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## RETURNED SOLDIERS VISIT LOCAL FACTORY

Seventy Soldiers Have Pleasant Time in Big East End Plant.

Seventy returned soldiers, who are convalescing in the city, were taken on the first of a series of trips through London factories Tuesday afternoon. They were entertained at the McCormick Manufacturing Company's plant in East London.

The men were taken to the factory in a special car loaned by the London street railway. On their arrival they broke into three parties, and were conducted through the building by guides.

The building was decorated throughout in honor of the men, and much originality was displayed by some of the departments. Novel cards of welcome and special decorations gave the building a festive air.

A fund subscribed by the girls of the factory was used to supply a box of candy to each of the visitors. Moving pictures of the men visiting the various departments were filmed during the afternoon.

A luncheon was served in the dining-room and a welcome was extended to the men by Thomas McCormick, Mr. Boyce also gave an address. An impromptu concert in which all the returned men joined concluded the visit.

Reginald Hudson led the singing. Many of the soldiers taken on the trip were former members of the 18th Battalion, and two years ago were entertained at a dinner in the dining-room of the factory.

**WHOOPIING COUGH PREVALENT.**

Whooping cough and scarlet fever are the most prevalent diseases in this city according to the weekly report of the board of health. There were 26 new cases of whooping cough, making a total of 82, while scarlet fever has 11 new patients, making a total of 17.

The figures show 13 cases of chicken-pox, 7 of diphtheria, 2 of typhoid fever, and 18 of German measles.

**BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS.**

What could be more beautiful as a Christmas gift than a piano or organ? The Old Firm of Heintzman & Co., Limited, 242 Dundas street, have a number of well-known pianos and organs which they are selling at big reductions, and on very easy terms. A small deposit will secure one for later delivery.

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## EXPECTS NEW SCHOOL WILL COST \$250,000

Dr. Shaw Tells Ratepayers About Building on Dundas Street.

About 49 citizens attended the meeting held last evening in Victoria school to afford an opportunity for the discussion of civic questions. The industrial guarantee bylaw, the expenditure for schools, the hydro-electric development bylaw, and the audit question were gone into at considerable length.

J. P. Moore explained at some length the details of the guarantee bylaw of the London Industrial Association.

Alfred Reynolds also spoke in favor of the bylaw. He was of the opinion that the more factories that came in, the more people would live here, and therefore the less taxes each citizen would have to pay.

John Sussex and Al. Little also introduced the industrial bylaw.

Dr. Shaw, speaking on the work of the school board, stated that the cost of teaching one pupil per year in the public schools was \$22, a very reasonable rate. In the Collegiate it was \$47, also very reasonable, while in the Technical School it was \$117. The Government pays half of the last amount.

The city pays for the machinery and other equipment in the Technical School, and is paid back by the Government in four years (four yearly installments).

"I didn't think Dundas street a proper place for the Technical School," he said. "Some trades will benefit from the Technical School, and others, I think, will not. I am of the opinion that it will cost \$250,000 by the time it is completed."

Mayor Stevenson addressed the meeting regarding the hydro development bylaw, stating that the limit of obtainable power had been reached and that more power was badly needed.

On a motion by Al. Reynolds, seconded by ex-Al. Daly, the meeting decided that the utilities commission be requested not to make any separate audit appointments for the year beginning December 1, 1916, and not to obstruct the council in its appointment of an auditor or assistants.

**RECALLS EARLY HISTORY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Rev. Proudfoot's Chronicles Discussed by Historical Society.

Extracts from the chronicles of Rev. William Proudfoot, father of the late Rev. Dr. Proudfoot of the First Presbyterian Church, were read by Miss Priddle at the regular meeting of the London and Middlesex Historical Society in the public library last night.

The excerpts dealt with the period following July 5, 1580, giving the details of a trip made by the writer to New York, and the district surrounding it, to raise money for building what is now the First Presbyterian Church, and gave interesting details about the people encountered during the journey.

They recorded also opinions on sermons heard at the various churches which he visited during the trip. Later writings throw a sidelight on some of the church problems of the time, particularly with regard to revival meetings.

His impression of Thomas Moore as a theologian was not a favorable one, although he regarded him as an excellent poet.

## FIRST DAY'S COLLECTION IN "POTS" REACHED \$65

Salvation Army Has Many Applications for Assistance This Christmas.

Collecting pots in the interest of the Salvation Army Christmas baskets for the poor made their first appearance on the streets on Saturday. The amount collected was \$65.24. On Tuesday the pots were again placed and \$45.85 received. This is not as much as the corresponding day last year, but this is perhaps due to the very severe weather. The genial face of "Dad" Ward will be missed this year, he being sick and confined to his bed, but he still takes a lively interest in the results of the street collecting.

The collecting pots will be on the streets all this week. This will make two days less than in former years, but it is hoped that the total will not suffer because of this.

Applications for assistance are coming in fast, and every case is being investigated and dealt with on its merits. There are plenty of deserving cases in London. Several gentlemen of the city have placed their names on the list of the League of Mercy members for this work.

