SCOUTS IN FRANCE DO SPLENDID WORK

H. G. Hammond Returns From Visit to Boys in England and France.

CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

Says Germans Are Not Nearly Beaten Yet, However.

"The work of former Boy Scouts on the firing line is simply splendid," declared H. G. Hammond, provincial secretary of the Boy Scout Council of Ontario, who has just returned from a trip to England and France. While there Mr. Hammond made an exhaustive tour of the Canadian camps in England and also of the trenches. He had the privilege of being with the Canadians, fighting in their own lines, and on one occasion was in a front line trench about one hundred and fifteen yards from the Huns. His trip primarily was to visit all the Scouts and ex-Scouts now on active service with the C.E.F.

"I saw hundred of Scouts on my tour and they are proving themselves good fellows, and all the better for having been Scouts," he continued. "They are having splendid success in rendering first aid, and in the Somme last summer great praise was given to the boys of the 5th Field Ambulance, a great many of whom were prominently connected with the Scout movement in Toronto before enlisting. The Duke of Connaught is even more keen on the movement now, and Sir Baden-Powell, the father of the Scouts, on one occasion stated to me that this war would be won in 1916. He meant that the war would be won by natural development, and the great war, the commercial war, would be decided by the generation of boys which were now growing up.

A Great Future.

"In this regard I agree with him and believe that the future of the Scouts is brighter today than ever before. The Scout movement stands for good citizenship and it has been tested and not found wanting."

"Among the troops I found a great spirit of comradeship and resourcefulness, and the men are showing their initiative at every opportunity. The Maple Leaf Club has proved an invaluable asset to the Canadians when visiting in London, and Princess Patricia is often seen down there working among our men. Every Thursday afternoon she teaches fancy work to wounded soldiers at the Ontario Military Hospital at Orpington. The record office at London gave me every assistance and placed all kinds of information at my disposal.

"Amazed as I was by the tremendous organization that keeps our armies going, and the thousand and one things that I saw on my tour of the firing line, which I do not think it would be expedient for me to discuss, I was deeply impressed with the fact that the war will not be over for a long time. The Germans are not beaten, or any way near it, altho we will eventually win, I am sure. The conduct of the men is of the best, when one considers the terrible hardships that they have to endure. If the people of Canada would only realize that these men are fighting and enduring these hardships for them, then there would not be this lack of interest that is making itself apparent in the recruiting results today. Nothing would bring the war home quicker. I think, than to have all the lights extinguished at night. It was a beautiful sight, after three months' groping in the darkness overseas, to see the lights of St. John when we landed there a day or so ago."

FUND IS AUGMENTED BY TWO LARGE DONATIONS

Toronto University and General Electric Company Make Splendid Gifts.

The funds of the Serve-by-Giving campaign in aid of the Red Cross and patriotic funds, are still growing. Yesterday Senator Frederic Nichols, president of the Canadian General Electric Co., forwarded a cheque for $5000 to campaign headquarters. The General Electric Co. of New York sanctioned this donation and wired the Toronto office to this effect yesterday morning. The University of Toronto gave $14,325, which was proportioned as follows: Allen Baines $500, R. A. Falconer $300, Vincent Massey $250, Graham Campbell $500, teaching staff, collebes and hospitals $11,175, employes $1000, and students $2150.

THOUSAND AVIATORS FOR BORDEN AIRPLANE SCHOOL

Agreement With Contractors Calls for Breaking First Ground at Borden Today.

It is expected that a thousand aviators and mechanics will take part in the operations this coming summer at the great aviation school and plant to be established at Camp Borden. Accommodation is to be provided for five squadrons, with 30 airplanes to each squadron. The agreement with the Bate, McMahon Co., of Ottawa, calls for a start on the work of building the immense aviation plant to be made today. Lt.-Col. C. Hoare, of the Royal Flying Corps, representing the imperial government, has opened a recruiting and administration office in the Imperial Life building.

