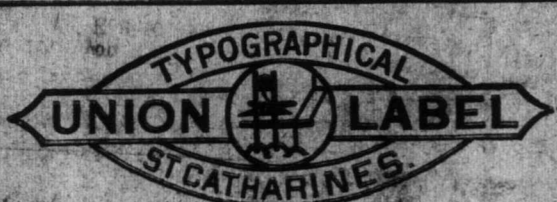


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CITY AND DISTRICT

A couple of drunks were dealt with in police court today.

We buy everything you want to sell, McGuire & Co.

There were no fire alarms last night.

The postmen are getting the Christmas blockade cleared away nicely.

There is a gauntlet and a bunch of keys at Police headquarters awaiting owners.

Choice cut flowers, potted plants and floral designs, at all times, at Walker's Florist, 104 St. Paul Street, Phone 763.

Charles Perry charged with arson has elected to be tried by Judge Campbell and will appear before him on Monday morning.

Today notifications were sent out by Returning Officer Pay to the Deputy Returning Officers who will act at the New Year's Day Election.

The prize goose found on the street, has been given to Constable Kellman, the man who found it, the owner not having made an appearance.

The executive of the Methodist Board of Evangelism and Social Service met yesterday morning and insisted that Rev. Dr. T. A. Moore, the general secretary of that department, take leave of absence for three months. Dr. Moore is also director of the field work in connection with the Methodist National Campaign, and this work, with the additional responsibility of his own department, has caused Dr. Moore to overwork during the past few months, and his physician has ordered a vacation.

General level of prices on goods offered for sale in Switzerland by German manufacturers is 50 per cent below Swiss prices.

Hospital for Sick Children TORONTO

Upkeep of Big Charity Requires Fifty Cents a Minute.

Dear Mr. Editor:

The 44th annual report of the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, shows a notable advance in every department of its service to the suffering and crippled youngsters of this province. The ward accommodation has been taxed to its capacity, and the summer annex, the Lakeside Home, was opened for the first time since the outbreak of war.

The daily average of cot patients has increased during the year from 192 to 223, including children from practically every county in Ontario. Even had the cost of supplies and labor remained stationary, the substantial increase in the number of patients would alone account for the addition to the charity's debt, which at the close of the fiscal year was \$109,000. This debt has become an embarrassing burden. Further increase must threaten impairment of an enviable efficiency.

The Hospital is in the forefront of all institutions upon this continent devoted to the care of sick children. It cost \$335,399 to maintain last year. This great sum not only puts at the service of the children of Ontario all the resources of medical science, but, in addition, provides for a training school for 120 nurses and for unsurpassed clinical facilities for the University students who are preparing to engage in their profession throughout the province.

The income which must be forthcoming to finance this absolutely essential work figures out at seven hundred dollars a day; and, as there is no endowment fund, all but a fraction of that amount has to be derived from individual benevolence. Therefore the Trustees are making a Christmas appeal to every lover of children to foot the bills for some period of time, no matter how short it may be. A minute of mercy costs fifty cents.

For churches, societies, lodges, etc., who have more ample funds wherewith to assist the youngsters to a fair start in life, the naming of cots is suggested. A number of memorial cots have been thus dedicated in honor of the overseas service of fellow-members. This privilege is extended in recognition of gifts of \$2,000 to the Main Hospital or \$500 to the Lakeside Home, which can be paid in annual instalments if so desired.

Literature, illustrative of all branches of the past year's work, together with any other information desired, will be gladly furnished on application to the Secretary, the Hospital for Sick Children, College Street, Toronto. Contributions should also be addressed to the secretary.

IRVING E. ROBERTSON, Chairman of Appeal Committee.

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WHAT EXCHANGES SAY CLEMENCEAU.

It is reported that Clemenceau may retire from the Premiership and succeed Poincare as President of France.

