FINED $500 OR 6 MONTHS FOR MEAN OFFENCE

Wesley Montgomery of Yarmouth Took Advantage of Soldier's Absence.

WOMAN NOW RELEASED

Given Chance To Make Good While Children Are Made Wards.

Emily Purcell of this city and Wesley Montgomery of Yarmouth, Ontario, who pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of gross immorality, appeared in police court this morning for sentence, and the former prisoner was allowed her freedom on suspended sentence while Acting Magistrate P. H. Bartlett fined Montgomery $500 for his complicity in the offence, with the option of six months in jail. J. M. McEvoy, appearing for the defendants, asked that the woman whose husband is overseas be given a chance on probation with her children, which should be restored to her when she demonstrates good behavior in the future.

Keep Home Together.

Inspector W. E. Kelly of the Children's Aid Society, which organization now has the five children in its custody said in court regarding the case. "Our first thought is to keep the little home together, and if it is broken we aim to re-establish it. I recommend that the children remain in the custody of the Children's Aid Society, and that this woman be given a chance to make good. Let her put her home in shape, and we shall be glad to help her onto her feet. We will make no definite promise regarding the children, but will give her all the help in the world."

Up to Wife.

In passing sentence Magistrate Bartlett said to the female prisoner. "You may consider yourself fortunate that your children are in the hands of those anxious for your own and their welfare. You know how wrong your actions have been. Your husband is overseas and has been fighting for his country, but you have apparently forgotten him. Your children will remain for the time being with the Children's Aid Society, not to punish you, but in their best interests. I will allow you to be liberated on suspended sentence. You have another chance, and the future depends on yourself."

Nothing To Say.

Montgomery stated to the court that he had nothing to say, and sentence as above was then meted out to him. "Your case is an extremely different one," said the magistrate. "You took advantage of the fact that the husband was overseas to renew acquaintanceship with this woman, and you now have her in court with her name disgraced, and her children taken from her. There was a special act passed to preserve the morals of children, growing up, and aimed at men who take advantage of the wives of our fighters. I cannot conceive of a meaner thing on your part, and as a just punishment and as warning to other people if there are any, I fine you $500 or six months in jail."

ACCUSED OF RAISING BANK NOTE AND THEN SWALLOWING EVIDENCE

London is not the only city in Canada where attempts are being made to pass "raised" American bank notes. In Toronto an arrest has been made on this same charge.

The official version tells how a call was received from 514 Front street east, to which Constable Kenny responded, and was informed that a man attempting to pass a raised American one-dollar bill was collared by the merchant and, pending the arrival of the representative of the law, swallowed the bill.

According to the police, a foreigner entered the store, asked for some tea, and presented the bill in question. The woman of the store did not have change for what she took to be a ten-dollar bill and sought her husband, who discovered the fraud. He promptly held the man until assistance in the shape of Kenny arrived.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

F. A. St. Austell.

The high cost of living has become such a familiar topic of discussion that when it is mentioned now nobody takes any notice. The newspapers sometimes have a small paragraph tucked away somewhere, in which what is called the H. C. of L. is timidly referred to. Beyond that the H. C. of L. goes on its way unmolested. Some official tells us occasionally that what we call high cost of living is not really so at all. Lately we have been advised to make the most of our opportunities. Some day those opportunities will land me in jail. When I pass a store, outside of which are displayed ripe, luscious-looking tomatoes and other tantalizing foods, I realize the opportunities I am forced to miss. I have a hankering for tomatoes. Nothing annoys me more than to want a thing and then to be told I can't have it. It's just like drink—that hankering for tomatoes. I remember a man, a very decent chap, who had been a total abstainer for ten years. Then prohibition came along. That man was told he could not have a drink. He has been drunk nearly ever since prohibition. That's how I feel about lots of things. There is no law to prevent me from eating all the eggs and bacon, chicken, turkey and other things I like. But there is a law which prevents me from grabbing them when I see them. I have not found an opportunity of securing the luxuries mentioned except by stealing them.

Protection Needed.

There ought to be a law making it a serious offence to display food in unprotected places. It is a wilful attempt to corrupt the morals of those who suffer from the H. C. of L. as I do.

