VETERAN VICTOR IN PENSION CASE

C. A. Baines Awarded Fund by Federal Appeal Board After Six Attempts.

VETERANS AIDED

After six attempts at appeal for total disability pension within the past six years, C. A. Baines, ex-service man at present undergoing treatment at Westminster hospital, has been rewarded with a satisfactory decision of the federal appeal board, forming a conclusion to one of the most unique pension cases in the dominion.

Baines' counsel, Donald Menzies, E. M. Fremlin, official soldiers' advisor, the London G. W. V. A. and various veterans' associations in the province have been engaged in the fight on his behalf for more than three years, and the case has been argued before the board of appeals, the minister of soldiers' civil re-establishment, parliamentary committees and board of pension commissioners. Through the wide interest aroused in the case, the federal board of appeal was created, and it is this board which has determined Baines' case and judged him to be deserving of total disability pension.

Enlisted in 1917.

Baines enlisted with the Canadian expeditionary forces in 1917. The same year he was gassed and later contracted influenza, which developed into pulmonary tuberculosis. He was discharged from service in 1918. He applied to the board of pension commissioners, but it was decided that his disability was not due to service. He then applied through Mr. Menzies to the minister of soldiers' civil re-establishment and pensions. On complaint of returned soldiers' organizations an investigation took place before a parliamentary committee in the house of commons, and Baines was recommended to go before an independent board for re-examination. The special board was created and, although they found that his disability was pensionable, the board of commissioners refused to accept the former board's findings, and forwarded the matter to the now defunct board of appeals. Relief was again refused.

Present Board Created.

Following continued complaints, the present federal appeal board was created. Before a full quorum of this board in London last July, Baines' case was argued by Mr. Menzies. The board has now handed down its decision, awarding Baines his claim and finding that his present disability was incurred during service with the Canadian army.

Ex-service men in the city are warm in their praise for the present federal appeal board, which has, since its inception, satisfactorily judged all deserving cases of returned men.

Both Mr. Menzies and Mr. Fremlin, who acts as official soldiers' advisor in this district, have been congratulated by local veterans' associations for the efforts they have shown on Baines' behalf.

MAYOR IS GRANTED RAISE IN SALARY

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having any "come-back" in the matter, as the present situation completely annuls last night's balloting.

All Present.

At last night's council meeting all the councillors were present for their farewell session and the eight newly-elected aldermen were on the sidelines to listen to the fag ends of 1924 business. In a two-hour session, the aldermen went through a grist of business, though some matters were laid over for the incoming legislators.

Authority was lacking for the payment of a bill to S. Willis contractor, in connection with repairs to the eastend town hall. It was finally decided, after lengthy debate, that the bill be paid if verification by the city treasurer could be given that the work was properly authorized and that there would be no duplication of the account.

Renovating Costs $3,702.

Chairman Douglass of No. 1 committee pointed out that the contractor's account for $1,425.20, apparently took the place of work authorized to be done by day labor. It was shown, in answer to a question by Ald. Bottrill, that in all $3,500 expenditure had been authorized. The total expenditure, if all available accounts were paid, would be $3,702. Ald. Hayden and others urged explanation of the fact that the work was not done by day labor, as ordered. The mayor's excuse was that the build inspector's original estimate was not accurate.

In connection with a resolution supporting the appointment of women magistrates in Canadian courts, Ald. Frank McKay took the stand that the right of appointment should not be usurped from the hands of the present authorities. He was not in favor of removing women magistrates now in office, but did not want to see women supplant male magistrates. A resolution was lost by a tie vote.

Make $50 Grant.

Indorsing the work of the Unemployment Relief Circle, a grant of $50 was passed. On the motion of Ald. McKay and Ald. Smith it was decided to include in the city of London private bill a request that the first meeting of city councils here be held on the third Monday in December, instead of two or three weeks later as is now the case. Petitions to the provincial and federal government, requesting unemployment relief work were passed. Resolutions commending the stand of the H.E.P.C. on St. Lawrence river power rights were sanctioned.

SILK SMUGGLING WILL BE THOROUGHLY PROBED

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Smuggling of silks into the dominion will be brought to the attention of the government this afternoon by a delegation of Montreal and Toronto silk manufacturers which has arrived in the capital.

