



NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

CITY HALL NOTES

The board of control is to be requested to call a public meeting to discuss ways and means of campaigning against German trade.

Official Arbitrator Drayton heard a claim yesterday made by McGill Brothers & Co., who ask damages thru the erection of the Don bridge.

Mayor Church was informed yesterday that Givens Street School is now ready for troops. It is expected that Jesse Ketchum School will be ready in a month.

A printed appeal signed by the heads of the various civic departments has been sent to each civic employe asking for co-operation in the City of Toronto Employees' War Relief Fund.

Work is being commenced in connection with the assessing of Toronto, and the assessors are busy receiving income returns and revising the land assessment. It is expected they will be ready to commence their rounds by March 1.

ASSESSMENT IS NEAR SIX HUNDRED MILLION

Commissioner's Report Shows Increase of Twenty-Three Millions Over Last Year.

DECREASE IN POPULATION Only Two Parcels of Land Were Sold for Taxes, the Proceeds Giving Profit.

In his annual report for the year just closed, Assessment Commissioner Forman gives the assessment of the city for the year 1916 as \$589,036,455, an increase over 1915 of \$23,736,161, or 4.2 per cent. This is made up as follows:

Land ..... \$ 7,971,424  
Buildings ..... 13,479,271  
Business assessment ..... 1,373,603  
Income ..... 911,853

The great increase was in ward four, where it amounted to \$4,969,781, while the smallest was in ward seven, \$1,412,745.

The population is given as 463,705, a decrease of 5446.

Companies assessments are given as follows: Toronto Railway Company, \$4,410,022; Consumers' Gas Company, \$5,229,077; Toronto Electric Light Company, \$2,097,389; Bell Telephone Company, \$2,820,071; G. N. W. Telegraph Company, \$146,537; C. P. B. Telegraph Company, \$181,134; Dominion Telegraph Company, \$2,119; Grand Trunk Railway Company, \$10,521,423; Canadian Pacific and Ontario and Quebec Railways, \$9,392,569; Canadian Northern Railway, \$1,318,441; Toronto and Niagara and Western Railway, \$4,500; Toronto Power Company, \$288,558; Toronto and York Radial Railway, \$381,488; Toronto and Suburban Railway, \$56,330; Interurban Electric Company, \$48,127.

The amount entered on the tax rolls for local improvements for 1915 is given as \$1,465,272.67. Only two parcels of property were sold during the year for taxes, the amount realized being \$62.50. The tax arrears on these amounted to \$48.14, the sale giving the city a profit of \$14.36.

The amount paid on account of land damages and for land acquired for civic purposes was \$478,815.24. The exemptions total \$81,527,833.

HYDRO RAILWAY ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Hydro-Electric Railway Association will be held in Toronto Feb. 18. On the evening of the previous day a banquet to the executive committee in honor of Sir Adam Beck will be given.

**MORE FIRE DEPARTMENT TROUBLE THREATENING**  
Sensation is Hinted at for Next Meeting of the City Council.

**CITIZENS PROTESTING**  
Ratepayers Will Gather at Broadview Y. M. C. A. on Saturday Evening.

More investigations, more charges, more of everything connected with the Toronto Fire Department is the talk one hears at the city hall and around the city as a result of Fire Chief Smith's action in reducing Alex. Gunn. No person has come out with any charges, no one has said he will move for an investigation, but there is evidently something of a startling nature to be heard when council meets again. It therefore would seem that a considerable portion of council's time will be devoted to fire department matters, even though it was expected the whole controversy was ended when the present chief was appointed.

Mr. Sam McBride stated yesterday that complaint had been made over the amount of time last year's council spent on the subject, and added that further time might well be spent until proper reorganization had taken place.

The alderman was disappointed at some of the promotions and suggested that council should find out why they have been made.

Mr. Ramsden put it this way: "What the city wanted was reorganization, not reorganization." So strong is the public feeling in the eastern section of the city against the action of the chief that a meeting was held in the Broadview Y.M.C.A. to decide as to what should be done. It is stated that a large body of representative citizens, including some twenty who are very well known, intend that the matter should be allowed to rest until an explanation has been made.