Really it's awful! Why, before the war our wives used to grab all our money, and look fairly contented, even pleasant, about it sometimes. Now, they take all we have with a contemptuous sniff, and a remark about, "Not much coffee this week at any rate, and very little bacon."

I don't know what there is about a pig to make it such a high-priced animal. Its manners and customs are not particularly pleasing. I don't like pigs. But I certainly do like bacon. I like three good rashers every morning, with two eggs—when I can get them. When I reach the stage of affluence that allows me to eat what I like regardless of cost, I certainly will make a hog of myself on bacon. By that time, though, I shall be so old that I shall scarcely worry about what I eat; the end will be so near it will hardly be worth while to get up for breakfast. In the army you don't have to worry about the cost of bacon. No matter what it costs the cooks spoil it anyway, so nobody really eats it.

Experience Teaches.

When I was away I received many letters about the H. C. of L. I used to take no notice, in fact, I thought most of the remarks greatly exaggerated. Now I know better. In my ignorance I threatened to do some shopping myself. I was taken at my word, and was sent out shopping with five dollars and a basket. Oh, the irony of that basket. What I needed was ten dollars and a vest pocket.

There is a certain butter on the market advertised with the words, "Spread It on Thick." I am a staunch believer in advertising, and always support advertised goods. The H. C. of L. bug has so infected my family that even my small daughter remarked one day:

"Oh! Look at all the butter daddy took!" I don't know how much a pound of butter is, but I do know I am condemned to eat what in my school days was known as "bread and scrape."

Having written so much I paused to read it to my family. I am reminded that we have no meat in the house for tomorrow. What shall we have? It is not a case of what would you like, but what can be bought with the money we have. I would like a great big, juicy tenderloin steak, some nice new potatoes, and some real green peas. As I sit down to dinner tomorrow I shall imagine that steak.

And Matches.

Smokers very seldom buy matches. I never knew they had any value at all. Somebody in the party always had a pocketful. Now, I not only have to buy matches, but am warned to be very careful of them. That has had one good effect, perhaps. I smoke less at home, not on account of the cost of cigarettes, but because the matches are doled out one by one.

This high cost of living is an awful thing. Rumors are rife to the effect that the cost of clothes will be raised a 100 per cent soon. That does not seem possible. If it really happens the makers of barrels will make fortunes. Barrels will be needed by thousands who, like myself, will be unable to buy any other apparel.

We kick and grumble, we abuse profiteers and envy those who make fortunes. We think we are robbed when we go shopping, and we rave at inflation of prices; but still we go on paying as long as we have the means wherewith to pay. We are getting indifferent, have borne the yoke so long that we are accustomed to it. Still the day must come when there will be a change. This kind of thing cannot continue indefinitely. The worst of it is that as things look at present a lot of us will have incurred the cost of a funeral before we obtain any relief from the high cost of living.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR BEST ESSAYS

In June, after the royal naval exhibition at the Armories, the chamber of commerce offered a prize to each school in the city of London for the best essay on the exhibition.

The prize in each case is an enlarged photographic reproduction of H. M. S. Vindictive.

The following are the winners of the prizes:

Aberdeen School—Wm. Riddiford.
Alexandra School—Harry Cheu.
Chesley Avenue School—Edna Harrison.
Ealing School—John Elkington.
Lorne Avenue School—Cecilia Lewis.
Lord Roberts School—Kathleen Ralph.
Wortley Road School—Arah Johnston.

Pupils did not compete from the other schools.

The above winners may obtain their prizes by calling at the office of the secretary of the board of education at any time.

UP, UP, UP, GO PRICES ON HARDWARE MARKETS

Hardware and Metal July 26 will say: Copper is one of the most active lines in the market these days, and the metal this week shows still further advances with best-informed authorities predicting even higher levels. The result of the strength in the metal is being reflected in many manufactured lines, copper rivets and burrs showing a substantial advance along with copper rods, sheets and tubing. Copper wire, electrical basis, is also up another 2c per pound over quotations named one week ago.

The ingot metal market all the way through is showing greater activity and consequently a stiffening of the prices is noted. Lead and spelter move up ½c per pound with a splendid volume of business reported in the former. Spelter is in fair demand and undertone to trading is one of strength.

