ZEPPELINS DO NOT PERTURB LONDON

Metropolis of Empire Calm Under Strain of Warfare —Business Goes On.

AMUSEMENTS AS USUAL

Great City Gives of Best and Bravest for War—Wounded Fill Hospital.

By John A. MacLaren, one of The World's staff correspondents with the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 25.—Are the Zeppelins coming?

London thinks that these much-vaunted gasbag weapons will arrive any day and scatter a few bombs. But London is really not losing any sleep or worrying. If the big aircrafts which thus far have been utterly useless in the great war should come—well, they have come, and that's all there is to it. After three months of fighting the world's metropolis hasn't altered in the slightest—still very sober, sombre and serious-minded, with no thought but that of ultimate victory. There is "business as usual," the same crowds, the same noisy barking taxies and motor buses. Except for great squads of khaki-clad soldiers and red-inked posters stuck up everywhere calling for recruits you wouldn't know that there was a war and that the life of the empire is at stake. That is true during daylight, but at night there is a vast difference. Then you realize it.

There have been one or two typical fogs lately when traffic was suspended and people stayed indoors. There may as well be a fog curtain hanging over the city every evening because it is pitched black anyway except at important street intersections where lamps throw out a feeble glow. The only real illuminations in the city are searchlights which play with the clouds every night over the Thames. There are many used to spot any hostile air craft which may prowl over the darkened city but none have been discovered as yet. Nevertheless, the people have convinced themselves that the Zeppelins are coing.

Raid Not of Importance.

But they will only come once, they say. That will be sufficient to show the uselessness of such a raid. Slight damage will be done if they manage to evade the anti-air craft guns and British flyers, but the raid will not have an important bearing on the war—such is the general impression. London is waiting for the big event, not breathlessly or excitingly, but just as you or I would wait for a street car, taking it for granted that it was coming some time.

People Live as Usual.

As usual, London arises at a respectable hour in the morning and has its bath and breakfast and goes to work in the ordinary way. At 4 o'clock or so in the afternoon the tea drinkers raid the teashops. Crowds line up outside the popular resorts, awaiting an opportunity to get their tea and cakes, just as a baseball fans crowd up to the bleacher gates at home. There is no thought of Zeppelins. Chances are that if a fleet of these was hovering over London in the afternoon there would still be the same line-up. London could not simply miss its tea. My word, no. But darkness sets in late in the afternoon, and then you feel that there is another fog—just a sight here and there, and one is risking his neck to cross the Strand or Piccadilly. Traffic accidents are many—nevertheless the city must remain black, because the Zeppelins are coming. No bright signs appear in front of the theatres. The white lights have been discarded in favor of blue. You walk along the crowded streets, jostle and bump into hurrying throngs, no apologies are necessary. Such collisions are unavoidable. You may run into a hydrant or lamppole and be perfectly sober. London goes to bed earlier. The darkness and 10 o'clock closing of all hotels and shutting off the booze in restaurants are undoubtedly responsible for this. Eleven o'clock is quite a late hour here.

Thousands Sent to France.

But the big historic city has sent thousands of men to France. More are going every day, and still more are getting ready to go. Recruiting officers are everywhere. Huge posters hang from buildings and adorn hoardings and fences, informing young men that their king and country need them, that it is their duty to go. Prominent men tell audiences, morning, noon and night of the necessity of more recruits. Music halls have patriotic skits, flag waving and patriotic music, all to fill their coffers and stir the able bodied men into action. And while all this is going on newspapers deplore the lack of enthusiasm and talk of the possibility and necessity of conscription.

Men Trained in Parks.

Men are still being trained in the parks and on the streets. Everywhere you go chances are you will see a company marching by. Some are in khaki. Others wear the blue garb of Kitchener's army and still more are in civilian's clothes. The latter have possibly just enlisted and their fighting rags have not yet been issued. Probably you will see a company of the London Scottish which is getting ready to help out their comrades who made such a gallant bayonet charge on the Prussian Guards, the kaiser's pet regiment, a few weeks ago. There is no music, no bands to keep the boys in step. I haven't heard a band in London. The city is serious minded and business like, not demonstrative, except, of course, when something special is on the program of events, like lord mayor's khaki pageant. Many people believe that enlivening music, patriotic airs by bands would bring out recruits. The London papers have been clamoring for a little life.