EASTERN EXHIBITION ENTRANCE IS COMING

Indications point towards a speedy agreement regarding the eastern entrance to the Exhibition grounds, and the officials have come to such an understanding that everything is proceeding satisfactorily. Yesterday, President Oliver had a very satisfactory interview with Manager Fleming of the Toronto Street Railway in reference to diverting a portion of the street car traffic down Spadina ave. to King street. As soon as the steel for his bridge over Bathurst street is on hand it is expected work will commence.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

Crown's Chief Witness Never Made Set With Arthur Polly.

Brought up on a charge of keeping a common betting house at 171 East King street, Arthur Polly was honorably acquitted by Col. Denison in the police court yesterday, the crown's chief witness swearing that he had made a bet in his life with Mr. Polly.

Frank Ward, accused of being drunk and in possession of a dangerous weapon, was also discharged, the judge being unable to show how a conviction could be found in a place that could not exist.

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Every fourth person you meet has catarrh. It begins with running at the nose, the result of catching cold. If neglected it soon becomes chronic. Then it passes to the throat, the stomach, the bowels. It causes asthma, deafness, huskiness, hoarseness; it sets up dyspepsia and bowel troubles—there is no end to the dangers of catarrh.

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VENO'S LIGHTNING COUGH CURE

PLAYS, PICTURES AND MUSIC

"OMAR, THE TENTMAKER."

Richard Walton Tully's stupendous Persian love-play, "Omar, the Tentmaker," with Guy Bates Post in the title role, is scheduled to return to the Alexandra Theatre next week, commencing Monday night. The story is a fantastic one of the ever-popular "Arabian Nights" type, depicting the adventures that befall Omar Khayyam in his quest for love, for reunion with his sweetheart, who is lost from him for many years, and for the safety of his daughter. Many characters are introduced in the unfolding of the tale, and the action is compact with quick surprises, violent deaths, marvelous escapes and heroic sacrifices. The settings were all designed by Mr. Tully in conjunction with Wilfred Buckland, late art director for David Belasco. Seats are all selling for all performances.

"IN OLD KENTUCKY."

To paraphrase a little, "Of all the plays we love so well, there's none like 'Old Kentucky,'" or at least, so it would seem from the number of times the play has been seen in the larger cities, and the enthusiastic welcome that has always greeted it on each visit. "In Old Kentucky," written over twenty-four years ago by C. T. Dazey, has pleased more theatre-goers than any drama now current, unless it should be the late Denham Thompson's historical New England drama, "The Old Homestead." To the victor belongs the spoils, so "In Old Kentucky" has rolled up untold profits during the twenty-one years of continuous presentation on the American stage. "In Old Kentucky" is the attraction at the Grand next week.

SHEA'S THEATRE.

For next week the Shea management offers as the headline attraction the charming singing comedienne, Jessie Wynne, popularly known as "Lady Dimples," in a repertoire of bright, clever songs. Craig Campbell, the distinguished lyric tenor, who appeared here with Emma Trentini in "The Firefly," has a splendid voice, of remarkable purity and range. Ryan and Tierney are two clever young men, who sing and dance and tell stories. Billie Burke's "Tango Shoes" is a unique novelty, that contains a genuine surprise. The Seven Colonial Belles have a refined musical offering, while John B. Hymer's rural comedy, "Tim-town Junction," is said to be very amusing. Ted and Ethel Dooley, comedy cyclists; Frear, Baggett and Frear, and the Kinetograph, with new features, complete the bill.

THE HIPPODROME.

The sensational musical comedy sketch, "The Mari and the Girls," headlines a bright bill at the Hippodrome next week. Fascinating song and dance features, clever comedians and handsome scenic effects combine to make this offering unusually attractive. Emily Stevens will make her first film appearance at the Hippodrome next week in the latest Metro release, "The House of Tears." "Back Home" is the title of the rural comedy sketch in which John P. Rogers and Mark Hart will be featured as the special extra attraction. Stoddard and Eyles will offer their amusing sketch, "The Absentminded Professor," while Jean Moore is a dainty singing comedienne. Dunn and Stevens, in a musical melange; Bertie Ford, a genuine surprise, and a feature film comedies, complete the bill.

