

Movement To Co-ordinate Under One Executive Head All Agencies Working on Behalf of Soldiers

London Chamber of Commerce Committee Discusses Ways of Assisting Demobilization, Helping Secure Employment For Veterans and Looking After Welfare of Families.

A committee of the London Chamber of Commerce, appointed for the purpose of endeavoring to co-ordinate the efforts of associations and individuals working to assist demobilization, to help in the employment of the returned men, and to insure the welfare of the valid men and soldiers' families, held its first meeting last night in the chamber of commerce board room in the Tecumseh House. Representatives from the various agencies working for these purposes were present as members of the committee. Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, representing the headquarters staff of No. 1 Military district, Mr. T. Edmonds, of the Red Cross, Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles and Major Gordon Ingram, the Great War Veterans Association; General J. M. Moore, the soldiers' aid commission; Adjutant W. Martin, the Salvation Army, etc., with J. K. McDermond as presiding officer.

Centralize Efforts. Probably the most important step taken to serve the interests of the returned men of No. 1 Military District, was a recommendation drawn up by the committee to place before the chamber of commerce, urging that this strong organization take up with the department of civil re-establishment, the suggestion to plan to group in this city under one strong executive head all agencies working on behalf of the soldiers. The suggestion made by Major Ingram, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Brown, was that a central office be opened and that there be placed in charge of it a man with a thorough grasp of the situation, to promote the welfare and establish them in a vocation. The recommendation covers the grouping of agencies on board, soldiers' aid commission, G. W. V. A. offices in one building, in order that the returned men may be met and dealt with by any of these without being driven from pillar to post before finding the department of their need. The chamber of commerce will be urged to take the initial steps in effecting such co-ordination of activities.

Other Problems. Other questions taken up were those of employment for the returned men, temporary accommodation for the wives and families of soldiers arriving in the city with no homes, and the need for entertainment for patients in the hospitals; the establishment of a home for soldiers' children who through the death of parents or other causes become the wards of the state, and the matter of suitable welcome for the returned men upon their arrival.

The soldiers' aid commission, Controller Moore stated, is making a canvass of the employers of the city with a view to finding where positions may be obtained for returned men. The committee of the chamber of commerce as a whole, many of them large employers, will be asked to co-operate in every way possible to meet the situation arising from the return of the men who have served their country from overseas.

Will Help Pay. Controller Moore stated that he had an interview with the other day with the provincial secretary, who informed him: (1) that the soldiers' aid commission of Ontario is prepared to pay half the cost of the employment of a man in each military district to undertake the work of permanent placement of the returned men. In the next place, the provincial commission is prepared to pay half the cost of a clearing house, to look after the families of soldiers. In the third place, the Government proposes to establish children's homes for the benefit of soldiers' children. With regard to the home for soldiers' children, which the Government is desirous of establishing, the provincial secretary has already approached the Salvation Army, as a nation-wide institution, to take charge of soldiers' children who are being pensioned, but for some reason are not being sent home. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. James Gray of this city it has been possible for the army to secure a suitable building, to be known as the "Ronald Gray Memorial Home." The Government will pay for the maintenance, but a considerable sum is required for equipment.

Controlled Moore and Adjutant Martin were appointed a committee to go thoroughly into the subject of the children's home.

Red Cross Responsible. Mrs. A. T. Edwards stated that by instructions from the central Red Cross, the Leiden branch will be required to provide all supplies for hospitals within the military district and will also have charge of entertainment for the men in the hospitals. Hitherto, there has been frequent overlapping in the matter of entertainment for lack of a clearing house. The need of accommodation for wives of soldiers, and in many cases children as well upon their arrival in the city was brought before the committee by the women members. The committee stated that permission is being asked by the Salvation Army to use the building which formerly housed the industrial home, on King street, for such a purpose. In order to augment this, an effort will be made to secure a building that might be used or fitted up as a hotel to meet this need. Controller Moore and Lieut.-Col. Brown were named to see what buildings are available to report back to the committee.

Rousing Differ. In connection with the subject of welcome for the returned men, Lieut.-Col. Brown stated that it is not probable they will return in large numbers or in units for some time to come. His opinion

FATHER H. RICHARDS DIES SUDDENLY LATE LAST NIGHT

Had Been Ill Only Few Days With Influenza.

Rev. Father H. T. Richards, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, this city, died with startling suddenness at St. Joseph's Hospital about 10:30 last night.

Father Richards had been in the hospital only three days, and it is thought that his death was due to complications of influenza, resulting from influenza.

Taught at Edmonton. He was for a time dramatic editor of the Montreal Gazette, and later while engaged in the study of the Anglican ministry, joined the Catholic Church in 1911.

He had studied theology at St. Albert's Seminary, where he taught English, and afterwards taught English at Edmonton University. After studying theology and teaching English at the Jesuit College, Montreal, he spent some time in the study of the city, and was ordained priest at St. Peter's Cathedral here in June 17, 1916.

