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THURSDAY MORNING, JAN. 27.

### Radial and Local Transportation Plans

was some discrimination on our part in dealing with the proposals of Sir Adam Beck and those of the transportation commission of Toronto during the election campaign a month ago. We are not aware of any discrimination whatever. The transportation plans were not before the electors in any sense, and it would have been foolish to introduce them into a campaign which had a different object.

The plans of Sir Adam Beck's proposals had all been discussed by the respective municipalities which they affected, and Toronto people knew exactly where the hydro radial line which Sir Adam's scheme proposed was to run. We needed no further plan than was given us. We knew all there was to know about it. We considered it on its merits, and we voted

for it. The city transportation commission made a report which is and would be quite unintelligible without the elaborate plans and diagrams which accompany it. These are of a comprehensive character rarely seen in conwork It i nection with mu possible that The Post has now received a set of them and will appreciate the impossibility of dealing with the report lacking the plans for com-

The Post has not understood the situation at all, because it speaks of the report of "the transportation committee laid before the Ontario municipalities," while nothing of the sort and abroad. As Sir John Willison rehappened nor was contemplated. The marked, they were like some politireport is primarily and almost entirely touches the radial question where, in- truth, but hever before of economizing side the city limits, the hydro radials falsehood. and the city system make connection.

among some of the city experts as loss of life respectively in the opposto who should be invested with the ing forces. He did not believe that control of the radial terminus. This the German losses were any greater point will come up again, but there than those of the allies, or perhaps is much to be said on both sides, and even as much. Nor did he place much doubtless it will be easily arranged be- faith in the schedule certainty of Gerfore the practical operation of the man calculations. All soldiers are oplines. There are two main points, one

The hydro radial system will build a but for all the inter-municipal and Marne the Germans numbered 2,500, terminus not merely for local traffic, provincial traffic; and not merely then 000, he estimated, to the allies' 1,500, for passengers, but for the important express business, and such freight as derance in numbers all along at first, may be handled by the radial lines. yet all the world was talking about What the city would do with this traffic, for example the fruit traffic in the mies. The Austrian army was undersummer, the Hydro Commission does rated and was probably quite the not see, and when it is understood that equal of the Germans, and the Rusthe radials must pay the city on a sians were out-numbered. The situawheelage or car basis as may be tion is now changed, and both in men determined for all traffic over city and in guns and munitions the allies lines, there cannot be much objection to the arrangement.

The city, on the other hand, raises some objection thru its experts to permitting the control of any part of its territory to pass into other hands. The Hydro Commission, say these objectors, is at present in friendly relations with the city, but a political change or some other alteration in the situation might establish an influence in the Hydro Raial Commission distinctly hostile to he city, and the city would then be owerless to act. As long as the city has a hold on her own property it is possible to dictate terms. Without this leverage no terms could be exacted in case of dispute.

While there appears to be some weight in this point, it must not be forgotten that the Hydro Radial Union is made up of a number of municipalities whose interests are common if not identical. This would prevent the setting up of any precedents by which the city or any other municipality could lose its rights. The operations of the Hydro Radial Union are for mutual benefit, and as we have said before, it is difficult for a corporation trained thinker to understand that the municipalities are not trying to chisel each other as corporations love to do but are striving to act in harmony so as to get the best possible results out of their co-operation. This is the principle in which the corporations have \_ faith, or if they have it only makes them more annoyed at the municipali-

The Toronto World ties for being able successfully to put it into practice.

A New Fact

We were challenged a week or two ago to offer a new fact in connection with the Mud Wall on the Esplanade There are many facts which are quite new to those who proposed the Mud Wall in the first instance, and were not considered when the choice of a Mud Wall was made by the laymen who invited an engineer to design the interesting abortion. One new fact is the introduction of electric energy in handling local traffic. This is coming in Toronto as certainly as it came in New York. If it is good enough for New York it is certainly good enough for Toronto.