Best Sent to France.

Like Canada, London has sent her best to France. The stragglers lead a very uncomfortable existence. They are constantly guyed for not doing their share for the empire. One is surprised to see so many young men in the street. One is also surprised to see so many old, or rather middle aged men in uniform. These, in most cases, are old campaigners anxious to get in to the thick of it again. Probably they belong to one of the special battalions being organized, such as the sportsmen, artists, actors or commercial men. It is not difficult to get sufficient men for these battalions for the first to join, bring along their friend with whom they work and associate with in the piping times of peace and it is said that nearly all the Picadilly Knuts have gone. This has greatly surprised London, for be it known, the knut is that brand of male species whose principal worry in life is spending money when he did not earn, wearing a silk topper, swallow-tail coat, white spats, cane, and most important of all a monocle. But the knut proved that he wasn't such a "nut" after all. He was one of the first to enlist. London is proud of him. "Punch" contained a cartoon the other day which depicted one of the knuts who lingered behind. He was strolling along wearing the inevitable white spats and was supposed to have been shot in both ankles.

Spies Weeded Out.

German spies are now supposed to be practically weeded out of London. The city was full of these despicable creatures when war was declared but the military and police authorities with the aid of the newspapers have corraled most of them. Of course all German or Austrian subjects were caught in the net. The help in most of the hotels and restaurants consisted principally of aliens but these have been replaced by Englishmen. A few weeks ago a number of Canadians put up at a well known hotel on the Strand. In the smoking room they were talking about the composition of the Canadian expeditionary force. An English porter approached them.

"Pardon me, gentlemen," said he," but I would advise you not to talk so loud. There may be some German help here yet. They say they are Swiss but I am rather doubtful."

German Restaurants Still Open.

Many hotels were managed by Germans, but not now. A string of restaurants in London controlled by a German are still doing business. This German was a naturalized British subject and to show his good faith and loyalty he has given many thousands of dollars to the Prince of Wales benefit fund.

A large placard appears on the windows of each of his eating-houses which states who he was, who he is now, and the amount he has given in the cause of Great Britain. Hundreds of places where Germans or Austrians were formerly to be found bear the signs on the windows to the effect that "No Germans or Austrians are employed here." Most of these aliens are now employed at the detention camps. Some, of course, slipped back to the fatherland, a day or two prior to the declaration of war.

Hospitals Full of Wounded.

Hospitals are full of wounded British and Belgian soldiers. All the very serious cases were brought to England. Wounded are being cared for all over these islands. In London you often see a banner struck across a thorofare bearing the words "Quiet for the wounded." Near by is a hospital. Belgian refugees are many. Work has been obtained for quite a number of them, while others are employed in collecting on the streets for the Belgian Benefit Fund by selling Belgian newspapers published in London, or the colors of the allies. British and Belgian soldiers with their arms in slings are no uncommon sight.

There is great confidence in London. No one expects that the Germans will win. The general impression is that it is now the beginning of the end. The moment the kaiser's army is swept out of Belgium it is defeated decisively. That is the prevalent view. The people of Germany will then realize that there is no possibility of success.

Industries Still Run On.

"England is not affected industrially," said a business man to the writer. 'Business as usual' is our motto, and we live up to it. Our factories are running as before. The cost of living has not increased to any extent. This war is affecting only those individually who suffer because of the loss in the war of those dear to them. The nation is prepared to fight until Germany is crushed, whether it is for a long or a short period. But the war will not last very long now."

VILLA DEMANDING FUGITIVE'S ARREST

General Charges That American Aided Flight of Ex-Governor Turbide.

Canadian Press Despatch.

MEIXCO CITY, Dec. 24, via El Paso, Dec 27. (Delayed in transmission).—Gen. Villa tonight telegraphed officials at Chihuahua to remove Eduardo Iturbide from a northbound train and to return him a prisoner to Mexico City. Iturbide acted as governor of the federal district for a short itme after the Carranza forces evacuated the capital.

