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NORMAL SCHOOL UNVEILS TABLET TO THE MEMORY OF ITS WAR HEROES

Impressive Ceremony This Afternoon Participated in by Notable Visitors.

THE LESSONS OF WAR

Lieut.-Col. S. DeW. Pepper of Michigan, Former Normalite, the Principal Speaker.

To perpetuate the names of the students of the London Normal School, who during the war years, deserted their books to serve their country on Flanders field, a bronze tablet bearing 81 names was unveiled at the school this afternoon with impressive ceremony.

While several hundred people among whom were representatives of the city council, the board of education, Daughters of the Empire, the Women's Canadian Club, teachers, students and ex-students, looked on from the hallways, two great flags veiling the tablet were drawn aside by Miss Nellie Heffernan, registrar of the school, and Lieut.-Col. Samuel Pepper of Lansing, Mich., an ex-student, whose name graces the first page of the school register. As the folds fell away a beautiful tablet of bronze carved with exquisite workmanship and reflecting the soft light that shone from above, was revealed. It hangs above the landing of the stairway that leads from the main hallway to the second floor. Decorating the top of the tablet is the school motto and inscription. The larger letters, standing out in relief are the words, "In honor of those from the London Normal School who served in the Great War and in loving memory of those among them who fell."

The Honor Roll. Their names listed for evermore, and in bold type stood the names of those who had made the supreme sacrifice. Fourteen names are on the roll and they read: William J. Courtney, Fred Garrett, James A. Hare, S. Lewis Honey, G. Osborne, MacKenzie, George A. Metcalf, Thomas Whyte Miliken, Ralph W. Robinson, Clinton C. E. Thomson.

Then followed the service roll, containing 72 names, among which were named the names of four girls students who had served as nurses or V. A. D.'s. The list ran in four columns and was as follows:

Edith M. Anderson, Reuben Ardiell, Albert L. Baker, H. Cameron Bayne, Alexander Betteley, Wilfred Bisset, Russell Braddon, Frank L. Brown, Edward L. Gallagher, Wilfred A. Campbell, S. Stanley Chapman, Wm. Arthur Clark, John H. Clement, Roy Cunnis, Oliver M. Colburn, Cyrus P. Day, Russell P. I. Dougal, C. Arthur Downie, Ross Ernest Doyle, Ernest E. Everingham, Mack C. Graham, Alexander C. Grant, William Goldwin Gray, William E. Hemstreet, Charles Herr, Allan Hogz, Charles R. Hubbell, R. Bruce Johnson, Archie Johnson, George McKay, Hugh E. McKellar, James A. McLaren, Harold C. Marshall, Joseph F. Martin, Stanley L. Mills, Harold L. Mitchell, N. Hilton Molloy, Clifford W. Mossey, Wm. Harvey Murray, Walter G. Myrick, W. Garret Noble, Clarence L. Norton, J. Archie Patterson, Samuel D. Peppers, A. Ramsay, Douglas R. Randolph, Bertram A. Rivers, Russell B. Robson, George E. Sands, Harry A. Second, Emerson M. Shier, H. G. Siddall, William R. Smilie, John A. Smith, Walter Springett, Walter H. Stephenson, Vance Stratton, Harold Taylor, John Taylor, Kenneth Totten, Harvey Bernard Trout, Frederick C. Ward, Matthew F. Watson, Robert Weir, Thomas Alfred Willis, Richard Wright, William Frank Young, Mildred Allen, Mary Crosbie, Ruby Pinfold, Rosabel Voaden.

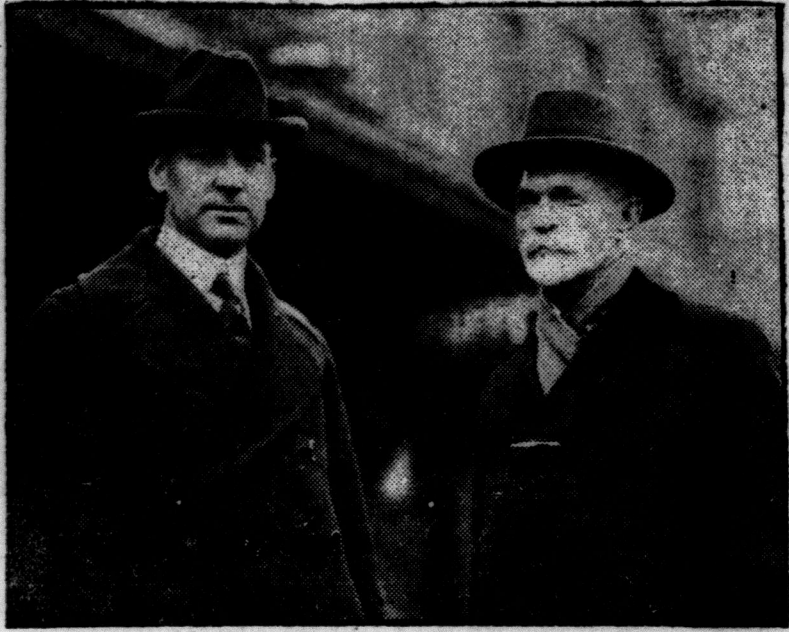
The tablet was erected by fellow-students and the teachers of the school.

