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We gave Controller Cameron disinterested and reliable advice when we warned him that he had no chance of defeating such a redoubtable champion as Mayor Church. But Controller Cameron had an obstinate regard for his own opinion which interfered with his judgment in this personal matter. Had he remained in the board of control contest he would almost certainly have regained his seat, and not eliminated himself from an important year in the life of the city.

There are two principles which we trust the new board of control will keep in view. The first is one to which everything else must be subordinated, the preparation for regaining the street railway franchise in 1921. An essential part of that policy will be the purchase of the Metropolitan Railway rights within the city limits. The figure mentioned by the company as their price for this property does not appear to have considered the right of way which the company is to have from the city. To the layman this right of way appears to be almost as valuable as the franchise itself. The Metropolitan will certainly have more facilities with a double track than at present.

The board of control has an excellent membership. In some respects ex-Ald. McBride is the strongest member upon it. He is a most conscientious worker, and no one studies civic affairs with closer attention. If he will restrain the one weakness that has deprived him of support in the past and observe the dignity as well as the welfare of the city he will have few adverse critics.

Ald. Robbins has been elected as the representative of labor in the city, and as an alderman who has done his duty faithfully by all interests will be looked to as one who represents a large share in a partnership where all interests are identical.

Controller O'Neill is a shrewd and sound businessman and is returned at the head of the board for his record and his ability. He and Mayor Church are the only survivors from last year's board, and he will have much to do in maintaining a continuity of policy which the defeat of Controllers Cameron and Shaw has shown to have been approved by the citizens.

The changes in the aldermanic representation are due to causes not always on the surface. No doubt some of the issues raised in the recent Dominion election accounted for some of the changes. Three old members of the council are returned in the persons of Ald. Cowan, Ald. Weir and Ald. Plewman, the latter representing the fourth estate. Mr. McGridge, also of that ilk, made a creditable run in ward three for a first attempt. There are several new men in Messrs. Honeyford and Johnston of ward one, another Mr. Johnston in ward three, Mr. Blackburn in ward five, and Messrs. Birdsall and Sykes in ward six.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Courtice and Miss Constance Boulton were returned to the board of education in wards one and four respectively. Dr. Steele and Mr. McClelland accompany them for another year in office.

The street railway vote was over ten to one in favor of taking over the system in 1921. The vote was a comparatively light one or the majority would have been even larger. There can no longer be any doubt of the mind of the citizens on this question, and the council will be judged this year largely by the way it is handled in the interests of the people.

Sir Thomas's White's appeal to the Canadian people to practice economy has more behind it than most people are aware. People who come to Canada from Europe are shocked at the careless and indifferent attitude we display towards the war, or rather towards the conditions that we should be conscious of as attending the war. In Europe the millions of the several nations are confronting famine as a perpetual menace. In Canada the average man and woman does not order his life with the conviction that his next door neighbor is starving. Yet this is the fact. We are asked to stint ourselves of food in order that those who have nothing may not die.

The regulations about food, about meatless days, about eating potatoes instead of bread, about substituting other grains for wheat, about abstaining from bacon and pork, are dictated on account of the scarcity of food certainly, but especially on account of the absolute dearth of food in Europe, and, owing to the scarcity of shipping, of the necessity of using the most concentrated and readily preserved forms of food for shipment.

Sir Thomas speaks of "luxurious consumption of all kinds, and particularly of imported articles, which take money out of the country." Under present conditions it is a form of treason to buy anything that is not of Canadian origin. It would be good for Canada and good for Canadians if they could lay this

The Winnipeg Telegram opposes the nationalization of the Canadian Pacific, and says:

"Canada is not in a position to nationalize the C.P.R. It would be an almost impossible load, even did Canada not need every cent of money she can possibly raise by tax or loan for the purpose of carrying on her war

The Telegram is also on record as suggesting that the Dominion Government should revert to its old practice of granting cash subventions to the weaker roads. But we are certain that public opinion in Canada will be unalterably opposed to a return to the old system, which was definitely abandoned at the last session of parliament, when the Canadian Northern was taken over by the government. There was at that time another "loan" to the Grand Trunk Pacific, but with the understanding that it

No less unalterably are the Canadian people opposed to increasing the already unwieldy surplus of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company by jacking-up passenger and freight rates. The railway commission may have been justified as a matter of law in granting a flat increase in railway rates, but it is for the government to determine the policy of the country in respect to the railway question. The only possible policy in this crisis is the nationalization of all the roads.

Nor would such nationalization impose any burden upon the people of Canada. The C.P.R., as a government enterprise, would pay enormously from the start. Combined with the weaker roads, it would form a great national system whose earnings would meet all operating expenses and fixed charges, including whatever dividend might be guaranteed for the future to the present stockholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

The Toronto Globe favors the government taking possession of all the roads and the Canadian Pacific, and administering the same as a unified national system of highways. The paper says the Globe "wants our government to do what has been done by President Hoover in the United States." The Globe considers nationalization of the roads at this time as inopportune. Before the war, but for some reason, not disclosed to the public, opposes nationalization of the roads. The paper remembers that The Globe also favored nationalization of the roads about a year ago when the government was in the midst of the temporary exile of its leading editorial writer. That writer, by the way, has been taken to the United States apparently the policy of The Globe today is not the same as it was in the columns of the Globe a year ago.

In short there are signs of a determined hostility to the policy of railway nationalization. Yet such a policy in Canada could be worked out without friction or difficulty. We already have more than one-third of our railways under government ownership and there is every prospect of extending the nationalization of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will be achieved in any event at the coming session of parliament, and probably the nationalization of the old Grand Trunk as well. We have here no such intricate problem as confronts the United States where the railway lines of a country of them operating entirely within the borders of a single state.