Upon the entrance of Zapata, Iturbide went into hiding. It was said that he was concealed in one of the foreign legations of the capital until two days ago when he was smuggled into the drawing room of a sleeping car and started on his journey toward El Paso. When this became known, Gen. Villa became furious, saying:

"A foreigner, an American named Leon Conova, who claims to be a representative of Secretary of State Bryan, smuggled Iturbide into a car and attempted to get him accross the American border. Iturbide must be brought back to Mexico City and stand trial for the offences with which he is charged."

British Officers Killed

Canadian Associated Press Cable. Z

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The following British officers are reported killed: Capt. Baird and Lieut. Barry, Highland Light Infantry; Lieut. Bower, South Staffordshire; Capt. Bradshaw, Somerset; Lieut. Burt, Royal Scots; Lieut. Charles, Royal Field Artillery; Lieut. Honson, Somersets; Second Lieut. Hilton, Middlesex Regiment; Capt. Hoggson, Warwickshires; Lieut. Kerr, Highland Light Infantry; Capt. Morgan Grenville, Rifle Brigade; Major Murray, Highland Light Infantry; Major Parker, Hampshires; Lieut. Parr, Somersets; Lieut. Pittslucker and Capt. Pringle, Highland Light Infantry; Hon. Capt. Prittle, Rifle Brigade; Capt. St. Clair, Seaforths; Second Lieut. Tucker, Royal Warwickshires; Major Day, Major and Capt. Durand, Munsters; Col. Lempriors, 7th Dragoons; Lieut. Montgomery, Connaughts; Capt. O'Brien and Lieut. O'Brien, Munsters; Capt. Stewart, Coldstream Guards; Major Thomson, and Second Lieut. Young, Munsters; Capt. Graham, Worcestershires; Lieut. Hillatrover, Scots Guards;; Lieut. Own, Lincolnshires; Lieut. Pastfield, Middlesex Regiment; Capt. Smart, West Yorkshires; Lieut. Verrall, Royal Sussex Regiment; Lieut. Walters, Gloucestershires; Capt. Creagh and Lieut. Norman, Manchester Regiment.

GERMAN FUEL BASE FOUND IN ENGLAND

Raid Made on Spirit Firm Said to Have Aided Submarines.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British naval and military authorities have just accomplished a first-class stroke in the direction of blocking German air raids on England. It has been discovered that the Motor Spirit Supply Company, which was supposed to be English, and which has in the last year maintained an elaborate series of depots on the coast and across country, was in reality a German concern. The scheme was to supply German airships and aeroplanes with petrol when they succeeded in landing and inaugurating their campaign of terrorizing the British Isles.

It was discovered recently that German submarines and other motor craft already had received spirit supplies from these depots, and it was therefore decided to raid and seize them. They are now in the possession of the British authorities, together with considerable quantities of petrol found there.

This news, which has not yet been published in London, is designed to create an immense sensation when it is known, because of the light it throws on Germany's comprehensive and stealthy program for an invasion of England.

NEW CHIMES MYSTIFIED MUSIC CARRIED FAR

Eaton Memorial Church Tower Sent Out Beautiful Peals Last Night.

All thru North and West Toronto last night, just about church time, men and women might have been seen to turn their heads, apparently listening to some new sound above the jargon of the streets. Coming down the wind, now weak, now strong, now in wild blasts and now in fainter, far-off music, was the sound of chimes. They were not the stately chimes of St. James, nor the tinkling bells of Ste. Anne's, but peel upon peel of the bravest, merriest, liveliest, most optimistic bell music Toronto has ever heard. After the peals came the steadier intoning of a clear, tenor bell, and, then hymns played with alto bells in harmony. The tone and the range of the bells were not alone remarkable, but the manner in which they were played. A World reporter followed the sounds from east of Yonge street to Heath street thence to Avenue road, thence to St. Clair, where he finally traced the music to the tower of the new Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, just south of St. Clair. The bells were played from about 6.45 until service commenced at 7 p.m. The clear air, the cold night and the crisp snow on the ground made a peculiarly appropriate setting for the joyful clamor of the chimes.

