# HYDRO MEETING IN

Popularity of Chippewa Scheme Cause of Poor Attendance.

#### REFUTES STATEMENT

Hon Thomas Crawford Denies Government is Unfavorable to Hydro.

The hydro meeting in Kent Street School last night proved a very tame men of ward 6 are returned by ac clamation the attendance was only fair. and at 930 after Aldermen Gibbons MacGregor and McBrien, Controlle Cameron and Hon. Thos. Crawford had exhausted their vocabulary the meeting ran out of speakers, and for an hour and a half the audience listened to addresses on vegetable growing and funny stories. It was after 11 o'clock before ex-Confroller Simpson arrived to conclude the meeting with a short address, after which the gathering pranimously endorsed the hydro by-

Most important among the addresses was that of Hon. Thos, Crawford, who declared that the statement attributed to the man in Hamilton to the effect that the Ontario Government was unfavorable to hydro, was unwarranted in the face of the facility with which ydro matters had been handled by the government.

The big thing the ratepayers must consider, he said, was that the hydro legislation in connection with empowering municipalities to submit the by iaw had been granted by the legisla-ture, which had thereby given ap-proval to the bylaw. He did not be-lieve that any intelligent citizen would vote against the hydro and his own interests. He believed the day was no far distant when Ontario would have a chain of hydro radials which would facilitate transportation and materially dairry, lessen the distance between produced

consumer. Ald, Joseph Gibbons told the work ing man that it was he especially who should pile up the majority for the hydro bylaw. It was the workingman who knew by force of circumstances how to live economically. In support of the satisfaction given by hydro he said that 35 per cent, of the hydro's residence customers were laboring mer.

Controller Cameron said that the hydro bylaw should be carried, bestreet ralway, must have additional with which to operate it. Personally he was getting rather tired of telling the ratepayers to support something they all intended supporting anyway and which was so viously in their interests. Power in he said, was 65 per cent. because of hydro competi-

Warning for Voters.

In conclusion, he warned the audience against the election clapwarned the trap given by the candidate who pats he said, should elect or defeat him. He hoped to be elected on his record. Ex-Controller Simpson strongly endorsed the hydro bylaw. He believed E. F. it was only the grand start of public ownership of public utilities. In his short address he declared in favor of the unit system of finance in each civic department in addition to civic finances collectively. He also urged tax reform, especially along the lines of unearned increment. He believed the failure of municipalities to put a break on land speculation, had done

\$12 to \$4 in one apartment house. Ald. MacGregor urged the voters of Ward 6 to nail their colors to the hydro masthead, and tell Ontario

after the annual assessment by the de-

that every voter is a public ownership "Back Beck and beat the Boogies," he concluded amidst ap-

#### SMALL CROWD TURNS **OUT TO HEAR SPEECHES**

Hillcrest Ratepayers Listen to Addresses From Candidates for

A very small attendance greeted the candidates for municipal honors at the Hillcrest Ratepayers' Association meeting, held last night in Hillcrest Public School. Ex-Ald. J. M. Warren, presided, and the he regretted the small attendance, said it was a tribute

to the satisfactory manner in which

present incumbents had handled the affairs of the day. Trustee Dr. Caroline Brown

during the past few years the city's debt would be quadrupled, and the tax rate would have to be increased accordingly. He favored a tax on the profits of real estate sale, and said if this had been taken during the last real estate boom a large sum would civic financing. He favored the platoon

as fou-go policy in connection with meeting, owing to a slight illness.

## **CROWLEY CONFESSES**

Consul Denies Dynamite Conspiracy.

tente allies to which Smith confessed charges today in the government's prosecution of Frank Bopp, German consul-general here, and six others for violation of American trailty. Crowley, who is a defendant, admitted the trips into Canada and along the border which the prosecution introduced in evidence, but said his activities had been confined to investigation of alleged violation by en-tente nations of the neutrality of the

United States. Among other important facts un-Crowley said and duly reported to his employer, Consul-General Bopp, were that a Lieut, Johnston of the United States navy had resigned to become a submarine assembling ex-American-made aeroplanes, for British use, were at one time stored in the New York

## **WILL GET BADGES** FOR GOOD CONDUCT

Issued in Form of Chevron to Privates of Discipline.

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Patients in Toronto Base Hospital Have Good Time -Soldier Buried.

