

### STRAIGHT EXTENSION FOR AVENUE ROAD

#### Works Commissioner Recommends No Deviation for New Section.

#### WILL BUY HORSES

#### Mayor Calls Public Meeting to Discuss Matter of High Cost of Living.

Before the city will approve the subdivision plan of part of the Upper Canada College property, Works Commissioner Harris recommends that they ascertain whether the old college buildings are to be left or demolished. Avenue road deviates slightly in this section, but not sufficiently to avoid the buildings. Under the subdivision plan, Avenue road is to be extended and the works commissioner believes it is very necessary the route be definite. He recommends the continuation of Avenue road in a straight line if it is at all possible.

The joint report of Commissioner Harris, City Solicitor Johnston and Commissioner Forman recommend in addition that they agree to widen Oriole parkway to 86 feet; that they dedicate the whole of the Avenue road extension as a public highway, and commute the local improvement rates if any, opposite the streets being laid out on the plan.

Street Commissioner Wilson has the assent of the board of control to purchase 40 horses at a cost of about \$8,000. Two years ago the city gave 40 horses from the street cleaning department to the government for war purposes. Since then Commissioner Wilson has had to rent animals and he figured it out to the board's satisfaction that the money being paid in rent would buy the animals outright just fifteen times over. It costs the city \$214 a week to rent horses. The purchase will be charged to the war fund.

When the board came to consider Crown Attorney W. G. Thurston's letter asking for control in the hands of civic officials concerning food control, Mayor Church declared it was simply another attempt on the part of government officials to shift the responsibility back on to the city.

"What are these officials for?" he asked. "They are there to get evidence. It is simply a case of trying to evade responsibility."

Controller Cameron: "If they have their ear to the ground and are wise they will investigate these things." Mrs. W. G. Baker, 262 Gledhill avenue, half a mile outside the city limits, who received two monthly payments from the city on account of insurance on the death of her husband, killed in action, has been asked to return the \$80 she has received. She has two children to support and expected to get the whole \$1000.

She received an order from the city treasurer for the whole amount of insurance three months ago. The notification she received yesterday instructs her it was sent in error. Because of the fact that she lives half a mile beyond the city limits she is not entitled to city insurance.

Controller Cameron complained to the board of control yesterday that tramway factory foremen discriminated against returned soldiers in allotting positions. Introducing a returned soldier, he said, "This man has tried at several places to get a position and he was turned down because he wore the returned soldier's badge."

Mayor Church: "I have heard of similar cases. I am going to call the attention of the government to the situation and have them go after some of these munition men."

Controller Cameron said he was trying to get the man a position on the civic car line.

#### PLAINTIFF MUST PUT UP SECURITY FOR COSTS

#### Port Arthur Non-Jury Sitings Have Been Postponed to Later in the Month.

Justice Middleton at Osgoode Hall yesterday afternoon granted the motion of the local board of health of Belleville, who asked that Benjamin Simpson put up security of costs for them before his suit against the board be heard in the court. Simpson entered action at Belleville against the board of health and the health officer for \$2000 for alleged damages over the death of his eight-year-old daughter, Martha, who died from diphtheria in January, 1916. Plaintiff charged that the health officer failed to supply his daughter with proper medicine and medical attendance.

His lordship found no grounds for any malice on the part of either the board or the medical officer.

The Port Arthur non-jury sittings have been postponed from Monday, Nov. 13, to the 20th.

Florence A. Seagram of Toronto has entered action against Pneumatic Tubes, Limited, and James Gray, secretary of the company, to recover \$12,160. Plaintiff sues with the consent of the attorney-general under section 135 of the Ontario Companies Act, which provides a penalty of \$20 a day for every day in which there is failure to make annual returns to the provincial secretary.

Following is today's list for the first divisional appellate court: United Playing Cards Company v. Hurst; Thorne v. Hodgson; Canadian Mineral Rubber Company, Biggar v. Biggar.