PATROLLING CRUISER RAN INTO STEAMER

Only Good Seamanship Averted Serious Accident to Manitou.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The steamship Manitou, of the Atlantic Transport Company, is undergoing repairs in Plymouth Sound, as the result of a collision with a warship in the Downs. One of the patrolling cruisers desiring to examine the liner more closely approaching so near in the darkness that a collision occurred. Only good seamanship, apparently, averted a serious accident. Several plates on the Manitou were started by the force of the collision.

LEONARD TO DIRECT PLANS FOR TERMINAL

Well-Known Railwayman Coming to Toronto on January First.

Canadian Press Despatch.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—J. W. Leonard, assistant to the president of the C.P.R. will leave the C.P.R. Co. on Jan. 1 to become superintendent of the Toronto Terminal Co., an organization formed with a capital of $18,000,000 to provide passenger and freight stations and extensive and up-to-date terminal facilities for the City of Toronto. The C.P.R. and the G.T.R. have agreed to take equal holdings in the new terminal company, while the City of Toronto will be also interested in the corporation which will be, in its management and administration, independent of the big railway systems of the country.

FOUR HUNDRED KILLED IN A TRAIN COLLISION

Cars Laden With Prussian Troops Crashed Into Hospital Train.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A Reuter despatch from Warsaw says that 400 men were killed and five hundred wounded in a collision between troop and hospital trains at Kalicz, Poland. The troops were coming from Prussia, and the hospital train was proceeding to Germany with wounded officers. The trains were running at full speed when they collided. More than twenty cars were wrecked.

LIBERALS TO CONTEST CARLETON COUNTY, N.B.

Robert L. Sims Named as Candidate in Ex-Premier Flemming's Seat.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WOODSTOCK, N.B., Dec. 27.—A large and enthusiastic convention here Saturday nominated Robert L. Sims to contest Carleton County against B. Frank Smith, government candidate in the by-election to be held January 7. The election is caused by the resignation of J. K. Flemming, former premier.

VOTE WAS TAKEN ON EXPENDITURES

Controller McCarthy Replies to Evening Paper's Attack.

CHARGES GROUNDLESS

Candidates Flocked to Big Meeting in North Toronto.

North Toronto residents turned out in force on Saturday evening to a meeting under the auspices of the Ratepayers' Association, the old town hall being packed to capacity. The speakers included Controllers McCarthy, Simpson and O'Neill, Aldermen Wanless, Wickett, McBride and Risk, and Jos. Thompson, H. H. Ball, John A. Cooper and J. M. Skelton.

Controller McCarthy referred to the charges made by an evening paper regarding the increase in the city's debt and pointed out that the great majority of the expenditures had been made after a bylaw had been voted on by the people. With careful administration he thought that a lower tax rate might be secured next year. He pointed out that the city's business was the biggest business in the city, that he had devoted all his energy for the last three years to civic interests, and that his knowledge would be of service in the trying circumstances that were almost sure to prevail during 1915. The council of 1914, he said, had not been unmindful of Toronto, as no less than $700,000 was being spent in providing an adequate and efficient water supply for the district.

No Promises.

Controller O'Neill said that he was not out to make election promises as to what he intended to do in the future. He had given his best service to the city, and would continue to do so if re-elected.

H. H. Ball complimented the North Toronto Ratepayers' Association on the excellent attendance, which was evidence of their very keen interest in civic affairs. Serious financial problems were looming up, he said, but he anticipated no trouble if due care was exercised during the next year. Mr. Ball thought there was room for reform in the city's assessment methods, and claimed that something would have to be done to equalize the burden of taxation according to real value. He dealt briefly with the transportation question and asked that a big vote be registered for the car line extension bylaws.

Running Rights.

Ald. McGuire gave an account of his stewardship and promised to make a careful study of transportation for the north end of the city. He believed that some arrangement could be made to secure running rights for civic cars over the Metropolitan Railway.

Ald. Sam McBride, who had been specially invited by the Ratepayers' Association, took up a large part of the evening with his address, keeping his audience in a high state of tension until nearly midnight, also repeating his nomination night attack on Controller Simpson.