It has been decided by the militia authorities to issue good conduct badges to all privates who have been in the service for two years without having any charges of breach of dis-cipline against them. The badges will take the form of a chevron, to be worn upon the coat sleeve. It is understood the rule of issuing these badges will apply to all C. E! F. units in Canada, A second holiday celebration was held at the Toronto Base Hospital

yesterday afternoon. St. Nicholas was a visitor, bringing with him suitable gifts for the soldier-patients. Christmas trees set up in all the principal wards, and in the chapel, allowed all the patients to enjoy the festivities.

Owing to complaints from the city uthorities of carelessness by chauf- ran behind the motor truck. feurs driving motor cars from Exhibition Camp, orders have been issued

court-martial yesterday on the charge of attempting to desert from the C. E. F. Sentence will be promulgated later. He was apprehended by the immigration authorities at Niagara Falls on Dec. 4. while he was crossing the border. He was wearing civilian attire. He pleaded not guilty to the charge against him.

traffic rules.

charge against him. Eleven Attested. Of 23 recruits offering yesterday for active service 11 were accepted. The Itoyal Canadian Dragoons gained three

"C" Company of the 204th Battalion.

Capt. Ross Cameron, who in order to get to the front quickly, resigned a captaincy in the 208th Battalion, and left for England as a lieutenant, has just been appointed a captain in the cars which were in there for repair.

Aldermen Ball and Beamish witnessed the fire and were well pleased with the woy the fire was handled.

Covered by Insurance. 180th Sportsmen's Battalion, now in training in England. His wife is liv-

boat patrol service. Albert Arthur Bates, sergeant paymaster of the Canadian Engineers at Stanley Barracks, who died on Wednesday, from cancer, at the base hospital, was buried yesterday afternoon at Prospect Cemetery, with full military honors. The 1st Infantry Brigade supplied the escort. Capt. T. G. Wallace of the Canadian Engineers con-ducted the service. Sergt. Bates is stored at the rear of the building. survived by his wife and three chil-

### TO SPEAK ON AMBRINE

Miss Elsie de Wolfe of New York

is to speak on the ambrine treatment on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Marof the ward were being looked after, of the Secours National. This new and told of the splendid new schools treatment of burns is a composition that had been built and opened since resmbling liquid paraffin, as nearly as her election two years ago. Fifteen can be described. It is the discovery million dollars is represented in 196 of a French physician, Dr. Barthe de school buildings in Toronto. She said Sanfort. Men who have been terribly that her first term on the board had burned and who have suffered horribly familiarized her with its workings, and from their wounds and loss of sleep asked for the same support she re-Ald. Archivald said he was not in favor of proceeding with any improvements that could possibly be held over intil after the war, in order to conserve the city's finances, and also to have work ready to give the thousands of returned soldiers at the end of the war.

If money was spent as prodigally as during the past few years the city's generally. The discoverer lectured on

have been realized. "Everybody is in system in the fire department and the favor of the hydro-electric bylaw," he hydro-electric bylaw. Ald. Graham said, and stated that it was merely the also addressed the meeting, and asked next step from the municipal owner-ship of the transmission lines.

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### KING ST. CAR BARNS PRICE OF LUMBER IS GOING HIGHER KENT SCHOOL TAME Detective Engaged by German TOTALLY DESTROYED

(Continued from Page 1)

San Francisco, Dec. 28.-Charles C. fire, has been extended from Jarvis Crowley, a private detective, charged to Sherbourne street, the firemen has chief witness, with complicity in a tic pressure, which did not reach higher conspiracy to blow up ships and rail- than 100 pounds at any time. Unless roads carrying munitions to the en- the firemen happened to be close in t the building the streams rarely struck higher than the second windows.

"Of course, the pressure was very poor at first, but got better as soon a more," Fire Chief Smith stated to a reporter for The World. "We got allthe pressure we could expect, seeing that we were out of the high pressure district.'

When interviewed as to the probable cause of the fire and the approximate damage thereby, General Manager R. Fleming was non-committal. excused his ignorance by saying that he had only heard of the fire at 9 o'clock and had not had time to form

Mayor Church was an interested pectator, and after wishing Mr. Flemng the compliments of the season, remarked that the cars of the season, remarked that the cars of the company should have been burned up in the last fire. Mr. Fleming responded to this doubtful pleasantry with one of his genial smiles.

Thousands Saw It. The fire was witnessed by thousands spectators, the reflection of the conflagration being visible for miles around. Soon after the outbreak, the King cars went out of commission, and intending passengers were compelled to walk to and from Sherbourne street

to reach the fire or leave it.
So rapid was the spread of the fire
that in a little over half an hour after the outbreak the roof of the main building fell in amid a shower of noke and flame. The structure was of brick construction, and had four nain entrances on King street for the ecommodation of cars.