Prof. Deane's Officers. Professor John Deane, who was principal of the school during the trying years of the war, and who knew personally every student named on the memorial, dedicated the tablet to their honor and memory. He spoke of the splendid spirit of the hero students who, although knowing fully the horrors of the fray into which they were entering, cheerfully gave up the dreams and ambitions of their life to serve their country, and he spoke tenderly of those who had made the supreme sacrifice.

Mr. Deane recalled an address that he had given in one of the city churches on a Peace Promotion day in the very week in which the Austrian archduke was assassinated at the Bosnian capital. To meet the suspicious rumors of German designs on the peace of Europe, he pictured the German of the Christian story, the German of the classic music hall, the German of the biologist and medical laboratories, and questioned the possibility that such people as a whole could be warmakers at heart's showed that Germany in the peaceful prosecution of trade should be satisfied with out-distinguishing even the proverbial nation of shopkeepers in the markets of the world, and further, that the Germans were shrewd enough to know that under modern conditions winners of wars are losers.

But there was another Germany that had given a glimpse of itself to those who were wise enough to see all the significance of the flash of Agadir. The Germany of the day, whose mailed fist had grasped the helm of state, a Frankenstein that scouted every right but might, a military autocracy that had devised and executed with consummate efficiency a policy to divert the current of every national activity—science, religion, education, commerce, etc.—to its ultimate purpose.

Teachers as Peacemakers. Teachers as a body deserve to be placed in the class with the late King Edward as peacemakers. Except soldiers and special students of military history they know, so far as reading and teaching them, the horrors of war better than most people, and yet in



On applying in this city at noon today Lieut.-Col. DeWitt Pepper of Lansing, Michigan, who was one of the first students to register at the London Normal School, was met by Prof. John Deane, who was principal of the school from its foundation until a year or so ago. Both Col. Pepper and Prof. Deane participated in the ceremony of unveiling of the war memorial tablet at the Normal School this afternoon. They were photographed at the Grand Trunk station by The Advertiser staff photographer.

the recent war nearly every militarily effective young man in the teacher-training classes in this Normal School was a voluntary enlistee. Two of the reasons that overcame their natural aversion to the war were the patriotic and acquired pacifism of our national liberty—they saw how Serbia was treated—and the enemy, even reverence of their young manhood against the inhuman and conscienceless methods of Hun warfare. The first May-day in the war period dated the carrying out of the deliberately planned wholesale murder of men, women, and children—of friend, neighbor, and foe—the news of which appalling tragedy was received with rejoicings and medal-striking by official Germany. That event, although at least in as beautiful and imperishable every heart, silenced the last extenuating word for warring Germany, and made every red-blooded freeman tighten his belt and, in some way or other, get into this struggle to the death.

A Work of Love. To those of us, then, who could only pay and watch, or knit and pray, some one had to keep the home fires burning—to us who knew and loved those splendid youths from this school who laid down their very life itself in the issue, it has been a work of love no less than a duty to put on record, even if in a humble, at least in as beautiful and imperishable a manner as possible our appreciation of their incomparably greater service. No one else than those who have been related to them as fellow-student or teacher has been offered the opportunity of a share in erecting the tablet.

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Beer Is Shipped Marked "Spuds"

Carload Is Seized Near White Plains, N. Y.

Associated Press Despatch. White Plains, N.Y., March 23.—A carload of beer consigned from Montreal as potatoes, was seized today by prohibition agents. Exclusive of two sacks of potatoes found at the door, the consignment consisted of bottled beer containing 10 per cent alcohol. The shipment was taken to a warehouse in New York.

TAKE-STEP TOWARDS ISSUING DEBENTURES

The first step toward the issuing of debentures by the Public Utilities Commission for \$70,000 to cover the cost of installing water meters in every home of the city was taken today, when a certificate was received from the Provincial Board of Health. The application for a permit from the health department was purely a matter of form. Applications must now be made to the railway board and the city council.

AUCTION THOROUGHBREDS. Associated Press Despatch. Lexington, Ky., March 23.—Forty thoroughbred racehorses, including the estate of H. H. Hewitt, brought \$155,810, an average of \$3,897 each.

Chain Store Founder Died of Hemorrhage of Brain

Body of Leonard R. Steel Arrives in Buffalo, en Route to Getzville Country Home.

