

ALL COMMITTEES WIND UP BUSINESS

A. S. Large is Successful Tenderer for Market Tolls at \$2451.

TO ISSUE DEBENTURES West Bridge Street Pavement Under Discussion by Executive Board.

Mr. A. S. Large is the successful tenderer for lease of the city market tolls for the ensuing year.

The gas committee decided that debentures for all the capital expenditure in the department during the year as may be allowable in the opinion of the city solicitor, be issued.

The Parks and Industries Committee recommended the approval of the report for the month of December of Mr. J. O. Herity, city industrial commissioner.

Two extra lights were recommended for installation and the present lights are to be moved at the intersection of Victoria Ave. and Pine St.

A recommendation was made that the School of the Deaf be supplied with water at the rate of \$1,500 per year or by meter at 10c per thousand gallons.

The executive committee recommended that debentures be issued for the West Bridge Street pavement; that the usual grant be made to the National Sanatorium, for consumptives and that the agreement regarding the purchase of the Belleville-Prince Edward bridge between the city of Belleville and the Province of Ontario as returned by the city solicitor and explained in Mr. Porter's letter of December 21st, be approved and the mayor and clerk be authorized to sign the agreement and attach the corporate seal on behalf of the city.

This was the last committee meeting. The council holds its final session on Monday afternoon at four o'clock.

Cheap Fares Here Annoy Taxi-Drivers

The increase in hack and taxi fares as allowed by the police commissioners is not as great as was asked by the hackmen.

One hiveryman, speaking of the regulations, expressed dissatisfaction that a larger fare was not authorized.

Salvationists Give Joy to 200 Children

The Salvation Army held its Christmas tree last evening, the citadel being packed to the doors.

Opening song, prayer, Bible reading, trio, three boys, part recitation, flag drill, recitation, Walter Cordes, song, by the girls, package party, by eight girls, bat drill, by the primary, recitation, Arthur Smith, solo, Stan Smith, solo, "Santa Claus," seven boys, dialogue, by the girls, recitation, Eric Naylor, dialogue, "Sick Baby," piano, solo, Jennie Ayling, recitation, Gordon Dingham, may pole drill, piano, solo, Dorothy Mitchell, solo, Vivian Cavender, dialogue, "Taking the Census," visit by Santa Claus.

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IN POLICE COURT

Fifty dollars and costs was the penalty imposed in police court this morning on Stanley Caron for being found in an intoxicated condition several weeks ago on the charge of interference with a police officer in the performance of his duty.

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Obituary

MARTIN MURPHY. At his home in Thurlow township, Dec. 17th, the death occurred of Martin Murphy after an illness of about two years.

Decided was in his 73rd year, was predeceased by his wife almost three years ago. One sister, four daughters and three sons survive.

BLANCHE WAX. Blanche, the nine-months-old daughter of Mr. Fraser Wax, 167 Mary St., died last evening.

AT OSGOODE. At Osgoode Hall yesterday, Mr. Justice Middleton made an order continuing to trial an injunction of the County Court of Hastings in the matter of the Trenton Land Co. vs. Trenton Cooperative Mills restraining the latter from cutting trees on land which the plaintiff claims. W. C. Mikel for plaintiff; H. J. Smith for defendant.

WITH THE MASON. Masonic brethren will hold their annual St. John's night festivities on Monday evening, the installation of officers of the three lodges taking place at the City Hall. The banquet following will be held in the Bennett Academy.

LORD WILLINGTON AS VICE-ROY?

SIMLA, Dec. 24.—(By Mail from India Information Bureau)—Several names for the viceroyalty of India have been proposed recently, besides Winston Churchill, War Minister of England. Many view it as increasingly probable that the appointment will go to Lord Willington, the present Governor of Madras.

Lord Willington has been governor of two Indian provinces, Madras and Bombay. For a time he served as Junior Lord of the Treasury under Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman.

