BORDEN'S LETTERS TO SIR WILFRID

And Replies Made By Opposition Leader Regarding Parliament.

TALKS ON BY-ELECTIONS

to Allow Acclamations Always.

By a Staff Reporter, Ottawa Jap. 14.—The prime minister, with the consent of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has given out for publication said term expires, the subject of holding an election or further extending the life of parliament to be considered.

the two political leaders previous to the last session of parliament, relating to the extension of the life of parliament to be contested. By-elections not to be contested. Each side to hold the seats it now holds or held before the vacancy occurred. As the arrangement is b ing made to further a political truce I see no difference between cases of vacancy suggesting an extension of the parliamentary term until a date after the war, and was concluded on Nov. 13. That part of the correspondence relating to by-elections is interesting. Sir Robert made the suggestion that there should be no by-elections, but Sir Wilfrid took the ground that whils contests should be avoided when vacancies were occasioned by the death of a sitting member, he could not agree to the elimination of contests when vacancies were due to other when vacancies were occasioned by the death of a sitting and equipping 100 000 add tional men, to be probably followed by furwhen vacancies were due to other causes. The letters which passed

between the two leaders follow:
The Premier's Proposals.
Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 3, 1915.
Dear Sir Wilfrid Laurier:
I beg to put in writing, as requested by you at our interview on the 2nd the supreme object.
inst., the proposals which I made at Yours 'aithfully,

extending the life of parliament until after the conclusion of the war as the period thus fixed would be indefinite. If you regard that consideration as a serious one, I am prepared in lieu of proposal number one, to agree that situation may be such as to require levisition with the life of parliament until be no such application. In affairs of this kind projects may be in the air and widely discussed before formal applications are filed. The railway situation may be such as to require

(Sgd.) R. L. Borden. The Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G., House of Commons, Ottawa, Ont.

Sir Wilfrid's Reply. Ottawa, Nov. 5, 1915. My Dear Borden:

ment until one year after the conclision of peace would be absolutely objectionable for want of definiteners, change the situation, come to a conadd that your subsidiary proposal clusion today as to what may be done that the life of the existing parlia- some months hence? ment be extended for the period of one ment be extended for the period of one of the British parliament is to expire last year on the subject of the extended for the period of one of the British parliament is to expire last year on the subject of the extended for the period of the British parliament is to expire last year on the subject of the extended for the period of one of the period of the British parliament is to expire last year on the subject of the extended for the period of one of the period of the period of one of the period of the

graph of your letter, is a fair basis for consideration and acceptance.

I must, however, further observe that before any undertaking can be reached I should be informed of the extent and nature of your legislative and I would expect to know if the program. I would expect to know if the program of the pro exclusively to war measures, or if you sures.

railway policy.

In our recent conversations, I understood that owing to the present fin-ancial situation, the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern might require some legislation. Full inforrequire some legislation. Full infor- of extending the life of p mation, both as to the character of the lines above set down. the legislation required and as to the proposed action of the government is it seems to me that there is a material

rendered necessary by the very importance of the matter involved. I also call your attention to the I also call your attention to the caused by resignation. In the case reports, the minister of railways lately of vacancies caused by death, I would reports, the minister of railways lately visited and inspected a line of railway on the lower St. Lawrence with the view of either purchasing or assisting it. It would be equally imperative to be informed of the exact policy of the informed as to this concern.

Of vacancies caused by death, I would count on my friends consenting that count on my friend above set forth have been disposed of. I can, however, at once declare in

such vacancies as were caused by death, your suggestion is entirely acceptable, but as to those which were now make any agreement. I desire to add that whilst it is quite controversy be narrowed and the field

may at the proper time be made public. Yours very sincerely, (Signed) Wilfrid Laurier,

The Right Honorable

Sir Robert Borden, P.C., G.C.M.G.,

Prime Minister's Office, Ottawa

The Government Policy.
Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 9, 1915.
My dear Str. Whitrid Laurier,—Your My dear Sir Wifrig Lawletz, —Your desire, the suppression of all discussion. Even in the suppression of all discussion. Even in the mother country where there is a degree of unity between party leaders that is most gration of the war, following in that regard of the city and the city was not selected. The both on the suburbant of the city was not in consideration at the city was not selected with the city was not

With respect to the railway on the lower St. Lawrence, upon which a large amount of money has been expended and which is almost completed, it appears to me that the application for aid has considerable merit, having regard to the interests of the population concerned. However, I would not allow it, if opposed, to stand in the way of an agreement upon the momentus question which we have now to decide.

