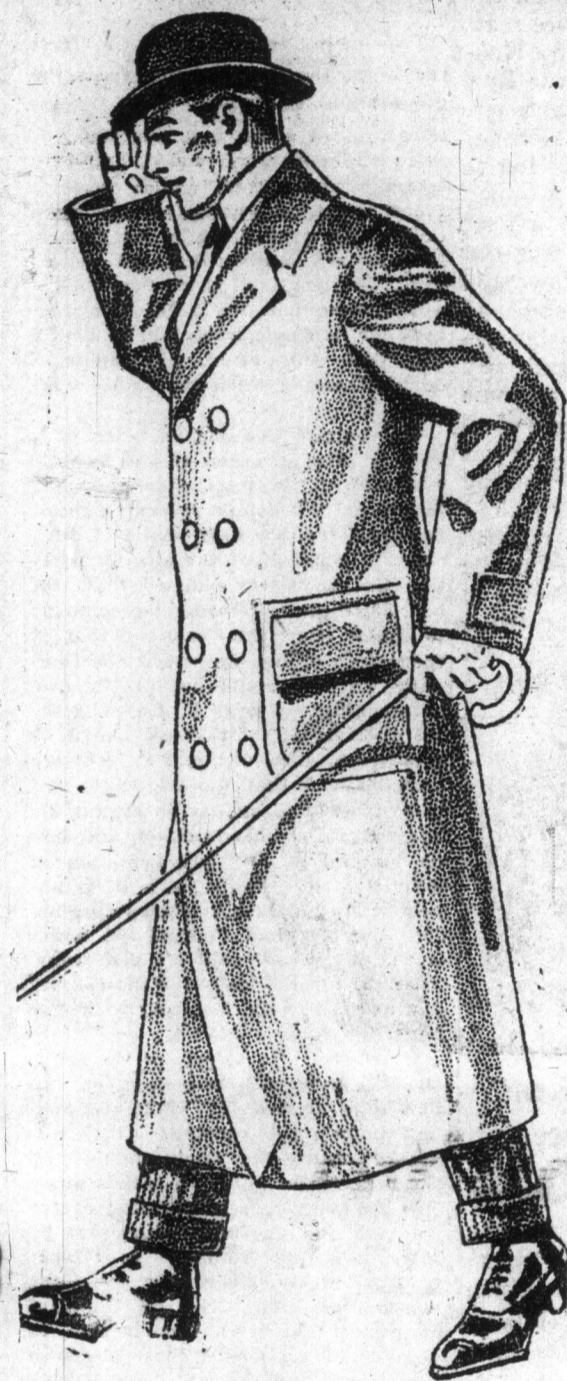


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—as if you could—but what we really mean is, don't forget his clothing needs. A suit is rather bulky to get into his stocking, but you may rest assured if he finds a new Oak Hall suit near it on Christmas morning his eyes will be filled with pleasure and delight. Three dollars to eighteen is our price range for boys' suits, depending on the age and style. Look Santa up on this matter right away—you can't get that "Christmas feeling" at any other time of the year, so be sure and get it "good" and you'll be happy. Store open till 10 o'clock Saturday night. Shop early.

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Y. M. C. A. Subscribers Have Not All Been Paid Up.

"Altho the money promised during the Y. M. C. A. building campaign is being paid in quite satisfactory, some of the largest subscribers have not yet sent in the full amount promised, probably because they knew that the association did not need the money very badly. But the time has come when we do need the money to be able to finish the various buildings throughout the city," said G. A. Warburton yesterday.

promised, it is not likely that the association will be obliged to go to that extreme in order to get it."

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PUDDY BROS' XMAS DISPLAY.

The Christmas dead meat display at Puddy Bros' abattoir, Paton road, has already been given much commendation, but nothing more than the exhibit deserves. While by no means the largest display in Toronto, it has made up in loss of quantity by quality and by the highest class of

expert dressing. Few Toronto dead meat shows have reached the standard of Puddy's present one, and it would certainly be difficult to surpass. The exhibit consists of about 125 carcasses of cattle, several of which were prize winners. There are also several hundred sheep and lambs, many of which are also prize winners. The poultry section is well filled with tons of turkeys and geese and the whole assemblage is one well worth a critical inspection.

To Transfer Youthful Prisoner.
KINGSTON, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—The Children's Aid Society will take steps in an endeavor to have the 15-year-old boy, Robert McCue, Toronto, brought here to the penitentiary on Monday to serve three years for theft gauged in another institution.

Controllers Favor Criminal Suit Against Contractors

Mayor Hocken Says Firms Are Guilty of Theft and Should Be So Charged—Civil Suit to Recover Money—Question of Dismissal of Fellows Will Come Up Today.

The controllers at their board meeting yesterday were unanimously in favor of instituting civil and criminal proceedings against the contractors who, according to Judge Winchester's report, have been accused of padding their accounts, thus robbing the city of approximately \$30,000.

Controller Foster moved that corporation counsel be requested to bring the case before the notice of the crown attorney with a view to bringing such prosecutions against Messrs. Miller, Cumming and Robertson as may be seen fit, and that in the meantime there be no adjustment of the outstanding accounts. His motion suggests that considerable money has been fraudulently obtained by this firm.

