AMERICAN FIRMS KEENLY INTERESTED IN PROSPECTS HERE

Many Send Representatives to Interview C. of C.

TO ESTABLISH BUSINESS

Western Ontario Looked On As Route Into British Empire.

American firms, now that the war is over, are looking with a kind and interested eye at Canada as a medium of doing business with the entire British Empire. Western Ontario is looked upon as the ideal territory by a number of big American firms and they are laying their plans accordingly.

The London Chamber of Commerce reports on an average of at least three a week, representatives of United States firms call at the local office and ask to be shown London's industrial advantages and what the city has in the way of inducements to locate here.

One representative of a large American concern was in the city Wednesday and was much impressed by the advantages pointed out to him by the chamber of commerce. Another American businessman will be in London tomorrow to look over the city for his firm.

RESIGNS GOVERNMENT POST TO ENGAGE IN ACCOUNTING BUSINESS OF OWN IN CITY

Alex. G. Calder, chief of the business profits division of the London district Government taxation office in this city, has resigned to engage in the practice of his profession as chartered accountant.

On Monday afternoon, Mr. Calder was presented with an accountant's dispatch case by the staff. Geo. R. Tambling, inspector of taxation for the district, made the address, and Miss Slater, the presentation. Mr. Tambling, in reviewing the record of splendid services rendered by Mr. Calder said:

"Your duties as investigating accountant under the business profits war tax act brought you into contact with many of the largest business enterprises in the London district, where you established an enviable reputation as an accountant, possessing tact, skill and ability in an extraordinary degree. Your work has given universal satisfaction both to the taxation branch of the department of finance and to the general public.

A. G. CALDER.

"The point of view of the public in regard to the relation of accounting to business administration has materially changed since the federal tax acts came into operation and the demand for expert advice in accounting matters has no doubt been the controlling factor in your decision to place your services at the disposal of the business community.

Mr. Calder's resignation will be felt as a distinct loss to the district staff. The growing demand for expert accounting service, especially with regard to governmental requirements, under the taxation acts is far from being adequately met, and Mr. Calder's entrance into the accounting field will be welcomed in business circles."

Mr. Calder replied fittingly. He was formerly a member of the wholesale firm of MacMillan, Calder & Co., and was a major in the 142nd Battalion (London's Own) and proceeded overseas with that unit. During 1917 he was secretary and member of the regimental funds board, with headquarters at London, England, and was attached to the department of the general auditor, C. E. F.

CAMLACHIE, Jan. 7.—The Unity Male Quartet, with I. R. Fleming, reader and entertainer, of Sarnia, put on a first-class concert in Knox Church here on Tuesday evening, January 6. Rev. A. W. Gazley acted as chairman. The proceeds amounted to $46.

The literary meeting of the "Build Better" Society will be held in Knox Church on Friday evening, January 9. The miscellaneous meeting will be held the following Friday evening, January 16, in the Methodist Church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Austin A. McLeish has been appointed manager of the new Chatham branch of the Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation and the Canada Trust Company.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

THE MEMORIAL HALL VOTE.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

As an ardent reader of your paper, and as one who has read The Advertiser for years here and England and in France, I hope you can allow a small space for me, to ask why it was ever possible for the London property-owners to turn down the one great hope we had in view, "not a dissenting voice. Every true Canadian will boost a Memorial Hall for the returned veterans," every voter will respect those who sleep in Flanders, and can anyone blame the veterans for feeling slighted. Can anyone blame outside papers for saying "small London." The hydro, the street railway, the Ridout street bridge were defeated, and since the 1st of January different steps are being taken to try and have these said bylaws reconsidered.

But not so with the Memorial Hall.

"They shall not sleep in Flanders Fields." I am pleased in one way, because if all the soldiers had had a vote, well you can bet your boots they would have had a hall, but we who went 'midst the cheering of these same dissenting voters know now what they meant and, after all, what has the soldier done for London. I remember when two thousand, five hundred were training at the heights, and I know that when these two thousand, five hundred got their fifteen dollars per fortnight, I venture to say that ten dollars of each man's pay was spent here in the business part of London. But why talk of that, we went, and promises were made to us. See the papers daily, where towns are erecting a place for the boys, and it is to the city's advantage. And now, Mr. Editor, let me ask through your valuable columns if any property-owner in this city can show where they gained anything by turning down "our hall," and, allow me, on behalf of thousands of veterans to thank the real Canadians who did vote for the hope of the London soldiers. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, I am, BERNARD DEVLIN.