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BROTHER KILLS PETERBORO BOY

(By Canadian Press) PETERBORO, Dec. 24.—Eugene Dixon, aged 12, son of the Rev. S. F. Dixon, Methodist pastor at Lakefield, was shot and killed last evening when a gun, which was being examined by his brother, Clark Dixon, was accidentally discharged. The accident occurred in the parsonage. The Bullet entered the head of the unfortunate boy, who lived for thirty minutes.

Home Rule Bill Now in Operation

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Home Rule Bill of 1920 became law at midnight. The Royal assent was attached to the measure at ten minutes before that hour.

"Widow" for Months; Joined by Husband Just at Christmas

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—There will be an outstandingly happy Christmas for one Winnipeg family. At the same time a romance transcending the story-book variety reached its climax here today when Major E. R. Mills, who has been missing since December, 1919, and who last February was officially reported killed, returned to his wife and two children.

Six weeks ago after she had considered herself a widow for more than nine months, Mrs. Mills received a telegram from her husband in England announcing that he was alive and well.

To Keep C. E. F. Men On Duty For Winter

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—In view of the unemployment situation, the military department has decided not to discharge the last remaining members of the Canadian Expeditionary force who are still on duty at headquarters and in military districts. A small number of these men are engaged in clerical work at Ottawa and throughout the dominion, but they were to have been released at the end of the calendar year. The military council, however, has decided that their services shall be retained, at any rate for the winter.

NEWSPAPER HELPS TO LOCATE BOYS

Inspector Ruston Finds Two Lads Who Recently Caused Much Trouble.

WENT TO SHANNONVILLE Landlady Where They Lodged Informed Institution—May Adopt One.

The two ten-year-old boys who made their escape from the Children's Shelter a few days ago, are now back in the institution. Inspector Ruston found them through the notice in the press regarding their disappearance. The lads after leaving school went to Shannonville and sought work, likely looking member of labor unions as they were. The landlady at whose house they were called, was suspicious of them. She gave them lodging, however. At first they wanted to be wards of the society, when questioned as to their last place of residence, for the lady had read the story of their escape.

She set to oiling the floor and one of the lads said—"I oil floors." "Where?" he was asked. "At the shelter," came the unguarded reply. The lady at once got into communication with Inspector Ruston who went down and brought them back. One of the boys will likely be adopted by the lady.

Mr. Marshall Peck who has been in Ottawa is home for Christmas.

Mr. W. A. Liddle, of Thorold, is visiting his brother, Mr. E. H. Liddle.

Miss Mary Graves, of the O.R.C., is spending her holidays at her home in Picton.

Mr. R. D. Sparks left today to spend the Christmas holidays with friends in Ottawa.

Mr. Arthur Pratt, manager of McLaughlin's has gone to Woodstock to spend Christmas.

Mr. Ross Wotten, of Toronto, is visiting with his brother, Mr. F. R. Wotten, 45 Catherine St.

Mr. John Martin, of the Post Office Department, Ottawa, has arrived in the city to spend Christmas here.

Miss Winnifred Hay, B. A., of St. Agnes College, Belleville, is at her home, Campbellford, for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wotten, Peterboro', are spending Christmas at the home of Mr. F. R. Wotten, 45 Catherine St.

Mrs. Thompson, of Foster Avenue South left yesterday for London to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Aeseltine.

Miss Carrie Campbell, teacher at Oshawa Business College, is spending the holidays with her mother here in Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. L. Mason, of Niagara Falls, Ont., are spending the holidays at his mother's, Mrs. H. Mason, Pinnacola street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Worrell are enjoying the Christmas season as the guests of Mr. Worrell's mother, Mrs. George Worrell, Belleville.

Mr. W. H. Lettmer, leaves by the early train tomorrow morning to spend Christmas in Toronto with his family who are the guests of the Rev. J. Locke, Mrs. Lettmer's father.

PUBLICIST IS DEAD London, Dec. 24.—Geo. H. Perris, British publicist, writer and speaker on international affairs, is dead.