If he is to retire from his present post this looks like an excellent arrangement, as it will not only be an added honor for this wonderful old man, but it will keep him out of mischief, for when free of the responsibilities of office he has always been a rather terrible person in the politics of France.

He is a writer by profession and habit, and must be tempted to write a book on the war as he saw it, and might do it, too, if he were not Premier or President and so debarrated from freely expressing himself.

Stories are told of Clemenceau at the Peace Conference and some of the impatient and sarcastic asides spoken by him. After Premier Massey returned to New Zealand he quoted the reply made by Clemenceau to one who complained of the slow progress the conference at Paris was making. "How can we get along fast," said he, "when I have a man on my left who imagines himself a latter day Napoleon and on my right a gentleman who holds the opinion that he is the world's Redeemer on a second visit to earth?"

This is only one of a dozen remarks of the same order credited to the satirical old French Premier during the long and vexing delays of the conference. Some of his mots did much to relieve the tension of those long weeks. A Canadian officer who passed through Doulans early last year when the enemy were threatening Amiens tells us of an historic interview that occurred on the steps of the town hall there on the day he passed through the place. Clemenceau left Paris for the front and invited General Haig to meet him at Doulans at 11 a.m. Shortly before the hour the Frenchman was there, and standing on the uppermost step of the city hall, with one foot on the second step, awaited the British general, who, at the stroke of the hour, ascended the steps, saluting the Premier of France. Clemenceau put a straight question, "General," he demanded, "will you accept peace today or victory tomorrow?" Gen. Haig seemed a little surprised. "Sir," said he, "I think we'll stick it a few days." That ended the official interview; the rest was but conversation.

When the Canadian entered Doulans and heard of this, that which impressed him was the dramatic attitude of Clemenceau, his consciousness of the historic setting, the great moment. But he found that his French informants were greatly impressed by the casual off-handedness of the British general, who could dispose of so momentous an issue in careless phrase.—Toronto Star.

BUSY BEAMSVILLE

Beamsville, Dec. 24.—Harold and Miss Lois Holmes have gone to Clinton for the holidays.

Miss Viola Gibson and Miss Cheta Field are home from Kingston for the vacation.

Roy Hobden, Reg. Hicks and N. Huntsman of the O. A. C., Guelph, came home on Friday for a couple of weeks.

Bert Van Horn, Vancouver, B.C., is visiting relatives in town, after twelve years' absence.

Close to five hundred entries had been received up to Saturday night for the poultry show which begins on Wednesday and closes on Christmas night.

Albert Edwards spent the weekend in St. Catharines.

Two leading Chicago theatres announce an increase in prices for the New Year's Eve performance from \$3.30 to \$11.

BOYCOTT EGGS TILL THE PRICES DROP

Women of Lincoln (Neb.) are claiming the credit for forcing dealers there to reduce prices of eggs. By a boycott they assert they have caused prices to drop from 85 to 55 cents a dozen in ten days.

Since 2,000 housewives are said to have co-operated it is reasonable to suppose that such reduction in demand would bring prices down. In the facts are as stated, the law of supply and demand is still working and consumers are not without a remedy.

This must be remembered, however, namely, that limited buying, even though it brings prices down, will not keep prices there unless it is continued. Eggs at 55 cents a dozen are tempting as compared to those 30 cents higher. It will require much sane buying by Lincoln housewives to keep egg prices from advancing.

Many of Your Friends Have a Victrola

CHRISTMAS is only a few days off—and still the annual-eternal question of "what to give" stares you in the face. You think of this, that and the other thing, yet you can decide on nothing that will particularly please the whole family.

YOU do not want to give the average expected gift. On the contrary, you are anxious to do something out of the ordinary—if you could but think of it!

SO, HERE IS A SUGGESTION: Let us deliver to your friend, on or before Christmas Eve, one or more choice Victor Records, each one full of sentiment and good cheer—each one a remembrance that will be appreciated for many years.

YOU would be glad to receive such a gift—so would others!

