

PENSIONS OFFICIALS ANSWER QUESTIONS

Major Buchanan and Major Ashton Attend Convention.

DISABILITY GRADES

Ninety Per Cent. of Staff of Board Are Returned Men.

Major Buchanan, traveling representative of the board of pensions, was given a good hearing at the G.W.V.A. convention yesterday. However, he was asked 18 questions as to the manner of treatment of various grades of disability. He stated that 90 per cent. of the staff of the board of pensions was composed of returned men or of women directly connected with them. The powers of the board, he said, were purely administrative, and followed the laws laid down by the legislation of the country. If the government ruled that the total disability pension should be placed at \$500 or \$600 or \$5000 it was not within the province of the board to take issue in this matter. The province of the board, he said, was to decide as to the exact disability of individual and to base the pension award upon a computation outlined by an investigation board, comprising the finest scientific minds of the world.

Answers to Queries. In answer to the many written queries presented, Major Buchanan stated that: First, three doctors usually composed a medical board. In some towns a specially trained investigator had been appointed as a board. If his findings were protested, the protest went in through special pension investigation committees of the G.W.V.A. branches would be immediately and thoroughly considered. No notice was taken of the finds of medical boards in Britain. This was because climatic and home influences would tend to decrease the percentage of disability noted in Britain. 3. No important positions on the staff of the board were held by either women or civilians. Investigation committees should be formed by the G.W.V.A., each branch to have its own. This would eliminate the constant influx to the Ottawa or Toronto offices of dozens of letters from single sources of protest.

The Labor Market. There was no distinction between the condition of medical and industrial unitness. Every case was adjusted according to the percentage of medical-physical disability noted by the general labor market. No distinctions were made as between officers and men. In all cases where disability had been present but unnoticed on enlistment the pension was awarded according to the percentage of disability noted. A widow was entitled to a pension only where shown to be wholly dependent on the man killed on active service. One dependent could be considered.

Matter of Legislation. Asked as to his opinion of why pensions should be awarded with regard to the rank of the individual, Major Buchanan stated his inability to question the wisdom of legislation affecting pensions. A number of cases were brought to Major Ashton's notice in which widows with large families had been refused pensions because the soldier had died of heart trouble or other long-standing complaints, was not within the meaning of the Pension Act. The case of Mrs. Colley of Guelph, wife of the late Pte. E. A. Colley, who was discharged June 3, 1918, and died five weeks later from effects of heart trouble was mentioned. It was pointed out that Colonel Labatt had received a full disability pension for the same affection.

The pensions board representatives pointed out that there were 20 grades of heart trouble. However, he believed an injustice had been done to the Colley family and promised to have the case thoroughly investigated.

BOARD IS IN WRONG.

The board of control took a dig at the Canada food board yesterday and at the same time refused its application for permission to erect bill boards on the city hall lawn. Controller Robinson observed that that board had 52 offices in its employ and Controller McBride declared that people were paying 100 per cent. more for food and getting 50 per cent. less.

RETURNED MEN ONLY.

Only returned soldiers need apply for positions on the fire brigade. The board of control yesterday refused to appoint five men because they had not been in the army, although Chief Smith said returned men were not available. The controllers also propose to find out why the five applicants are not in khaki. They must be physically fit if they are to become firemen.

Kink in the Back

You bend over and can scarcely get straightened up again. This comes on you so suddenly you can't understand it.

This is lumbago. Like backache and rheumatism, it is the result of poisons in the blood. The kidneys are deranged, but the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills will soon set them right. The pains and aches will disappear with the poisons when the kidneys do their work properly.

VETERANS DISCUSS PUBLIC OPINION

The need of the goodwill of public opinion was the theme of an interesting discussion at the G. W. V. A. convention yesterday. Comrade C. Wilcox of Oshawa, asked a ruling that delegates remain seated until sessions were concluded. During the Hamilton conference the press report had pointed out that the provincial convention was limited to only a small proportion of the membership of that convention, when this Y. M. C. A. censure vote was taken.

Comrade Murrell of the Central Branch expressed the opinion that public opinion as he found it, was not entirely sympathetic toward the war veterans. Comrade Harrison of Windsor and others in reply stated that they had not found reason to believe this to be a fact.

Comrade Floyd of Cobourg asked more sympathy from the powers that be. He advised the training and appointment of crippled soldiers for the duties of dieticians at the military hospitals.

Comrade Taylor of Kingston stated his opinion that the vocational authorities were doing their best. A dietician, he said, could not be trained in less than two years.

Comrade Kinsey of Guelph stated that a returned soldier would make a good dietician. He knew what soldiers needed at the military hospitals.