The delegation will be received in the prime minister's office by Premier King and several members of the cabinet. Hon. James A. Robb, acting minister of finance, who has been taking a brief holiday at Atlantic points, will reach Ottawa at noon and is probably be present to hear the representations of the delegation.

WEATHER'S VARIABLE MOOD MAKES ONTARIO FAMOUS

Three and Four Climates a Day Appear on Regular Menu.

TROUBLES GENERAL

Colds of Every Known Species Fashionable—Furnace Is Erratic.

With three or four climates a day, as has been the case in this part of the province for the last month, there is no need for anyone to go down to Florida or California for a change. On more occasions than one we can remember there has been a touch of summer, a glimpse of winter, a speck of fall, and a hint of spring in the air all within twenty-four hours.

It has been noticeable in a number of ways. The householder has gone to bed after stoking the furnace with a generous turn of the shovel, resting content in the comfort of his house. At any time before morning he has wakened to find a thaw in progress and the house too hot for sleep. On just as many other occasions the temperature has reversed this strategy and the man of the house has had to dive below to his furnace in the wee sma' hours of the morning to get some heat into the top rooms.

Takes Fur Coat.

His good wife has ventured out into the frostiness of the morning air at about 10 o'clock, wrapped up in a fur coat, only to find by the time she arrived in the shopping district that she would have to get a taxi home, or leave the coat with a friend or in a store. One of the most abused individuals in this wonderful period of varying days and weathers has been the office janitor His job has been no sinecure. Every hour or two he gets a new set of orders from the boss as to heating and hygiene. If he "stokes her good," the sun comes out and the staff are panting for breath and shedding their outer garments. If he keeps a little steam in the boiler, the mercury drops, and the girls put on their fur coats and their critical frown of disapproval. In any case the janitor is out of luck.

The teamster has his little troubles, too. At the first hint of frost he had his team shod for sharps. He put them in too. Now he has to put them in and take them out about every block.

Turkish Bath.

One day he goes out with his team wearing blankets, and probably before he gets home the horses are getting the benefit of a Turkish bath.

It seems to affect everyone, from the railroad engineer (in the cab of a new 6000), to the farmer on the back fifty. The farmer in the morning sees the forsty rime on the grass and decides not to hitch onto the plow, but to go to market with a load of wheat. By the time he is half way on the road the sun is out in his best bib and tucker, and a good plowing day is gone. The chances are that the next day when the son of the soil is all fixed to turn a few lonely furrows, the frost has settled in good earnest and he cannot get it done.

The restaurateurs feel the changes in a way as well. It makes a call on the ingenuity and versatility of their chefs. For instance, one morning there may be a real winter call for ham and eggs, and coffee and toast and so on. The next day grapefruit is all the rage, and iced tea and so on. Fruit and vegetable salads are in strong demand one day, and roast beef and T-bone steaks the day following. Today everyone wants a soft drink, tomorrow it is Oxo and bovril.

Colder Tomorrow.

The immediate prospects are as seasonable as they can be. For Wednesday they are, "decidedly colder, with local snow flurries." Very cold weather is reported from every district west of Winnipeg, and the outlook for a few days at least is cold and bleak. Whether it will last until Christmas is too indefinite a question to answer. If the weather of the last four weeks is any criterion, we shall have three or four new arrangements and samples of climate before Santa Claus is due. Perhaps the old man from his northern igloo will have to come in a canoe.

But it is the doctors and their patients who are in closest touch with the situation. Colds of every known variety are fashionable. The beauty of all these colds, from the medical standpoint, is that they present such a variety of symptoms that to study them thoroughly is as effective as a post-graduate course in the best of the American or Canadian colleges. From the standpoint of the sufferer this is not a point which is so well appreciated. The colds bring with them headaches, "tummy" aches, toothaches, backaches, running noses, running eyes, loss of appetite, high temperature, and that general weakness which is the aftermath of all flu cases. Most of the patients take a long time to get over a cold of this kind, and have a lot to say about the weather in general.

Motorists in Trouble.