With electric traction engines doing the shunting and other local traffic on the Esplanade the bridge clearance of 22 feet insisted upon by the engineers who had not taken this factor into account, can be reduced to 14 feet as in New York. This new fact utterly changes the whole situation concerning the Mud Wall, and makes the bridge proposals of all the competent engineers who have given any advice on the matter reasonable and feasible. Why this question of electric traction should be ignored by friends of the Mud Wall they probably know best, but it takes away the only semblance of an argument they had for imposing a fearful mound of earth 230 feet wide all along the water front. It is easy to compare the bridge at Sunnyside with the Mud Wall in front of High Park, farther west. No one who compares the two would hesitate The Financial Post suggests that there an instant about choosing. Bridges on ance or even a 16-foot clearance would not have so much grade as the Sunnyside bridge.

Considered on a cool business basis, and without the personal rancor which some people introduce into all municipal discussion, there is nothing to commend the Mud Wall to the citizens. We trust Mr. Hewitt as president of the board of trade will adopt the motto of Mr. Woods, and not be afraid to say anything he thinks right on the matter after he has gone into it with competent engineers.

A Clever War Correspondent Mr. Frederick Palmer's visit to Tor-

onto is of considerable importance to those who desire to get clear and firsthand impressions of the war, and especially of the state of affairs on the western front. It is quite true that we do not hear all the facts about the campaign, either from Germany or the allies. Mr. Palmer throws some light on many things that are cloudy in ordinary report.

One interesting statement he made at a luncheon given to him at the National Club yesterday by his local publishers was that Germany was exceedingly accurate in reporting all her small and unimportant losses. The returns in such cases could be absolutely relied upon; but when it came to the big things, then the German headquarters made such disposition of the facts as would look well both at home cians who did not waste their lies, concerned with Toronto's own interior while another auditor remarked that transportation problems, and only he had heard of economizing the

A point of interest which Mr. There was a difference of opinion Palmer gave his opinion upon was the portunists, and while much detail is settled ahead, the big things are settled the night before the battle.

At the decisive engagement of the 000. The Germans had the preponlittle Germany ringed round with ene-

are now asserting their superiority. In his remarks about the character istic attitude of the British headquar-

ters he was complimentary in a way that would please Britons for what he Bank appreciated, the it would not be understood by Germans. There was no desire to be well spoken of among the British troops, and after he got to the front he was never given any press agent news, nor asked to do anything which he had not thought of himself, except on one occasion, when he was requested if he was writing about the French to remember that they were amount to about \$20,000,000, or 27 per the hosts of the British, and not to cent. of the liabilities to the public, is say anything that could possibly offend a proud and sensitive people such available assets are \$32,660,000, or 44 their guests, desired to behave as such. He could abuse British politicians if he wished. That did not matter. Mr. Palmer is refreshingly optimistic

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about the end of the war, tho he sets no time limit to its continuance. He has full confidence in the allied forces, and his sympathies are entirely with the ideals of civilization and independence, and the individualistic liberty which the allied cause represents.

Large Surplus for Protection of Policyholders After Meeting All Claims.

The annual report submitted at the neeting of the shareholders of the Continental Life Insurance Co., which was held yesterday, was very satisfac-

The net income from insurance pre-miums, after deducting amounts paid miums, after deducting amounts paid for reinsurance premiums, was \$327, 909.51. The net income from interest and rents, etc., was \$102.291.68, making a total net income \$430.201.19. The death claims reported during the year were \$67,175. The total amount paid to policyholders during the year, including death claims, matured endowments, profits to policyholders and surments, profits to policyholders and survalues, was \$119,679.60. After making allowance for depreciation and deducting doubtful accounts, the surplus for the protection of policyholders was, at the end of the year, \$368,

The applications for new insurance and revival of policies amounted to \$2,061,645. The insurance issued and revived amounted to \$1,935,995, and the insurance in force at the end of the year amounted to \$10,053,220, the annual premiums on the business in force amounting to \$360,118.97.

