

CONTROLLER LITTLE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF CONTROL

Elected At First Meeting of
the Year.

CHANGES ARE PROPOSED

Board Wants Councillor On
All Spending Bodies of
Municipality.

Controller E. S. Little was elected vice-chairman of the board of control this morning, at the first meeting of the year. Controller Little proposed the name of Councillor John M. Moore, but the other members declared that Mr. Little was entitled to the honor in view of his long service to the board. He accepted, it was decided that one meeting a week for the board would be sufficient for the time being. It will be held on Friday morning at 10 o'clock. On Mondays before council meetings, a special session will be held.

The board had quite a long session, but the business transacted was largely of a routine nature. The reports of the committees were presented, and passed without much change.

History of Bridges.
City Engineer Brazier gave a history of the various bridges in the city, the cost of construction, the material used, etc. This information will be presented to the council. It seems that some of them will have to be replaced, particularly the Oxford street and Ridout street bridges.

It was decided to recommend to the Legislature that the council be given power to name a member of the council to represent the city on the hospital trust, the library board, and the others.

The controllers were agreed that the principle was sound, and the change would be granted.

Conference To Be Called.
It was decided to call a conference of all the spending bodies, etc., so that printing supplies, and like tenders could be called for by the board of control. This, it is thought, would save money to the city. The conference will be arranged shortly.

The board of control agreed with No. 1 committee, that it would be unwise at this time to purchase as the hospital, City Gas Company and the London Street Railway Company. The mayor urged the purchase, but the board would not consider it.

Miss Brown, stenographer in City Clerk Baker's office, has been re-elected, which was accepted. Mr. Baker informed the board that it would be impossible to get a competent stenographer for \$200 a year. He was given authority to receive applications for the place.

To Prevent The Grip.
Colds cause Grip—Laxative Bromo Quinine removes cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box, 25c.

HELPING DESERTERS REGULAR BUSINESS, AUTHORITIES THINK

Have Strong Suspicions That
Facilities Are Afforded by
Disloyal People.

Military authorities in this district have had strong suspicions that civilians in London and at other points near the American border, have been making a regular business of helping deserters to make it easier for them to leave the army and escape detection.

Headquarters had information which led to this belief, although no definite names were cited and there was no proof of ascertaining who were thus proving themselves enemies of the Empire. The provincial authorities, who took action, with what result is not known here.

Civilian clothes stores, which have in the past been freely sent over to the United States for those known to have an inclination to "skip out," and the part disloyal residents of Canada, have played was the affording of facilities for the changing of civilian clothes into these less conspicuous tweeds.

In Windsor, dispatches say, there was much trouble along this line during the stay of the 89th Battalion, and certain places were suspected of acting as clearance houses, but no prosecution was ordered owing to the difficulty of proving the charges. Then there came a full in the illegal activities, but a fresh outbreak is again reported.

The penalties for aiding deserters are heavy and are likely to be imposed to the limit if any convictions are obtained.

WILL TEST DECISION

Appeal Being Made in Recent War Tax Case.

The appeal against the decision of Justice Henry Macdonald and A. J. J. Dyer in the recent cases, where four London businessmen were charged with failure to affix war tax stamps on goods requiring them, is to be made by A. H. M. Drayton, who is acting for the Dominion Government.

The magistrates dismissed the case largely on the grounds that Inspector Dyer, who purchased the articles, was not a consumer according to the law. The date for the hearing of the appeal is January 19, and it will be heard before the presiding judge of the division court.

Child Was Nervous, Irritable, Tired Out

She Had No Appetite, and Her Complexion Was Pale and Sallow.

How many parents realize the strain which going to school means to the child who is naturally nervous and of delicate health?

You see them come from the schools daily with pale faces, many wearing glasses, and looking tired and worn. At home they are irritable, do not sleep well at night, and are upset by a little extra excitement.

If they are to grow to healthy manhood and womanhood their systems must have attention now. Such treatment as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food does wonders for children in this condition. We are constantly receiving letters from grateful parents telling what the Nerve Food has done for their children. "This one is a fair sample."

