# CALIFORNIA EDITOR HIGHLY COMMENDS TRIP PLANNED BY THE LONDON 'TISER

## So Interested Is He That Editorial Comment On Idea Is Being Made.

## SHOW PROGRESSIVE SPIRIT

### Ex-Mayor Stevely, Back From Far West, Expatiates On Beauties Seen.

"I've been at practically all the big fairs of the last twenty years and more and I've never seen anything to approach either the San Francisco or San Diego expositions," said Samuel E. Stevely enthusiastically just after his return from California this week.

"I should say those girls who win The Advertiser's contest trip WILL be lucky," he continued, adding, "Chance? It's the chance of a lifetime, and more than that. For one thing, it's pretty safe to say it will be a good many years before the world sees another world's fair. From the standpoint of architectural beauty alone, the San Francisco Exposition excels anything I have ever seen. The Tower of Jewels, for example, is a marvel of beauty, sparkling at night with lights that seem real rubies, sapphires, emeralds and all manner of precious stones. It is, indeed, a big gem. Then there are the wonderful courts, the wealth of trees, foliage and flowers as a setting. With mountains, hills, the ocean and the luxuriant vegetation, the scene is a dream of delight. And San Diego, though smaller, seems, if possible, still more beautiful.

**Exhibits Eye-Openers.**

"Apart from this, the exhibits are an eye-opener, a liberal education. I was amazed when I discovered the scope of Sweden's enterprise in the Swedish building. It was the same with practically all the others. The Canadian? Everybody is crazy over both the Canadian building and the splendid Canadian exhibit. It's the feature of the exposition. Hutchinson has had charge of the Canadian buildings and exhibits at all the large fairs since the world's afir in Chicago and I can tell you, he has achieved his great triumph this time. Americans on the way home would say to me, "You must be proud to belong to such a splendid country as Canada."

"By the way, when I was in Los Angeles, I was telling Mr. Brand, editor of the Los Angeles Tribune, about The Advertiser plan for sending four young ladies to California and the expositions this summer. He was so interested, he asked me to leave some copies of The Advertiser with him as he intended commenting upon it in the Tribune. He was most enthusiastic in his commendation of The Advertiser's enterprise, and declared the paper that would attempt such an undertaking had the right kind of progressive spirit.

**Fine Open Air Organ.**

"I believe there are several musicians in your contest. One thing that will specially appeal to them will be the big open air organ at San Diego. It is only canopied and has a curtain in front which is drawn back for recitals. Seats are provided in the open air in the most enchanting surroundings for the audiences up to thirty thousand that gather to hear the organ played by world-famous musicians.

If the young ladies come back by Salt Lake City, they will have an opportunity of hearing in the Mormon Tabernacle the largest and, it is said, finest organ in the world, on which recitals are given every day at noon. Whatever may be said against old Brigham Young, he certainly laid the foundations of a great city.

**Famous Side Trip.**

No doubt your trippers will have the pleasure of visiting Catalina Island, a famous side trip out of Los Angeles. That's where they have the glass bottomed boats, through which you can gaze down to the bottom of the ocean and see flying fish, seals on the rocks and exquisite submarine gardens.

"The girls who win that contest are surely to be congratulated."

## RESENT THE DELAY OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

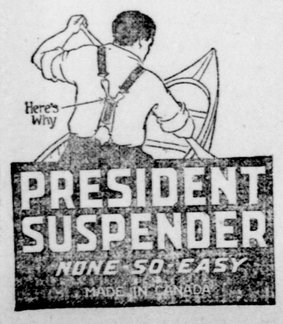
### Their Estimates Not In Yet, Hence the "Grouch."

The board of control will commence work on the 1915 estimates probably on Wednesday, by which time it is expected that all data will be in readiness with the exception of the board of education figures. The latter's estimates will be taken up in committee tomorrow, and possibly will be dealt with at a special meeting of the board. One thing certain is that the estimates will not be ready for the board of control on Wednesday.

A disposition on the part of the controllers to resent the delay of the board of education in preparing its estimates is evident, and one of the former stated today that "If the board will not hurry up, it may find that its bylaws will be thrown out; two can play at the game the board of education is playing." In any case, it is very improbable that the board of education estimates will pass the board of control without being cut.

The members of the board of education, on the other hand, are disposed to the belief that any attemptto lop its estimates will result disastrously for the city council.

"The council dare not drive us to taking a vote of the people on the year's expenditure for school construction," one of the trustees said, "because it knows that every single section of the city is interested in school extension, and would support our program."



# NATURAL GAS AND OIL IN THE WEST END

### Firm of Realty Men Attempt To Purchase Oxford Street Property.

Believing that there is natural gas and oil on the property on Oxford street just west of the Wharncliffe road, a firm of real estate men have been attempting to purchase the property owned by Dr. Harry Reason and Truant Officer George Weir. Failing in this they are now attempting to complete arrangements to secure options on the property.