Linseed oil has moved up from 7c to 15c per gallon in different quarters this week, establishing new high levels for this commodity. When the peak will be reached is hard to determine, though the flaxseed market seems loath to get very much above the $6 mark. Conditions tend to firmness at the present level, however. Business in linseed oil, though generally restricted to needs of the trade, is considered very good.

Turpentine continues to soar and new high record prices are being established in the markets to the south almost daily. Locally, prices show a sharp advance of 17c per gallon, and even higher quotations are looked upon as probable. Conditions contributing to the present advances are the shortage of the crop with the heavy overseas demand.

Ready roofing shows an advance this week, prices going up 10c per square in some quarters. Decided strength is apparent in the market and export business, which has been placed with the manufacturers, is keeping the factories humming.

Padlocks, cotton gloves, sausage stuffers, lard presses and food choppers are among the lines to register a higher level of prices. Hay wire has eased away in some quarters, competition being a factor in this situation. Scrap prices have undergone a general revision upward this week, coppers leading the way. Much improved business has developed and outlook is considered the best since the signing of the armistice.

30 BUSHELS TO ACRE.

Esterhazy, Sask., July 24.—Cutting was commenced Tuesday last on a 100-acre field of Marquis wheat. It will average about 30 bushels to the acre. The sample is good.

Cutting will commence this week on several other fields in this district.

SUFFER WITH YOUR FEET?

Come in and have a free consultation with our graduate foot specialist. He will help you correct callouses, corns, bunions, fallen arches, etc. It costs you nothing. Come in.

Cook's Shoe Store

COMMISSIONERS TO VIEW LANDS MEANT FOR HOUSE BUILDING

Getting Under Way To Begin Housing Scheme.

Instructions were given the secretary of the housing commission by means of a motion passed at a meeting of that body at the city hall on Thursday night to secure prices of lands offered to the commission, to list the same, and to notify the commissioners so that they may visit the different lands before the next meeting.

This motion was partly due to the fact that E. R. Dennis urged quick action on the part of the members. The building season was far advanced, and it was thought that something should be done soon.

Plans Submitted.

Plans were submitted by the House-Building Company for three types of houses which had been approved by the Windsor housing commission and the department at Toronto. Building Inspector A. M. Piper will go over the plans with Mr. Bayly of the housing company, and they will submit tenders for the three styles of houses.

The first house described was a 1½-story stucco, which would cost $3,000 in Windsor. In London it was said this house would probably cost more here, because the building restrictions were greater.

Stucco Cottage.

Another type submitted was a stucco cottage, fully modern, three bedrooms, basement, three-piece bathroom and furnace, to cost $2,975. Without a furnace it is estimated that it would cost $2,800.

The third plan shown was of a red brick and stucco cottage, fully modern, two bedrooms, to cost $2,800.

Tenders for building houses were submitted by Jones & Spry, Joseph Creighton and J. C. Steen; for wiring, Frank Barned, the public utilities commission, and Leff and O'Byrne, and for furnaces, the McClary Manufacturing Company.

Those present were J. G. Richter (chairman), J. W. Cunliffe, E. R. Dennis and R. H. Hessell.

LONDON'S RESOLUTIONS HEARTILY INDORSED AT A. AND N. V. CONVENTION

"Stick to It; Glorious Success Assured," Delegate Wires Local Unit.

President Fred Young, who is attending conference in Montreal, sent a telegram last night to the members of A. and N. V., as follows: "London unit's resolutions practically carried unanimously. Dominion prepared to back our unit to the utmost. Stick to it, boys. Glorious success is assured."

In a letter received by the secretary this morning it says: "Delegates in convention are proud of London Unit, No. 23, as you are only receiving active members into your association and confining your membership to men who have seen service in the actual theatre of war.' We congratulate you, and give you every support."

PARTY OFF S.S. REGINA EN ROUTE TO LONDON AND THIS MILITARY DISTRICT

London military headquarters last night received a message that a troop train had left Halifax at 2:55 yesterday afternoon with a party off the S. S. Regina for London and district. Nine officers and 124 other ranks are on the train bound for this city.

LABOR NOT PLENTIFUL HERE, SAYS BRADSTREET'S

London reports to Bradstreet's that more building is being done than for many years past. Permits continue to be granted. Materials are scarce and labor is far from plentiful. Business conditions generally are very satisfactory. Wages are high. Collections are good. Crops are fair.