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A total of \$700,000,000 was realized by the sale of U.S. war material in Europe. Members of the American delegation to the Peace Conference arrived in New York on the transport America. A steamer from Hull, Eng., arrived at New York with a 10 year old girl and her brother as stowaways, who claim to be Americans. Weekly air service to the U.S. is planned in England.

Wood's Phosphorine. The Medical Profession of America is agreed that rheumatism is caused largely by a defective condition of the teeth. The modern doctor when treating a case of rheumatism or neuritis advises first of all that the patient visit a reliable Dentist and have a thorough examination of the teeth made.

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The Security Loan and Savings Co. 26 JAMES STREET, ST. CATHARINES. DIVIDEND NO. 99. Notice is hereby given that a dividend of THREE PER CENT. being at the rate of SIX PER CENT. PER ANNUM, upon the paid-up capital stock of this Company, has been declared for the half-year ending on the 31st December, inst., and that the same will be payable at the office of the Company, 26 James Street, St. Catharines, on FRIDAY, January 2nd, 1920, to shareholders of record on the books of the Company at the close of business on the 13th day of December, inst.

TH ESTABLISHED 1859 FIVE CANDIDATES SEVENTEEN AND R. A. Stinson Candidates For Education. Judging by the number of candidates who have qualified there should be a pretty lively contest for membership and Board of Education. Five candidates are in the majority contest, seventeen in the athletic race and twenty three men and women who wish to be on the new Board of Education. Nine men and nine members of the Board of Education are to be elected. R. A. Stinson is elected on Public Utilities Board by acclamation. The candidates in the field are: For Mayoralty: D. W. Eagle, J. M. Elson, F. Lovelace, Jacob Smith, and W. Westwood. Fold Aldermen: F. H. Avery, W. Bannan, J. Beattie, James Dakers, E. C. Gray, L. C. Gray, W. A. Hill, John McNeill, Samuel McLean, M. J. Murphy, C. H. Nash, J. E. Riffer, H. E. Chas. Taylor, A. J. Veale, P. G. son, and J. J. Wright. Board of Education: W. L. Burgoyne, W. W. Burt, W. Byrne, Dr. R. M. Calder, Anlop, Mrs. C. M. Gibson, W. J. Jones, M. J. M. Lock, Dr. W. J. Macdonald, Mrs. M. J. M. McBride, F. C. McCor, W. A. McKinnon, Mrs. Malcolm, F. E. Paxton, F. N. Rutherford, H. H. Trapnell, J. E. Watson, W. G. Watson, H. H. Wood and Mrs. Wright. PARLIAMENT TO ACT BEFORE ANY SPRING MEETS WILL BE HELD AND A NEW LAW PASSED. OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The inquiry into racetrack betting which is conducted by Dr. J. C. Ruth of the Railway Board, will be concluded early in the New Year. Dr. Rutherford will make his time for its presentation to Parliament. There will be one hearing before the taking of evidence closes. It will be held in Ottawa in the early part of January. The inquiry, which was conducted during the autumn months but delayed because Dr. Ruth had to go west in his capacity as Commissioner of the Railway Legislation relating to racetrack betting based upon the report made by Dr. Rutherford, will be introduced and passed by Parliament at the approaching session. In the meantime, because of the resumption of the war time orders in relation to betting, conditions at tracks are restored to the way they were in 1917, before the time restrictions were passed. Betting can take place only at winter ice meetings, and Parliament will have adopted its policy the time arrives for the spring events to open. SMALLPOX CASES GROW IN PROPORTION TO TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Statistics made public here by the Provincial Board of Health indicate that week ending December 20 the number of small pox in Toronto and increase throughout the remainder of the Province. For the last week cases were reported, as compared with 349 the previous week. 405 cases 283 were reported in Toronto. Patrick Leahy, a returned house shot and killed in a quarrel the wife of his friend, Victor Pius, with whom he was having refreshments after they attended night Mass together.