Having regard, therefore, to the caches me on the eve of my departure above facts, that we propose no gen-eral program outside of war measures. Sir Charles Tupper. Sir Wilfrid Would Not Agree way matters referred to, I again repeat my proposition.

That the term of the present parliament be extended for one year from

its legal expiration.

That the holding of a general election shall be deferred until a reasonable period, say six months, after the conclusion of peace. If peace be not declared when the

listing and equipping 100 000 add tional men, to be probably followed by further enlistments, I strongly urge upon you the desirability of acceding to my proposition, in order that we may all have our hands free to promote what for the present must be regarded as

ceptance.

I am obliged, however, to attach more importance than you seem to do 4. That in parliament, and as far as possible in the public press, party warfare shall be suspended, and the warfare shall be suspended, and the warfare shall be suspended, and the united efforts of both parties directed toward the best means of assisting to bring the war to a successful conclusion.

At our interview on Oct. 14, you appeared to have some hesitation about extending the life of parliament until of the war est the conclusion of the war as the conclusion. In affairs of the war as the conclusion of the war as the conclusion of the war as the conclusion of the war as the conclusion. In affairs of the war as the conclusion of the war as the conclusion of the war as the conclusion.

measures relating to these railways are widely foreshadowed in the press, you are not in a position to make any statement concerning them, serves to confirm me in the opinion that altho at a later stage arrangements for some tions which you may desire to make, of Dear Borden:

In answer to yours of the 3rd I beg extension of the parliamentary term may become expedient, the time has not arrived when any of us should be asked to come to a settled agreement.

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graph of your letter, is a fair basis for only a few weeks hence, and no steps

exclusively to war measures, or if you propose to introduce measures of general policy. In particular, I would like to be exactly informed as to your is possible that events may so shape

themselves as to give us new light as to what wou'd be the best course to take. But if when the session is approaching its end the war is still we may then consider the advisability of extending the life of parliament on With reference to the by-elections

difference between the vacancies caus-ed by death and those that have been With regard to the other matters mentioned in your letter, they can be reserved for adjustment when those above set forth have been disposed of. feel as free to make an agreement in respect of the by-elections, that for vacancies as were caused by

As to what should be the attitude e, but as to those which were of members of partial and the by resignation, I could not along has been that the field of party members of parliament and the proper that the correspondence which of common action broadened. It would is now going on between us should be have been most agreeable to me if an confidential, yet when completed it understanding could have been reached some months ago, that there would be no elections this year. I will be was compelled to it ally "ut" his way out of the front door. Drifts four

> Neither in parliament nor in the press can we expect, nor should we desire, the suppression of all discus-

giad to discuss it with you before com- viz., to see that Canada puts forth With respect to the railway on the tion of the war to a triumphant co Ciusion Yours very sincereix,
(Signed) Winfrid Laurier,
The Right Honorable
Sir Robert Laird Borden, P.C.,
G.C.M.G., Prime Minister's Office,

Proposals Repeated. Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 13, 1915. Dear Sir Wisfrid Laurier: Sir Charles Tupper.

I observe with regret your conclu-

I observe with regret your conclusion that the time has not arrived when a settled agreement should be reached on the subject discussed at our interviews and in our correspondence. The acceptance of my proposals involves, as I have said:

1. The extension of the term of the pleasant pa liament for one year.

2. The avoidance of a general election during the war.

tion during the war.

3. An arrangement that by-elections shall not be contested, each party holding the seats which it previously held. while the empire is engaged in a struggle which threatens its existence.

I desire to repeat and emphasize the onsiderations which were expressed in my letter of the 9th instant. Respecting your reference to the British Parliament, I would observe that the Pa liament of Canada has not the power to prolong its term. That purpose can only be carried into effect by legislation of the British Parliament, based upon resolutions passed by the Canadian Senat and House of Commons. This would involve considerable delay, and for this reason a decision must be reached at a correspondingly earlier date. We have no assurance that the British Parliament may not prorogue before

the conclusion of our next session.
With the possibility of an impending general election, the approaching session of the pr sent parliament would nevitably develop warm party controour interview on the 14th October last.

