

MAYOR REFUSES TO SIGN CHECK FOR VACCINES

Chairman Expresses Desire To Have "Show Down."

NOW UP TO CITY COUNCIL

Latest Refusal Regarded as Further Move To "Bait" Mr. Somerville.

Mayor H. A. Stevenson's signature was again in evidence at the city hall today, when it was reported that he refused to sign a check for \$20 for necessary vaccines, etc., furnished by the provincial government. "That is a very precious signature," said Chairman C. E. Somerville, "and it is a pity that it should be used in this way. The account will be paid, of course, in spite of the failure of the mayor to attach his 'John Hancock' to the document. This is another sample of the 'baiting' to which the board has been subjected, and which many citizens resent."

Up To City Council. The board of health members are waiting the action of the council on Monday evening, when the aldermen will finally decide whether or not the city shall have the benefit of the services of citizens who are willing to spend their time for the good of the community. "We will see what the council does on Monday evening," said Mr. Somerville. "We will explain the situation clearly, and as it stands, and then we will have an idea of the attitude of the board will be sustained."

Sufficient money will be added to the estimate of the board, if it is considered necessary, to enable the members to carry on the work of the board. No action was taken on the resolution presented, but the board of health will be named, but there will be a qualified medical man to assist Dr. H. W. Hill in his duties. The point will be left to the board of health.

AFTER TOUR, SAYS RECRUITING NOT GOING SO BADLY

Officer From Nos. 2 and 3 Districts Gives Figures.

7,444 JOIN IN MONTH

Considering Supply of Men at Present, Response Not Disappointing.

Capt. H. B. Kenny, who has been for the past eight weeks engaged in recruiting work in Military Districts Nos. 2 and 3, and who has covered the Toronto and Kingston districts to considerable extent, has returned to the city, and will assist in the recruiting officer for the next few weeks.

7,444 Join in Month. "Recruiting is not bad," said Capt. Kenny, in answer to a question from The Advertiser. "According to the statement of the minister of militia, there have been recruited in Canada 40,000 men. The recruiting work for the month from March 15 to April 15, which is about the same as the previous months, shows that 7,444 men joined the Canadian forces during that period. If we had a recruiting officer, and we are getting men at the rate of 7,000 per month, we are not doing so badly," he added.

People Look Back to the early months of the war. "Capt. Kenny, and I are comparing the number of men that were joining then with the number we are getting at present, and they are very close," he added.

Power To Work On. "Of course, men are not coming as fast as they should, nor as fast as they are needed, but people feel that there are not so many men left in the country from whom they can be recruited as before. In addition, there are the men in industry and the need of production which are requiring more men, and as a consequence there are fewer men to work on for recruiting purposes."

We are not getting many men as yet for the Canadian forces, but these are not really serious. Force battalions for work yet, and in many cases the staff of officers has not yet been appointed. These units will likely go ahead when the organization is completed. We have got to have a force for home defence, and if we can't get the men required, we have no alternative, we will have to get them some other way," he added.

WILL LIKELY EXERCISE FOSTER WELLS OPTION

Commission Meets Today and Will Probably Discuss Question.

The utilities commission will meet this afternoon, and will probably discuss the purchase of the Foster wells property. So far no written offer has been received by the commission, although there have been several conferences with the owner of the land. It seems quite certain now that the commission will exercise that option on the wells. The price is \$2,500, and from what can be learned, the commission will not purchase the land. There is little other business pending.

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OVER HALF MILLION SPENT; AS MUCH MORE TO BE SPENT ON CITY'S STORM SEWER SYSTEM

NEWS

RETURN NEXT WEEK.—The Toronto Mail and Empire says: Sir Adam Langley's return from California early next week.

WEEK'S BANK CLEARINGS.—Bank clearings for the last week amounted to \$2,523,999, as compared with \$2,102,122 for the corresponding week of last year.

NO POLICE COURT.—With not a case entered on the book Magistrate Grayson's court was unnecessary to call police court today.

