

HOW TO INCREASE ASSESSMENTS AND YET PLEASE PEOPLE

Brantford Commissioner Tells of His Plan.

CLAIMS IT IS SUCCESS

Less Than Fifty Appeals Being Entered in Six Years.

A. G. Ludlow, assessment commissioner of Brantford, in an interesting address before the members of the chamber of commerce at noon today in the Trenchum House, explained the system used in Brantford, which in the last six years has increased the assessment of that city one million dollars. Less than 50 appeals were entered by citizens in that time.

Mr. Ludlow explained that all land was assessed at its actual value, the buildings up to 65 per cent of value. The assessors thought was their value. In arriving at house values the speaker stated that the assessors measured right around the outside of the house and then multiplied the total by the height of the building, adding six feet for a building that was totally unvalued underneath. A certain multiple was then used to arrive at the assessed value. In Brantford the multiple for cheaper or rougher class buildings was 3, and ran up to 14. The multiple for factories ranged from 10 to 15, and for houses at 20.

Improvements Costly.—A house of 3000 extra if it had a hot water heating system. If the house contained a bath tub, another \$100 was added to its value, and still another \$100 was tacked on for each additional bath. In other words it cost extra to keep clean. In Brantford 35 per cent of the houses had "modern improvements."

A veranda seven feet wide had its width multiplied by two and to this a fourth was added. The assessment being therefore \$140, an eight-foot affair would be assessed at \$160. It was easy to classify the various types of houses. In London there were about ten classes, and the multiple system could be used in every case.

In speaking of depreciations in value Mr. Ludlow stated that the penalty should be put on the man who let his place go. "Don't add to the assessment of a man who has let his place go and keeps it in good repair. Get after the chap who never spends a cent in improvements. That is the way we do it in Brantford," he said.

Tax Idle Land Heavily.—Mr. Ludlow stated that from the assessment report he had received several years ago from London, this city had 6072 vacant lots in its area of 6000 acres. The remedy of the vacant lot problem was assessment at its full value if not a little beyond. "Put it at a price where the owners will tell you that they would sell for less. There is one firm or more in your city who own 75 lots. If you over-assess him he will get busy and build." He advised the city not to be in a hurry to take in new subdivisions.

Mr. Ludlow told of a Brantford scheme in which a man had bought a factory building and rented them to firms at 8 per cent of the building cost for five years, with an option of buying. They had borrowed the money at 5 per cent. Some 2500 people would have work in the four new factories thus acquired.

VICTORIA BOARD TO CONTROL DESTINY OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Committee Recommends This To City Council.

Approval of the proposed children's hospital being placed under the direction of the Victoria Hospital board of trustees was given by No. 1 committee of the city council Wednesday, and a recommendation to this effect made to the council.

This is but a minor step in this big project, but is an indication that it is progressing. The selection of a site has still to be made public, but it is expected a decision on this will be reached soon, if the place is not already chosen.

Members of the committee were confident that the plan would be approved, not only by Londoners, but throughout the whole district. Aid Cunningham thought that people throughout Western Ontario would be glad to contribute to the upkeep of the institution, just as many Londoners make yearly contributions to the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital.

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HAMILTON MINISTER ACCEPTS CALL FROM LONDON METHODISTS

Rev. William Sparling To Succeed Dr. R. G. Peever.

HAMILTON, Jan. 29.—Rev. William Sparling, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church here has accepted a call to First Methodist Church, London. He also had an invitation from Douglas Church, Montreal.

COMES IN 1921.—J. H. Chapman, recording secretary of First Methodist Church had not received notification of Mr. Sparling's acceptance of the call until the morning of Jan. 29. Mr. Chapman stated and Mr. Sparling, if he has accepted the call, will succeed him. Mr. Chapman said that he was expecting official word from the Hamilton pastor to the effect that he would accept the local call extended by the London church.

IMPROVEMENT NEEDED IN HEATING OF PRINCESS AVE. SCHOOL; NOW INADEQUATE

Advisory Committee Will Discuss Plans at Tonight's Meeting.

A change in the heating of the old Princess avenue school, now used as a commercial high school, will be considered by the commercial advisory committee of the city, which met at 8 o'clock tonight. The public school accommodation provided by this building was replaced by the new school, which is now being built. Before building that school estimates were made on remodeling the Princess avenue school and changing the heating system, which was entirely inadequate. It was found that the cost would be about \$40,000. This was considered more than the building was worth, and it was decided to build a new school.