They are as follows:

1. That the term of the present parliament of Canada, which expires on Oct. 7, 1916, shall be extended until one year after the conclusion of peace.

2. That there shall be no general election during the war; and that after the conclusion of peace a reasonable period shall be allowed in order that the Canadian forces now serving overseas may have the opportunity of first returning to their homes.

3. That during the interval by-elections shall not be contested, and that each party shall retain the seats which it now holds.

4. That in parliament and of the present parliament for one year of the present parliament for one year of the present parliament for one year of the serves of these responsibilities imposed upon the government by this war are of an extremely arduous nature and demand the most earnest and unremitting attention from day to day. You cannot fail to realize that in the discharge of these responsibilities with the of the possible provision and safeguard for the gallant men who have gone and who are yet to go to the front, it would be both unfortunate and deplorable that the energies of any government should be distracted by the possible imminence of a general election and all that it offers a basis for consideration and acceptance.

1 am obliged however. versy. The responsibilities imposed upon the government by this war are

nations. What may afterwards hap-pen in respect to the fortunes of any political party is in comparison of lit.le

For these reasons I must repeat my regret at the conclusion, which you

Announce.
Yours faithfully,
(Sign d) R. L. Borden.
The Right Honorable Sir Wilfrid
Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G., Ottawa, Ont. Time for Publication.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30, 1916. Dear Sir Wilfrid Laurier: The corof proposal number one, to agree that the life of the present parliament shall be extended for the period of one year, leaving for future consideration and discussion the necessity, if any, of further extension, in order to avoid an election during the war.

Yours faithfully,

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Sed N L Borden

Strukti in may be such as to require logislation, even if no assistance out of the treasury were involved. Any such legislation would be of importance, and in the absence of knowledge of the parliamentary term was not made public at the time. This was due to your desire expressed in your first letter that its publication should be withheld, altho, you agreed that it The very fact that whilst some be withheld, altho you agreed that it must eventually be made public. I

sion of parliament. Believe me ever.

Yours, very sincerely, Signed) Wilfrid Laurier. Right Hoporable Sir Robert L. Bor-(Signed) den, P.C., G.C.M.G., M.P., Ottawa,

WIND MADE IT COLD TEMPERATURE NOT LOW

Torontonians who awoke yesterday morning shivering with the biting westerly wind, will be greatly relieved to hear that it was not cold. This is what the weatherman says, and he should know. In fact at eight a.m. yesterday the mercury was at 15 above zero, while up to eight p.m. the lowest that was recorded was 8 above zero. "It was the wind that made it feel colder than it really was," was the statement made. "During the day it was blowing 30 miles per hour, which dropped to 21 miles at eight p.m." He made the reassuring statement that altho the forecast is "fair and cold," there will be no extremes in the tem-

prepared, as far as my influence goes, to advise that party conflict be minimized, and that the most cordial support be given to the government in the prosecution of Canada's part in the prosecution of Canada's part in the ous intersections clearing a passage, al'ho there was no attemnt on the part

MANY MEN OFFER AT "HIP" MEETING

rish Fusiliers Make Effective East York Conservatives Dis Appeal at Sunday Night Gathering.

MUNITIONS READY

Need is for Men to Use Them.

Before a crowded house at the Hipdrome last night at a recruiting

Comparatively the war would soon be over and the man who had acted

The first meeting for the year of Maple Leaf L. O. L. No. 455, was pre-

Maple Leaf L. O. L. No. 455, was presided over by the worshipful master, Bro. George Greenwood. In the absence of the I. P. M., the office was fified by Worshipful Bro. John F. Clark. The reports from the various committees showed the lodge to be in a strong condition, both in point of members and financially, and prospects for the coming year are even better. It was announced by the past district members showed the lodge to be in a strong conditions both in point of members and financially, and prospects for the coming year are even better. It was announced by the past district master of East Toronto. Worshipful Bro. C. P. Watson, that the lodge had won the silver shield presented by Br. Hon. A. E. Kemp, for the exemplification of the initiation ceremony. It was decided to print the auditors' report and forward it to all members, and also to hold a degree meeting as far as possible each month. This lodge has the honor and distinction of being the largest or range to yours of the 30th of December, I see no objection to the publication of the correspondence exchanged between us last year on the subject of the extension of parliament.

