York County and Suburbs of Toronto

GREAT DECREASE IN BUILDING PERMITS

Permits in Ward Seven for This Month Much Less Than Last Year.

NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Annuall Banquet of Worcester Lodge, Sons of England, Last Night.

The building business in West Toronto has not yet begun to increase since the slump commenced early in the year. During the month of February 22 permits was the total number issued, and this list included but 19 dwellings. The aggregate cost of the February buildings amounts to $55,335, which compared with the total of $200,000 for February of 1913, is a somewhat startling drop. It must be remembered, however, that a year ago some very large buildings were built, including such edifices as the new public school at $85,000 and several large factories. The month of February was the most severe month for many years, and building was practically at a standstill all over the city for several days.

Basketball Game.

In an inter-form game of basketball at the Humberside Collegiate yesterday afternoon, the first form defeated the third by the score of 8 to 1. Thus far in the series the lower forms appear to be the superior players and have won most of the games they have played.

Worcester Lodge, Sons of England, held their annual ladies' night and banquet last night in St. James' Hall, Dundas street. A large number of members with their friends were present, and a good musical program was provided by members of the lodge.

Plan New Church.

The congregation of St. Martin's Anglican Church have purchased a lot at the corner of Woodville avenue and Conduit street, and are discussing the erection of a new brick church when spring commences. The services of the church are at present held every Sunday in the Perth avenue public school.

Victoria Presbyterian Church will probably build its new Sunday School during the summer. Some property and a dwelling house were purchased about a year ago on Medland street, beside the church property. The building is being used as a young men's club room at present. The plans for the new building have been drawn up, and the structure will cost $30,000; part of which was raised a few months ago.

WILL INTERVIEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL

The police committee of the York County council called at the parliament buildings yesterday and made an appointment to meet the attorney-general, Hon. J. J. Foy, on Monday, when they will present the county council's request for the appointment of a police commission and two police magistrates for York county.

The committee appointed to secure better registry office accommodation for the county interviewed the provincial inspector of registry offices yesterday, who advised them to communicate with Mr. Guthrie of Guelph. The committee believes that alterations could be made in the present building which would provide the additional accommodation required.

Among those present were Reeve Keith of Newmarket, chairman; W. H. Pugsley, Richmond Hill; Chas. Silverthorne, Etobicoke; H. D. Ramsden, E. Gwillimbury; Geo. Padgett, Markham, and J. G. Cornell, Scarboro.

TODMORDEN.

Lodge Todmorden, S.O.E., No. 298, held its second annual concert on Wednesday night in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue, D. Hilton presiding. The artists included Miss Kathleen M. Ingle, elocutionist; Mrs. W. Page, Mrs. Robert Moodie, and Messrs. Jack Levison, comedian, W. Page and Charles Rigby. Mrs. W. Page proved a very capable accompanist and encores were frequent.

WESTON

The annual meeting of the Weston board of trade takes place this evening in the town hall. The board will consider the advisability of inaugurating a publicity campaign and may decide to raise a sum of money for the purpose of advertising the town in Toronto daily papers. A publicity agent will be appointed.

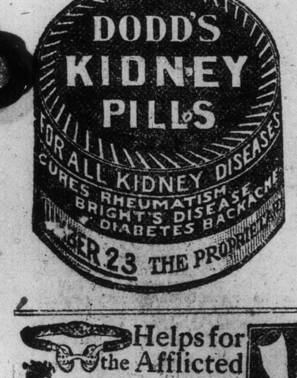
On Monday next the Weston electric light and waterways commission will consult the Etobicoke Township council in regard to extensions in the northern part of the township. The first districts to be supplied are Scarletts road and Thistletown.

Weston L.O.L., No. 216, held a successful meeting in Oddfellows' Hall, Church street. James Hughill, W.M., presided. Addresses were given by Messrs. Spencer, D.M.; Legrow, C.L.; Finlay, D.C.M.; Chappell, Wacey, Murray and Carter.

A congregational at home will be held in the old Presbyterian Church, Cross street, this evening to welcome the pastor, Rev. C. R. Ashdown, and wife.

MARKHAM TOWNSHIP.

The postponed meeting of the Markham Hownship council will take place on Saturday, when road overseers will be appointed for the year.



MARKET WANTED IN THE EAST END

Ald. Wanless and Members of Housewives' League Gave Addresses.

USE FOR VACANT LOTS

Suggestion Made That All Vacant Land in the City Be Used.

