

# WATERLOO NEWS RECORD

## AMALGAMATION OF THE TWIN CITIES

Interesting Debate Resulted in Draw

"Resolve that the Amalgamation of Kitchener and Waterloo would be beneficial to Waterloo especially to the workingmen" was the subject of a debate at the Labor Club Hall last evening and while the attendance was not as large as the committee would have liked, due to the extreme hot weather, still the place was comfortably filled and those who were present heard a real live interesting discussion.

The question of amalgamation is one that is open for considerable differences of opinion and it was for the purpose of hearing arguments for and against that the members decided to bring it up in debate.

The idea proved a good one and many points both for and against were successfully handled by the different speakers. The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Sternal, Knittle and Kern, while the negative was championed by Messrs. Zimmerman, Hasenflug and Lippert.

The affirmative held that under amalgamation we would have a representative in Parliament, there would be a reduction in freight rates to conform with that of other cities, the cost of property would be reduced, the cost of coal and other shipping, book at the two libraries would be interchangeable, therefore allowing our readers a larger and better selection to choose from, property would increase in value due to the locating in town of many who owing to the two municipalities being separate Kitchener business men could not live in Waterloo. Factories would locate in the west end in the big city and wages therefore increase, our stores would have a larger field to draw from and naturally improvement would result. Again there would be no all round in municipal affairs. There would be only one mayor to pay, one solicitor, one clerk, etc. One Commission would do the present business of the two. There would be a saving in election expenses such as printing, etc., and while the Kitchener end would benefit by Waterloo, we would get our gas a good bit cheaper.

The bigger the consumption of Hydro the cheaper our rate and as regards the profits of the street railway the west end will receive annual shares in comparison with what the city of Kitchener is now receiving. A paid fire brigade would be necessary which would give us a cheaper insurance rate.

Free mail delivery would come which would be a boon to the workingman. In regard to the debt that of Kitchener according to population is not any bigger than ours. It was pointed out that by amalgamation assessments in the city would be equalized. A great saving would result in hydrant rental as at present Kitchener only charges \$18 per year, while the charge in Waterloo is \$35 per year. Separation from the county was another strong point in favor of amalgamation which would mean a saving of several thousand dollars annually.

The negative side started in by replying to the arguments as set forth by the affirmative. Under amalgamation our stores would be in the same places of business in outlying districts. In all matters brought before council this end would have one chance in five of getting what they wanted. In Kitchener they have several serious propositions, improvements in sewers, to take care of heavy increase in population, their poor water supply which cost thousands to improve, the building of a new city hall, a vacant King street is spoken of, a new cemetery is required and when this is all completed we in Waterloo will be obliged to help pay for the enlarged city, our public

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servants will be without jobs, one post office will only be necessary and as far as free mail delivery was concerned that did not seem to be much of a bait.

Mr. Sternal of the affirmative was allowed a few minutes to reply and he did not think for a moment that the post office or market buildings would be closed stating that was the rule in other places of larger size. Taxes could be paid here as at present, not necessary to have only one place. He said that at the last nomination meeting the statement was made that if the present council were left in office for 10 years the town would be clear of debt. That said the speaker, would be an incentive to our neighbors to select a majority of the representatives from this end.

The judges, Messrs. G. Hoshel, S. Kiesewetter and D. Bohlender, after due deliberation, announced that so evenly had been the discussion that a draw was the only solution. Those taking part were heartily congratulated on the thoroughness in which both sides had presented their case.

Throughout the whole debate the members listened with keen interest and each speaker was heartily applauded.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowsfield of Peterboro, who have been visiting friends in town the past few weeks returned home this morning.

Let Ziek fit you with a nice pair of white shoes.

Mr. R. Burrows is a business visitor to town to-day.

Oxfords, Pumps, are correct footwear for summer. Get a pair at Ziek's. Mr. F. Sampson of Hamilton was a business visitor in town yesterday.

Keep in mind the W.M.S. Band concert in Waterloo's fine park to-night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Henderson of Toronto, have returned home after spending several days with friends in town.

Be sure and attend the Park Concert to-night. Excellent program by the W.M.S. Band.

## THE CITIZENS CAMPAIGN

A citizen's campaign to raise funds to equip permanent quarters for the G.W.V.A. of Kitchener, and Waterloo, was successfully launched at Waterloo last evening at a public meeting in the municipal building. Mr. J. H. Ross was elected chairman and C. W. Wells, Secretary of the local committee. The Waterloo trustees of the fund selected by the meeting, were Messrs. J. A. Harper and Dr. W. L. Hilliard.

C. W. Wells was added to the Advertising Committee.

The local committee will meet early next week to complete the organization. To-night at Victoria Hall, Kitchener at 8 o'clock, a meeting will be held at which it is expected that representatives of the Women's Patriotic Associations will be present. Mr. S. J. Williams, Kitchener, presided at the meeting last evening.