According to members of the real estate firm, experts have tested the property and discovered natural gas there in large quantities along with quite a flow of oil.

The men who are connected with the land firm, if they are successful in securing the property, intend to form a company and develop the land.

## STEALS BICYCLE

### Lad Saw Man Enter Rectory Street Home—Machine Gone.

e members of the household were sitting in a front room, a man, said by children playing on the street to have been dressed in a uniform, entered a shed in the rear of William Hunter's residence, 196 Rectory street, last night, and departed with a bicycle.

A lad seeing the man come out of Hunter's place with the bicycle notified the occupants of the house of the occurrence. An investigation proved that he had stolen the wheel, which belonged to one of Mr. Hunter's sons. The place had been ransacked but nothing else stolen.

The detective department have been notified of the theft and are now endeavoring to locate the thief.

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## BRITISH TAKE HILL

of a heavy bombardment which caused fany casualties the trenches captured were put in a state of defence during the night.

**Losses Were Heavy.**

"The enemy renewed the bombardment towards morning and followed this at 6:30 a.m. with a determined counter-attack, pressed home, and stiff hand-to-hand fighting ensued. Our infantry, fighting with great gallantry and determination, and well supported by artillery, drove off the enemy with complete success. Our losses were very heavy, but the Germans suffered still fiore severely, particularly from our fachine guns, which caught them in close order in the open.

"Throughout the 17th the enemy repeatedly renewed his attacks, making desperate efforts to regain his position, which was of great importance. At one time he succeeded in gaining a footing on the southern slopes of the hill, but was promptly driven back again. At nightfall the whole hill was in our hands and the ground gained had been consolidated.

**Another Lie Branded.**

"This morning the enemy's attacks ceased, but they continued to bombard the hill.

"In the latter fighting two more officers and 30 men were coptured.

"The statement in a recent German official communication that we are using asphyxiating gases in the Ypres district is false. It doubtless was made to justify the use of these gases which have been freely employed by the enemy in their attacks on Hill 60. Germany signed a clause in the Hague convention eliminating the use of asphyxiating gases.

## APPEARANCE OF 33RD PLEASES MIGHTILY

### Headed by Bugle Band, Spent Morning in Manoeuvres.

The 33rd Battalion, headed by its new bugle band, in charge of Sergt. Nanfan, marched from the fair grounds to Wolseley Barracks today and spent the entire morning practicing manoeuvres. The new band got its eigth drums last night and on parade today made a splendid appearance. It is one of the best trained bugle bands in Canada.

The machine gun section, in command of Lieut. Taylor, is working hard on its preliminary work and expects to be right up to the minute by the time its American Colt guns arrive and it can get on the ranges.

The 33rd is now over strength, but the extra men are being formed into a Base Company.

As the battalion marched to and from Carling's Heights today it was viewed by hundreds of citizens, who paid many compliments to its fine appeaarnce.

## PREPARING TO SUBMIT VOTE ON STOCKYARDS

### City Clerk Baker Is a Very Busy Man Just Now.

City Clerk Baker is already busying himself with preparations for the vote to be taken on May 27 on the question of establishing a civic stockyard. Quite a lot of work is involved, in fact almost as much as in the case of a general municipal election, the main point of difference being in the smaller number of ballots to be drafted and printed. There are polling places to be arranged, ballots to be drafted and deputy returning officers and poll clerks to be appointed, advertisements of the proposed bylaw to be prepared and sent to the newspapers and a variety of other work.

## WOULD BANISH LIQUOR FROM COMMONS DURING COURSE OF THE WAR

[Canadian Press.]

London, April 20.—In order that all classes be on the same footing with regard to drinking facilities, the House of Commons this afternoon had before it a self-denying ordinance banishing alcoholic drinks from the House for the continuance of the war. In moving this resolution Thomas Edward Wing, Liberal member for Durham, explained he did not desire to suggest a high state of interference among the Legislators, but he did want rich and poor, peer and peasant, to be treated alike.

## STRATFORD PREACHER GOES TO TORONTO

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Stratford, April 20.—Rev. W. J. Zimmerman, of Centennial Evangelical Church, has been transferred to Toronto by the stationing committee of Canada Conference. Rev. W. J. Yeager, of Hanover, succeeds him here.

# New Boyle Memorial School

Advertiser Illustrations

This photograph was taken for and is the latest addition to public schools in London. The Advertiser by McIntosh & Roy.

# WHISKEY AGAIN BLAMED FOR YOUTHS' ESCAPADE

### Harold Ouimette and W. Teeple Confess To Stealing Automobile.

Blaming their actions on whisky, Harold Ouimette, aged sixteen, and Wilfrid Teeple, aged eighteen, arrested yesterday by Detective Harry Down, pleaded guilty today before Police Magistrate J. C. Judd to the theft of a Ford motor car last Thursday, owned by the Sherlock-Manning Company, and were remanded one week for sentence.

