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Reports from the district indicate that this year will see the largest acreage of sugar beets planted that has ever been put in. The work will commence in about ten days, and no trouble is expected regarding labor, as the work is all done by Belgians who have been at it for years. The beets will be grown in seven counties of this district this season, Kent, Lambton, Essex, Waterloo, Perth, Oxford and Huron.

Kent will have by far the largest acreage, and contracts have already been signed for more than ten thousand acres. Altogether more than twenty-five thousand acres of beets will be put in. These will go to the big refineries at Chatham, Wallaceburg and Kitchener.

DISTRICT CHANGES

The employment of Major George R. Cruickshank of the Army Medical Corps at the mobilization centre in Windsor has been approved, according to camp orders today.

Lieut. William T. Bartlett of No. 1 Special Service Company has ceased to be employed in the office of the district casualty officer, and has returned to regimental duties.

Lieuts. Wilson H. O'Loane, John E. Gillies and Tom H. Smith, of the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. Regiment, have completed their conducting duty and returned to regimental duties.

INSPECT MEDICAL SCHOOL

A delegation from McGill Medical College, ncluding Dr. W. J. Scane, the registrar, and Dr. MacKenzie, has been in the city during the past week looking over the work being done by the Western Medical College, and the advantages afforded students by the hospital with a view of reporting back to McGill faculty in regard to the question of recognizing Western University medical standing in McGill College.

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ALLIES' HIGH IDEALS APPEAL TO POETS AS NEVER BEFORE

Fit In With Own Ideals, Says Rotary Club Speaker.

"Poets and the War" was the subject of and interesting adress by John M. Gunn before the Rotary Club at luncheon Monday. While paying a tribute to the sacrifice made by poets of the Allies' countries in general in this war, Mr. Gunn touched particularly on the lives of three poets, all under 30 years of age, who have made the supreme sacrifices in this war.

Rupert Brooke, an Englishman; Arthur Seager, an American, and Vernon Trotter, a Canadian, were the trio.

Mr. Gunn, in opening, touched briefly on seeming intimate relationship which has existed between poets and war in the past. War seems to have had a peculiar fascination for them, not for verse but for action, and the present war, he stated, has been no exception. He thought that the poets had gone into this war more than other wars in the past. The wars of old were generally those of aggression. The righteousness of the Allies caused, and the high ideas at stake appealed to the poets, fitting in with the ideals which they held.

"The war came to Brooke, a graduate of Oxford, as something to be welcomed," stated Mr. Gunn. "He believed that it was going to lift Britain, for whom he had the fondest love, out of all things mean and petty and help the nation along."

Arthur Seager was born at Staten Island, N. Y., and went to Paris in 1912. He enlisted there in the French foreign legion. His early letters on the war make delightful reading, said Mr. Gunn. In June, 1916, he wrote his mother that he expected an offensive about July 4. It came and the foreign legion was sent to drive the Germans out of a certain French village. Seager was one of the first to fall from German machine gun bullets fired from ambush.

Trotter was born in Toronto. His father was a professor at McMaster. Later the family lived in Nova Scotia and then returned to Ontario. The young poet was educated at Woodstock College. When the war broke out he was rejected as physically unfit, but in March, 1916, he was accepted and secured a commission in the British army and went to France with a transport unit. May 6, 1916, while in France he wrote his mother about his life, and the next day while addressing his command and complimenting it on its good work a shell fell beside him, killing him instantly. Most of his poems, said Mr. Gunn, were on subjects other than the war.

In concluding Mr. Gunn said: "We know what the war has brought to us. We don't know what is ahead of us, but we do know the spirit with which we go forward. We know the righteousness of our cause and that the God of war is also the God of justice." He concluded with a quotation from Robt. W. Service, also serving in France, entitled "Carry On, Carry On."

STREET CAR STRIKE WILL BE CONSIDERED BY LOCAL EMPLOYEES

Request for Increased Wages Was Turned Down.

The executive board of the Street Railwaymen's Association, No. 741, met the management of the London street railway yesterday afternoon and presented a request for increased wages and improved working conditions. After a conference of several hours the management turned down the men's request for more money. The men stated to The Advertiser last evening that a mass meeting is to be called shortly, at which the question of calling a general strike to be called on May 1 will be considered.

The men state that under the present system they have to complete three years before they receive the highest wage paid by the company—28 cents an hour. On starting new men work nine days without pay. Then they may be taken on as spares at 23 cents an hour. For the first year they receive 25 cents, for the second 26 cents, and for the third 27 cents. After that they get 28 cents.