Comrade Meredith urged the need of the confidence of the public. Comrade Patchell of the Maritime Provinces was sure that public opinion had done much to help the returned soldiers.

Comrade Macintosh of Guelph felt that one might fall into the error of being ungrateful for the work of the public in behalf of the returned soldier.

Comrade Cassidy of Guelph did not think it fair to assail the public of Toronto.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COURSES EFFECTIVE

Deputy Minister of Re-establishment Tells What is Being Done.

F. G. Robinson, acting deputy minister of the soldiers' civil re-establishment commission, yesterday outlined to the G. W. V. A. convention the work of this commission. He pointed out that the number of incurables discharged from the military hospitals was very small. A home had been established for them in Euclid Hall, the gift of the Massey-Treble estate. Discharged soldiers caused through active service would be able to get further treatment at any of the military hospitals with full medical attention, said Mr. Robinson. While they would not receive separation allowance they would receive the equivalent from the landward soldiers' commission. Re-enlistment would be entirely unnecessary, but it would not be possible to say whether or not the pension would be affected in this case.

Mr. Robinson, in answer to questions, stated that there was no such thing as military punishment with the soldiers under the jurisdiction of the invalided soldiers' commission.

Re-education Effective. Another factor which the deputy minister brought out was that organized labor had helped the commission in every way. Re-education, he said, was the most serious problem which the commission faced. The time limit of the various courses varied according to the health and general condition of the man taking up the vocational courses. It was a proven fact that most of the graduates of the vocational school had competed favorably with all classes of labor. At present there was no provision for the training of minors, but this was a matter which the commission was considering. The men who returned to Canada on compassionate grounds were helped into situations, but if they were fit they were not entitled to the privilege of re-education.

Touching upon the men who had lost their limbs, Mr. Robinson stated that the commission was endeavoring to procure limbs which would fit the patients, and the United States was the only field of supply. In time, however, the needed limbs had been trained in the delicate work covering this field, and today the Dominion was fairly able to supply its own demands.

ANXIOUS TO PREVENT MOTOR CAR ACCIDENTS

Mayor Church, in a letter to the chief of police, asks if something additional cannot be done to check motor car accidents. "I have had many conversations," adds the mayor, "that one of the main reasons is that people will not adhere to the rule that the car which is on the right has the right-of-way. I notice every day on the streets that this rule is not being carried out or enforced. I think if some of these people were made an example of it would be a good thing for the safety of the public using the highways."

TORONTO HYDRO HAS SURPLUS THUS FAR

During the first three months of this year the current expenditure of the Toronto Hydro-Electric system was \$356,251 and the total receipts \$620,066, leaving a surplus of \$263,815 available for fixed charges. For contingencies there is a balance of \$21,000, and \$107,619 is available for depreciation.

The total assets of the system now amount to \$10,494,077, and the surplus, according to the revenue account, including \$89,858 brought forward from last year, is \$177,305.

YES, WHERE ARE THEY?

Mayor Church believes in asking questions. Here are a few of his queries to the board of control yesterday. Where are the 200 new street cars ordered by the legislature and what is the railway board doing regarding them? Why is the Toronto Railway Company's car factory not open? What is the reason of the delay in proceeding with the metropolitan arbitration? Interested civic officials will be asked to report.

SPECIAL MINISTER TO GUARD INTEREST OF RETURNED MEN

Such is Demand Made by Great War Veterans in Convention.

ENEMY ALIENS ON LAND

Major Ashton Tells of What is Being Done in Land Settlement.

Major Ashton, the chairman of the soldiers' land settlement commission, was well received by the G.W.V.A. convention yesterday. But the convention, without a dissenting vote, passed a resolution calling for the appointment of a special cabinet minister, with full power to deal with the problem of the returned soldier's agricultural rehabilitation from all angles. The resolution also called for immediate application to the problem of land-area selection.

Major Ashton was bombarded with all manner of questions, and one member asked why the department had offices on the fourth floor of a great building at Moose Jaw. The third floor back was enough. But it was a disgrace for the government to ask cripples and widows to climb four storeys to reach the office where they should file their claims for sections of land. They could ill compete against men who had never suffered. Major Ashton promised to look into this matter.

A Chicken Ranch. The prizewinner among the array of questions was one which wished to know if it was really true that Valcartier Camp was soon to become a chicken ranch.

Major Ashton stated that loans were granted according to the assessed value of the land held as security. No loans were granted for business ventures outside of farming.

Why were there so many enemy aliens on the farms? This question the major referred to the Ontario Provincial Government.

