

York County and Suburbs of Toronto

COUNTY SOLDIERS MAY BE INSURED

County Council Appoints Committee to Report on the Matter.

NEED THIRD INSPECTOR

Would Not Cost Residents More Each Year Than a Postage Stamp.

At the afternoon session of the York County Council yesterday the question of insuring soldiers in active service who were residents of the county was brought up by Reeves W. H. Pugsley of Richmond Hill.

After considerable discussion the council appointed Reeves Pugsley, Bannockburn, Ontario, and Wallace A. Campbell, Woodville, as a committee to look into the question of insuring the lives of non-combatants.

At the morning session Dr. John Waugh, chief inspector of public schools, addressed the council on the work of the county school inspectors.

Dr. Waugh quoted from government reports to show by second prize in other countries the need for better supervision of the work in the schools.

He suggested that another inspector be appointed and the work reduced so that an inspector in East York would have 99 classes, the inspector for West York 110, and the inspector for North York 11.

ELECTION IRREGULAR

Trustees of School Section Informed that their Election is Void.

The trustees of school section No. 21, York, have been notified by A. M. Campbell, chief inspector of public schools, that their election is void.

E. TORONTO RATEPAYERS TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Another effort is to be made to make the East Toronto Ratepayers' Association an active organization, and the executive has called a meeting for Monday night in the E.M.C.A. Hall.

CEDARVALE

Lodge Coleridge, S.O.E.S.S. No. 326, will hold a farewell night next Monday when the members of the lodge who have enlisted in the second and third contingents will be given a send-off by the members and their friends.

WYCHWOOD HOME GUARD

At a meeting of the officers and non-commissioned officers of the Wychwood Company, Toronto Home Guard, at the crest school on Tuesday night, arrangements were made for Monday night and target competitions during the winter.

HAMILTON HOTELS

The new Baptist church at Long Branch, 277 Lake Shore road, will be opened on Sunday next. The church has a seating capacity of about 150.

HOTEL ROYAL

Every room furnished with new beds, new carpets and thoroughly redecorated during 1914.

FOREST SCHOOL DISPUTE AROUSES MUCH INTEREST

Secretary Fisher of Ward Seven Association Receives Letter From Mayor.

Secretary Wallis Fisher of Ward Seven Ratepayers Association received a number of letters and enquiries yesterday regarding the proposed forest school in High Park.

"Bardell v. Pickwick," from Dickens' "Pickwick Papers," will be the subject of a play by the boys of the Junior Bible class of Victoria Presbyterian Church tomorrow evening.

TODMORDEN

Work on the Todmorden Public School on Woodville avenue is progressing rapidly and it is now certain that it will be ready for occupation by Easter.

At the evening party held last night in St. Andrew's Hall the prize winners were: Ladies, first prize, Miss A. Parker; second prize, Miss Jennie Parker; Gentlemen, first prize, G. Daniels; second prize, A. Butler.

MT. JOY ANNEXATION CONFIRMED BY BOARD

Markham to Annex Neighboring Police Village—Satisfactory Agreement.

The annexation of Mount Joy to Markham Village was approved by the Ontario Railway Board yesterday.

BELGIAN FINANCES ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

All Obligations Have Been Met Since Beginning of the War.

HAVRE, Jan. 27.—The Belgian Government has issued a formal contradiction of the allegations of the Wolff agency, the official news bureau of the German Government, that Belgian finances are in a hopeless condition.

TRUE BILL RETURNED AGAINST J. J. ROWENS

Charged With High Treason in Attempting to Assist Alien Enemies to Leave Canada.

A true bill was returned against J. J. Rowens for high treason and a second true bill for conspiring to commit treason by the grand jury in the assizes yesterday afternoon.

WO GERMAN FLYERS KILLED IN COLLISION

AMSTERDAM, via London, Jan. 28, 1:45 a.m.—According to Berlin newspapers received here a collision between two aeroplanes in flight took place last Thursday above the flying ground at Johannthal.

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KEEP TAX RECEIPTS FOR CITY BAILIFF

Demanded Taxes From Man in Earlscourt Who Paid in Bill Years Ago.

The wisdom of keeping tax receipts for at least six years after payment was demonstrated yesterday when the city bailiff called on Wm. Mills, 161 Nairn avenue, Earlscourt, and demanded immediate payment of taxes for the year 1912.