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS OF PROBATIONERS STARTS

The London Conference annual examinations of candidates and probationers for the Methodist ministry will be held in Centennial Methodist Church today, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Rev. D. N. McCamus of Blenheim is the chairman, and Rev. J. W. Baird, of Exeter is the secretary of the examining committee.

A number of candidates and probationers will be examined.

A public meeting will be held Thursday evening, when certificates will be presented to the successful candidates. Addresses will be given by Rev. D. N. McCamus of Blenheim and Rev. H. T. Ferguson of Centennial Methodist Church.

SECURES ADDITIONS FOR CITY'S ZOO AT SPRINGBANK PARK

Motor Club Secretary Gets Bears, Pheasants and Wolves.

Arthur Keene, secretary of the London Motor Club, has secured two fine black bears, a couple of golden pheasants and two prairie wolves for the city's zoo at Springbank. Mr. Keene told Manager Buchanan of the utilities commission that the male bear would be delivered this week, and the female would follow later. They are tame bears.

Prairie wolves are an interesting and a somewhat rare animal for this district, but not so in the west. Alberta and Saskatchewan Governments, as well as the Stockbreeders and Ranchers Association, all offer generous bounties for their scalps.

COMB OUT COMMONS STAFF FOR ELIGIBLES

OTTAWA, April 15.—Speaker Rhodes of the House of Commons and the chief officials of the House of Commons staff are conducting an inquiry into the staff and its duties with the purpose of ascertaining whether or not any men are being unnecessarily employed. The speaker will make a report in regard to the matter to the House. Rigid economy of manpower will be the rule in the Government departments, in view of the requirements of the overseas forces and the need of increased production.

The name of Mrs. Fred Coles, who served with the Belgian and French booth at the Allies' Spring Drive in St. Peter's Hall, was inadvertently omitted.

VOLUNTEERS TO HAVE PRIVILEGE OF PICKING UNIT

Medical Examiners Named to Facilitate Voluntary Enlistment.

FURTHER APPOINTMENTS

Others Will Be Added Until Whole District Is Covered.

For the purpose of giving increased facilities for the voluntary enlistment of men in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, who are not called under the military service act, medical examiners have been appointed in the various cities, towns and villages in Military District No. 1.

Men not called out under the military service act, who are desirous of volunteering for service in the C. E. F., may apply to these medical examiners, who will examine them, and if they are found "fit," will supply them with transportation to the mobilization centre at the armories, London, Ontario, where they will be examined by a medical board, and if found "fit" they will be at once taken on the strength of a C. E. F. unit.

They will be given a choice to select any available unit, provided they have the necessary qualifications.

If found "unfit" these men will be supplied with lodging and meals until a return train is available, and will be given return transportation and receive pay for lost time in coming to London.

The medical examiners for volunteers in the C. E. F. appointed are as follows. Other appointments are being made:

ESSEX COUNTY.
Windsor—Major G. R. Cruickshank.
Sandwich—Capt. W. J. Beasley.
Amherstburg—Col. R. H. Abbott.
Essex—Dr. C. W. Rodgers.
Kingsville—Dr. John E. Lee.
Leamington—Dr. C. N. Anderson.
Tilbury—Dr. M. Sharpe.

KENT COUNTY.
Chatham—Lieut. F. W. Hall.
Dresden—Dr. J. P. F. Williams.
Blenheim—Dr. C. B. Langford.
Ridgetown—Dr. D. Marr.
Thamesville—Dr. S. Stewart.
Bothwell—Dr. A. D. Graham.

ELGIN COUNTY.
St. Thomas—Capt. W. F. Cornett.
Aylmer—Dr. Call Sinclair.

LAMBTON COUNTY.
Sarnia—Capt. A. R. McMillen.
Petrolea—Dr. John Dunfield.
Watford—Dr. W. G. Siddall.
Alvinston—Dr. J. B. Martin.
Florence—Dr. Kelley.
Forest—Dr. J. P. Hubbard.
Thedford—Dr. A. J. Grant.
Courtright—Dr. L. R. Aiken.
Sombra—Dr. M. McDonald.
Wyoming—Dr. Wm. Reid.
Arkona—Dr. J. L. Huffman.
Oil Springs—Dr. F. Hutchinson.
Brigden—Dr. F. H. Seager.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.
Strathroy—Capt. McDougall.
Parkhill—Dr. A. Hotson.
Glencoe—Dr. John Walker.

