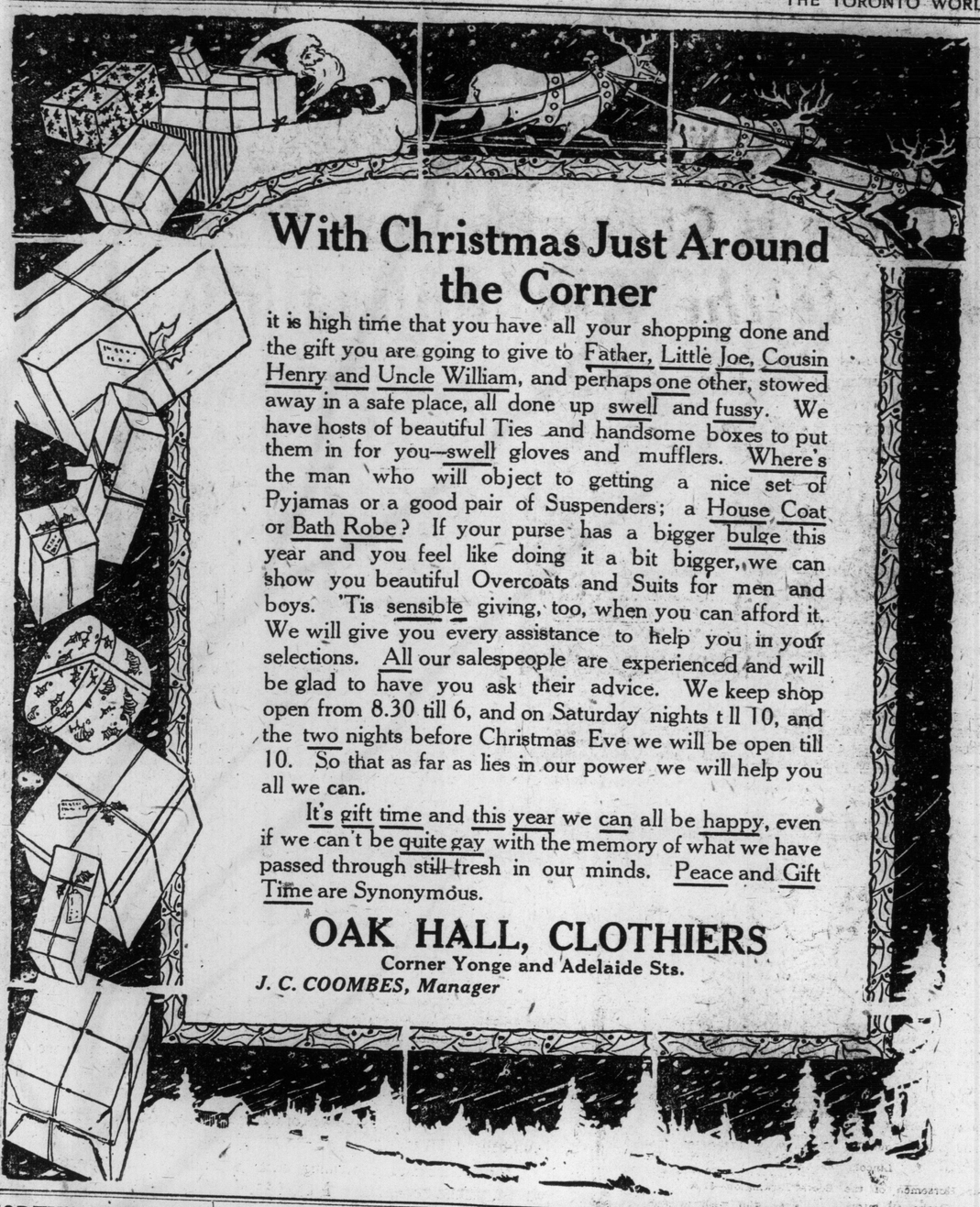

With Christmas Just Around the Corner

it is high time that you have all your shopping done and the gift you are going to give to Father, Little Joe, Cousin Henry and Uncle William, and perhaps one other, stowed away in a safe place, all done up swell and fussy. We have hosts of beautiful Ties and handsome boxes to put them in for you—swell gloves and mufflers. Where's the man who will object to getting a nice set of Pyjamas or a good pair of Suspenders; a House Coat or Bath Robe? If your purse has a bigger bulge this year and you feel like doing it a bit bigger, we can show you beautiful Overcoats and Suits for men and boys. 'Tis sensible giving, too, when you can afford it. We will give you every assistance to help you in your selections. All our salespeople are experienced and will be glad to have you ask their advice. We keep shop open from 8.30 till 6, and on Saturday nights till 10, and the two nights before Christmas Eve we will be open till 10. So that as far as lies in our power we will help you all we can.