Mrs. Cairns and Miss Venn of the Housewives' League, Alderman Wanless, George Putnam, superintendent of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and Mr. Trowern, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, all laid their views on the proposed civic markets before a meeting of the East End Ratepayers' Association, held last night in St. John's parish house, Norway.

There was a large attendance, several ladies being present, and President Bullock occupied the chair.

Alderman Wanless stated that for the past fifteen years he had taken an active interest in the social service movement of the city and it had been estimated that just one-half of what a man earned was used up in buying food.

High Cost of Living.

Referring to the high cost of food stuffs, Mr. Wanless said that some people argue that it is a sign of good times, but he was afraid the majority of the people could not agree with that.

"The cold storage plants are very much to blame for the high prices," he said. "In some cases certain foods have been kept in cold storage for a period of two years, the dealers waiting for the prices to rise." He claimed that the foods, as they pass from the producer to the consumer, have to go thru far too many hands, and could not understand why, in Canada, with its great fertile tracts of land in the north and the west, the demand should be greater than the supply. Whereas, a few years ago Canada used to be exporting her produce. Mr. Wanless bewailed the fact that this had been changed and food-stuffs were now imported.

Result of Immigration.

He stated that the incoming people create this problem, a large number of them coming in to the city instead of going on the land. He heartily agreed with the steps being taken by the government to get experienced farm laborers to come to this country and open up the vast tracts of land still uncultivated.

"The farmers are changing their methods of business," he said. "They are forming associations, combines, or trades unions, and are out to get as much as possible."

Regarding the amount produced in this country the alderman said that the farmers were not producing anything like what they ought to and thought that if they adopted some of the methods of cultivation that are used in Great Britain and other European countries, they would produce three times as much as at the present time.

Back to the Land.

In urging the young men in the cities to go back to the land Mr. Wanless showed the necessity of the Britisher looking after Northern Ontario, which was rapidly becoming populated by French-Canadians, and altho he had nothing to say against these people he thought that in a very few years time an acute problem would have to be faced if the Britisher did not get up there too.

Another cause for the high cost of living put forward by the alderman was that of bad buying. He advocated dispensing with a great inumber of luxuries which the public indulge in.

"The biggest question of all which has to be considered is that of transportation," said the speaker. "We want a system of transportation like Montreal, Chicago and Buffalo, where their radials extend for a distance of fifty miles into the opinion that Toronto was twenty the surrounding country.

Out of Date.

He was of the opinion that Toronto was twenty or thirty years behind the times in this respect. "With proper steam and radial roads Toronto could be flooded with produce, and then the prices would come down," he said. He also advocated the innovation of motor trucks on good roads as used in many of the cities in the United States.

Referring to the retailer he said that the average grocer was to be sympathized with as he was certainly not making a fortune and to get any profit he had to charge high prices.

Concluding Mr. Wanless pointed out that markets were favored by newspapers, housewives and many of the progressive cities in England and the States: "According to the producers twenty-five per cent. would be saved if we had open markets," he said.

Practical Suggestions.

George Putnam had many practical suggestions to offer in the way of lowering the cost of living. He advocated the cultivation of all the vacant lots which abounds thruout the city and was of the opinion that by this means fully one-half of the vegetables needed for this city's consumption would be grown. He averred that the difference of the cost of goods between the producers and consumers was largely due to the way in which we live. He was also of the opinion that there were too many grocers and merchants in Toronto. He urged open air markets run on the same lines as those in London, Paris and Berlin.

WEST YORK CONSERVATIVES.

A meeting of the West York Liberal-Conservative Association will be held in the town hall, Weston, on Saturday, March 7, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of electing officers and the transaction of other business.

The annual banquet will be held at 5.30 p.m. in Eagle Hall, when the Hon. W. H. Hearst, minister of lands, forests and mines; George S. Henry, M.L.A.; W. F. Maclean, M.P.; Captain T. Wallace, M.P.; Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A.; E. N. Rhodes, M.P., Cumberland, N. S., and others will address those present.

A musical program will be given during the evening and banquet tickets may be secured from any of the following committee: Messrs. R. J. Bull, Thomas Maguire, George Syme, Thomas Griffiths and F. C. Rowntree.

A big night is expected. 3456

AT THE PARK THEATRE.