The bailiff had with him a large bundle of claims for residents of the district, who Mr. Mills hopes will be as fortunate as himself if they have paid already.

A public meeting of the Hillcrest Ratepayers' Association will be held in Hillcrest school on Friday evening next. Some of the matters for discussion are: The proposed library, the special assessment of \$3,000, an addition to the sewerage system.

CZAR'S OFFENSIVE MAKES HEADWAY

Army of Mazurian Lake Region Resumes Offensive Against Germans.

ADVANCE UPON THORN

Germans in Front of Warsaw Put on Defensive by Strong Russian Attacks.

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LONDON, Jan. 27.—A renewed activity by the Russian army in the Mazurian Lake region and a continuation of the movement of forces in northern Poland was reported today.

The success of the great advance along the right bank of the Vistula requires that the Russians gain control of the Poland-East Prussian border. The main body of the Russian army is strengthening its positions along the frontier before Thorn with the approaches to Wloclawek where the only bridge between Ploce and the frontier is situated in its possession.

ACTIVITY IN EAST.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—There has been an increase of a doubtful character and for possible depreciation in the value of assets.

The earnings were somewhat smaller than in 1913, but justified the declaration of the usual dividends and bonus after ample provision had been made for the accounts of a doubtful character and for possible depreciation in the value of assets.

"BRAVE BAVARIANS" LAUDED BY KAISER

Wilhelm Sends Characteristic Message in Reply to Birthday Congratulations.

Canadian Press Despatch. MUNICH, Jan. 27, via London, Jan. 28, 1:10 a.m.—The German Emperor, answering the birthday congratulations of the King of Bavaria, has sent the following message:

CAPTAIN TAYLOR KILLED.

LONDON, Jan. 28, 12:10 a.m.—The list of casualties in the naval action on Sunday in the North Sea shows that Engineer Captain Charles G. Taylor of the battle cruiser Tiger, and five stokers and three seamen of that ship were killed. The three men killed on the Meteor were stokers, while most of the wounded were on the Lion, Tiger and Meteor were stokers.

THE DOMINION BANK

THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS

Proceedings of THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE DOMINION BANK was held at the Banking House of the Institution, Toronto, on Wednesday, 27th January, 1915.

Among those present were: Mr. C. W. Smith, William Davies, A. R. MacDonald (Epsom), Sir Edmund E. Oler, A. W. Austin, Robert Ross (Lindsay), E. H. Oler (Cobourg), C. A. Bogert, A. Penler, C. H. Edwards, H. B. Playfair, Allan McPherson (Longford Mills), E. A. Berg, A. E. Gibson, W. R. Brock, W. D. Matthews, C. C. Van Norman, H. R. Van Norman, Walter J. Barr, R. J. Christie, James Caruthers, Hon. Thos. Crawford, Richard Brown, Charles Walker, H. W. Hutchinson, E. W. Hamber, J. G. Ramsey, Alan B. Ramesey, Gawthra Mullock, C. E. Lee, D'Arcy Martin, K.C., Charles B. Powell, L. H. Baldwin, Edward Galley, James H. Bailie, John F. Kavanagh, Andrew Semple, James Matthews, William McLish, J. C. Eaton, William S. Kerman, Peter Macdonald, N. Hooking, Frank H. Macdonald, Rev. T. W. Paterson, J. E. Finkle, H. B. Hodgins, Harry L. Stark, Albert Nordheimer, J. K. Niven, William Ross, W. J. Fleury, A. C. Paul, Capt. Dudley F. Jessop, W. C. Harvey, Graham Campbell, Edward Burns, William Mulock, jr., W. L. Matthews, Hon. J. J. Foy, K.C., M.L.A., George N. Reynolds, F. C. Taylor (Lindsay), H. T. Eager, Frank Arnold, K.C., Hon. Duncan J. McIntyre, Alex. C. Morris, F. L. Patton, F. S. Wilson (Picton), H. Crewe, A. Monro Grier, K.C., F. E. Dingle, Thomas Long, Edwin Roach, Dr. Charles O'Reilly, F. I. Fowke (Oshawa), Aemilius Baldwin, Dr. R. M. Bateman, Y. H. E. Hutchison, James Scott, F. J. Harris (Hamilton), J. B. Bell, R. S. McLaughlin (Oshawa), A. E. Ferris, W. Gibson Cassels, Joseph Wainwright, M. S. Bogert (Montreal), Stephen Norton, D. Henderson, K.C., Leighton McCarthy, K.C., G. H. Munts, George McDonald, John M. Baldwin, Thomas Armstrong, M.D., A. J. Harrington, L. A. Hamilton, A. H. Campbell, H. S. Oler, K.C., J. Harry Patterson, E. C. Burton (Port Perry), J. Gordon Jones, H. Gordon MacKenzie, W. Wallace Jones, F. C. Snider, W. Cecil Lee, J. W. Tovell, H. E. Smallpetre, W. F. Davidson, K.C., John Firstbrook, J. N. Cook, John J. Dixon, R. M. Gray, W. H. Knowlton, H. S. Harwood, F. D. Brown, Thos. H. Wood, A. R. Boswell, K.C., Samuel Jeffrey (Port Perry), William Crocker, E. C. Jones, F. H. Gooch, J. O. Buchanan, Jno. Leckie, W. C. Crowther, Sir Henry M. Pellatt, C.V.O., W. H. Edwards.

