STRENGTH OF 118TH BATTALION WILL BE NOT MORE THAN 260

Medical Examiners Reject All Men Not Perfect.

MUCH CRITICISM HEARD

But Examiners Are Following Instructions—Cases of Hardship.

When the 118th Battalion leaves for the east it will have a strength of not more than 260 men. The medical board which is examining the men is causing casualties more quickly than would a week of hard fighting. A man has to be a physical marvel to pass the unusually severe tests.

Considerable unfriendly comment is heard on the harshness of the examiners, but it is explained that they are only acting on instructions from Ottawa. So many men have been rejected of late on arrival in England that orders came from Ottawa that the examiners were to be certain that no man who might be culled out in England was to be accepted here. The board is taking the instructions in the most literal sense and the South Waterloo unit is the first direct sufferer.

Only one of the battalion hockey team has passed the test. One well-known cross-country runner, a man who is able to run, if need be, 15 or 20 miles, is said to have been turned down as unfit to march. Many other similar cases are reported.

The most unfavorable comments are with regard to the hardships worked on a large number of the men. One man enlisted in Kitchener 16 months ago. He is a young married man with a small family. He gave up a good job with a rubber company to join the army. Now he is turned out of the army. He does not know that he will get his job back and if he does he feels that he is not as efficient as he was prior to his enlistment and could not earn the same money. He has been a big expense to the country, has not improved himself for his work and has benefited no one.

It is generally felt that it is high time that the medical services in England and Canada were working out a system which would result in greater co-ordination. Canada, say military men, cannot supply battalions of supermen.

THIRTEEN MORE RECRUITS JOIN ARMY SERVICE CORPS

One of Them, Son of Prominent Insurance Man, Wants Outdor Life.

Thirteen more recruits were sent down to the Army Service Corps' mobilization depot at Toronto Saturday night. They were a varied lot, ranging from a cowboy to the son of the vice-president of the Prudential Insurance Company of America. The latter, W. A. Brice, was, on the advice of his physician, taking a trip as a change from the pressure of his office work. He reached Detroit where a friend suggested, if he wished to lead an outdoor life, that he could get it in the Canadian army. He accepted the suggestion, came over to Windsor and passed on with the A.S.C. He will soon be on his way to England and the front.

The names of the men are as follows: C. E. Wilson of Windsor, H. Barnett of London, W. A. Brice of Windsor, R. Banks of Galt, J. Blackburn of Sarnia, R. C. Munroe of Amherstburg, T. F. Lane of Windsor, C. M. Jensen of Windsor, H. Lamont of London, R. W. Burgess, F. J. Donohue, J. M. Quarry and T. Ryan all of Windsor.

63RD BATTERY CAPTURES HALF DOZEN RECRUITS

N.-C.O.'s Back From Course in Kingston—Others to Attend.

Six recruits was the week-end tally of the 63rd Battery. They were A. R. McIntyre, Beachville, Ontario, C. P. Fortner, 55 Wharncliffe road, city; T. H. Smith, Walkerville, Ontario; W. J. Evans, Windsor; Thomas Lewis, England, and C. L. Cameron from St. Marys.

Six N.C.O.'s who returned on Sunday night from a course of instruction in Kingston, report that the course there was severe, but unusually interesting. They qualified as follows:

Sergeants—W. V. Roche, C. S. Willis; Corporals—J. D. Hunt and C. F. L. Heney; Bombardiers—C. P. Henegan and V. R. Maylor.

Seven more men will be sent to Kingston for courses on January 15. They are at present being given preliminary instruction.

PRACTICING ECONOMY

Ladies who from inclination or necessity are really practicing economy, would do well to consider our patent leather shoes at present prices. $3.00, $3.50, $4.00, $4.50 and $5.00. Kids or calfs in same styles would cost from $6.00 to $8.00. The patents have been somewhat neglected of late, and are not in such demand as shoes in other leathers, hence the opportunity of providing oneself with good serviceable dressy shoes at a saving, if not too much of a devotee to the exacting dictates of fashion.

If your husband should be interested in this we have a few Men's Patents at $5.00 up. There's a saving to be made in these, too. Casselman Bros. The Shoe Shop of Quality, Value, Service, 171 Dundas street.

PERSONALS

Mr. Thomas Harris, of Exeter, is visiting for a few days with his sister, Mrs. Thos. Raney, 11 Pipe line, London.