88 Maple Street, City.

AERO CLUB MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS AERODROME SITE

Will Meet at Tecumseh House for That Purpose This Evening.

The local branch of the Canadian Aero and Flying Club, which was formed in this city some time ago, will hold a meeting in the Tecumseh House tonight, at 8:15, when it is hoped that all members or prospective member will be in attendance.

The object of the meeting is to discuss the site of an aerodrome for this city, and to appoint a committee to get in touch with the city officials concerning it. A committee will also be selected to attend the banquet of the Aero Club on Friday night at Toronto, and also to attend the convention to be held in that city at an early date.

The club has at present about 30 members, and all other flying men from this district who are desirous of joining are asked to hand in their names, if it is not possible for them to attend the meeting.

BIG MEETING AT "Y" TO TALK FOURFOLD PROGRAM

Includes Sports, Social, Educational and Spiritual Activities.

One of the biggest meetings of the year to be held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. will be held on Monday night, when many of the young men of the churches and Sunday schools of the city will gather in the "Y" building on Wellington street to discuss a four-fold program of activities for the young people of the city. Arrangements for the meeting are already being made.

The program for the year will include sports, social, educational and spiritual activities, which will be carried on by the young people of the city, whether they are members of the "Y" or not. Schedules for junior, intermediate and senior Sunday school hockey leagues have already been drawn up. Exclusive plans are being arranged for the celebration of the father-and-son week in the first part of February in which banquets and other social events will be held.

LOCAL PIANO FIRM TAKES OVER SIMILAR BUSINESS AT CLINTON

Sherlock-Manning Completing Deal for Doherty Interests.

By the end of the week the Sherlock-Manning Piano Company will have taken over the Doherty Piano Company of Clinton. The deal has been pending for some time, and it is expected that the amalgamation will be concluded by Saturday. Both W. N. Manning and A. E. Sherlock of the local company are in Clinton.

The taking over of the Clinton factory means that the Sherlock-Manning Company has entered the larger class of piano manufacturers and will be in a better position than ever to handle its ever-increasing business throughout Canada.

The local plant, which employs 90 men, will continue to manufacture high-grade instruments, while the Clinton branch, which employs 100 people, will take care of the commercial grade. One selling staff will be employed.

Mr. Manning now becomes joint owner of the business in which he first started as office boy 32 years ago. He worked his way up in the factory to that of manager, resigning to enter business in London with J. F. Sherlock. Soon as stocktaking is completed, the Clinton factory will reopen for business.

TO END CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC ON THE U. S. SIDE OF BORDER

Supt. Forrester Is Conferring With American Officials.

Superintendent C. F. Forrester of the London division of the Grand Trunk, is at Port Huron in conference with officials of the United States Railway Administration. The meeting is held with the object in view of bringing to an end the congestion which has prevailed on the lines just beyond the border during the past month.

The Grand Trunk has experienced great difficulty in getting freight shipped from all parts of Canada through to points west of Port Huron, owing to the congestion. There has been no hold-up on this side of the border, but trains from Canada have been placed on side tracks after crossing the line and held for several days.

Local officials of the road reported today that the movement west of the border was much better today than it has been for some time past.

YOUTHS ACCUSED OF LAYING OBSTACLES ON G. T. R. TRACKS

Same Two Who Face Charge of Shooting.

Alfred Frank and William McGrenere, who yesterday were committed by Squire W. H. Chittick for trial on a charge of shooting and wounding Joseph Yeo, a Grand Trunk sectionman, were charged today by the Grand Trunk with obstructing the railway. Each was bailed out in the sum of $400 to appear before the county magistrate on January 14. They were said to have laid the ties across the track.

FINANCE TRADE WITH BALTIC PROVINCES

LONDON, Jan. 7.—A scheme for financing trading with the Baltic provinces of Esthonia, Lettland and Lithuania has been completed after prolonged negotiations and will be placed before the Government today. The plan provides for the establishment in each country, in partnership with the Government bank, of a bank generally modelled after the Bank of England with provisions for a new issue of currency based on a gold standard and the restoration of debased currency by a sound, scientific process of currency reform.