FOR CHINESE. The local China Famine Relief Fund today had risen to above \$940. The list as issued reads: Previously reported \$722.28 Queen Victoria School 33.30 Albert College per Dr. Baker 120.50 Mrs. T. Kelso 5.00 Miss M. Kelso 5.00 Archie and Ida Boyd 1.00 Geier Street School 12.90 Belleville High School (Teachers and pupils) 41.93 \$940.24

TWO FIREMEN KILLED St. John, Nfld., Dec. 24.—Two firemen were killed and four injured in a fire at the Star Theatre here by the walls falling in on them.

G.W.V.A. XMAS. THREE APPRECIATED

As a member of the C.E.F. I wish to thank the G.W.V.A. for their good judgment and forethought in the selection of Christmas gifts for the children of returned men and fallen comrades. The gifts were mostly of wearing apparel and useful articles which were greatly appreciated. This is the kind of Xmas cheer which is only while I am speaking not only for myself, but for many who have voiced the same sentiments.

—RETURNED SOLDIER

HALIFAX BLAZE PROVES COSTLY

(By Canadian Press) HALIFAX, Dec. 24.—A half million dollar fire in the business district of Halifax this morning, destroyed the dry goods store and stock of Wood Bros., Ltd., and seriously damaged the premises of the W. M. Gates music store and the building occupied by Alfred Denigris, furrier, and owned by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

TWO CARS LOCK ON SHARP CORNER

No Casualties to Passengers But Both Motors are "Slightly Wounded."

Two automobiles locked wheels at the corner of Bridge and Coleman streets about eleven o'clock this morning with fortunately no injuries resulting to the drivers.

Mr. Hiram Ellis, of Milford, Prince Edward County, was driving a Ford No. 12752 eastward along Bridge, while Mr. T. P. Aman, delivery man, was coming south along Coleman street in a Studebaker, No. 124287. The cars came together side by side, the heavier car shoving the Ford over the curb upon the walk in front of Hay Bros., pressing and clearing shop.

The Ford sustained a broken front axle and a damaged radiator, the other escaping. A bicycle owned by Eric Brockhurst, which was standing in front of Hay's shop was struck by the Ford and wrecked.

The autoists were interviewed by Constable Evans and proceeded to the police station to explain the accident to Chief Kidd.

New York Thief Enters Hotel Suite; Runs Into Fight

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Hope that the New York crime wave had begun to recede, engendered by an apparent lull in serious outlawry during the last two days, was dashed by pieces this morning when a daring hold-up was staged in the Murray Hill Hotel on Park Ave. A man believed to be a Greek, entered a suite on the fourth floor, occupied by Robert L. Ireland, who grappled with the intruder. The robber made his escape, however, and following an immediate alarm, the police formed a cordon round the hotel, believing the man to have concealed himself in the building.

Inspector Ruston last night brought to the Children's Shelter a fifteen-year-old girl, who was yesterday made a ward of the Children's Aid Society, because of the treatment she had received at home. Evidence was produced to show that the girl, who is bright and intelligent, had been beaten with a broomstick. Magistrate Bowby and Davis dealt with the case.

W. C. MIKEL

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Mr. Mikel Writes on Railway Plan

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This can be accomplished without any cost to Belleville merely as part of the General Railway policy of the country and by reason of Belleville's advantageous situation. I had the privilege of discussing this with the Minister of Railways some time ago and he was favorably impressed with the advisability of having these two gaps completed on the Government Railways.

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CIVIC DECKS CLEARED FOR ACTION;

WHAT SURPRISE IN STORE FOR CITY?

Ald. Hanna Still Alone in Mayoralty Race but Mr. Mikel is Expected to be Nominated—Duties of City Father No Secure Says One Who Knows.

Will there be any big surprises in store for the electors of Belleville next week? Only Tuesday night can tell, for that is the time up to which candidates for municipal office have the privilege of qualifying. The past week has been unusually quiet and little 1920 election talk has been heard.

Ald. Hanna is still alone in the mayoralty race. But that he will have opposition is assured. The man or men who will contest with him will likely remain undecided until Tuesday night. The public has a feeling that Mr. W. C. Mikel will be a candidate. It is known that another prominent Bellevillian, has been solicited by his friends to run who are bringing pressure to bear upon him. This gentleman was in the council some years ago but does not seem anxious to reach the mayor's chair.