The Park Theatre, Lansdowne avenue, just north of Bloor street, last night put on one of the best vaudeville bills that had been offered in a moving picture theatre in some time. "The Barriers," swinging wire cyclists, introduce a number of good and thrilling stunts. Rae Vaughan, singing and talking comedian, was well received. Shaw and La Mar, singers and dancers, are good. Chief Texi-Wa-Na, "Indian novelty," is well worth seeing. In conjunction with this several reels of the best and latest motion picture plays were shown. From the present outlook the Park Theatre will draw capacity houses for the remainder of the week. Matinees daily.

A NEWS BUDGET FROM EARLSCOURT

News of the Churches, Clubs and Societies — Main Sewer Finished.

CONSERVATIVES MEET

Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A., Will Address the Oakwood Association.

The bi-weekly meeting of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, Earlscourt branch, was held last evening in Little's Hall, Earlscourt, President J. H. Williams presiding. There was a large attendance. The next meeting, which takes place on Wednesday, March 18, will be of a social character, and an interesting program is being arranged.

Mounted Constable Johnson had his leg injured yesterday when his horse fell to the ground with a paralytic stroke on St. Clair avenue in front of Memberry's postoffice. The horse was removed in the veterinary infirmary ambulance.

Elks to Meet.

A meeting of St. Clair Lodge Dominion [illegible] this evening in Little's Hall. High Exalted Ruler McClelland will preside, and important business will be discussed. All members are expected to be present.

Frederick Rielly, barrister and notary public, will occupy the adjoining office to Orton and Company, St. Clair avenue, within the next few days.

This evening the usual Lenten service will take place in St. Clare's Church, St. Clair avenue, at 7.30 o'clock. The service will consist of rosary, stations of the cross and benediction of the blessed sacrament. Rev. Edward McCabe will officiate.

Mrs. Harry Bell has the unique honor of being the first resident of Earlscourt to receive a wireless message from mid-ocean. Her husband, Harry Bell, left on the S.S. "Megantic," sailing from New York to Liverpool, a short time ago, on a combined pleasure and business trip to the old country.

B.I.A. Concert.

Last evening, under the auspices of the Earlscourt Central Branch B.I.A., a concert was held in the Salvation Army citadel, St. Clair avenue. A good program of vocal and instrumental music was rendered. The proceeds will be given to two members of the association at present in distress.

A member of the parks department of the Earlscourt District Voters' Association wishes to draw attention to a statement made by a member of the parks committee at the hearing in the city hall on Tuesday last. The member stated that "Earlscourt was now asking for a park, and had not been in the city three years." Earlscourt is over four years annexed to the city, and will be assessed at city rates on Jan. 10, 1915, the present year being the last at the fixed assessment rate agreed upon when the district was taken into the city.

FEDERAL SUBSIDY FOR HYDRO LINES

Labor Council Last Night Passed Resolution Favoring Dominion Bonus.

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success of that enterprise, I feel that this council should pass the resolution under discussion unanimously," said Delegate D. W. Kennedy.

The resolution was also supported by Delegate F. Bancroft. It was passed with only one or two dissenting votes.

Supports High Tariff.

A communication was received by the council from Hon. Mr. Burnham, M.P. for East Peterboro, in which he stated that he had placed upon the order sheet for the present session a motion supporting a high tariff upon manufactured goods and natural products coming into Canada from any other country where the rate of wages of those employed in the making or raising of them was below that prevailing in Canada. The aim of the motion was to preserve the standard rate of wages of those in Canada employed in making or producing like goods or products.

Many of the members thought that this was a political question and should not be dealt with in the council.

Labor Needs Protection.

Delegate Fred Bancroft opposed the spirit of the resolution on the grounds that it was not in the interests of the working man as it would appear. He stated that the cause of the present deplorable labor conditions was the fact that at present there was too much competition in the labor market, and not enough in the marketing of commodities. The selling market was already protected, while the labor market was not. This resolution, even tho passed by the government, would not, in his opinion, remedy the existing conditions.

The communication and resolution was referred to the executive committee of the Dominion Trades Congress at Ottawa.

As the result of a motion passed by the council, the name of James Watt, president of the council, will be submitted to the attorney-general of the province, as the nominee of the council for the position of commissioner of the juvenile court.

The municipal committee of the council will wait on the board of control and the city council with a view to inducing them to lay their plans for the municipal housing scheme before the provincial legislature. A letter from the attorney-general stated that the city would meceive legislation permitting them to build houses on their vacant land, if they would follow this course.

