

on time. King George was conducted to the car occupied by the president and they shook hands cordially. While they were inspecting the guard of honor the band played the American national anthem. The Queen and Princess Mary conversed with Mrs. Wilson.

The drive of the short procession from the station to the palace was made thru streets lined by the Guards regiments in khaki. Fresh flags hung overhead and covered the buildings, while windows, balconies, sidewalks and open spaces were filled with people, many of whom wore the American colors.

It was a brief spectacle. First came the sovereigns' escort of troops from the Household Cavalry, with helmets and steel cuirasses. Then came the carriages with King George and President Wilson and Queen Mary and Princess Mary. These were followed by three others.

Altho the trip was a short one, it lay thru a most interesting section of London. From Charing Cross the route ran along the north side of Trafalgar square, along Pall Mall, turning northward at St. James place, and up St. James street to Piccadilly. The procession drove westward along the north side of Piccadilly, also a tract of clubs and big hotels and palatial residences, notably the home of the Duke of Devonshire, with the Red Cross flag fur it.

Between Piccadilly and Park Lane Palace there stretches Green Park, which was filled with people. The party drove past Wellington arch and along the southern side of the park flanked on the right by the wall of the palace ground, and then into the broad plaza before the palace and thru the iron gates into the palace fore-court.

Day Was a Holiday. Probably the most interesting part of the spectacle for the president was the people who were crowded everywhere to greet him. The day being a holiday, working men and women had a chance to turn their heads to small children. They made the most of their opportunity, and to no stratum of British humanity could the president have made a stronger appeal.

As the procession passed thru Pall Mall, Dowager Queen Alexandra, Queen Mother of Norway, Princess Victoria and Prince Olof unceremoniously came out of Marlborough House and stood on the pavement. The crowd fell back so as to clear space for the queen. As the president's carriage passed he leaned forward to salute the royal group, who waved a welcome to him. The same act of welcome was repeated when the carriage with Queen Mary and Mrs. Wilson passed.

Conference With Lloyd George. The initial conversation of the president with Premier Lloyd George will take place at ten o'clock Friday morning in the president's room at Buckingham Palace, where they will confer until lunch time, when they will drive to Downing street. This was arranged tonight, when the matter was discussed between the premier and a representative of the president.

For the luncheon in Downing street to meet the president, Lloyd George has invited the following: The Marquis of Crewe, the Earl of Curzon, the Earl of Reading, the American ambassador, John W. Davis, Viscounts Grey, Morley and Bryce, Andrew Bonar Law, Arthur J. Balfour, H. H. Asquith, Arthur Henderson and Wm. A. Mahon, the two last-named Labor members of parliament.

It is understood that the conference will continue in the afternoon at Downing street. President Wilson will not meet all the members of the imperial war cabinet until the state banquet Friday night and the premier's dinner Saturday night. A reception from the League of Nations Union, headed by Viscount Grey, will visit President Wilson at the American embassy on Saturday. The delegates include Viscount Bryce, Gen. Smuts and Prof. Gilbert Murray, of Oxford University.

RECEPTION AT DOVER.

Greeted by Royal Salute and Welcomed by Duke of Connaught.

Dover, Dec. 26.—The weather was bright and crisp this morning and Dover wore a festive appearance with its decorations and its animated throngs ready to welcome president and Mrs. Wilson. Their arrival was signaled by the firing of a royal salute. Large crowds lined the admiralty pier and its approaches long before the president came ashore.

The Duke of Connaught, with his suite, accompanied by John W. Davis, the American ambassador; the Earl of Reading, British ambassador to the United States; Lord Herschell and the mayor and corporation of Dover were on the pier to meet the visitors.

The steamer Brighton, on which the president crossed the channel, had a quick and smooth passage and arrived at Dover just about midday. She was met at Calais by Sir Charles Cust, the King's equerry, and Vice-Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, who accompanied the party to Dover. Four French destroyers escorted the Brighton to midchannel, where British destroyers and a dozen airplanes took over the duty.

The president, who appeared in splendid spirits when he stepped ashore, was immediately greeted by the Duke of Connaught and the other members of the welcoming party. After reviewing the guard of honor he passed thru the covered way to the station, where the mayor and the corporation in their scarlet robes of office extended a formal welcome. The reading of the address was done by Sir A. Boding, the city's recorder. The president replied briefly to the address.

MARKHAM TOWNSHIP

Markham Township Conservatives are holding their annual meeting in Victoria Hall, Unionville, tomorrow, at 2 o'clock for the election of officers and other business.

UNIONVILLE

Robert Cox & Sons of York Township have sold and handed on to the Unionville station the splendid two-year-old Clydesdale stallion, Dunura Model, Vanstone, North Bay, Ontario, a good round price. Dunura Model was winning first in his class as well as Canadian champion, and the Watson and Bright special, Robt. Cox & Sons have bred many good horses, but probably none better than this fine two-year-old Clydesdale.

TOWN OF LEASIDE—NOTICE OF NOMINATION MEETING.