It's gift time and this year we can all be happy, even if we can't be quite gay with the memory of what we have passed through still fresh in our minds. Peace and Gift Time are Synonymous.

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"SHORTY" DEFEATED AT GUELPH FAIR

Champion Steer Takes Second Place to "Hillcrest Lad."

Guelph, Dec. 10.—Today was one of the biggest days at the Winter Fair. Hon. Geo. S. Henry, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, was the speaker at the directors' luncheon. The guests were principally sheep and swine breeders, and President J. I. Flatt occupied the chair. The minister brought a message of hope and encouragement to the breeders of live stock, and told them that they would receive every possible assistance from the government in their attempt to keep Ontario in command of this industry in the country, and he asked them to devote their time and energy along these lines.

"I would not have the farmers think that they are expected to pay Canada's indebtedness," said the minister, "but I do want to say that we expect the farmers to produce enough stock for export and home consumption."

Percherons Judged.

The first thing on the program this morning was the continuing of the judging competition, over two hours being occupied in this work.

There were two classes of Percherons judged; also, this forenoon. The first class judged was that of Percheron mares foaled previous to Jan. 1, 1916. First prize went to Leslie, owned by T. S. Shantz, of Kitchener; second, Idealization, C. O. Peart, Hagersville; third, Nitriere, J. A. Roberts, Peterboro.

Percheron mares foaled on and after Jan. 1, 1916—1, Aurelia Farley, N. Vermilyea & Sons, Belleville; 2, Princess Marguerite, J. & A. Roberts, Peterboro; 3, Gladys Faulkner, N. Vermilyea & Sons, Belleville.

Percheron stallion foaled before Jan. 1, 1915—1, Irode, T. D. Elliott, Bolton; 2, Monogram, T. H. Hassart, Markham; 3, Dandy, R. Livingston, Woodbridge.

Percheron stallion foaled in 1915—1, Digby Boy, T. H. Hazard, Markham; 2, Jess Willard, J. Champell, Minesing; 3, Briconam, J. Leroy Allan, Kingsville.

Percheron stallion foaled on or after Jan. 1, 1916—1, E. Cart II, T. H. Hazard, Markham; 2, Robert, L. P. Wiele, Kingsville; 3, Lord Greffler, W. A. Henry & Son, Keswick.

The championship of Percheron stallions went to E. Cart II, owned by T. H. Hazard of Markham, defeating last year's champion, Irade. The championship of Percheron mares went to Leslie, owned by T. S. Shantz of Kitchener.

Percherons, three, get of one sire—1 and 2, N. Vermilyea & Sons, Belleville.

Shorty Defeated.

The feature of the afternoon judging of the shorthorns was the defeat of Shorty, the champion steer of the Toronto Stock Yard show, by Hillcrest Lad, a very handsome steer bred and exhibited by Jas. K. Campbell and Son of Palmerston. Another notable win was that of Jubilee Jill, a junior heifer calf bred and exhibited by J. A. Douglas of Caledonia. This fine heifer defeated Diamond Beauty, bred by Mr. Douglas but sold to J. A. Watt of Elora, who was first in her class at the Chicago show and second in her class here. The result of the shorthorn judging was as follows:

Steer, senior yearling—1 and 2, T. A. Russell, Downsview; 2 and 3, J. V. Brown and Sons, Galt.

Steer, junior yearling—1, T. A. Russell; 2, A. Berber, Guelph; 3, Jno. Barr, Blyth.

Steer under one year—1 and champion, Jas. K. Campbell and Son, Palmerston; 2, Geo. Amos and Sons, Moffat; 3, T. A. Russell.