Force of Returned Soldiers To Police Downtown Streets

Military police duty in the downtown section of Toronto is to be carried on by a force composed entirely of returned soldiers. This system, it is announced, will be put in force within a few days. Returned men will be able to do more and better work of this kind than either A.R. men or soldiers discharged from a C.E.F. unit. When Capt. A. Sinclair, military provost-marshal for Toronto, broached the matter at a meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association, 33 members volunteered for special police duty. This special military police force will have 75 members.

DUKE IS PATRON.

The Duke of Devonshire has signified his approval of the work of the Penny Bank of Toronto by accepting nomination as its official patron.

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NEW REGISTRY OFFICE NOT YET QUITE READY

Contractors Have Been Delayed by Inability to Secure Metal Interior Fittings.

The new city registry office building on Albert street will not be ready for occupation until Easter. The building was to have been completed by the first of the year, but owing to the contractors having been delayed in their work it will mean 10 weeks before the building will be completed was a statement made by Property Commissioner Chisholm in an interview yesterday afternoon with a reporter from The World. The commissioner declared that the contractors were having great difficulty in getting the steel counters, counter screens and other interior material for the different departments.

It was proposed by the city council sometime ago to have both the city and York County registry offices in one building. The members of the county council felt that the amount asked by the city as the county's share of the cost of the erection of the new quarters was too much for them to undertake and they turned the proposition down.

W. Pugsley, a member of the York council, who acted on the committee appointed to consider the city's offer, stated that as far as he understood, the council have dropped the matter entirely, and have decided to stay in their present office at 60 east Richmond street. The other councilmen expressed satisfaction with their present building. "York County owns the property; pays no taxes and why should we pay a large sum of money over to the city?" remarked one of the councilmen.

W. J. C. McCrea, deputy registrar at the city office, stated that the new building will be occupied by the east and west Toronto divisions. The land and titles office, which is at present in Osgoode Hall, will be transferred to the new office. The western section of the basement will be occupied by the juvenile court, and according to Mr. McCrea it has not yet been decided what will be done with the remaining vacant section of the basement.

The Easter holidays would be the only time that the records and other office equipment could be moved conveniently. The deputy pointed out that they could not close the office without putting a lot of people to some inconvenience, and if the building is ready the 3 days holidays at Easter would be a splendid opportunity to move.

CHARGED WITH THEFT FROM PATRIOTIC FUND

Allege Woman Drew Money Under Signature of Returned Soldier's Wife.

Alleged to have stolen three sums of money from the Patriotic Fund by means of cheques signed with the name of Mrs. Wakeman, the wife of a returned soldier, Mrs. Mabel Inman, 60 Augusta avenue, was taken into custody yesterday afternoon by Detective Mitchell. When arrested Mrs. Inman stated that, some time before the return of her husband from the front, Mrs. Wakeman borrowed $200 from her with which to take passage to England with her children, instructing the lender to get the money back from the Patriotic Fund thru her name. As the whereabouts of Mrs. Wakeman are not known, the truth of Mrs. Inman's story cannot be ascertained. Mr. Wakeman was not informed of the departure of his wife and children for England, and cannot understand the affair. The police are investigating.

GAVE WRONG ADDRESS.

Owing to wrong information being given to the police it was stated in The World yesterday morning that Leo McLaughlin, arrested with another man on a charge of theft, resided at 5 Grange avenue. He is not known at that address, however.

WITNESS NOT NEEDED.

Arrested a week ago as a material witness, following the Union Station tragedy, in which Col. W. C. Macdonald was killed, George Stanford, a railway detective, appeared in the police court yesterday, and as his testimony was not necessary, was allowed to go.

SEVENTY-SIX SOLDIERS RETURN FROM FRANCE

Hearty Welcome Given Heroes at Union Station and the Spadina Hospital.