STILL VERY ILL.—Major George Lyles, city tax collector, continues very low. He had a bad spell last night but this morning he appeared slightly better.

FOR GREENFELL'S MISSION.—At Tuesday evening, the season of the Croydon Memorial Church packed a fine baie to be forwarded to Dr. Greenfell's Labrador Mission.

CONTROLLERS TO MEET.—The board of control will meet on Friday morning. There is a long report from the finance committee, and it is expected that a considerable amount of business will be transacted.

FARM IS PLOWED.—There was a brief session of the high cost of living committee yesterday. Some accounts were passed, and the committee then visited the sewer farm, which has been plowed up, and is being used by the trades and labor council. Much of it has been sown. No other business was transacted.

BREAKS LEG AT MARKET.—Slipping from the top step of the market house, Fred Leathorne, employed at the Anderson Meat Market, had his right leg broken below the knee early today.

HAD TO WALK IN.—Passengers on the express due here from St. Thomas at 7:12 via the city electric line, had to walk about three miles into the city last night as a result of a breakdown.

WANT NEW PLOT.—The Community Garden Club, recently formed by the members of the Blue class of the First Baptist Church, wants to secure one and a half acres of land for cultivation, and a new plot will be required. Parties having land are requested to telephone Ald. Manness of the board of trade rooms, 312.

PLANS FOR CHURCH PAPER.—Last evening a meeting was held of the Federal executive committee of the young people's organizations of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to make arrangements in connection with the publication of a monthly journal for the boys of the congregation who are on overseas service.

Wanted Casselman, who is a secretary and editor of the Inter-Church Tennis League during the coming summer, and for tournaments for the players of St. Andrew's Church on the home courts on the church grounds.

63RD BATTERY BOYS FIRST CANADIANS TO GO THROUGH U. S.

Delightful Trip To Halifax Is Described by Captain.

MEET EARLIER DRAFT

Total of 194 Men and Four Officers in Departing Party.

To be the first Canadian troops to pass through the United States was the fate that fell to the lot of the boys who composed the draft of the 63rd Battery, which left here on April 24. The trip, according to an account given by the Advertiser today by Capt. W. F. Galloway, was a most interesting one, and has passed through there, and so we got off the train and marched up and down the streets led by a band.

Given Great Reception. "The trip was a very good trip and enjoyed themselves very much," said Capt. Galloway. "We got off the train for occasional stops in towns along the route, and the people gave us a great reception. We were associated with the military police, and the boys of the ammunition column, with a High School band from Winnipeg, and they proved to be very congenial fellows."

At Montreal we were met by a band, which played every tune which was passed through there, and so we got off the train and marched up and down the streets led by a band. We were certainly well received."

Met Another Draft. "At Halifax we found a band for us the previous draft of the 63rd Battery, which left here on April 24. The trip, according to an account given by the Advertiser today by Capt. W. F. Galloway, was a most interesting one, and has passed through there, and so we got off the train and marched up and down the streets led by a band."

MR. ROMER, WIFE AND DOG HAVE GONE A-ROAMING

As a Result, Hotel Dining Room Misses His Presence

"Will he no come back again?" is the question patrons of a local hotel are asking about Louis Romer, the lessee of the dining-room at the hotel. When he answered that this morning's caller called to breakfast this morning, Mr. Romer had not returned, and the breakfast room lacked the air created. Nobody knows where he went, or where he is, although a number of people are desirous to know. So far he has disappeared no one to whom he has given his destination.

Louis was here last night, for several people saw him, but neither he nor his dog were in their usual haunts today.

The proprietor of the house knows how much money some people have won, and he is not sure whether he did or not. "You'll have to ask Mr. Romer," he told the reporter. He may only be on a pleasure trip, for the police department states that it has not been notified.

Romer applied for naturalization papers before Mr. Justice Lennox last November, but was refused because he did not give information satisfactory to the court.

City Official Declares All Work Has Not Relieved Sanitary System To the Extent of 100 Gallons—About Time For a Survey.