During the course of the fire tele-phonic communication was interrupted by the falling wires, burned thruby the flames.

One Hundred Big Cars Gone. John McCullough, ass.stant superntendent of the company, arrived on he scene at 8.30. He could not state the exact number of cars that were in the barn, but knew that there were at least 100 of the double truck style. Asked as to the approximate damage Mr. McCullough would not say. But he was well pleased by the way Chief Smith and his men worked. At 9.10 the front wall of the western

section of the Queen street barn colapsed. District Chief Sinclair was in charge of the Berkeley street section who were handling this end of the building when it came down. The men were very lucky in escaping in jury, as two firemen were within a few feet of the wall when it came They dropped the hose and Waterworks Inspector J. Randell

was in charge of the water arrangeby headquarters that all drivers of ments ,and said the fire chief was tor cars must comply with the city satisfied with the pressure. Since the Pte. Ernest Richard Comber, 220th Battalion, was found guilty by district court-martial yesterday on the charge of attempting to desert from the C. George Green, chief car inspector,

George Green, chief car inspector declared that most of the old oper cars had recently been moved down to the new barns on East Queen street According to an official from th fire department, the barns had just been inspected by the district chief of Berkeley street fire hall, but his report had not yet been submitted

break on land speculation, had done much to boost the high cost of living by taking out of production farm lands adjacent to towns and cities. He also urged a supplementary assessment in September, to get legitimate taxes from the man who built immediately from in the fire.

A. R. Williamson, board of education candidate, declared himself in favor of the hydro bylaw. In his case, he said, it had out lighting cost from take the cars which were in there for

The building and contents are covered by insurance distributed with dif-

Boogies," he concluded amidst appleuse.

Ald Fred McBrien declared that the coming year in council must be one for retrenchment. No capital expenditures should be made, he said, unless absolutely necessary.

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CRAALL CROWN TURNS. ers the Royal Fire Insurance and the Western Insurance carry insurance on

the King street barms.

When the fire had been sufficiently controlled to allow the firemen to take a brief rest 600 sandwiches and two boilers of hot coffee were served.

Mr. McCullough stated that none of the workmen will be laid off on acthe workmen will be laid off on account of the fire as there are a large

Old Horse Was Saved. The only thing saved in the fire was the old horse, which for 15 years has TREATMENT FOR BURNS been pulling the trailers in and out of the barns. He was in his stall when the fire broke out, and several men in the building immediately rushed to save the animal, which, as one of the workmen said, "Could almost talk and could hitch up a trailer by

#### DR. ADAMS HONORED. He is New President of Geological Society of America.

himself."

Albany, Dec. 28.-Dr. Frank D. dams, of the University of Toronto. tonight was chosen president of the Geological Society of America at the organization's annual meeting. Other officers elected are:

Vice-President, Dr. W. D. Mathews, American Museum of Natural History, New York; treasurer, Dr. Wm. B. Clarke, Johns Hopkins University; librarian, Dr. F. R. Van Horn, Case School of Applied Science; and secre-tary. Dr. E. O. Hovey, American Mu-seum of Natural History.

### WINS MILITARY MEDAL.

Hamilton, Friday, Dec. 29 .- Pte. Alfred Curbishley, a local man, has been

# You'veGotHisName

A. C. Manbert Tells Lumbermen at First Annual Dinner.

#### **NEW TREE DISEASE**

Prof. C. A. Zavitz Speaks of Work of Forest Protection Branch.

"Personally I believe that high costs are here to stay, for a time at least," toast to "Manufacturers" at the first annual dinner of the lumbermen's section of the board of trade in the Royal Bank Building last night. "By the lay of adjustments the prices will go higher and stay up for a while," said he. For the last ten years the lumbe manufacturers had been operating on narrow margin of profit, sometimes a loss. Their stocks were so low that they were frequently out of the busi-

they were frequently out of the business. The pendulum must swing back. He spoke, not of this year or next, but for the next ten years.

Prof. C. A. Zavitz, head of the new forest protection branch of the department of lands, forests and mines, said the aim of forestry men was to see trees grown as a crop, and grown continuously. Ontario had a forest area 50 to 150 miles wide by thousands of miles long.

The problem of reforestration was to be attacked, both by artificial and by natural replanting. In the south they had tried actually planting small trees. He did not anticipate for a moment that this method could be employed successfully in the north. There they would have to rely upon natural reforestration.