## NEARER MILLION THAN 750,000

Good Supply from Waterloo. Mr. Schiedel, Manager of the Water and Light Commission when seen this morning said that since 2:30 yesterday afternoon until 9:30 this morning, the city of Kitchener had received 709,375 gallons of water.

He had read the meter at the latter hour this morning because the report in one paper last evening had been a little misleading. It was true we were supplying them with 750,000 gallons per day, but according to what was pumped down the past 19 hours it would run nearer 1,000,000 than a million. It is 55 seconds this morning 625 gallons passed through the meter.

Waterloo is doing its share to relieve the situation said Mr. Schiedel.

## PROGRAMME FOR PARK CONCERT THIS EVENING

To-night the first Park Concert will be held when the following high class program will be rendered.

## DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY

Government report to Congress says serious action necessary to conserve petroleum resources. Demand increasing faster than supply. Great Britain creating oil ministry and acquiring oil properties far afield. French Government seeking oil properties in Algeria and Roumania. Dr. J. D. Young, Director Bradley Oil interests, says: "New York investors seem as wild over oil investments as the people right in sight of a new gusher." Eastern capitalists are flocking to the oil fields by the hundreds. At last oil has come into its own. Oil won the war against Prussianism and it is daily winning the victory for commerce and progress. Without oil no machinery would be possible, and not a wheel would turn.

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## What Small Investments in Oil Have Made

- \$100 in New York Oil Co. .... \$ 3,000
- \$100 in Monte Christo Oil Co. .... 4,000
- \$100 in Imperial Oil Co. .... 4,500
- \$100 in Kern Oil Co. .... 4,500
- \$100 in San Joaquin Co. .... 5,700
- \$100 in S. F. and McK. Co. .... 6,250
- \$100 in Carbonyl Oil Co. .... 6,400
- \$100 in Kern River Co. .... 8,000
- \$100 in Pined Oil Co. .... 10,500
- \$100 in Luella Oil Co. .... 16,000
- \$100 in Home Oil Co. .... 40,000
- \$100 in Farmers' Petroleum Co. 10,000

## God Save The King.

1. March - Washington Greys-Grat-fun.
  2. Overture - Martha - - - - -Flotow
  3. Corset Solo - Inflammatus--Rosini
  - This powerful solo is taken from Stabat Mater, a wonderful work by this great Italian composer. Mr. Sandring.
  4. Ghost Dance - - - - - Salisbury
  5. Selection. - - - - - Chocolate Soldier
- This comic opera had a long run in Europe and America, and the song "Come, Come, My Hero," became very popular.
- Solo variations on a well-known theme by different sections of the band.
6. Just a Gem. - - - - - Tobani
  7. March, Heart of America - Pryor
  8. God Save the King - - - - - C. F. Thiele Director.
- Many residents are up in arms on account of the poor delivery of ice for domestic use. Some of our councillors who have been posted lately on account of poor sprinkling service, are now to contend with housewives calling up and asking what is the matter with the ice man.
- Citizens should remember the ice problem is not a municipal one and if they want to know the reason of poor delivery, they should call up the proper parties.

## WANT HEARING FOR IRISH DELEGATES

WASHINGTON.—Senator Borah's resolution asking American peace delegates at Paris to secure a hearing before the peace conference for the Irish delegates headed by Prof. DeVala provincial president of Irish republic was adopted to-day by the senate sixty to one. Senator William Democrat of Mississippi cast negative vote.

## WILSON CONVINCED OF TREATY

PARIS, June 6.—"I am convinced that our treaty violates none of my principles," President Wilson said when he was made acquainted with German counter proposals. "If I had a contrary opinion I would not hesitate to confess it."

## SHOOTING: Rhode Island State trapshooting tournament opens at Providence.

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## A BETTER 108TH THAN EVER, IF IT'S POSSIBLE

Despite the threatening weather after the thunderstorm in the afternoon, the concert by the 108th band was held in Quete Park last evening. Quite a number of attendants were present. The 108th men and Prof. Stockton pleased again as they did on the opening night last week. The new numbers rendered, a feature of the famous organization from year to year, made a great hit. In every way there are indications that the band has excelled its high standard of the previous years. And that is saying something. Many expressions of commendation & were overheard.

## Business Profits War Tax Act

The business profits war tax act will be renewed for the current year so as to make it apply to the accounting period to December 31, 1919.