Believe me ever, nembers at the front now number 58.

Royal Canadian Orangemen

cording secretary, W. Bilbrough; fin-ancial secretary, Wm. Spence; treasurer, Wm. Tafts; director of ceremonies E. A. Mulholland; 1st lecturer, S. Mc-Murray; 2nd lecturer, A. Whitcombe; outside tyler, Wm. Ross; inside tyler, J. P. McMillan; committeemen, J. P. McMillan, J. H. Pritchard, R. Hume, J. R. Clark and C. V. Mulholland; representative to county, F. H. Carter; auditors, C. V. Mulholland, J. R. Clark and A. L. McLeod; physician, Wor. Bro. Dr. W. T. Burns.

West York District Orangemen Hold Annual Meeting in Weston

there will be no extremes in the temperature—and no more snow—at least for the present. The downfall as recorded was 6.9 inches, which, althothe heaviest this winter, is not exceptional, as a heavier fill was recorded last winter. It was due to a low area passing across the lakes, which is now moving eastward. In the west it was very cold, in Winnipeg it registered 33 below zero, while at Thepas, Manitoba, if dropped to 40 below, and at Prince Albert it registered 38 below.

In Toronto, more especially in the outlying districts the snow had drifted to such an extent that the early riser was compelled to it ally ut" his way out of the front door. Drifts four and five fact deep were not unusual, and the pedes rian found it easier to make progress on the road ay. The downtown section did not suffer to any great extent. Street Commissioner Wilson had some m n out at the various intersections clearing a passage, al'ho there was no attempt on the part.

ENDORSED HEARST AND HIS POLICY

approve of Criticism of Government's Actions.

DEPRECATE ELECTIONS

Hon, W. D. McPherson Says Say Liberals Are Responsible for Contests at This Time.

At the annual meeting of the East York Liberal-Conservative Association, held on Saturday afternoon in Victoria Hall, at neeting held in aid of the 208th Irish | Saturday alternoon in the present, reso-Fusiliers Battalion, Dieut. A. C. Morton lutions were adopted endorsing the Hearst

meeting held in aid of the 208th Irish Fusiliers Battalion Bieut A- C. Morton made a strong appeal for recruits for the Construction Battalion which would take A. R. men. His appear resulted in 24 men coming to the platform while the audience cheered to the ech. When men of the Irish Battalion came on the stage to see if any of the men were physically fit for active service, they were ordered off by the officer who later explained to Col. Lennox, O. C. of the 208th Battalion that he had acted under a misapprehension.

Pte. J. Grevel Sedden, who said that he had appeared on the same platform with Arthur Balfour and Lord Shaw, said that the men in the ranks should be protected from the small number of men who made life difficult by their profanity and abusive language. The government, he held, were doing all in their power to aid recruiting.

He deprecated the number of foreigners who were taking the jobs that should go to returned men and named one returned soldier who was refused work at two munition plants, tho several foreigners who preceded him had received employment. The government should give all young men, who had aleft Canada to avoid emilistment three months to return or forever for feit their citizenship.

Hon. W. D. McPherson, in a forceful address, said that many held that the war was entering its final stage and that there row could be no slackening in the advance As reserves of artillery and munitions were now ready it was essential for every man to consider his duty. He spoke of the "Victory loan" which he said was quite timely.

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Comparatively the war would soon be over and the man who had acted as a slacker would have to face the returned men who had done their duty and who would own the country. He praised Lt.-Col. Lennox and advised every fit man to join the colors.

A. W. Wright, a veteran of the Fenian Raid and the Red River Rebellion, also urged the physically fit men to enlist.

LODGE NEWS

Maple Leaf Orange Lodge

Largest in British Empire

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WESTON

Employes of New Factory Swell Weston's Population

CORP. BOUSTEAD REPORTED DEAD Install Their New Officers

Royal Canadian L. O. L. No. 212 has installed the following officers for the ersuing year: Worshipful master, N. McKenzie; deputy master, C. F. Etherington; chaplain, A. V. Carroll, recording secretary. W. Rilbaroush.