In the prisoners' docket both young men were neatly dressed and looked altogether out of place sitting alongside a half dozen old timers who were up on drunk charges.

Teeple, who acted as spokesman, stated that last Thursday afternoon they met a man unknown to them and secured a bottle of whisky from him. After considerable drinking they wandered on to the Market Lane, where they secured the car, jumped in and started off on their wild ride. While going down Horton street they met a couple of girls, now said to be in Detroit. They started off towards Dorchester, where they were chased by W. N. Manning, and after being overhauled they escaped after showing fight.

**Perfect Stranger to Them.**

Asked by His Worship where he secured the whisky, Teeple said: "I do not know; the man was a perfect stranger to both of us."

"Where did you get the revolver you pointed at Mr. Manning and the party that gave chase to you?" asked His Worship.

"We didnt have any revolver. It was a bluff", stated the prinoser.

Teeple made a plea for bail, but this was denied by the police magistrate, who stated that the charge was too serious for bail.

Crown Attorney James B. McKillop said that before the youths come up again there will likely be two charges laid against them by farmers, one for killing a dog, and the other for pointing a loaded revolver at a farmer.

The arrest of the youths came about as the result of one of the girls losing her hat out of the stolen machine while the occupants were being chased through the country by Manning and two other friends in another machine.

# WAR STAMP NOVELTY NOW WEARING OFF

### New Stamps Unnecessary as Plain Postage Stamp Serves the Same Purpose.

The novelty of the war stamp is wearing off in London.

Fewer persons, and especially businessmen, are buying the special stamps for they find by practice that the new stamps are unnecessary and inconvenient. Since the regular stamps may be used in place of the war stamp, people are not bothering so much to buy the specials. According to the clerks at the postoffice, Londoners are adapting themselves to the new order of things. The number of letters sent to the dead letter office on account of insufficient postage, is down now almost to normal.

The sale of the special stamps on the first two days of their issue, was very large in this as in all other cities. The daily sales have gradually dwindled, although in the opinion of the postoffice authorities there is not as great a difference in the sale of the stamps as in some other cities. Many business offices are equipped with stamping machines provided with one's and two's only, and in order to use the war stamp letters must be run through them twice. These firms are paying the war tax with regular stamps, in order to save time and bother.

**Parcel Post Resumed.**

Parcel post has been resumed between Canada and France, and parcels are now being sent to the boys at the front. Most of them have evidences of containing cigarettes, tobacco, pipes. The longing desire of the men at the front for a good "dollar and a half" baseball, is being met by friends of the boys. Soon there will be thousands of ardent ball fans seeing the game again behind the trenches. Almost every letter sent recently from the front by Canadians contains the demand for a ball and glove. The weather in Northern France is beginning to clear up; the sun is drying the mud, and the boys say that soon they expect good baseball weather.

**What Taxable Letter Is.**

Uncertainty exists as to what letters are taxable under the new revenue act, and what letters are allowed to go free. On letters and postcards posted in Canada and addressed to the United States and Mexico, the ta xof one cent is collected. On letters only, and not on cards, addressed to the United Kingdom and British possessions, the tax of one cent applies. To other countries, such as France and Russia, Belgium, Italy, Japan or China (unless to a British postoffice in a treaty port), no war tax is collected, because the established rate of the postal union cannot be changed or interfered with. The United States and Mexico have a special agreement with Canada which allows a reciprocal two-cent rate for postage, but the agreement contains no clauses which object to a further revenue tax such as the newly-issued war tax stamp.

## CANADIAN CORPORAL GIVEN A COMMISSION

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

Lodon, April 20.—Corporal J. A. Harvey, of the Canadians, has received a commission in the 6th Gordons.

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## RAILWAY COMMISSION

regard to the results of electrification has been borne out. The sum of $60,000 additional has been asked for the road since the original vote, the city and not the railway is carrying the debt burden, and the road has not been able to secure an entrance to the station, and must spend a large sum for terminals.

The railway commission recommends that in view of the impossibility of getting into the Grand Trunk station, that the railway make over to the commission a strip of land from William to Richmond street, which will front on Bathurst street, in exchange for some land the city owns.

**G. T. R.'s Choicest Land.**

This would mean that the present building occupied by the Cook-Fitzgerald Shoe Company on the north side of Bathurst street would have to be torn down and other land cleared. The Grand Trunk, it is understood, would ask a large sum of money for the land in addition to any property it might secure from the city. Terminals would run into a large sum of money, and before the bargain has been completed, if it is completed, there will be a large amount of money expended. It is said that the railway commission would require the erection of large towers along the road through the city.

