

MANY FOREIGNERS ENJOY PRIVILEGES

Alien Enemy Subjects Are
Earning Much Money
in City.

MANAGE POOL ROOMS

Are Employed in Factories
Because of Scarcity of
Other Help.

That there is a large number of aliens in the city who are interested in pool rooms, and who are otherwise engaged in making money "hand over fist" was evidenced in the course of investigations made by a reporter for the World yesterday afternoon. Somebody had said that he knew of a case in which a Greek was given a pool room license. A reporter learned of many such cases, and also of licenses by the score in the hands of the friendly aliens. And many of the foreigners are making their piles at the great plants, munition and otherwise. And mainly because of the right sort is not procurable. At the same time there are large numbers of Macedonians engaged in work which not even a native-born Britisher would handle. Such jobs as these are found at all munition plants, and must not be confused with bona fide cases of industrial espionage.

Refused Pool License.
The reporter in the first place interviewed a well known restaurant manager who told him that he and his brother a year ago had tried to procure a license for a pool room. The city hall authorities were sorry but they were not issuing any more licenses, and could not let either him or his brother have one. Shortly after, a Greek came to his place and asked him if he would rent his rooms for the purpose of running a pool room. Believing that the Greek could not procure a license the restaurant proprietor refused to let him have the use of the rooms. Very soon the Greek returned with the information that he had been granted the license. The restaurant man immediately refused to rent the rooms.

The next place of interest visited by the reporter was the office at the city hall. The official in charge stated that it was perfectly true that the foreigners were in possession of licenses. "But I want you to understand that these are not new licenses, but transfers. We are issuing very few new licenses today," he said. "I quite agree with you that it seems too bad that these chaps should be able to get the licenses, but if you want to complain about the seeming injustice of it you should go up to the legislature house where they make the laws. We don't make laws here; we do our best to administer laws already on the statute books. Why do you know what as the law stands it is not necessary for an alien to become naturalized to get privileges that should be granted only to Canadians or Britishers? All he needs to do is to report twice a month, and he can run a pool room or make his pile at the munition plant. Now, don't come around blaming us city fellows over it. Unless we find that a man is not morally sound we have no recourse but to grant him the license to transfer or to hold a transferred license."

No Aliens Employed.
The next trip was to the Sheet Metal Co.'s plant at the Don Bridge. The subject of much talk among the labor candidates during the recent election campaign. There the reporter interviewed F. S. Corrigan, the general manager of the plant. "My dear sir," said the manager, "we do not employ a single alien on the place. All this talk about our employing armies of Macedonians, etc., is all rot. Turning westward the reporter made his way to the firm of the John Inglis Co., Strachan avenue, where he was informed by Mr. Inglis himself that many firms were employing foreign labor because there was no other labor to be had for love or money. But the firm did not employ enemy aliens. It was true that they had some four hundred Russians and Poles on the works, but until British labor was procurable the firm had no other recourse but to use such other men as were handy. His company also employed about a hundred Russians, but these they had been kept together, but they had become so unruly that they had to be distributed thru the various departments of the plant. The men were working on straight time work, and at the rate of from 35 cents to 40 cents an hour, with an eleven hour day."

"I want you to understand this," said Mr. Inglis, "that as soon as the numbers we shall always give them preference over any other class of men in the city. At present they are not in large enough numbers. You may take it from me that we are employing foreigners only because there are no others offering for the class of work we have on hand. I may say we have about 25 returned men on our staff now, and this number will be increased as time goes on."

The Russell Motor Co., is among those firms which have dispensed with foreign labor.

CALIFORNIA OR FLORIDA THIS WINTER?

If you contemplate spending a part of the coming winter in California, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Bermuda, the West Indies, Cuba, Panama, Central or South America or any of the many beautiful golf resort resorts consult any of the trunk ticket agents, or write C. E. Horning, district passenger agent, Union Station, Toronto, Ont., for full information, tickets, reservations, etc. The Grand Trunk affords various routes Round trip tickets to California and Pacific coast points are on sale daily.