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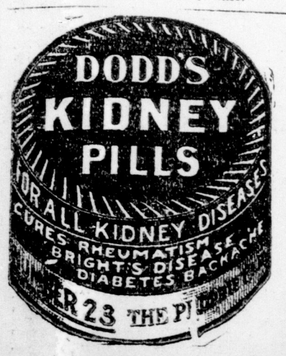
Dr. Edward Spence of King street has returned from Southern Pennsylvania, where he has been visiting his brother, Rev. Dr. Hamilton Spence, who has been very ill for some time.



LOCAL NEWS

—Rev. Dr. Silcox has received a cable stating that his son, Pte. Albert Silcox, reported seriously ill with pneumonia, is much better.

TO SEE EXHIBITION.—J. L. Johnson and A. B. Barbour left today to visit the big glass exhibition at Pittsburg, Pa.

ILL AT HOME.—Percy Perrin of the audit office, L. and P. S. R., has been confined to his home through illness during the last two weeks.

VISITING IN CHATHAM. — Staff Capt. White and Lieut. Webber of the London citadel are at present in Chatham, attending the Salvation Army week-end services in that city.

EXECUTIVE MEETS.—The executive committee of the London branch of the Soldiers' Aid Commission is holding its regular meeting today at 4:30 o'clock. Business relative to the work of the commission will be discussed.

NO WRITS YET.—Not one writ in either the county court or the local supreme court of Ontario has been entered in the local offices this year. This is regarded as nothing unusual, as it is not customary to look for the entry actions so early in the year.

SPEAKING TO SOLDIERS. — Capt. and Mrs. Charles F. Walter of South London citadel will speak at a special meeting in the Salvation Army building, Queen's Park Camp tonight. In addition, a program of readings and songs will be put on by members of the South London branch.

LECTURES TONIGHT.—Rev. Robert W. Norwood, poet and dramatic writer, will give a lecture this evening (January 8) at 8:15 o'clock in Bishop Cronyn Memorial Church Sunday School. The lecture is under the A. Y. P. A. The subject of the lecture is "The New Movement in Canadian Poetry."

IN NEW QUARTERS.—The Associated Kin of Canadian Expeditionary Forces has secured as its headquarters the store on Richmond street that has been occupied by the Women's Emergency Corps as a tearoom. It will use the new office to receive recruits for both the army and navy.

WON CLUB BAG.—Pte. Brice, C. A. S. C., Base Supply Depot No. 2, Toronto, is the winner of the handsome leather club bag offered for the name suggested for the new leather and jewelry store at 245 Dundas street. He named it the "Majestic Leather and Jewelry House," and the proprietor has awarded him the prize.

BRIDGE PROVING USEFUL.—The opening of the Delaware bridge in the middle of December has been a great source of satisfaction to residents of that township who have been making use of the structure since that date. The bridge was closed for four months during the construction period which necessitated a detour of several miles.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL OPENS. — Technical School classes open for the winter term tonight. There are still many vacancies, and those wishing to take the courses may still register at either the Central Technical School or the Normal School any evening this week. The advance registration has been large, but some of the classes still have room for more, particularly that for the home nursing.

NEW OFFICERS.—At the election of officers of Companion Court Joy, No. 362, I. O. F., the following were chosen: Court deputy, Comp. Mary Pestell; court physician, Dr. N. George; P. C. R., Comp. T. Jenkins; C. R., Comp. L. Arbuckle; V. C. R., Comp. Potter; R.S. Comp. I. Adcock; F. S. and S., Comp. A. Bickley; orator, Comp. A. Thomas; S. W., Comp. E. Brockett; finance committee, Comp. T. Jenkins and Comp. Potter; central committee, Comp. L. Arbuckle and Comp. L. Adcock.

APPOINTMENTS PLEASE. — The reappointment of C. R. Somerville and Jeffrey Hale as members of the board of health is the cause of much satisfaction on the street today, and is generally approved. Popular sentiment says they have done excellent work during the past two years. Mr. Somerville will be chosen as chairman at the first meeting. E. H. Russell, representing the sanitary and heating engineers, is the new appointee. He replaces Controller J. H. Saunders, who is now a member of the city council.

FOUR MORE COMING.—Four additional names have been added to the list of returned soldiers who are expected to arrive in this city on Tuesday morning at 11:15 o'clock via the C.P.R. H. Martin, 68 Albion street, is the only Londoner on the additional list, the others being H. C. Holme, Ingersoll; George Hamilton, Fergus; J. Hall, 44 Dufferin street, Guelph. These four men are being returned for service in Canada, possibly for instructional purposes.

GOT CHRISTMAS BOXES. — Mrs. Kirk, 123 Horton street, has received word from her sons, Pte. George Kirk, 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles, and Pte. Leslie Kirk, Signal Section, 68th Battalion, that they have received their boxes sent by the Mothers' Club of the Simdoe Street School, and enjoyed and appreciated them very much. Pte. George Kirk is at present in the hospital at Epsom, suffering from shell shock. Both boys left London with the 70th Battalion.