**Won't Give Up Land.**

It was suggested today by railway officials that the Grand Trunk would not agree to the finding. The property in question was purchased years ago, and held by the company for station purposes, and it is said the company would put up a strenuous fight before giving the lands over. There is no compulsion in the finding of the order and the officials believe that they can show in good faith that they require the land secured for purposes of improvement. It was hinted that the land in question was to be used in connection with improvements, and that plans could be shown the railway commission proving that the land was vitally needed.

The proposal was that the Grand Trunk should give the L. and P. S. R. a strip of land 80 feet at Richmond street, to Clarence, and 42 feet wide to Wellington street, then 58 feet for 272 feet east, and 80 feet for a distance of 272 feet farther east. The land offered to the railway company would be a strip running from Colborne street to Burwell.

**Valued at $250,000.**

It was said this morning that the Grand Trunk placed a valuation of at least $250,000 on the land, which is asked by Sir Adam Beck's line.

The finding of the railway commission is as follows:

"It has been impossible to arrive at any solution which would permit a rearrangement of existing facilities, the construction of overhead wires which would at all adequately provide for public safety and the regular dispatch of the applicant's business. Manifestly in some way this must be looked after, and in view of the attitude of the G. T. R. it cannot be said that the company should object to the order now proposed. The order will be made under the provisions of section 176 of the act which enables the applicant to take possession of and use the lands, of the G. T. R. subject to the approval of the board being first obtained. Under the section all opportunity will now be given the parties to agree on the question of compensation. Should no agreement be arrived at this question will be taken up by the board."

The city's line has entrance to the city only as far as Burwell street at the present time. The decision of the railway board puts the matter up to the Grand Trunk. The final order has not been made, and before it has been terminated the Grand Trunk will make an effort to retain the land the Beck line wishes to secure.

## TO PROTECT GAME

### Association Formed at Vanneck for London and Lobo Townships.

At a meeting held in Vanneck Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, April 13, steps were taken to form a Game Protective Association in the townships of London and Lobo.

The officers elected were:

President, Walter Campbell; vice-president, Leigh Telfer; secretary-treasurer, Harold Robson.

The object of the association is the fostering and protection of game. A committee was appointed to canvas the two townships for members. The first meeting of the association will be held on June 1.

## RUMORS UNCONFIRMED.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, April 20.—Official dispatches from Mexico today contained nothing to indicate that followers of Gen. Huerta along the border were preparing to signalize Gen. Villa's heavy defeat at Celaya by beginning a new refeat at Celaya by beginning a new revolt, and they likewise contained no mention of the reported quarrel between Villa and his chief lieutenant, Angeles.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. R. W. Kidner, of this city, has left for California on a three months' visit to her sister, Mrs. J. W. Winnett, Los Angeles, Cal. Before returning she will also visit friends in San Francisco and British Columbia.

# ROGERS RETURNED; NO ELECTION TALK

## Minister Prefers To Remark On Crop Prospects—Quick Decision Likely.

## BORDEN PREFERS WAITING

### But Hon. Bob's Desire For an Early Test Will Likely Prevail.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 20.—The decision as to the election wil not be long delayed. Hon. Robert Rogers has returned from the West. He declined to commit himself upon the question of an election, saying that it would not be fair to his colleagues to do so. He spoke well of the crop prospects of the West this year, basing a prediction of big production upon the increased acreage which is being planted. He also said that the West was concerned about the action of the Senate upon the dreadnought bill, and upon the bill of the Government increasing the size of the Senate.

**Meeting Today.**

It is understood that the question of an election will be discussed at a meeting of the Cabinet this afternoon. It is not likely to be settled, as Hon. Frank Cochrane, who always has something to say on this matter, is out of the city.

It is generally understood that Hon. Robert Rogers is most strongly for the immediate dissolution of Parliament and a June election. Hon. Thos. White, Hon. Judge Doherty, Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, Hon. Louis Coderre and Hon. P. E. Blondin are known to be strongly against the election being held at the present time. Premier Borden is said to share the view of the Duke of Connaught, that while the British Government is thinking of nothing but war, it is not the proper time for the Canadian Government to be thinking of nothing but an election.

**They Don't Count.**

However, there is a feeling that in this matter, the Premier and the Governor-General are figures of secondary importance, and that if Hon. Mr. Rogers and Hon. Mr. Cochrane want to have an election they will have it.

It is understood that Hon. Mr. Cochrane does not especially want to have an appeal to the people at the present time, but would prefer to wait until the Government has somewhat improved its reputation by proper spending. However, he is said to be willing to yield a point to the necessities of Hon. Mr Rogers and have the election at once, if that is essential to the salvation of a Conservative remnant from Manitoba. Hon. Mr. White would like a little more time in which to pick out a new seat. The old one does not fit well.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane is in the north on a similar mission and upon a general line of political fence repair work.