Ald. E. A. Horton Wins for Mayoralty by a Fair Majority.

Special to The Toronto World

Special Thomas, the world's largest municipal election in St. Thomas today passed off very quietly, the chief interest being taken in the mayoralty, which was won by E. A. Horton winning 212 votes over J. B. Martin by a majority of 212. Out of 13,000 who ran for alderman the following were elected: J. B. Martin, J. H. Hargreaves, J. L. Brinkman, W. J. Shaw, jun., L. O. Pearson, C. A. Hammond, W. Valr W. J. Jackson, G. H. Stogorstein, E. A. Hookway, Stephen J. Smith, and J. D. Smith. The board of education the following were elected: Rev. J. W. J. Anderson, W. D. Bennett, W. J. Shaw, jun., and A. S. Smith. The one woman candidate Mrs. A. A. Bailey, received a vote sufficient to elect her to the board. Some 100 votes were taken by the woman voters of the city, many of whom exercised their franchise for the first time.

Will Raise Hundred Thousand Dollars
for Rehabilitation of French and
Belgian Cities.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—In a nation-wide tour to raise \$100,000 to aid in the rehabilitation of razed French and Belgian cities the Paulist Choristers, Chicago's famous boy choir, departed today for the east. The trip will last six months, and will include all the large cities in the United States and

marital spirit of the country, has not only the approval of President Wilson and the Catholic hierarchy, but has been launched with the special blessing of Pope Benedict.

**Artillery Duels Alone Reported in
Paris Official Statement.**

Paris, Jan. 1.—The following official communication was issued tonight: "The cannonade was rather spirited on the left bank of the Meuse to the north of Hill 304 and on the right bank in the region of Beaumont and Bois de Chaume. On the remainder of the front there was intermittent cannonading.

"Army of the east, Dec. 31: No event of importance took place today. Bad weather prevails."

Akron, O., Jan. 1.—Johnny Griffith and Bryan Downey fought a terrific 12 round draw here this afternoon. Both men were badly cut up at the end of the battle.

Windsor, Jan. 1.—Bernard Litfin, age 26, a young German from Kitchener, who has been held in Sandwich Jail since the immigration authorities found he had failed to register, will be charged with perjury as soon as he is released this week. He came to Windsor last September with the wife of an overseas soldier, and soon got into trouble by talking too freely. He is now charged with obtaining a passport here by swearing he was British-born. The authorities allege Litfin had frequently related to friends how easy it was to evade the immigration laws.

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AND WE DEMAND THAT ALL
OUR ALLIES DEMAND ALSO
PEACESKI !!!

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Additional Nominations for Councils Held in the Province.

Following are additional nominations of aspirants to municipal office held in the province:

S. A. Haynes, Maynard W. Proctor,
J. S. H. Hays, J. W. Hyatt's command-
er—W. H. Hank (accl.) School board
Dr. Hayes, P. Clark, P. T. McGibbin,
William A. Gibson, Fred R. Gowie I.
Lewis W. Paul, Counsellors—Ward
I—Charles L. Farnsworth, James
T. T. Woodward, William Thompson,
N. E. Allen, John W. Harold, W.
A. Gibson, L. C. Watson, George
H. B. Smith, Thomas J. McAdams
Ward 3—Newton Harried, Shav-
ner Ward 4—A. Gates, Thomas Ham-
mond (accl.) Ward 4—Robert Irvine,
J. A. Farquharson, Is. Burns, Sam-
uel Adams, J. M. Dyer, J. W. Har-
rison, J. W. Hays, J. W. Hyatt, W.
Thompson, William Nisbet, Andrew
Carson, Frank Richards. Ward 6—
Westly Jackson, Percy Humble, Geo.
H. Harris, Harry Waite, A. Heller, D.
McMurphy.

Ellis, N. Eomans, William Patton, A. E. Gibson, John Ernst, J. P. Noonan, Edwin Switzer, C. W. Robb, Dr. G. P. Allen.

AMHERSTBURG—Mayor—Dr. W. Fred Park, Dr. O. Teeter. Reeve—A. G. Brown. F. A. Hough, F. H. A. Davis, Edward Crimmins, J. Gott, A. G. Brown (accl.). Councillors—E. Crimmins, A. Woods, J. H. Sutton, W. E. Craig, L. B. V. Sansac, S. J. Petty-piece, Charles O. Dette, W. H. Jones, H. Cadarotte, A. P. Barron, Gordon

Strengthen Monte Grappa and Asiago Sectors—British Make Raids Across Piave River.

London, Jan. 1.—The following official communication dealing with the operations of the British forces on the Italian front was issued tonight:

The British commander-in-chief in Italy reports that the Italians at the end of the year remain in possession of their defensive lines on the Monte Grappa and Asiago sectors, where the Germans have strong positions. Little snow has fallen. The success of the French yesterday in the Monte Grappa region has given much satisfaction.

On J. Stringer, A. Laboute, W. Bolein, C. Plant, J. M. Roberts, H. Totten, Trustees—A. E. Wright, J. R. Easton, A. Ferrier (accl.)

HANOVER.—Mayor—Dr. Taylor (acclamation). Reeve—Dr. Mearns (acclamation). Councillors—J. Arm-

acclamation). Courtiers—L. Armstrong, Brocklebank, Devlin, Forester, Frook, Hoffman, Hahn, Lang and Rahn.

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St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 1.—Ald.
James A. Wiley, labor candidate was

RAILWAY MAN DEAD.

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