Since then he had been assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, and by his earnestness, sincerity and energy in church work, had won for himself the respect and love of his parishioners.

LIEUT.-COL. I. LEONARD, 7TH MOUNTED RIFLES HAS RETURNED HOME

A big "Welcome" sign hangs over the entrance to the E. Leonard and Sons' foundry on York street. Yesterday Lieut.-Col. I. Leonard, D.S.O., returned home after nearly three years' overseas service. Early in 1915 Lieut.-Col. Leonard was appointed to command the 7th Canadian Mounted Rifles, raised in this military district, going overseas with the unit some months later. This is his first return to Canada since going away.

DIES AT ESSEX. ESSEX, Dec. 4. — The death occurred on Wednesday afternoon of Jennie Kendrick, wife of T. Kendrick, from pneumonia. Mrs. Kendrick was taken ill with Spanish influenza ten days ago. She was in her 33rd year and leaves one little girl besides her husband. Funeral services will be held at the family residence, with interment in North Ridge Cemetery.

PNEUMONIA CLAIMS POPULAR YOUNG MAN

EDWARD G. DANN, manager of Taylor Drug Stores, who died last evening after a short illness.

ED. DANN, MANAGER TAYLOR DRUG STORES, DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Popular Young Businessman's Brilliant and Promising Career Ends.

Edward G. Dann, manager of the Taylor Drug Stores, died last evening at his home, 565 Central avenue, from pneumonia, following an attack of influenza.

In his passing London loses one of its brightest young businessmen. It is just another of the many cruel blows the dreaded "flu" has delivered to London.

Dann was on the last lap of his pharmacy course when Capt. Fred Taylor, the founder of the Taylor Drug Stores, decided to go overseas, and called upon Mr. Dann to take over the management of his growing business during his absence. It was a big load to place on the shoulders of so young a man, Mr. Dann being but 25 years of age. He was 25 last September. But he proved equal to the occasion.

An evidence of this is shown by the fact that the Taylor chain consisted of four stores when he stepped into the harness, and today they number six dozen.

Mr. Dann was born in Byramston, Ont., and one sister, Miss E. Thelen, a nurse-in-training at St. Joseph's Hospital. His mother died four years ago. The attack of influenza, which led to pneumonia, was a recurrence. Five weeks ago he was stricken with the "flu," but managed to weather it, and was soon back at his headquarters at the market branch. Last Wednesday he was taken ill, but soon felt better, and was out again. On Saturday he was taken to his bed, and gradually grew worse. His death occurred at 7:30 last night.

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends will be extended to the bereaved family.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence to Decker's Cemetery. Rev. H. B. Ashby of the Church of the Redeemer will conduct the services. The funeral will be of a private nature.

WHERE SHALL TAXES GO? TO SEPARATE OR CITY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

Court of Revision Has Not Decided In George O'Neill's Case.

Should the taxes of George O'Neill, proprietor of the Tecumseh House, go to the separate school support or to the public school? This was the question that the court of revision is trying to decide. At a session of the court yesterday afternoon, at which Mr. O'Neill was present, although he had been subpoenaed, City Clerk S. Baker, who is secretary of the court of revision, stated that he had been informed by George O'Neill that it would be impossible for him to be present. He also submitted that Mr. O'Neill had asserted that he could make a declaration that he was a Catholic.

Opinions Differ. J. G. Richter, in view of these facts, thought that it was clearly shown that George O'Neill was not a Catholic, therefore, his taxes should go to the support of the public schools.

According to the clerk of the court, T. G. Murphy thought this should not be taken as evidence, although he admitted that it appeared that he was not a Catholic.

R. M. C. Toth, representing the public school board, thought it was clearly established that he was not a Catholic. Mr. O'Neill's refusal to attend made the case stronger for the public school board, the barrister thought. He will bring decisions of similar cases to the attention of the court when it meets again on Friday.

EXCELLENT CONCERT AT COVALESCENT HOSPITAL

One of the most enjoyable concerts ever held at the Central Military Convalescent Hospital was given last night by a number of young women of the Canadian Smallpox Hospital. Miss Annie Grant, daughter of Sergeant-Major S. D. Grant, of the hospital, was the responsible person in the success of the affair, and she was assisted by the other girls. Songs by the Misses Stannard, Miss Lillian and Annie Grant, Miss Sinclair, and Mrs. Frost, were heartily enjoyed by the soldiers boys. Miss Sinclair gave several enjoyable readings, while the flute selections of Sergeant-Major Grant, violin solo by Master Lindsay, and the piano selections of Miss Annie Grant were greatly appreciated. Sergeant-Major Grant also contributed a mandolin solo that added to the pleasure of the evening.

At the conclusion of the concert the girls served refreshments, a short dance being held afterwards.