Colonel Mackenzie Forbes, of Montreal, strongly urged the need of agricultural training schools for all returned men who were considering the vocation of farming. This, he said, was the most important consideration for the government today. At present no provision had been made for this purpose.

HELPING ENTERTAIN WOUNDED SOLDIERS

Among the artists who are doing their "bit" in most liberal fashion is Boris Hambrook, tenor soloist, and a principal in many patriotic concerts given by the Hamburg Conservatory during several successive war seasons. Now he is helping the soldiers by entertaining them at the convalescent homes and at the camps.

Recently Mr. Hambrook has played at Camp Borden, at Euclid Hall, the base hospital and other military centers of the city. On Friday of this week he will play at the convalescent homes at Niagara Camp. Mr. Hambrook is ready and willing to supply talent and arrange for patriotic concerts, in all of which he will be assisted by the conservatory generally. Particular interest is given the work when the special entertainment of soldiers is in question.

SECOND BATTALION WELL REPRESENTED

The Royal 2nd Canadian Battalion is well represented at the G.W.V.A. convention. This battalion has been engaged in many operations and is specially distinguished itself at Mouquet Farm, Somme, and at Vimy Ridge, where a capture of 17 Boche guns was the feature of the battle. The delegates at the convention who represent this battalion are Comrades O'Flynn, Routon, Giddwin, Dan Douglas, and Charlie Wilcox.

Col. O'Flynn and Major Ponton are both well-known business men of Belleville. Major Giddwin was on the staff of Queen's University, Kingston, and at the time war was declared was an acknowledged expert in explosives. Both Dan Douglas and Charlie Wilcox are well known in Oshawa. Charlie Wilcox is the secretary of the Oshawa branch G.W.V.A., which now has a membership of more than a hundred and fifty.

IMPROVED DAY TRAIN SERVICE, TORONTO, LONDON, DETROIT, CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Train No. 628, re-established daily except Sunday, leaves Toronto 7:45 a.m., arrives London 11:35 a.m., making intermediate stops; connection for St. Mary's.

Train No. 632, re-established daily except Sunday, leaves London 4:30 p.m., arrives Toronto 9:00 p.m., making intermediate stops; connection for St. Mary's.

Train No. 21, daily, leaves Toronto 8:40 a.m., arrives Windsor (M.C.R.) 12:10 p.m., arrives London (M.C.R.) 2:30 p.m. Central. Connection for St. Thomas, Ingersoll, Port Burwell.

Train No. 22, daily, leaves Detroit (M.C.R.) 1:45 p.m. Central, leaves Windsor (M.C.R.) 3:05 p.m. Eastern, arrives London 6:05 p.m., leaves 6:15 p.m. Eastern, arrives Detroit (M.C.R.) 2:30 p.m. Central. Connection for St. Thomas, Ingersoll, Port Burwell.

For full particulars and additional service, see current folders.

EXPECT BONUS SOON.

Customs employees in Toronto expect to receive their bonus of \$150 on Thursday. The last increase was granted them on the recommissioning of the civil service commission last year. Men earning \$1200 got \$150, those receiving up to \$1500 were given \$100, no increase being granted those getting \$1500 or over. The customs employees expect another regular increase in salary besides the present bonus as soon as the civil service commission has met.

NO PUBLIC OFFENCE.

Matter One Which Concerns G.W.V.A. Alone.

The president of the G.W.V.A., Lieut. Col. W. F. Purney, yesterday gave out a statement to the effect that the investigation into charges made against J. J. Shanahan, vice-president of the G.W.V.A., had no reference to any social, moral or criminal offence. "Mr. Shanahan's alleged actions were purely political and were considered merely from a standpoint of his attitude toward the G.W.V.A.," said Colonel Purney. "I wish this fact to be thoroughly understood by the public."



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Beginning Today, and Continuing Throughout the Month

Our August Fur Sale

An Event of Great Importance, in That it Introduces to You Our New Fur Department on the Second Floor, and Also in That it Affords You Wonderful Opportunities for Saving on Any Purchase of Furs.

We have made extensive preparations for this sale, and we're abundantly satisfied with the fruit of our labors. We know:

- That we are offering FUR COATS, SCARFS, CAPES AND SETS made of the finest pelts, and showing the best workmanship.
- That the models are up-to-the-minute, showing every last word for the 1918-1919 season.
- That the August Sale prices afford opportunities for saving that cannot be disregarded by anyone with an eye to true economy.

In August the manufacturers sell at less profit, and the furriers work for less than when the fur season is at its height. In August you have the choice of the finest pelts, and the assurance of careful, unhurried workmanship. Not a doubt about it—August is the month to buy furs.