Special to The Advertiser. Buffalo, March 23.—The body of Leonard R. Steel, dead promoter of the \$26,000,000 chain store bubble, arrived in Buffalo this morning on a New York Central train from Toledo, where the juggler of millions died suddenly of apoplexy in a Pullman car yesterday morning. Friends of the dead promoter and his intimate business associates stood in the early morning mist at the Exchange Street Station and raised their hats reverently as the express truck bearing the body of Steel was loaded onto a hearse. A small detail of police was on hand to guard against any possible demonstration, but nothing untoward occurred. In fact, only the friends and business associates of Steel,

DECLARES FUTURE OF THE NATION LINKED WITH U. S.

Colonel Pepper, London Old Boy, Pays Visit to City.

ASPIRATIONS BLEND

Refuses to Make Any Comment on "America's Splendid Isolation."

Canada's future is indissolubly linked up with that of the United States in many respects, according to Col. Samuel D. Pepper, London old boy, who paid a visit to the city for the purpose of unveiling the Normal School memorial this afternoon. Col. Pepper is deputy attorney-general for the State of Michigan, with offices in Lansing. He graduated from the London Normal School, was born in Komoka, and has achieved prominence in Michigan state affairs.

Interviewed today, Col. Pepper said the United States and Canada must continue friendly relations for the sake of mutual prosperity. The contacts which come in the form of commerce owing to the proximity and similarity of language of fields two countries blend the aspirations and future of both nations as one. One of the problems, which the two great neighbors had to solve was that of the bootlegger. Col. Pepper referred to the gigantic traffic said to be carried on between the Canadian border cities and American metropolises.

Severe Measures. As long as prohibition exists there will be bootlegging in the form of bootleggers, he said. The only solution to the situation is more severe police measures. The prohibition law in the State of Michigan is considered as effective as is possible under the conditions that prevail. In Windsor alone, it is said that bootleggers have cleaned up, in some instances, a million dollars in a year. Col. Pepper would not comment on the United States so-called "splendid isolation" from European problems and the League of Nations. He said any public utterance in that connection would "reap animosities" and would stir up trouble. Since his last visit he has seen numerous changes for the better in London. Its progress has been steady and sure, and its possibilities as a great commercial center were extremely bright.

Sees Opportunity Here. Asked whether he thought the United States offered greater opportunities for the expansion of Canadian than his own country, Col. Pepper replied in the negative. He believed the great industrial centers of America had more to offer to the youthful enterprise some years ago, and whether additional opportunities exist depends on the extent of America's industrial expansion. Many persons think Canada is the one country on the North American continent with a future, and the degree to which this is realized will determine the wisdom of young men and women remaining in Canada in the hope of being able to grasp big opportunities.

BREACH OF CONTRACT ACTION IS DISMISSED

Justice Masten Decides No Real Claim in Wray vs. Cummings.

Remarking that proper business methods had not been employed by either party, and ruling that no evidence had been submitted to show that plaintiff had a real claim, Mr. Justice Masten dismissed the Wray-Cummings breach of contract suit at this morning's session of the spring assizes. The plaintiff's claim was \$5,000.

Through the testimony of Allan J. Goodall, Mr. Cummings' banker, the defendant's counsel sought to disprove the excuse alleged to have been made by the defendant that "he didn't have any money." In previous testimony, Mr. Wray claimed that the defendant refused to take 50 dozen overalls a week as per contract, claiming among other reasons that he wasn't financially able. Mr. Goodall testified that from April 8, 1921, to April 8, 1922, the defendant had maintained a "warehousing" business and a savings account in the Imperial Bank of Canada. He went on to say that the bank had full confidence in the defendant's financial responsibility, and allowed him a liberal line of credit. Mr. Cummings, he stated, had a savings balance of \$3,000, and also had securities in the bank for safe-keeping.

Fraser & Moore for the plaintiff; Murphy & Co. for the defendant.

BELIEVE U. S. FARMERS WILL LACK LABORERS

Special to The Advertiser. Kansas City, Mo., March 23.—The American farmer first, to be hit by the period of depression will be the last to obtain benefits of the present "better times."

FIRMS IN ANNEX WILL FIGHT CITY ON TAX QUESTION

Definite Statement That Increased Assessment Must Go to Court.

ATTORNEYS READY

Representatives of Manufacturers Involved Prepared To Resist Attempt to Collect.

"Industries in the annexed districts of East London, all of whom will be affected by the increased assessment levied this year by the city council, will refuse to pay the same, and allow the city to fight the case out in the high courts."

This is the definite program as explained to The Advertiser today by attorneys, qualified, they state, to speak for certain of the firms in question. It was further explained that the entire problem had been thoroughly considered quite recently when all the concerns conducting business in that district were of the one mind as to what policy to pursue.