When the nominations were called for, for members to be elected to the Labor Day committee, Delegate McCallum objected and asked that Labor Day parade be discontinued, on the ground that "the labor men were slaves enough without parading their slavery before the public." He was ruled out of order by the president. The following were elected to the committee:

Delegates Ralph Woodrow, R. J. Stevenson, T. A. Stevenson, D. W. Kennedy, R. J. Kennedy, Brown, Storey, Sullivan, Wite.

It was decided to hire a hall for Friday, March 13, to hear Frank Aatonan speak on the miners' strike in Michigan.

ALL GIVEN CREDIT BY COMMISSIONER

Chambers Pays Tribute to Co-Operation of Parks Department Workers.

ALF. MAGUIRE ON PEACE

Tells Banqueters Britain Will Intervene in Mexico, By Crickey!

Commissioner Chambers and the 275 employes of the civic parks department had their first annual banquet last night in the W.C.T.U. dining hall in Exhibition Park. Six long tables were made doubly attractive with blooms from the greenhouses, and the room was bordered with palms and shrubs.

"I never met 300 as healthy looking men," Ald. Robbins, chairman of the parks and exhibition committee, declared, and 300 men applauded. The alderman was the toastmaster. On either side of him were Ald. Maguire, ex-Ald. Anderson, Commissioner Chambers, Superintendent Goode and staff members of the parks department.

E. F. Collins gave the toast of "The Empire," and called upon Ald. Maguire to respond. "There is peace thruout the empire tonight," the alderman said, "and war in other countries. In Mexico civil strife is causing great slaughter of humans, and the moment one of those killed was a Britisher, the British lion growled. The killing of Benton will doubtless lead to such intervention as will put a stop to the civil war in Mexico."

Cheered Chambers.

Speaking of Commissioner Chambers, Ald. Maguire declared that he has measured up to a high standard of excellence since he was given charge of the parks. This brought cheers of approval.

W. J. Potter gave the toast of "The City of Toronto," and the reply was from ex-Ald. Anderson, who was chairman of the parks and exhibitions last year. "From the man who receives the lowest wage to the man who receives the highest wage in the department, everyone is entitled to full credit for his services," Mr. Anderson said, and the applause was general. "It is by that policy that the most efficient service is secured.

"Toronto is the most progressive city of Canada," he said. He argued for the deepening of the St. Lawrence water route from Toronto to salt water, claiming that this city would then be the foremost in the Dominion in size and population. Referring to the park systems of the city, he said that they were not only the show places for visitors, but invaluable to the residents.

In City's Heart.

"We should keep up our parks in the older parts of the city," he said, "where the people live in largest numbers, and gradually acquire and develop parks in the outlying districts."

Superintendent Goode of the Riverdale zoo gave the toast of the parks department. He announced that the employes of the department would have an excursion next summer. He called on Commissioner Chambers to reply. "Since I've taken office I've had as hearty co-operation for efficiency in the department as any man could wish for," the commissioner said. "The man who wheels the barrow is just as important to the success of the park system as the man who plans the work."

The comic songs by Roy Williams made the fun of the night. The National Male Quartet sang exceptionally well. Many numbers were played by the Riverdale Park Orchestra. Bart Sproule gave a monolog that caused a gale of laughter.

PUBLIC-OWNED RADIAL PLAN

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line by means of small inexpensive transformer stations.

A resoution moved by Mayor Jackson of Clinton was unanimously adopted as follows:

"Whereas it is the opinion of this meeting that the indomnitable energy and sterling integrity of the Hon. Adam Beck and his devotion to the cause of municipal ownership is primarily responsible for the success of the hydro-electric undertaking of this province, and

"Whereas this meeting considers the continued leadership of the Hon. Adam Beck absolutely necessary, not only for the successful consummation of hydro-electric enterprise, but also for the upbuilding of the work of electric radials so essential to the future welfare and prosperity of the people of this province;

"Therefore, be it resolved that this meeting respectfully requests the Hon. Adam Beck not to relinquish the great public work now prospering under his guidance, but to continue to serve the people of this province as leader in the cause of municipal ownership."

Other speakers at the afternoon session were Alx. Summers, vice-president of the Guelph Board of Trade; J. J. Pettypiece, M.L.A., of Forest, and J. C. Elliott of Glencoe.

Beck Gave Pledge.

In the evening a banquet was tendered to the delegates, after which a mass meeting was held in the auditorium, at which Hon. Adam Beck was the principal speaker.

A statement of the operation of hydro, plans for acquiring further power, the need of radials and how they might be secured and a suggestion for a provincially-controlled system of telephones were the features in the minister's address.