NEW TORONTO HAS BALANCE IN BANK

Village in Good Standing—Cash in Hand Two Thousand Dollars.

Altho not yet audited, the financial statement of the Village of New Toronto for 1914 has been issued, and shows the standing of the village to be even more satisfactory than at the end of 1913, when a balance in the bank of $3,957.47 remained to its credit.

The total receipts for 1914 were $62,070.88, and the total disbursements, not including an amount $3,902.19 for cheques outstanding, were $41,614 59.

Cash on hand of $10,268.14 and balance in bank of $10,188.15 give a total balance of $20,456.29.

Receipts include $1,330.26 received from the Township of Etobicoke on local improvement debentures and disbursements show $4,237.75 in debentures expended in that township.

In connection with the new waterworks system, $20,832.70 was expended during the year, and $24,752.21 received on the sale of debentures.

Hydro Department.

In the hydro-electric department $7,423.34 was expended, the receipts being $7,241.56 on debentures and $277 28 on collections.

The receipts include an amount for taxes collected 1913 of $1,223.28, and 1914 of $13,263.40. By the sale of local improvement debentures $2,480.20 was realized.

The large general amounts of expenditures were: School purposes, $5,800; county rate, 1913, $1,199.01; soil and garbage, $1,082.81; sidewalks, sewers, roads and bridges, $3,874.97.

MIMICO

Nominations for reeve and councillors of the Village of Mimico will take place tonight at 7.30 in the public school, at the corner of Church street and Mimico avenue.

YOUNGEST BUGLER SAYS HE'LL GO THRU WITH IT

Was Told What to Expect When He Got Into Action, But Never Flinched.

Captain Hamilton of Earlscourt fire hall is in receipt of a letter from his son Bugler Hamilton, Salisbury Plain, of which the following is an extract: "The adjutant of our regiment called me into his tent a few days ago, and explained the conditions existing on the continent, and what I should have to face when the troops got to the firing line, and offered to send me home to Canada if I wished to go. I refused and told him I enlisted to go thru with it, and I would not back out, and go thru it I would."

Bugler Hamilton is the youngest soldier with the first Canadian contingent, and a general favorite with the men. He will leave for the front with the first Canadian contingent, he expects, early in the new year.

York County and Suburbs of Toronto

DEAD IN HIS ROOM WITH GAS FULL ON

James Conney Asphyxiated —Retired Saturday Night as Usual.

WEST TORONTO NEWS

Mayoralty Candidates to Address Ward Seven Ratepayers.

James Conney, a widower, 68 years of age, was found dead in his room at 340 High Park avenue from gas asphyxiation. Conney was a boarder in the building, formerly the Avenue Hotel, and retired Saturday night as usual. At 11.20 yesterday morning two fellow-boarders, John T. Dymond and Jack Tyrrell, missed the older man and went up to his room. They found the door tightly closed and blocked by a chair and illuminating gas pouring thru the chinks. After breaking down the door they discovered that a wall bracket was turned full on.

Police Summoned.

The police were summoned, and Constables Hains and Fenwick worked for nearly an hour in vain over the body. Dr. J. J. Thompson of Dundas street, who was called, found life had been extinct for a long time, and the body was removed to the morgue. No reason for the act could be ascertained.

Under the auspices of the International Bible Students' Association, J. M. McCoy delivered a lecture in the Beaver Theatre, Dundas street, last night on the subject, "After Death—What?" The address was illustrated with moving pictures from the photo drama of "Creation."

Rev. S. S. Weaver was the special preacher at last night's service in the Annette Street Baptist Church, his subject being "The Unseen Army." The pastor, Rev. W. J. H. Brown, delivered his Christmas message at the morning service.

Meeting Tonight.

Not only are the local candidates for council and board of education to be present at tonight's meeting of the Ratepayers' Association, but the candidates for the mayoralty and board of control will also be there to address the citizens of ward seven. As this may be the only opportunity West Toronto residents will have of hearing the latter every ratepayer is invited to attend.

SCARBORO'S GIFT TO RELIEF FUNDS

Partial Returns Amount to Five Thousand Seven Hundred.