Coming to the alterations to the city of London, the Royal has been found elsewhere. Through the kindness of Mr. Brown, the army has the use of his store at 237 Dundas street.

**HAS JOINED C. A. M. C.**

Miss Anne Wilson, Daughter of Lieut. Col. Wilson, Going Overseas.

Miss Anne Wilson, daughter of Lieut. Col. Wilson, formerly of the 33rd Battalion, left yesterday for England for service as a nursing sister with the C. A. M. C. She reported this morning in Montreal and sails in a few days.

A graduate of a New York hospital, while engaged in her profession there, she was chosen last year to go to France for three months' service in Mrs. Vanderbik's hospital at Neuilly.

Lieut. Col. Wilson, who with his wife and their daughters, has been in town for some time, accompanied Miss Anne as far as Toronto.

**NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS**

Owing to the rush of holiday advertising, advertisers are asked to send their copy in at least 24 hours in advance of publication; otherwise it is impossible to guarantee insertion or position desired. Merchants will serve their own interests by complying with this request.

**GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM SPECIAL SERVICE AGAIN NEXT CHRISTMAS EXCURSION TRAFFIC.**

Special service via Grand Trunk Railway from London in connection with the above will be operated on Saturday, Dec. 23, as follows:

Tor Toronto—Leave London 4:20 p.m. For Wingham and Intermediate Stations—Leave London 4:15 p.m.

Extra section of regular train No. 18 due to leave London at 4:25 p.m., will be operated leaving London 7:10 a.m., carrying parlor car.

Extra parlor car service will be provided London to Toronto on train No. 18 due out of London at 4:25 p.m., on Toronto, on Dec. 23 and 25.

Tickets, reservations and full particulars from city ticket office, R. E. Ruse, C. P. and T. A., "Clock Corner," Phone 50.

**PERSONAL ESCORT.**

**FLORIDA UNDER EXPERIENCED.**

With the advent of winter, the question arises "How shall one escape the cold winds and snows of February and March?" and "Where shall one go?"

Florida is the nearest summerland, being only 35 hours distant by luxurious trains. Travel this winter promises to surpass all records, and Europe being still "closed," railway and hotel accommodation to Florida will be at a premium. Because of such conditions, the tour under experienced personal escort with consequent relief from worries, and the certainty of good hotels reserved long in advance is attractive.

To independent travellers, hotel accommodation will be well-nigh impossible to procure, since many places report they are booked full now. A party limited to 20 members, arranged and conducted in a high grade manner, leaves Toronto on February 14, to spend six weeks in laudably travel down the fascinating St. Johns River, and in motoring extensively over the finest roads through picturesque and romantic Florida, with nearly two weeks stay at Daytona, St. Petersburg, DeLand and a few days at St. Augustine. This tour will appeal to the discriminating travellers for the details are as far removed from the commonplace as the itinerary. The most desirable features of Florida travel are included, and the requirements of each member receive careful attention. Leisure, comfort and convenience are thereby effectively secured. Full particulars with descriptive itinerary and booklets furnished by Miss Florence Withrow, B.A., 130 Hazelton avenue, Toronto. Phone north 7810.

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Interest will be credited each half-year at the rate of 3 1/2 % per annum.

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## ROYAL BANK SHOWS RECORD ADVANCES FOR THE PAST YEAR

Expansion on Larger Scale Than Ever Reported—Total Assets Now Over \$253,000,000.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—The annual statement of the Royal Bank of Canada, which goes forward to shareholders, reflects in a striking manner the great strides the Royal is making among the leading Canadian banks, and the enormous benefits it is evidently obtaining from the strong and effective banking organization it has built up throughout the Dominion.

For the first time in the history of the bank total assets are reported in excess of a quarter of a billion, the increase for the past twelve months being \$55,000,000, total assets amounting to \$253,261,000, compared with \$198,232,123 at the end of last year, and \$179,404,064 at the end of 1914.

In line with its policy, the Royal has evidently availed itself of the large assets at its disposal to keep itself in an exceptionally strong position, as represented by liquid assets in excess of 53 per cent of the total liabilities to the public, but at the same time, has catered in a special way to the requirements of its customers, as the requirements of the returned soldiers of the Dominion.

**Gain in Deposits.**

The general character of the bank's deposits makes a gain of over \$23,000,000 in deposits bearing interest, a notable one, and is especially gratifying in view of the manner in which the Royal, during the course of the year, recommended to its depositors investments in the large Dominion commonwealth bonds.

The gain in total deposits for the year is over \$15,000,000, at the rate of close to \$3,750,000 a month.

While the bank's business is in a very strong position in order to be continually prepared during the war period, there is a healthy increase in the profits for the year, these amounting to \$2,111,207.65, equivalent to 17.87 per cent on the average paid-up capital, compared with \$1,965,576.57, or 16.43 per cent in the previous year.

After the payment of the regular dividends, making a contribution of \$50,000 to the patriotic fund, and allowing for the usual appropriations, the bank carried a surplus forward into the new year of \$852,346.28, an increase of \$52,472.15 at the end of the previous year.