At the outset he expressed his desire to do everything possible to bring the plans for a system of radials to a successful issue. It would be his privilege in the course of a week or so to place on the table of the legislature the last annual report of the hydro-electric commission.

Big Hydro Surplus.

"The commission," said Mr. Beck, "has paid to the provincial treasurer $599,888 as interest charges on the hydro investment. Not one dollar after the completion of municipal construction work has been charged to capital account, but every dollar after that has been taken from operation. We have an available surplus of $189,203, an amount adequate to meet complete sinking fund charges. In addition every one of the sixty odd municipalities has had a handsome surplus at the end of the year, with the exception of a few still in the constructional stages. The total investment in the Niagara scheme by the end of the year will be approximately $9,500,000 by the government and $9,350,000 by the municipalities in the Niagara zone and $2,000,000 by other municipalities, making an investment of $21,000,000, this being the liability of the province thru the municipalities, and every dollar of it is self-sustaining."

Benefits Widespread.

Motive power was available, said the speaker, to meet all the demands at the lowest cost. In the dual undertaking of transmitting hydro and operating radial railways, they had at once the most economic way of bringing both to the doors of all the people in Ontario. In the three or four years of operation they now had electricity at the disposal of one and a half millions of the two and a half millions of people in the Province of Ontario.

Mr. Beck said that he quite concurred in the expressions of anxiety as to further supply of hydro to meet the ever-increasing demand, and he referred to the action of the Ontario commission in protesting against private companies being given extensions of charters to secure power from Niagara Falls.

Must Make Appeal.

"We must ask that government at Ottawa, that government that is rich and extravagant as Dominion governments have been since time immemorial, to give you assistance towards this end," said the minister. "We mean to have some of that money, not to be squandered but carefully invested to make Ontario the province that she should be, agriculturally, socially, and commercially."

Mr. Beck then gave estimates on the cost and revenues of the projected Toronto, Markham & Port Perry Hydro Radial, which is expected to serve as the first experiment of radial building by the Ontario commission. The line, he said, was estimated to cost $2,470,770, or $38,400 a mile, which figure did not include the asked-for federal subsidy. Comparative figures were then brought forward to show how the construction of the roads would reduce the price of hydro-electric power.

FIREMEN'S BANQUET.

The firemen of College Street Hall tendered a banquet to John Taggart Wednesday night in honor of his promotion to the rank of captain. The new captain was the recipient of a gold-mounted umbrella and a case pipe from his comrades. Speeches, vocal and instrumental music numbers helped make a pleasant evening.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

MUST MOVE MAINS AT PUBLIC DEMAND

Judgment is Given for City in Case Against Consumers' Gas Co.

RAILWAY CASE DECIDED

T. S. R. Must Keep Track Allowances Clean and Foot the Bill.

Judge Winchester gave judgment yesterday in the City of Toronto's case against the Consumer's Gas Company over the removal of pipes laid on certain streets. The judge was of the opinion the city had the paramount duty of caring for the health of its citizens with reference to the construction of streets, and that the company had the right to use these streets subject only to such paramount authority, and that the company could not compel the city to remove these pipes at its own expense when it was in the public's interest they should be removed. The award is small, only $222, but the decision settles a long-standing point of contention.

Must Remove Snow.

Judge Winchester also gave a verdict whereby the Toronto Street Railway Company must shovel the snow from the streets on which its lines are laid. "I find," he said, "that it is the duty of the company to keep its track allowances, whether single or double line, free from snow and ice at its own expense."

Brandy to Cure Catarrh

Recent experiments have proved conclusively that catarrh is a constitutional disease, and that salves, sprays, inhalers, etc., merely temporise with the disease, and seldom, if ever, effect a permanent cure. This being so, much time and money has been spent of late by a noted specialist in perfecting a pure, gentle, yet effective tonic that would dispel all traces of the catarrhal poison from the system. The result is given in the following formula, which has been found to produce most surprising results in an incredibly short time.

From your druggist obtain 1 oz. of Parmint. Take this home and add to it 1-4 pint of hot water and two tablespoonfuls of brandy and 4 oz. of moist or granulated sugar. Stir until dissolved Take one tablespoonful four times a day.

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Every person who has catarrh in any form should give this prescription a trial. There is nothing better.

Important.—In ordering Parmint always specify that you want Double Strength; your druggist has it or he can get it for you; if not, send 75c to the International Laboratories, 74 St. Antoine street, Montreal, P.Q., who make a specialty of it.