We have a wonderful display of coats, sets and separate pieces from which you may choose and it may interest you to know that a deposit of 20% of the entire cost—or that amount charged on your August account—will reserve your purchase for you, the balance to be paid November 1st. All furs will be stored free of charge till delivery is desired.

There's a superb COAT in FINE HUDSON SEAL that we speak of without reserve as one of the outstanding features of the sale. This coat is typical of the values that await you. It is developed on one of the newest patterns, the skirt joined to a low waistline, the deep crescent collar and bell cuffs of fine Alaska pelts. The lining is beautiful pussy willow silk. August price \$400.00

Among the novelty sets, we mention GREY SQUIRREL CAPE AND MUFF, the cape made deep and amply full, the muffs in the newest canteen shape. August price, for the set \$250.00



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NO IDEA OF NUMBER AFFECTED BY TREATY

In discussing the enforcement of the new draft treaty between Canada and the United States Chester W. Martin, American consul, said he had no idea of the number of men who would be affected, but that it appeared to him that the report of all the classes being obliged to return to their own countries was too sweeping.

He pointed out that there were five classes under draft in the United States, but only Class 1A men were being called up for medical examination. This was the class now required for active service. The consul could not see why a man in Class 4, unfit for military service, should be required to return when he had already reported. Over 2000 had already been registered at his office.

CARPENTERS ANXIOUS FOR A HIGHER WAGE

Tenders totaling \$5000 were accepted at a meeting of the board of education finance committee. Simpson's Planning Mill received \$2500 for cabinet work at high schools was the leading item. The others were: Vokes Hardware Co., hardware, \$70.00; lumber for portable buildings, \$1125.2; T. H. Hancock; metal ceilings, \$488; John T. Flowers.

The board received a notice from the District Council of Carpenters that after August 1, the prevailing rate of wages would be 65 cents per hour. Carpenters' helpers asked that they be extended the same holiday privileges as the painters and carpenters employed by the board of education. Both notices will be observed.

LIEUT. B. RIDLEY MISSING.

Lieut. C. Bryson Ridley, of the Royal Air Force, is reported missing since July 10. He is a son of J. S. Ridley, 77 Spencer avenue. The officer, who is a graduate of Parkville Collegiate and University School, and before enlisting was in his second year in medicine at the University of Toronto, joined the air force last October. In June, he was wounded in the leg, after bringing down a German airplane, but later returned for duty with his squadron.

EACH GOT THREE MONTHS.

Max Mandell and Benjamin Herzhorn, aged sixteen and seventeen years, respectively, pleaded guilty in the criminal court yesterday to the charge of having stolen a pile of money from the postoffice department of a department store, Judge Coatsworth sentenced them to three months in jail.

TO BE EXAMINED.

Facing a charge of having escaped from the Ontario Reformatory at Mimico, in the criminal court yesterday, E. Tracy was sent to the detention hospital for examination.

DEFENCE NOT READY.

The case of N. C. Williams and G. Lavender, who faced a charge of having stolen a motor car from G. Weston, was adjourned for a week by Judge Coatsworth yesterday so as to allow for the preparation of the defence.

COMPLETE COURSE SOON.

Canadian Officers Training Corps members now at Niagara Camp, taking a special Lewis machine gun course, are expected back in Toronto by August 10.

WILLS PROBATED

Miss Gertrude Loring Temple, who died on March 31, left an estate valued at \$17,787. The real and personal estate are left to her father, Charles V. Temple, and in the event of his death her half-brother, Arthur, and cousin, Reginald Temple, are named as executors to pay Mrs. Ida Dunbar, \$3500; Cuthbert, a brother, \$4500; Arthur Temple, \$5000; Marion Temple, \$500; Jean Dunbar, \$250; Bevan Dunbar, \$250, and the remainder of the estate to Arthur Temple.

Letters of administration have been granted of the estate of John Smith of the Township of Whitchurch, who died July 26, 1918, to Lavinia A. Smith, widow. The estate is valued at \$1398.15.

Edmund Sims of Toronto, who died on July 13, 1918, left an estate valued at \$1246. Yvonne Sims, daughter, is the sole beneficiary.

Lieut. John E. Stacey, who died of wounds in England April 8, 1918, left his estate consisting of real estate valued at \$750, to his mother, Mrs. Mary Stacey, of Coughnawaga, Que.