#### AN ATTRACTIVE EXHIBIT.

With the opening of the hunting season, Nov. 1st, the Grand Trunk Railway System installed in one of the windows of their city ticket office, corner King and Yonge streets, a very attractive exhibit of trophies of the hunt. The display consists of mounted heads of moose, deer, elk, bear, caribou and mountain sheep, procured in territory served by the Grand Trunk. This display, however, is of particular interest to hunters of deer and moose who annually visit the "Highlands of Ontario," where they abound, including "Muskego Lakes," "Lake of Bays District," "Maganetawan River," "Lake Nipissing," "Kawartha Lakes," "Timagami," and districts contiguous to Algonquin Park. Information regarding open seasons in different districts, railway fares, etc., may be had on application to Mr. W. J. Moffatt, city passenger agent.

### LOCAL EDITOR HAD SCOOP; A REAL GERMAN BOMB

#### But His Paper Will Go to Press Without the Story—Too Bad.

The Tillsonburg Observer will appear this week without the big scoop which its editor thought he had. Officers of the fire marshal's department were investigating a barn fire in Oxford County, where farmers are sitting up at night with loaded guns to shoot German incendiaries, after a manner of speaking. The officers heard that the editor of The Tillsonburg Observer had received a telephone message to the effect that a farmer some five miles out had absolute proof at last that a German had been at work on his farm trying to burn his crops. He had found an exploded bomb near his hay stack, said the farmer. Apparently a cow had trodden on it and spoiled the bomb.

The officers wisely said to the editor, who was about to sharpen his pencil and was seeing views of screaming headlines, "Let's go and see this bomb." So they went. Fortunately the bomb was still in evidence. One of the officers picked it up and said, "Umph, don't you know what that is?" Then he began to laugh. As the editor did not know, the officer turned to the farmer. "Do you happen to have a flashlight?" he asked. The farmer said he had not, but his son had.

"Well, you ask him if that is not a burned out battery from his flashlight," said the officer. "By golly, you're right," said the farmer. The Observer this week will appear without its big scoop.

### FEW PRISONERS IN JAIL BUT MANY OFFICIALS

#### Sixty-Nine Persons Incarcerated Dooked After by Seventeen Employees.

Enquiry at Toronto jail yesterday elicited the information that there are still 17 officials looking after 69 prisoners, at a cost of \$18,000 a year. Several weeks ago it was announced that the government would transfer all available prisoners to the Industrial Farm. Later, the police commissioners took up the question, but it still remains in doubt. A comparison of the jail population of a year ago and yesterday shows that in 1915 there were 125 men and 21 women and in 1916, 60 men and 9 women. Of these 60 men, 17 are on remand and five await removal to the Central Prison. Of the 9 women, five are destined for the Mercer Reformatory.

At the Jail Farm there is accommodation for 250 men. At present there are only 72 men incarcerated there, not enough to perform all the work there is to do.

#### To Prepare Defence.

G. N. Wescott appeared in the police court yesterday on a charge of bigamy and was remanded in order that he might prepare a defence.

### CITY HALL NOTES

The quarantine on nine houses in the Farnham avenue district ordered on account of the infantile paralytic case discovered there, has been raised.

Street Commissioner Wilson says the general increase in wages ordered by the city council three weeks ago does not affect the men on active service receiving full or part salary.

At the request of the Trades and Labor Council, Mayor Church will call a public meeting in Massey Hall Tuesday, Nov. 28, for the purpose of discussing the high cost of living.

The Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission rules that Toronto must pay the local hydro-electric \$40,000 for the cost of removing poles from the streets. Many months ago the hydro billed the city for poles already removed, but the city refused to pay.

Cartage agents complained that Lieut. Jos Miller, fireman, was also cartage on a cartage business. Yesterday Chief Smith reported to the board that the lieutenant had just recently assumed control of the business and that his resignation was in his hands.

The fire secretaryship will not down. The board yesterday received a motion of Alderman McBride's, seconded by Ald. Ryding, asking on behalf of council if there were any returned soldiers now available for the position to which W. G. Weber has been appointed at a salary of \$1600.

"He has the right under the manual rules to have this reconsidered in council without debate," said the mayor. "The answer is yes, returned soldiers are available now, but they were not then."

The motion was placed on the order paper and council will finally vote on the Weber appointment at its next meeting.

### MARTIN'S RETURN UNOPPOSED.

Special to The Toronto World. Regina, Sask., Nov. 9.—A nominating convention of the local Conservative party was held here, and after three hours' deliberation, decided that they would not put in candidate into the field at the forthcoming by-election against Premier Martin.

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