Fish Demand High.
Constant and growing demand for Ontario fish keeps the department at the parliament buildings busy and a rush to larger supplies for the new year is expected, efforts being made to that end. It was stated yesterday that there were some five tons of fish ready for shipment on the ice in the Lake Nipissing district.

WORK ON VIADUCT TO BE RESUMED IN SPRING

Works Commissioner Harris Gives
Definite Statement to Mayor
Church in Letter Yesterday.

At last the citizens of Ward One and Ward Two have a definite statement from Works Commissioner Harris that the Flood street viaduct will be completed as soon as possible. Mayor Church held a conference with the commissioner yesterday morning to discover the reason for the delay. Following the conference, the commissioner addressed the following letter to his worship, which was later given to the press:

"Advising you of our conversation of the morning of the 15th to advise that I have instructed the contractor that we accepted the completion of their work as of November 27."

"As soon as the weather moderates sufficiently in the spring we shall proceed immediately with that portion of the work which still remains to be performed by the city, but expect it is impossible to carry out during the winter months."

BELOW ZERO WEATHER

Intense Cold Delays Trains, as Wave
is General Over Province.

The temperature took a big drop during the 24 hours ending last night at 8 o'clock. At about the same hour the previous evening the temperature ranged around 30 degrees. At 8 o'clock last night it ranged from zero to 3 degrees below zero. By 1 o'clock this morning it had dropped to 7 degrees below zero, and in some places 11 degrees below zero. Train service was hampered by reason of the intense cold, and Winnipeg trains on both the great rail routes were anywhere from six to nine hours behind time, while Chicago and Portland trains were from an hour and a half to three hours late. Most of the locals were easily half an hour and an hour behind schedule. The weather observer promises continued cold, with perhaps even lower temperatures tonight.

PARENTS ARE ENTERTAINED.

Annual Christmas Event Enjoyed by
Large Number of People.

McCormick Recreation Centre held their annual parents' entertainment last night at the centre, with 125 parents present. This entertainment is given in conjunction with the Christmas celebration for the children, which was held last week. In 400 children each received a Christmas stocking. These entertainments are given annually by Miss McCormick, Miss Grace Walker, and Miss G. Walker. The following helped to entertain: Harry Bennett, Miss Jean Ingelton, Miss M. Brown and Miss M. Collins. J. H. Brinsmead, principal supervisor, Misses H. M. Doran and G. M. Bartley, assistants, received praise for their splendid work.

DIES IN BERMUDA.

Wife of J. J. Arnold Succumbs After
Long Illness.

After being in poor health for the past four years, Dorothea H. Arnold, wife of J. J. Arnold, of Toronto, former manager of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Company, died on Dec. 27 in Hamilton, Bermuda, where she had gone four years ago with her husband for her health.

The late Mrs. Arnold was well known in Toronto, being an active worker among the various women's organizations in the city. She is survived by her husband, three brothers and two sisters—Rupert M. Leslie, Frank H. Leslie, Richard B. Leslie and Mrs. J. R. Harper and Mrs. S. W. Mathews. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

DIED OF HEART FAILURE.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bellegham Found
Dead in Her Room.

In connection with the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Bellegham The World is informed that the item which appeared in The Sunday World last week was incorrect. In that it was stated that Mrs. Bellegham had turned on the gas and committed suicide. This is not the case, and The World regrets that the report was published. Mrs. Bellegham met with an accident a few weeks ago, and since then had been suffering with heart trouble. She was preparing for Christmas, and had all her presents ready, when she was seized with a weak spell, and died before a doctor could be summoned.

LEAVE TO APPEAL.

The divisional court at Osgoode Hall—Mr. Justice Riddell alone dissenting—has granted leave to appeal on behalf of Isaac Bainbridge of Toronto, convicted of "issuing a seditious libel" in the publication of a pamphlet entitled "The Price We Pay." The divisional court was of the opinion that a case should be stated involving legal technicalities, and therefore reversed Mr. Justice Hodgins ruling against a stated case.

ONTARIO BOOKS BEST.

British Government Asks for Supply
of Educational Publications.