Not many new names are heard of for aldermen. But that is no indication as it is likely as in past years that there will be about forty nominations for the office of alderman. Last year there was a good field who "struck" and gave the city the chance of election. New men were shoved into the council over the heads of aldermen. Quite a few new

faces will be seen around the new council board as the retirement of a number of aldermen and the possibility of the defeat of some of the present council at the polls would indicate.

The decks are now clear for action and the mere offering themselves as candidates, the bigger the scrap and the more pleasure the electors will derive from it.

Those who think the aldermanic office is one merely of honor and prestige may find that it entails a vast amount of work. The 1920 council for instance, held as many meetings and committee meetings as almost any two previous councils. The meetings are not all either. An alderman has to learn the details of the department to which he is appointed, he has to perform a certain number of public duties, and be ready at all times to receive suggestions and complaints of grievous rate payers. One retiring alderman states that he has given hours every day to his work as representative of the people. He did not regret having served but just mentioned the fact casually as showing how much is expected of a city father.

Monday is nomination day. The city council holds its last meeting next week.

WHAT SHALL I DO?

Answered by VIRGINIA PAGE.

DON'T BE CONSPICUOUS. Q.—Dear Miss Page: I have had the misfortune of losing my hair and now it is beginning to come in and looks just like a boy's. I am going to a dance soon—would it be proper to dance with my hat on?—Irene.

A.—If it is a public dance, Irene, there most of many of the women do dance with their hats on at night; otherwise don't do it. You know to be different from the majority is to be conspicuous, which is just what you want to avoid.

But I wonder why you worry about your hair being short? It is probably very becoming, and so many girls are cutting their short nowadays. Why not wear a bandeau of metal ribbon and flowers, or tulle, around your hair in the evening—if it is becoming, of course.

THOSE QUEER GIRLS. Q.—Dear Miss Page: I would like to make a bit with a girl who lives near me. She is a sort of a funny kind of a girl. It's this way—if she feels in a good humor she will talk very nice to you, but if she is a little mad she even won't look at me. Will you please tell me how to work this out. I am madly in love with her—Herman.

A.—Most all girls are sort of funny kind of girls sometimes, Herman; that's one of the queer things about them. And the queerest part of it all is that usually when they act the funniest they are wishing the hardest that you would be nice to them! I don't wonder you are in despair over working it out.

But if you are really madly in love, you will just overlook her queerness and be nice to her when she will let you, and when she is a little mad and won't even look at you, just don't pay any attention to her—maybe it would even be wise to pay a little attention to her best friend—and first thing you know she will probably be as nice as can be again.

All inquiries addressed to Miss Page in care of the "What Shall I Do?" department of The Daily Ontario, will be answered in these columns in their turn. This requires considerable time, however, owing to the great number received. So if a personal or quicker reply is desired a stamped and self-addressed envelope must be enclosed with the question.—The Editor.

SLAIN BY HIGHWAYMAN Hamilton, Dec. 24.—With seven bullet wounds in the abdomen, F. J. Whitworth, a well known veterinary surgeon, of the Binbrook, is dying in the city hospital today as a result of being shot by one of two highwaymen who attacked him.

CUSHION FILLING. Raveled yarn from worn-out stockings and underwear, cut into bits, makes a soft filler for cushions. Use only bits that cannot be used for other purposes.

LINKING BELLEVILLE WOULD BE TOTALE

Belleville Chamber of Commerce Important Question Way Man's Opinion Enlist Aid of M. Cussed.

What steps to take to direct railway connection Belleville and Whitney absorbing problem that of attention of the directors Chamber of Commerce hour conference yesterday with a special committee of the Honor Judge Willis, Ketcheson, Engle, and Mr. J. D. MacMillan, provincial superintendent of the Canadian National Railway.

Jameson Bone, president of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, acted as chairman.