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## Letters to NewsRecord

### A NATURAL BEAUTY SPOT.

Rumors are afloat that the matchless Rumpel property on King St. East having recently changed owners will be subdivided into building lots and factory sites. If true the city should at once make an effort to become the owner of the finest beauty spot imaginable. As the city will grow faster in that direction than in any other it will soon have to provide more recreation grounds. Very little additional outlay would be required to make the equal of Victoria Park, as far as trees go it is ahead of it now and besides its close proximity to the city carlines and the Grand River roads would make it a park far easier to reach by visitors from far and near than Victoria Park. Once subdivided with a few houses scattered over it will make it far more difficult to secure as a park as would be the case now and therefore the city should not let this opportunity pass of becoming the proud owner of Rumpel Park.

Admirer.

### Don't forget the big Liberal Convention at Waterloo to-morrow, Saturday, at 2 p.m.

A number of members of Parliament will be present and deliver addresses.

### CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MET

A special meeting of the citizens' committee at 8 o'clock in Victoria Hall. All members of the G.W.V.A. urgently requested to attend.

Sec. Martin.

### Wheat, Flour and Potatoes Were on the Free List

WAR PROFITS TAX TO CONTINUE FOR 1919.

OTTAWA, June 5.—The income taxation proposals submitted to Parliament to-day, by Sir Thomas White, in the budget speech, were awaited with great interest. The proposed income tax is considerably greater than the present tax and is almost precisely the equal of the United States' 1917 levy. It is not, however, as great as the British income tax, nor does it appear to be as heavy as similar taxation in New Zealand and Australia. The proposals are:

Corporations are to pay 10 per cent on incomes in excess of \$2,000, dividends of the shareholders being given credit for the normal tax they are to pay.

Individuals unmarried are to pay four per cent on incomes from \$1,000 to \$4,000 and \$2,000 to \$6,000, married at the present time married pay income tax of two per cent on the incomes from \$2,000 to \$3,000, and single men two per cent on from \$1,000 to \$1,500. In the case of married persons, there is assessment exemption of \$200 for each child under 16. There is a normal tax of 8 per cent on all incomes over \$9,000.

The Surtax

The surtax will commence at \$5,000 instead of \$6,000 as in the past. Incomes from \$5,000 to \$8,000 pay 1 per cent, \$8,000 to \$8,000 2 per cent, and an additional charge of 30 per cent.

On incomes from \$9,000 to \$10,000 the surtax rate is 48 per cent. On larger incomes the scale rises from 52 per cent in incomes between \$10,000 and \$15,000, 60 per cent. On incomes from \$20,000 to \$30,000, 63 per cent in \$30,000 to \$50,000, 64 per cent on \$50,000 to \$1,000,000 and 65 per cent above a million.

The increase are substantial the old charge on a \$3,000 income being \$20 and the new charge \$40 on \$8,000, the old rate was \$266 and the new will be \$37.

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## BUDGET SPEECH BRINGS NUMEROUS DUTY CHANGES

Customs Tax Lowered on Necessities of Life.

OTTAWA, June 5.—There was intense interest in the tariff proposals announced to-day by Sir Thomas White. It was the most important budget in the history of Canada and was followed keenly by a crowded House. The fiscal proposals consisted of a series of surprises and was exceedingly satisfactory to the government supporters. Generally there has been a reduction in the tariff proposals as low as a duty as might be practicable upon these implements of agricultural production so essential to Canada at this time, the problem before us was how to make it possible to reduce the ordinary tariff rates. The business of manufacturing agricultural implements is almost wholly confined to Eastern Canada. So far as concerns the great market in the West, Canadian firms and companies engaged in this industry have been handicapped as against their American competitors by higher freight rates. The freight charged by Canadian railway companies upon shipments from Eastern points to Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton and other Western points has been higher than rates from Chicago to the same points. This has been caused by the fact that the manufacturing centers of the eastern provinces are separated by great distances from the consuming and distribution centers of the West. The American manufacturer of agricultural implements is not only closer to the American consumer and American distributing points, but he is also nearer to the Western distributing points of Canada.

## THE TARIFF CUTS

In view of these circumstances it appeared to us that we should seek assistance in freight reduction to enable us to reduce the ordinary tariff upon these implements. The plan was not free of difficulty. Insofar as railway rates as such are concerned, the railway rate in Canada, although recently raised, are certainly not more than sufficient to make carrying return on the value of the properties used for transportation. Indeed, in regard to railway investment, railway returns, owing to the very great increases in the cost of operation, may well be described as low. In view of this it is, of course, impossible to expect a reduction in railway rates to be ordered by the railway commission.

As to the rate-making proposals reductions at the present time are impossible. We have, however, approached the railway company a viewpoint of overcoming the distance to the greatest extent possible, and of doing so without unduly injuring railway revenues and profits. At the present time railways, which are the largest consumers of bituminous coal, pay a war duty of 7 1/2 per cent on the value of imported commodity. As this duty is an addition to the specific tax upon this coal, a heavy resultant charge has been thrown upon the operating railways whose fuel costs in view of the advanced price of coal alone, have been greatly increased.