AMNESTY EXTENDED.—The amnesty which was granted to deserters from C. E. F. units, and which was to extend to December 15, has been, by a recent order, extended to January 15, in order that it may embrace those men who are at present residing in outlying parts of Canada or in the United States. It is felt that many men in such places, had they heard of the amnesty, would have taken advantage of it. A large number of men have already reported as a result of the amnesty, and it is believed prpbable that many more will come in.

NEW RAILWAY UNIT.—A unit to be known as No. 1 Section, Skilled Railway Employees, is to be organized as a unit of the Canadian expeditionary force. Albert H. Kendall, master mechanic of the C. P. R. in Toronto, has been appointed to the command of this section and has been given the rank of captain. Engineers, drivers, firemen, men for maintenance, repairers of locomotives, traffic controllers, railway clerks and station masters are required at once. Capt. Kendall's address is at 555 Spadina avenue, Toronto, and such men desiring to enlist in this unit before recruiting offices are opened are requested to communicate with him.

VEGETABLE CONTESTS. — Teams composed of members of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association are competing in a number of contests at the meeting in the office of the department of agriculture next Saturday. Ohio potatoes, green hubbard squash, Denver onions, celery (any variety), and turnip beets are being exhibited. Three of each vegetable will be exhibited, except in the case of squash. J. J. Davis will address the association on irrigation in addition to the regular business conducted.

LIEUTENANT ATTACHED.—Lieut. E. E. Heath, 30th Battery, C. F. A., has been attached for duty to No. 3 Section, D. A. C.

DALE AND SCREATON APPOINTED CITY AUDITORS; FIRST SESSION OF COUNCIL UNUSUALLY LIVELY

Salaries of Auditors To Be Fixed Later—C. R. Somerville and Jeffrey Hale Appointed Members of the Board of Health—Rules Placed in Discard at Initial Assembly.

The council of 1917 got off to a very god start this morning, and to a casual observer, it would appear that there will be some lively sessions during the present year. The debating strength of the aldermen is quite a bit, it might be mentioned, en passant, and there was enough feeling shown to lead an oldtimer to think that the good old, rare old days had come again. There was not much debatable in the agenda, the appointment of auditors being the most important, but it developed quite a session. The rules of order were kikode into the well-known scrap heap, and it was rather a go-easy session. Mayor Stevenson announced after the meeting that as the aldermen were not quite up to their jobs as yet, he gave them plenty of leeway. Henceforth they will be pulled up short, when any transgressions occur. He will maintain order.

The session was inaugurated by Rev. D. C. Macgregor, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. He was accorded a most hearty vote of thanks by the council.

Election Cost $1,612.

Mayor Stevenson read his inaugural address, which was received, and ordered sent to the various committees, which will deal with the recommendations contained therein. The election expense account, amounting to $1,512, was ordered paid.

Ex-Ald. W. A. Wilson objected to the passing of the procedure bylaw, read a second and a third time at a special meeting of the council in 1916. City Solicitor Meredith upheld him. The council, however, gave it another reading, and it is now legal and valid. It provides for two committees, instead of four, as was the rule last year.

Controller E. S. Little presented the report of the striking committee, and the committees were selected as follows:

Committees.

No. 1.—Controllers Little and Shaw, Ald. Copp, Dyer, Harley, Rose, Ashplant and Manness.

No. 2.—Controllers Moore and Saunders, and Ald. Cunningham, Drake, Moorhead, Donahue, Winnett and Keene.

Ald. J. J. Dyer was chosen as chairman of No. 1 committee, and Controller J. M. Moore selected as chairman of No. 2 committee. The first committee will meet on Thursday evenings preceding the council sessions, and No. 2 every Tuesday evening.

The other appointments were made as follows:

Children's Aid Society—Controller Shaw and Ald. Rose.

Western University Governor—James C. Duffield.

Western University Senate—Dr. S. J. Radcliffe, Dr. F. R. Eccles and Dr. W. H. Moorehouse.

Court of Revision—Major T. J. Murphy.

Board of Health—C. R. Somerville, Jeffrey Hale, E. H. Russell.

Western Fair Directors—Mayor Stevenson, Controller E. S. Little, Ald. Dyer, Ald. Moorhead, Ald. Harley, Ald. Drake.

London Railway Board—M. D. Fraser, K. C., and Lieut.-Col. William Spittal.

Library Board—Ex-Ald. Thos. Gillean.