Heifer, two years—1 and 2, J. J. Elliott; 3, Jno. Watt and Sons.

Heifer, senior yearling—1, J. A. Watt, Elora; 2, E. Brien and Son, Ridgetown; 3, Kyle Bros., Drumbo.

Heifer, junior yearling—1, J. J. Elliott; 2, Kyle Bros.; 3, J. K. Campbell and Son.

Heifer, senior calf—1 and 3, Jno. Gardhouse and Sons, Weston; 2, R. and S. Nicholson, Parkhill.

Heifer, junior calf—1, Jas. Douglas, Caledonia; 2, J. A. Watt; 3, J. J. Elliott.

Bull, junior yearling—1, Peter Stewart, Guelph; 2, A. and W. Whitelaw, Guelph; 3, Kyle Bros.

Bull, senior calf—1, J. J. Elliott; 2, Geo. Amos and Sons; 3, Jno. Garnhouse, Weston.

Bull, junior calf—1, J. A. Watt; 2, G. W. Clark, Elora; 3, Kyle Bros.

Canadian Bred Horses.

Following are the results of the judging in the arena in the evening, the quality of the standard breds being away above the average: Canadian bred draught horse, gelding or mare, foaled in 1915—1, Prince, W. Mitchell, Walton; 2, Duke, E. Wray, Schomberg; 3, Bruce, N. McIntosh, Embro.

Standard bred stallions, 4 years—1 and champion, Peter Wilton, T. H. Hassard, Markham; 2, Eastwood Todd, T. D. Elliott, Bolton; 3, Bonaday, T. F. Hassard, Weston.

Standard bred stallion, 3 years—1, Billy Bingen, Thos. Cowan, Orono; 2, Todd Longwell, Ashley Stock Farm, Foxboro; 3, Flashlight, D. Douglas and Sons, Mitchell.

Standard bred aged mare—1, Maimie Sphinx, John Menzie, Galt; 2, Ella Sleecker, Ashley Stock Farm; 3, Emma Frazier, Ashley Stock Farm.

Standard bred mare, 3 years—1, and champion, Synthia McMartin, Ashley Stock Farm; 2, Helen Longwell, Ashley Stock Farm; 3, Mabel Barttell, Ashley Stock Farm.

Three get of sire—1, 2 and 3, Ashley Stock Farm.

Seed Results.

The results of the judging in the red clover, alsike, alfalfa and Timothy seeds, which were inspected at Ottawa, were announced today as follows:

Red clover—1, Wm. Roth, Fisherville; 2, B. G. Palmer, Norwich.

Alsike—1, Wm. Roth, Fisherville; 2, Frank Kelly, Aylmer; 3, J. N. Allen, Canboro.

Alfalfa (Canadian)—1, D. Allen, Canboro; 2, Frank Kelly, Aylmer; 3, A. C. Phipps, Caledonia.

Timothy—1, H. L. Goltz, Bardville; 2, B. Tolton, Guelph.

Inter-County Judging.

The results of the inter-county judging competition was announced this evening as follows: 1, Durham, 2139 points; 2, York, 2095; 3, Oxford, 2087; 4, Essex, 2069; 5, Middlesex, 1991; 6, Norfolk, 1975; 7, Victoria, 1966; 8, Peel, 1963; 9, Grey, 1890; 10, Halton, 1887; 11, Bruce, 1795; 12, Waterloo, 1708; 13, Wentworth, 1768; 14, Kent, 1701; 15, Lambton, 1587; 16, Dufferin, 1556; 17, Lincoln, 1553; 18, Welland, 1492.

Twenty-one counties entered the competition, but three were prevented from competing by sickness. The names of the members of the winning team are:

Durham team—W. Eber, Snowden, Bowmanville; Reginald Fallis, Millbrook; Roy Ferguson, Blackstock.

York team—Oscar Cox, Todmorden; H. Collard, Unionville; Raymond Morton, Keswick.

Oxford team—Jorden Palmer, Norwich; Joe Snyder, Norwich; Clement Hilliker, Norwich.

The agricultural representatives responsible for the training of the teams are: G. A. Williams, Durham County, J. C. Steckley, York County, and G. R. Green, Oxford. Durham, the winning team, will complete with the winning teams from the eastern counties, after this latter has been decided at Ottawa fair.