"FATHER AND SON" WEEK POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

Although it was decided at a meeting composed of representatives of all the churches in the city, held a few weeks ago, to celebrate "Father and Son Week" during the first week of February, the event has been postponed indefinitely. This step became necessary because of the many activities being carried on by the different denominations at the present time. Extensive preparations were being made, especially by the Y. and a big program of events had been drawn up for the week. One of the biggest things in the program was to be the holding of a Father and Son banquet in the armory. The purpose of the week was to be the creation of a closer relationship between the fathers and sons of the city. The forward movement and the holding of the week, however, are occupying all the attention of the churches.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DEATH OF DAVID EVANS.

David Evans, formerly a druggist in the employ of the National Drug Company in this city, was buried in Toronto Tuesday. The deceased, who was a native of Wales, was well known in London, having resided here for a number of years. He returned only a short time ago from a visit to the old country. His death was due to pneumonia.

DEATH OF MRS. LEGG.

Mrs. Martha Legg died at her home, 700 Oxford street, at midnight Wednesday. Mrs. Legg, who was 64 years of age, was born in England. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Legg, two sons, Charles and Stanley, and two daughters, Mrs. J. Buchanan and Miss Vera, who all reside in London. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery.

BURIED AT DORCHESTER.

The funeral of Frederick Cook, who died Sunday, was held Wednesday afternoon from his home, 550 Hamilton road to Dorchester Union Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. A. C. Rinzman, pastor of the Baptist Church. The pall-bearers were: Leonard Marsh, Robert Curwell, John Tappin and Herbert Barrows.

BURIED AT STRATHROY.

The funeral of John Leigh, who died in Speedwell Hospital on Tuesday night, was held in Strathroy this afternoon. The members of the G. W. V. A. and the Orange Lodge of which he was a member, attended the funeral in a body.

John Leigh was reported to have been a resident of this city, and that his wife lives at 800 King street, but this was denied by J. W. Cunliffe, secretary of the local command of the G. W. V. A. who said that his home was in Strathroy, and that he and his wife lived here only temporarily during the war.

WRECK VICTIMS KNOWN HERE.

Mrs. Pedin, who with her two young sons was killed in the C. P. R. wreck at North Bay, relative of William Ellis, 442 Ridout street, and his daughter, Mrs. Dobbie, Miss McLaughlin, Mrs. Pedin's niece, who was injured, is also related to Mrs. Dobbie. She is now in hospital at North Bay. Mr. Dobbie has gone to North Bay, and will bring her to London as soon as she is able to travel. Two sons of the Pedin family were killed in France, and the father is now the only surviving member.

LEAVES FOR NORTH BAY

TO OPEN NEW INQUEST INTO WRECK ON C. P. R.

Toronto, Jan. 29.—Dr. Julian London has been sent by the attorney-general's department to North Bay to rust a further inquiry into the wreck on the Canadian Pacific Railway at North Bay. A view to probing further into what was the railway's fault to prevent the collision. The attorney-general's action is based on dissatisfaction with the findings of the coroner's jury exonerating the railway employees from all blame.

TO COLLECT BYLAWS

OF CITY INTO VOLUME

London's numerous bylaws may be collected in one volume this year and printed. If they are gone over thoroughly, revised and consolidated, the work will cost seven or eight thousand dollars. If they are merely printed as they stand, without revisions and insertions of amendments made at later dates, the work will cost only seven or eight hundred dollars. The proposition will be considered with the estimates.

DEATH RESULTS FROM AN ACCIDENT WHILE SKATING

Brantford, Jan. 29.—John Couch of Brantford, while on a visit to this city went skating on a local rink. He sustained a double fracture of the leg. Amputation was forced, and this morning he passed away at the local hospital.

NEWS

BRITISH MAIL TONIGHT

Great Britain for letters and registered mail only will close tonight at 10 o'clock. It was announced at the local postoffice this morning.

RIVERVIEW WINS.—In the School Hockey League games yesterday Riverview boys beat Wootley road by a score of 8 to 2. Ernie Boug being the shining star for the victors.

CARD PARTY TONIGHT.—The prizes for the card party that has been carried on during the month by the G. W. V. A. will be awarded this evening when a social and card party will be held in the rooms on Queen's avenue.

HEARINGS INCREASE.—Bank clearances for the week just ended show an increase of \$74,690 over the corresponding week of last year. The clearances for the week were \$3,142,221, while the figures for last year were \$3,067,531.

