

## Notice to the Public

It has come to my attention that many individuals, plentifully supplied with coal, are procuring further supplies from dealers, and that in many cases it has been necessary for the men making delivery to trim back the fuel in bins in order to secure room for the additional quantity.

I have instructed the coal dealers to report every such instance to me, and I shall institute rigorous prosecution of such persons for infraction of the Dominion Fuel Regulations.

Such conduct in the present stringency, when many are suffering for want of fuel, is criminal, and I shall invoke process of law to punish the offenders; in addition, I shall, as authorized by the Fuel Regulations, remove from the bins of such offenders all fuel which they have in stock over and above the two months' supply allowed by the Regulations.

R. C. HARRIS,

City Hall, Toronto,  
December 31st, 1917.  
Honorary Fuel Controller  
for Ontario.

## Notice to Coal Dealers of City of Toronto

It has come to my attention that many individuals are securing delivery of coal who have ample supplies on hand, and that in some cases it has been necessary for the men making delivery to trim the fuel in the bins in order to accommodate the additional quantity.

All coal dealers are hereby required to refuse to leave such excess quantities of coal at the premises of the individual ordering, and to report promptly the circumstances to me, when I shall immediately institute proceedings under the Dominion Fuel Regulations.

This order is imperative.

City Hall, Toronto,  
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## MANY ALIENS HOLD LICENSES IN CITY

No Regulation to Prevent Granting Such Privileges is on Books.

CAN'T SPEAK ENGLISH  
Laws Have Been Amended Recently, But Not in That Way.

That aliens in Toronto have pool-room licenses can be proven any week-day by taking a trip thru the pool rooms on Queen street, west of Yonge, where in nine cases out of ten not a man will be found who cares to speak English. The bylaws respecting the issuing of licenses has been amended a dozen times during the past twenty years, and as recently as November 27 this year. Nothing can be found in the bylaw to hinder the foreigner from getting pool-room or any other license, provided he can show he is morally sound. In fact there is no mention made of foreigners anywhere in the regulations governing the issuance of licenses. The only paragraph dealing directly with the applicant is sub-section 5 of the bylaw, which reads as follows: "Before a license respecting any of the trades, businesses or callings referred to in Sec. 2 hereof is granted, the chief constable shall ascertain if the applicant therefor is of good character, and, if the application is for an auctioneer's license, that the applicant has been a resident of the city for twelve months previous to the date of the application, and, if he ascertains that said applicant is of good character, and upon the other provisions of this bylaw being complied with, the license may be issued by said chief constable; but if he ascertains that the applicant's character is not good, no such license shall be granted, except upon the order of this board, after due consideration of the application, and of a report from the chief constable thereon, and any representation the applicant may desire to make concerning the same."

Aliens Not Barred.  
In the course of conversation with the officials of the licensing office, a reporter was informed that no matter what the private feelings of the grantors might be there was nothing in the bylaws as read today which could debar an alien, friendly or otherwise, from taking out a license provided the applicant complied with the requirements as to moral character. "I'll tell you," said one of them, "it amounts to this: that these foreigners are making money hand over fist at the various factories, after which they get into a business of their own. And what is the result? Well, you just go down to the Denison avenue district, and your observations will tell you all you need to know. Yes, it's disgraceful, but what are we to do when the law allows them to put one over us?"

At the reference library the reporter waded thru a mass of statutes touching upon the status of aliens in this country. Those of August, 1914, read that the enemy aliens who were engaged in peaceful avocations were not to be interfered with in any way unless it could be proven that they were engaged in espionage or other unmanly occupation. These simple and lenient regulations were later amended to bring the enemy alien in closer touch with the authorities, and provided that the alien must report to the proper people not less than once a month, and still later amended to make the enemy alien report twice a month. Further than this nothing was discovered which could in any way debar the Bulgarian from retaining his privileges of three or six years back.