One of the largest parties of returned soldiers to reach Toronto in several months arrived yesterday morning. There were 76 in the party, and of these 19 were amputation cases. The latter traveled in a special Red Cross hospital coach attached to the train from Montreal. Hearty welcomes were given the war heroes at the depot by their relatives and friends, and official addresses of greeting at the Spadina Military Hospital were made by Hon. W. D. McPherson, W. K. George, George I. Riddell, Canon Dixon, Controller Cameron, Ald. Ramsden, Ald. Ryding and C. E. Haight of the Great War Veterans' Association.

A member of the returned contingent, Pte. J. H. Collins of 90 Swanwick avenue, is 68 years of age. He enlisted as "45," but after 10 months at the front with a tunneling company, contracted rheumatism. He declared he had the appearance of being only 45 years old at the time he joined the C.E.F.

Julius Devolder, a Belgian, who was working in Chicago at the time war was declared, and one of the first to reach Toronto from the United States to enlist in the Canadian army, took part in the battle of Langemarck as a member of a Toronto battalion in the defence of the city he was born in. He was one of the men who returned yesterday.

Man Who Forgot Marriage Charged With Non-Support

Herbert Egan, who married Alice Porter a few weeks ago, came up in the police court yesterday on a charge of non-support, and was committed for trial.

Mrs. Egan testified that she knew her husband for some time before their marriage, and that he asked her to marry him. Egan pleaded that he was married to the girl while intoxicated. The marriage was performed at the Metropolitan Church by Rev. Dr. Aikens. Egan swore that he did not know the girl before the ceremony, and that the minister should not have married them.

Crown Attorney Corley remarked that the minister in question was a man highly esteemed, and the wedding took place in the presence of members of his family.

WONDERFUL PLAYER-PIANO BARGAIN.

It is an Autopiano, dark mahogany case, plain design, straight 88-note action. It has been used for demonstration purposes and is in A1 condition. Sold originally for $700, now being offered for $495 on easy terms, bench and music included. For sale by Ye Olde Firme of Heintzman & Co., Ltd., Heintzman Hall, 193-195-197 Yonge St.

SUIT WAS DISMISSED.

Dismissal of the suit of W. B. Galloway to recover $650 from Hugh Lamb, alleged due on an I. O. U., was made in the non-jury assizes court yesterday. The I. O. U. was transferred to C. F. Worrell for a consideration and later to the plaintiff. The defence maintained that the note was given to A. Carnegie for an illegal consideration and not as a promise to pay. It was assigned without the defendant's knowledge, it was declared.

A strange tribe of dwarfs has been discovered in South Gamboogia who are not tall enough to separate their hats from their shoes when they've got 'em on.

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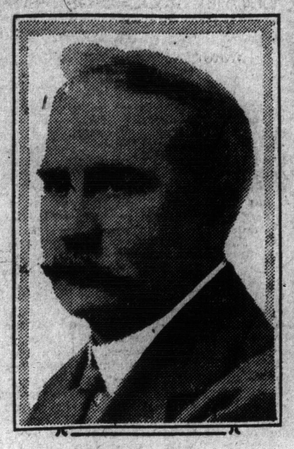
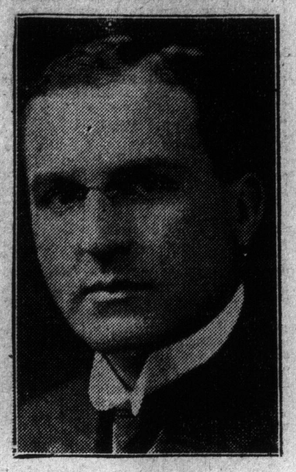
CHANGE IN BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE CO.



G. P. SCHOLFIELD.



J. B. McKECHNIE.

At a meeting of the board of directors held on Thursday, G. P. Scholfield was elected second vice-president, succeeding the late S. G. Beatty. The vacancy on the board was filled by the election of J. B. McKechnie, the general manager.

WANTS TRIBUNAL FOR INSURANCE

Manufacturer Says He Has No Redress From Underwriters' Arbitrary Acts.

MUST BE IMPARTIAL

Mr. Justice Masten Continues Investigation of Fire Insurance Conditions.

