



# Gift Time

This is the first Christmas season in four long years that we have felt the Gift Time feeling as we do today. Everybody seems to be happy and in the mood to buy gifts for some one. We notice the difference in the early demand and sale of lines that other years have not sold until the last Rush before Christmas Day. It's a wise precaution on the part of the early buyers because it insures for them a good attention and the best selections. We heard a lady say the other day that she was going to buy all her gifts in the next week, and have them done up and ready so that she wouldn't have so much to do at the last moment and be so tired that she was "all in" on Christmas Day. Mighty sensible, don't you think? As a matter of suggestion we'd remind you that this is Glove Time, Muffler Time, Bath Robe and House Coat Time, Overcoat Time, Underwear Time, Neckwear Time, and in fact it's the best Time in the whole year for reasonable clothing and fixings of all kinds for men and boys.

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### VETERANS

A SPLENDID RECORD.

Secretary J. V. Conroy announces that thru the efforts of the headquarters of the G.W.V.A., Toronto district, money collected during the last week in November amounted to \$1981.61. Numerous letters of thanks and appreciation for the good work which has been carried out by the association have been received by Secretary Conroy.

Among the letters of appreciation recently received by the district secretary G.W.V.A., J. V. Conroy, is one from Sgt. F. C. Best, 40th Battery, C.E.F., France, thanking the association for its solicitude in respect to his wife, who died a few weeks ago, another, equally appreciative, from a comrade who received \$446.67, long due him, thru the efforts of the Great War Veterans.

J. M. Pearen, Weston, Ont., has received notification of the death of his youngest son, Wilfrid Ferguson Pearen, at the first London General Hospital. Sapper Pearen was a graduate of the Weston High School and enlisted with a signal corps in 1917. His brother, Earle, is also overseas with the 48th Battery. A cable was received on Nov. 23 from the deceased that he and his brother were both well.

Pte. Walter F. Duggan has died of influenza in England is the word received by his mother at Oil Springs. He enlisted in 1915 with the 70th Battalion, later transferring to the Imperial mechanical transport. Dr. Charles Duggan of St. David is the only surviving brother.

His widow and two children survive Pte. N. Bartholomew of 84 Prescott avenue, who was admitted to No. 14 field ambulance with shrapnel wounds and who has died. He went overseas with the Beavers last year.

Pte. Alfred John Cronlan of 77 Manor street is officially reported wounded. Pte. A. M. Pomeroy of 271 Logan avenue has been admitted to Shorncliffe Hospital with pneumonia. The following are reported ill: Ptes. J. McClellan, 48 Keele street; J. C. McVicar, 363 Roncesvalles avenue; J. H. Morgan Mimico; R. R. Perkins, 163 Jarvis street.

**Pastor Back From Meas, Via Paris, London and New York**

Rev. T. T. Shields, pastor of Jarvis Street Baptist Church, is again in Toronto after his experiences in London at the time of the armistice, in New York during the welcome to returning troops, in Paris and at Meas. For five months he allied Spurgeon's Tabernacle in London, England.

Asked his opinion of the political events now shaping in England, Mr. Shields declared himself of the opinion that Lloyd George and his coalition government could do immeasurably more for Britain than any other man and party. All the best interests of the country are at heart, and that the laboring classes, having fought for freedom, are entitled to it. "And," concluded Mr. Shields, "I believe that they are a reliable lot if they are treated justly."

Speaking of the armistice, Commissioner W. L. London, Mr. Shields said, "There was no demonstration until the news was confirmed and then they kept it up for two days."

**EXODUS OF ALIENS.**  
Ticket agents in the city were swamped with applications for transportation to Europe for foreigners. It is estimated that there are between 5,000 and 10,000 aliens in Toronto who are anxious to return to their homes. Five new Italian lines, with ships for Naples, Palermo and Genoa, are about to resume operations, and by this means the exodus will be hastened.

"I have here hundreds of applications for passages, and most of the men want to go to Italy, Greece and Malta," said S. J. Sharp, Yonge street ticket agent. "The men who are applying are Italians, Greeks, Austrians, Poles and Hungarians."

"Now we have had four years of war and wages have been high. They have earned large sums of money. That is all they live for in Canada, and hundreds of them have never heard from their families for four years. They are anxious to go back, and will pay any money in reason."

**MOTORISTS HEEDLESS OF WARNING.**  
Motorists who have occasion to visit the Central Military Hospital, College street, are failing to heed the notice board requesting that the walk immediately bordering the hospital be kept free from standing cars, with the result that the authorities of the hospital are expending considerable inconvenience because of the string of cars parked at the entrances. Under such conditions it is difficult to remove stretcher cases into the hospital, and often long detours have to be made before an entrance is effected. A little consideration in this matter will greatly assist the hospital staff in their work.