London and Port Stanley Board—Mayor Stevenson, Controller Saunders, Ald. Copp, Ald. Keene, Ald. Donahue, Ald. Cunningham, Ald. Ashplant, Ald. Manness, and Ald. Winnett.

Some Questions.

Dr. C. H. Ziegler and ex-Ald. F. W. Daly were mentioned for the position of library representative, but Mr. Gillean had a large majority. There was some questions asked as to why Dr. F. L. Burdon was not appointed on the board of health, as representative of the council, in place of Mr. Hale. Controller Little explained that Dr. Burdon was included in the list when the striking committee first met, but the city clerk had figured that the striking committee could not make such a report, and with the consent of the members of the striking committee, he had substituted the name of Mr. Hale for that of Dr. Burdon. The motion carried.

Want Inside Information.

Ald. Ashplant and Ald. Dyer wanted to get some inside information on the management of the London street railway and the City Gas Company, and introduced motions that one or more shares of the stock in each of these companies be purchased by the city. Controller Shaw made objection to that, saying that the council was not informed on the question, had not heard it discussed, and had no information as to the advisability of such a step. He and Ald. Rose insisted that No. 1 committee should deal with them first, and the council agreed.

"This whole thing looks cut and dried to me," declared Ald. Rose.

The big debate was on the appointment of city auditors, and after an hour or more wrangling, Andrew Dale and Arch screaton were appointed. Their salaries will be fixed at the next meeting of the finance committee. W. R. Jex, Winnipeg, was proposed by Ald. Ashplant, but he was not accepted.

Method Debated.

The preliminary debate was on the method of appointment. The method pursued was in keeping with chapter 323 of the municipal act, which provides for the appointment of auditors annually. Controller Moore thought this the better. Ald. Ashplant wanted the appointments to be made under section 240, which provides for the appointment at the pleasure of the council, which means that any officials appointed may hold their positions until their successors are named. The council, after considerable discussion, agreed on the former method.

Then came the nominations. Controller Little suggested the names of Mr. Dale and Mr. Screaton. Ald. Ashplant nominated Mr. Jex and Mr. Dale.

"We should take time to arpoint proper men," said Ald. Ashplant. "If we were operating under section 240 of the municipal act, we could appoint Mr. Dale and later get a good man. I think the treatment given Mr. Dunlop was nothing short of scandalous. It was the most disreputable advertising ever given the city. He would come back to London if conditions were made proper as they should be, but he will not come back under present conditions, and I do not blame him. Mr. Jewell had the first refusal of the position, and if he could not accept the office them, he could not do so now."

"Mr. Jewell is not mentioned in the motions," insisted Dr. Shaw. "His status is not being considered. He was the cheapest man we ever had."

Want Londoners.

Controller Saunders and Ald. Moorhead were of the opinion that London men could do the work as well as any outsiders, and favored the appointment of Mr. Dale and Mr. Screaton.

"We have outside men on the London and Port Stanley, on the utilities commission, in the city engineer's office, in fact, almost every place," commented Ald. Ashplant. "We want good men."

Ald. Cunningham attacked the arrangement with Mr. Dale and Mr. Screaton, saying that the appointment was that, plus another expert.

"It simply means that we will appoint these two men, and then later have to engage expert assistance, I presume, Mr. Jewell," he declared. "I am informed that it will require 5,800 hours' work to complete the audit. Each of these appointees should be responsible for 2,000 hours, or 4,000 all told. Then, what are we going to do with the balance, nearly 2,000 hours? Are we going to pay Mr. Jewell $5 a hour or fraction thereof? He might ask $5,000 or more, and the cost of the audit would be enormous. I am perfectly willing to appoint these men, but it must be understood that they are to do all the work, but we do not know. That's what bothers me. I am told that two men cannot do the work. It was understood that $4,500 was to cover the whole cost of the audit, but it does not seem to me that such a thing is possible. We cannot practice economy on these lines. We appoint the men, and they name their salaries. It looks like a bad arrangement."

Opinions Given.

"I think this discussion is out of order," declared Controller Saunders. "We are not discussing Mr. Jewell."

"You are voting for friendship, not duty," declared Ald. Cunningham. "You have hitched these men to Mr. Jewell's kite, and you do not know how far, or where, you are going.

"Mr. Jewell says these men are capable of doing the work," said Ald. Saunders. "He will not take it, and we can get the audit done for $4,500."

"Mr. Jewell worked for the city at $1,800 a year," declared Dr. Shaw. "You will not find him asking $5,000, and we should not cast any reflection on his name. No two men can do it, and we will have to get some expert assistance."