Motorists have had their share of trouble with the weather, but they have taken up such a lot of space and publicity all summer with accidents at level crossings and elsewhere, that the public does not notice their present difficulties so much. It is true that once in a while they turn over in a ditch or fall over each other in their anxiety for speed, but they do that in the best of June and July weather, and it is nothing out of the common.

No one has his dignity hurt so much as the oldtimer who for twenty years or more has held an unblemished reputation as a weather prophet. Not so long since he was prophesying with his usual pre-winter fervor everything from the coldest winter in fifty years to a winter of tropical delight and warmth. Now he stays at home and hides his head in the shade of the domestic hearth. His reputation is gone. He is forced to take his place with the average man who knows nothing in advance about the weather, and who goes "heeled" with umbrella, snowshoes, rubbers, mits, fur coats, and ear-lugs every morning.

The horses are said to have thicker coats than usual, and so are the cats and the dogs (all except the Boston bull type), who depend on their mistresses' fur coat and their masters' furnace for warmth, and so on with all the animals. It happens that all these furry chaps, however, are in nature's dumb bell class, and cannot say much about the weather. The best that the human can do is to develop his philosophic calm and take what the fates send.

Shark Devours Woman and Dog

Special to The Advertiser.

Tampico, Dec. 15. — Ofella Rivas, famous Cuban actress, went to a horrible death in a vain effort to save the life of her pet dog when the Ward liner Esperanza piled up on the rocks on Nov. 25. Both the actress and her dog were devoured by a shark, it was revealed today.

Fishermen in the gulf captured a monster shark, which, when cut open, disclosed articles of jewelry belonging to the actress, as well as parts of her turban and a quantity of human hair. Parts of the dog's harness were also found in the shark.

DRURY SUPPORTS SINGLE TAX ISSUE

Former Premier Addresses Meeting of Association at Toronto.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The single tax issue is far from being dead in Ontario and the defeat which its workers met in Toronto last New Year is not being accepted as any discouragement to the cause, according to the attitude of a number of speakers at the annual meeting of the Single Tax Association of Ontario, held here tonight. As a matter of fact, A. W. Roebuck, retiring president, pointed to the vote which was taken in Toronto, and he felt that, in view of all the circumstances, they had really scored a victory.

Hon. E. C. Drury gave the single tax association the promise that he would be behind them as long as they continue to work.

"While you are on the right track," he remarked, "and while you are striving for a great principle, I wish that some of you would join with us, and hit at something which is much closer to the lives of all, and which can more easily be overcome. I refer to the customs tariff." He said the assessment act was not being lived up to in this province.

SCHACT GIVES WARNING AGAINST INFLATION

President of Reichsbank Declares Foreign Currency Must Be Accumulated.

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Speaking at a banquet of the German bankers' association last evening, Dr. Haljamar Schact, president of the Reichsbank, warned against speculating on the instability of German currency and said no management of the Reichsbank would permit fresh inflation.

The Reichsbank's aim, he continued, was to accumulate as much foreign currency as possible, and at the present moment it held a total of 2,000,000,000 marks in gold and foreign currency, which would be a strong asset in the event of repayment of foreign credits being demanded. Dr. Schact announced that the Reichsbank's discount rate would be reduced at the end of January.

CHARGE WILL BE MADE FOR WATER CONNECTIONS

The residents on Riverview heights are to be charged at the rate of $1.88 per foot actual frontage on their water installation.

Since a six-inch main was laid by the public utilities commission for the dual purpose of providing fire protection and future extensions to the system it was felt that the citizens in the district should only be charged for a four-inch main, or at the rate of $1.50 per foot.

The commission agreed to this at first, but later, when the city engineer's department billed it with the cost of the "flankages," street intersections, etc., amounting to almost half the entire cost of the main, the commission decided that the consumers should be required to pay $1.88 per foot actual frontage, and that the commission, itself, would then bear the cost of the flankages.

MUSIC IS COMMON BOND OF CHURCHES

Significant Comments Follow Chas. E. Wheeler's Talk on Work.

The address delivered by Charles E. Wheeler, F.C.C.O., organist of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church and president of the Canadian college of organists, on "The Music of My Church" before the London ministerial alliance yesterday called forth praiseworthy, yet significant comments from those present.