DRESS UP LIKE TORONTO AND RIDE A FINE HORSE

The Man Who Can Do It Best Qualifies for Trip to St. Louis.

Toronto has been invited to send to St. Louis at the end of next May a man who would make up allegorically and who would have a confident seat upon a prancing horse. Just what member of the civic government could fill the bill is now being debated in the corridors of the city hall.

St. Louis is getting up a pageant and masque, together with a conference of cities. Mayor Kiel has written Mayor Hocken all about it, and wants Toronto represented in the revels and at the conference.

BIRD HOUSES IN PARKS TO ATTRACT SONGSTERS

"I am not positive that sparrows are not beneficial in the city," said Commissioner Chambers, "and I am not certain that sparrows drove song birds away from the city.

"Last summer I investigated a bird house erected in private grounds in the city and saw a large flock of martens come to the house in the evening. The owner of the grounds told me the martens came every evening during the summer and remained until morning. The house had many little compartments, all of which were occupied by the martens.

"It is probable that by placing a number of bird houses in the parks the song birds will become plentiful there," the commissioner said. "I am seriously contemplating trying out that policy.

TOSSED BY TRAIN TO INSTANT DEATH

Frank Hilbert of London Accidently Killed Near Campbellford.

AVOIDED ONE TRAIN

But Stepped in Front of Flyer and Was Thrown Back.

Struck by one train and tossed in front of another, Frank Hilbert, 164 Anne street, London, Ont., was almost instantly killed while walking along the C. P. R. tracks near Campbellville, between Milton and Guelph Junction, last night.

In attempting to avoid the Goderich train Hilbert stepped in front of the Chicago flyer, which was coming from the opposite direction. He was struck by the Chicago train and thrown in front of the train he had sought to avoid, which hurled him to one side.

The man was placed on board the Goderich train and Dr. Anderson of Milton summoned, but he died a short time later.

The body was brought to Toronto and taken from the train to the morgue. An investigation into the occurrence has been ordered.

Helbert's body was identified by his brother William of 50 Denison avenue.

TORONTO BALL TEAM OFF WEEK AFTER NEXT.

The Toronto ball team leaves for Marlin springs, Texas, Wednesday, March 18. They report at the Planters' Hotel, St. Louis, Friday, March 20, leaving that night and arriving in Marlin Sunday night, March 22. They will remain for two weeks at Marlin.

Bill O'Hara left for New York last night with President McCaffery, who will go from there to Marlin. The president is going to the reception and banquet to the returning world's tourists.

CANAL PROPOSALS CREATE DIVISION

City Council is Asked to Support Great Lakes Waterways Plan.

MIND NOT YET MADE UP

Georgian Bay Boute Would Cheapen Freight Rates From Northern Ontario.

Literature in advocacy of a 35-foot waterway from Montreal to the head of the great lakes was received yesterday by the members of the city council from the Great Waterways Union of Canada, with headquarters in Berlin. The union is organizing a monster deputation to go to Ottawa at the end of this month to support the canalization of the St. Lawrence route and oppose the canalization of the route via Georgian Bay, French River and Ottawa River.

Council Favors Project.

The city council is already on record as favoring both routes. Canalization of the route via the Georgian Bay would make North Bay a lake port, and that would mean cheaper freight rates between New Ontario and Toronto. At present the rail rates via Timiskaming and Northern and the G. T. R. are not low enough to give the necessary profit to raising produce in New Ontario for the Toronto market.

The deepening of the Welland Canal will place Toronto upon an equality with all upper lake ports for purposes of manufacturing, and the deepening of the St. Lawrence route will better Toronto as a receiving and distributing point.

THREE THOUSAND TO BE SPENT UPON PUBLICITY

By Canadian Defence League — Colonel Merritt Elected President.

The Canada Defence League, at its annual meeting last night, launched a comprehensive publicity campaign which will aim to set forth before all Canadians the objects of the league. Thru the efforts of Col. W. H. Merritt $3000 has been realized towards this end.

Officers elected were: President, Col. W. H. Merritt; first vice-president, Col. J. T. Fotheringham; secretary, George M. Elliott; assistant secretary, Lieut.-Col. J. Galloway; treasurer, R. S. Hudson. R. E. Kingsford is chairman of the press committee and J. T. Murray of the finance committee. Other chairmen are to be elected by the executive. Several changes in the constitution were made.

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