Dairy Test Results.

The official announcement of the winners of the dairy test at the Winter Fair was made today, and some surprises were shown in the results. The champion cow turned up in Fayne Segis Pontiac, owned by Geo. Smith of Port Perry, with a record of 266.7 pounds of milk, testing 3.6 from butter fat, making a total of 317.635 points, a new record for the Winter Fair. The complete results of this test were as follows:

Shorthorns, cow, under 4 years—1, Stanley Pride, exhibitor, S. W. Jackson; total pounds milk 120, percentage butter fat 4.1, total points 282.87; 2, Flora 22nd, Jacob Lerch, Preston, 116.2, 3.9, 290.069.

Cow, 3 years—1, Butterfly Bellona, S. H. Jackson, 116.6, 4.3, 267.981; 2, Butterfly Beauty, S. W. Jackson, 107.2, 3.9, 245.38.

Ayrshires, cow 4 years—1, Pearl of Balquido, H. McPherson, Copetown, 201.8, 4.65, 290.588; 2, Scotter's Nancy, J. McKee, Norwich, 174.2, 4.4, 241.247; 3, Belle of Beachville, H. McPherson, 172.4, 4.4, 237.233.

Cows, 3 years—1, Rose of Montrose, H. C. Hamill, Maram, 144.6, 4.7, 208.618; 2, Rose Queen, H. C. Hamill, 155.4, 4.3, 208.514; 3, Snowdrop 3rd of Hickory Hill, N. Dyment, Brantford, 158.7, 3.7, 189.555.

Cow, under 3 years—1, Free Trader Sarah, J. McKee, 128.3, 4.6, 184.405; 2, Amelia Spot, E. B. Palmer, Norwich, 117.3, 4.1, 153.39; 3, Minerva of Craiglea, H. C. Hamill, 113, 3.9, 143.754.

Holsteins.

Cow, 4 years—1, Fayne Segis Pontiac, George Smith, Port Perry, 266.7, 3.6, 317.635; 2, Fairview Posch, A. E. Hulett, Norwich, 280.5, 2.8, 273.624; 3, Mercena Chase, G. R. McCombs, Burgessville, 231.1, 3.6, 270.175.

Cow, 3 years—1, Ruby Fayne de Kol, M. L. Haley, Springford, 219.1, 3.9, 271.136; 2, Lady Fensen Abbekirk, A. E. Hulett, 222.8, 3.2, 239.075; 3, Rose Teakebourne, E. D. Hilliker, Burgessville, 241.5, 3.1, 220.708.

Cow, 2 years—1, Elmwood Daisy Fayne, J. W. Kelly, Burgessville, 162.25, 3.6, 191.586; 2, Ianthe Belle Posch, F. J. Griffin, Burgessville, 179.1, 2.9, 178.463; 3, Shadeawn Queen Canary Queen, W. Loosing, Norwich, 168.1, 2.8, 163.632.

Jerseys.

Cow, 4 years—1, [illegible] of Edgeley, Alfred Begg, Edgeley, 160.1, 5.1, 252.42; 2, Wilhelmias Violet, B. H. Bull and Son, Brampton, 131.6, 6, 277.57; 3, Queen Greta, A. Peacock, Woodbridge, 123.4, 5.8, 215.883.

Cows, 3 years—Edgeley Daisy Queen, J. Begg and Son, 124.7, 5.1, 196.924; 2, Brampton Bright Cantata, B. H. Bull and Son, 118.1, 4.8, 175.823; 3, Edgeley Queen II, Alfred Begg, Edgeley, 107.7, 5.2, 172.11.

Cow, 2 years—1, Edgeley Sweetbriar, J. Begg and Sons, 103, 5.2, 164.751; 2, Edgeley Bright Lady, 94.7, 5.2, 153.038; 3, Edgeley Beauty Maid, J. Begg and Sons, 82.5, 5, 131.593.

Grades, cow, 4 years—1, Tilly, G. Smith, Port Perry, 215.7, 3.8, 231.437; 2, Jewel, J. J. Fox, Guelph, 188.6, 3.6, 220.242; 3, Canarp, J. J. Fox, 200.7, 2.9, 196.68.