Mrs. Stephen Hartman, Italy Cross, Lunenburg County, N. S., writes: "My little sister at eleven years of age became nervous, irritable, and seemed all tired out. She had no appetite, was

LOCAL ARTISTS EXCEL IN SOLO PARTS OF "MESSIAH"

Repetition of Oratorio Draws Large
Audience To Hear Fine
Rendering.

The Musical Art Society choir gave Handel's oratorio "The Messiah" last evening for the second time this season. The large audience present was of itself an appreciation of the splendid work done by the choir under the direction of A. D. Jordan. Londoners have had little opportunity of hearing a great choir in a hall, and partly through the lack of organization. Now a choir of 250 strong has been organized which is worthy of a magnificent music hall.

Last night's rendering of "The Messiah" showed skillful training on the part of the conductor, the choir being responsive to his lead. The great oratorio is a test of any choir and leader, and the Musical Art Society choir measured up to a very high standard last evening. "The Hallelujah Chorus," the grand finale of the masterpiece, drew special mention.

The solo parts were taken by local artists, and revealed a talent of which London should be proud. Mrs. Wyatt, in "Rejoice Greatly" and "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," displayed a soprano voice of great sweetness. Miss Cullen, contralto, showed a sympathetic appreciation of the oratorio. "Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind Be Opened," in his tenor numbers, evinced a thorough knowledge of the oratorio.

Mr. W. McCutcheon, basso, gave a splendid rendition of "Why Do the Nations So Furiously Rage Together?" The accompaniment and organ solos were faultlessly played by A. D. Jordan.

CIGARMAKERS GOING TO WORK MONDAY; STRIKE CALLED OFF

Tuckett Employees Here Notified That Demands Have
Been Granted.

Between 60 and 70 local cigarmakers will return to work at Tuckett's cigar factory on Monday morning next.

The strike which began on November 17, has been settled, and according to a telegram received today by officials of the factory, the demands of the men have been granted.

The cigarmakers in all four factories of the city had been on strike since the first day of the new year. When the strike was called off, the men will have an improvement of conditions under which the men will work and an average of \$1.15 increase to each.

It is expected that in the course of a week at least 50 former employees will be back at work in the local factory.

POOR TRANSPORTATION AFFECTING FOOD PRICES

Demand for Canned Goods Lessened,
However—Grocery Business Good.

The following comment on the market situation as regards foodstuffs will appear in Canadian Grocer this week: The demand for foodstuffs in this city has been distinctly lessened owing to the high costs. Despite the fact that there is a severe shortage on most lines of canned vegetables, it is felt in some quarters that the decreased demand will have a tendency to force prices downward. In the midst of high-priced food products, rice remains reasonably low-priced.

Transportation troubles, lack of cars for railways and shortage of trucks at sea are among the markets at present and are tending to keep prices at high levels. The action of the railway commission this week will undoubtedly help to relieve conditions. The British embargo just placed on salt, fish, potatoes, pickled onions and other lines will mean still further shortages of imported goods already short.

Business in the grocery trade has opened up exceedingly well during the first few days of the new year. Wholesale in certain instances speak of the trade as much beyond expectations. There had been for a rather quiet period during the first few weeks at least. In fact, the market has been so quiet that the yield of raw sugar in the province is a little out of order.

The wheat market is an uncertain one, and this puts fear in the same tone. Sugar and steady in price, and a business in the raw sugar market, and out level. There are significant indications that the yield of raw sugar in the province is a little out of order.

Provisions for the most part have been steady during the week. Live and dressed hogs, under considerable advances. Butter is easier in tone and has advanced down one to two cents per pound. Eggs are down one cent, reaching the market in larger quantities for the change. The price of corn, Storage eggs, however, are becoming scarcer and the price in these is being raised.

Dried fruits are in quiet market at present, owing to the passing of the pineapple will be 35c per dozen higher than last year's quotations. Considerable advance has gone into effect on a number of spice lines. Tea, in a continued firm market, due to the higher prices in London. Coffee is a commodity. Beans are holding in firm market.