Like Strange Country.  
A visit was made to about 14 different pool rooms in the Queen street-Bathurst district starting near the

Occident Hall, near Bathurst street. There were some 20 men in the first pool room visited, and the visitor found himself as in a strange country, where he was a stranger among the elect. Turning to one chap who he thought looked rather British, he said: "Some of these fellows are quite experts." The reply he received was: "Habrendji domendji kasikovich," and he has not yet been able to solve the riddle. Very few of those spoken to could speak either French or English. The next place visited was about a hundred yards up the street, and there the same conditions prevailed, except that there were perhaps more youths present than in the other hall. There were about six tables in these halls. Other halls further up the line boasted of nearer ten or twelve tables, some of them of the special 60 cent a game variety. The preponderance of youth was noticeable in most of the pool rooms visited. At the corner of Queen and Bathurst streets a visit was made to the Polish army recruiting centre, and there the officials very courteously gave a few figures as to the recruiting of Poles in this vicinity of Ontario. During the past six weeks 85 Poles have joined the Polish colors from Toronto, and during the same time 27 Poles have joined the Canadian army. The reporter asked if it was in any sense obligatory upon the Pole to join the colors, and the officials replied that it was voluntary on their part. Of all the pool rooms visited only two were thoroughly Canadian, and they were near the city hall. Perhaps the majority of the patrons were either Canadians or at least knew how to speak English. At seven o'clock all the pool rooms were running pretty well to capacity. Those visited were from Bathurst street to the city hall on Queen street.

## ALDERMAN RYDING HAS GIVEN EXCELLENT SERVICE

Ald. Sam Ryding is making his seventh appeal to the electors of Ward Seven, and the appeal will undoubtedly receive favorable consideration. During Ald. Ryding's regime at the city hall, the wants of the ward have been well looked after. Ward 7 has been brought up to the general city standard of improvements, largely by the efforts of Ald. Ryding, and many further improvements would have been forthcoming at that alderman's request if the war had not interfered with the financing. Outside of Ward Seven, Ald. Ryding has a large following, who believe that he is a valuable member of the city council and who are desirous of seeing him head the poll again today.

## A VALUABLE ADMINISTRATOR

The electors of Ward Four should make a certainty of ex-Ald. Cowan's return to the council. He has proved himself a valuable city administrator and has the time and ability to attend to the particular needs of the ward. Ex-Ald. Cowan reflects before he votes and cannot be swayed when he takes a stand in the general city's interest. He is for public ownership by conviction and can be relied upon in any question in which such is involved. His return today will be a gain to Ward Four and a bigger one for the city generally.

## TODAY'S ICE RACES.

The Toronto Driving Club are holding a matinee over the splendid ice track at Hillcrest Park track today, with two classified races, first race at 2 o'clock, the entries being as follows: First race, fast classified—Dan Alcor, Dr. Hazard, Markham, Dustless McKinnon, Ben Porter, Hamilton, Abbie V. Brino, Nat Ray, Toronto; Mansfield, Jas. McDowell, Toronto; Bindare, Dr. Benson, Colborne; Roy Gratton, D. Trench, Teeswater. Second race, slow classified—Santel, S. McBride, Toronto; Mory, J. Lock, Toronto; Sara Todd, C. Farrell, Toronto; Blackbird, James Thompson, Toronto; Nightworthy, Nat Ray, Toronto; Geo. Loondo, Jas. McDowell, Toronto; George M., Geo. Arnold, Toronto.

## FIFTY THOUSAND EXAMINED IN YEAR

Over Twelve Thousand Toronto Men Accepted for Service During 1917.

At the Toronto mobilization centre, 54,740 men were medically examined for military service during the year 1917. The number accepted and attested for service totaled 12,072, as compared with 16,404 during 1916.

Given month by month the attestations were as follows: January, 858; February, 696; March, 626; April, 717; May, 1126; June, 1010; July, 1145; August, 1078; September, 1347; October, 1318; November, 824; December, 945.

The total of men receiving examinations each month were: January, 2317; February, 1746; March, 2430; April, 2138; May, 2386; June, 2320; July, 2171; August, 2072; September, 2374; October, 1778; November, 8715; December, 267.

