

THREE ASPIRANTS FOR MAYORALTY

Mayor Church, Major Riches
and Controller Cameron
All in Field.

ALDERMANIC CONTEST

Former Members of Council
Will Run for Board
of Control.

Toronto is assured of a three-cornered fight for the mayoralty. Major C. H. Riches, whose candidature was initiated in *The World* yesterday morning, announced himself definitely last night.

Major Riches has been overseas with a local unit since the war started. He informed *The World* that he would not run solely as a "soldiers' candidate," but would be in the struggle as the "people's candidate." Major Riches was offered the Unionist nomination in Parkdale riding, but refused it as he holds independent views on questions relating to returned soldiers.

Mayor Church has not said very much, but there is a feeling that he has hurt his chances of getting the soldiers' support by not appearing on the platform in the federal election to speak for Maj. Cockburn and Maj. McCormack. But to anyone who has a knowledge of the duties of the Mayor of Toronto it is obvious that he has had little or no time in the past few weeks to do any campaigning even for himself. The victory team drive kept Mayor Church busy for three weeks and the civic affairs, street railway purchase and other questions have occupied a large amount of his time.

Controller Cameron is the first to start his campaign. One of the chief planks in his platform is the saving that he claims to have effected in the payment of soldiers' insurance claims. He alleges that \$24,000 has been paid to other than dependent relatives, and he says that his activity in watching the claims has saved the city \$282,000 to date.

Ex-Controller Jesse McCarthy and ex-Alderman David Spence are the latest to be named for the board of control, the latter is definitely in the field. Controller John O'Neill stated yesterday that there was a possibility that he would not run again. His own business is demanding much of his time and he questions whether he can devote the necessary time to the city's service. If he drops out the fight for the board of control will assume a still more interesting aspect.

Mayor Church stated last night that he sincerely trusted that Controller O'Neill would be in the field again on January 1.

Ald. Whetter is seriously thinking of dropping out of the contest in Ward Seven owing to ill-health. He has not definitely decided, but if he drops out of the field, R. S. Agnew of 272 Papez avenue, will enter the contest.

Mr. Agnew is a barrister and took a prominent stand in connection with the Bloor street civic line extension.

LABOR MEN ACTIVE. Walter Brown, president of the Trades and Labor Council, will make another try as alderman for Ward One. Walter Garwood has announced himself in Ward Three, and in Ward Four A. A. Gray, County Orange Master, is in the field. Outside of these are no other new candidates have appeared.

The Street Railway Union decided last night to support W. D. Robbins for the board of control.

Nominations take place next Monday. Nominations of candidates for mayor and board of control will be held at the city hall at 10 a.m. The aldermen and prospective aldermen will be nominated in their respective wards at noon. The nomination places are as follows:

Ward One—Riversdale Collegiate Institute. Returning officer, W. F. Sumner.

Ward Two—Winchester Street School. George Brown.

Ward Three—Wellesley School. William Lee.

Ward Four—Lansdowne School. David W. Clark.

Ward Five—Harbord Collegiate, N. J. Stevenson.

Ward Six—Kent School. Samuel Hobbs.

Ward Seven—Annette Street School. W. J. Conron.

EDUCATION IS MOST COSTLY CITY ITEM

Municipal Expenses Have Gone Up \$23 for Each Family During Year.

In a detailed analysis of Toronto's civic financing the bureau of municipal research points out that in just one year the family cost of running the City of Toronto has gone up from \$150 to \$213 a year. This is due largely to the war and to methods of financing, says the report.

The report depends largely on charts to make clear the manner in which the citizens' money is handled, but reduced to figures the data are interesting. That the department of education is the most expensive in the city is shown by the following table, which is headed, "Where the money goes."

Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Education	27.0
General government	19.7
Protection	16.5
Health	12.5
Highways	9.2
Charities and correction	5.7
Recreation	4.0
War tax	2.9
Public service enterprises	1.2

Total

Of the total civic revenue no less than 35.3 per cent. is devoted to debt charges, says the report. Another 25.6 per cent. is taken by "personal services," presumably civic employees, and the additional 23.1 per cent. was spent as follows:

Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Materials and supplies	9.7
Services other than personal	5.6
Contributions	4.1
Other charges	4.1
Capital outlay	1.7
Equipment	1.6
Rent, insurance and taxes	1.0
Pensions	0.2

Total

The gross expenditures of the city amount to \$19,242,583.23, but deducting the revenue other than taxation there is a net expenditure of \$15,155,810.23.

Losses are shown in the following civic departments since they were opened for business: Civic car lines, \$12,152; Exhibition, \$295,296; waterworks, \$58,934; abattoir, \$159,406.

In a word of advice to the electors of the city the report says: "Shortly after the election the voters should be asked to decide how much money you are to contribute to the city's expenditure next year and how your contributions are to be spent. The first stage in electing good aldermen is to select good candidates. If you fail in getting out good candidates you fail in securing a good council. There never has been a time in Toronto's history when citizen interest was as essential or could do as much good as at present. The forces at the city hall working for economy and efficiency need the moral support of every patriotic citizen."

DIED IN OTTAWA. Mrs. Isabel Grace Mackenzie, widow of the late John King, K.C., died yesterday at the residence of her son, Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Roxborough, Ottawa. Mrs. King was in her 76th year.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS HOLD FIELD DAY

Armless and Legless Men
Show Prowess at Various Games.