LOEW'S THEATRE.

"The Evil Hour," a gripping dramatic playlet by William Anthony McGuire, author of "The Devil," with Harry Lincoln and Company, will be the big headline at Loew's Yonge Street Theatre for the entire coming week, topping a big bill. It is a tale of stage life, with a pretty leading lady, young and innocent, lured to the rooms of the backer of the show, but who is saved by Satan. "The Evil Hour," midnight. Elsie White, new star, will offer a repertoire of new song hits and some songs written exclusively for her. Others on the program will include Ford and "Truly," two chums in vaudeville; Brown, Fletcher and Co., presenting a story in song, "Christmas Eve"; The Four Casting Mellors, aerialists, and others.

"MIDNIGHT MAIDENS."

The "Midnight Maidens," the one distinctly different burlesque show on the Columbia Circuit, comes to the Gayety Theatre commencing Monday. The "Midnight Maidens" is away from the beaten path, with new faces and new environment, offering a distinctly new brand of comedy, music and dances. A cast of unusual excellence is offered, headed by Mr. Pete Curley, Harry Brooks, Billy Walsh, Frank Lynch, Tony Shane, Bob Calvert, Ed. Bialand, Norma Bell, Rose Kessner, Jean Leonard and a chorus of sprightly Fred Briers and Jimmy Francis. These entertainers will be seen in two laughable travesties, "Lizzie the Detective" and "A Night in Paris."

"MONTE CARLO GIRLS."

A show in every particular will be offered at the Star Theatre Monday, when the "Monte Carlo Girls" take the stage for the usual period. This aggressive burlesque patrons one of the most joyous entertainments they will get this season. There is Harry Walsh, the funny little Hebrew fellow with the odd side, Dolly Morrissey, playing soubrette roles, and Mabel White, the handsome prima donna. Among the other comedians are Fred Briers and Jimmy Francis. These entertainers will be seen in two laughable travesties, "Lizzie the Detective" and "A Night in Paris."

NEXT WEEK AT STRAND.

"The Chalice of Courage," the film version of Cyrus Townsend Bradsby's great novel of the same name, will be the feature at the Strand Theatre for the first half of next week. The production is a V.L.S.E. one, and alike in construction in photography, in plot and in scenic investment is supremely great. The bill will also include splendid motion pictures of

WAR EMERGENCY CONCERT.

A very attractive window card is now out advertising the big concert which is to be given in Massey Hall on Monday, Feb. 27, at 8 o'clock. Tickets are selling rapidly and there is every indication of a large audience to greet the many artists who have so generously given their services. The program will be an excellent one. Of special interest are the following: Percy Grainger, who plays at Massey Hall on the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 9, is the sensation of the present musical season, wherever he appears the audience never seeming to get enough of him. A cast of unusual excellence is offered, headed by Mr. Pete Curley, Harry Brooks, Billy Walsh, Frank Lynch, Tony Shane, Bob Calvert, Ed. Bialand, Norma Bell, Rose Kessner, Jean Leonard and a chorus of sprightly Fred Briers and Jimmy Francis. These entertainers will be seen in two laughable travesties, "Lizzie the Detective" and "A Night in Paris."

PETROGRAD OVERCROWDED.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 27.—It is estimated that 700,000 people of Petrograd, including every class of transient and refugee, has grown from two million to three million since the war began. The suburbs of both Petrograd and Moscow, usually occupied only in summer, are overcrowded this winter. Besides the usual refugees from the war zone, thousands of country folk have flocked to Moscow, fearing to remain in the little country towns this winter.

MORE GROUPS OF MEN ARE CALLED TO COLORS

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Proclamations are being posted throughout the country calling to the colors eight more groups of men who attested for military service under the Earl of Derby's recruiting plan. The men, whose ages range from 27 to 35, are summoned to join on Feb. 29.

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