Rev. Wm. Beattie, D.D., pastor of First Presbyterian church, commented at some length upon Mr. Wheeler's address and declared that "the crux of the whole question lies in the degree to which church music contributes to the worshipful spirit.

"I am not so positive as Mr. Wheeler that the sermon is the principal thing in church services today," said Dr. Beattie, "because I think the essential thing is to learn to worship, and in this the music and prayers also have their part."

Ven. Archdeacon Sage, rector of St. George's Anglican church, West London, remarked upon "how thoroughly Anglican had been the ideas expressed by Mr. Wheeler." He expressed the opinion that "all church services should be devotional and highly reverent."

Co-ordinating the opinion expressed by Dr. Beattie and Archdeacon Sage, Rev. Bowley Green, D.D., pastor of Talbot street Baptist church, asserted that while the ideas regarding church music put forward by Mr. Wheeler had been so cordially approved by both Presbyterian and Anglican representatives, at the same time nothing had been said which was contrary to the opinions held by the Baptist church with regard to the place of music in the church.

"I am not sure," said Dr. Green, "whether we haven't here the basis of church union, after all."

This comment drew forth applause at a meeting which was fairly representative of the five leading Protestant denominations in the city.

GREATER EMPIRE TRADE IS BOUND TO COME

British Trade Commissioner Declares Overseas Customers Are Increasing.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The reduced purchasing power of European countries, as the result of war, has awakened interest in greater trade within the British empire in a way which no other factor had done. This opinion was expressed by F. W. Field, British government senior trade commissioner in Canada, during an interview here yesterday. Mr. Field's headquarters are at Montreal. He is visiting Ottawa for a few days to confer with various departments of the government on subjects of mutual interest.

"The principal reason, in my opinion, why so many British manufacturers fail to do a profitable business in Canada is because they do not understand conditions here. They have little or no idea of the national characteristics and divisions of Canada, its distances, climate, the influence of foreign styles and standards and so on. You will find that the British manufacturers who are doing a successful business in this dominion are those who have visited the country, and who have made a first-hand study of its conditions."

THIRTY WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS IN JAIL

Christmas morning will find at least thirty prisoners wishing each other the compliments of the season in Middlesex county jail, Governor Byron Dawson states.

Bread and soup is the usual Thursday menu of the county coop, but Christmas Day will likely see turkey, pies, cake, candy and cigars for the prisoners, provided by Londoners who are more fortunately situated.

TRANS-BAIKAL DISTRICT SWEPT BY RIVER FLOODS

Associated Press Despatch.

Nikolaievsk, Russia, Dec. 16.—Great floods have swept over the Trans-Baikal district, entailing enormous losses in property and cattle. The Amur river has risen 14 feet. Docks at Nikolaievsk have been entirely demolished, many houses have been unroofed and floating ice has accumulated in the streets to a height of three feet.

The whole of Lengora island, at the mouth of the Amur, is submerged. The toll cannot be ascertained at present.

Seeress Believes Norton Will Never Be Captured

Where are Bill Murrell and Pat Norton, who took part in the famous Melbourne bank robbery in April, 1921?

Princess Wahletka, the Indian seeress, appearing at Loew's all this week, told an Advertiser reporter today that Bill Murrell was at present in Vancouver and that Norton was in jail in New York city, but under an alias.

"They will capture Murrell and he will stand trial for his life," said the princess. "When will this happen? I cannot tell. I know that things will happen, but I cannot say as to time and space.

"Two men have lost their lives already over this bank robbery and there will be another," continued the princess. "This Murrell, he has spent much time in Vancouver. He has also been in Seattle and Portland, but he is in Vancouver now.

"Norton will never come to trial," predicted the seeress. "He will soon be out of jail and away again. He will never be tried in Canada for murder, for they will not catch him."

The princess stated that she had been frequently called in by the police to help them solve crimes.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK SAIL FOR AFRICA.

The Duke and Duchess of York are seen in the above photograph as they appeared on the bridge of the liner Blarritz, just before leaving England for an extensive tour of that part of the empire scattered around the African continent. The duke is next in line of succession to the Prince of Wales, and, like his older brother, is applying himself industriously to become acquainted with the empire of which he may one day become ruler.