In accordance with the Municipal Act, the nomination meeting for receiving nominations for the offices of mayor and seven aldermen for the Town of Leaside will be held on Monday, the 28th day of December, 1918, at 10 a.m. and 12 noon, respectively, at the Leaside School House, Bayview avenue.

A. T. LAWSON, Returning Officer. Leaside, Dec. 26, 1918.

FOSTER AS MAYOR

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YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

LIVELY CONTESTS IN YORK COUNTY

Keen Fights On in Aurora and Mimico for Municipal Posts.

Generally speaking, the outlook over York County is for a lively contest in almost every municipality in the approaching elections, where nominations take place on Monday and the polling a week later.

To begin with in York Township, where three candidates, ex-Councillor S. McKay, ex-deputy Fred Miller and Dr. Galbraith, are after the reeve ship, there will be a fight for every office on the board.

In Scarborough Township, where the nominations, under special government legislation, are held at the same time as York Township, J. G. Cornell is re-elected by acclamation first deputy; McCowan is opposed by W. Croker of Birchcliff, second deputy; A. Stewart is in by acclamation, and the candidates for councillor are Messrs. Cowan and Heron, and Fred Kenney, two to be elected.

In Markham Township, rumor credits ex-Warden Jonathan Night with a desire to re-enter municipal life, and that he will run against Reeve Geo. B. Padgett. As to the council, nothing is known.

In Markham Village, it looks as if the last year's council will get it by acclamation, and the same is said of Stouffville and Richmond Hill, where W. H. Pugsley has occupied the office of reeve from time immemorial.

In Aurora, however, a keen fight is promised for the reeve ship, where J. B. Spurr opposes W. J. Knowles, who has been reeve for about eight years. Newmarket, too, is likely to develop a contest for some of the subordinate positions.

It is not thought likely that Reeve Len Wallace of Woodbridge, who, by way, is an aspirant for the wardenship will have any opposition, but in Mimico L. J. West is opposing ex-Reeve Dyce, and a very lively fight is said to be on. Further out in the county, Reeve Horace Ramsden of East Gwillimbury, who is making a strong bid for the wardenship, may or may not be opposed by his old-time rival, ex-Reeve John Smith.

In Vaughan Township, ex-Reeve John Whitmore will again be a candidate, but it is not known whether or not he will be opposed. The same is true of King Township, where Mr. Wells, reeve, will seek re-election.

In Sutton Village, Arthur Pugsley, if his health permits, again be a candidate for the reeve ship. No particulars outstanding concerning the reeve ship of York County, outside of the supposed high rate and the inconclusive in the assessments. In the north, a good deal of the discussion will centre around the extension of good roads.

At a meeting of the King City Reception Club with the outlying community clubs, a reception committee was organized for returned soldiers for the entire district. A grand reception will be given during the winter, as soon as the greatest number of returned men can be gathered together. Canvassers have been appointed for each section and a big drive will be made to raise a substantial subscription with the objective of \$2500, so that each returned man will receive a real tangible recognition for his services. James Burns is president and Capt. William Ransom is secretary-treasurer. It is expected that from 60 to 65 returned men will participate.

Earlscourt. Many Earlscourt citizens are fur experts, as members of the Canadian Fur Fanciers' Association and attended the annual meeting held in Societies Hall, which is looked upon as the rendezvous of the year. R. B. Fox was presented with a handsome Judge's badge for his service in recent show. There were over sixty entries of rabbits, Flemish giants and Belgian hares, being the largest classes. H. E. Fox acted as judge. Nominations for next year's show are being made. The children at the annual meeting next month. E. Clark is the show secretary.

North Earlscourt and Fairbank celebrated Christmas in quite the English style. Snap-dragons on Christmas eve, Christmas tree competition and games and English song singing. Nearly every house, small and large, displayed colored candles in the windows.

In this section a large number of returned men enjoyed a reunion with their families after two, three and four years' separation. Special arrangements were made by members of Bon Avenue Baptist Church, Earlscourt, Pastor Rev. F. W. Roadhouse, Christmas Eve. The children at the Sunday school were treated to a Christmas tree and each little tot was given a present from the Santa Claus. This church is doing excellent work among the poor in the neighborhood.

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HAMILTON NEWS

CANADA TO HAVE PROSPERITY ERA

President of Steel Company of Canada Optimistic About Labor Situation.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—"Canada is going to have an era of prosperity following the final conference at the peace table," said Robert Hobson, president of the Steel Company of Canada, today. "Conditions will immediately adjust themselves and upon the various industries will fall the task of filling the depleted stocks of the world. Manufacturers of farm implements can also expect a big boom in business in Russia, South Africa, South America and the Antipodes," he said.

Mr. Hobson was very optimistic regarding the labor situation, which he did not think would ever become a serious problem. "I am certain that the staple industries of the country will absorb all the labor released by the coming of peace," he declared.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—Forty-two soldiers returned today from service in France and received an enthusiastic welcome. Some brought home their steel helmets.