The British Government has communicated with the Ontario Government to obtain a supply of Ontario publications to be used in the training of administrators, lecturers and other officials in connection with the food production department. In making the request the British authorities have conveyed to the prime minister their opinion that the Ontario publications are far in advance of those issued in the United Kingdom.

SWIFT COMPANY EXTENDS.

The city architect has granted permission to the Swift Canadian company to add a fifth story to its corner building at the corner of St. Clair and Keele street at a cost of \$20,000.

MANY NEW CITY VOTERS.

The city clerk's office was a busy place yesterday, when 150,000 cards were sent to the voters of the city, telling them where to cast their ballots in the municipal election. There are 15,000 additional cards on the list this year, mainly of married women owning property.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP LOUDLY PROFFESSED

Candidates Give Views Before
College Heights Ratepayers' Association.

AUDIENCE IS SMALL

Purchase of Street Railway
and Metropolitan Figures
Largely in Discussion.

Very few electors braved the zero weather last night to visit Brown School, where the College Heights Ratepayers' Association held "open house" to the aspirants for municipal honors. It seemed that the candidates themselves and the newspapermen were in the majority, but despite the slim attendance there was plenty of enthusiasm.

Both the mayoralty candidates addressed the gathering.

"The key to all good civic government is in having good heads of departments, and Toronto happens to be blessed with good men," said the mayor.

Controller Cameron reiterated his former statement that he was not the tool of any clique or group of men.

Miss Constance Boulton, who is running for the board of education, was given a good reception. She told of her experience in public matters; with the Daughters of the Empire and the National Council of Women, and in speaking at 25 meetings throughout the country in the interests of the Union government.

"I do not think that the patriotic education of our school children has been sufficiently emphasized," said Miss Boulton. "We should at all times keep the citizens' duty to the nation before the pupils."

Department Head Supreme.
"I believe that the head of any department should be supreme in his division," said Ald. Russell Nesbitt. "That is why I stood up for Street Commissioner Wilson during the scavengers' strike. I believe that Mr. Wilson is one of the most efficient of our civic heads."

The alderman said that he had always been in favor of public ownership. He would support the acquisition of the Toronto street railway.

"The city registry offices are two of the best revenue producers in the province," said Ald. Nesbitt. "All the money they take in goes to the provincial government. If I am elected I will work hard to see to it that the city gets a fair share of the receipts."

"I am four squares behind public ownership of all public utilities including the taking over of the Metropolitan railway and the placing of the civic abattoir on a paying basis," said Ald. MacGregor, a candidate for the board of control. The alderman took a stand in favor of letting contracts for supplies to Toronto firms only. He instanced several cases where his vigil had prevented outside firms from getting the preference over Toronto manufacturers.

How McBride Talks.
Ex-Mayor Joseph Oliver spoke in the interests of Sam McBride, candidate for the board of control. "Sam McBride talks too much, I admit," said Mr. Oliver, "but outside of that there is no one in the city as familiar with the city's business as he is. When I was mayor I had no trouble with him. Maybe," admitted Mr. Oliver, "he didn't talk as much then. But I'll say this for him: Ninety-nine times out of a hundred he was on the right side in any public question."

Ald. Ramsden, who is seeking re-election as Alderman for Ward Three, claimed credit for having the street numbers painted on the hydro poles. He reviewed the work of the committee of works, of which he was chairman during the past year, comparing its record with its predecessors. Speaking with regard to the Metropolitan railway purchase, the alderman said he favored taking over the line providing the Ontario Railway Board fixed an equitable price, but he would not vote for it if the price were a million dollars or so over the value of the assets. "But I trust that for once the railway board will give Toronto a square deal," said the alderman.

Blundered Along.
"In my five years in council I have blundered and blundered along, making mistakes now and then, but always doing my duty as I saw it," said Ald. Fred McBrien. The alderman took a stand in favor of a reorganization of the waterworks department to prevent another deficit such as the one incurred this year.

"Some people are pessimistic concerning the city's ability to take over the street railway in 1921," said Ald. McBrien. He thought that if there were not enough money in the city treasury to buy out the line the citizens would be glad to raise a "liberty loan" among themselves to take it over.