WILL INSPECT UNITS.—Brig. Gen. H. A. Panet will inspect the smaller units at Carling Heights Friday morning and the Princess Patricia's Regiment during Saturday morning. This will be the first inspection of the latter unit since it came to London about two weeks ago.

DATES CHANGED.—Word was received this morning by the G. W. V. A. from its headquarters that the provincial convention will be held in Peterborough on March 15 and 16, instead of on March 10, 11 and 12, as was announced here. The Dominion convention will be held in Montreal starting on March 22.

SERVE-SELF SUPPER.—A novel supper will be served on the help-self plan in St. Peter's Hall Saturday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock, followed by dancing until twelve. Admission will be free, and the public is invited to the event which is being held under the auspices of the Cheerio Club for the benefit of city orphan.

TO PRESENT STARS.—The presentation of about twenty eight veterans of 1914 and 1915 will take place at Carling Heights on Saturday morning. The soldiers are still in the uniform, and Brig. Gen. H. A. Panet will make the presentation. The decorations are the same as other veterans have received who served in the first and second contingents.

ACTION DISMISSED.—Judgment has been handed down in the case of Butler vs. Left, which was heard at the December session of the county court. Dismissing the action with costs, and allowing a counter-claim of \$100. Peter Butler was suing William Left because of the alleged non-performance of a contract. Butler claimed that Left was to have delivered a carload of junk to him.

MACHINE GUNNERS' SMOKER.—A smoking concert will be given by the Canadian Machine Gun Brigade in the armory tonight, at 8 p.m. Some members of the G. W. V. A. Band have kindly volunteered their services, and a good musical program is assured. Cards will be played and refreshments served. All machine gunners and all interested are cordially invited to attend. A large attendance is expected.

MONEY ORDERS STILL SOLD.—Money orders payable in the United States are still being issued by the post offices throughout the country, although the exchange rate has reached eleven and a quarter per cent. According to local officials, there is only a small demand for them. Some weeks ago the sale of money orders was stopped by the department, when the rate of exchange reached ten per cent, but was resumed when it dropped to eight.

SITTING EXAMINATIONS.—Examinations for Canadian military service clerks are now being held at Carling Heights, and about fourteen candidates are writing. Those successful will be placed in permanent positions on the headquarters staff. Several of these writings are returned soldiers. Others are civilians who have been attached to the divisional headquarters for some time. The results will be announced early next week.

COMBINE BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.—Suburban roads and the proposed provincial highway will be brought to the attention of Premier-elect E. C. Drury and Hon. F. C. Biegan, minister of public works, if they come to the city next month. Members of the city council will tender a banquet delegates from Western Ontario boards of trade, who will meet here and will take advantage of the opportunity to discuss these questions with the Government representatives.

THE JAIL HOSPITAL.—The county jail continues to be used as a hospital, and the people's homes are being used for the incurables, etc. The three influenza patients are reported as doing fairly well. The tubercular patient is still in a very serious condition. The diphtheria patient is reported progressing favorably. Alfred Patterson, an aged man, is in good spirits, but is not able to be about on account of paralysis. Outside of that, all is well at the castle.

MEN'S SUPPER.—A Methodist men's supper will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock in the First Methodist Church under the auspices of the London city council of finance, in connection with the Methodist national campaign, of which Henry Pocock is chairman and Gordon Ingram secretary. The supper will be given by the Rev. J. W. Gorman, D.D., and J. H. Gundy of Toronto. All finance, captains and team workers of the local Methodist churches are expected to be present.

WHO HAS BABY CARRIAGES?—There are two tiny, brand-new babies, whose mothers are soldiers' wives, and they aren't going to have a real baby's life unless someone will discover baby carriages for them, the kind in which these small citizens can lie down and kick as much as they like. The soldiers' aid commission is making the appeal for the baby carriages, and says that they must be procured at once. If anyone has a carriage to offer, please communicate with the soldiers' aid commission.

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIED.—TOWNE—On Jan. 28, 1920, at her late residence, 223 Greenwood avenue, Detroit, Mrs. beloved wife of Clarence E. Towne. Funeral notice later.

TEACHERS OPEN CAMPAIGN TO ENFORCE DEMANDS

Chicago, Jan. 29.—The Chicago Teachers Federation today began a campaign for "health, decency and efficiency" wages for elementary teachers, by delegating to its board of managers authority which would make possible the calling of a strike to enforce the demands. The action followed the decision of the board of education to fix the maximum salary of grade teachers at \$2,000 a year. The teachers insist the minimum salaries should be \$1,200 with a maximum of \$2,000, reached after nine years' service. Approximately six thousand teachers met and approved the program.