Since from the mind of the commissioner investigating conditions in fire insurance in this province will probably come proposed legislation to remedy the defects in the present system as adduced in evidence before him, the chief interest in the investigation is to see what is in that commissioner's mind.

During the examination of one of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association witnesses yesterday, Mr. Justice Masten said that it had been running thru his mind that it might be a good thing if various classes of risks were segregated, so that they might not be called upon to bear an undue proportion of the cost of insuring more expensive risks.

W. G. McMurtry, manager of the Gold Medal Furniture Company, said that his firm had insured in the New England Mutuals at between .21 and .30. During a "support home industries" campaign they had consented to insure in Ontario licensed companies tho the rate had been .35. What he did complain about, however, was not the rate itself, but that the rate had suddenly been advanced to .75 and that rate had been published without any warning to the company. They could not, therefore, get other insurance at the old rate.

This, he said, was the act of an arbitrary combination from which they had no redress. "Would not a tribunal before which he could air such a grievance be a good thing?" asked the commissioner. It was very essential, replied Mr. McMurtry. It would overcome the present difficulty to a large extent; but the tribunal must be absolutely impartial. "Well, I hope so," said Mr. Justice Masten, thereby indicating something else in that mind from which is expected future legislation.

Among other witnesses brought by the manufacturers and examined by the association's counsel, F. W. Wegenast, were C. V. Harding, Toronto Carpet Company, who dwelt upon the value to this province of the New England mutual companies, which value, said the commissioner, was undoubted, and S. A. Griggs, manager of the Walkerville Brewing Company.

Louise MacPherson Gives Recital At Women's Musical Club

A large audience was present in the Margaret Eaton Hall yesterday afternoon when an exceptionally fine program was given. Louise MacPherson of New York, who had come direct from the train to take part in the recital, was given spontaneous and hearty applause at the close of her group of numbers, consisting of Gavotte, by Glazunoff; Sonetto, Liszt, and Etude Heroique, a combination which gave room for the display of the versatility of interpretation and fine technique of which the young pianiste is capable. Miss MacPherson had to respond to the unanimous recall accorded her.

Leo Smith and Madeline O'Brian Mills played a group for the violoncello and piano, which were charmingly rendered and quite up to the high standard these artists have achieved among Toronto's best players. The delightful vocal solos of Mrs. Douglas Raymond were a feature, and a second group for the violoncello and piano by Leo Smith and Doris Denison Chapman completed one of the finest of the season's programs.

PETERBORO CITIZENS WOULD OWN UTILITIES

A deputation from Peterboro waited on the Hydro-Electric Commission yesterday afternoon regarding the purchase of the street railway, the gas plant and the electric distributing plant, now operated by the commission. They were advised to leave the matter of the street railway and the gas plant in abeyance, awaiting a more favorable situation in the money market.

It is the policy of the commission and the government to encourage municipalities in the acquisition of utilities taken over by the government in the Trent valley. The hydro plans to keep only the generating and distributing plants to create a system in the east similar to that in the Niagara peninsula.

The deputation yesterday was composed of members of the council and of the board of trade.

ALIMONY ASKED FROM MAX FRIND

Wife Tells Tale of Cruelty and Neglect on the Part of Her Husband.

THE PLAINTIFF'S CASE

Husband's Side of the Story Will Come Out Later On.

The story of seven years of wedded life, replete with domestic troubles, which she said began six months after her marriage and endured until her separation in 1915, was told to Justice Middleton in the non-jury assize court by Mrs. Alice Louise Frind, who is suing her husband, Max Arno Frind, for alimony in an unstated amount.

Her allegations include cruelty and profanity as well as his flirtations with other women and his indifference to her welfare. Cross-examination was begun by Mr. Frind's counsel yesterday afternoon and will be resumed this morning. Mrs. Frind underwent a rigid examination, but replied with the same well modulated voice, unruffled thruout the catechism. Her husband occupied a chair opposite the witness box.