BY J. H. FOWLER.

"The storm sewer system has not relieved the sanitary system 100 gallons," said a city official today. "There's something wrong."

The system is not yet completed, and it will require many thousands of dollars before it is really completed. Estimates run as high as a million dollars. It may be necessary to spend such an amount. There is a West London to take care of yet, together with hundreds of side drains, to give work for the big trunk sewers already built.

The cost to date has been \$153,366.90; of which \$141,114.45 was paid in 1915, and \$12,252.45 in 1916. Since these figures were prepared \$2,150 was paid out to T. W. Nicholson, contractor for the Egeon street section, for extras, which would bring the expenditure over \$200,000, the amount passed by the committee and council.

Spend \$100,000 on Sewer. In addition the sum of \$100,000 is being set aside for the sanitary sewer system in East London, making the total \$300,000 for sewer work in the last three years.

Some of the others are working on the quicksand in that section. City Engineer Brazier is at present at work preparing plans for the system in order to equip properly the system for carrying the storm water. Willis Chipman estimates that these will cost \$81,000. Others figure that the cost will be nearer \$200,000. West London is additional.

At present time there is an agitation to pave streets and take care of the storm water at certain points. The proper grades this street is done on many of the streets, reducing the cost a great deal. A comprehensive study of the system will be undertaken shortly to discover whether or not some of the work was needed, that benefits have come to the city, and to secure other information.

The present time there are grave doubts as to the wisdom of this great expenditure.

24 RETURNED MEN BEAR WOUNDS OF SEVEREST FIGHTING

Serious Casualties Among Those Who Arrive Today.

HURON COLLEGE RECORD

First Student Returns, Leaving Five Comrades In Their Graves.

Twenty-four wounded and invalided soldiers, several on crutches, others on wheelchairs, arrived at the city today, bearing the wounds of the severest fighting. The men were taken to the city hospital, and the five comrades who were left in their graves were buried in the city cemetery.

Placed in decorated autos loaned by citizens, the men were taken to Military Convalescent Hospital, where a welcome was provided, and addresses of the men were delivered by James Gray, J. S. Little, Rev. R. W. Norwood, Lieut.-Col. W. W. Garrison, and Pte. Sabert of the Returned Soldiers' Club.

The procession from the depot to the hospital was headed by the A. M. C. Pipe Band.

Eldon Garrett, 47 Hale street, enlisted with the 33rd Battalion, and was promoted after his arrival in England from private to sergeant, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant on duty in France. He is the first Huron College student to return wounded.

Five others were killed in the same line in October last, when he was shot in the wrist and arm during a bombing attack.

H. Foxcroft, 622 Dundas street, was a member of the 33rd Battalion, and was wounded in September last during an attack on the Somme.

Pte. J. Sharland, Detroit, enlisted with the 33rd, and he and Foxcroft were both members of the 33rd Battalion, and were both wounded in the same attack on the Somme.

It is pretty tough when a Hun sniper pins you when you are trying to get wounded Fritz back to get attention for his wounds.

Pte. Walter J. To, 65 Smith street, enlisted with the 70th Battalion and was sustained on September 15 last during a terrific artillery bombardment at the Somme.

Charged Front Line. Sgt. Roberts, 528 English street, enlisted with the 33rd Battalion, and was wounded in the front line during the battle of the Somme.

"We were making a charge on the front line German trench when they got me," he said.

H. Rusher, 31 Wellington street, went overseas with the 12th Battalion and was wounded at Courcellette on September 11 last.

Roberts, 603 Hamilton road, enlisted with the 12th Battalion, and was wounded on October 7 last at the Somme.

The remainder of the men came from Western Ontario towns and cities.

W. C. House, Alder, has the distinction of being the only one who fought January 5 last, when he was wounded in the thigh during a bombing raid of which William H. Anderson, Stratford, enlisted with the 1st Battalion, and was wounded in the thigh during the battle of the Somme.