"Mr. Jewell wants the money but not the responsibility," was Ald. Ashplant's shot. "These men cannot do the work unassisted. Mr. Jex and Mr. Dale can, and you will have men of standing. The appointment of the other two will be unesirable and unsafe for the city. Mr. Jewell, as consultant, wants $500 a year as retainer, $5 an hour for his work, and 25 per cent of the salary of his assistants. That's far too much money."

"Mr. Dale and Mr. Screaton have been doing the work for years," said Controller Little. "We are confident that they can do the work, and do it properly. There will be a limit on the amount for expert assistance, and if we can get the auditing done for $4,500 a year, I think we will be doing good work."

Vote Settles It.

The vote for Mr. Dale and Mr. Screaton stood: Controllers Little, Shaw, Moore, Saunders, Alds. Rose, Drake, Keene, Donahue, Winnett and Moorhead, and against, Alds. Copp, Dyer, Cunningham, Harley, Manness and Ashplant.

Ald. Ashplant moved that the men be paid $1500 each, but on motion of Ald. Rose and Controller Shaw, the question was sent to No. 1 committee.

Ald. Dyer introduced a motion to have a deputation interview the Provincial Government on the establishment of a military hospital here. The motion carried, and the committee will be named as soon as Sir Adam Beck can arrange a meeting.

The committee on the high cost of living will be named at the next meeting of the council, which will be held on Monday evening next.

COLLECTION OF NATIONAL SERVICE CARDS BEGINS; LARGE NUMBERS RETURNED

Extra Assistants Employed to Distribute Also Helping to Collect.

Collection of national service cards, delivered last week, commenced today. Numbers of cards were brought in by the postmen during the morning and even larger quantities are expected when the collections made during the afternoon are turned in. So far, the majority of the citizens have obeyed the injunction not to mail the cards, postal authorities state.

The extra employees, who assisted the postmen in delivering the cards, are being retained to assist in the collection. The postmen expect that the work of collection will be much easier than that of distribution and at the present rate hope to bring in all the cards signed by the end of the week.

There are a few more cards to be given out, but this, it is thought, will not delay the work of collection.

WEDDING BELLS

ELMSLIE—TALBOT.

On Friday evening, January 5, at the Hyatt Avenue Methodist parsonage, Miss Ruby Talbot, daughter of Joseph Talbot of Owen Sound, was married to Victor Leonard Elmslie of Guelph, Rev. H. D. Moyer officiated. They will take up their residence in Galt.

DOYLE—MOUNT.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mount of Egerton street was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday afternoon, January 6, when their daughter Carrie was married to Clarence Albert Doyle of Detroit. Rev. H. D. Moyer officiated. Among the bridal gifts was a handsome set of silver knives and forks, accompanied by an appreciative address from the Daisy Bible Class of Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church, of which the bride was a member. A dainty dinner was served, after which the happy couple left for their new home in the "City of the Straits," accompanied by the good wishes of their friends.

BAKER—McHUGH.

The marriage of Gertrude Irene McHugh, youngest daughter of C. E. McHugh, 644 Richmond street, to Thomas W. Baker, son of James W. Baker of Ipswich, England, was solemnized at St. Peter's Cathedral this morning, Rev. Father Tobin officiating.

Miss Mary Arnold of Woodstock acted as bridesmaid. She was handsomely attired in brown broadcloth and a pattern hat to match. J. E. McHugh, the bride's brother, acted as best man.

The bride was daintily gowned in a traveling suit of green broadcloth, picture hat to match and light furs.

A sumptuous wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride, after which the happy couple left on an extended honeymoon trip to Detroit, Chicago and western points.

Upon their return they will reside at the former home of the bride, a gift from her father. The wedding gifts were numerous.

AUSPICIOUS START FOR RETURN VISIT OF BONNE ENTENTE

Quebec Visitors Royally Welcomed at Toronto.

NEED MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

Expressions of the Delegates, Both French and English, Refer To Co-operation.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—The return visit of the members of the Canadian "Bonne Entente" began auspiciously today. It was just three months from the day the 25 Ontario pioneers in the movement set out on their visit to Quebec that Sir Lomer Gouin, Mayor Lavigueuer of Quebec and Sir George Garneau stepped from the first car of a Grand Trunk train of Pullmans at the Union station this morning.

The train carried 100 delegates from Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers and Sherbrooke, and it pulled into the station at 8:25. A reception committee of 20 met the visitors from the sister province and a cordial and hilarious exchange of greetings and renewal of acquaintances at once began and was continued at the King Edward Hotel, whither the party were rapidly conveyed in motors bearing the words "Bonne Entente" on small red placards.