TENDER FOR HEATING IS SATISFACTORY TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Report of Committee on New System Accepted.

APPEAL FOR NAVY LEAGUE

No Action on Damages Claims — Discuss Red Cross Grant.

The report of the committee which investigated the plans for the installation of a heating system in the jail, the notice of the adoption of which by the city council was forwarded to the county council by City Clerk Baker, was accepted at the meeting of the county council yesterday afternoon. The report recommended that the tender of Noble & Rich for the work, which they agreed would be done for \$3,332, be accepted on condition that that firm would do the work satisfactorily within a satisfactory time. On failing to agree to this condition the tender of the next lowest bidder was to be accepted. However, it is stated, that the tender of the former company will be accepted.

To ask the council to make a grant of \$10,000 to the Naval League of Canada, John J. Stives, a former soldier who was in the battle of the Somme, and who was wounded at Vimy ridge, was present, in place of Lieut. Elliott, who fractured his leg a few days ago. He remarked that they were only asking for 50 cents per head from Middlesex, whereas in some counties as much as \$2 per head had been subscribed and granted. He declared that the dependents of the sailors had to be backed up during the coming year. "The Navy League," he said, "is here to stay as long as there is a place named Canada." He then compared the Naval League of Canada to the one which existed in Germany. In Orillia, according to the speaker, one old man who had a family and earned only \$14 per week, gave some money.

Tax Rate Struck. John Morgan of Altona Craig declared that he had no objection to paying the money, but as the tax rate for the year had been struck, the matter would have to be left over to the January session of the 1919 council. It is one of the grandest causes that the county council could support," said A. J. Wright of Glencoe.

"I am going to stay perfectly satisfied as to how the council will act," said Mr. Stiver.

"I'm sure we have enjoyed your talk," said Warden D. A. Graham, who thought it fit to recommend the matter to be taken up at the January session.

The motion that it be left over to the January session carried.

The committee from City Clerk Baker asking that county pay \$1.50 per day instead of \$1 per day for each inmate of the county jail, was referred to the special hospital committee. Some time ago it was decided to pay the extra 50 cents.

That the pay which was being sent to the superintendent of the Strathroy House of Refuge by a soldier who was at the front as the separation allowance for his mother, who had been an inmate of this institution for the past sixteen years, be kept for him, was the motion of William Martin of Leamington, seconded by W. McPherson of Biddulph, and which carried.

The woman it was stated was abandoned but feeble-minded, and would not be in the refuge for life. For her son she had never done a bit of work, and he would have to make his way through the world, it was thought that he should receive the money.

The soldier here claimed that his mother because he thought that it had to be assigned to somebody. A copy of the motion will be sent to the Dominion Government.

More Steel Fittings. Miss Blockburn of the council that more steel fittings, in which to keep books and papers, be installed. She said that at present there was room for the books and papers, but that there were none of the necessary steel boxes and shelves. She also asked that a new typewriter be installed in place of the old one. On the motion of D. A. McCallum of Elfrick, which was seconded by R. J. Fitch of Warville, the warden, the county engineer and Rev. Wright of Glencoe, were ordered to investigate the matter.

An interesting report of the work of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, which was prepared by the secretary, Ed. Lane, was accepted and filed.

A letter from W. I. Chisholm, assistant chief inspector of Ontario, extending his thanks for the work done by the committee, was read and it was not able to be present, and stating that he was addressing the 1919 council in January.

Red Cross Grant. There was some discussion over the Red Cross grant of one mill of the tax rate, which was made last June. There was a question as to whether it could be spent for other things than Red Cross work. It was decided that it could not, but that if all the money was granted for Red Cross work, it was going to be submitted to the council's solicitor, but later the warden announced that he would have the by-law amended.

A report of a special jail committee regarding the new agreement with the city about the maintenance of the jail, was adopted, and put over until January.

The report of the board of road directors showed that no action had been taken.

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Berry Spoon \$3.00 each
Cold Meat Fork \$2.00 each
Sugar Shell \$1.25 each
Butter Knife \$1.25 each
Gravy Ladle \$2.50 each
Cream Ladle \$2.00 each
Medium Flat Knives \$12.00 dozen
Dessert Flat Knives \$11.80 dozen
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Dessert Flat Forks \$13.00 dozen
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Dessert Spoons \$13.00 dozen
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at the last minute. The council adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon. The jail committee meets at 11 o'clock this morning.

John Morgan thought that notices of any motions asking that bylaws be amended should be given before Saturday at least, so that the solicitors and others should have plenty of time to make reference. He said that he did not agree with rushing everything

trustee of the Thorndale Continuation School, was referred to the educational committee.

The board recommended that the question of connecting the Elgin County roads with the Middlesex County roads be left over until January.

Trustee Resigns. The resignation of Fred Bayly as

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