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A handsome Motor or Traveling Rug makes an ideal Christmas gift. We show a fine variety of reversible makes in Scottish clan and family tartans as well as in fancy plaids and plain colors with tartan reverses, \$10.00 to \$17.00 each.

Suitings and Coatings

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Silks

In plain and fancy weaves, suitable for Gowns, Waists, Suits, Coats, Skirts, etc., shown in large range of colorings, including black. Length of any of the above garments makes a practical gift.

Vivella Flannels

Guaranteed unshrinkable and are unsurpassed for their durability. Shown in lovely collection of plain and fancy designs, in every conceivable shade. Vivella is adaptable for all kinds of ladies' and gents' day and night wear. A waist length will be appreciated, being practical and useful gift. Samples sent on request.

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COUNCIL CONSIDER HOUSING REPORT

Motion to Retire Police Commissioners Receives No Backing.

The city council opened its last session of the present year yesterday afternoon. Owing to the presence of "special" constables and Deputy Chief Geddes at the doors, the police strike atmosphere prevailed.

The housing commission report took up much valuable time. The report of the city council argued the pros and cons of the report from every conceivable angle. Mr. S. Stalford, of the G.W.V.A. addressed the council on the question of three-family apartment houses in the central parts of the city.

Controller McBride's motion for a report was carried. The board of control recommended that the board of control be changed to read that the board, having received the report, recommend that the housing commission as indicated in the report be endorsed with the addition of two representatives of the Local Council of Women.

Controller McBride intimated that in many cases the large commercial houses could build their employees' houses.

Not Worth the Ink. "McBride says, 'Let the manufacturers do it.' If the employers built the houses the employees would have to do what they were told in every respect or get out. Then, as an afterthought, he added, 'The idea of this council is to beat the spot-ator.' Ald. Gibbons advised the council to wait and see what the government's proposition is.

Major H. S. Cameron Represents North Ontario Conservatives. Sunderland, Dec. 19.—Major Henry S. Cameron was the choice of the Conservative convention here today to nominate a candidate for the by-election in the provincial riding of North Ontario.

Major C. B. Topp, D.S.O., M.C., En Route to Home in Toronto. Kingston, Dec. 19.—Major C. B. Topp, D.S.O., M.C., is in Kingston, where he will spend a few days before proceeding to his home in Toronto.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 19 (8 p.m.)—The weather has continued fine today about the Dominion and it has been for the most part comparatively calm.

Minimum and maximum temperatures. Prince Rupert, 28-40; Victoria, 40-42; Vancouver, 34-42; Kamloops, 28-30; Medicine Hat, 20-30; Regina, 22-32; Saskatoon, 17-24; Moose Jaw, 13-25; Port Arthur, 20-28; Fanny Bay, 22-34; Toronto, 23-36; Kingston, 20-40; Ottawa, 15-30; Montreal, 14-26; Quebec, 6-23; St. John, 10-22; Halifax, 20-24.

Probabilities.—Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—East-erly to southerly winds; fair and mild. St. Lawrence Valley and Upper Lower Lake—Southerly to southerly winds; fair, with stationary or higher temperatures. Gulf and North Shore—Moderate west-erly winds; fair, stationary or a little higher temperatures. Maritime—Moderate winds; fair; station-ary or higher temperatures. Superior—Moderate to fresh south and southwest winds; generally fair and mild. Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—Fair; not much change in temperature.

STREET CAR DELAYS

Thursday, Dec. 19, 1918. Queen cars both ways de-layed 25 minutes at 10.50 a.m. at Queen and Vanau-ley by College cars, westbound, de-layed 20 minutes at Bay and Wellington at 8.35 a.m. by Young street, eastbound, de-layed 15 minutes at 10.22 a.m. at Front and Spadina by train.

RATES FOR NOTICES.