Cow, 2 years—1, Spot, G. Smith, 164.5, 3.2, 164.898.

UNIVERSITY CLUB VETERANS' DINNER

Thrilling stories were told at University Club dinner to returned members, held last night. Major MacFarland, who was second in command of the 4th C. M. R. at Passchendaele, Arras and Amiens, paid special tribute to the heroism of the privates, and pleaded the cause of the returned men.

Captain Beverley Robinson, R.F.C., an escaped prisoner of war, told of his crash into the German lines and his subsequent escape after months of imprisonment. "No published stories," said he "can exaggerate the hardships suffered by privates in German hands. The officers did not fare so badly."

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NO CONCILIATION WITH AFFILIATION

Police Must Sever Connection Before Commission Will Consider Grievances.

There will be no conciliation between the board of police commissioners and the organized Toronto policemen till the latter drop all affiliation with the Trades and Labor Congress, was the final decision reached by the commissioners at their regular meeting yesterday.

The list of grievances handed to Mayor Church, by Secretary Tom Forbes of the union, was not even discussed or considered, at the meeting, according to Chief Grasett. The list was supposed to be presented by Mayor Church, who when he received them last Saturday, declared them entirely reasonable, but apparently Judge Winchester and Colonel Denison, would not hear of them till the men had broken away from organized labor.

The mayor did not present any grievances to the commissioners today. He had previously given the commissioners a copy of the grievances which the old committee of the union had handed to him," stated Chief Grasett.

"The board's position in the matter is that, as soon as the members of the force form a union unaffiliated with any outside body and surrender the charter, the board will be only too pleased to entertain any grievances submitted to them. Until then no grievances will be entertained."

The decision by the board throws the onus of action on the men and brings the situation back to the same state of affairs which prevailed last week when the board were given 48 hours to reconsider the men's demands.

It is understood that tho the next meeting of the union which is called for next Friday is primarily for the election of officers, it is expected, according to the statement of some of the men, that the charter will be dropped, and a new organization known as the Policemen's Protective Association will be formed. The commissioners are entirely willing to recognize such an association, and a grievance committee composed of members of the union will be allowed.

None of the officers or members of the police union would make any statement in regard to the course pursued by the commissioners, or the intended action by the union.

Alderman Ramsden, and the assistant city clerk, appeared before the board asking for permission to hold a flag day in January, the proceeds to go to erecting triumphal arches for the returning troops. The permission was granted.

Chief Grasett will look into the matter of transient traders who commence and cease business in such a manner as to escape taxation.

A letter was received from City Clerk Littlejohn, asking that the penalties for theft of motor cars be lengthened. The request was sent to the juvenile commissioner, who deals with most of the cases.

The board accepted the resignation of Constable Ralph Lawlor, of the morality department. He is going into business, and the commissioners expressed regret at losing such an efficient officer.

Ex-Policeman McCarrol, who went overseas with the R.C.D., was reinstated, and the following ex-policemen were refused re-instatement: John Griffin, Ralph Davis and J. W. Humphries.

VITAL PROBLEMS OF THE PRESENT

Liberal-Conservative Association Discuss Increased Pensions—Alien Question.

Problems of reconstruction in Canada, following the return of the Canadian boys from the front were discussed at the annual meeting of Ward Two Liberal-Conservative Association, held in Victoria Hall, East Queen street, last night. Increased pensions were advocated, and the speakers were generally united in urging effective government action in admitting aliens to this country.

President Fred Hambly occupied the chair, and following the election of officers for the coming year, a lengthy array of speakers, was introduced. The following are the officers returned: President, Fred Hambly; first vice-president, Hector McLean; second vice-president, W. J. Street; third vice-president, Mrs. James Casey; treasurer, Thomas B. Gearing; financial secretary, Thomas Close; secretary, C. A. B. Jennings.

Hon. H. J. Cody outlined Ontario's war work and recounted personal observations made during a recent visit to England and France. The report in the newspapers that the British flag was flying over the cathedral at Cologne was a marvelous demonstration that at last right has been vindicated.

Reconstruction, said he, means having things a little better than before, politically, industrially and municipally. The problems of this nation can only be solved thru education, teaching sound citizenship and real patriotism.