NEW YORK

Jones, Easton, McCallum Company, Royal Bank Building, report fluctuations in New York stocks for the week ending Jan. 28, 1920.

Trunk Lines and

Grangers—Open High, Low, 1 p.m. Baltimore & Ohio, 31 1/4 31 1/4 31 1/4 Erie, com., 12 1/2 12 1/2 12 1/2 Erie, 1st pd., 10 1/2 10 1/2 10 1/2 New Haven, 25 1/2 25 1/2 25 1/2 New York Central, 38 38 38 38 St. Paul, 38 38 38 38

Atchison, com., 32 1/2

Canadian Pacific, 127 1/2 127 1/2 127 1/2 Northern Pacific, 75 75 75 75 Southern Pacific, 99 1/2 99 1/2 99 1/2 Union Pacific, 122 1/2 122 1/2 122 1/2 Frisco Railway, 18 1/2 18 1/2 18 1/2

Coalers—

Norfolk & West., 95 95 95 95 Pennsylvania, 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2 Reading Railway, 75 75 75 75 Industrial, 111 1/2 111 1/2 111 1/2 A. International, 111 1/2 111 1/2 111 1/2 Allis-Chalmers, 49 1/2 49 1/2 49 1/2 American Can., 10 1/2 10 1/2 10 1/2 American Hide, 25 1/2 25 1/2 25 1/2 Am. Locomotive, 90 1/2 90 1/2 90 1/2 Am. Smelters, 68 1/2 68 1/2 68 1/2 American Steel, 44 1/2 44 1/2 44 1/2 American Wire, 15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2 Atlantic Gulf, 10 1/2 10 1/2 10 1/2 Baldwin Loco., 117 1/2 117 1/2 117 1/2 Central Leather, 9 1/2 9 1/2 9 1/2 Corn Products, 55 1/2 55 1/2 55 1/2 Col. Fuel & Iron, 40 1/2 40 1/2 40 1/2 DuPont, 68 1/2 68 1/2 68 1/2 General Electric, 168 1/2 168 1/2 168 1/2 General Motors, 229 1/2 229 1/2 229 1/2 Goodrich, 100 1/2 100 1/2 100 1/2 G. Northern Ore., 39 1/2 39 1/2 39 1/2 Inter. Paper, 85 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 Inter. Nickel, 24 1/2 24 1/2 24 1/2 Marine, com., 40 1/2 40 1/2 40 1/2 Marine, pd., 37 1/2 37 1/2 37 1/2 People's Gas, 40 1/2 40 1/2 40 1/2 Studebaker, 103 1/2 103 1/2 103 1/2 U. S. Rubber, 125 1/2 125 1/2 125 1/2 Westinghouse, 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2 Willys-Overland, 28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2 Worthington, 93 1/2 93 1/2 93 1/2

ANACONDA COPPER, 61 1/2

Chino Copper, 27 1/2 27 1/2 27 1/2 Inspiration, 26 1/2 26 1/2 26 1/2 Nevada Cons., 16 1/2 16 1/2 16 1/2 Potosi Copper, 15 1/2 15 1/2 15 1/2 Utah Copper, 75 1/2 75 1/2 75 1/2

Oils—

Mex. Petroleum, 198 1/2 198 1/2 198 1/2 Pan-American, 93 1/2 93 1/2 93 1/2 Sinclair Oil, 42 1/2 42 1/2 42 1/2 Texas Oil, 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 Trans. Oil, 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2

STEELS—

Crucible Steel, 224 1/2 224 1/2 224 1/2 Lackawanna, 85 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2 Republic Iron, 115 1/2 115 1/2 115 1/2 Rose-Helmold, 78 1/2 78 1/2 78 1/2 U. S. Steel, 108 1/2 108 1/2 108 1/2

BONDS—

Anglo-French 5 1/2 5 1/2 5 1/2 Sales to 1 p.m. 100 shares.

January White Sale

Closes Saturday

Friday and Saturday, however, you will find abundant stocks of fresh, new merchandise, specially priced, so that you will select just as advantageously at the closing hour as at the opening. Many lines are marked less for final clearing. The list of prices below will demonstrate that for tomorrow we are especially well prepared with plentiful supplies of good, inexpensive offerings. Not only are the usual, practical and essential every-day things to be found in the midwinter sale of white, but also all the novelties, the little, unexpected garments for unusual occasions, are here in all sizes.