FARM ORGANIZATIONS OPEN CONVENTIONS

Reports Will Be Submitted, Followed by Discussions on New Policy.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 16—The annual meetings of the United Farmers of Ontario and allied branches, which will extend over Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week, were inaugurated today, when G. A. Bothwell, president of the United Farmers' Co-operative Company, Limited, called to order the eleventh annual meeting of the shareholders of that body at 10 o'clock this morning. Simultaneously with this meeting at Massey hall, the United Farm Women of Ontario are holding their annual meeting at Foresters Hall.

On Wednesday the United Farmers of Ontario open their eleventh annual convention, which will continue until Thursday night. The sessions of the United Farm Young People of Ontario, also scheduled for tomorrow, while Friday will be devoted to the annual shareholders meeting of the Farmers Publishing Company, Limited.

This morning's session of the Farmers Co-operative is given over to the reading of the minutes, announcements and discussion of amendments. The report of the president, including a statement of the policy of the company and the general manager's report, will be given and discussed this afternoon, while at the night session the nomination and election of directors will be held. A meeting of the new board of directors is to be held immediately following the election.

MRS. I. HUNTER AWARDED $197.14 IN COURT SUIT

Judgment for Mrs. Ida Hunter for $197.14 against William Hunter was given by Judge J. C. Judd this morning in connection with Mrs. Hunter's action to recover $1,809.71 from the defendant, which she alleged was owing over a livery partnership between her husband and Mr. Hunter. His honor fixed the costs as on the division court scale and allowed $25.55.

"I allow the defendant a set off against the said sums of $70 for the difference between division court and county court costs of defence," adds the judgment.

McEvoy & Henderson appeared for the plaintiff, and J. W. G. Winnett for the defendant, when the case was tried at the recent county court session.

KID M'COY'S TRIAL WILL BE CONCLUDED TODAY

Associated Press Despatch.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 16.—The prosecution expected to complete its case against Norman Selby, the former Kid McCoy of the prize ring, today, with the testimony of Albert Mors, divorced husband of Mrs. Theresa Mors, who McCoy is accused of having slain in a murderous rage. Mors was ready to describe how McCoy contributed to the domestic difficulties, which culminated in his divorce from Mrs. Mors, and to offer evidence explaining why McCoy would brook no attempt at a reconciliation between the couple.

CONFERENCE TO DEBATE NORTH AFRICAN PROBLEM

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, Dec. 16. — The Tribuna prints an interview had by its Paris correspondent with M. Briand, former French premier. After having laid emphasis on the necessity for a union between Great Britain, France and Italy, for the maintenance of peace and for European reconstruction, M. Briand is quoted as having said that shortly an Anglo-French-Italian conference would take place during which, among other things, the north African problem would be discussed.

News From City Churches

MEN'S NO. 8 CLUB.

When the members of the brotherhood of the Askin street Methodist church returned a fraternal visit to the men's No. 8 club, of the Dundas Centre Methodist church on Sunday afternoon, the latter organization was well repaid, President Fred W. Wanless, of Askin street, was in charge of the meeting, and in a few complimentary remarks introuded the speaker of the afternoon, R. E. Gregory. Mr. Gregory gave a splendid address and emphatically stated that booze and business never go together. Prof. J. H. Bowman, Ald.-elect Killbourne and E. N. Hannah were among the speakers who rose to compliment Mr. Gregory at the conclusion of his talk. Mr. Hannah remarked that integrity was the keynote of Mr. Gregory's remarks, for it was the dominant feature of all business.

ST. ANDREW'S L. A.