Plans Complete.

The Hon. Mr. Cody stated that plans were complete for the promotion of technical and industrial education.

Dr. Charles Sheard was in favor of raising the total disability pension to $1,000 as a minimum to private soldiers. The pension board should be made up of returned men, for they were better qualified to deal with the problem than the most expert lawyers.

Referring to the alien question, Dr. Sheard said that no alien should be permitted to be domiciled in the country longer than one year unless he take the oath of allegiance and accept military obligations. "We are going to make Canada essentially British, and we are going to insist on one language, one flag and one king."

Major Alex. Lewis, recently returned from the front, said that Canada should be careful in admitting immigrants from eastern Europe. The Germans were bad enough, but the Bulgarians were worse.

The pensions paid to Canadian soldiers were inadequate. Women who had lost their husbands should be kept by the country for the remainder of their lives. It was the duty of the government and country, said Major Lewis, to look after returned men until they were able to readjust themselves.

Thomas Foster, M.P., pointed out the need for slower tax rate if Toronto's population was to increase. He advocated a reorganization of the juvenile court and the appointment of a woman as assistant judge.

Controller McBride, referring to the previous speaker, who is a candidate for the mayoralty, said that he would have to decide between his political or municipal station, or rather, the people would decide that for him. The controller was also an advocate for increased pensions. "Keep the aliens bound up in Germany," said the controller, "and their own countries until every cent of indemnity is paid. Toronto is no place for Bolshevism, and I will move in council tomorrow that no flag but the British be ever flown in the streets of this city."

Among others who spoke were Mayor Church, Ald. Bearnish, Ald. Ball, Evan Fraser, M.P.; Col. Sharpe, M.L.A., and Ald. Risk and Mark Irish, M.L.A.

SCORE'S SPECIALS FOR THE RETURNED SOLDIER.

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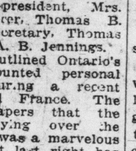

HAMILTON NEWS

Hamilton, Dec. 10.—It is unanimous opinion of the authorities that the flu ban should be kept in force for at least another week. The agitation for painting the houses where cases exist is not favored by the city officials.

Three Hamilton storekeepers ignore some of the flu ban regulations and are fined $20 each.

The Wentworth County Council decides to send a deputation to Guelph to aid movement for bringing great international live stock show to Hamilton.

A party of returned soldiers arrive, but owing to a mix-up, due to bad planning by some one in authority, they arrive in two's and three's at different stations and at different times of the day.

Lieut.-Col. D. P. Kappele, D.S.O., returns from overseas service.

CAUGHT IN CANDY TWISTER.

Paul Shelfer, 42 Nassau street, had his hand badly crushed last night at his home when it was caught in a candy twister machine. He was taken to St. Michael's Hospital in the police ambulance.

ALLEGED C. O. D. THEFTS.

William Cann, 70 Mansfield avenue, a loader employed by the T. Eaton Co., was arrested yesterday by Detective Wickett, charged with theft. According to the police, Cann has been extracting C. O. D. parcels from the wagons while loading them.

FOSTER AS MAYOR

will fight for a lower tax rate to encourage greater industrial progress, a solution of the Housing Problem by practical men, and a sane civic administration.

PEACE DINNER OF WOMEN LIBERALS

First Officer to Leave Toronto Tells Prison Experience.

A "Peace Dinner," under the auspices of the northwest riding, Toronto Women's Liberal Association, was held at the King Edward Hotel last night, covers being laid for 250 guests. The president of the association, Mrs. N. Brock Wilkins, acted as chairman, and introduced the speakers of the evening, Major Streight, the first officer to go from Toronto with a band of 220 men in August, 1914, and who had spent over three years in German prison camps, and Rev. Peter Brice, the much-beloved pastor of the Earlscourt Institutional Church.