Letters of administration have been granted to Percy C. Taylor, son of Jessie C. Taylor, of Toronto, who died on April 30 of this year. The total value of the estate is \$1572. Percy Campbell Taylor receives \$500 in stocks; Mary Frederica Taylor Weir, a daughter, bonds and jewelry to the value of \$1600; Edna Ferguson Lowndes, a daughter, stock valued at \$700, and the remainder of the estate goes to Percy Taylor to be held in trust for his children.

SERBIAN GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR AFTER WAR

Plans are already being made by the Serbian Government for the re-establishment of its country on a more modern agricultural basis after the war. The minister of agriculture yesterday afternoon with a view of obtaining all possible information regarding modern systems of agriculture and agricultural education.

The Serbian Government will establish at least one agricultural college on the plan of the colleges in Canada, and Mr. and Mrs. Yefthich have been commissioned to collect all the necessary information for that purpose. They will meet Dr. Creelman, commissioner of agriculture today, and thru him will be placed in a position to obtain the information they are seeking. They paid a short visit to Premier Hearst yesterday afternoon and explained to him what their government was doing to prepare for after war agricultural conditions.

TRUCK DRIVER HELD; OTHERS GIVEN BAIL

As a result of the double fatality on St. Clair avenue last Monday night, when a motor truck ran down and killed Mrs. Bursey and Mrs. Moore, Martin A. Donnan appeared in the police court yesterday morning charged with manslaughter, while his four companions, Frank Charley, Arthur Chompton, Basil Malley and John McKerran, were held as material witnesses. They were remanded till August 8 at the request of the crown attorney to resolve the verdict of the coroner's jury, which is investigating the occurrence. Bail was refused for Donnan and fixed at \$500 each for the material witnesses.

FLIGHT OFFICERS MOVED.

Flight Lieuts. Seaton Broughall and Conn Smythe, M.C., have been reported moved from the prisoners' camp at Blankenberg for attempted escape, and a cable announces Lieut. Smythe as now at Schneidau, a town in Silesia, south of Breslau.

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As George E. Hill failed to keep up his payments of \$4 a week to his wife, a bench warrant was issued yesterday in the criminal court for his arrest.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA. Tenders Wanted for Hydraulic Elevator

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until noon, August 8, 1918, for the Hydraulic Elevator Equipment required in the construction of the central heating plant of this building. All tenders to be based on the supply, erection, installation and completion of the work, including the furnishing of all material, tools, appliances, labor, etc., necessary, and described by the plans and specifications for the Hydraulic Elevator Equipment.

The work of this contract shall be proceeded with immediately upon the signing of the contract and shall be such a manner as to ensure the completion thereof by September 30, 1918. Plans and specifications, and any other information required, can be obtained at the office of the General Contractors, F. L. Hall & Sons Construction Company, Limited, Ottawa.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, for a sum not less than five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the tender is not accepted. If the tender is accepted, the balance of the amount of the tender must be deposited before the contract is signed. The total security will be forfeited if the contractor fails to complete the work contracted for.

Certificates of payment shall be issued monthly as the work progresses and shall not exceed in the aggregate ninety per cent. of the value of the work done by the labor and material furnished and set out in the work.

Each tender must be accompanied by detailed drawings of the equipment it is proposed to furnish for the amount of the tender. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Envelopes containing tenders to be marked: "Tenders for Hydraulic Elevator Equipment," and addressed to the undersigned.

JOHN A. PEARSON, Architect. J. O. KIRKLAND, Associate. Centre Block, Parliament Hill, Ottawa.

ARE BEING REPORTED

The first report on venereal diseases by medical officers of health appears in the monthly report of the provincial board of health for the month of July, 1918, issued yesterday afternoon. The cases reported cover, however, only the last two weeks in July. In all 177 have been reported. Thirteen medical officers reported no cases for the two last weeks in July.

The monthly report shows a general increase in the number of cases of venereal diseases when compared with the same period last year. When compared with the previous month there is, however, a very substantial decrease.

The totals for the month of July in 1917 and 1918, respectively, are 910 cases with 93 deaths in July last year and 1548 with 187 deaths this year.

There have been a very large number of cases of measles, no less than 748 being reported during last year during the same period they totaled only 228. They show, however, a very large decrease when compared with last month, when 1500 were reported.

The cases of smallpox number 38, against 21 last year, but this is the lowest figure for any month but one this year. Windsor reported seven cases and St. Thomas 15. Byng Inlet 5, Rochester Township 4, Nepean, Raleigh Township, Peabroke, Sudbury, South Ste. Marie and Snider Township one case each.

With respect to scarlet fever, which was very prevalent for the first six months of the year, there is a marked reduction from nearly 400 cases to 158 in July.

Diphtheria cases also show a large reduction when compared with the first months of the year.

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