She says that she was married in Toronto on June 8, 1909, to Mr. Frind and lived with him in Europe during the next six months. They returned and made their home in New York. There, she says, he immediately began to direct violent language at her and she feared bodily injury. He struck and assaulted her, he claims, and on one occasion left her for three months after telling her she could live in the gutter as far as he was concerned. Her husband, she declares, is worth about $100,000.

Mrs. Frind admitted that while living in New York she rehearsed in a company for grand opera as an understudy for one of the leading parts, playing at the same time in a vaudeville theatre under the name of Miss Louise Leslie.

Objected to Her Stage Work.

Her husband, remonstrating against her theatrical activities, promised to deed her a house if she would give up the stage. She complied, she said, but did not receive the deed.

She and her husband, she testified, went on one occasion to Maxine's restaurant in New York and occupied a table on the balcony. One of the cabaret singers circulating among the tables below stopped under the balcony and sang a song directed to her husband. She became suspicious of this woman, she said, and realized that he was giving attention to other women. She joined a traveling company and went away, returning to Toronto some time later. Telegrams and letters, containing love and kisses which were exchanged between them while she was on the stage, were read by counsel. She rejoined her husband in New York when he failed to come to Toronto, as she had expected. Mrs. Frind said about 4 o'clock one morning he arose from his bed after she had refused to comply with improper suggestions made by him and left the house. Mr. Frind's counsel sought to make her admit that she knew he was an early riser and was following his custom of going to Port Washington to supervise the construction of houses which he was building.

The couple later moved to Toronto, and, according to Mrs. Frind, her husband's treatment toward her continued in the same strain. She said "the perfume girl" in a local departmental store was one of the women with whom Mr. Frind enjoyed acquaintance. He admitted, she declared, meeting other women.

Her maid, she said, was ordered by Mr. Frind to pay no heed to her orders. The quarrels between them culminated on June 25, 1915, when, she said, he struck her and put her out of the house. Her health has suffered, she declares, and she has had no money with which to pay household expenses.

HYDRO POWER OFF.

Ice Trouble at Niagara Falls Caused Breakdown Yesterday.

Hydro power was shut off for periods of one hour to four hours in territory served by the hydro commission because of ice trouble at the plant of the Canadian Niagara Power Co., Niagara Falls, yesterday. The stoppage of power occurred between nine and ten o'clock in Toronto, while in St. Thomas the power was off from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. With the return of cold weather it is expected the trouble will be eliminated.

THE DOMINION PERMANENT LOAN COMPANY

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

The Twenty-sixth Annual Report of The Dominion Permanent Loan Company, submitted at the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders on Thursday, February 1st, 1917.

Your Directors herewith submit the Twenty-sixth Annual Report accompanied by a Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1916, and duly audited. The dividends paid by the Company during the year amounted to $71,616.78. There was written off office furniture and fixtures the sum of $548.48, leaving a balance to the credit of Profit and Loss Account for further distribution the sum of $98,337.17.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. McPHILLIPS,
President.

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31ST, 1916

ASSETS

Mortgages and other Securities	$4,310,506.30
Real Estate	50,776.63
Office Fixtures and Furniture	4,940.78
Sundry Accounts	2,597.28
Cash on Deposit and on Hand	107,565.61
	$4,476,386.60

LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC:		
Deposits and Accrued Interest		$ 224,073.52
Debentures and Accrued Interest		2,399,248.53
Sundry Accounts		813.48
		$2,624,135.54
Surplus—Assets over Liabilities		1,852,251.06
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:		
On Capital Stock	$1,205,904.16	
Contingent Fund	5,964.68	
Reserve Fund	503,000.00	
Unclaimed Dividends	45.00	
Dividends payable January 3rd, 1917	34,000.05	
Balance of Profit and Loss	98,337.17	
	$1,852,251.06	
		$4,476,386.60

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1916.