It was moved by Mr. W. R. Brock, seconded by Mr. A. W. Austin, that Sir Edmund E. Oler, M.P., do take the chair, and that Mr. C. A. Bogert do act as Secretary.

Messrs. A. R. Boswell, K.C., and W. Gibson Cassels were appointed scrutineers.

The Secretary read the Report of the Directors to the Shareholders and submitted the Annual Statement of the affairs of the Bank, which is as follows:

Table with financial data: Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st December, 1913: \$ 647,688.32. Net profits for the year after deducting all charges and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts: 925,964.94. Premium received on new Capital Stock: 188,656.70. Making a total of: \$1,762,309.96. Dividends (quarterly) at Twelve per cent: \$715,244.67. Bonus, Two per cent: 119,992.00. Total distribution to Shareholders of Fourteen per cent for the year: \$835,236.67. Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund: 25,000.00. Contribution to Canadian Patriotic Fund: 25,000.00. Contribution to Canadian Red Cross Society: 2,500.00. Contribution to Belgian Relief Fund: 1,000.00. Transferred to Reserve Fund—Premium on New Stock: 284,656.69. Balance at credit of account, 31st December, 1913: \$6,811,244.50. Transferred from Profit and Loss Account: 188,656.20. Total: \$7,000,000.00.

E. B. OSLER, President. C. A. BOGERT, General Manager.

In the last Annual Report your Directors made reference to the general financial and commercial depression then existing, which condition was much intensified through the outbreak of the war in Europe in July last, necessitating the exercise of unusual care in administering the affairs of the Bank.

The earnings were somewhat smaller than in 1913, but justified the declaration of the usual dividends and bonus after ample provision had been made for the accounts of a doubtful character and for possible depreciation in the value of assets.

The following Western Branches were closed, as the business secured and the prospects did not justify their further maintenance: Hanley, Saskatchewan; Clarendon, Alberta; Grandville, Saskatchewan; Vancouver, South Hill Branch, Moose Jaw; Billhurst Branch, Calgary; Riverside Branch, Calgary; Fernwood Branch, Victoria.

In accordance with Section 56 of the Bank Act, and following their appointment at the last Annual General Meeting, a complete audit of the affairs of the Bank was made by your Auditors, Messrs. G. T. Clarkson and R. J. Dilworth, whose certificate is attached to the Statement now submitted.

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GENERAL STATEMENT

Table with financial data: Capital Stock paid in: \$ 5,000,000 00. Reserve Fund: 7,000,000 00. Balance of Profits carried forward: 284,218 59. Dividend No. 129, payable 2nd January, 1915: 179,975 10. Bonus, Two per cent, payable 2nd January, 1915: 119,992 00. Former Dividends unclaimed: 725 75. Total Liabilities to the Shareholders: \$12,585,012 44.