Helped Get Coal.
Ald. McMullin told of his work in getting coal for citizens in need during the famine last year. He also quoted figures from the reports of American cities showing that departments of the civic government in those cities were self-sustaining. He advocated a policy that would make the city a self-sustaining department and the fall army hunting.

Trustee MacLellan and W. H. Black, board of education candidates in Ward Four, also spoke. Ald. Louis Singer arrived after the meeting had adjourned, and the crowd came back to hear him outline his policy.

Respectfully,
MILES VOKES.

EARTHQUAKE DESTROYS PART OF GUATEMALA

Thousands of People Bereft of Shelter
Huge Property Damage.

Washington, Dec. 28.—At 6 o'clock last night an earthquake which destroyed part of Guatemala City and continuing. Destruction of property was unabated, and thousands were without shelter. Americans and other foreigners were safe.

Heavy Material Damage.
San Salvador, Dec. 28.—Meagre reports of the damage done by the earthquake at Guatemala have reached here, but with enough detail to cause considerable apprehension. There are reports of heavy material damage and injury to many persons. Telegraphic communication between here and points in Guatemala is interrupted. Various towns in Guatemalan territory suffered earthquake shocks of slight intensity at approximately the time that Guatemala City was being more seriously shaken.

Election Cards.

ELECT CAMERON Mayor---1918

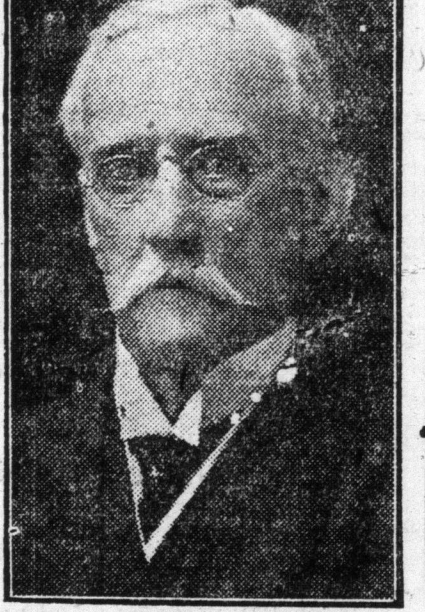


The Bureau of Municipal Research, which has done so much good work for the City, says:

"The first stage in electing the City Council is to select good candidates. If you fail in getting good candidates you fail in securing a good council. The forces at the City Hall, working for economy and efficiency, need the moral support of every patriotic citizen."

That's Right!
Elect CAMERON

Vote for EDWARD MEEK FOR Controller



DONALD C. MacGregor

A WINNING CANDIDATE
FOR
Board of Control.

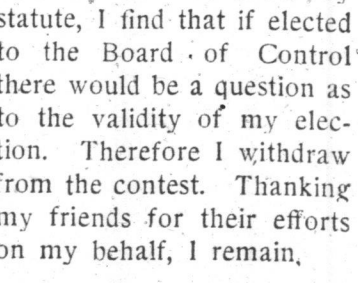
DON'T LOSE YOUR VOTE!
Vote MacGregor X

NOTICE RE BOARD OF CONTROL

Owing to not having filed my resignation from the Board of Education with the secretary-treasurer within the time as laid down by statute, I find that if elected to the Board of Control there would be a question as to the validity of my election. Therefore I withdraw from the contest. Thanking my friends for their efforts on my behalf, I remain,

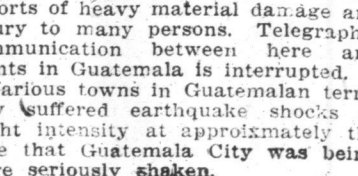
Respectfully,
MILES VOKES.

WARD 4 RE-ELECT JOHN A. COWAN



My advocacy of PUBLIC OWNERSHIP has no mental RESERVATIONS of any kind.