SLIGHTRIDE FOR CHOIR

Drives To Grove Church and Gives
Excellent Concert.

The members of the choir of Central Methodist Church enjoyed a pleasant sleighride trip to the Grove Methodist church on Thursday evening. A large audience turned out to welcome the visitors, and an excellent concert was given. Solos were rendered by several members of the choir, including Miss Gertrude Wood and William Taylor. The choir was led by C. J. Cunningham and Edward Adams.

The ladies' quartet and the male quartet gave selections, and chorus numbers were sung by the choir under the direction of Bert Weil.

Following the program, refreshments were served, and the party returned to the city.

OWNER HELD LIABLE

Pays Fine Because Clerk Sold Candy on
Sunday.

Finda Mineloff, who conducts a small store and restaurant at 88 Main street, appeared in police court today charged with a breach of the Lord's Day act.

The charge was that he sold candy to children on Sunday last, but he explained that his clerk, George Safe, had made the sale.

The magistrates took the view that as owner and proprietor, Mineloff was responsible, and as a consequence he was fined \$5 and costs. He paid the fine.

BANK OF TORONTO DEPOSITS FOR YEAR WERE \$54,893,507

Sixty-First Annual Report Is
Most Satisfactory.

ASSISTING GOVERNMENT

Splendid Work Also Done in
Helping Imperial Muni-
cations Board.

"This is the difficult task that lies before bankers in the coming year, to so maintain the proper proportion between business necessities and Government needs as to fully do duty to both," is one of the striking statements from the address of the general manager at the Bank of Toronto's sixty-first annual meeting.

The report of deposits shows that the people of Canada have responded to a great extent, the deposits of the bank being \$5,123,740 greater than those of the preceding year. For the year they totalled \$54,893,507.

That still greater deposits are necessary if the country is to be added to the fullest extent is shown by a further statement in the address. "To assist in this task the co-operations of every one in the country is required. Increased savings, placed at the disposal of the banks, will be used by them to further these ends. In no other way can the banks have the power to render assistance. They cannot create money; they can only administer what is entrusted to them."

Assist Government.
"You will notice," said the general manager, "that our gain in deposits has been largely used in this way. We have considered it our duty and privilege to assist our own Government and the Imperial munitions board, and while doing so we have been able at the same time to give our mercantile customers their usual requirements."

The annual report shows that profits have increased \$67,380, but of this the patriotic fund and similar war subscriptions accounted for \$36,250. The war contribution totalled \$19,052. The usual sum of \$25,000 was placed in the officers' pension fund.

The dividends declared to shareholders were only the usual eleven per cent. The amount of loans and investments throughout the year was \$52,550,094, an increase of \$5,685,908 over those of the year preceding. The assets increased \$6,347,351 over those of the previous year, to \$231,114,554.

Paid-Up Capital.
A strong margin of protection for depositors and others is insured by the previously paid-up capital of \$5,000,000. This assurance was practically doubled this year, when \$5,071,350 was added, making the margin of protection for investors and others \$10,071,350. Of the addition, \$507,350 was due to re-evaluated profits.

The reports presented showed that the immediately available assets were 43 1/2 per cent, if the total amount owing to the public, or a sum amounting to \$25,072,791. The assets consisted of cash bank balances, negotiable securities and call loans.

The cash and gold reserves total \$10,420,236. This is an increase of \$1,769,201 over the previous year.

CHARGE AGAINST CARLING BREWING CO. WITHDRAWN

Was Fined in Toronto for Same Brew
Being Over-Strong.

The charge against the Carling Brewing and Malting Company of having sold beer of a strength in excess of 3 1/2 per cent proof spirits, was withdrawn in police court this morning.

The charge had been laid by License Inspector Edwards of Simcoe, who had a warrant issued for the arrest of a person who had been fined for selling beer of a strength in excess of 3 1/2 per cent proof spirits, the highest percentage allowed under the act.