## THE PROPOSAL

The proposal which we made to the rail carriers was that they should reduce their rates from the Eastern manufacturing points of production of agricultural implements, Montreal, and east of the Great Lakes, to prairie points, to the rates charged by the American lines with shorter interchanges from Chicago to the similar Western destinations, stating if the railway companies could see their way to do this they would be assisted to the extent that relief would be extended them by the abolition of the 7 per cent war duty on bituminous coal.

In the first instance the railway companies claimed that in view of their financial obligations, it was entirely impossible for them to sacrifice any revenue whatever, but that their existing revenue were, as a mat-

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ter of fact, insufficient.

The question, however, was not what they could stand, but over representations were made to the companies such as the national necessity of making farming operations in the West more profitable, of increasing the population of the Canadian Pacific resultant interest that the companies themselves would have from the trade which a larger and more prosperous population would afford, and also the fact that such conditions would render more saleable the railway lands owned by the companies in the West, an argument which appealed with special force to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, which company has perhaps the most interest in the proper development and prosperity of the West as any other interest can possibly have.

"I am glad to be able to say that the railway companies have recognized the large overlying national interest and have consented to put in their hands the Canadian Pacific, which give the Chicago rate on agricultural implements from producing centers in the East, west of Montreal, and east of the Great Lakes to prairie points for carlot movements, limited to a minimum of 24,000 pounds.

## SUBSTANTIAL

"This reduction is a substantial concession made by the railways as the following statement of present rates will indicate.

Movement. Mileage. Rate.

Toronto-Winnipeg .... 1,228 \$82 1/2

Chicago-Winnipeg .... 1,366 82 1/2

Toronto-Brandon .... 1,366 82 1/2

Chicago-Brandon .... 935 80

Toronto-Portage La Prairie .... 873 78 1/2

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Toronto-Regina .... 1,069 102 1/2

Chicago-Regina .... 1,112 102 1/2

Toronto-Yorkton .... 1,512 106 1/2

Chicago-Yorkton .... 1,437 96 1/2

Toronto-Moosejaw .... 1,631 117 1/2

Chicago-Moosejaw .... 1,141 107 1/2

Toronto-Saskatoon .... 1,173 122 1/2

Chicago-Saskatoon .... 1,211 112 1/2

Toronto-Swift Current .... 1,432 121 1/2

Chicago-Swift Current .... 1,223 114 1/2

Toronto-Medicine Hat .... 1,839 135 1/2

Chicago-Medicine Hat .... 1,569 125 1/2

Toronto-Lethbridge .... 1,990 141 1/2

Chicago-Lethbridge .... 1,681 131 1/2

Toronto-Calgary .... 2,056 149 1/2

Chicago-Calgary .... 1,536 137 1/2

The rates to Edmonton are the same from both points as those to Calgary.

The reduction will be appreciated when it is recognized that for example to Regina, the Canadian haul of 1,594 miles equals the haul from American territory of 1,069 miles, while to Medicine Hat the Canadian movement is 520 miles longer than the American movement, although the rate will become the same as the rate from American territory.

It must also be borne in mind that although as the above schedule indicates, the rates for equivalent distances are reduced, the rates are higher than in Canada, notwithstanding a greater density and diversity of traffic, combined with a lower fuel cost. The United States operations, as indicated by the reports made by the United States railroad administration, are now being carried on at an operating loss.

The companies made these concessions then not in any way regarded as a measure for profitable transportation, and that it is absolutely impossible that railway revenues can be further affected by any rate reduction or any other commodities.

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In view of the arrangement for freight reduction made with the railway companies, we are enabled to make the following proposals for reductions in the customs duties on agricultural implements:

Including the 7 1/2 per cent war duty reduction to which I have already referred, our proposals, if adopted by the House, will provide for a total reduction under the general tariff from 27 1/2 per cent to 15 per cent on cultivators, harrows, horse rakes, seed drills, manure spreaders and weeders, and complete parts thereof, from 25 per cent to 17 1/2 per cent on plows and complete parts thereof, windmills and complete parts thereof, portable engines and traction engines for farm purposes, horsepowers and threshing machine separators, and appliances thereof.

On hay loaders, potato diggers, fooders or feet cutters, grain crubbers, fanning mills, hay tedders, farm rollers, field rollers, post hole diggers, snaths and other agricultural implements the resolution will provide for a total reduction on the rate from 32 1/2 per cent to 20 per cent, and a similar reduction on farm wagons.

In the case of cement, the war customs duty will be repealed, and the general tariff reduced from 10 per cent to eight cents a hundred pounds. This is a reduction of two cents per present general tariff rate.

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Two special lines of Drawers, regular 90c.

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