Scarboro Township Red Cross and Belgian relief committee were delighted with the result of their work when the returns came in from the various sections at a meeting held in Malvern Hall Saturday afternoon. With two or three divisions yet to be heard from the total receipts now amount to $5700. While the bulk of the money has been secured by the efficient work of volunteer canvassers in every school section, some large amounts were the proceeds of entertainments given in aid of the fund, notably: Concert at West Hill, under auspices of Melville Church Choir, $276; concert at Agincourt, under auspices of Foresters Lodge, $103; concert at St. Nicholas Anglican Church, Birchcliff, $250. A contribution of $175 was also received from the students of St. Augustine's Seminary, Scarboro.

Banner Section.

School section No. 14, which includes the Village of Agincourt, has been the banner section so far, contributions from this section amounting to the grand total of $1900. A concert was also given in S.S. No. 13, but the returns have not yet been announced.

The committee decided to allot two-thirds of the total amount collected to the Red Cross and one-third to the Belgian relief fund.

Reeve J. G. Cornell presided at the meeting and among those present were Dr. Coutts of Agincourt, secretary; Deputy Reeve Ormerod, Rev. Mr. Carmichael, Rev. J. Anthony, W. H. Patterson, R. McCowan, James Stewart, Geo. Little, Alec. Stirling, H. Dodd and others.

Nominations Today.

The regular nomination meeting will be held at Woburn today when candidates for the township council will address the electors.

It is reported that the Birchcliff ratepayers have selected George Davies as a candidate for council, and Mr. Liddle of Queensbury avenue is also mentioned as a likely candidate.

So far as the reeveship is concerned no opposition candidate has yet been announced, and it is expected that J. G. Cornell will be elected by acclamation, if not the whole council.

ANTICIPATE KEEN FIGHT AT WESTON ELECTIONS

Three-Cornered Contest for the Mayoralty—Nominations This Evening.

The Weston nomination meeting will be held tonight at 7.30 in the town hall. The number of candidates for public office is large and a keen contest is anticipated.

Pressure is being brought to bear on John Gardhouse, and it is possible that he will contest the mayoralty with Dr E. F. Irwin and Dr. W. J. Charlton. Mr. Gardhouse was reeve of Etobicoke Township for some years and for one year was warden of York County.

Walter J. Morris has officially announced his intention of running as councillor.

Tomorrow at 7.30 p.m. the new Carnegie Public Library will be open for inspection and the public will be addressed by members of the council and library board.

Tomorrow evening also the Christmas tree and entertainment of St. John's Anglican Church Sunday School will take place, tea being served to the scholars at 5.30 in the school room, and the entertainment and distribution of prizes being held in the town hall at 7.30.

SANTA CLAUS HAD FAIRIES WITH HIM

Unique Entertainment for Fairbank Children by Social Club.

PICTURE STORIES TOO

Complete Success Attended the Efforts of Women's Associations.

Under the auspices of the Toronto Heights Social Club, Harvie avenue, upwards of four hundred children of the North Earlscourt and Fairbank district were entertained to a Christmas tree and entertainment Saturday afternoon in the clubhouse. The building was not large enough to accommodate the youngsters, the platform and porch being packed, as well as the auditorium. The women's association had charge of the proceedings and successfully catered to the wants of the boys and girls. Each child received a present from Santa Claus (Robert Maltby, boys, who was assisted by four fairies, the Misses Dorothy Smallridge, Annie McNaughton, Dolly Annes and Gladys Bluett. A dainty lunch, with candies and fruit, was distributed, and ice cream, tea, coffee and soft drinks were also served.

Picture Stories.

Alex. McBride gave an interesting lantern entertainment, showing a number of slides depicting Dick Whittington and his Cat, Puss in Boots and other stories. Deputy-Reeve Miller and W. Graham, candidate for the third deputy-reeveship, were present.

W. Graham congratulated the Toronto Heights Social Club and the women's association on their efforts in behalf of the children of the district, addressed a few words of counsel to the children, and promised the social club an annual subscription towards the good work so splendidly inaugurated.

In the evening dancing was enjoyed, refreshments were served and a fine program was rendered by local musicians, William Smallridge acting as accompanist.