Major Streight took his hearers right to Ypres, and took them thru the terrible struggles of days, when Canadians held the trenches vacated by French colonial troops. He told the story of that first gas attack, and the holding of the trench by the few Canadians, until captured by the Saxons. "If there are any gentlemen in that part of the world they come from Saxony," said Major Streight. From the kindness and courtesy of the Saxons, the speaker led his hearers to the cruelty and brutality of the Prussians. Thru three years of unspeakable awfulness, Major Streight and his companions managed to exist, trying at several opportunities to escape, but being caught and put into solitary confinement for it. The lack of food, and the harsh treatment did not break their spirits, for the Canadians were reckoned as among the worst and most unmanageable prisoners the Germans had. When after three years and a half he was sent to Switzerland to be repatriated, Major Streight said the pent-up feelings broke loose, and 87 officers and 250 Tommies sang all the old war songs as soon as the Swiss border was crossed.

Rev. Peter Bryce, who is one of the leading workers in the social service work of the City of Toronto, said he was glad that one of the planks of the Women's Liberal party was a social service department. He told stories of how the women in his district received the news of the armistice. He related experiences that many of them have passed thru and are still undergoing, and told how cheerful they were thru it all. He gave instances of unselfish devotion to others shown by men with small wages and big families—but also big hearts. "I have no fear for social conditions of the future as long as we have such women and such men in the Dominion of Canada," he said.

Immigration.

He outlined the necessity for helping the new-comers to Canada, and absorbing them into the community. The immigration question was to be a great one now the war was over, and yet it could be so easily met and so well worked out if there could only be the proper organization. He paid tribute to the people from the British Isles, saying: "There are no better people come to our shores than those from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales."

To work for public betterment, forgetting denominations and politics, eliminating all overlapping and using constructive methods, — these were some of the ideas of the federation for community service which is now in a formative process in the city. In working thru the Neighborhood Workers' Association, Mr. Bryce said he came into contact with a Jewish rabbi, a Catholic priest and clergymen of all denominations, but he did not see the differences, only the things that they had in common, which were so many and occupied so much attention that at times he said he almost forgot just what church he belonged to himself.

At the end of the addresses, a vote of thanks was moved the speakers by Mrs. Bundy, and seconded by Mrs. Adam Ballantyne. The singing of the national anthem closed the affair.

DANFORTH

In connection with the opening of the Bloor street viaduct for street car service on Sunday next, Ald. W. W. Hiltz states that works Commissioner R. C. Harris has decided to dispense with any formal opening ceremony. Mr. Harris asks the alderman that it would take the remainder of the week to complete the necessary work on the viaduct, and that the usual day for changing routes on the Toronto Street Railway is Sunday. In any case, the public might be under the impression that the city council were holding a ceremony for ceremony's sake, is the opinion of the works commissioner.

Lodge Todmorden, No. 28, Sons of England, held a very successful meeting in Bayles' Hall, Danforth avenue, when the election of officers for the ensuing year took place. The following were elected: J. Bradley, past president; J. Harvey, president; W. Brock vice-president; S. Wills, chaplain; E. Page, secretary; A. Harvey, recording secretary; W. Tyler, treasurer. Executive committee—1st, Victor Sarrant; 2nd, A. Humphrey; 3rd, W. Hall; 4th, W. Hearn; 5th, J. Black; 6th, A. Foxworthy.

H. Mills, inside guard; H. Simmons, outside guard; W. Hall, J. Weston and J. Goodwin, auditors; C. Roberts and G. Downes, trustees.

It was decided to hold a reception for the returned soldier members of the lodge at an early date. The secretary pointed out that 48 per cent. of their membership had enlisted for overseas.

A meeting of the Danforth Ratepayers' Association was held last night in Frankland School, Logan avenue, when candidates for board of control and aldermanic honors addressed the meeting. Slight interest was taken in the proceedings, there being but a very few people present. C. Doughty occupied the chair.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

RIVERDALE

OAKWOOD RATEPAYERS MEET.

Members of the York Township Council and candidates for municipal honors were present in force at a well-attended meeting of the Oakwood Ratepayers' Association in Oakwood Hall, last evening. W. L. Jarvis, president, occupied the chair.

S. D. Durham and T. L. Hutchinson, delegates from the Amalgamated Ratepayers' Association, requested that the Oakwood branch appoint representatives to the central body.

No action was taken by the association.

Fred H. Miller, first deputy-reeve who was well received, reviewed the work of the council during the past year. Mr. Miller dwelt at considerable length on the platform outlined by the Amalgamated Association. He pointed out that a building bylaw is at present in force in the township, and copies of same are already being printed for distribution among the ratepayers.