Crown Attorney McKillop, acting for the department, explained that the department had decided to withdraw the charge, as it was a case of a person who had been fined for selling beer of a strength in excess of 3 1/2 per cent proof spirits, the highest percentage allowed under the act.

The beer was shipped in barrels, and the company claims that when the beer was sold it was of a strength within the law, and did not show over 2 1/2 per cent, but that the barrels may not have been kept tight, and as a consequence fermentation that would arise would make the beer show a higher percentage of proof spirits.

HARDWARE PRICES STILL KEEP MOUNTING UPWARD

Hardware and Metal, January 12, will firms are exercising great care in buying, but are nevertheless buying freely, in anticipation of a good spring demand.

The trend of prices is still upward. Stove manufacturers have advanced prices on stoves, ranges and heaters from 10 to 15 per cent. With an advance of 15 per cent this week, the prices of one leading stove manufacturer are now 30 per cent on steel, and 25 per cent on cast ranges, over the prices in effect one year ago. Higher prices have been made inevitable owing to the heavy increases in the costs of pig-iron and other materials. Prices were this week within 10 per cent of steel. Pig-iron prices were withdrawn several weeks ago. Owing to the serious shortage of coke one of the largest companies in Canada has been forced to close down one furnace. The demand for iron and steel is as insistent as ever. The serious freight congestion has caused a great deal of inconvenience in all branches of the trade. There is almost a famine in some sizes of iron pipe. Advances have been made this week in the prices of heavy hammer putty, shellac, galvanized sheets, stoves and ranges, horseshoe nails, jackscrews, high-speed drills, ship augers, choppers, padlocks, brasses, bits, rifles, guns, shoe thread, cow and trace chains.

The scarcity and high price of leather has caused a further advance in the price of leather furniture. Coal oil has advanced 1 cent per gallon, and kerosene oil is up from 1 to 2 cents a gallon. The reduction in passenger train service will have a tendency to demoralize the routes of travelers, and calls on the retail trade in small towns may not be made as frequently as formerly.

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Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50c a box, 5 for \$2.50, all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

Out-of-Town Customers Will Find Wonderful Price Attractions in the Great January Sales At Smallman & Ingram's

Prices for general merchandise average somewhat higher than in 1915, but we have thousands of dollars worth at much lower prices than we should have to pay today, and in no former January sale have the savings, as compared with market values, been more pronounced. Buy freely now, for there's no sign of decreasing cost anywhere. If a visit to the store is impossible, please remember that our mail order department insures complete and satisfactory service and the free delivery of all goods ordered by mail—also the refund of money on all goods returned in satisfactory condition, accompanied by the bill.

Clearing of Counter-Tossed Blouses Some Half Price



CANDY SPECIAL SATURDAY

Royal Kisses, a delicious caramel kiss and toffee butter-ette with marshmallow centres. Special 24c lb. Saturday only.

Sale Saturday Morning.

\$2.25 and \$1.75 Ribbon Stripe Mar- quisette and Fancy Georgette Crepes, \$1.48 Yard

Lot 1, \$1.48 Yard

This lot comprises Self-Colored Marquisettes, 40 inches wide, with ribbon stripes one inch wide; colors on sale are reseda, nigger brown, pink, navy and ivory, also Fancy Silk Georgette Crepes, 40 inches wide, in green ground with American Beauty coin spot, dark navy ground with paddy green coin spot, also old rose and light grey grounds with neat figure pattern, also dark crushed rose, old rose and Copenhagen blue, cherry design in one shade deeper than ground, also same pattern in cerise on dark navy ground. Your choice of the lot for \$1.48 yard.

\$1.85 and \$1.75 Shot Taffeta Silks, \$1.48 Yard

Lot 2, \$1.48 Yard

All excellent - Heavy - Thread Woven Chiffon Taffeta Silks, mostly fine French makes, two-tone color effects for smart suits and dresses, others in light colors for afternoon and evening dresses, also for petticoats; ten pieces in the lot in following shot effects: navy and brown, old blue and black, violet and black, American Beauty and dark navy, old rose and grey, light grey and old rose, pale blue and pink, Alice blue and silver turquoise and white, blue grey and white; all 36 to 39 inches wide. Saturday your choice \$1.48 yard.