GUILTY WITHOUT INTENT

Motorist Fined $1 and Costs for Passing Standing Car.

William R. Hodges, Parkview Apartments, appeared in police court this morning charged by Superintendent H. Humeston and Conductor Seelhorn of the Street Railway Company with passing a standing street car, and although he pleaded not guilty, and conducted his own defence, Acting Magistrate P. H. Bartlett registered a conviction and assessed the accused one dollar and costs.

Evidence was introduced to show that on the morning of July 17 last, Hodges drove past car 148, at Dundas and Adelaide streets, stepping three feet from the front door. The defendant claimed that he stopped his car six feet from the rear of the car, which was taking on and discharging passengers, and when this was concluded he started his auto. However, a woman came running up behind him, and boarded the street car, and he stopped as soon as possible, but did not back up owing to the danger of hitting her.

"I think," said the magistrate in convicting Hodges, "that you acted in perfectly good faith. However, this act was passed for safety of life, and you are guilty without intent. I will impose a nominal fine of one dollar and costs."

George Thompson and John Pringle paid two dollars and costs for breaches of the motor vehicle act, and seven offenders of city bylaws were assessed one dollar and costs.

One drunk was fined ten dollars and costs or ten days in jail. He paid the fine.

THAMESVILLE, July 24.—The village council haas granted $100 to the East Kent Agricultural Societyl for the first time in three years.

Wm. McKenzie retires from the management of the local branch of J. B. Stringer Compaany, grin merchants, on August 1, after seventeen years' service as manager. His successor has not yet been announced.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

THE ICE QUESTION.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I note the publication of my letter re Artificial Ice Company, with the explanation of the manager of the company.

To this I take exception. He states: "His company did not make the ice, but purchased it; that his customers paid for the same quantity, and got it all."

Yet in the same breath he states: "There is serious melting during the hot weather. For this no allowance is made."

In consequence his own statements show the consumer does not get it all. Far from it—as I am ready to take oath—but pays apparently for watering the streets. Yet when the company sells its tickets it sells 30 tickets, good each for 25 pounds of ice, $3.75; contracts to deliver 25 pounds for each 25-pound ticket, and says nothing—at least not to me—that the consumer would have to stand the loss of melting. This loss should be theirs, and not the consumer's.

As to the dirt or discoloration it was at first flatly denied that any, except in rare instances, existed—they never had a complaint, yet the manager himself stated they had complained to the Cold Storage Company (from whom they purchase the ice). Mr. Puddicombe, Mr. Baker and others, even having the health officer present, and could get no satisfaction from them.

As to their statement that the cakes being split could not weigh alike, no one, surely not myself, would expect a cake of ice to weigh exactly 25, 50 or 100 pounds, and I have been, as I told them, more than ready to make due allowance for this, but a shortage of from 25 per cent to 40 per cent is too much, and it has not been the exception; quite the contrary. Does the grocer, because he suffers from a loss of breakage, deliver to his customer only nine eggs when the customer pays for one dozen?

The attitude of the Artificial Ice Company—"We have a monopoly, if you don't like what we give you, get out"—is further shown by the fact that after seeing them at their office, with the result made known to you, their delivery man called at my home, bringing no ice, although we had their ticket up for 50 pounds, and said:

"You are not to get any ice. I want your tickets."

The tickets were not given him, and he left, returning shortly after with a cake of ice, stating:

"I don't have to give you this if I don't want to," adding: "A lady across the street complained of the small piece I brought her, and I walked away with it; she'll get none." Finally: "When your tickets are used up you'll get no more ice from us." To all appearances acting under instructions from his office.

True, the cake he left was full weight, actually 52½ pounds, the second only we have had this season of any such size.

Having stated the plain facts, no more, no less, in due fairness to myself I will ask publication of this letter, and will not trouble you further in this matter. Thanking you, yours very truly,

FREDERICK SMITH.