New Thing for Ontario.

Protection against tree diseases was a new thing in this province, but in the south of the province a disease of white pine trees had been introduced from Europe, and men had been out scouting for affected trees and destroying them. If they were not successful, the white pine of the province would be destroyed.

J. P. Johnson proposed the toast to "The Manufacters": L. B. Beale, British Columbia, commissioner to Ontario, that to "Wholesalers," replied to by J. L. Campbell.

Other speakers during the evening were Campbell.

Other speakers during the evening were tred Clarke, Arthur Hewitt (president the board of trade), Joseph Oliver and W. Pearse (city architect). W. Boake sided. There were about 160 persons seent.

present.
Among those attending from out of town were: W. J. Altcheson, Thomas Paterson, Henry McDonald and Guy Long, Hamilton; C. Hall, Kitchener; R. S. Rhinas and J. L. McCormack, Brantford; S. Dyment and W. King, Barrie, and John Laking, Haliburton.

## CANDIDATES GIVE RATEPAYERS VIEWS

Many Aspirants for Civic Honors Address College Heights Body.

### **FAVOR HYDRO BYLAW**

Big Reduction in Price of Power is Strong Recommendation.

Many members of the College Heights

Ratepayers' Association sat in a chilly

room at the Brown school last night and

room at the Brown school last night and gave attentive hearing to a long list of civic candidates, including McBride, Spence, Simpson, Cameron and Shaw, candidates for the boar dof control; Nesbitt, Singer, Maguire, Burgess and McMulken, candidates for the aldermanic seats, and Bainbridge, McClelland and Singer, candidates as school trustees. A. Frank Wickson presided.

Jas. Simpson advocated a clearer analysis of civic finances and stated that if the present policy were pursued there would be a permanent debt of one hundred and fifty millions facing the city at the end of the war with a sinking fund of about nineteen millions to meet it. He favored the municipal war debts being pooled, then the Dominion Government striking a pro ratio tax rate for the whole of Canada to pay off this debt, so that Toronto would not be penalized for its generous aid to the empire in the present crisis. If business men were required in the city council, while he had devoted his life to the working men of the city. He also advocated a supplementary assessment in September so that buildings started after the regular assessment would not escape taxation that year.

Strong Recommendation.

Ex-Ald. A. E. Burgess, said that the

Ex-Ald. A. E. Burgess said that the reduction in the cost of power, while the cost of everything else soared, was a strong recommendation for the hydroelectric. While power at Niagara from a private company cost \$21 per horse. a private company cost \$21 per horse-power, it could be obtained thru public ownership in Toronto at \$14 per horse-

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Ald. Nesbitt spoke on behalf of Ald.
Cowan, who was unable to be present,
as well as for himself. He said that the
reorganization of the office system of
the fire department, which had been
praised by Mr. Burgess, was largely due
to Secretary Webber.

Ald. Maguire was a keen advocate of
the hydro-electric bylaws.

F. S. Spenge spoke in a patriotic strain
of considering all else secondary to the
war and advocated, not only the public
ownership of power, but also of telephones, telegraphs and railways.

Isaac Bainbridge said that he was the
only candidate for the board of education
who clearly outlined his views.

#### Minstrel Show Given by Boys Of McCormick Playground

A ministrel show was presented by the boys of McCormack Recreation Centre last night before a large audience of parlast night before a large audience of parents and friends. The boys put on a pleasing entertainment, the result of much careful training by Jas. Brinsmeade and Harold Dunning, the supervisors. Young, Doxsee, Iver and Green were a good quartet and were supported by an able chorus.

The minstrels were followed by a program of folk dances by the girls in costume. Commissioner Chambers acted as chairman and S. H. Armstrong, chief supervisor, was present and complimented the participants on the progress shown in this new feature of recreation centre work.

MUSIC ROLLS AT 25c. ext step from the municipal ownerthe of the transmission lines.

Ald. Sam McBride advocated a paytou-go policy in connection with meeting, owing to a slight illness.

Ald. Graham turing several Germans single-handed as they were leaving a shell hole during the fighting around Courcelette. Pte. Curbishley resided at 151 West avenue north, and was employed by the Hart Wheels Company.