## TWO MORE STORES ROBBED AT WINGHAM

### Buildings Entered on Sunday—Cash and Goods Stolen.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Wingham, April 20.—An epidemic of robberies appears to have broken out in Wingham, as two more have been reported, making five in a week. The latest victims are Messrs. Isard and Mason. On Sunday evening Mrs. Robert Beatty noticed the back door of Mr. Isard's store was open and sent word to the owner, who was in church. A search showed the door had been pried off and a quantity of butter and eggs stolen.

At Mr. Mason's store a window had been broken and every drawer in the place ransacked. From one $45 was taken, as Mr. Mason had not placed the money in the safe, which was out of order. Fortunately he had, late on Saturday, deposited in the bank money received for a motor car. It is believed the robbers knew of the money and hoped to find it in the store.

The police are at work, but have failed to find the guilty parties.

## WHEAT OPTIONS.

(Quotations by Thompson & McKinnon.)

Winnipeg, April 20.—Wheat—Close, May, $1.58⅝; July, $1.58⅝; October, $1.23½.

Minneapolis, April 20.—Wheat—Close, May, $1.55; July, $1.52⅝.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

J. M. Young, 18 Dominion Savings Building, reports fluctuations in New York stocks as follows:

New York, April 20.

| | Open | High | Low | 2 p.m. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Trunk Lines & Grangers—** | | | | |
| Balto & Ohio | 79 | 79 | 77¾ | 77¾ |
| Erie | 29⅛ | 29⅜ | 28½ | 28⅝ |
| do., 1st pfd. | 45¾ | 45⅝ | 44½ | 44⅝ |
| Great Northern | 129¾ | 121¾ | 120¾ | 121 |
| Gt. Western | 13⅝ | 13¾ | 13⅝ | 13⅝ |
| do., pfd. | 35¼ | 35¾ | 34⅞ | 34⅞ |
| New Haven | 63½ | 65¾ | 63½ | 65⅝ |
| N. Y. Central | 90⅝ | 90⅞ | 89½ | 89¾ |
| Rock Island Ry. | 22 | 22¾ | 21¾ | 24¾ |
| St. Paul | 57 | 57¾ | 95¾ | 96¼ |
| Wabash | 1½ | 1½ | 1⅝ | 1⅝ |
| **Pacifics and Southerns—** | | | | |
| Atchison | 103¾ | 104 | 103½ | 103¾ |
| Can. Pacific | 170½ | 171½ | 170 | 170¾ |
| Kan. & Texas | 14½ | 14¾ | 14 | 14 |
| do., pfd. | 37 | 37 | 35 | 35 |
| Louis. & Nash. | 122⅞ | 123 | 122⅞ | 123 |
| Miss. Pacific | 17½ | 17¾ | 16⅞ | 17⅜ |
| Nor. Pacifis | 110⅝ | 110¾ | 110 | 110¼ |
| South. Pacific | 93 | 94¼ | 93⅛ | 93¼ |
| South. Railway | 19⅛ | 19⅛ | 18⅝ | 18⅝ |
| Union Pacific | 132⅜ | 133⅛ | 131½ | 132¼ |
| **Coalers—** | | | | |
| Ches. & Ohio | 48⅛ | 48½ | 47 | 47⅝ |
| Lehigh Valley | 145 | 145 | 142½ | 143 |
| Ont. & Western | 29¾ | 32 | 29¾ | 31⅞ |
| Pennsylvania | 110⅝ | .. | .. | .. |
| Reading | 154⅜ | 154⅞ | 153¼ | 154⅝ |
| **Traction Shares—** | | | | |
| Brooklyn Transit | 92 | 92⅛ | 91¾ | 92½ |
| Interboro | 20 | 20¾ | 19¾ | 20⅝ |
| do., pfd. | 71½ | 73 | 71¼ | .. |
| Third Avenue | 55 | .. | .. | .. |
| Twin City | 99½ | .. | .. | .. |
| **Industrial—** | | | | |
| Amer. Beet Sugar | 47¼ | 47½ | 46⅝ | 47 |
| Amer. Can | 35¾ | 36½ | 35⅝ | 36 |
| Amer. Car Fdy. | 53½ | 54¼ | 53½ | 54¼ |
| Amer. Loco | 50 | 53½ | 49½ | 51⅞ |
| Amer. Sugar | 109 | 111¼ | 109 | 111¼ |
| Amer. Smelters | 73¼ | 73¼ | 71½ | 72½ |
| Amer. Wool | 28 | .. | .. | .. |
| do., pfd. | 85½ | .. | .. | .. |
| Central Leather | 40⅞ | 41½ | 40¼ | 41 |
| Corn Products | 15 | 15¼ | 14¼ | 14⅝ |
| do., pfd. | 73⅛ | .. | .. | .. |
| Col. F. & I. | 34½ | 34⅝ | 32⅝ | 33¼ |
| Cons. Gas | 128½ | .. | .. | .. |
| Distillers | 5⅝ | .. | .. | .. |
| Ice Securities | 32⅝ | 32⅝ | 31¼ | 31½ |
| Pacific Mail | 19¾ | 19⅞ | 19½ | 19½ |
| Vir. Chemical | 30 | .. | .. | .. |
| Rubber | 69½ | 69½ | 69 | 69½ |
| West Union | 68 | 68¼ | 68 | 68 |
| Woolworth | 107 | .. | .. | . |
| **Copper Shares—** | | | | |
| Amal Copper | 74½ | 76⅝ | 74¼ | 75¾ |
| Anaconda | 36¼ | 36¾ | 35¾ | 36½ |
| Miami Copper | 26 | .. | .. | .. |
| Tenn. Copper | 33¼ | .. | .. | .. |
| Utah Copper | 65½ | 66½ | 65⅜ | 66½ |
| **Oil Shares—** | | | | |
| Amer. Cotton Oil | 50 | .. | .. | .. |
| Cal. Petroleum | 18¾ | .. | .. | .. |
| Mex. N. Petro | 90 | 91 | 88½ | 91 |
| **Steel Shares—** | | | | |
| Bethlehem | 132 | 142 | 132 | 140 |
| do., pfd | 111 | .. | .. | .. |
| Press Steel Car | 43 | 43 | 42¾ | 42¾ |
| Rep. I. & S. | 29½ | 30⅛ | 28½ | 29 |
| do., pfd. | 86½ | 87¼ | 86¼ | 86¼ |
| Sloss Sheffield | 39 | .. | .. | .. |
| U. S. Steel | 57⅞ | 58⅝ | 57¼ | 58⅛ |
| do., pfd. | 108⅞ | .. | .. | .. |
| Money, per cent | 2¼ | .. | .. | .. |