Capt. (Rev.) R. J. Renison and Capt. "Billy" Campbell, M.C., returned from the front today.

The residents of Robert street have lodged a strong protest against the arters having a stand on that thoroughfare.

The city authorities received a letter from the Canadian Underwriters' Association stating that Hamilton fire insurance rates will be raised unless the city fire department fire has 25 men added.

The new schedule of higher salaries for public and high school teachers was passed by the board of education.

A proposal has been made for the paying of bonus to a number of the board of health officers because of their extra labors during the influenza epidemic.

The labor candidates for civic honors spoke at Swales' Hall under the auspices of the Independent Labor Party.

F. N. Stapleford of the Neighborhood Workers' Association, Toronto, addressed a meeting of the social service workers. Closer co-operation between the various social workers' organizations was decided upon.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—The annual meeting of ratepayers of school section 27, Todmorden, was held last evening in Torrens avenue school. W. Skerrow in the chair. The attendance was the largest at any school meeting in the past twenty years in Todmorden.

There were three nominations for the vacancy caused by the retirement of George Davies, namely, Dr. R. F. Fleming, Samuel Allen and Fred Hasekoff, Dr. Fleming was elected.

W. Burgess, secretary, reported a balance on hand of \$174.34, and submitted reports of the year's work. There was a total expenditure of \$23,144.52, a portion of which covered teachers' salaries, \$12,748, and caretakers' salaries, \$1,639.96.

Time was taken up discussing the advisability of purchasing a piano for the school. W. Skirrow, Philip Pedlar, J. Albrecht and H. Jones spoke in favor of the purchase and it was finally decided to go ahead. After a strong protest by George Wicks, who stated he brought up a large family and provided them with the necessary school books, it was decided to in future provide free school books for the children.

The secretary pointed out the overcrowded condition of the school and stated that 60 pupils were sent to Kitchener school, Irapa avenue, and 22 to W. Wilkinson school.

The cost of each pupil at Kitchener school is \$1.50 per month, and the school board are receiving a special concession, as the present rate for pupils is \$1.25, and the secretary, who added that Todmorden is not receiving any taxes from Kitchener school, also situated in the district.

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MAY RETURN FROM SIBERIA NEXT SUMMER

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—So far as official advice are concerned the Dominion Government is without intimation of any change in allied plans which will affect the status of the Canadian forces in Siberia. It is expected, however, that the stay of the force in Siberia will not exceed in time demobilization of the Canadian corps now on the Rhine. Announcement has already been made that it is not intended to retain the Siberian force in the far east longer than 12 months following the signing of the armistice. But any early return of the men will depend on allied policy, although there is every likelihood, should the situation warrant, that the men will be back in the course of the coming summer, and perhaps earlier.

The complexities of the Russian situation are such that it is impossible to determine whether any changes in Canadian plans are likely to be made in the immediate future, and while no official advice are to hand, considerable interest is taken in the news despatch from Paris that the allied governments have decided against further intervention in Russia. Comment is withheld, however, for the time being, as to the bearing of any such decision, if taken on the position of Canadians already in Siberia.

DEATHS

STEPHENS—At the residence of her daughter (Mrs. S. C. Woodland), 703 Markham street, Margaret C. Sig, wife of the late John Stephens, formerly of Cookstown, in her 85th year. Service at the above address Friday evening, at 8.30 o'clock. Interment at Thornton, Saturday, Dec. 28.

INCREASED LOAN MADE BY BANK OF FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 26.—An increase of 750,000,000 francs in advances to the government is shown in the weekly report of the Bank of France, made public today. An official note issued by the ministry of finance says this increase was due to operations in progress in exchanging German marks for francs in Alsace-Lorraine.

DANFORTH

The following were nominated for school trustees on the separate school board at yesterday's meeting: Ward One—J. C. Birney, Greenwood avenue. Ward Two—Rev. Dean Hand, Ward Three—Frank O'Connor, Ward Four—J. Mohan and Ed. Devine, Ward Five—Dave Carey, Ward Six—J. W. Danaher, Ward Seven—Albert McGovern, Ward Eight—Alfred Dunn and P. Fitzgerald.

The school board will be increased by two members from the Ward Eight ward. J. Birney, Greenwood avenue, for Ward One, is a new member, as also are Messrs. Mohan, Devine and Danaher.

The annual meeting and election of school trustees in connection with school section No. 7, Woodbine Heights, was held in Plain road school last night. Harry Jones occupied the chair. After a keen contest S. D. Durham was elected to the board. Fred Harris, the retiring school trustee, did not stand for re-election.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Robert MacGregor and Fred Harris for their work in connection with the children's work. Robert Barker, secretary, submitted the year's reports which were adopted. There was a good attendance.

RIVERDALE

A celebration was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Boulton, 50 Riverdale avenue, when upwards of 50 relatives and friends were present to commemorate the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Boulton is past his 7th year and still follows his daily employment, and both himself and his wife, who is a few years his junior, enjoy the best of health. Mr. and Mrs. Boulton have two children, a native of London, England.

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