The ladies' aid of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church met yesterday afternoon in the ladies parlor for its regular meeting. The president, Mrs. George L. Macdonald, was in the chair, and reports for the year's activities were given. It has been a year well filled with work, and the report of the treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Mitchell, was incomplete, owing to the fact that all the money and accounts were not yet in. A letter from A. R. Cairncross was read, expressing the deep interest his mother, Mrs. J. B. Cairncross, took in the work of the ladies' aid, and conveying a bequest of $500 to be used in the work of the aid. The members indicated their thanks by a standing vote. Acknowledgments of thanks and letters of sympathy were also received. The report of the nominating committee was given by Mrs. A. A. Morrison, and the following results are of the election: Honorary presidents, Mrs. A. T. MacGregor, Mrs. William Lamb, Mrs. W. J. Cason and Mrs. Thomas Hill; president, Mrs. George Macdonald; first vice-president, Mrs. A. A. Morrison; second vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Johnston; secretary, Mrs. M. Timkins; treasurer, Mrs. F. G. Mitchell; social conveners Mrs. John White and Mrs. Joseph Johnston; house convener, Mrs. McConvrey; ways and means, Mrs. Beemer; flower convener, Mrs. Layman. A vote of appreciation to Miss Hamilton for her services as convener of the flower committee for several years was passed, and Mrs. Carson remains the press secretary of the aid.

KNOX W. M. S.

The members of the W. M. S. of Knox Presbyterian church met last evening for their regular meeting, with Mrs. I. A. Symington presiding. Mrs. C. J. Burns took the scripture lesson, and Mrs. D. A. McKay the prayer, after which the usual business meeting was conducted, when the reports presented were very gratifying to the society. Mrs. S. Pickles reported sending three boxes, containing clothing for children, toys, books and various kinds of Christmas cheer, valued at $50, to Coppercliffe, also a Christmas box to Rev. Mr. Heinouen, valued at $10. Mr. Thos. Nichol, who has recently returned from a tour through Europe, Palestine and Egypt, gave a very vivid and picturesque description of the different places of interest he had seen, and during the evening he rendered a very pleasing solo. The election of officers for 1925 resulted as follows: Honorary presidents, Mrs. W. Morris and Mrs. A. Nichol; president, Mrs. W. W. Cooper; first vice-president, Mrs. T. A. Symington; second vice-president, Mrs. J. M. McEvoy; third vice-president, Mrs. F. W. Templin; fourth vice-president, Mrs. D. N. Porter; secretary, Mrs. G. A. Adams; assistant secretary, Mrs. N. H. Darling; messenger secretary, Mrs. M. Murray; home helper secretary, Mrs. D. A. McKay; librarian and library secretary, Miss H. E. Anderson; assistant library secretary, Mrs. W. J. Brown; press secretary, Mrs. E. W. G. Quantz; supply secretary, Mrs. J. W. Blakeley; assistant supply secretary, Mrs. C. H. Baker; strangers secretary, Mrs. E. H. Dunn; assistant strangers secretary, Mrs. J. Mowat; treasurer, Mrs. S. Pickles; expense treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Knight and pianist, Mrs. W. J. Brown. Mrs. W. E. Duncan offered prayer for the newly-elected officers for the coming year.

ST. LUKE'S A. Y. P. A.

The regular meeting of St. Luke's A. Y. P. A. took place last evening. The ticket returns from the play were handed in and amounted to about $85, with expenses of about $12. Sides were chosen for a magazine and paper campaign, with Miss Jean Cornell and Miss Wynifred DuMares as captains, and the loosig side are to banquet the winners. The closing date has not been decided upon. The young pepole then played several games of carpet ball. A large attendance was present, and the meeting closed around 10:30 p.m.

MARION KEITH CLUB.

Miss McVicar was the guest of honor at the regular meeting of the Marion Keith club of St. Andrwe's Presbyterian church, which was held last night. Miss McVicar gave a very interesting and inspiring address on her work in India, vividly describing the people and scenes in the country, and gave the girls quite a new and better idea of that country. Her talk was really a trip through Central India, when Miss McVicar described a street scene in Bombay, with its many colors; the mission stations; the means of travel and the hospital. In her soft voice she used many phrases from the language, and particularly told of the girls' boarding school, where she was stationed.

The supper was in charge of Mrs. E. Nicholls and Miss Viola Stevens. Miss Jean Buchner gave a Scripture reading, after which Miss Margaret Marshall led in prayer. A committee including Misses Madeline Roddick, Anne George and Ruth Lawton was appointed to make arrangements for the entertainment of the B. S. C. club a week from next Monday.