The recruits offering yesterday totaled 130, of whom 59 were accepted. Forty-four of yesterday's accepted recruits signed up for service with the Central Ontario Regiment.

The following is a copy of the order to report for duty issued to a Toronto draftee this morning:

"You are ordered to report for duty at the headquarters of the depot battalion at the Exhibition camp at Toronto, Jan. 4, 1918.

"Failure to obey this order will render you liable to punishment by the civil courts, as well as making you subject to be taken into custody at any time as a military offender.

"You will retain this portion of this order, and will present it upon your reporting at the headquarters of the depot battalion. Keep it carefully, as it is your means of identification.

"You are to report at noon to the 2nd Battalion of the 1st C.O.R.

Next Thursday, Pte. Wm. Kebo of the No. 2 Special Service Company will face a court-martial at Exhibition camp. It will be the second time Pte. Wm. Kebo has appeared before a court-martial, the previous occasion being in December, 1916.

Lieut. J. A. M. Livingston, late 15th Battalion, and Lieut. A. W. Rison (38th Regiment) have received appointments to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Central Ontario Regiment.

Military headquarters announces that the major (or captain), battery sergeant-major, quartermaster-sergeant, farrier-sergeant and trumpeters in depot battalions of the field and an anti-aircraft battery are to be selected from the men who have returned from overseas, as far as possible, and need not belong to category A, but the lieutenants who have not served overseas and the rank and file will belong to that category.

## LAST MINUTES ARE SPENT IN PRAYER

Many of the Churches Hold Services to See Old Year Out.

Many churches of all denominations in the city spent the last hour of the old year in solemn thought and prayer. At the St. Paul's Anglican Church, Albert street were gathered many of the Salvationists of the city. Special music was furnished by the local band and headquarters quartet. Commissioner Richards spoke from the text, "And he ordered the children to go forward." He said the time for prayer had passed and the time for action had come. He compared the state of the children of Israel and the people of the present day, and he urged the Christian church today to go forward in all things just and true and good. Similar services were conducted throughout the city at the various Salvation Army barracks.

Metropolitan Methodist Church spent the remaining hour of the old year under the influence of a quiet talk from the pastor, Rev. Trevor H. Davies. Crawford Street Methodist Church held a watchnight service, beginning at 11:15, at which Rev. George Purchase delivered a short address.

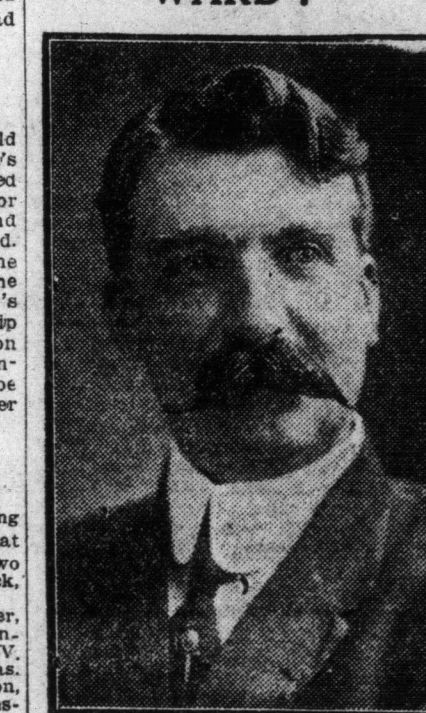
Canon Piampire conducted a watchnight service at St. James' Cathedral, while at St. Paul's Anglican Dr. Cody gave a very impressive talk on the opportunities the new year had for each person.

Gen. Val Y. M. C. A. on College street was also thronged last night with men, many of them khaki-clad, to take part in the watchnight services there. J. P. Hagerman presided, while Car. N. Archibald, one of Toronto's well-known athletes, who has been doing Y. M. C. A. work in France since the outbreak of war, addressed the gathering. He spoke feelingly of the many boys who had watched 1917 in but were not able to watch it out. He contrasted the quiet service they were holding with the way the boys in France were watching the death of the year.