Sales to noon—614,000 shares.
Sales to 1 p.m.—821,100 shares.

# CANADIANS ARE EXERCISING FOR THE "BIG PUSH"

## Learn To Dig Hastily Made Rifle Pits and Burrows.

## "JACK-IN-BOX" ENJOYED

### All Battalions Find Plenty To Do in Their Rest Periods.

The following are extracts from letters received from a Canadian officer of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Brigade, now in France. They cover the period of March 27 to April 3:

"March 27—We are out resting again, after rather a lucky snift in the trenches. The march out was to a new location, that required a march through most of the night, which was clear and cool with a gorgeous, hazy moon. We went along quite happily, passed si'ent farmhouses with sentries at the doors, guides at each cross-roads to keep us in the straight and narrow way. This was a necessity, as we jobbed about a little to avoid the beastly 'cobble' stones on what the French humorist calls a 'first class road.' In spite of this precaution we did have to go some little distance on paved roads to a town which looked good for billets, but no such luck, for the town did not have the manure heap in the court that seems inevitable to billeting. So we went on to a farm at the entrance to the next village, sniffed the air for manure—result positive; there we were and turned in.

"Trenches seem to take all the snap out of the men. Rubber boots, wet feet, and short sleep decrease marching ability with remarkable rapidity, and we hobbled rather towards the finish. I couldn't help thinking of the drill book's description of how to march. We stepped along 'springing from the haunch in a free and easy manner,' note quite.

**Getting Ready for Big Push.**

"This rest we are having more exercise than usual with the intention of getting fit for the big push, which is due any time now. Today we had an excellent bath, the men in a starch factory, the officers in a nearby hospice run by Sisters of Charity with generous waists and still more generous head dresses of starched white linen, shaped exactly like a white gull alighting on water. The old Mother Superior took me over the whole building, Old Folks' Home, Infants' Home, Hospital, and Refugees' Refuge, all rolled into one. The little refugee kiddies were very funny and swarmed around like bees with 'Souvenir' written in their eyes. The old women were very talkative, but their rate was too rapid for my French ear, which is very slow. The building was by no means modern, but was scrupulously clean, and on the whole the place seemed to be well managed. The mother superior's description of a hospice as "a refuge for all kinds of misery" struck me as very near the mark.

"March 29—Today we had lots of exercise. Half a mile at the double before breakfast, just to give us an appetite (which is like putting honey on treacle). After breakfast there was bayonet fighting and burrowing, namely, hasty entrenching. Trenches, to my mind, have always suggested elaborate sitting and complicated calculations from mysterious sheets called 'Working Party Tables.' In reality, you just shout 'By fives number" and pace rapidly down the line, putting a group of five men in four paces, and leaving a blank space of three paces, where the traverse will be dug at leisure. After one and a half hours there is quite decent cover. This method is used for a more or less permanent trench, but for hasty cover they merely flop down with feet towards the front, and scrape a shallow ditch running obliquely to the line of fire. In this the firer lies, and uses his rifle around the corner of the scratched-out earth. In twenty minutes they were bullet-proof, but this type, though speedy, offers no security against shrapnel fire.