Will Decline to Pay. Questioned this morning representatives of the McCormick Manufacturing Company directed The Advertiser to secure the precise outline of the case to date from attorneys who have been handling the affair.

That the city council's move to collect additional school taxes from the factories, in defiance of the city's agreement with the people of that district, is strictly illegal, is the latter's contention, as they stress the point that the householders of that section will be exempted from the tax. "What do you propose to do?" the Advertiser asked.

"We will merely decline to pay the increased tax," was the reply. "And allow the matter to be threshed out in the courts then?"

"Yes, we believe that the city will be unable to collect," replied the representative of the East End firms.

Involves \$15,000. When the city council struck its 1923 tax rate, the additional revenue derived from the increased taxation, a matter of roughly \$15,000 was included, it is reported. During 1922, ex-Ald. H. B. Ashland introduced a similar movement in the council, but without success. He was opposed by Ald. Leonard Douglas, and his two Labor associates of that day, ex-Ald. John A. MacKay, and ex-Ald. F. G. Watkinson. Also declined to support the measure.

A similar motion was introduced this year by Ald. Frank McKay, seconded by Ald. Leonard Douglas, and carried with little apparent opposition. Two members of the council, who own property in the affected district, did not vote, of course—George Burdick and John Greer.

Church Union Is "Soviet" Move

Charges Dr. Cyrus MacMillan Before Presbytery.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, March 23.—Describing the plan to bring about church union between Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist denominations as "Soviet method of conquest," and declaring that when parliament came to consider the matter they would not believe that a chain gang doing a lock-step can bring about the communion of saints," Dr. Cyrus MacMillan, addressing members of the Women's League of the Presbyterian Church Association here yesterday, denounced the methods being used to bring about church union in Canada.

Recognized Ability. Sport writers throughout the country had recognized his ability. During his years on the big circuit he was often the subject of favorable comment in American papers. Besides his widow, the late Mr. MacEwen is survived by a sister, Mrs. McKenzie.

The funeral will be held from the family residence, 320 King street, at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. D. C. MacGregor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church will officiate. Interment will be made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Toronto To Sell Sunday Ice Cream

Police Commissioners Decide To Grant Permission.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, March 23.—Ice cream may be sold on Sunday in Toronto when it is consumed on the premises. That is the decision of the board of police commissioners, who they had deliberated on the matter. But if any dealer, licensed to sell ice cream, sells tobacco or cigars or cigarettes, or other goods of that sort on Sunday, such dealer will lose his license even to sell ice cream, announced Chief of Police Dixon today. "This rule will be rigidly enforced."

RETURNED FROM MONTREAL TO FIND THE HOUSE ROBBED

While Mrs. Julia Scanlon, 505 Colborne street, and her son were visiting in Montreal this winter, thieves entered their home and stole several articles of jewelry. Mrs. Scanlon was notified while in Montreal that the shutters on one of the windows of the house had been forced open. When she returned, March 11, after four months' absence, she found that a side window had been forced and entered. The loss was not great, she stated.

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arily to inundate his place of refuge, rather than attempt the perilous trip through the crashing ice gorges. An ice jam, five miles below the city, backed up waters of the river to flood stage. Hundreds of spectators lined the Iowa side of the river, watching the deputies as they defied death in reaching the island.

MOVING SCENE MARKS ARCHBISHOP'S TRIAL

Russian Women Bring Bread and Honey for Church Prisoners.

FAIR BOARD VIEWS PROPERTY.

The members of the Western Fair board executive looked over several lots on York street this morning. The board has been considering the question of making some changes in the arrangement of the fair grounds for some time. It is expected that in the course of the next few days the recommendations of the executive in the respect to the fair grounds before the board, who will then deal with it in the usual way.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS.

Generally fair today and on Saturday, becoming colder Saturday night. Shallow depressions are centered this morning over the Lower St. Lawrence Valley and Manitoba.

The weather has been mild, with light showers from Ontario eastward, while another severe cold wave has come in over Saskatchewan from the north.

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	49	42	Cloudy
Calgary	46	37	Cloudy
Winnipeg	50	4	Snow
Port Arthur	32	4	Fair
Sault Ste. Marie	36	10	Cloudy
Toronto	49	38	Fair
Kingston	42	34	Fair
Ottawa	32	22	Cloudy
Montreal	38	34	Cloudy
Quebec	38	28	Fair
Father Point	24	20	Snow
St. John	36	30	Cloudy
Halifax	35	32	Cloudy, fog

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 48; lowest, 35.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 53; lowest, 32.

Barometric Readings. Thursday—8 a.m., 29.14. Today—8 a.m., 29.23.