See window display. Every piece is the choicest of this season's stocks. Come early.

SATURDAY SALE—LADIES' SILK HOSE, 70c; FIBRE SILK, 39c.

It will be wise to lay in a future supply at these special prices while they last. Ladies' Fibre Silk-Ankle Hose in black or white, seamless, spliced heel and toe; sizes 9 1/2, 9 and 9 1/4. Special 39c pair. Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, in black or white, seamless, double garter top and sole; size 9 only; regular \$1.25 pair. Special 70c pair.

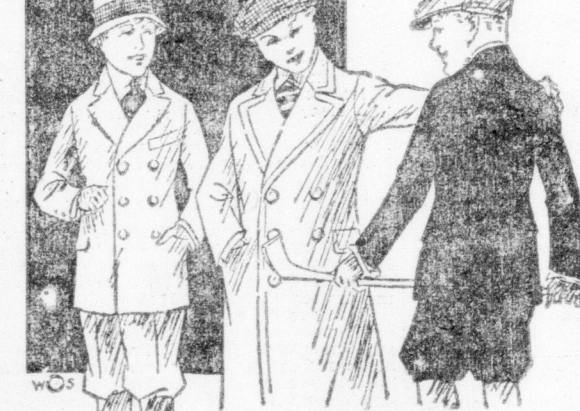
In the Basement, Saturday

100 Galvanized Wire Clotheslines and three dozen Clothespins with each; these lines are six-strand, forty foot long; regular 30c. Saturday 19c. Wear-Ever Aluminum Quat Saucepans, regular 60c. Saturday 29c each. Brown Enamel Teapots, first quality, 1 1/2-lb. size; regular 75c. Saturday 39c.

January Sale Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats

Many lines will enter this great sale tomorrow at very attractive reductions in price. For years our January sale of clothing has been an event of exceedingly attractive features, and this year, owing to most unusual conditions, will be of greater than usual interest. Tomorrow we begin with some important groupings—men's suits, boys' suits and overcoats, which you will find accurately listed below. All groups are at one price, but values will vary in each. Wise buyers will be here early for the higher-grade garments.

Sale of Boys' Suits Saturday Morning, \$4.95 Suit Ages 7 to 15 Years



About 112 Boys' Suits on sale Saturday and following days to clear at a great sacrifice. These are suits from our mail order stock, odd sizes from several different lines in two-piece Norfolk coat and bloomer knickers; tweeds and worsteds, also blue serge. These lines are worth up to \$10.00 a suit. Come early and bring your boys to be fitted. Store opens at 8:30; sizes from 25 to 33. Price \$4.95.

Men's Combinations Saturday, 79c Suit

Just a few dozen suits of these Winter-weight Combinations in heavy cotton, natural or white, worth double the price asked, in sizes 36 to 46. To be cleared Saturday at 79c suit.

Men's Black Cashmere Socks, 60c Pair

Fifty dozen Fine Black Cashmere Socks, extra quality, all wool, imported, plain, sizes 10 to 11 1/2. Price 60c pair.

LUNCHEON, 3 to 5:30.

Cold Chicken, French Bread and Butter, Cup of Tea or Coffee 25c. Lettuce Salad, Fruit, and Coffee 10c. Cortese Orchestra Saturday Afternoon.

Smartest Winter Coats at January Sale Prices

In this January sale are many handsome, fashionable winter coats, and some of these will be seen at reduced prices Saturday for the first time, also many previously announced will have their final grouping Saturday. The garments described below have not been on the sale table before. Only one of each left.