196 Louisa street, London, Ont.
July 25, 1919.

Two Made-in-London Compositions Worthy of Mention

"Jericho to Baltimore" March

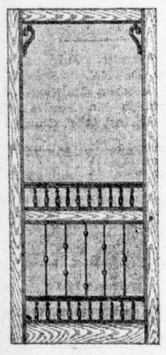
Odd Fellows' Centennial Number

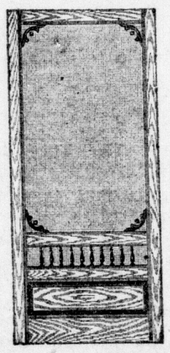
"Indian Maid" (TWO STEP.) Featured by the Casino Orchestra, Port Stanley, and Grand Opera and Majestic Orchestras, London

Marconi Club Band will also feature both Compositions at their Sunday Concert on July 27th.

Piano copies on sale at all music stores or mailed direct from Publisher. March 30c. Indian Maid 15c. Address Box 550 London.

A Real Bargain in Screen Doors





$4.00, $3.50 AND $3.00

To Clear at $2.49

COMPLETE WITH HARDWARE.

150 Doors, exactly same as this illustration, included in this lot.

A short time ago a farmer asked a buggy dealer for a price on a certain vehicle. Upon receiving the quotation the farmer accused him of profiteering and about every other crime on the calendar. He told the dealer that he (the farmer) had once bought the same buggy from him at a price far below what it would now cost him. The dealer looked up the previous sale and found that he had been paid for the buggy not in money, but in wheat. He thereupon told the farmer: "If you will give me the same amount of wheat for this buggy as you gave for the old one, I will not only give you the buggy, but will also give you a good kitchen stove and a piece of household furniture. Let us not think of things as they were five years ago. Commercial, financial and social conditions have changed more in that time than in the previous fifty years, and place this in your hat: The old conditions are never coming back.

"OLD TIMER."

FOOD CHOPPERS—
Our special, guaranteed .... $1.75, $2.50 and $3.00

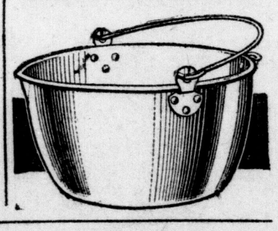
"Wearever" Aluminum

Kitchen Utensils,
Preserving Kettles ..... $1.50 to $7.50
Saucepans .... 60c to $2.00
Double Boilers ... $2.35 up
Teapots ..... $3.00 and up
Tea Kettles .. $4.50 and up
Etc., etc.

Enamel Preserving Kettles—
Grey Enamel .. 60c and up
Blue Enamel .. 75c and up

Fruit Funnels, Strainers, etc.

CANNING RACKS 85c



Cowan's Colossal Hardware

THE STORE WITH A STOCK.

125-7 DUNDAS STREET. TWO PHONES—3461-3462.

Store closes Wednesday 1 p. m. Other days 6 p. m.

MURINE FOR YOUR EYES Rests, Refreshes, Soothes, Heals—Keep your Eyes Strong and Healthy. If they Tire, Smart, Itch or Burn, if Sore, Irritated, Inflamed or Granulated, use Murine often. Safe for Infant or Adult. At all Druggists in Canada. Write for Free Eye Book. Murine Co., Chicago, U. S. A.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

This Store Opens at 9 a.m. and Closes at 5:30 p.m. Daily.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

Clearance of Summer Coats and Dresses Saturday

While we are yet in July—the first half of the summer season—we are offering a grouping of this summer's smartest outer garments at in most cases about half price. These summer dresses and coats will be sold for much less than they originally cost and the garments are just what you will need for present and fall wearing. We are taking time by the forelock in making this clearance early, giving you a good season's wear now as well as other summers ahead. The coats are just half price and the dresses about half.

Sixty Voile Dresses, at $9.95

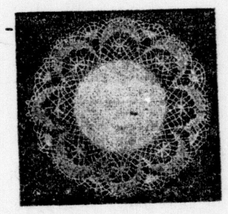
These are manufacturer's samples, about half price, a group of White and Colored Voiles, all this season's models, some with tunic of satin, or lace trimmed or tucked, smart and beautiful models, in sizes 16 and 18 years and 36 to 40 bust. See these Saturday morning. Sale price $9.95

Summer Coats, Capes and Dolmans Half Price

Lovely outer garments, in the new coat, cape and dolman styles; one rack, including about 35 garments, coats, dolmans, capes, in colors of navy, black, sand, henna and black and white check, in serges, coverts, velour, jersey and gabardine, a good assortment of styles and collectively all regular sizes; every garment half price. Sale prices, to clear Saturday, $7.50, $9.47, $12.50, $13.75c, $14.50, $16.50, $17.50, $19.50, $27.50, $32

Genuine French Cluny--- SATURDAY SALE

A shipment of real hand-made Cluny, representing Doilies, Centres, Scarfs and Luncheon Cloths. Only a mere sprinkling, but you well know the great scarcity of this delightful hand work. Marked specially for Saturday's selling. Only five Luncheon Cloths in the shipment, so it will mean early shopping Saturday if you are to be fortunate enough to get one of these.



