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**LETTER FROM
SON IN EGYPT**

James Thomson With Royal
Engineers There - Wonderful
Work in the Great Desert

Mr. and Mrs. Hope A. Thomson, 819
Princess street, St. John, have three sons
"doing their bit" and the other day they
received the following letter from their
second son, who is an electrician in the
Royal Engineers in Egypt, telling of the
wonderful work done by the British in
their operations in the desert country:
Egypt, 30, 12, 16.

My Dear Father and Mother—

I received your letter of the 29th
November yesterday, and have just had
handed to me a parcel of papers which
I have not yet opened. Since writing
the last sentence I have had a look at
the Standard and find that it has been
to France before reaching me here, owing
to the address having become indis-
tinct. However, it has reached here all
right, none the worse for its visit to
another battle front. I see you have made
the poem "The Fool" for special at-
tention. I had just cut it from a home
paper the other day and added it to my
collection. I think it is very good. I
think that my last two letters to you
have been rather unfortunate. I posted
one, with some snapshots enclosed, about
the beginning of November. I think it
must have gone down with the "Ar-
abia." I also lost one to you because
the 30th ult and the 9th inst., as all cor-
respondence was lost between these
dates. It is awkward when the mails
get lost, as we are never certain until
we get a letter from home whether
they have gone by the unfortunate
boats.

I had to smile as you quoted in one
of your letters my father's correction
I had said that I was still in the "Land
of Promise," whereas Father says that
I am still in the "Land of Bondage."
Now I may have made a mistake in us-
ing the word "still," but to us out here
it has always seemed a difficult ques-
tion to really determine the line between
the lands of "Promise" and "Bondage,"
without having recourse to "terminologi-
cal inexactitudes." Of course you will
understand that pending decisive opera-

LOCAL NEWS

THE SAVINGS BANK
The savings bank returns here for
January were: Deposits \$22,075.64;
withdrawals, \$26,024.88.

A LITTLE SMALLER
The St. John bank clearings for the
week ending today amount to \$1,508,663,
and for the corresponding week last
year \$1,611,092.

A LARGE GAIN
The customs receipts for January
showed an increase of \$76,926.70 over
the corresponding month last year. They
were \$228,118.81, as compared with
\$161,192.11 in 1916.

DEATH OF A CHILD
Arenault of Pleasant Point will sym-
pathize with them in the death of their
infant son, Edward, which took place
yesterday, aged eight months. The fun-
eral will take place tomorrow morning
at 11 o'clock from his parents' residence.

SLEIGHING PARTY.
Their annual sleigh drive was held
last evening by the girls of T. McAulley
& Son's King street establishment. Mrs.
Wilfred Waldron acted as chaperone. Af-
ter an enjoyable drive the party returned
to Mrs. Waldron's home where refresh-
ments were served and music and dan-
cing indulged in.

PLEASANT SURPRISE
A pleasant surprise was tendered Mrs.
Charles Dyleman, at her home, 155 Lud-
low street, West End, last evening, when
relatives and friends called in honor
of her birthday. A very pleasant evening
was spent. Mrs. Dyleman was made
the recipient of a beautiful handker-
chief presented by her son, George Wallace,
on behalf of those present, with a few ap-
propriate words expressing the best
wishes from all for many happy returns
of the day, which Mrs. Dyleman fittingly
replied. Refreshments were served and
the gathering dispersed before mid-
night with the singing of the national
anthem.

**CANADIAN LAND
TO PAY BRITISH
DEBTS OF WAR?**

Imperial Development Board
May Buy Twelve Million
Acres in West

EMPIRE FARM PLAN

It is Conceived on a Vast Scale
Would Make Immense Profits
—Idea of Empire Resources
Committee

(Toronto Star.)

London, Jan. 29.—Is Canada willing
to see two hundred millions acres in
Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and
British Columbia developed forthwith by
British state money, to provide means of
paying off the empire war debt? This
stupendous proposition is put before the
public by the newly-formed Empire Re-
sources Committee, of which Lord Grey,
Lord Desborough, Lord Plymouth, Lord
Selbourne, Ruyard Kipling, Horace
Gibbins, Sir Leonard Starr Jameson,
Colonel Grant Morden, and Morton
Frewen, are members. Lord Milner,
gives the scheme his blessing and but-
for his membership of the war cabinet,
would be president.

The memorandum of the committee
suggests that an imperial development
board be formed by arrangement with
the Dominion of Canada for the purchase
of two million acres, of arable land in Al-
berta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and
British Columbia for, forty millions
sterling, paid by England at the rate of
ten millions yearly, on condition that the
Dominion government spends the whole
capital in immediate development of
lands. It is that of these
lands in such an "empire farm," will
specify reach 220 per acre, or, altogether,
to be a stationary army, and during the
last six months or so, as you will now
likely know, we have made one of the
most wonderful advances the world has
ever known. This, on paper, seems rather
a "tall" story, but in the Arabian
deserts where, but for an old time cam-
van track, the foot of man has never
trod, the statement is verified. When I
was at school I read of the deserts of
Egypt and of all the horrors pertaining
to them—thirst, starvation, sunstroke,
&c., &c., always ending up with val-
tures.