## TO CLOSE SOME CHURCHES.

Special to The Toronto World.  
Kingston, Dec. 31.—Mayor Hughes will meet the ministerial association with a view to having some of the churches closed to save fuel. He believes that at least one-third of the churches could be closed. His worship has also called a meeting of the coal dealers to secure a statement showing how much coal they have on hand, and what contracts they have to fill.

## WARD 7



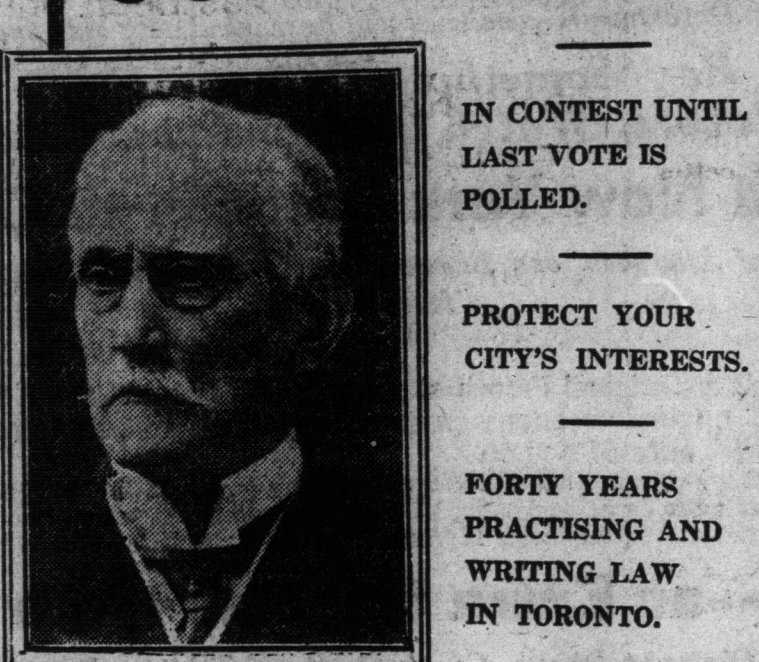
**SAM RYDING**  
Asks for a continuance of the support of Ward 7 Electors.

## VOTE

**EDWARD MEEK**

K. C.  
FOR

**CONTROLLER**



IN CONTEST UNTIL  
LAST VOTE IS  
POLLED.

PROTECT YOUR  
CITY'S INTERESTS.

FORTY YEARS  
PRACTISING AND  
WRITING LAW  
IN TORONTO.

TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS NEED CAREFUL ATTENTION.

AN EXPERIENCED LAWYER WILL BE OF GREAT SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR 1918.

MARK YOUR BALLOT X AS BELOW.

**EDWARD MEEK** X  
OF THE CITY OF TORONTO  
BARRISTER-AT-LAW

**WARD 4 RE-ELECT ALDERMAN McMULKIN**

A STRONG ADVOCATE OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

FAVORING

1. The purchase of Toronto Railway.
2. Hydro extension.
3. Retrenchment consistent with efficiency.
4. A strong business administration of city affairs.

**CITIZENS OF TORONTO:**

**CONTROLLER JOHN O'NEILL**

Extends to You One and All His Best Wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year



**Ward 4 RE-ELECT JOHN A. COWAN**

Strict attention will be given by me to mix ward's wants and a careful administration of the city's business in general.