CARDS COME IN WELL.

Mr. Barker, postmaster, has given out 2000 national service cards. Up to the present, about 500 have been returned. The young men of the town are responding well to the call, and in many cases are asking for their cards. All those returned have been filled in in a most satisfactory manner. Any who have not reisfactory manner. Any who have not re-ceived their cards can get them by ap-plying at the postoffice.

WESTON C.O.O.F. HOLDS MEETING. The annual meeting of the C.O.O.F. was held in their hall last week. A ver pleasant time was spent, several visitors from other courts being present. The following officers were installed for 1917: Past chief ranger, Jas. Hugill; chief ranger, Donald Campbell; vice-ranger, John Brookis; eccording secretary, M. McKay; financial secretary, Jas. Dennis; general treasurer, Geo. Pollard; treasurer local sick fund, J. B. Adamson. Councillor Macklin and Mr. Wile of Toronto spoke on the order.

DOUKHOBORS WILL NOT HAVE TO WEAR KHAKI

Ottawa, Jan. 14 .- The deputaof Doukhabors who started out from the west last week because they feared that behind the national service cards there is a design to deprive them of their rights. arrived in the capital on Saturday.
They waited upon Hon, Arthur
Meighen and told him that the Douks hobors of the various settlements of the west would not object to signing the west would not object to signing the next annual meeting will be held the cards if they received the assurance that they would not be asked to do military duty contrary to the teach-

YORK COUNT

CARETAKER OF COUNTY **BUILDINGS 20 YEARS**

Wm. D. Lawrie Died on Friday After Long and Faithful

Service.

The death of William Duncan Lawrie, for more than 26 years carotaker of the York County bullangs on Adelaide street, removes a well known figure from the municipal life of the county. A native of Bradford, Simcoe County, the late Mr. Lawrie received his education at the Barrie common school and Collegiate Institutes. He was for some years engaged in mercantile life in King City and later, was in the insurance business in Newmarket. About 20 years ago he was appointed to the office occupied by him at the time of his death.

The late Mr. Lawrie was 67 years of sege, and is surfived by his widow, three sons, Doneld, William and Angus of Toronto, and two daughters, Jane at home and Annie in Portland, Oregon. A number of brothers and sisters survive, one brother, Andrew, living in Winnipes, He was a past master of Tuscan Lodge of Newmarket with which he had been actively identified for many years. The funeral takes place this afternoon from the residence of his son William, 86 Pinecrest road, to Parkmount Cemetery.

BEDFORD PARK

BEDFORD PARK SOLDIER IS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Father Was Killed Shortly After His Arrival at the Front.

Mrs. Edward Reynolds, who lives of Mrs. Edward Reynolds, who lives on Bedford Park avenue, and whose husband; Sergt. Reynolds, meth his death in France early last year, yesterday received word from the department at Ottawa that her only son, "Ves," had been seriously wounded in France. No other information was contained in the telegram. Sergt. Reynolds, father of the wounded soldier, was at the time of his departure, president of the Bedford Park hatepayers' Association, and on his arrival in France, resigned his rank as sergeant in order that he might the sooner get into the firing line. Great sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Reynolds in her double trouble.

DONLANDS

COUNTY RESIDENT DIES. The death of John Duffy, a well-known and highly respected resident of the Don Mills road, took place at the family residence yesterday, after a short illness. The late Mr. Duffy was for many years engaged in farming, but some years ago leased his farm to his son-in-law, and has since lived on the Don Mills road, near Donlands. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Hare, and Mabel at home. The funeral takes place on Tuesday afternoon to Norway Cemetery.

RUNNYMEDE Unveiled Their Honor Roll

And Held Memorial Service The unveiling of the honor roll at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Runnymere, took place at yesterday's evening service. The roll contains the names of 33 enlisted members from the congregation, three of whom have fallen, one is a prisoner in Germany, twelve wounded and the remainder in France, still doing their duty. The roll is a beaut'ful, hand-painted one, and was donated to the church by the A.Y.P.A. The unveiling was performed by Mrs. Edward Morley, wife of the rector, and the special sermon was preached by Rev. Edward Morley. After the solemn reference to the three dead heroes, the "Dead March in Saul" was played, followed by the "Last Pest," sounded by three buglers of the 234th Battalion.