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, per line 50 words \$1.00. Additional words, each 5c. No charge for notices in the "Funeral Announcements" section. Poems and quotations, 50c per line. For each additional day, 25c. Fraction of a line, 10c. Cards for Births (Preparations), 1.00.

DEATHS.

MILNE—On Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1918, at St. Michael's Hospital, Sadie Johnston, wife of W. M. Milne, Langstaff. Funeral from C. A. Connor's, 505 Young street, to Thornhill Cemetery, Friday, 8 a.m.

board of control. With only one exception the increases laid down by Dr. Hastings in his report were accepted. The deputy chief clerk in the sanitary division of the health department, who has received it, said, two other increases this year was cut out. All of the increases were passed as presented after much argu-ment.

The board of control requested leave to introduce a bylaw to amend a bylaw to provide that the annual fee for a license to carry on a business in Toronto as a transient trader be in-creased from \$50 to \$250. The re-quest was carried in committee.

The report of the board of control on the erection of three-suite apart-ments in the Ontario referred to the newly formed housing committee.

The usual bylaw giving the board of control power to act in certain cases in the city council, was passed by the council. This is to overcome the lapse of time between the last meet-ing of the old council and the first meeting of the new.

A motion of Alderman Blackburn that a siren be placed on the city hall tower to warn the citizens of the ar-rival of a troop train caused much merriment among the members of the council, much to the disgust of the alderman. It was decided that the council would take this up serious-ly," stated the alderman. The motion was put to a vote, but he stood alone.

Alderman Plewman moved the fol-lowing resolution: "That the government be asked to abolish the present board of police commissioners as it now stands and that the police department be placed under the control of one commis-sioner." When the vote came to be taken it was found there was not a quorum present, and when a mes-senger was sent out the members stated that they would not come in to vote on the motion. As there was not a quorum the motion fell thru and the council adjourned for the year.

Hon. I. B. Lucas followed with a statement that the course of Mr. Wil-dfield, who had been nominated by the farmers for the by-election, was marked with changes agreeable to every wind of political fortune.

The resolution was passed regulat-ing the request of that clause in the plat-form of the Canadian Council of Agri-culture supported by the United Farmers of Ontario for the repeal of the Wartime Franchise Act until the soldiers have returned as unworthy of the memory of the 60,000 Canadians who have given their lives in the struggle for freedom, and thus en-franchise the Austro-Germans of Can-ada, who were only prevented from fighting against the British Empire by the British navy.

FARMERS HAND HAT FOR POLICE

Newspaper Scheme Fizzles—Denounce Daylight Saving and Siberian Drafts.

The morning session of the United Farmers' meeting was largely taken up with the discussion of the matter of the advisability of publishing a daily paper. The delegates had been unable to come to any decision on the ques-tion up to a late hour last night. There was some argument over the appoin-ting of men to act on the board of directors of the publication. There was heated discussion between the chairman, R. W. Halbert, and A. A. Powers as to whether all discussions should be wide open or not. Halbert thought that the press should not have been given permission to be present during the discussion of the publication question. It is like the ammunition in the enemy's guns," he said.

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The question as to whether the publication of the farmers should be a weekly or a daily paper was left undecided, but a resolution was passed authorizing the directors to pub-lish a daily paper when \$150,000 stock had been subscribed and when 2500 subscriptions had been secured.

During the evening session of the convention a delegation from the labor council was introduced, and C. O'Donald of the Toronto Police-ners' Association, who headed the dele-gation, spoke on behalf of the strik-ing policemen of the city, and ap-pealed to the convention for funds to assist them in holding out against the commissioners. He said that the policemen are in financial difficulties and unable to prolong their struggle any length of time owing to the small pay they receive from the city, and also due to the fact that the police union was only a young organization without sufficient funds to maintain a prolonged strike. A collection was

INSURANCE MEN'S WAR PROBLEMS

Tendency to Liquid Invest-ment and Granting En-larged Benefits.