**A Cosmopolitan Crowd.**

"April 2—I was into the town the other day, and had quite a time threading my way through the crowds of troops that filled the streets. One reads descriptions of places 'swarming with troops,' but, believe me, the scene has to be experienced to be appreciated. The sidewalks are so narrow as to be quite useless, and in the cobbled roadway was a jumble of carts, ambulances, trucks, and motors. Filling in the gaps was the most cosmopolitan crowd imaginable. Irish and Highlanders, English and Indians, with a good sprinkling of Canadian shoulder badges. It was some sight, and reminded me of St. Paul's description of Jews and Proselytes, Cretes and Arabians.

"This is an old-fashioned war. They seem to be raking up all the old tricks Grenade and bomb-throwers are being revived and trained in methods that were considered obsolete over a century ago. One never hears of lines of skirmishers that were all the fashion in South Africa. In fact, the fashions of war seem even more fickle than those of dress, and that is saying a good deal. I have found the most suitable job for the laziest man on earth—an aeroplane sentry, who lies on his back in the sunshine with a pair of field glasses, and whenever he sees an aeroplane looks for the black cross indicating a German craft. If this is the case, he notifies the corporal of the guard, who transmits the information to headquarters, which in turn sends warnings to all companies to lie low. By the time everybody is warned the aeroplane has either gone harmlessly away or done any damage it's going to do, so you see what an important precaution this is. We are revelling in glorious spring weather, daffodils, pansies, blue sky, green grass, and next to no rain, so at present we are happy.

**Played "Jack-in-the-Box."**

"April 3—There is not a bit of news here. We are still resting and getting into good physical condition. Today we had a run before breakfast, and after breakfast played 'Jack-in-the-box.' Do you wish to know how to play this game as it is done in the army? Well, the soldiers all crouch down in a trench that has steps cut in the front wall. They all keep their heads down out of sight until the captain calls out 'Charge.' Then the men pop suddenly out of the trench with a jump and run forward shouting. When you are in front of the trench it looks really terrifying to see a line of yelling men with bayonets suddenly rise from nowhere and rush forward, pretending they are very fierce and not at all afraid themselves. That is half the game. I hope we can do it."


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# LOCAL NEWS

—Following an argument between Peter Smirles and a Greek peanut man, the latter swore out a summons today, charging the former with using abusive language towards him. The case will be threshed out before Police Magistrate J. C. Judd in the course of a few days.

—Word was received at the local Grand Trunk headquarters today of the death of A. J. Taylor, Toronto freight and passenger representative of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway. The late Mr. Taylor was well known among London railwaymen, having called here on a number of occasions. He was ill for about one year, having gone south some time ago for his health. Interment will be made in Bowmanville.

—The fire halls had two grass fires today without damage on Grand avenue and west avenue.

WILLIAM HAYMAN ILL.—William Hayman, the well-known local contractor, is very dangerously ill in St. Joseph's Hospital. This afternoon his condition showed little change.

TO HOLD RUMMAGE SALE.—A rummage sale will be held Friday afternoon in the gymnasium of Askin Street Methodist Church, when quantities of clean wearing apparel will be on sale. The sale will open at 1 o'clock.

ALD. COOPER SERIOUSLY ILL.—Ald. Neil Cooper is very seriously ill at his home, 445 Piccadilly street, with pneumonia. He was taken ill on Saturday. Latest reports state that his conditions shows little change.

SALE OF WORK.—The women of the First Congregational Church will hold a sale of work and home-made cooking in the school room next Thursday, April 22nd, afternoon and evening. Aprons, quilts and other useful articles will be on sale.

FINGERS BADLY TORN. — Ray Gordon, a newsboy residing on Ontario street, had the top of one of his fingers torn to the bone while playing with a piece of pipe at the fair grounds today. He was at once taken to the field hospital quarters and the wound dressed.

SOCIAL HELD.—Members of Memorial Methodist Church held a social last night. The program was excellent and the attendance good. Those who took part were: Carman Anderson, Vera Steels, Messrs. Hall, McCullough and Anderson, and Vernice Anderson. Refrshments were served.

ORDERED BACK HOME. — Harry Burke and Mary Miller, alias Ellen Karn, arrested by Patrolman Holden last night on a disorderly charge were taxed $5 and costs each by Police Magistrate J. C. Judd today. The woman was ordered back to Brantford, from whence she came.

JOHN NUTKINS HURT.—Ex-Alderman John Nutkins was injured about the head, arms and legs yesterday as the result of a falling ladder hitting him. He was taken to his home, where the injuries were dressed. He will be able to be out and around again in a day or so.