# ION BANK REPORT

Statement Presented at Annual Meeting Yesterday Most Gratifying.

CASH ASSETS LARGE

is in Strongest Position Since It Was Incorporated.

The annual report of the Dominion Bank submitted at the forty-fifth annual meeting of the shareholders yesterday, shows that the bank is in the strongest position it has enjoyed since incorporation. The fact that the cash

perhaps the most significant feature of the statement. The immediately as the French were. The British, as per cent. of the liabilities to the public. On December 31 last, the total assets were over \$67,000,000, or an intwelve months crease during the twelv under review of \$7,000,000.

The deposits increased \$8,200,000 in 1915; of which total \$4,000,000 is in non-interest bearing accounts, the balance in interest bearing deposits. Never before in the history of the bank has such a large increase in deposits been shown.

The policy of commendable con-servatism steadfastly pursued has reulted in a moderate decrease in profits as compared with 1914. The profits for 1915 were \$870,966.47, but after provision is made for dividends at the of 12 per cent. per annum-\$720,000; Dominion Government war to the officers' pension fund. an amount of \$344,439.71 is carried forward in the profit and loss account. ward in the profit and loss account. \$60,000 more than was brought forward in the preceding year,

A Line o' Cheer Each Day o' the Year By John Kendrick Bangs.

EXPOSED. (Copyright, 1916) THE wolf was standing at

my door
Indulging in an awful roar, And when he knocked it pleased my whim To go outside and throttle him; And as we fought he gave a cough, And shivered, and his skin came

And who d'ye think he chanced No one but OPPORTUNITY, Right there before my very eyes Hid underneath a wolfish guise!

## OWEN SOUND WANTS TO SUPPLY CEMENT

Deputation Asks Board of Control to Consider Workmen in That Town.

WELCOME TO DELEGATES

Motion to Do Away With ceptions Lost on a Tie Vote.

A deputation from Owen Sound headed by Mayor R. D. Little, met the noard of control yesterday, and asked what the policy of Toronto was to be in regard to the fair wage clause, claiming that it has been, and will continue to be, recognized in the Union Cement works of their town, and that if the city changes its decision to award the contract to John E. Russell, the workmen benefited by that clause also asked for, as two classes with will suffer a hardship.

Arguments were presented to show that every letter of the clause will be lived up to. It was pointed out that those employed were Canadians who required the work. The company would willing to make an agreement that be willing to make an union wages the contract would cease. Owen Sound is financially interested in the cement of the extent of financially interested in the cement plant in question to the extent of about \$60,000. Those who composed the deputation in addition to the mayor were Ex-Mayor John McQuaker, T. Willoughby. Sheriff T. I. Thompson, George Menzies, secretary Owen Sound Board of Trade; A. D. Creaser, town solicitor and T. L. Dates, supertown solicitor, and T. L. Dates, super-Mayor Church promised considera-tion of the arguments presented, and the matter will be taken up again, a intendent of the works.

week from today.

Reception Policy. Considerable discussion arose over the question as to what the city's plicy is to be during 1916, in the way of entertaining delegates to conven-tions. One of the controllers wanted the expense done away with, but Con-troller Cameron believed it necessary to maintain a fund for special occa sions, and advocated a policy of dealing with each case as it presented it-self. On a tie vote the motion to

abandon receptions was lost. Parks Commissioner Chambers stated, when the board was dealing with the matter of a better road at the present eastern entrance of the Exhibition grounds, that material used in merely fixing the road might just as well be dumped into the bay. There s no foundation upon which to build. Mayor Church: "It's a disgrace to the city. I'm sick and tired of the whole thing. Cavalry officers from all over the Dominion see it and turn away in disgust.

read, which stated that if the city so requested, he would take up the mate

ter of street control with the legislature, and thus provide for the portion of the agreement upon which so much controversy arose prior to the vote on January 1. In view of the endorsation which the people gave the bylaw, he took it that this part alone required any change.