OXFORD COUNTY.
Ingersoll—Dr. J. D. MacDonald.
Norwich—Dr. A. McCurdy.
Tillsonburg—Dr. J. B. Reid.
Embro—Dr. R. H. Green.

PERTH COUNTY.
Stratford—Capt. G. R. Deacon.
Listowel—Dr. J. A. Campbell.

HURON COUNTY.
Goderich—Dr. A. H. Macklin.
Clinton—Dr. C. W. Thompson.
Wingham—Dr. J. P. Kennedy.
Brussels—Dr. Fred T. Bryans.
Seaforth—Dr. F. J. Burrows.
Wroxeter—Capt. A. McLeod.
Exeter—Dr. H. K. Hyndman.
Blyth—Dr. W. J. Milne.

BRUCE COUNTY.
Mildmay—Dr. J. A. Wilson.
Paisley—Capt. P. J. F. Houston.
Lucknow—Dr. A. M. Spence.
Chesley—Dr. J. A. Rannie.
Tiverton—Dr. J. D. Struthers.
Lion's Head—Dr. Roy Hacking.
Kincardine—Dr. James A. McDonald.
Walkerton—Dr. R. T. Porter.
Teeswater—Dr. B. J. Ferguson.
Southampton—Dr. C. J. Laird.

WATERLOO COUNTY.
Kitchener—Dr. J. F. Honsinger.
Waterloo—Dr. W. L. Hillard
Galt—Capt W. S. Dakin.
Preston—Dr. J. S. Quinn.
Hespeler—Dr. W. G. Hutchison.

WELLINGTON COUNTY.
Guelph—Capt. J. B. Jupp.
Palmerston—Dr. G. A. Greenlaw.
Harriston—Dr. G. L. MacDougal.
Mount Forest—Dr. H. McPhadden.
Drayton—Dr. E. Plath.
Elora—Dr. W. A. Kerr.
Arthur—Dr. W. G. Reive.
Port Elgin—Dr. F. H. Wells.

10 MORE SECURE TEMPORARY LEAVE TO AID IN FARMING

Drafted Men Released by the District Board.

Ten more drafted men have been granted leave of absence without pay by Brig.-Gen. L. W. Shannon, general officer commanding military district No. 1, on recommendation of the district leave of absence board.

They are:

63rd Depot Battery, C. F. A.

Gunner John McAllistar Holmes—To May 12, 1918.

Canadian Engineers.

Sapper Halliday—Seeding furlough to May 31, 1918.

1st Depot Battalion, W. O. W.

Pte. Wm. Andrew Wightman—To October 1, 1918.

Pte. Harry J. Krug—To October 31, -918, while farming.

Pte. Henry Wm. Youngbludt—To October 31, 1918, while farming.

Pte. Albert Peck—To June 1, 1918, while farming.

Pte. A. E. Todd—To May 31, 1918.

Pte. John Alexander, Pte. Dalton M. McCarthy and Pte. Aaron Diebel—To May 31, 1918, seeding, "C" category.

BOYS BLAMED FOR TWO FALSE ALARMS

For the second time in a week the fire department was given a long run to West London last night only to find that the box had been pulled apparently by mischievous lads. The police are investigating, and arrests are expected shortly.

Yesterday afternoon the brigade was called to a grass fire on Simith street.

FORMER G. T. R. CARSHOPS EMPLOYEE LISTED KILLED ON EASTER SUNDAY LAST

Pte. Fred Robison.

Word has been received by Thos. Robison, King street, of the death of his son, Pte. Fred Robison, who was killed in action on Easter Sunday. Pte. Robison left London with the 135th Battalion. Although seeing two years of active service, Pte. Robison was not previously wounded or in ill-health at any time. Previous to his enlistment, he was employed as cabinetmaker in the G. T. R. shops. Pte. Robison is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella Robison, Front street; two brothers and a sister, Mrs. Rawlings, 821 King street.

ASSESSMENT OF STREET RAILWAY WILL BE PROBED

Company's Application for Increase in Fares May Be Boomerang.

ALDERMAN MAKES MOTION

Committee Named to Inquire Into the Truth of Railway's Report.

The assessment of the London Street Railway upon which the company pays taxes is about $175,000. Is this enough? Alderman Ashplant says "No." He believes it should be a great deal more. He has asked for an investigation into the assessment.