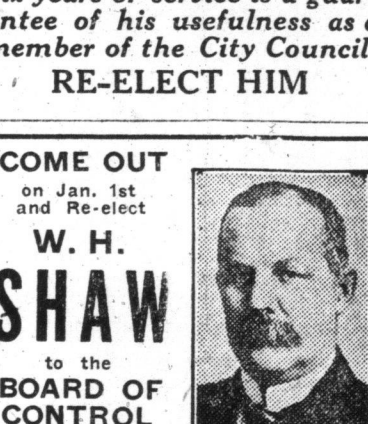
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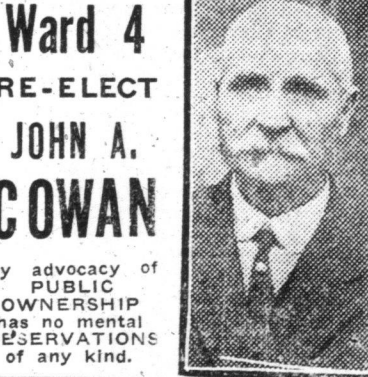
WARD 7 SAM RYDING'S Six years of service is a guarantee of his usefulness as a member of the City Council. RE-ELECT HIM



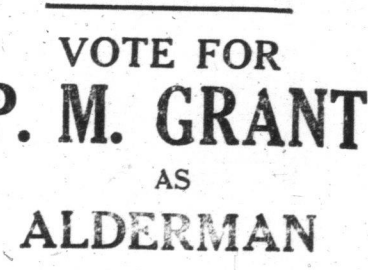
COME OUT on Jan. 1st and Re-elect W. H. SHAW to the BOARD OF CONTROL 1918



WARD 4 RE-ELECT JOHN A. COWAN



WARD 7 VOTE FOR P. M. GRANT AS ALDERMAN



Election Cards.

VOTE TO RE-ELECT T. L. CHURCH

AS
MAYOR
FOR 1918

And a Continuation of Efficient
and Economical Administration in
War Time

The City Needs the Money

WHY NOT STOP THE WASTE?

Mr. Elector:
The City removes annually 175,000 tons of garbage and refuse. In other cities this is converted into marketable products and a large revenue obtained. This City should make at once a serious effort to ascertain the revenue-producing possibilities of its garbage.

WHY NOT MORE REVENUE?

The rate of interest is higher than it has been in years. When money is being loaned at 7 and 7 1/2 per cent., why should the properties leased by the City be rented on a four per cent. basis. This policy should be changed.

FARMS SAVED CITY MONEY

Citizens do not fully realize the assets they have in the two industrial farms. The Men's farm comprises 750 acres and the Women's 200 acres. A total of \$50 acres, acquired and equipped by the City for \$350,000. To replace the condemned jail on Gerrard Street with a modern building would have cost \$2,000,000, on which the interest alone would have been \$100,000, which is just about what it costs to meet the debt and maintenance charges combined. The time has come when further studies to increase the revenue to lighten the taxpayers' load should be made.

JOHN O'NEILL, CANDIDATE FOR CONTROLLER



A member of Council
with prior experience in
two civic departments.

ELECT MAGUIRE FOR CONTROLLER

Strong and consistent public ownership men on the Board of Control are essential to the city's welfare at this critical period in the street railway situation.

Ald. Alfred Maguire, candidate for Controller fought consistently and successfully in the interests of the people and for the principles of public ownership throughout his nine years in Council.

Use your vote and influence to elect him to the Board of Control. His record is your security.

EXPERIENCE. SERVICE.

WARD 4 RE-ELECT ALDERMAN McMULKIN

A STRONG ADVOCATE OF
PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

FAVORING

1. The purchase of Toronto Railway.
2. Hydro extension.
3. Retrenchment consistent with efficiency.
4. A strong business administration of city affairs.

DIED OF HEART FAILURE. RECOUNT IN NORTH ESSEX.

Special to The Toronto World.
Brockville, Ont., Dec. 28.—Henry Bain, an employee of a local manufacturing concern, was taken ill with heart failure after reporting for work and while being driven to a hospital. He was 58 years of age and is survived by his wife, who is an invalid.

Windsor, Dec. 28.—The official recount in the North Essex federal election, completed today, gives Wm. C. Kennedy the Laurier candidate, a majority of 1692 over Lieut.-Col. Wicks, a Unionist. A total of 12,450 votes were polled, as against 7066 in the 1911 election.