Notes in Circulation

Table with financial data: Notes in Circulation: \$149,040 00. Balance due to Dominion Government: 1,552,851 98. Deposits not bearing interest: \$ 8,597,803 89. Deposits bearing interest, including cheques on other Banks: 40,639,692 86. Interest accrued to date: 27,766,996 75. Balance due to other Banks in Canada: 814,220 67. Balance due to the United Kingdom and foreign countries: 2088,126 19. Bills Payable: 2,600 00. Acceptances of other Banks: 463,672 00. Liabilities not included in the foregoing: 681,576 85. Total Liabilities to the Public: \$80,477,100 00. ASSETS: Gold and Silver Coin: 1,604,941 79. Dominion Government Notes: 9,588,076 50. Notes of other Banks: 563,713 87. Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada: 1,644,084 25. Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value: 409,267 29. Canadian Municipal Securities and Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value: 554,088 32. Real Estate other than Bank Premises: 20,343 23. Deposits with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund: 5,051,778 65. Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest): 47,196,777 26. Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere: 12,248 18. Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit per contra: 655,873 80. Real Estate other than Bank Premises: 20,343 23. Deposits with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund: 5,051,778 65. Mortgages on Real Estate sold: 18,873 11. Other Assets not included in the foregoing: 799 36. Total Assets: \$80,477,100 00.

E. B. OSLER, President. C. A. BOGERT, General Manager.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

We have compared the above Balance Sheet with the books and accounts of the Bank, and with the certified cash and verifying the accounts of the Chief Office and two of the principal Branches on December 31st, 1914, we certify that, in our opinion, such Balance Sheet gives a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs, according to the best of our information, and the explanation required have been given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank.

G. T. CLARKSON R. J. DILWORTH Toronto, January 19th, 1915.

FIRE RUINS NEW RUPP PAPER PLANT

Almost Complete Destruction of Building and Contents. MADE RAPID HEADWAY

No Serious Casualties as Employees Were Out Having Lunch.

The comparatively new five-story building of the Rupp Paper Box Co., 374 West Richmond street, was almost completely destroyed by fire, which is thought to have originated in the engine room about 12:30 yesterday afternoon. The damage to the building, stock, and equipment is about \$125,000. Robt. McKinnon, driver for the Rupp Company, was the only employee injured in the fire, and he sustained cuts on his face and hands in fighting his way out of the basement after the heat exploded the windows.

The building, totally destroyed, was valued at \$25,000; stock on hand \$50,000, and equipment \$15,000. The value of the damage is covered by insurance.

The fire quickly gained headway among the inflammable stock and shortly after 1 o'clock, when the fire had reached the engine room, the fire broke out of the windows of every floor. For a short time it was feared that some of the girls on the floors, but luckily the fire broke out during lunch hour, and by the time the fire broke out, the girls had already escaped their easily got out of the building.

Mr. Rupp watched his building burn from Richmond street and told The World that he had not taken \$100,000 worth of new stock into the company had laid off but few employees since the commencement of the year, and that the business had just begun to assume a normal condition. He thought it possible that help would have been taken on during the next month because there were plenty of orders on hand.

Altho Fire Chief Thompson stated emphatically that the fire was well fought from four sides, Mr. Rupp is said to have declared he would seek an investigation. His criticism was that the alarm was sent in while the blaze was still confined to the basement, and that the fire broke out right up to the top floor. The water tower did not arrive until 2 o'clock, and then threw the water in an ineffective stream on the burning building.

This is the second fire the Rupp Company has experienced during the last six years.

Found Dead in Bed Mrs. Spurgeon, 65, 112 Florence street, was found dead in bed at her home at 11 o'clock yesterday. Her husband, Wm. Spurgeon, who broke into the house at the request of a neighbor, Mrs. O'Rourke, called the police and first reported the case to the police, stating that the woman had not been seen since she left her home about 10 o'clock morning. The old woman lived alone and it was said she had been ill for some time.

The officer found a note beside the woman's body, requesting the her son in Pittsburgh be notified of her death. Chief Constable Johnston decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Charged With Theft James Brown, 25, Dundas street, was arrested yesterday, charged with the theft of \$60 from Maude Woods, a grocer at 202 Dundas street. Edward Woodland was arrested on a charge of vagrancy at the same time. Edward Woodland was charged with the theft of \$100 from the store of the complainant two days ago and took the money from the till. They again visited the store yesterday and were recognized. Mr. Woods followed the men on a street car.

MOLTKE ALSO LOST! Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Jan. 28, 8:08 a.m.—An account of the naval battle printed in The Daily Mail today says: "At the close of the action, the Doria disappeared from view with a single salvo of great credit upon the enemy's fleet. The Moltke was in no better plight, and the Seydlitz was also in a similar plight. According to a German prisoner of war, the Moltke was hit by a British ship and dropped bombs on her, hastening her end."

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