EFFECTS OF TRAINING

Men From Davisville Hospital
Are Winners in Majority
of Events.

A very successful field day for returned men under treatment in the various military hospitals in the city, at which a large number of the soldiers were present, was held yesterday in Hart House, Queen's Park. Keen interest was taken in all the events by the participants. Davisville carried off most of the honors. The field day was held to show what men under treatment, and especially the amputation cases, could do.

A peculiarity of the obstacle race, which was won by Pte. Smith, of Davisville, was that one of the contestants was a one-legged man, who set a good pace for the winner. The three-legged race was won by Privates Smith and Fleming, of Davisville. The walking race was won by Corp. Broome, a spinal meningitis case from the Base Hospital, who was brought to the gymnasium in a wheel chair. The shot put and basket ball throw were both won by Pte. Montgomery, Davisville. The arm amputation cases' game of "Badminton" was won by Pte. Deroche, of Davisville. The "Badminton" game for all comers was won by the College street team.

Other events were: Hand gripping contest, won by Pte. Dorney, Davisville; volley ball, won by "Hustlers," Spadina Hospital. Davisville won the indoor baseball match, score 7-1; while the giant polo contest was won by Pte. Fallow, Davisville. The last event of the afternoon was the tug-of-war, won by Sgt. Sylvester's team.

Among those present as spectators were Sir Edmund Coker, Sir Robert Falconer, Major Tait McKenzie from Philadelphia, professor of physical education for Pennsylvania; W. K. George, of the hospitals commission; Capt. Thompson, adjutant of Davisville Hospital; and a number of the nursing sisters and doctors from the various military hospitals.

The success of the field day was due to the efforts of Capt. H. R. Smith and Dr. E. A. Bott, director of Hart House.

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**LETTER TOLD HIM
OF WIFE'S DEATH**

This Was Defence Put Forward by
Accused in Bigamy Case.

In the county criminal court yesterday Judge Winchester found Bernard McGraw and Frank Sanford, two youths, both 16 years of age, guilty on the charge of stealing two motor cars, the properties of Tim O'Rourke and James Boddy, about Nov. 18. The judge took a lenient view of their case, probably being so near Christmas, and sentenced them to five days in jail so that they might be out to celebrate Christmas Day.

Stefano Roselli and Giuseppe Dedo, two Italians, pleaded guilty to the theft of \$200 from Stephen Smith and jewelry to the value of \$78 from Philip Galzsky. On another charge of stealing \$135 from a third party, W. B. Hosk, who appeared for them, put in a plea of not guilty. They were remanded until Jan. 2, when the other case will be tried.

J. H. Hill, a returned soldier, appeared to answer a charge of bigamy, having married Eileen Murphy of Toronto in July, 1917, while his legitimate wife, whom he married in June, 1914, was still alive. Mrs. Hill testified that she separated from Hill a month after the wedding, but owned to having lived with him for nine months during 1916 so that she might get the separation allowance.

Eileen Murphy said she was engaged to married for almost a month, but just before the wedding Hill told her that he was divorced.

Hill testified that about June 2 or 3 he received a letter from a girl simply signed "Max," stating that his wife had died in Philadelphia. The case was remanded until Jan. 2, 1918.

Tom Rachmal was found guilty of the theft of a diamond ring and the sum of \$2, the property of Lulu Sheppard. Judge Winchester sentenced him to 30 days in jail with hard labor.

FIREMEN ELECT OFFICERS.


The Toronto firemen have elected their benefit fund committee for 1918. The new representatives are District Chief William Corbett, of Portland street; Captain Fox of Bay street; Fireman Joseph Waterman of Earle street; Fireman W. Slatts of Richmond street; and Fireman George Painter, also of Richmond street.

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PROVINCE DISPOSES OF NORTHERN TIMBER

Five Million Dollar Deal in Kapuskasing River District, Where Pulp Mill is to Be Built.

Timber on an area approximating 1700 square miles and bordering the Kapuskasing River was sold by tender yesterday to Mundy and Stewart, \$4 East King street, by the Province of Ontario thru Hon. G. H. Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines. The department will net between \$4,500,000 and \$5,000,000.

Under the conditions of the sale the purchasers must erect a pulp mill, and a paper mill later on when required to do so. There was a new departure in this transaction, a flat rate of 75c a cord being charged. Formerly the price has varied with the kinds of wood. The mill to be built will be in the centre of the soldiers' colony of that district, and will be a ready market for their wood and other products besides providing work when that is needed.

Another transaction, was the selling of the timber limits on the Shibley reserve, consisting of 80 square miles, the pine at \$7.50 a thousand feet, pulp at \$1.10 a cord and other woods at \$0.25 a cord. The purchaser was the Port Arthur Pulp and Paper Company.

TO HELP AT HALIFAX.

Col. McMillan, chief secretary of the Salvation Army, has left here for Halifax to help in the relief work now being carried on there by the Salvation Army. The colonel will summon any officers from the surrounding country that he may require.

SOLDIERS TO RUN TRACTORS

Sixty tractors of the 130 odd owned by the Ontario Government and throughout the province during the summer are to be put to good use during the winter months. They are being overhauled, and in doing so experts will teach a certain number of returned soldiers how to operate them in repair. The repair men are Guelph, Kingston, London, Whitby, and when the new season these soldiers thus instructed are employed in using the tractors for the farmers.

HALIFAX RELIEF FUND.

The Halifax relief fund total re \$25,940.24 last night.