You will see by all this that we have
good reason to be elated over our vic-
tory, which has not cost us more than
1,000 casualties, with a small percentage
of killed, while the enemy's must be
over 20,000, half of which, or nearly so,
have been made prisoners. This esti-
mate includes, of course, the battles of
Katia, Duldar, Romani and all the dif-
ferent little skirmishes up to the attain-
ing of our objective. In our latest
"scrap" the enemy lost over three thou-
sand, and while our losses were—well what
do you think? Seventy all told! This
shows the thoroughness of the cam-
paign on our side. Every little detail seems
to be carefully weighed up until the
word "chance" is eliminated from all es-
timate, and the word "certainty" sub-
stituted. I would not have you think,
however, that it has been all plain sail-
ing, for we have, as you know, been
working hard and fighting strongly in a
climate which is foreign to us, and sur-

**"NO BOND ISSUES,"
MAYOR SAYS AGAIN**

Restates His Attitude Toward
Expenditures on Capital Ac-
count—City Commissioners in
Session

At a meeting of the common council,
in committee, this morning, Mayor
Hayes reaffirmed his determination to
oppose the issue of bonds except when
absolutely necessary or when demanded
by the citizens.

Commissioner Fisher was given au-
thority to buy a steam engine and the
council and Commissioner McLellan was
authorized to purchase thirty-one tons
of coal at the present market price.

An amendment to the sidewalk occu-
pation act was approved and recom-
mended to council.

Mayor Hayes presided and Commis-
sioners McLellan, Fisher and Russell
and the common clerk were present.

The first business was a recommenda-
tion by Commissioner Fisher that the
National Drug Company be given per-
mission to open Mill street to make a
connection between the water main and
their new sprinkler system. He ad-
vised the conditions that the team should
be used to soften the material in making
the back fill and that they make a de-
posit sufficient to cover the cost of
permanent repairs to the granite pave-
ment. It was decided to allow the mat-
ter to stand over until the commissioner
of water and sewerage returns.

Commissioner Fisher moved that he
be given authority to sell the old steam
engine at the asphalt plant and pur-
chase and install a new fifty horsepower
engine at an estimated cost of about
\$500. The recommendation was adopt-
ed.

A recommendation for authority to
sell three horses and purchase three
others, presented by the commissioner of
public works, was adopted.

An expression of opinion on the sub-
ject of issuing bonds for permanent
pavement was asked for by Commis-
sioner Fisher.

The mayor said that he felt that he
could not vote for such bond issues un-
less there is a very strong demand from
the people affected. If the citizens come
in sufficient numbers and ask for pay-
ments, he would consider the matter,
otherwise he could not vote for any bond
issues.

Commissioner McLellan reported that
thirty-one tons of coal are required for
the police department, the shortage being
due to the fact that the successful ten-
derer last year did not understand that
his department supply was included in
his contract. The contract price was
\$9.50, and he now must pay \$12.75. He
was given authority to make the pur-
chase.

Commissioner Fisher presented his
report calling for amendments to the
law regulating sidewalk openings, as
suggested by the city solicitor. It was
approved and recommended to council.

The amended section is as follows:
"Sec. 5.—Nothing in this act shall em-
power the city to make charges for or
except in case of danger to the public
using the surface of any public street, to
fill in or order the filling in of any ex-
cavation, vault or other construction in
any public street, which shall have been
in actual use and stably connected with
the surface of the street for upwards of
twenty years, without payment of any
charge or rental to the said city, and
without any permission from the said
city, but the said city may at any time
excavate, vault or other underground
construction."

**YOUNG MONCTON
MAN IS KILLED**

Basil Hennessy, Brakeman on a
Train in Maine—J. N. Rushton
III

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 1.—Basil O. Hen-
nessy, aged twenty-two, son of Thomas
Hennessy, J. P. of Irishtown, was killed
while working on the Maine Central, ac-
cording to telegram received by his father.
He was well known in Moncton, having
been formerly employed in the I. C. R.
mechanic shops. He enlisted in the 80th
Battalion, but for some disability was
unable to go overseas. Last August he
was in the city on leave from the said
P. C. G. R. locomotive fireman, Moncton,
and four sisters, Sister Mary Benedic-
ta of St. Mary's convent, Haverhill,
Mass., Annie, in Boston; Gertrude,
of the C. G. R. general office staff, and
Beatrice at home.

Douglas Rushton, of Moncton, has re-
ceived a telegram stating his brother,
John Northrup Rushton, who left Moncton
in 1877 for the United States, is seriously
ill in Superior, Arizona, where he is
employed by a large contracting firm.

**MISSION CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of the Mission
Church was held last evening, but on ac-
count of illness, the Rev. J. V. Young,
pastor in charge, was unable to attend,
so Mr. Schofield acted as chairman.

Reports were read from the treasurer
and the different guilds and societies, all
of which seemed prosperous. A small de-
ficit was almost wiped out by generous
contributions, and increased offerings
were reported for the last year. The
pastor's report showed 414 celebrations
of the Holy Eucharist, seventy-five bap-
tisms, eight marriages, thirteen bar-
mitzvas and twenty-four con-
firmations. An increase of \$200 to the salary
of the priest was voted.

Songs were sung by Messrs. Clarke and
Lattimer and a duet by Miss Alder and
Master Horsman, after which a playlet
from Barnaby Rudge was presented.

roundings which reek of diseases of the
village type.

With the results I have shown, am I
exaggerating, then, when I say that it is
one of the most wonderful, if not the
most wonderful advance of the world of
our time here as hastily taken notice of.
A hundred yards advance in France, un-
der home weather conditions, is given
seven columns in the home papers, while
a hundred miles in desert sand and heat,
by the troops who went through Hell's
fire on Gallipoli is given a four lines
paragraph in a "Household Page" or
a "Children's Corner." Our troops who
have gone from here to France have
entered themselves with glory, why don't
they send all of us there.

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