Some of the more prominent members of the visiting party are: Senator Beaubien, Senator Dandurand, Huntly Drummond, Dudger Gravel (president chambre de commerce), Col. Girouard 2, Hebert (vice president board of trade), H. Paporte, O. S. Perrault (Montreal), Sir Lomer Gouin, Sir George Garneau, Judge Pelletier, P. N. Lemieux, Mayor Lavigueur, Hon. Cyrille Delage, Frank Carrel (Quebec), Judge Desy, N. Labelle, J. A. Pelletier, Dr. Vigneu (Three Rivers), V. E. Morrill (Sherbrooke).

Royal Welcome Given.

At 10.30 Mayor Church, taking his seat in the mayor's chair at the city hall, with Mayor Lavigueur of Quebec on his right and Sir George Garneau on his left, extended a "right, hearty, royal welcome" to the visitors. The city of Toronto, he said, was proud of the province of Quebec as part of the Dominion. With all the world it applauded and gloried in the magnificent record of the French race at this time.

Mayor Levigueur read a reply, in which he pointed out that differences of sentiment, ideals and opinions must exist between the two races, but that cooperation between English and French in building up a greater Canada is certain, and the difficulties are far from insuperable. He handed Mayor Church a resolution passed unanimously by the Quebec city council on Thursday last which reads:

Creating Better Feeling.

"That this council learns with satisfaction that his worship the mayor is invited specially by Le Comite de L'Entente cordiale, to form part of the delegation who are to proceed to the Province of Ontario to meet the Ontario section of the said committee, in order to exchange friendly proceedings with tokens of mutual esteem in view of creating better friendly relations between the population of the two provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

"That this council is most happy to entrust his worship the mayor with the special mission of expressing to our brothers and friends of Ontario their warm sympathies and their earnest hope that the efforts of the Comite de La Bonne Entente shall have the happy result of dissipating regrettable misunderstandings and to operate a sincere friendship and union between the divers' elements which compose the Canadian nation."

Get More in Touch.

Ald. A. Boyd spoke for the city of Montreal: "We must get more in touch with one another if we wish to understand one another," he said. From association with his fellow-citizens of French extraction in Montreal he had learned to know and love them. Ald. Boyd extended the warmest thanks of the visitors for the hearty welcome extended. He referred to the happy coincidence that the visit was being made in the 50th year of confederation, and called on his hearers to renew this year the great compact entered into 50 years ago.

"We need each other," he said. "The two provinces need each other and they can supply one another's mutual needs.

After singing "God Save the King" and exchanging cheers the council chamber was emptied in time for the inaugural meeting at 11, the visitors and their hosts were photographed on the city hall steps and then drove to one of the large munition plants. After an inspection of the munition-making operations the party motored to the university, where they were welcomed at Hart House, the residence of Victoria College and later unched at Burwash Hall.

L.L. D. for Sir George Garneau.

The afternoon program includes a visit to the new Technical School and a special convocation of the university, at which the degree of L.L. D. is to be conferred upon Sir George Garneau.

The Toronto part of the trip ends tonight with a banquet at the King Edward Hotel.

The weather is mild and fine, but the visitors find the bare streets a contrast to conditions in Quebec.

PATRIOTIC FUND NEEDS GROW STEADILY BIGGER

Middlesex Requires $2,700 This Month—Mailing Checks Wednesday.

The largest patriotic check yet received by the Middlesex Patriotic Association is now in the hands of County Clerk Stuart, the amount required this month being $2,700.

The individual checks are being made out, and will be mailed on Wednesday morning to all entitled to receive them.

The Middlesex Association found it necessary to requisition the head office at Ottawa for the above amount, because of the additional number of Middlesex enlistments during the past month.

Recruits from the county are coming in more rapidly than at any time for the past six months, and in order to meet the needs a still larger amount may be necessary for February.

The nearest approach to this month's amount was called for in September last, when $2,600 was distributed in small checks throughout the county.

ECLIPSE OF MOON

There was a total eclipse of the moon this morning, which was visible here, although some clouds intervened during the time the shadow was on the moon.

It reached its fullness about 5 o'clock the moon being completely obscured.

There was not the usual number of interested persons gazing on it, as the hour was rather late or early, and the weather quite cold for such work.

There are eight eclipses this year, the greatest number possible.

WINTER ASSIZES IN COURT HOUSE ONLY LAST FEW MINUTES

Every Case Enlarged To the March Sittings.

MANY WITNESSES SICK

Mr. Justice Latchford Holds Shortest Session On Record Here.