**DECORATED FOR GALLANTRY.**  
Two more Toronto men have been decorated for conspicuous gallantry. They are Captain E. V. Deverall, M.C., of 343 Shaw street and Lieut. W. E. Spemerville of 286 Crawford street.

Captain E. Victor Deverall, M.C., Royal Engineers, has a bar added to his cross and has also received promotion. Under heavy fire from the enemy he built a bridge across an important river and led the infantry over and established them in strong positions. He enlisted in 1916 with the 204th Battalion.

**HAVING A RESPITE.**  
Those in charge of Spadina Military Hospital are having a respite from the past heavy weeks. There are only 30 inmates at present, while recently the number averaged 250. Those who have been discharged from the hospital have either gone to their homes, rejoined their units or been transferred to the invalided soldiers commission. More cases are expected as the soldiers are returned.

**McBRIDE SUED FOR \$20,000.**  
A writ has been issued at Osgoode Hall by Fred Bancroft, a reporter on The Toronto Daily Star, against Samuel McBride, controller. The plaintiff is suing for \$20,000 damages for alleged slander arising out of certain statements made at the last regular meeting of the city council.

### CITY WILL PAY TO RESIDENT PARENTS

Council Decide on Soldiers' Insurance Payments—Maguire Dissents.

**NO REFERENDUM**  
No Benefit to Non-Resident Relatives Unless Dependence is Proved.

After two hours' speechmaking, the city council at a special meeting called yesterday to consider soldiers' insurance, decided not to submit the question to the people at the next election, but to accept the board of control's report, approved by all the members with the exception of Controller Maguire. The report reads as follows:

"The board recommend that the conditions set forth in report No. 27 of the board of control of last year, as adopted by the council, restricting the payment of soldiers' insurance to widows and children no matter where resident, and to parents and persons acting in loco parentis residing in the City of Toronto, the date of enlistment of the soldier, be rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"Insurance shall be paid only—  
"To widows or children.  
"To parents or persons acting in loco parentis resident in Toronto at the time of the enlistment of the soldier.  
"To brothers, sisters and non-resident parents or persons acting in loco parentis who can prove to the satisfaction of the insurance committee that they were dependent on the deceased soldier."

Controller Sam McBride, in answer to a charge made by Controller Maguire that the city council had broken faith, stated: "We have not broken faith and this question should not be used as a political football for vote catching purposes. That is what Maguire will use it for."

Controller Maguire, jumping up: "I will not."  
**Too Sacred.**

Controller McBride: "Well you have entered in the chamber at any rate. There is not a man in the world who can lay his finger against Toronto and say that the city has broken faith in any way."

Controller McBride stated that he would be willing to let the question go to the people on New Year's Day, as long as the applicants for annual honors would not use the question as a vote-catching proposition. "It is far too sacred a thing for that," he added.

Controller Maguire moved that the following question be submitted to the electors:

"Are you in favor of paying \$1000 insurance on each of the lives of soldiers of Toronto who have fallen in battle or have died while on active service, including enlisted before the Military Service Act came into effect, on the following conditions?"

"1. To widows and children wherever they may reside.  
"2. To fathers and mothers wherever they may reside.  
"3. To brothers and sisters residing in Toronto.  
"4. To brothers and sisters residing outside of Toronto when they can prove dependency."

The motion was carried in committee, but was later defeated by a vote of 18-2 in council after a lengthy argument.

An amendment by Ald. Ball to the effect that parents be paid in every case, no matter where they resided, was lost by a vote of 14 to 8. After talking for over two hours on the question, the argument moved around in a circle and the original report of the board of control was adopted without any change.

**Two Bylaws.**  
Ald. Plowman introduced a bylaw to the effect that the wards be represented by two aldermen instead of three, as at the present time. He was of the opinion that the council was getting unwieldy and that more time could be made with fewer members.

Ald. Fred McBride introduced a bylaw, and it was voted down 11 to 5. A bylaw providing for the reduction of the rate of interest on Hydro-Electric debentures to the amount of \$250,000, which are to be placed on the market, was passed by the council. The rate of interest on the first bylaw was six per cent, and was reduced to five and a half per cent.

**S. A. HOLDS DAY OF PRAYER.**  
In the Broadview Avenue Citadel Commissioner Richards conducted a day of prayer yesterday. There were good attendances at the three meetings. The speakers include Colonel and Mrs. Brouwer, who are on their way to China from Holland, where the former will take up the post of chief secretary of the Salvation Army in China, and Chaplain Captain Steele, who has been in France for the last year and a half.

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