One only Tweed Coat, in novelty check of brown and green, Raglan sleeve with cuff, full flare, size 36; regular \$32.00. Special \$25.00. One only Tweed Coat in novelty two-toned green and grey, set-in sleeves, half lined, size 38; regular \$35.00. Special \$20.00. One only Tweed Coat in novelty blue and green, lined throughout, belted, size 36; regular \$29.00. Special \$22.50. One only Coat of dark green velour, lined throughout with figured silk poplin, sailor collar and cuffs trimmed with seal, size 38; regular \$55.00. Special \$39.00.



Crocheted Wool Caps, Half Price

36 dozen Beautiful Soft Heavy Crochet Wool Caps in best colors, navy, grey and cardinal, some mixed with white, some hat shapes to turn up; just the thing for winter sports. \$1.00 to \$1.50. Sale 48c. 75c. Sale 39c. Sale Saturday Morning, Main Floor.

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Breakfast Dresses, 98c

Breakfast Dress, separate skirt, with belted coat, made of figured or check percale; plain, four-gored skirt, with tape at waist; coat has three-quarter sleeve with cuff piped, belt of material, patch pockets; made in white with blue or black check or figure; sizes 34 to 42. Special 98c.

Baby Comforters, 98c

Sixteen only Padded Japanese Silk Comforters, small size, for bassinets or cots, in pink, blue or mauve. Special 98c each.

Aprons, Gowns and Corset Covers in January White Sale

Ten dozen Ladies' New Style Coverall Aprons, made of splendid quality print in assorted stripes, waist gathered in at front, plain gored skirt, finished at back with belt; neck, sleeves and belt all neatly finished with white binding. Special 39c.

Ladies' Slipover Gowns, kimono style, made of soft-finished white cotton, neck and sleeves trimmed with linen lace. Special 75c.

Corset Covers made of fine white nainsook, yoke formed of rows of lace insertion, heading and lace edging, sleeves made of insertion and lace to match. Sizes 36 to 44. Special 50c.

Corset Covers of nice quality white cotton, neck and sleeves trimmed with lace; sizes 34 to 42. Special 25c each.

85c and 80c Corset Cover Embroidery, 59c

About 20 pieces of above goods in small neat patterns, including a few pieces of Madeira work, to be sold White Sale Saturday at 59c yard. Also about fifteen pieces in dainty designs, priced regularly at 55c. Sat. day 29c yard.

Cotton Specials, Saturday

150 pairs Ready-Made Sheets, bleached or unbleached, good strong sheeting, full bed size \$1.30 pair. A limited quantity of English Longcloth for special Saturday sale, 36 inches; this will go early 11c yard, 10 yards for \$1.00.

22c Bridal Cloth, 42 inches. White Sale 18c yard.

Men's Suits and Overcoats

35 Men's Overcoats, \$11.50

Men's Winter Overcoats, ulster and slipon styles left to clear Saturday; sizes 34 to 42. Price \$11.50.

28 Boys' Overcoats, \$3.95

AGES 4 TO 6 YEARS. Boys' Fancy Overcoats in tweeds and chin-chillas, a few small sizes only left of the eighty coats that must be cleared; sizes 22 to 24. Price \$3.95.

Men's Suspenders, 25c Pair

25 dozen Men's Suspenders, made by the best Canadian manufacturers, tape or cord ends, assorted colors, good strong webbing, regulation length. Saturday 25c pair.

Sale of Men's Suits Saturday and Following Days, Price \$11.50

Ninety-eight Men's Suits in tweeds and worsteds, lines taken from regular stock, that we desire to clear before stocktaking. These suits range in value from \$15.00 to \$22.00. Styles are the three-buttoned single-breasted sack, also the form-fitting English styles for young men. This lot of 98 suits will clear quickly, as they are all good patterns and the price is very low. Sale starts Saturday morning at 8:30. See Richmond street windows for display; sizes 33 to 44. Price \$11.50 suit.

AFTERNOON TEA.

Stewed French Prunes with Whipped Cream, Cup of Tea 25c. Coffee Cake, Cup of English Breakfast Tea 10c. Cortese Orchestra Saturday afternoon.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

Limited