The committee of the club desire to express their sincere thanks to the many kind donors of money and gifts to their first children's Christmas treat.

Councillor William Graham, candidate for the vacancy of third deputy-reeve of York Township Council, will, if elected, strongly advocate much-needed improvements in the West Fairbank district, particularly the grading of Caledonia avenue hill.

HEATHER RIFLE CLUB HELD CHRISTMAS SHOOT

Keen Competition for Fine Fat Turkeys at Long Branch Saturday.

The annual meeting, turkey shoot, and dinner of the Heather Rifle Club took place on Saturday at the Long Branch Rifle Ranges. Shooting from the verandah of the Queen's Own pavilion, excellent records were made. Two regular matches, an aggregate match, and a sweepstake were held under the direction of Bandmaster Slatter, the retiring president, the tie in the second match being shot off in the last. Following are the scores:

First Match—1. George Stewart, 25; 2. George Perry, 25; 3. J. P. White, 23; 4. Wm. A. Hawkins, 23; 5. Wm. Meadows, 23; 6 S. Brechin, 23; 7. O. Henderson, 22; 8. Thos. Young, 22; 9. J. Slatter, 21; 10. J. Smith, 21; 11. W. Davidson, 20.

Second Match— 1. and 2. equal, Thos. Young, 25; Wm. A. Hawkins, 25; 3. W. Davidson, 25; 4. A. Graham, 25; 5. J. P. White, 24; 6. Geo. Stewart, 24; 7. Wm. Dow, 24; 8. Wm. Meadows, 23; 9. George Perry, 23; 10. G. Cliff, 23; 11. Pipe Maj. Fraser, 23; 12. A. Rose, 22; 13. Geo. Crighton, 22.

Sweepstake—1. George Perry, 25; 2. Thos. Young, 25; 3. W. Davidson, 24; 4. Wm. Dow, 24; 5. J. Slatter, 24; 6. Wm. Meadows, 24; 7. S. Brechin, 24; 8. J. P. White, 24; 9. Geo. Stewart, 23; 10. A. Rose, 23; 11. W. Cliff, 23; 12. A. Graham, 23.

Aggregate Match—1. J. P. White; 2. Wm. A. Hawkins; 3. Wm. Meadows; 4. W. Davidson; 5. S. Brechin; 6. J. Slatter; 7. Geo. Crighton; 8. W. Cliff; 9. A. Rose.

Turkey Winners.

Magnificent turkeys were won by George Stewart, Thos. Young, George Perry and J. P. White, the three first by winning in the general matches and the sweepstake, dropping out of the aggregate match. Chickens fell to the others as prizes. At the close of the shooting, dinner was served and an interesting program of songs and stories rendered by the members.

Of the members absent were Sergants Grant and Matthews, who are now encamped at Salisbury, and Pte. Clifford is with the second contingent at the Exhibition Camp.

The following officers for 1915 were elected: President, J. P. White; secretary, Bandmaster Lieut. J. Slatter; treasurer, George Stewart; executive committee, S. Brechin, George Perry and Wm. A. Hawkins.

EARLSCOURT

Herbert Mantell, a member of the British expeditionary force, is reported killed by shell fire in the trenches in France. He was a brother of Mrs. Cohen, Harvie avenue, Earlscourt. His name has been placed on the list of intercession in St. Chad's Anglican Church, Earlscourt.

The annual Sunday school entertainment in connection with St. Chad's Anglican Church, Dufferin street, will take place next Wednesday evening in the basement hall of the church. It is expected that over two hundred children with their parents and friends will be present. A good program is being arranged, refreshments will be provided and prizes will also be distributed. Rev. H. Snartt will preside.

St. Chad's Anglican Church A.Y.P.A. will hold a sleighing party on New Year's eve, leaving the church at 8 p.m. and concluding the evening's entertainment with a concert in the basement hall of he church.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Earlscourt District Voters' Association will take place on Wednesday evening at 7.30. The following candidates are expected to deliver addresses: Controllers J. O. McCarthy, Jas. Simpson, and T. L. Church, and J. Gibbons, Jos. Thompson and Donald C. MacGregor.