An almost endless assortment of music rolls for the player-piano will be found in the piamo pariors of Ye. Pte. Curbishley resided at 151 West avenue north, and was employed by the Hart Wheels Company.

on the ballot paper for Controller. On New Year's Day see that you mark your X after it. His policy of economy during the war and preserving our credit for after the war period, so that the City of Toronto will be able to do its duty to the boys when they come home from the victorious fields of battle, should warrant your marking your ballot in favor of

NORWERIAN LABORITES **BACK PRESIDENT WILSON** 

ocial Democrats, With Pacifists, Desire Conclusion of War.

London, Dec. 29 .- The Norwegian abor party, says a Reuter despatch from Christiania, has sent President Vilson the following message: The Norwegian Social Democracy

unbering a third part of Norwegian lectors, expresses sympathy with President Wilson's energetic labor for. the conclusion of the war of barbarity

solved to send the Norwegian Goverument a declaration urging the government to support every well founded effort to attain a lasting peace based on respect for international

POPULAR MAJORITY FOR WILSON FAIRLY LARGE

Nearly Seven Hundred Thousand According to Revised

York, Dec. 28.-Woodrow Wilson will be president for four years more by virtue of a popular plurality wer Charles Evans Hughes of 689, 465 votes, out of a total of 15,477,463 cast on November 7 for the two major political parties. This total does not include votes for the Socialist, prohibition or Socialist Labor candidates. The figures, based, in a majority f cases, on the official counts of the states, as certified to by the electoral college, show that Wilson received 8,083,464 votes, against 7,393,999 for The Democratic vote is an of 28 per cent. over that of Hughes. increase of 28 per cent, over that of 1912; the Republican vote is an increase of 112 per cent, over that poiled by Taft.

## **GREECE MAKES VEILED THREAT**

Belligerent Attitude Hinted at Unless the Blockade is Lifted.

SPIRIT IS RESTLESS

Evidence of Intent to Line Un With Central Powers Growing.

London, Dec. 28.-An Athens deseatch, under yesterday's date, says: The government is addressing a ser to the entente powers, poling out the growing popular resement against their blockade. The man refers to Greece's previous communications of the communication cation larging mutual considera with a view to clearing the situate and says that unless some such ac is taken shortly. Greece may be for to seek the advice of the nation Another Athens despatch, day Dec. 26, says:

The American minister to Greece

today communicated to the Serbian and Greek Governments the peace overtures of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, and also the suggestion made by President Walson to the belligerents, urging them to define their aims.

King Constantine and Prince Nicholas of Greece held a long conference this afternoon, when the pote was the statement of the potential of the conference of the statement of the potential this afternoon, when the note was dis-

Iteports received at Atheus from points thruout Greece say the people are growing very uneasy under the centinued blockade of Greece by the ships of the entente powers.

A telegram has been received from Salonica by the Anglo-Helenic League to the effect that the Greek division to the effect that the Greek divis at Kavala has been ordered by King Constantinet o leave Goeritz, Germany, where it has been interned, for the Macedonial front, to fight against the

# BREAD IS STILL 8 CENTS **But I Want 3,000 More Customers**

Christmas was a day for thinking things over with me. could not help reflecting that by reducing the price of bread two cents for each large loaf on November 20th, I had practically saved the public \$70,000 for extra Christmas presents. The pleasantest part of this reflection is, that people in modest circumstances are the great bread eaters, and no doubt they, who needed it most, saved the most by this reduction in price. What a lot of kiddies could be made happy with that \$70,000! If I could afford it, I would like to take two cents more off a large loaf of bread, and give \$70.000 more to Toronto people to make the New Year a more-than-ever Happy New Year. Who can tell? Something might happen, we none of us dream of, and when it does, my customers will be the very first to get the benefit.

# In the Meantime, Remember---- I Want 3,000 More Customers

You remember, I said I wanted 10,000 new customers to make 8-cent bread a self-supporting price. The public seem to realize this, and are gradually giving me their orders, and gradually getting my new list up to the required number.

I give good service, my drivers are good men, polite, sober and anxious to please. They do not give credit, they expect the cash or the ticket for every loaf, and that is not their fault. Such are their orders. They know that I could not dream of selling bread at 8 cents and give credit-I must have the cash or raise the price; but I would rather lose the customer than be so unfair to those who do pay cash and support me in trying to keep down the price of bread without losing too much money.

Are You Right-handed or Left-handed? Every Right-handed and Right-minded Man and Woman in Toronto should insist on being served with

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And Support the Cause—the Reduction of the Price.

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College 25

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# GEORGE LAWRENCE, Baker

THE MAN WHO PUT DOWN THE PRICE OF BREAD AND WANTS TO KEEP IT DOWN

21-31 CARR STREET

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