### CITY HALL NOTES

A building permit has been issued to the Toronto Laundry Machine Co. for the erection of an addition to the factory at the corner of Dundas street and Sorauren avenue. It will be a one-storey wing and will cost about \$2800.

When the question of superannuation for the members of was up before the beard of control yes-terday, Controller Foster moved that \$1200 be fixed as the maximum pension to be paid to any members of the de-partment. It was pointed out by Controller Cameron, however, that the committee of the department is preparing a schedule, and on this account it was decided to ask them to submit their report as soon as possible, so that the board can decide on a definite

### MANY BOYS ENLISTED FROM VICTORIA SCHOOL

Superintendent of Industrial In stitution Presents Report for Last Two Months.

Superintendent Ferrier of the Vic-oria Industrial School reports 24 committals for the months of November and December. Twelve of these were committed for theft, 6 for house. reaking, and 7 for general incorrigibility and truancy. During the months, 35 boys were paroled. Of this number 9 enlisted for overseas service, 19 were returned to their homes. and 7 were sent to foster homes in the country. The total number of boys paroled during the year was Twenty-two boys have enlisted directly from the school, as well as 210 graduates. The general health of the school is reported as good, there no being even a case of measles.

The superintendent recommend that a bugle band be established, and gives the estimated cost of this Increased accommodation pupils are being conducted in the basement, which practice, the supershould be disconintendent says, tinued as soon as possible.

It was decided to send the motion on without any recommendation.

The estimates for the department of medical inspection for 1916 were carried and will be passed on to the board, but will come back to this committee again. They are appreximately \$298 more than last year, but include the normal increase in salaries and an expenditure at Orde Street School of \$1600. The total is \$79,390.

Supply Estimates.

Supplies required for the collegiate institutes for 1916 will cost ,it is estimated, \$36,868, as compared with \$44,293, but the first figures do not include any sum for the cadet corps, while the latter include \$6000 for that purpose. Nevertheless, there is a saving of

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About \$2000.

George H. Graham, specialist in science, was recommended to fill the position in Parkdale Collegiate made vacant by the transfer of Arthur Smith to the Technical School. The committee passed a report recomendcommittee passed a report recomend-ing leave of absence to Miss A. M. Richardson, Kent Street School; Miss E. G. Horning, Victoria Street School,

# NEWS FROM

WARM DEBATE OVER DRILL AT SCHOOLS

Trustee Shaw Presses Motion to Spend Money in Training Scholars. .

ENDS IN A TIE VOTE

Trustees McTaggart and Houston Strenuously Oppose School Military Training.

A lively debate took place at the meeting of the board of education management committee yesterday over the question of the policy of the board relative to cadet matters in the schools of Toronto. Militarism and the lack of it was discussed and at the end the members lined up in a tie. The storm broke over the motion of Trustee Shaw, which asked for \$25,000 to extend cadet drill, purchase uniforms and give the youths a thoromilitary training. Trustee Shaw wanted the management committee to recommend the motion in sending it on the board. On the other hand, trustee McCagagart thought it folly to commend the motion in sending it on to the board. On the other hand,

commend the motion in sending it on to the board. On the other hand, Trustee McTaggart thought it folly to spend so much money at this time when the matter had, as he claimed, no bearing upon the present conflict. He therefore moved that the motion be struck out.

Trustee Shaw came back with the statement that it had a great bearing upon the present state of affairs, that the war might last one, two or three years longer and that by that time the youth of Toronto would be of great use to the country. "We should not lose a minute," he said. He showed how the money could be used in buyins uniforms and equipment to good advantage and believed uniformed youngment these days was one of the best recruiting agencies. Three more instructors would also be required.

Houston's Position.

Influenza is reported as being very prevalent, and this, together with measies, has accounted for many of the death from preumonia.

The death rate per 1000 of population in 1915 was 11.7, the lowest average for ten years, that in 1905 being 14.1, and the average for the years 13.6.