This is the direct result of the company's application for increased fares. The company may not be given the right to increase their fares, but if Alderman Ashplant has his way they will add to their overhead by increased taxes.

Alderman Ashplant got his facts out of the statement which the company presented to the members of No. 1 committee who are investigating the company's application. He said that the company's declared investment was $595,000 in bonds and $637,480 in capital stock, a total of $1,232,480. He pointed out that the assessment, a statement of which he possessed, was over one million dollars less than this declared value.

At the council meeting last night, Ald. Ashplant presented a motion that he, Alderman Harley and Assessor Grant be named a committee to investigate and report as to whether or not the Street Railway Company had made a false return and also what should be the proper assessment.

Dividends On a Million.

Alderman Ashplant said that the company was paying dividends on over a million invested.

He also asked the mayor if he was aware that the people of London had paid $500,000 in excess of the operating expenses of the railway, and over and above what the bondholders had paid.

The report will likely be ready for the next council meeting.

When Ald. Winnett asked what happened to the bylaw approved of by the people to tax unassessed property he started something. Ald. Keene said that he thought the Legislature had been asleep. He found out that the measure was not in the city of London bill, and then decided the sleeping was at this end. Some suggested that there had been some juggling.

Controller Moore set the matter right when he pointed out that only a plebiscite had been taken, and that it will now be necessary to present the ratepayers with a bylaw.

Seizure of Property.

Ald. Wilson is the first of the Vacant Lot Ward Kings to ask that he might seize some property for gardening this year. He said a Mr. Westby in West London owned property which he could not get. He wanted power under the recent legislation to take it. Mr. Westby will be asked to appear before a committee and show cause as to why his land should not be growing Irish Cobblers.

The police were awarded to the statute tax collector as an aid to round up delinquents.

Mayor Somerville, Ald. Harley, Controller Moore and a representative of the independent labor and trades and labor parties will be the city's representatives on the deputation going to Ottawa in the distant future re the power supply.

The question of soldiers' insurance is not disposed of by any means. The recent decision to insure no more has died by the wayside, and the question will be reopened by No. 1 committee. Resolutions protesting against the recent decision have reached the council, and more are said to be on their way.

A bylaw was passed providing for a $50 fine for those throwing glass or nails on the streets.

Another bylaw provided for the collecting of garbage on the west side of Egerton street to the Hamilton road. In the past the garbage was only collected on one side of the street.

Loan Bylaw.

A bylaw was passed to borrow $213,-500 while awaiting debenture sales Bylaws for these debentures were also put through. They are $35,000 to pay premiums on soldiers' insurance, $15,000 on storm sewers, $25,000 utilities for electric light, $22,500 utilities, water; $9,500 utilities, Foster wells; $131,000 London Railway Commission; $7,000 switch L. and P. S. R.

Ald. Keene wanted to know if the railway would get any of the $131,000.

The mayor said that what was owing to the city would first be deducted. He could not say whether or not anything would be left for the railway.

The council passed the new dog bylaw making the tax $2 for males and $4 for females. Besides the increased tax of $1 on the latter animals, the net result of the new act will be to place the names of all tenants owning dogs on the tax roll. This gives added work in making up the roll and more work for the tax collector. Inspector McCallum will not worry over the dogs this year.

Will Get Sunday Cars.

London is assured of Sunday cars for another year. The council passed a bylaw last night for this purpose. Had they delayed until the next meeting the old bylaw would have expired.

London's city council decided to curtail its expenses this year. With the approval of the vast majority of the ratepayers it has done so. Chasing the nickels has as a result reached the fever stage, until now it has about reached the village style. This is best revealed in the matter of allowing an outdoor advertising firm to use a portion of the federal square for advertising, it to pay $100. A committee was given power to close the deal, but in the meantime a couple of other firms decided they would like to get signs on the square, and they have asked to share in the spoils. The aldermen's eyes fairly glowed when they heard this, and decided they would call for tenders, to see just how much money they could get and how many big signs they can secure to decorate the federal square, instead of a "decent" city hall. It looks as if the council may get $125 or $150 instead of $100.

Causes Discussion.

The board of control's recommendation that the engineer call for tenders for coal for the city caused quite a discussion. Ald. Ashplant wanted the utilities commission to buy all the city's coal. Ald. Holmes supported. Mayor Somerville said the utilities had so far been unable to get prices. Ald. Harley said that if the utilities was in the habit of doing what the council asked it would be different. As he saw it, if the matter went to the utilities, they would likely get a reply back in three weeks that they could do nothing and it would take three weeks more before anything could be done.