Robert Anew, Windsor, 39th Battalion; C. Finlay, Windsor, 5th Battalion; Ed. Rides, J. McLaughlin, Windsor, 1st Battalion; H. Mitchell, Arthur, 14th Battalion; H. Grace, Stratford, 18th Battalion; W. L. Brown, Guelph, 30th Battalion; during the great offensive of the autumn.

Veterans of Ypres. S. C. Howard, Guelph, 1st C. R. J. L. Gilling, St. Thomas, 1st Pioneer; W. Hobbs, Flat, Granton, and G. McCausland, St. Thomas, and C. L. Lock were all wounded during one of the battles of Ypres.

W. L. Brown, Guelph, 30th Battalion, was invalided home on account of trench fever, and J. Lawson, Guelph, 1st Battalion, was wounded for the second time at St. Etienne, having suffered his first wounds in January, 1916.

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SHEEP RAISERS OF THIS DISTRICT TO UNITE FOR SALES

Co-operative Disposal Will Help All Interests.

GRADING PLAN CHANGED

Will Be Done by Officials of Government at Winter Fair Building.

Thirty-two sheep raisers in this district have agreed to dispose of their wool on a co-operative basis, having it graded at Guelph, in accordance with the recommendation made by the Ontario Sheep Raisers' Association, which was being sent in April 30, and received by the department of agriculture here today.

The new plan, those connected with the industry say, will be of great benefit to the manufacturer, as he will now be able to buy the grade of wool which he requires, and will not be put to the expense of grading it himself. Under the old system, wool from all parts of the country was bought and often much of it proved of no use to the purchaser as it was inferior or superior to the grade which he required.

Grading Is Free. The association makes a charge of five cents a fleece to cover insurance on the wool, cost of twine and sacks, cartage at Guelph and the labor involved in handling the wool. The grading is done free of charge by officials of the Dominion Live Stock Council.

The provinces have been selling wool co-operatively for a number of years, generally charging \$1 membership fee, and \$1 for handling the wool. The shipper paid the freight to the grading depot. The system, it is claimed, was not successful, as the charge per 100 pounds in rail cars from the same place, the circular states, is 86c.

Shipping Through By June 11. The sheep raisers are agreed to have their shearing completed in time to have the wool sent to the Winter Fair building, Guelph, between May 15 and June 11. The wool will not be tub-washed, but will be in its natural grease condition, with the weight prepaid. After grading it will be sold by tender or otherwise through the medium of the association as early as possible. It is expected that grading will be completed by June 15.

One of the growers in this district has a ton of wool for sale from a variety of sheep which yields on an average only 7 pounds of wool.

KILLED IN ACTION

PT. W. HEDDON, a well-known young Londoner, who perished at Vimy Ridge, as at one time he was anxious to be employed at the London Rolling Mills. He went overseas with the 33rd Battalion.

Henry Ford passes city on way from Halifax

"Sizes Up" Local Plant as He Gazes From Car Window.

Henry Ford, famous motor car magnate, and one time peace evangelist, passed through London on the C. P. R. train from the east last night. Mr. Ford had been to Halifax in connection with some business believed to have to do with the war. He is throwing his hat into the ring for the service of his country, and is said to be ardently desirous of defeating the Germans, as at one time he was anxious to get the boys out of the trenches by the use of his motor cars. He was a stop-over, although he gave the company's plant on Waterloo street the "once over" as the train passed by.

SHRINERS GOT HOME AT 4 A.M. TODAY

Tie-Up on L. and P. S. R. Causes Long Delay on Return Trip.

The Shriners, who gave their minstrel show last evening in St. Thomas for patriotic purposes, are not singing praises for the service on the London and Port Stanley Railway today. They were to start home at midnight last night, but did not get away until 3 o'clock, arriving at 4 o'clock. After a long delay, the cars became stalled near Westminster, owing to a break in wires, and a party of travelers walked the six miles to London. They used quite a vocabulary today.

MRS. SHORE LEAVES \$4,000 LEGACY FOR TWO LONDON HOMES

Handsomeness Gift Announced at W. C. A. Meeting.