COLBORNE STREET LEAGUE.

Miss Mabel McRoberts presided over the regular meeting of the league of the Colborne street Methodist church last night. The devotional period was in charge of Ernie Johnston and Miss Olive Hobbs, and the feature of the meeting was a splendid talk on Maeterlink's "Bluebird," given by Miss Margaret Uren. Miss Pat Fletcher delighted the members of the league with a solo. The next meeting will be held on Monday evening, December 22, when it will take the form of a Christmas event.

Obituary

MRS. M. M. MACLELLAN.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret McKay MacLellan, who died on Sunday at her residence, lot 6, concession 2, Lobo township, will be held on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. MacLellan was well known in the district where she had resided for the past 27 years.

Interment will take place in Poplar Hill cemetery at 2 p.m.

She is survived by her husband Archibald Daniel MacLellan and four sons, John MacLellan of Pelee Island, J. D. MacLellan of Hamilton, Washington; Bert MacLellan of Windsor and D. A. MacLellan at Auborn, California.

She also leaves Miss Margaret and J. H. MacLellan at home.

MRS. AMANDA COOPER.

The funeral of Mrs. Amanda Cooper, who died on Sunday at her late residence, 10 Pearl street, was held this afternoon at 2 p.m. to Dorchester cemetery where interment took place.

Mrs. Cooper was 51 years of age and was well known in London. She was born in London and had been a resident of the city for the past 27 years.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Cooper and six daughters, Mrs. Leo Philips of Putnam, Mich., and Gertrude, Alice, Jean, Grace and Vera at home.

MRS. ELIZA MILLER.

The funeral of Mrs. Eliza Miller, 77 years old, and one of the oldest residents of St. Johns was held from her late residence this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Miller was born in London, and had resided in this part of the country all her life. She was well-known both in London and St. Johns.

Service was held in St. Johns Methodist church at 1:30, Rev. Mr Robb conducting the services.

Interment took place at Birr cemetery at 2 p.m.

She is survived by her husband Thomas Miller, St. Johns; two daughters, Mrs. Eugene Patrick of Ilderton and Mrs. Edwin Peters of St. Johns.

PENNY BANK NOW BOASTS OF HALF SCHOOL PUPILS

Of the 8,467 pupils in the city public schools there are 4,466 who have accounts in the penny bank.

There were 208 new depositors during the month of November. In this connection with 27 new depositors Simcoe street school showed the way. Charles street school was the only school not to record at least three new depositors. Next in order as regards new accounts for the month were: Talbot street, 19; Ealing, 18, and Lord Roberts and Lorne avenue, both 17.

Simcoe street school leads also in the total number of depositors, having 408 pupils who deposit their pennies in the bank. Next in order are: St. George's, 345; Chesley avenue, 344; Lorne avenue, 310; Aberdeen, 304; Rectory street, 294; Tecumseh avenue, 289, and Empress avenue, 273.

W. J. LAUT SPEAKS.

W. J. Laut was the guest of honor and speaker at the regular meeting of the members of the Adanac club at the Y. M. C. A. last night. Mr. Laut spoke on "Advertising."

WALL STREET HAS BIG FAITH IN "CAL"

Canadian Bank Representative in N. Y. Tells of Conditions in Financial District.

OPTIMISM MARKED

Wall street, having returned "Cal" Coolidge to power at the head of the Republicans is looking forward to a period of business prosperity and progress, in the opinion of C. R. Howard, Canadian representative of the Bank of Commerce in New York. Mr. Howard is at present staying with his sister, Mrs. A. J. McTavish, 490 Princess avenue.

"There is a general feeling of optimism in New York," he said, "which has been very marked since the election, and which before that was absent. Both home and foreign conditions are looked on with favor. The institution of the Dawes plan in Germany especially is regarded is the turning point in mid-European conditions.

Cautions About Russia.

As far as Russia is concerned Mr. Howard was cautious. It was, he admitted, too unknown a quantity about which to speak with any certainty. This, however, he did say. "Sooner or later American businessmen will reopen business with Russia. The country is too large and populous not to afford an opportunity for the investment of capital. The difficulty which has so far prevented the United States recognizing Russia is the same thing which is the stumbling block with the Baldwin government, the question of indemnity for private investment in Russia. When the United States will recognize Russia I cannot say."