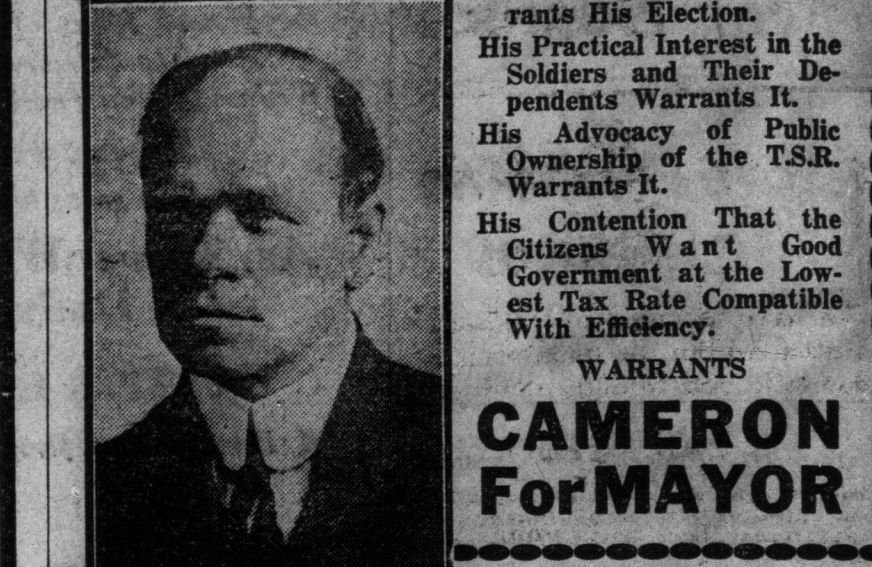
Vote for **JAMES F. COUGHLIN**  
Barrister  
ALDERMAN  
WARD 5  
Toronto needs new calibre and more energy in the City Council.

Trinidad government experts who have been experimenting have found that several native vegetable products

## TORONTO'S MAYOR FOR 1918 SHOULD BE CAMERON

His Municipal Record Warrants His Election. His Practical Interest in the Soldiers and Their Dependents Warrants It. His Advocacy of Public Ownership of the T.S.R. Warrants It. His Contentment That the Citizens Want Good Government at the Lowest Tax Rate Compatible With Efficiency.

**CAMERON**



**WARRANTS CAMERON For MAYOR**

**MAYOR CHURCH**  
Wishes All the Citizens a Happy and Prosperous New Year

He wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all who have assisted in the great patriotic work done in Toronto in war time, especially the noble and inspiring work of the women of the city generally, and the assistance they have been to him in this work.

Congratulations are further due the married women, who today have been given the municipal franchise for the first time in Ontario.

The Mayor urges everybody to record their vote today. He has absolutely no organization nor conveyances, and respectfully requests his friends to record their vote and urge their friends to do the same, and hopes that over-confidence in the result will not keep anyone from voting.

To one and all he wishes the Compliments of the Season, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

**VOTE TODAY FOR MAGUIRE FOR CONTROLLER**

In Your Own Interests. In the City's Interests. **BECAUSE**

Ald. Maguire fought consistently and successfully for public ownership. He fought with Sir Adam Beck for the Hydro, and the Hydro saved the citizens hundreds of thousands of dollars. His public ownership convictions are an assurance of good service in making arrangements to take over the street railway for the citizens. He has been a capable alderman and his policy has always been one of economy, coupled with sound business administration. His record is your security.

**WHAT THE PAPERS SAY**  
"Ald. Maguire has been a consistent supporter of public ownership and an effective helper of Sir Adam Beck."—Toronto World.  
"Mr. Maguire is an experienced municipal legislator, who is absolutely reliable on the great issue of public ownership. The Board of Control will be strengthened by his election."—Toronto Globe.  
"Hydro progress has a faithful friend and the Toronto Railway has a persistent foe in Ald. Maguire."—Toronto Telegram.

**EXPERIENCE SERVICE**

**ELECT Alderman G. A. Archibald**

**Controller**

Mark X Opposite First Name on Ballot

**WARD 2**

**ALD. BALL**

Expresses his sincere thanks to the electors of Ward 2 for their continued confidence, which he hopes to retain during the year 1918, and wishes them and all other citizens

**A Happy and Prosperous New Year**

**WARD 5**

**PHINEMORE** X  
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE THUS:  
A BUSINESS MAN PROPOSED BY BUSINESS MEN  
Proposed by Jethro Crang John Tanner

can be economically and successfully ground into flour for use with wheat in bread.