, told the gathering that the school gate into the school grounds is within the prohibited area due to the gate being placed on one foot of ground which belonged to Wallace Maclean who had refused legal entry across this part of his property which he refuses to sell.

Voice—He has put that restriction on as a holdup.

No Radical Changes.

The strip under discussion is more than 30 feet in length, and has been a subject of litigation for a long time. The doctor's slogan is "no radical changes, the exigencies of war demanding strict economy."

Dr. Steele did not believe the erecting of portable schools would meet the needs of increased accommodation. The city was in need of an addition of 110 rooms. Perhaps the best means of dealing with the situation would be to raise the minimum age limit from 4 to 5 years.

Percy Douglas, an aspirant for a place on the board of education, emphasized his opinion that the present board of education by reason of its M. D.'s was apparently more a board of health. His own heart and soul was deep in the work of education. He was dead against frills in the education of children, and was an out and out advocate of the three R's education of the child today.

Voice—"What is your opinion of raising the minimum entrance age of the child?"

Mr. Douglas—"I certainly agree with Dr. Steele."

W. Stubbings was the next speaker. He would see to it that the frightful stench in the vicinity of Morley avenue was given proper consideration. Expert advice had recommended the erection of a sewage disposal plant a mile and a half away from the city streets. He advocated the purchase of the Toronto Street Railway at the expiration of the franchise in 1921. Better transportation facilities and better housing were among Mr. Stubbings' resolutions. The Toronto Housing Association's houses were not of the right sort for the workingman, but were more in the nature of an apartment house. And there were two-room flats costing $20 a month, an absolutely impossible figure. The candidate promised to do everything in his power to help the returned soldiers.

Voice: What system of working the street railway would you advocate in the event of its purchase?

Mr. Stubbings: Certainly not its administration by the aldermen. I advocate its administration by a specially appointed commission, and the same holds good with regard to the abattoir when acquired by the city.

Advocate Retrenchment.

Frank Johnston, another aspirant for aldermanic honors, expressed himself as strongly in favor of retrenchment, but also advocated a raise in teachers' salaries. He would not be guided by any lodge or any clique; but wholly, he trusted, by his common horse sense. He bitterly condemned the aliens who, until recently, had sent large parts of their earnings indirectly to Austria and Turkey. If elected he would do his best to refuse licenses to foreigners to do business in the city. Mr. Johnston also appealed for harmony among the aldermen of the ward.

Voice: Would you, Mr. Johnston, be above looking for a nice soft job in the city?

Mr. Johnston: That question is easily answered. My wife and family and my business will be sufficient guarantee against such a possibility.

Another Voice: How about foreigners taking jobs?

The Candidate: Have them subjected to the Military Service Act and also have them summarily dealt with by civic legislation.

Ald. Fenwick had tried to use his common sense, and with some success he had hoped. He had not known of any instance in which any of the Ward One aldermen had worked against each other during the past year. The stench problem had become more acute and would need strict attention. Touching upon the problem of the abattoir, the investigating committee had noted a large number of foreigners working at the abattoir. Returned soldiers were now taking their places. He did not advocate public ownership as a money-making scheme. Let the city put in a practical packer at the head of the abattoir.

Ald. Fenwick advocated a similar administration of the Toronto Street Railway when acquired. He felt that Finance Commissioner Bradshaw was a godsend to the city. Overloading of street cars was an inconvenience suffered by the Toronto public so that the railway company of today might more easily fill their exchequer.

Voice: "The civic abattoir has been run at a loss during the past three years."

Another voice: "A manager who has run an enterprise at such a loss should be discharged."

First voice: "Seeing that you have pointed out that the administration of the concern has not been all it should, tell me what have you done to improve it?

Ald. Fenwick: "We are progressing. More is expected to be done this coming year."

Suggests Fewer Members.

Richard Honeyford, another aspirant for aldermanic honors, declared that if it was inexpedient to divide ward one the city council should be lessened to 15 members so as to give equal representation. Touching upon the odor nuisance around Morley avenue, Mr. Honeyford reported that the chief justice had expressed his opinion that if the matter was taken to the attorney-general the result would be a series of writs against those looking for redress with bad results. The candidate strongly criticized the system of local improvement taxation. One-seventh of the land in the city was untaxable. Mr. Honeyford strongly advocated the principle of public ownership, but pointed out that the total bonded debt of the city was one-sixth of the taxable assessment. The facts had to be faced. The Toronto Railway Company must be purchased in 1921. The best way would be by issuing debenture bonds for the purpose, and in all capital expenditures the strictest economy was an urgent necessity.

Voice: "Can you lay your hand on any weak spot in the present system of taxation?"

Mr. Honeyford: "There is $85,000,000 worth of property exempt from taxation. At the same time workingmen are paying nearly 25 mills on the dollar."

A. J. Dunnett: "Does Mr. Honeyford propose to undertake public ownership when as run today the concerns considered are being run at a loss?"

Mr. Honeyford: "I have faith in our being able to follow in the footsteps of Glasgow, Scotland."

C. A. Bullock, a well-known member of the Norway Ratepayers' Association, who had declined nomination, had his opinion of the M.S.A. tribunals. He gave his full meed of praise to the splendid work of the Hydro-Electric Commission. If the Hydro-Electric had proved so successful why should not a like success attend the administration of the Toronto Street Railway when acquired by the city? Pte. Bullock (he was joined the R.F.C.) closed with a fine tribute to the genius of the Americans in the field of aerial service and foretold large aerial operations in the spring.

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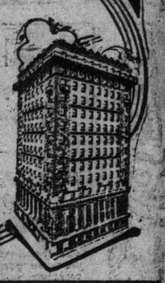

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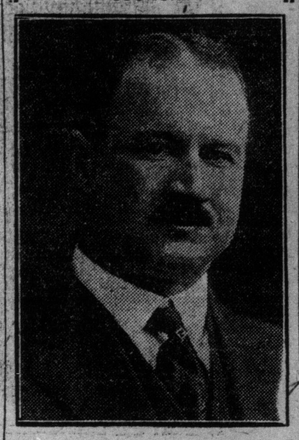

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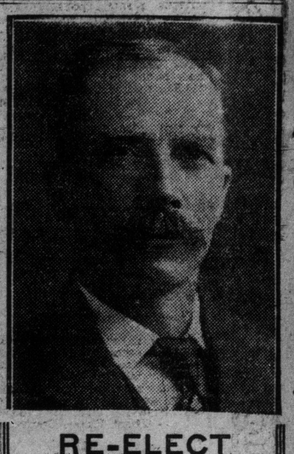

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