TO DO AWAY WITH "CLINK."—The "clink" at the fair grounds is to be done away with shortly, and all prisoners will be placed in the guard house at Wolseley Barracks. There have been many complaints regarding the quarters at Queen's Park, and now that the warm weatner has come the authorities do not think the small building should be used any longer.

INVESTIGATE STORY. — Discharged on a drunk charge today Hugh Wench, whose face was cut in a number of places, and who was covered with blood, told Police Magistrate J. C. Judd that his condition was due to treatment he received at the hands of the policeman who arrested him, but whose name he did not know, and as a result of the statement his worship will likely investigate the man's story.

ENTERTAINED BY B. Y. P. U.—The Talbot Street Baptist Young People were entertained last evening by the Wortley Road B. Y. P. U. A splendid program was provided, the most unique feature being an interesting geography match. The Sunday school orchestra rendered several selections during the course of the evening, and at the conclusion a dainty luncheon was served. About two hundred were present.

CLOSING RECITAL.—The closing recital of the Woman's Music Club for this season will be held in the Normal School tomorrow at 4:15, when the executive of the club is arranging an attractive program. Among the numbers will be a group of songs by Wilkins Shuff, tener soloist, and Thomas Mitchelltree, pianist, will play three of his own compositions. As this is the last concert of the season, a large attendance is hoped for. During the afternoon officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

PROMOTION FOR HAROLD GARNER.—Harold Garner, who has been with the C. P. R. city passenger and ticket office in London for some years, has received the appointment of city ticket agent of the C. P. R. Both in London and Ottawa the position of city passenger and ticket agent has been divided, the responsibility of the two positions being now held by two different people. J. H. Radcliffe, the new city passenger agent, will arrive in London today.

ENTERTAIN FRIENDS. — Court Pride, of the Dominion Ancient Order of Foresters entertained the members and friends to an "At Home" in their hall, Dowler building, last evening, it being the closing social event of the season. A short program was followed by refreshments, cards and other games. The following took part in the prograf: Instrumental, Miss Brown, Bro. Roohl; solos, Bros. Geo. Flory, Wm. Thompson; recitations, Bro. Allsop and Miss Woonton.

## DEATHS AND FUNERALS

**George Fraleigh.**

The funeral of George Fraleigh, of Arva, Lonaon Township, was held on Monday afternoon from his home to St. John's Church, where services were conducted by Ven. Archdeacon Richardson. Interment was made in St. John's Cemetery at 2:30 o'clock. Mr. Fraleigh died at his home on Saturday.

**Charles Edward Wright.**

The funeral of Charles Edward Wright, the draymna who died on Saturday from injuries received when he was struck by a street car several weeks ago, was held on Monday afternoon from his home, 146 Fullarton street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Draymen of the city acted as pallbearers. Rev. R. W. Norwood, of Cronyn Memorial Church conducted the services at 2 o'clock. Mr. Wright is survived by his wife.

**Charles Kenneth Harris.**

The funeral of Charles Kenneth Harris, 809 Maitland street, who died at his home on Sunday last, was held today from his home to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Services were conducted by Rev. Harry Asbury, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, at 2 o'clock. Mr. Harris died from pneumonia after a very short illness. He is survived by his wife.

**Eunice M. Talmon.**

The funeral of Eunice M. Talmon held from the home of her brother-in-law, Wm. Rutledge, yesterday afternoon, to Hyde Park Cemetery, was conducted by Rev. Mr. Durnford and was very largely attended. The pallbearers were six nephews, Messrs. J. M. and D. Talmon, Chas. Rutledge, Thomas Ride and John Fletcher.

## DR. HUGHES GIVEN 60-MINUTE SENTENCE

### Union Life Director Serves Out His Time in Court.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, April 20.—A curious sentence of sixty minutes to be served in court under thec are of the sheriff was meted out today to Dr. F. G. Hughes, lately director of the Union Life Insurance Company, who had been found guilty of conspiracy to defraud. The judge, in giving the light sentence to Dr. Hughes, said he was guilty in having permitted his name to be used in the flotation of stock without knowing the methods which were to be employed, but he considered him innocent of the conspiracy to defraud.

The late Dr. Millichamp, another director, the judge declared to be innocent of fraudulent intention.

## WEDDING BELLS

**HUGHES—CLARKE.**

Miss Mabel Edith Clarke, of London, was married to David William Hughes, also of London, in the Memorial Methodist Church parsonage on April 15. They were unattended. The couple will reside in this city.

**CLARKE—HENDERSON.**

A. C. Clark, of this city, was wedded to Miss Nellie Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, 236 Grand avenue, on Saturday last, by Rev. Mr Stewart, of Knox Presbyterian Church, South London. Miss S. White was bridesmaid, and A. Clark supported the groom. They will reside on Edward street.


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