6-inch Doilies, 30c, 45c, 50c
9-inch Doilies, 50c, 75c, 85c
12-inch Doilies.....75c, $1.25
20-inch Centres $4.25
24-inch Centres..$2.95, $6.00
36-inch Centres $10.00
45 Lunch Cloths $11.75, $22.50
54 Lunch Cloths $15.50, $25.00
63 Lunch Cloths $35.00
20x36 Scarfs at $4.75, 20x45 at $5.75, 20x54 at.....$7.25

Ladies' Vests

Wanted lines just received—Pink Vests, jersey silk top finished with plain hem, narrow shoulder straps, sizes 36 to 44. Price $2.50

Pink Vests, low neck, sleeveless, finished with plain hem, narrow shoulder straps, sizes 36 to 44. Price $1.25

White Vests, sleeveless, no straps. Price....50c each

Second Floor.

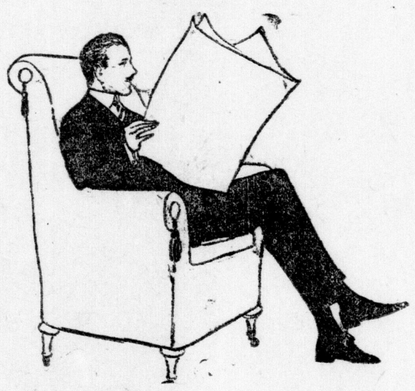
Girls' Chambray Dresses, $1.98

One table Girls' Dresses, made of lovely Chambray, with collar and cuffs of white repp; skirt pleated in front and gathered across back, fancy pockets trimmed to match collar; waist fastens with two large pearl buttons; colors blue and pink; sizes 8, 10 and 12 years. Special Saturday $1.98

Kiddies' Bloomers, $2.75

Kiddies' Bloomer Dresses, made of fine chambray, collar and cuffs of white repp, separate bloomers finished at knee with elastic; colors, pink and blue; sizes 4 to 6 years. Special $2.75

Saturday Sales For Men and Boys



Tomorrow we will make a few clearings in this section — summer apparel for men and boys such as dust coats for motoring, wash ties and bathing suits, boys' raincoats and wash suits. The prices are very attractive and the quantities in some cases limited. It will be wisdom to be here for early selection.

BATHING SUIT SPECIALS

Men's Plain Navy Cotton Bathing Suits, broken sizes, 34, 38 and 42; one piece with skirt. To clear Saturday, per suit 65c

Men's Fine Cotton Bathing Suits, athletic style, one piece with skirt fancy colored trimming; sizes 34 and up to 44. Special Saturday, per suit 95c

Men's Bathing Suits, jersey knit, an extra good line, in grey, green or black, one piece with skirt, assorted trimmings, all sizes. Price $3.75 suit

Boys' Tweed Raincoats, $3.45

Sixteen only of these Coats to clear on Saturday at this very low price; a very big bargain; sizes are six size 30, two size 29, five size 28, one size 27 and two size 26; all well made and very useful. Saturday to clear ..... $3.45 each

Boys' Wash Suits, $1.98

Your boy may need an extra suit or two during the holidays, and here is a good chance to stock up for boys 4 to 8 years, good washing and wearing lines in assorted stripe patterns. This is very special at, per suit $1.98

Men's Dust Coats, $1.95

Just three sizes only, 40, 42 and 44. It will pay you to look after one of these coats Saturday; a very great saving on your clothes while motoring; natural shade. Clearing at ..... $1.95 each

Men's Wash Ties, 25c Each

Men's Tubular Wash Ties, in plain white stripe and fancy patterns. Just the correct thing for summer wear. Price only ..... 25c each

Visitors—Use the Free Checkroom and other store conveniences while in the city. Information Bureau—Main Floor.

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