FUNDS AT RIGHT TIME

Resources of Institutions Depleted When Golden Mound Falls.

At a meeting of the Women's Christian Association held this afternoon it was announced by the president that the late Mrs. Shore had left to the association a legacy of \$4,000, \$2,000 of which is for the Aged People's Home and \$2,000 for the Home for Incubables. This legacy came as a great surprise to the members of the association, and is especially acceptable, as for some time there has been great need of funds to enlarge the buildings of the aforementioned institutions.

At 4 o'clock the meeting was addressed by Mrs. Growshaw, who but lately returned from the front.

NOT SLAIN AT FRONT, IS WORKING IN DETROIT

Evan J. McNaughton Denies He Perished at Vimy Ridge.

The Detroit Free Press of today says: Evan J. McNaughton of London, Ont., working with the Boyer-Campbell company of Detroit for the past year, insists that he is not dead. A report published a few days ago stated McNaughton had been killed in the drive at Vimy Ridge. He is 19 years old and crosses the border every few weeks to visit his relatives in London.

AUNT RECEIVES WORD OF NEPHEW'S DEATH

Lance-Corp. Ralph M. Gibson was killed in action in the battle of Vimy Ridge, according to information which reached his aunt, Mrs. W. J. Lashbrook, 642 Richmond street, yesterday. The date of his death is uncertain, but is given as April 2 or 10.

Lance-Corp. Gibson was well known in this city, and frequently visited here. He was attending university at Edmonton when he decided to come east, and enlisted in the Princess Patricia's.

BUILDING 100 HOUSES.

CHATHAM, May 2.—It is expected that at least one hundred new houses will be erected in Chatham during the summer by a syndicate which is being formed among local people, and which has the backing of a well known Toronto real estate concern.

Florida Railway Man Would Join Battery

Writes To Ask If There Is Room For Him—New Recruits.

From St. Augustine, Florida, a letter has come to Major Cameron, officer commanding the 63rd Battery, asking him for information regarding his unit. The writer, W. H. Mitchell, is typical of the Florida East Coast Railway men that he has in mind to join the 63rd Battery, and asks Major Cameron if he has a place for him, and Major Cameron has written him to advise him to obtain medical examination, and if it is all right, to come along. This letter is typical of the inquiries received at the battery office from men who have signed up recently with the artillery unit is Harold C. Marshall of Woodstock, who was the first man in military district No. 1 to volunteer for service in the Canadian Defence Force. He now has been transferred to the 63rd.

Other names of recruits who have joined the battery are: Mr. Le Beel, Starnes; Samuel Zerk, London; Fred McKee, Jackson's Corner; Harold P. Gardner, Starnes; Arthur J. Angel, Detroit; James Stevenson, Bedford; John McHenry, Amsterdam; Russell G. Simpson, Bruce A. Johnston, H. H. Morrison and Malcolm P. McKenzie, of Starnes. Pte. Simpson is a drug clerk, Pte. Johnston is a printer, and Mr. McKenzie is a son of John McGibbon, a well-known lumber dealer of Starnes, and has been engaged in the lumber business with his father.

Three additional men from the M. C. R. have joined—Harry Birchall of Detroit, Henry Irwin of Windsor and Frank G. Cooper of Detroit.

Lieut. A. W. Mitchell of the battery staff is engaged in recruiting in the vicinity of Kingsville.

MAKING PLANS FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL

Arrangements are being made by the C. P. R. for reduced fares for delegates attending the annual meeting of the National Council of Women, at the end of May and first week of June.

The president of the London Council, Mrs. H. A. Boomer, states in connection with the representation from this city: "The London Local Council of Women from Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, retiring secretary of the National Council of Women, expressing her sincere appreciation of the tribute paid to the value of her long years of service in the National Council of Women, of which she was one of the earliest founders. The resolution alluded to was carried standing at the last meeting of the London L. C. W. Moved by Mrs. Gordon Wright, and

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