DIED FROM BLOOD-POISONING. Eleven-year-old George Raisdeck, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. George Raisdeck, 47 Reynhold avenue, York Township, died yesterday morning after a week's illness. The lad was sleigh riding, when he became entangled in a barbwire fence, receiving scratches from which he contracted blood-poisoning, which caused his death.

AGINCOURT

AGED SCARBORO RESIDENT DIES. Mrs. Elizabeth Glendenning Morgan, relict of the late George Morgan, passed away at the residence of her son, Glen T. Morgan, near the Village of Agincourt, Friday, after a long filness. She was 77 years of age and is survived by two sons, Glen T. of Agincourt, and Fred of Toronto. The funeral will take place to Christie's Church on Sunday at 2 p.m.

MOUNT DENNIS

MOUNT DENNIS CHOIR BANQUET.

The choir of the Methodist Church was tendered a banquet by the quarterly board Friday night. The pastor, Rev. Jas. Rogers, in his address paid tribute to the work of the choir and its leader, W. Collins. Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Rogers were presented with bouquets, and a recent bride, Mrs. Walter Craydon, received from the choir a gift of cut glass.

MILLIKEN

MRS. C. VICKERY DIES. Contracted Pneumonia While Visiting Husband in Hospital.

While engaged in working around the stables on the farm of Glen T. Morgan in Scarboro Township a few days ago C. Vickery, an employe, was attacked by a bull and received serious injuries. His shoulders were crushed and he was otherwise bruised. He was removed to the General Hospital and while there was visited by Mrs. Vickery, who shortly after contracted pleurisy and later pneumonia, and who subsequently went to the home of Mr. Miles, near Milliken's Corner's, where her husband had previously contracted to work. Her condition became so serious that an attempt was made to bring her husband from the hospital in a motor car, but before his arrival yesterday Mrs. Vickery had passed away.

RICHMOND HILL

CHOIR GAVE FINE CONCERT. The choir of the Eglinton Methodist Church gave a delightful service of praise in the Richmond Hill Methodist Church last week, the auditorium of the building being filled to capacity. In addition to the musical selections and recitations, an address was given by Sergt. Blake, a roturned hero. The choir was under the leadership of W. J. Lawrence, while Miss Inez Douglas of North Toronto officiated as organist.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK.

London, Jan. 14.-Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Norwegian steamship Vestfold, 1883 tons gross.

NORWAY

NORWAY TORIES ASK GOVERNMENT TO ACT

Big Meeting Scores Those in Authority for Ignoring Vote

of People.

Norway Conservatives, at Friday nights meeting, one of the best in a long time, and held in St. John's Parish Hall, administer a few love taps to the Hearst government in what was stated was not meant as a vote of censure, but a frank statement of facts.

The criticism came in the form of a resolution submitted by John Lennox, and seconded by W. H. Bullock, declaring that, while the people of Toronto had voted by large majorities for the control by municipalities of the hydro-electric, a one-year term for the board of education, together with certain changes in the Medical Inspection Act, all these had been practically ignored by the legislature in Queen's Fark. The attention of Joseph Russell, M.L.A., and George S. Henry, M.L.A., had, it was stated, been previously drawn to these matters. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Another resolution that the meeting put thru asked the Dominion Government to explain the alleged waste of public funds under the direction of Mark H. Irish, director of munitions, in the matter of advertising. In this connection charges of the munitions plants, whereby women in comfortable c. reumstances were given the dependents of soldiers, were made.

Later, in a discussion over the alleged shortcomings of the hydro-electric by a member, the meeting showed itself overwhelmingly in favor of the municipal enterprise, and declared that, as members, they would not tolerate private-owned monopolies.

A feature of the gathering was the address by Corn, Viets of the Privaces December. monopolies.

A feature of the gathering was the address by Corp. Viets of the Princess Pats, who has returned home blind. Corp. Viets received an ovation. The chair was occupied by President Dunnett.