GOVT. PREPARED TO PAY FOR POWER IF AMOUNT RECOVERED

(Canadian Press.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—Presentation of the case of the Toronto Power Company against the Dominion Government and the Ontario Power Company, in the former company's claim of $1,214,000 for power supplied by Toronto Power Company to the Ontario Power Company under the orders of the power controller, Sir Henry Drayton, was opened in the exchequer court this morning before Sir Walter Cassels.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, solicitor-general, presenting the crown's defence, said that while the Government was prepared to pay for the power delivered it would expect, if it did so, to recover that amount from the Ontario Power Company. Mr. Guthrie filed as exhibits the orders-in-council appointing Sir Henry Drayton as power controller, and defining his powers. He also filed the assignment from the Ontario Power Company to the Government.

NO ONTARIO LIQUOR GOING TO WINNIPEG

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 7.—The Ontario Government apparently has not yet granted permits to export liquor houses to resume business so far. At present Kenora is as dry as dust, and Winnipegonians with a thirst must secure required beverages from some province other than Ontario. In spite of the fact that numerous S. O. S. calls have been sent to Kenora in the form of registered letters containing money orders, no liquid refreshments have yet arrived in Winnipeg. Liquor is pouring in from Swift Current and Yorkton, Sask.

January Clearances

Tomorrow---Black Dress Goods, Coatings, Buttons and Trimmings

This is your opportunity—Black Dress Goods, Coatings, Buttons and Trimmings at fractional prices, such a clearance as has not been heard in many seasons and a sale that means more than it would in normal times—for when you save the half or more of present prices it is some saving and takes some nerve to reduce such lines to these prices now.

JANUARY SALES TODAY

Cottons, Embroideries, Laces, etc.

Main Floor.

Black Dress Goods at Just Half 75c, $1, $1.25 and $1.75 Yard

To clear on Friday, all odd and broken lines, Black Dress Goods and Suitings, at exactly half price. Collectively making a good selection, limited quantities in some. A great opportunity to get a suit, skirt or dress length at a real bargain.

Two pieces Black Lustre, with neat floral designs, at half price ..... 75c yard
Three pieces Black Poplin, with neat silk stripe, at half price ..... $1.00 yard
One piece of Black Jersey, 52 inches wide, half price ..... $1.75 yard
One piece of Black Cheviot, all wool, 54 inches wide, half price ..... $1.75 yard
Two pieces Black Serge, all wool, 54 inches wide, half price ..... $1.75 yard

Beautiful Woolen Coatings About Half Price

At such prices it will be wise to anticipate your needs for next winter as well as for now. Note the prices and the good materials, which could not be duplicated today even at the regular prices.

54-inch Extra Heavy Twill, grey and mid blue, suitable for children and grown-ups, solid wool, no lining required. Reduced to $2.95 yard

54-inch Frieze effect, dark colorings, three pieces, extra heavy, no lining required, all wool, a real snap, splendid for ladies' ulsters and girls' wear. Reduced to ..... $2.95 yard

54-inch Extra Heavy Mackinaw, three pieces, dark grey and dark brown and blue effects, very soft and thick, similar to frieze coating, one of the best in the world to wear, suitable for men's ulsters and ladies' wear, great for motor coats. Reduced, very special, $3.95 yard

54-inch Mid-Tweed, one end only, extra heavy. Reduced to ..... $1.69 yard

54-inch Cream Eiderdown, one piece, for babies' wear. Reduced to ..... $1.89 yard

54-inch Cream Bear Cloth, one piece only. Reduced to.... $1.69 yard

54-inch Black Beaver, extra heavy, no lining required, suitable for elderly ladies' coats, extra good..... $4.95 yard

54-inch Sport Coating, velour, very handsome, all wool, bright colors—yellow, emerald, henna and American Beauty. Half price for coat length of three yards. Price, per coat length $9.75

PLUSH COATING.

One end of Black Sealette, the celebrated Lister's plush, beautiful rich pile, goods 48 inches wide. Reduced to ..... $6.95 yard

One piece of Black Sealette, the celebrated American plush, the Lapinex, noted for richness of pile, 48 inches wide..... $5.95 yard

One piece of Varimole Plush, black wavy pattern, for ladies' shoulder capes, muffs and trimming collars and cuffs, lovely rich pile, 48 inches wide ..... $6.95 yard

Blanket Cloths $3.25 Per Yard

All wool and extra heavy for coats or bath robes. This is a big value, and you will like the quality, nice soft firm weave, a warm winter coat for girls' or young ladies' wear, and ideal for men's house coats or bath robes; colors are navy, dark brown, dark reseda, Paddy green, Belgian blue, covert, wine, grey, taupe, red and royal blue; 54 inches ..... $3.25 yard