Mid-Winter SALE of WHITE

LADIES' GOWNS, slipover styles, made of splendid quality cottons and nainsook, trimmed with pretty laces and embroideries. January White Sale prices ranging from 89c to \$10.50

LADIES' PETTICOATS, made of splendid quality white cotton, ruffles trimmed with hem-stitched tucks, embroidery or lace. January White Sale prices ranging from 89c to \$7.75

LADIES' DRAWERS, made of good quality white cotton, trimmed with lace or embroidery, open or closed styles. January White Sale prices ranging from 75c to \$3.50

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LADIES' CORSET COVERS of fine quality cotton and nainsook, trimmed with lace and embroidery. January White Sale prices ranging from 50c to \$3.75

Whitewear Specials in Girls' Section

GIRLS' DRAWERS, made of good quality flannelette, edge trimmed with lace, sizes 4 to 14 years. January White Sale price 75c

GIRLS' BLOOMERS, made of grey flannelette, finished at knee with elastic, sizes 4 to 12 years. January White Sale price 50c

GIRLS' PYJAMAS, made of splendid quality striped flannelette, made in one and two piece styles, sizes 4 to 16 years. January White Sale prices ranging \$2.00 to \$4.00

GIRLS' GOWNS, made of good quality white flannelette, sizes 4 to 16 years. Prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$2.50

Midseason Millinery For Present Wear

A group of interesting new hats has just arrived in the millinery salon. They are for present wear, the time of the season when one becomes a little tired of their winter hat, here is a pleasing change. These smart little models usher in the spirit of a new season, so different from the winter models. Especially smart are the hats of satin and silk, many combined with the new straws, wings and berries—ribbons and flowers are deftly employed as trimmings.

See these now in Millinery Section.

Valentine Cut-Outs

See These at Stationery Counter.

Material for making lace valentines for the children. You will find it very interesting to see what attractive valentines you can design. One box of material will make a great number. The school children will appreciate this box of valentine cut-outs. Envelopes are also in each box to fit the valentines. Price, per box, 35c

Afternoon Tea

SPECIAL—3 TO 5.30.

Endive and lettuce salad with Thousand Island dressing, thin bread and butter and cup of tea or coffee 40c
Fried oysters, buttered toast and cup of tea or coffee 45c
Buckwheat Pancakes with maple syrup, 15c
Fourth Floor.

January White Sale

Grill Service, Restaurant—Planked Steaks, etc.

KOLCHAK SURRENDERS TO SAVE WHOLE ARMY

Gave Himself Up On Advice of General Janin.

London, Jan. 29.—Admiral Kolchak's surrender to Siberian revolutionists was authorized by Gen. Janin of the Czech army, who was placed in command of all allied troops west of Irkutsk on January 19, by Kolchak's order, says a Harbin dispatch to the Daily Mail.

A profound sensation was caused throughout the Far East by the report that Kolchak had given up, says the message, which was filed at Harbin on Monday and one Russian general has stated that Gen. Janin has been ordered to take command of the army.

Semenoff have formed a league the object of which is to save Janin's blood. Gen. Janin's explanation is awaited, but it is known that Czech reports on the situation at Irkutsk which have been telegraphed to Gen. Janin at Verkhneindinsk induced him to consent to Kolchak's surrender. The Czechs claim the choice lay between surrendering one man and a conflict in which they were likely to be completely annihilated.

SHIP'S DOCTORS CLAIM ABSENCE OF LIQUORS HAMPERED 'FLU' FIGHT

Cunard Liner Takes On Supply At Plymouth.

Plymouth, Eng., Jan. 29.—Influenza raged on board the Cunard line steamer, Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, during her passage here from New York, whence she sailed on January 17. The steamer arrived here today 24 hours late because of encountering a hurricane.

There were 60 cases of influenza among the passengers and crew, three of the patients developing pneumonia, from which one, a third-class passenger, died last evening. It was declared on the steamer that the absence of stimulants on the ship, which was sailing "dry," had hampered the surgeons in fighting the prevalent diseases. A supply of spices and medicinal stores was taken on board here before the steamer proceeded for Cherbourg and Liverpool.

SOCIETY HAS NEGLECTED TO SEEK SOLUTION OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

Montreal, Jan. 29.—"If we had as clear an idea about economic as we have about locomotion, for instance, we would have had the most stupendous changes in society already," declared Professor Scott Nearing of the Rand School of Social Service, New York, in an address here last night. In human society there were three stages, he said. First, when men took from nature what

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