Mr. Howard has not been in New York since the latest edict by America as to the French loan and its repayment. "But I am sure," he said, "that the original arrangements made by Great Britain as to paying off the interest and principal will be taken into account in reaching a final settlement with France."

Canada Watched Closely.

Though not willing to say much about the attitude of Wall street toward Canada, he was ready to admit that "the street" was a close watcher and observer of every move made in the Dominion, and that the natural resources of the Dominion were as highly appreciated in New York as in Canada, if not more so. The men in power in Wall street know they control the gold reserve of the world, and are not wasting any opportunities for profitable investment that may present themselves from time to time in any country.

DUNNING GIVES OUTLINE OF LIQUOR SALES PLAN

Saskatchewan Premier Expects Trade Will Be on Cash-and-Carry System.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 16.—That the government expects a large part of the liquor business in Saskatchewan to be done under the cash-and-carry system was the declaration of Premier Dunning in the legislature yesterday during a discussion on the liquor bill in committee.

P. L. Hyde, government, Maple Creek, objecting to the splitting up of the province into rural and city districts for the sale of hard liquor, and into rural districts for the sale of beer only, suggested the liquor board should be given discretion to supply hard liquor to beer stores at "strategic points" in order to combat bootlegging. Other members suggested hard liquor should be sold wherever the liquor board saw fit.

GUELPH ABOLISHES CITY MANAGER'S JOB

Present Incumbent of Office Will Return to Former Civic Position.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Guelph, Dec. 16.—The city council at one of the hottest sessions of the year, last night abolished the office of city manager, after a debate that lasted almost till midnight. Mr. George Hastings, who held the office since its institution in 1918, returns to his former position as assessor and tax collector. There has been much dissatisfaction with the system of city managership since the first year of its working, the ratepayers and a considerable portion of the aldermen deeming it a superfluous office. A hard fight was made to retain it, but the vote stood 13 against and 5 for. Direction of the city's business will now be conducted by the mayor, aldermanic chairmen of committees and the several department chiefs of the city.

FRENCH CLUB TO MEET.

The members of the French club of the university are holding their Christmas meeting Thursday. The program includes special features in the way of music and games. Freshmen in French have been invited. The meeting takes place at the home of Miss Eleanor Grant, 811 Talbot street.

LEADERS' CORPS MEET.

The members of the leaders' corps of the Y. M. C. A. met last night at the association building to begin their courses in Bible study and the conducting of public meetings. Bill Farquarson, the new president, was present, together with George Tambling, vice-president and Frank Kennedy, treasurer. Bud Foote, secretary, was unable to be present.

W. H. Spearman addressed the 11 members present.

REDECORATING SCALES.

In the course of a week the market weigh scales will present a much brighter and cleaner aspect.

James Dean, the market clerk, is redecorating the walls and ceiling in a dark cream color.

CHRISTMAS TREES BRISK.

Twelve loads of Christmas trees were brought to the city this morning and experienced a better demand than they received last week.

They were offered at 25 cents to $1.50 apiece and were of a superior quality.

Gossip Around The City Hall

A meeting of the special sub-committee on fire department regulations was held this afternoon at the city clerk's office. Internal afafirs of the department were scheduled for discussion, with the Mayor, Ald. Douglass, Fire Chief Aitken and City Clerk Baker present.

Horace L. Seymour, town planning expert, was in the city this morning conferring with City Engineer Near and Col. I. Leonard, both members of the city town planning commission. Arrangements will be made later for public meetings on the zoning changes proposed.

Yesterday was pay-day for the city hall officials and Christmas shopping was in vogue at the noon hour today. However, the city hall staff will see the "ghost walk" once again before Christmas, as they are paid until the end of the year next Saturday. Then they have a lean four weeks until the middle of January.

J. H. Sherey, 960 Wellington street, is building a $900 stable. Authority was given by the building inspector's department today, along with permits to B. Sheely, for a $50 garage at 276 Piccadilly street, and J. Nutkins, for $200 alterations at 724 Princess avenue.