CREAM BLANKET CLOTH, all wool, for girls' or infants' coats, lovely warm material, 54 inches ..... $3.50 yard

CREAM WOOL EIDERDOWN, a favorite cosy cloth for baby coats and robes, heavy and warm, 50 inches ..... $3.00 yard

Also double face, a lovely quality, 36 inches ..... $2.50 yard

COLORED WOOL EIDERDOWN for cosy kimonos and robes or babies' coats, blue, rose, grey and red, 50 inches ..... $2.95 yard

Dress Trimmings and Buttons In Clearing Lots

Many of which are marked at only a mere fraction of their cost, but marked at prices to clear away quickly. Dozens and dozens and thousands of yards, an opportunity for the home dressmaker to stock up and save some money. They must be cleared before stocktaking, the only reason for such radical reductions.

TRIMMINGS, BRAIDS, ETC.

648 yards Fancy Silk Braid, white and black only. Sale price ..... 5c yard
390 yards Chenille Ball Fringe, white, navy, brown and black. Sale price ..... 9c yard
9½ yards Brown Chenille Banding. Sale price ..... 9c yard
12 yards Grey Silk Braid. Sale price.. 25c yard
66 yards Fancy Banding. Sale price.. 8c yard
5½ yards Ecru Banding. Sale price.. 17c yard
115 yards Drawstring Braids, different colors. Sale price ..... 3c yard
174 yards Narrow Fancy Braids. Sale price ..... 5c yard
6 yards Applique, black with colors. Sale price ..... 19c yard
288 yards Narrow Cotton Braids. Sale price ..... 1c yard
122 yards Button Loop Braids, white and colors. Sale price ..... 3c yard
1,835 yards at less than ..... Half Price

BUTTONS.

Buttons suitable for coat or dress trimmings.
22 dozen, ranging in prices up to $1.50 a dozen. Sale price ..... 50c dozen
34 dozen, ranging in prices up to 65c a dozen. Sale price ..... 15c dozen
134 dozen, ranging in prices up to 50c a dozen. Sale price ..... 10c dozen
105 dozen, ranging in prices up to 35c a dozen. Sale price ..... 5c dozen
295 dozen to clear at less than..... Half Price

Main Floor

January White Sale — SMALLMAN & INGRAM LIMITED — January White Sale

Would You Increase Your Wife's Worries?

Unless your will is made, your wife may, at any time, be compelled to assume your business and financial responsibilities, in addition to her own.

It is essential to her future welfare and happiness that you make a will. Your careful selection of a competent, impartial executor is equally important.

Our officers will be glad to have a talk with you about this important matter.

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To the Electors of the Township of Westminster

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

I take this, my first, opportunity of thanking you one and all for the handsome vote you gave me. I wish also to thank the electors of the city of London and the township of London who supported me. I will endeavor to do my best for all classes of citizens. Wishing you all a happy new year.

Yours as ever,

William Boler

Byron, Jan. 6, 1920.

RETURNED SOLDIER FACES VERY SERIOUS CHARGE, ST. THOMAS

ST. THOMAS, Jan. 7.—R. H. Crandall, a returned soldier, was apprehended and brought before the police magistrate today on the serious charge of bringing a young woman from England for improper purposes. He was remanded until Thursday morning for trial. The woman, it is alleged, met Crandall in England, and on reaching here he sent for her. She arrived on Christmas Day, and since then had resided with him at various places as his wife. The first night they spent at Crandall's brother's house, but they were ordered away next day. The woman, the police state, has alleged that Crandall's brother and sister are as bad as she, for they have lived together for thirteen years, and according to the girl's statement have never been married.

BLAKE—CANNING.

A pretty wedding took place tonight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Canning, Aylmer, when their daughter, Blanche Victoria, became the bride of T. C. M. Blake, a well-known Aylmer man. Several guests were present from St. Thomas and surrounding parts. After a brief wedding trip the happy couple will reside in Belmont.

MANY CLOTHING STORES.

Apparently there is to be no dearth of clothing and gents' furnishing stores in this city. During the past two months several changes have made their appearance in the business sections of the city, but perhaps the most interesting announcement was made today when it was learned that Arthur Cross, late of the International Tailors Limited, in the west-end of the city, had completed negotiations with Mr. Willard, late of the Nukol Fuel Company, for the opening of a new clothing house at 709 Talbot street. The new firm to be known as Cross & Willard will handle nothing but the most up-to-date material, and their store promises to be one of the most modern.