The shortest session of the jury sittings of the supreme court of Ontario ever held at the court house was presided over today by Mr. Justice Latchford.

The three cases that were listed for trial were all enlarged until the March assizes, because of illness of important witnesses in all three actions.

The court opened at twenty minutes past one, and was adjourned at fifteen minutes to two, only twenty-five minutes having elapsed, establishing a record for the shortest session in this city.

In the case of Pritchett vs. Atkinson, Mrs. Pritchett, the plaintiff, is confined to her home because of measles at the house. Willoughby Harrison, plaintiff in an action brought against Robert Hueston & Sons, is in Victoria Hospital, and in the action of Irwin vs. Irwin, two important witnesses were too ill to attend.

The jurymen were all paid off immediately after the adjournment of court.

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TINO'S CABINET

the former premier and head of the provisional Greek Government.

"The Greek general staff," added M. Diomede, "was from the outset of the war constantly directed by Major von Falkenhausen, the military attache of the German legation, and it is his orders the royal army has been carrying out since he himself was expelled from the country. It was he who established the plan for the distribution of artillery munitions so as to conceal them more easily from the Allies.

He Has Done Much.

"It was he who assured communications between Athens and Berlin and furnished the German general staff with information concerning movements of General Sarrail's army, supplied to him by the Greek staff. It was he who organized the telephone line between Athens and Berat by which the king is still in daily communication with the German Government. It was he who organized the plan for the mobilization of the reservists.

"No more than four thousand troops thus far have been sent to Peloponnesus, while the king has now in hand forty-five thousand men. With the reservists also organized by M. Falkenhausen he can raise an army of seventy-five thousand."

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RUSSIAN DRIVE

front, near the Gulf of Riga. Today's official statement says the Russians succeeded in gaining more ground on the Aa River. The statement reads:

"Eastern front: Front of Prince Leopold: West of the Riga-Mitau road the Russians yesterday attacked again with strong forces on a broad front. On the River Aa they succeeded in broadening somewhat the ground gained on January 5. At all other points they were sanguinarily repulsed."

SUCCESS IN RUMANIA.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 7.—Via London.—(British admiralty per Wireless Press.)—The war office communication issued today says:

"Western (Russian) front: Enemy attacks against our positions between the Tirul march, the River Aa, and south of the village of Kalnzem were repelled by our fire. During the battles south of Lake Babit and south of Riga, 500 Germans were captured. In the region of the town of Ketchni, northeast of Velelki, an enemy airplane landed. The aviators, an officer and a private, were made prisoner.

"Rumanian front: Our detachments as a result of a surprise attack, captured trenches in the Oituz valley and also a number of prisoners. Enemy counter-attack were repulsed. The enemy's attempt to advance towards the heights north of the Kassina River was repelled.

Win Position Back.

"Under pressure, the Russian and Rumanian detachments occupying positions on the upper branch of the Suchitza River, and northwest of Fokshani, retired a little distance eastward. The Russians by a counter-attack in the region of Kapatuno, fourteen versts northwest of Fokshani, restored their position as it existed previous to yesterday's battle. The enemy launched an attack in dense formation against our troops and the Rumanians near Peceschi, six versts southwest of Fokshani, but were repelled by our fire.

Push Ahead to Rapitza Lake.

"Our detachments, assuming the offensive, have reached the line of Raspitza Lake, five versts southwest of Henguleschi and twelve versts southeast of Raspitza. Enemy attacks from Melkeneschi and Odenski against detachments occupying positions on the lower reaches of the Buzeu River were repulsed.

"Caucasian front: Along the whole line there has been the usual exchange of firing. The snowstorm has not interrupted the operations. The snowfall has lasted in some places for 20 days."

SKATING ON RIVER.—Skating on the north branch of the Thames was enjoyed by many Londoners Sunday afternoon. The cold weather following the thaw produced a smooth sheet of ice extending from the forks to Springbank. Some record trips were made. Two couples covered the distance from Springbank to the city in 28 minutes.

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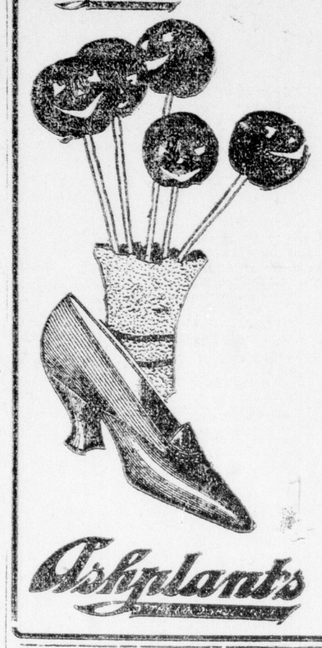

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West of Brockville, Including London Division.