Ald. Moorhead said that the city delayed last year and paid a much higher price than did the board of education. The time to act was now to get the best prices. The engineer will act.

Something Wrong Here.

The report of No. 2 committee and the board of control, relieving Superintendent Walker of his street-cleaning duties and giving full control of the garbage department, led to a few questions. Alderman Keene wanted to know if it opened up a new department by taking away these duties.

Alderman Wilson wanted to mayor to tell who would look after Walker's street duties. "I couldn't tell you," said the mayor.

Alderman Wilson: "There is something wrong and you might as well speak it outright."

Alderman Ashplant said the objectors should wait until the new job was created before they kicked.

On motion of Alderman Moorhead it was decided to thank Major Cronyn M. P., for his efforts to secure a post-office for East London and urge him to keep chasing the leaderless post-office department at Ottawa. Alderman Moorhead really believed that something may be achieved sometime. In the meantime the people of the east end chase down town.

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PATRICIA

"God's Man," starring H. B. Warner, the noted actor, is the screen attraction at the Patricia Theatre again today and Wednesday.

The story is one dealing with the trials and vicissitudes met with by young Arnold L'Hommedieu in his ever-prevalent desire to aid his fellowmen, and the resultant disgrace and degradation which come to him. Beginning with his expulsion from college, he is dragged through the business whirl of New York, the night life, the tango parlors, the cafes; into the smuggling of deadly drugs, and down until he is at the bottom of the pit of despair. Then, guided by the teachings of an old hermit philosopher, he is lifted back to the lanes of decency and to the dawn of the light of righteousness, God's light, to the ultimate finding of happiness and the love of a true woman.

The picture version of the book is remarkably well done. It abounds with laughter and tears, and with a tremendously powerful moral lesson for young and old alike. The production has been most lavishly staged and competently acted.

Charlie Chaplin, in "The Tramp," is a comedy offering that provides un limited fun and amusement. The million-dollar comedian introduces many new and novel comedy features. Charlie Chaplin's name is sufficient. To know he is on the bill means to laugh at his grotesque antics.

A Canadian science weekly shows many scenes of interest in various parts of the Dominion.

In vaudeville, Merrell & Bridewell, two good-looking young women, present a classy singing and piano act.

MAJESTIC

Pauline Frederick, the screen's greatest emotional actress, featured in "La Tosca," is the attraction at the Majestic again today.

This photoplay was adapted for screen presentation from the opera "La Tosca" by Sardou.

The story of the young singer who avenges her lover's torture and the insults to herself by stabbing old Baron Scarpia, chief of police, and then, finding that her lover has actually been shot, in spite of a promise to the contrary, leaps to her death from the parapet of the castle of St. Angelo, Rome, is too well known to be given at length, but suffice it to say that an excellent cast, Miss Frederick's superb acting and the direction of Edward Jose provides excellent entertainment.

A thrilling scene is the leap made by the star from the fort parapet in the climax in the play. The scene follows the killing of her lover, Mario, by the firing squad, after Tosca has stabbed Scarpia, the chief of police.

"A Son of a Gun" is the funniest of all the funny comedies that have been showing for weeks past at the Majestic. In the filming of this comedy the characters perform hair-raising stunts, and at all times actually flirt with death in order to produce realistic but at the same time side-splitting situations.

A news weekly shows events of interest at home and abroad.

The Majestic concert orchestra, under the able leadership of Mr. Joseph Tirri, renders an overture that is received with rounds of applause.

Douglas Fairbanks at the Majestic Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Douglas Fairbanks, the acrobatic star, whose latest Artcraft picture, "A Modern Musketeer," will be shown at the Majestic Theatre on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, is very fond of animals. "Smiles," the pony who is known to all picture fans, and "Ginger," an Alaskan malamute dog, accompany him wherever possible. While staging "A Modern Musketeer" in the Grand Canyon of Arizona, the dog and horse were members of the company. "Ginger" is very intelligent, and has been taught a number of tricks, not least amusing of which is the way he sits up and begs for a pipe after he has been fed.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN, the million-dollar screen comedian, featured in "The Tramp," showing at the Patricia Theatre again today and Wednesday.

Featured in "La Tosca," a wonderful photoplay showing at the Majestic again today. Also a comedy, "A Sun of a Gun" and a news weekly.

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