Under the auspices of the B.I.A. an election meeting will be held this evening in Hughes' School, Caledonia avenue, to discuss the civic car line extension bylaw and other matters of local interest. Among the candidates expected to speak are: Controller McCarthy, J. Thompson, F. S. Spence, Donald C. MacGregor and Kenneth R. McKenzie.

SAYS GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ACT NOW

Suggest Conference of Premiers to Relieve the Unemployed.

RHODES AVE. MEETING

Residents in Danforth District Heard Election Addresses.

Rhodes Avenue Ratepayers' Association was addressed on Saturday night in the Orange Hall, Rhodes avenue, by Controller Church, Joseph E. Thompson, Fred McBrien, George Oakley and J. A. MacDonald, K.C.

Each of the candidates for municipal office emphasized the possibility of seductive pro-corporation street railway proposals being introduced to the council during the ensuing year, one speaker claiming that efforts of this kind would occur annually during the remaining years of the company's franchise. Controller Church opposed the formation of a transportation commission, claiming that it would be a dangerous organization as it would aid any street railway proposal brought forward and result in the civic car fares being raised to five cents. The controller said that Canadian experts should be employed when expert advice was required in civic matters and made the suggestion that the private bills committee should be approached with a view to having a clause inserted in all contracts to that effect.

Conference of Premiers.

Joseph E. Thompson, who is a candidate for the board of control referred at the outset to the lack of interest taken by citizens in electing the board of education. He pointed out that one-third of the taxes went to education and urged the ratepayers to be careful in their choice of candidates for the board.

In connection with the unemployment problem he thought a conference should be held by the prime ministers of the Dominion and provincial houses together with the minister of finance and a big effort made to relieve distress by carrying out public works immediately. He was of the opinion that Toronto should not bear the brunt of the trouble as the province and Dominion both have a part in the dumping of unemployed into the large cities.

Discussing the redistribution of the wards he was of the opinion that ward one suffered from lack of local representation, and thought that it should be divided at Greenwood avenue. He stated that the ratepayers' associations flourished in the suburban districts because they were the chief means of obtaining improvements.

Tax Instalments.

Mr. Thompson next found fault with the method in which taxes are paid in Toronto. He thought that the sum due should be divided into equal instalments and the payments spread over a longer period, especially in view of the hard times prevailing. "I am absolutely in favor of the formation of a street railway commission," said Mr. Thompson. "If the whole transportation problem was put into the hands of an efficient body of men who could make a study of it, then in 1921 when the railway franchise ends everything would be in perfect order for the city taking it over."

The candidate also said that he would oppose any proposal put forward by the street railway corporation in the future.

Denouncing the employment of aliens, Mr. Thompson asked why it was that men from Queen's University, Kingston, McGill, Montreal or Toronto University were discarded for men from the United States, and urged that the German professors at the University be dismissed.

Public Telephones.

Fred McBrien advocated the public ownership of telephones and pointed out that the present day they were as much a necessity to the poor man as anybody else. He also advocated the inauguration of a motor bus service as an auxiliary to the civic car lines.

Referring to the unemployment crisis, Mr. McBrien said: "Other municipalities have a tendency to unload their unemployed in Toronto. This cannot be helped, and it is the duty of the federal, provincial and municipal governments to commence public works immediately and supply work for the large number of skilled mechanics out of employment in the city today."

Train the Boys.

George Oakley, jr., who is a candidate for the board of education, was well received and stated that a man aspiring to the board should have some knowledge of affairs from a pupil's standpoint. Mr. Oakley strongly favored efficient medical inspection and thought that the boy scout movement should be encouraged.

"You cannot help noticing the absence of military ideas and feeling in Canadian pupils," he concluded.

Joseph Russell, M.L.A., occupied the chair.

VOTE FOR

W. H. MATON

Mr. W. H. Maton, a well-known resident of the Township of York, a gentleman who is well known to all classes of the community, is a candidate for councillor in the township.

Mr. Maton's platform is the lighting of the southern part of the township, and also endeavoring to furnish the residents with water, and he appeals to the voters to heartily support him in his campaign and elect him at the head of the poll on Jan. 1. 12

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