EARLSCOURT

TALES FROM THE FRONT.

Earlscourt Central Methodist Church, Asoot avenue, was packed to capacity at the evening service yesterday, when MissAda L. Ward, L.L.A., gave her experiences at the front as an artist specially engaged by the British Government to visit the hospitals in France. Rev. Archer Wailace, B.A., officiated at the morning service.

LIGHTS FOR SKATING.

Lights for the convenience of the children using the rink at the corner of Ascot and Earlscourt avenues are now being epected by the parks department. Lights to be placed around the rink have also been applied for.

LECTURED ON AFRICA.

"Thru Central Africa With My Camera" was the subject of H. Burrows' address at the Earlscourt Men's Own Brother, hood meeting yesterday aftersoon in the auditorium of Central Methodist Church. Ascot avenue. The lecture was illustrated by (75 lantern views and was thoroly enjoyed by the large audience. Mr. Burrows holds the position of surveyor in Central Africa for the British Government. Rev. Archer Wallace, B.A., presided.

Sunday School Secretary III. Much sympathy is expressed with the family of Henry Hooper, 49 Harvie averance, Earlscourt, who is at present a patient in the Gereral Hospital suffering from a serious illness, and about to undergo an operation. Mr. Hooper has been for the past ten years secretary of the Sunday school at Central Methodist Church, Earlscourt. hy is expressed with

EARLSCOURT MEN TO SEA.

The Earlscourt district, which has done so nobly in recruiting the largest number of men for the army for overseas in proportion to its population, bids fair to achieve similar results in recruiting for the ranks of the navy. Within the past few weeks a large number of youths of the district have been accepted, and donned the sailor's uniform, while many others have recently sent in their applications.

WILL ADVISE COMMITTEE.

Secretary John Walshe of the Citizens' Express and Freight Campaign executive committee is in receipt of a communication from Assistant Secretary R. Richardson of the board of railway communications. Ottawa, regarding the Total Campaigners. missioners, Ottawa, regarding the To-ronto express delivery limits, in which he states "that the matter is still before the board for judgment, and the com-mittee will be advised as soon as judg-ment is delivered."

EARLSCOURT MEN PASS STRONG MOTION

Opposed to City Assessor Acting as Justice of the Peace.

Ossington and Earlscourt Ratepayers' Association, at a meeting in McMurrich School Friday night, passed a resolution, moved by T. Jones and S. Hymus, that a letter be sent to the board of control protesting against Mr. Clay acting as a justice of the peace in addition to his duties as city assessor. Mr. Jones contradicted the statement made by Commissioner Forman in an evening paper, that Mr. Clay acted as J.P. in his own time. "It was a well-known fact," said Mr. Jones, "that Clay acted during the time for which he was paid by the city. The meeting was in favor of one man occupying one position, and if that did not bring him sufficient remuneration he should resign as a civic employe.

The association felt the city was in no way obligated to J. R. Clay or East Toronto. A letter will also be sent to the board of control stating that the association is not in favor of changing the present-system of electing the aldermen.

A successful concert and dance under A successful cencert and dance under the auspices of the Independent Women Workers' Association of Mariscourt was held Saturday evening in Loblaw's Hall. corner of Ascot avenue and Earlscourt avenues. President Mrs. A. Harland presided, and a large gathering of members and friends were present.

The object of the entertainment was to secure funds to provide comforts for the Earlscourt boys in the trenches.

EARLSCOURT WOMEN HOLD DANCE.

NORTH TORONTO

LOCAL BRANCH NOW IN FINE NEW QUARTERS

The North Toronto Public Library was opened Friday, after being closed for three weeks during the process of removal from the old site to the corner of Albertus and Younge. The present location was the former site of the North Toronto Y.M.C.A., and apart from the fact that it is somewhaf removed from the main street, is admirably adapted for public library purposes. The proceedings were very informal and unattended by any public proceedings. Friday night the new rooms were thronged by patrons, and all expressed themselves delighted with the commodious rooms and general air of comfort obtaining. At present there are between 7000 and 8000 books and it is proposed shortly to largely increase the number of volumes in that branch.

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