During the month 480 cases of tuber-culosis were reported as against 40 in the same month of the previous year. There were 46 deaths from this cause. The total number of deaths from this cause. The total number of deaths from the cause was 477, three less than in 1914.

Epidemic of Measles.

Reporting on the measles situation for the month, the doctor says that this disease was epidemic and still continues prevalent, altho the number of cases reported daily has begun to fall off. "During the month 2980 cases

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Trustee Dr. Hopkins spoke in favor of the motion, but Trustee McTaggart expressed it as his opinion that it was "simply taking advantage of the feelings of the time to press upon the public a needless expenditure."

Trustee Houston lined up on the side of anti-militarism, opposed the expenditure and said too much time was spent in the schools in military matters. He predicted that this would be the last great war, because the conditions that brought it on would never prevail again. He was almost hooted, but not quite.

E. G. Horning, Victoria Street School, and Miss Rebecca Church, Church St. School. The following were recommended to the temporary siaff: R. H. MacDonald, Misses M. G. Hamilton, B. Vickery, M. J. Card, E. Lawson, N. Ferguson, O. Nurse, M. Dunning, D. Dickson, W. Ivens and F. M. McDonald.

The following were recommended to The following were recommended to the regular staff: Misses C. Pollock, B. Wylie, L. Blackhall, H. W. Ingram, S. Coleman, M. Meldrum, M. Rorert-son, F. C. McDonald and Mrs A. Out-ram. A year's leave of absence was granted these school nurses, viz.: Misses M. Misner, F. M. Chandler, E. L. Young and A. M. Armstrong. A recommendation that Runnymede

# INFLUENZA ACCOUNTS FOR MANY DEATHS

Dr. Hastings, in Monthly Report Says Death Rate Increased in Pneumonia.

MORTALITY RATE LOW

Measles Very Prevalent in Toronto and Many Children Succumbed to Disease.

In his monthly report of the department of public health, Dr. C. J. Hast-

this disease was epidemic and still continues prevalent, altho the number of cases reported daily has begun to fall off. "During the month 2980 cases were reported and 30 deaths registered. A similar epidemic of measles occurred in Toronto two years ago, and two years previous to that time a period of three years of high measles death rates encled. There has been an epidemic of thir disease every two years in the past decade."

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Last year the number of deaths from measles per 100,000 of population was 17, the highest record on a period covering 15 years, with the exception of 1910, when the rate was 19 per 100,000. The best record was in 1908, that being the only year since 1901 in which no deaths from this cause were recorded.

prevail again. He was aim structured but not outle.

When it came to the vote Trustees when it came to the vote Trustees Shaw, Hopkins and Fairbarn upheld the motion, while Trustees McTaggart and Houston opposed it. Chairman and Houston opposed it. Chairman of infants under one year old was 118 as compared with 106 a year ago, measured and would have fored for a much and would have fored for a much and would have fored for a maller sum. He therefore voted on smaller sum of still-births, as the year 1378 children under one year old died, exclusive of still-births, as compared with 1566 in 1914.

> FIREMEN PURCHASE AND ROCHE ASKED TO RESIGN

Were Mentioned in Connection With Investigation of Department by Judge Denton

The work of reorganization in the fire department, under the direction of Chief Smith, continues to move along swiftly. John Roche of the Portland swiftly. John Roche of the Fortland street station, and Thomas Purchase of the Yonge street station, two men mentioned in connection with the investigation of the department by Judge Denton, have been asked to resign. Yesterday morning "Capt. Gunn" assumed his duties at the Main street

station.

Today Chief Smith goes to Chicago, where he will gather information that will enable him to recommend a type will enable him to recommend a type transfer transfers to be used by the of motor tractors to be used by

School be opened Feb 1 and temporarily under the supervision of the principal of Strathcona School was Provision is to be made for the ac-

commodation of the doctors slight alterations.
Dr. Jackes and Dr. Munn, who are on military duty, will be placed on the same salary basis as other men trom the medical inspection department.

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