One of the recent important developments of the bank's business was the acquisition of the business of the bank from the chain of branches which it has built up in the British West Indies and other southern countries, and this has been a material aid to the growing foreign business of Canada.

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The annual meeting of the shareholders has been called for Thursday, January 11, 1917.

**WEDDED 50 YEARS AGO**

Celebration Marks Anniversary at Home of Popular Arthur Couple.

Fifty years ago Monday, December 11, Archibald McDougall, now of Arthur Township, Wellington County, was married in Mount Forest to Miss Lucy Lamont. The ceremony was performed by the late Rev. Mr. McMillan, Presbyterian minister at Mount Forest. For fifteen years after their marriage they lived on a farm in Minto, and then moved to their present farm in Arthur Township.

A quiet little celebration of the anniversary was observed on Monday, December 11, when the available members of the family met at their parents' home. In the family were five girls and three boys, all living. Alex and Hugh of Saskatchewan, and Mrs. James Walker of Ontario, were unable to attend, on account of being so far away.

Mrs. John Elliott of Thornhill, with her husband and family, and Miss McDougall, nurse of Strathcona Hospital, Mount Forest, were present.

The evening was spent pleasantly in talking over "old times." Duncan Lamont, a brother of Mrs. McDougall, and John Elliott, son-in-law, made speeches appropriate to the occasion.

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**SANTA CLAUS TO GIVE PRESENTS TO CHILDREN**

Christmas Tree of Returned Soldiers Will Be a Success.

The Returned Soldiers' Association has arranged to have Santa Claus call at the association rooms, Richmond street, at 1 o'clock on Friday, and drive from there to the Lyric Theatre, where he will distribute the presents to the children. Old Santa will be in his sleigh, and it is expected that he will have a great pile of his presents with him.

At the regular meeting of the association held on Tuesday night, two members of the Returned Soldiers' Association of Toronto appeared, in the persons of Sgt. A. V. Conroy and Sgt. J. Parsons. These men are representing a new magazine, the Khaki Call, which is to be published in the interests of the returned soldiers of Canada. They were immediately made members of the local association, and in explaining their object here, stated that the magazine would commence publication on January 15, 1917; would be free to all veterans, and would be published monthly.

Plans in connection with the Christmas tree were discussed. Many donations towards the success of the tree have been received, and it is intended to acknowledge receipt of same through the columns of the papers.

**COMPLETES 50TH YEAR.**

On Sunday next Ven. Archdeacon Richardson will have completed fifty years of continuous service. There are only five other clergymen in the Anglican Church in Canada with a half century's continuous parish work to their credit. Archdeacon Richardson has worked in four parishes. His first

charge was at Darlington, N.S. From there he went to St. Thomas Church, Hamilton. In London he has had both the Memorial Church parish and St. John's, London Township.

**STRICKEN SUDDENLY.**

P. R. Tulford, aged 63 years, for

half a century a resident of Southwold Township, dropped dead in his garden yesterday following a paralytic stroke. He was for many years a mail carrier for Southwold. He is survived by two daughters and one son, Mrs. C. E. Marley of this city, Mrs. C. S. Kenzie of Galt, and George Tulford of Port Huron.

**YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING VISIT TO YOUNG'S**

Entering the store on your left is a large and well-lit counter case. The first things that meet your eye are dozens and dozens of cigarette cases, plain and fancy, many shapes and sizes, gold, silver and plated. Then bracelet watches and richly gemmed bracelets of solid gold. Next a collection of delicately fashioned pendants on chains of beautifully minute workmanship. Some of the pendants are solid gold, some are marvelously fine cameos, then there are stones of all colors, softly lustrous pearls and flashing diamonds. A few choice jewel cases and mesh bags complete the contents of this case.

The next case is given over to an extensive showing of Waltham Wrist and other Watches for ladies and gentlemen, and an impressive display of the finer qualities of rings. Dozens of trays of finely-made watches to suit every taste and purse are there to choose from. All-pearl rings are well represented, and there is a superb array of signet rings, diamond rings, ruby, emerald, combination and chased rings.

In the next case is a collection of some of the most beautiful Lavallieres ever fashioned. The jeweler's craftsmanship has never been displayed to better advantage than in these beautiful pieces, set with all the stones known to the lapidary. To see this selection is a pleasure in itself, regardless of whether you intend to buy or not.

Further along is a case devoted to a display of the less expensive jewelry, comprising earrings, brooches, tiepins, cuff links, baby pins, collar pins, souvenir pins, brooches, tiepins, silver maple leaf pins, enameled belt pins and other jewelry at prices from \$1.00 to \$3.00.

The last case is given over to flat ware. French ivory and ebony articles, and offers suggestions almost without number to those seeking gift in gift selections, while the wall cases are packed with most beautiful articles, some costly—some inexpensive, but all of that high quality that marks the gift bought at Young's.

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Christmas on a Troopship Harrington Scott 120309

Christmas in Action Harrington Scott

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