SCHEDULE UNTIL APRIL 30

All Passenger Trains on G. T. R. and C. P. R.—C. N. R. Not Yet Affected.

TORONTO, Jan. 7.—Slashing of the passenger train service out of Toronto on a wholesale scale in order to reduce freight congestion, was agreed upon at a conference of railway and transportation officials held at the Union Station yesterday.

No less than 49 trains—25 on the C. P. R. and the Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo lines, and 24 on the G. T. R.—will be discontinued on Sunday next, when the new service in the different lines becomes effective.

The revised schedules will be tried until April 30. If it be found necessary to restore the service of some of the trains that have been discontinued the railway officials will reconvene and consider applications.

The reduction of service is confined to west of Brockville and Ottawa and the Toronto, Hamilton, London and Parry Sound divisions of the different lines. Another conference will be held tomorrow at Ottawa, when the railway officials will meet the Dominion Railway Commission and take into consideration the advisability of reducing the passenger train service in the east. So far the service on the Toronto-Montreal divisions of the C. P. R. and the G. T. R. lines remains undisturbed. Under the new arrangement upwards of 225 employees, embracing 147 engineers and firemen and 98 train hands, including conductors, will be available for the work of moving munitions and cleaning up the freight and coal congestion at the different points of the Niagara frontier. Extra motive power will also be pressed into service.

The changes so far do not affect the Canadian Northern Railway.

According to information given to The Advertiser today by Superintendent Charles Forrester of the G.T.R. and City Ticket Agent McCallum of the C.P.R. no intimation as to what trains would be taken off locally has yet been received. The schedule, it was said, was being drawn up today in Toronto and copies of the new rules are expected to arrive in the city in the course of the next day or two.

It is expected the local effect will be far-reaching as the cancellation is expected to affect passenger traffic considerable in this district.

Some of the branch lines, like the Huron and Bruce, may have to be content with two trains a day instead of four as at present, but nothing definite will be known until the new schedule is completed.

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PLATITUDES

have commonly been described as strained through the recent submarine activities.

WHAT STARTED PROBE.

BERLIN, via Sayville, Jan. 7.—A large number of the leading personages of Germany, says the Overseas News Agency, were present at the dinner given last night in honor of James W. Gerard, the American ambassador to Germany, by the American Association of Commerce and Trade of Berlin. The diners were addressed by Ambassador Gerard, Vice-Chancellor Helfferich, Foreign Secretary Zimmerman and Arthur von Gwinner, the director of the Deutsche Bank, and in all the speeches the cordial relationships existing between the governments of the United States and Germany were emphasized.

Ambassador Gerard, who was likened by Dr. von Gwinner to the "peace dove of Noah's ark," responded by saying:

"Never since the beginning of the war have the relations between Germany and the United States been as cordial as now. I have brought back an olive branch from the president, or don't you consider the president's message an olive branch?

"I personally am convinced that as long as Germany's fate is directed by such men as my friend, the chancellor, and Dr. Helfferich and Dr. Rolf; by Admirals von Capelle (minister of the navy), Holtzendorf (head of the naval general staff), and von Mueller (naval advisor to the emperor); by Generals von Hindenburg (chief of the general staff), and Ludendorff (first quartermaster-general), and last but not least, by my friend, Zimmerman, the relations between the two countries are running no risk."

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A. E. SILVERWOOD ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB

Australian Boy Scouts Express Gratitude for Reception Given Them Here.

At the regular weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club at the Tecumseh House today, A. E. Silverwood was elected president and Col. W. M. Gartshore vice-president, both by acclamation, for the year 1917. Nine were nominated for the office of directors, three to be elected at next Monday's meeting.

Those nominated were William A. Martin, Frank G. Jewell, E. G. Yeates, Dr. Norman Beale, W. N. Manning, George H. Belton, S. J. Radcliffe, R. E. Ruse and W. R. Yendall.

About 85 were present, and Christmas greetings from 45 or 50 other organizations were read. A letter of appreciation was read from Arthur M. Coyne, expressing the thanks of that organization for the kindness shown to representatives while on a visit to the city last summer.

On Monday, January 22, A. E. Silverwood will deliver an address on the "Relation of the Cold Storage to the High Cost of Living."

Representatives of other city organizations will be invited to attend.

DEATH OF MRS. TYSON.

INGERSOLL, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Howard Tyson, aged 67, for a quarter of a century a milliner here, is dead at her home here. The funeral will be held Monday.

WEAK FROM GRIPPE

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