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Interest on Debentures and Deposits	$ 128,019.28
Written off Office Furniture	548.48
Dividends	71,616.78
Balance Carried Forward	98,337.17
	$ 298,521.66
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Balance brought forward December 31st, 1915	$ 59,067.38
Less Credited to Terminating Shares	398.56
	$ 58,668.82
Interest, Rent, etc., after payment of expenses, including Salaries, Directors' Fees, Government Taxes and Fees	239,852.84
	$ 298,521.66

F. M. HOLLAND, General Manager

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We have audited the accounts and vouchers of the Dominion Permanent Loan Company for the year ending December 31st, 1916; we have verified the cash on hand and in the banks at said date and have examined the mortgages, deeds, securities and certificates, representing the Assets in the above Balance Sheet, and find them in order; and we hereby certify that the said Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Corporation's affairs to the best of our information and the explanations given us and as shown by its books at the date thereof. All our requirements as Auditors have been complied with.

G. M. MULHOLLAND } Chartered
E. J. HOWSON } Accountants
Of the firm of Throne, Mulholland, Howson & McPherson.

Toronto, January 20th, 1917.

The Report was unanimously adopted.

A contribution of $500.00 was unanimously voted by the Shareholders to the Toronto Patriotic and Red Cross Fund.

The following Directors were then elected:

F. McPhillips, Toronto; Hon. T. W. McGarry, Toronto; George H. Cowan, K.C., Vancouver; Hon. Thomas H. Johnson, K.C., Winnipeg; J. B. O'Brien, Renfrew, and F. M. Holland, Toronto.

The meeting then adjourned.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. F. McPhillips was appointed President, Hon. T. W. McGarry Vice-President, Mr. F. M. Holland Managing Director, and Mr. W. M. Gemmel Secretary.

CITY HALL NOTES

The board of control yesterday agreed to recommend a grant of $450 to assist in meeting the deficit of $1,500 in the Ridgeway demonstration.

Controller Foster objected yesterday to laying an asphalt pavement on York street from King to Queen street but was overruled and a recommendation was sent on to council.

On the ground that the government were arranging to assist the second construction battalion in recruiting work, the board of control yesterday declined to make the unit a grant.

The city architect will prepare plans for two new sheep pens to replace those destroyed by fire at the Exhibition grounds. The board of control yesterday made a grant of $8,000 to cover cost of construction.

The board of control agreed yesterday to have placed in the main city hall corridor a monument of the late Col. W. D. Allan, who fell in action in France some weeks ago. The funds were raised by the members of his battalion.

Upon motion of Controller Shaw, the board of control decided yesterday to have the heads of departments submit the names of their employes with the salaries paid them last year when presenting their estimates for this year.

The board of control yesterday made a grant of $200 to establish a Toronto Challenge Cup bombing competition between local battalions. Contests, it is understood, will take place from time to time as the units prepare to leave for overseas.

Toronto received $3500 from the Toronto Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the audit of the books of that department, and in a letter to the board of control yesterday City Auditor Sterling proposes this year to distribute the $3500 among the staff of his department. The division he proposes is $2000 among his clerks, $1000 to the assistant auditor and $500 to himself for general supervision.

Building permits took a big jump during January. Applications were made for work estimated to cost $3,114,143, or an increase of $2,749,322 over the same period last year. Even leaving out the $2,500,000 departmental store application the permits show a substantial increase.

WILLS PROBATED

The Union Trust Company has applied for ancillary probate of the will of Dr. George Eliot, who died in Grenfell, Sask., Nov. 27, 1915, leaving an estate valued at $20,394. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Eliot, of Toronto, receives household goods and a life interest and the residue goes to a nephew, Mark Eliot, living in India.

Brothers and sisters will inherit the estate of $1851 left by William J. French, who died in Weston Dec. 22, according to the terms of the will.

Mrs. Johanna MacDonald has applied for administration of the estate of $1530 left by her sister, Mrs. Margaret Beamish, who died intestate Dec. 19.

Matthew Harding, her husband, and his children will inherit the estate of $1281 left by Mrs. Laura J. Harding, who died intestate in Toronto Jan. 17.

By constant application and practice anyone should be able to juggle a sponge, a cannon ball and an aquarium without spilling the cannon ball or breaking the sponge.