Mr. Cross came to this city a few months ago to open the International Tailors' shop in the west-end. Mr. Willard, however, is an old St. Thomas man, having left here thirteen years ago to enter business in the United States. Both men have had between 29 and 30 years' business experience. Mr. Cross was for some time an opera singer, and he made many friends in this city and at London as well as other Canadian cities where he visited. The new store opens on January 10.

NOTED PASTOR PASSES.

One of the most highly-respected and best-known men in Western Ontario died here today in the person of Rev. Colin Sinclair. The deceased, who was in his 86th year, died after a short illness at his home, 47 Roseberry place. He was born in Lobo Township, graduated from Bethany College, Va., and entered the ministry in 1862. He spent some years in evangelistic work, but was later in charge of churches in Ridgetown, St. Thomas, Collingwood and later London, Ont. He resigned his charge there, and retired some years ago. He is survived by three sons, Dr. D. J. Sinclair of Woodstock, N. C. Sinclair and John M. Sinclair of the Empire Flour Mills, this city. The funeral will be held on Friday morning to Ridgetown Cemetery for interment.

HIS TWELFTH YEAR.

Ald. Patrick Meehan, who has 39 years as a city father to his credit and a couple of terms as mayor, has a near rival in the person of James S. Graney of the separate school board. Mr. Graney was re-elected chairman today for the twelfth consecutive time. His colleagues on the board recognizing his ability felt that despite his plea that they name someone else in his place, election.

SEVERAL NAMES.

Several names are already mentioned as aspirants for the warden's chair of the Elgin County Council. Among these are Reeve Wilson H. Mills of Yarmouth and Hugh McKillop of West Lorne. Several ex-wardens will return to the council this year as reeves of various municipalities.

THAT BOOZE!

The much-longed-for shipment of booze has arrived. Six large cases were received today at the Dominion Express offices, and as many at the offices of the Canadian Express. The booze has been on order for some time, but there was a delay in the arrival of the shipment. It is said that absence makes the heart grow fonder, and as a sequence the rush was even greater when the booze did arrive than otherwise.

JACK'S A LITTLE SORE.

Ex-Ald. Jack Handford, in a letter to the local press today, undertakes to explain that one of his reasons for not shaking hands with Mayor-elect Brinkman at the after-meeting on Monday night was because it was his place and not the elected mayor's to extend the hand of congratulation. He states that Mayor Brinkman came up to him and interrupted his speech by holding out his hand. He saw the extended hand and took it as another insult to him as defeated candidate, and therefore refused to acknowledge it. Ald. Handford further impresses in his letter the fact that he is a "native-born Canadian and a St. Thomas-born citizen." Mayor Brinkman, who defeated him, was born in the United States, but is as loyal a Canadian as any.

CATARRH DOES HARM

Whether It Is of the Nose, Throat, or Other Organs, Get Rid of It.

Catarrh of the nose or throat when it becomes chronic weakens the delicate lung tissues, deranges the digestive organs, and may lead to consumption. It impairs the taste, smell and hearing, and affects the voice. It is a constitutional disease and requires a constitutional remedy.

Take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which by purifying the blood removes the cause of the disease and gives permanent relief. This alterative and tonic medicine has proved entirely satisfactory to thousands of families in three generations.

If there is biliousness or constipation, take Hood's Pills—they are a thorough cathartic, a gentle laxative.

MAJORITY WAS ONLY THREE.

LUCKNOW, Jan. 7.—The election in Kinloss was a right smart one, no less than four candidates trying for the reeve's chair, which was captured by Henry Mathers by a majority of three over Mr. Tiffin of Langside. John MacDiarmid came next with Chas. Baechler low man. The councillors are W. J. Colwell, Ernie Ackert, Geo. Ferris and Mack Ross. Wm. J. Irwin also ran.

Lucknow may be behind the cities in some things, but it is up to date when it comes to bread prices, having to pay 12 cents for a loaf now, an increase of 2 cents a loaf. This was the very unpleasant surprise handed out to the public on Monday morning.

SMALLPOX AT SIMCOE.

SIMCOE, Jan. 7.—The first case of smallpox reported in Simcoe is at the home of James Saunders on Grove street. The family are quarantined, and strict precautions are being taken to prevent the spreading of the disease.

The bridge bylaw, calling for the expenditure of $7,000 for the building of five bridges, was voted up on Monday and carried by a five to one vote. Bridges will be built on Colborne street, Norfolk street, Victoria street and two on Windham street.

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