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Amusements. All This Week "INSIDE THE LINES" AN ALL BRITISH PLAY. BEST FIRST AT Continuous Noon Till 11 p.m. SURRENDER OF THE GERMAN FLEET

STRAND PAULINE FREDERICK "A DAUGHTER OF THE OLD SOUTH." MOTION PICTURES OF "SURRENDER OF THE GERMAN NAVY."

ALLEN TO-DAY The Surrender of the German Fleet. ENRICO CARUSO in "MY COUSIN." Kenneth Angus, famous New York tenor, will sing "Il Pagliaccio" during the picture.

MADISON BLOOR AT BATHURST CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN "SHOULDER ARMS." MILDRED HARRIS (Mrs. Charlie Chaplin) in "For Husbands Only."

STAR MAT DAILY BURLESQUE THE MONTE CARLO GIRLS Next Week—THE TRAIL HITTERS.

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South York Liberal-Conservative Unionist Association. The annual meeting of the above Association will be held at Victoria Hall, Queen and Berti Streets, Toronto, on Saturday next, December 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Prominent speakers will address the meeting and a cordial invita-tion is extended to all South York Electors.

MASSEY HALL--XMAS WEEK TWICE DAILY DEC. 23 to 28 2.30 8.15. Jule and Jay J. Allen Present Capt. Bruce Bairns-father's English Comedy of the War

"THE BETTER 'OLE" PRICES: Mat., 25c; Reserved, 35c. Night--Reserved, 35c and 50c. 800 Good Seats, 25c. Night Prices Xmas and Saturday Matinee.

SEATS NOW FOR ENTIRE ENGAGEMENT. The sum of \$250 was made by the Canadian Women's Association for the welfare of the blind at the sale held in the King Edward, the proceeds going to Pearson Hall.

Programme of Christmas and New Year's Entertainments. Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, 1918. THE DANSANT, 4.00 to 6.00 p.m., in Pompeian Room. Special Christmas SUPPER DANCE, 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. Musical Surprises. Christmas Day, December 25th, 1918. Special CHRISTMAS DINNER, 12.00 to 2.00 p.m., 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. Served in the Victoria Room and Tabard Room. (Reservations to be made with the Maitre D'Hotel and held fifteen minutes only after time of reservation.) Special Christmas THE DANSANT in the Pompeian Room, 4.00 to 6.00 p.m. Special Christmas Night SUPPER DANCE in the Tabard Room, 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 26th, 27th and 28th, 1918. THE DANSANT, 4.00 to 6.00 p.m., Pompeian Room. SUPPER DANCE in the Tabard Room, 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st, 1918. THE DANSANT, 4.00 to 6.00 p.m., Pompeian Room. NEW YEAR'S EVE VICTORY SUPPER DANCE, in VICTORIA ROOM, POMPEIAN ROOM, TABARD ROOM. Commencing at 11.00 p.m. \$5.00 per cover. Orchestra in attendance in each room. Musical Surprises; Entertainment De Luxe; Novelty Dances, Favours, etc. to be distributed in each room. Unique ways have been arranged for welcoming NEW YEAR. All parties making reservations must purchase tickets at the Cashier's Office, to be presented for admittance at the entrance of the different rooms. No res-ervations held after 11.30 p.m. New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st, 1919. Special New Year's Day DINNER will be served in Victoria and Tabard Rooms, 12.00 to 2.00 p.m., 6.00 to 8.00 p.m. (Reservations held fifteen minutes only after time of reservation.) By request, New Year's Day, THE DANSANT in Pompeian Room. Special SUPPER DANCE in the Tabard Room, 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. Two Lucky Number Dances. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1919. THE DANSANT, 4.00 to 6.00 p.m., in Pompeian Room. SUPPER DANCE, 10.30 to 12.30 p.m., in the Tabard Room. Make Your Table Reservations Phone Main 6000 At Once Phone Main 6000 KING EDWARD HOTEL, TORONTO

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