Links Almost Completed. His Honor Judge Willis strong plea for filling it yet uncompleted. The first was between Madoc Village, a distance of 6 1/2 miles, ready graded and over which were formerly operated. It was between Maynooth and a distance of 26 miles. Over the gap the steel had already laid as far as Wallace, or beyond Maynooth. Freight ran out that far several times. Of the 11 miles between Whitney the grading had been completed for about 9 miles. Row-gauge lumber tramway from Whitney that far to there remained only two to grade.

Would give employment Labor. Judge Willis thought should be undertaken at to give employment to The rock cuts and heavy to be overcome could we this winter when there were number of idle men who willing to work for moderate wages.

We should secure the co-operation of the members of parliament and district and construction of the direct route following the natural route and running the county town. Bagin be developed and stimulate the route. Train crews of Belleville and have just day's run to Whitney.

Restoration. Judge Willis reverted to restoration and urged once. Last September 17th had been burned over in Restoration was essential to provide us with timber, protect the sources of our power supply.

Mr. MacMillan Tells of Cost. Mr. J. D. MacMillan, an led upon, referred to the labor under in his dual citizen of Belleville and of railway corporation. He ever, present some figure the cost of the undertaking when we made application certain things done, it was that we should be in a state what the suggested ment would cost. Rail built for the people. Not the railways.

The distance from Madoc to Eldorado was approximately miles. There was a great feat to be overcome. A line there were six or seven that would have to be filled overhead bridge that would be rebuilt and a number that would require to be some places over the unbed. The fences were old grade was as much as old in places and would reduced. The track would be rehabilitated throughout. The cost of filling track sent prices for labor, materials supplies was estimated at \$45,000. Constructing roadbed \$127,500 of \$199,210.

He agreed that the cost was to advocate a through Belleville to Whitney. Mr. Bone, in agreement with Eldorado never pay of itself. The railways were connected and coordinating loose and there. Possibly these considered.

Passenger Trains Down. Mr. MacMillan did not

WEDDING BELLS

ROGERS—CHASE. A pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chase, Belleville, when their youngest daughter, Miss Edna, became the bride of Mr. Arthur Rogers, of Frankford, Ontario. Rev. D. Mounter officiating in the presence of about forty relatives and friends. The bride was charming in a gown of white satin and georgette. After congratulations and a sumptuous luncheon, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers accompanied by friends, motored to Coneseon, where they remained for Toronto and other western points, the bride travelling in a becoming suit of taupe with hat to match. On their return they will reside at the groom's home near Frankford.

HOW SHE KEEPS YOUNG. She never worries over the future or bemoans the past, but does the best she can each day and keeps herself sweet and cheerful. She begins each day with a cold bath, followed by a glass of cold or hot water. She sleeps eight hours and as often as possible two of them before midnight. She takes fifteen quiet minutes in a darkened room after luncheon. She eats three warm meals a day at regular hours. She is careful to spend at least an hour every day in the open air. She never rides where she can walk the distance comfortably. She doesn't waste her vitality in superfluous and energetic talking. She is neither self-centred nor family centred, but has a few fresh interests to keep her "alive" and thoughtful.

PICKLED APPLES. Pickled apples are as good a relish with meat as pickled peaches. Peel the apples, stick a few cloves in them and cook very gently in a syrup of sugar water and vinegar. Apples that will not break up are best.

A FAMILY EDUCATOR. Keep a map of Canada somewhere on the wall of your home if possible. It will be found a great educator for the family. If you can also have one of the globe all the better. Sometimes very good paper maps can be bought at small expense, and, when pasted on cotton with a strip of wood at each end, will last a long time.

COBURG TO GET ANOTHER FACTORY. Prospects are that in the New Year the branch factory of another United States concern will locate in Cobourg, as negotiations leading to the sale of a site in Cobourg have been in progress this week, and are expected to be concluded during the week. With an Imperial preference to goods made in Canada, a number of United States firms have located branch factories in Canada, and two of these have located in Cobourg during the past two years.

During the past year fines imposed in Sudbury Police Court amounted to \$48,048.50, and of these \$26,145.50 were paid.