Regarding the payment of taxes twice a year, it would require special legislation to deal with this matter, and to have the whole assessment situation reviewed. The remuneration of reeves and councillors is also arranged by act of parliament and cannot be changed by the council.

Touching on the school boards, Mr. Miller said these bodies are not in the hands of the council, but the people themselves, who elect them.

County Powers.

The police department is also not in the jurisdiction of the York Township Council, but it is the county who have the power of appointment.

All members of York Township Council are residents of the township, and, with the exception of the reeve, Thomas Griffiths, who is a resident of Weston, no member has lived in the City of Toronto. Weston, Mr. Miller pointed out, was not in the City of Toronto.

William Graham, deputy reeve, outlined the many improvements in road-grading and other necessary work, and pointed out that, now the war is over, work would be continued with renewed vigor.

Replying to a question regarding sewerage, Mr. Graham said the sewerage of the township is already provided for.

Jas Muldowney, Duncan Hood, S. D. Graham and others also spoke.

Besides the present aldermen for Ward One, there are three other candidates in the field for next year's council—ex-Ald. Fenwick, Arthur Stubbings and Albert Hanna.

EARLSCOURT

The unmarried bandsmen of the local Salvation Army gave a "musical cyclone" in their hall on St. Clair and Dufferin last night. Captain Smith of Fairbank presided. Among the features was a trombone solo by one of the S.A. cadets. The proceeds go to the band fund.

Thieves are again active in Earlscourt, and seem to easily evade the police.

A number of bottles of varnish were stolen from the rear of Bawden's drug store, West St. Clair avenue, yesterday, valued at several dollars. At the Royal George Theatre, corner Dufferin and St. Clair, an entry was made at midnight and several pairs of gloves and other small articles taken. Electric lights were switched on and discovered by the police later.

A successful concert was given at St. David's Presbyterian new church, Harvie avenue, in aid of the building fund. The following contributed: Misses Tait and Mitchell, W. J. Isaac, J. H. Sketch and C. W. Blackwood, from Perth Avenue Public School.

TODMORDEN

Many matters of local importance were discussed at a well-attended meeting of the Todmorden Ratepayers' Association in Torrens Avenue school last night. Philip Pedlar, president, occupied the chair. Delegates from the Amalgamated Ratepayers' Association were present as follows: T. L. Hutchinson, president; D. McCarthy, secretary, and W. C. Curtis, who outlined the aims and objects of the organization, and the platforms laid down for York Township candidates nominated by the association.

J. Macdonald was nominated for third county reeve, and Dr. Galbraith for the position of reeve of York Township. Robert Barker, second deputy reeve, was also nominated for re-election.

Many complaints were recorded regarding the smashing of street lights thruout the district by boys. Mr. Allcrest said the destruction of public property has become a regular practice. The York Township Council will be notified.

J. L. Joslin reported a substantial balance in connection with the recent backyard garden show, and it was decided to present R. Wiggins with a sum of money as a Christmas present for his services.

It was decided to forward a letter to council regarding the neglected condition of Woodville avenue, pointing out that the residents are assessed almost as high as on other streets, altho the street is unadopted, and suggesting that a strip of land be appropriated from Don Mills to Pape avenue in order to widen the street.

The candidates for council briefly addressed the meeting. J. Macdonald said the affairs of the township were intricate to handle, and while admiring the present members of the York Township Council for their good work in connection with the township business, it must be remembered that there are problems which must be tackled in an up-to-date manner, such as the Hydro-Electric, housing, the returned soldier and assessment. Dr. Galbraith, D. McCarthy, Councillor C. MacKay and others also spoke.

The fuel controller of Todmorden, Geo. A. Mason stated to The World yesterday that no coal has been allotted to him for his district since his appointment and pointed out that an urgent case in Todmorden was relieved by W. A. Clerk, clerk of York Township Council. He further stated that John Henderson, fuel controller for York Township, promised him that after Dec. 15 coal would be available for Todmorden.

W. D. Curtis, fuel controller for Danforth Park district, has received to date about sixty tons for distribution, and stated that he is in a position to supply all orders for his section.

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