The latter motion will be considered by the board of directors against the engineer by the controller are: "Carelessness, neglect of duty and mismanagement."

Marine Engineer.
Controller Church suggested that the proper move would be to place such matters under the control of a marine engineer. "I don't blame the contractors so much as the department for giving them a free hand," he declared.

"They have simply been taking advantage of the men who knew nothing about marine engineering."

Mayor Hocken: "I see how culpable the actions of our own officials have been, but these contractors are practically guilty of theft. The evidence in the report tends toward proving that the money was stolen, and it is our business to recover the money in the first place, and properly punish them afterwards."

"The city has been deliberately robbed of \$30,000 and it has got to be recovered," put in Controller Foster.

"I think the people of Toronto owe Controller Foster a debt of gratitude for the manner in which he fought for an investigation," added the mayor.

asked for the resignation of Engineer Fellows and his assistant," said Controller Foster, "and I was justified at that time from what I knew, and had the investigation been started earlier, Engineer Rust would not have been able to draw the bonus he did; evidence would have proved his worthiness of dismissal."

Officials Whitewashed.
"What about the whitewashing of other officials after an investigation into their conduct?" said Controller Church. "You cannot consistently dismiss Engineer Fellows and keep other officials on the job. Mr. Fellows admitted himself that he does not understand this branch of engineering. He stated that he could not properly supervise the work, as his knowledge was confined to the mechanical section."

"We cannot, in justice to Commissioner Harris, proceed with Mr. Fellows' case, until he has an opportunity of being present," said Controller McCarthy.

"Mr. Harris is thoroughly satisfied with Mr. Fellows' performance of his present duties. We must confine ourselves to the question of intake pipe repairs."

A conference will be held today.

Intake Repairs.
Commissioner Harris reported that he had not received expert advice as to the laying of mattresses over the intake pipe, but relied upon the experience of other cities. "Having discussed the matter with members of my staff," says he, "men of wide and varied experience on marine work throughout the Dominion, who are of the opinion that a flexible joint method of construction would have insured permanency, I recommended same to your board." He states that he has not adopted the policy of loading down the pipe with mattresses, but a few were laid upon it for the purpose of seeing what effect they might have, the bulk being laid alongside the piping and at the lake end of the pipe, to prevent shifting as far as possible.

GALT TO HAVE HYDRO BOARD

Will Consist of Two Members, to Be Elected in January, and the Mayor.

GALT, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Galt Town Council has passed a bylaw providing for placing the control of the local hydro-electric department in the hands of a commission, to consist of two members and the mayor. Two commissioners can be elected in January, but according to provincial act they will not take office until May 1.

Ald. Thomas thought the water-works and hydro-electric departments should be under one management. "I run by a commission," he said, "but I do not approve of so many smaller commissions."

Merger of Twin Cities.
BERLIN, Ont., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Every day brings Waterloo town closer to Berlin in the matter of annexation. The Waterloo town council have fixed Dec. 23 to hear a deputation from Berlin, who will go to them with a proposition to amalgamate.

Ten Big Freighters May Have Foundered

Fate of More Than 300 Men in Serious Doubt—Violent Weather Encountered.

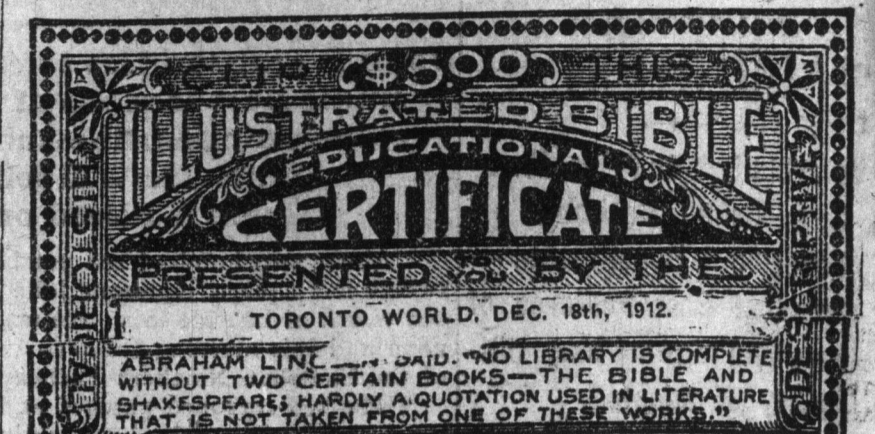
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(Can. Press.)—There is grave uneasiness in shipping circles for the safety of ten large freight steamers now overdue in Atlantic passages. In each case very high rates are being asked for reinsurance.

The list of overdue ships is the longest posted since 1899.

All ten of the missing vessels left port at the end of last month, and are known to have encountered violent weather. Each carries a crew of from 30 to 40 men, and the value of ships and cargoes totals nearly \$3,500,000.

Among the overdue ships are the Whitinham, 2750 tons, which left Baltimore for Rotterdam on Nov. 20; the Director, 3700 tons, which passed Newport News on Nov. 25, from Galveston for Dunkirk; the Snowdon Range, 3000 tons, which left Philadelphia on Nov. 23, for Leith and the Barbara, 3700 tons, which left Newport News on Nov. 22 for Naples.

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