sum. The government has guaranteed its bonds to the amount of seventy-five million dollars, and is secured by a first mortgage. The old Grand Trunk has guaranteed bond issues and other commitments for the Grand Trunk Pacific to the extent of at least one hundred million dollars, and has no security but a second mortgage. Should the road go into liquidation, it would not sell for enough to pay for the first mortgage, and the parent company would be burdened with a perpetual charge of five million dollars per year in respect to its commitments for the junior road.

Frenzied Finance.

The history of this enterprise is one of frenzied finance, and dates back to the National Transcontinental legislation of 1903. Under that legislation, the government constructed 1800 miles of railway between Moncton, N.B., and Winnipeg, at a cost of $200,000,000. The road was to be leased and operated by the Grand Trunk Pacific. When it was completed, however, the Grand Trunk Pacific refused to carry out its part of the contract, and the road remained in the possession of, and is being operated by, the government railway system. The Grand Trunk Pacific was to build a road between Winnipeg and Prince Rupert. The government agreed to guarantee its bonds to the extent of $13,000 a mile for the prairie section, and to the extent of three-fourths of the actual cost of the mountain section. The balance of the money was to be raised by the Grand Trunk Pacific issuing bonds guaranteed by the old Grand Trunk. All the common stock of the Grand Trunk Pacific was issued to, and is now owned by, the old Grand Trunk. The government guaranteed Grand Trunk Pacific bonds to the amount of $76,480,000. The old Grand Trunk guaranteed Grand Trunk Pacific bonds and debentures to the amount of $91,478,000. It also became a surety upon the notes of the Grand Trunk Pacific for cash advances made to the latter company by the Dominion government. In 1909, the government purchased debenture stock of the Grand Trunk Pacific guaranteed by the old Grand Trunk, to the extent of ten million dollars, and these debentures fall due the first of April. In 1913, it purchased additional debentures of the Grand Trunk Pacific, guaranteed by the Grand Trunk, to the extent of $15,000,000. In 1915, the Grand Trunk Pacific borrowed $6,000,000 from the Dominion government, with the old Grand Trunk as surety. It obtained a further loan of eight millions upon the same security in 1916, and $7,500,000 in 1917. In 1918, it borrowed an additional $7,500,000 from the government but this loan was not secured by the old Grand Trunk.

Sir Thomas Mum.

Sir Thomas White declined to discuss the pending negotiations with the Grand Trunk today upon the ground that he thought it his duty to first acquaint parliament with all the facts in the case and that will be done upon the opening of the house of commons tomorrow afternoon. Another member of the government, who did not wish to be quoted said, however, that the action of the government in taking possession of the Grand Trunk Pacific would hasten the nationalization of the old Grand Trunk. He also intimated that by the terms of the mortgage deeds securing the bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific the bonded indebtedness of the Grand Trunk Pacific, principal and interest, would fall due as a result of the Grand Trunk Pacific failing to operate its railway. Whether this contention be well founded or not, it is evident that the government does not intend to advance any more money either to the Grand Trunk Pacific or the parent company.

The Grand Trunk is quite unable to pay the interest falling due every quarter upon the bonds of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which it has guaranteed and must therefore face liquidation or nationalization. Nearly four years ago, Chairman Smithers, of the old Grand Trunk, in his letter to Sir Robert Borden, said that the Grand Trunk had reached the end of its tether and that it could not possibly raise enough money to meet the next quarterly instalment of interest upon Grand Trunk Pacific bonds for which it was liable. Since then a paternal government has furnished nearly all the money needed to meet all the interest charges of the Grand Trunk Pacific. If it refused, hereafter to make any such advance, the old Grand Trunk, within a very short time, will indeed reach the end of its tether.

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HOUSING IN NORTH TORONTO.

The emergency meeting called in the North Toronto Town Hall on Saturday night to discuss the housing problem was well attended, and a good deal of useful information elicited. H. Haddington was the principal speaker, but there was a free and easy discussion, which brought out many points hitherto obscure. The general impression was favorable to the scheme. George A. Hodgson presided.

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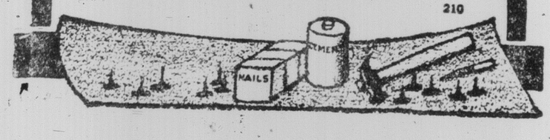


YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

RIVERDALE

A well-attended meeting of the Riverdale Horticultural Society was held in Frankland School, Logan avenue. A. J. Smith, president, occupied the chair.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Moved by D. Miller and seconded by C. Honeyman, "That the Riverdale Horticultural Society heartily endorse the resolution of the North Riverdale Ratepayers' Association regarding the beautifying of the Bloor street viaduct approaches with shrubs and flowers, and that the parks commissioner be requested to give the matter early attention."

Also, "That the society strongly condemn the recent action of one of the aldermen in having the item of $2000 struck out of the estimates for a playground in Withrow Park, and that the city council be requested to reinsert the amount."

A report from the executive committee was favorably received regarding the recommendations for competitions in gardens, flowers, vegetables and lawns. It was also decided to hold a competition for novices, and for front lawns, the object of this competition being to beautify Riverdale. Three prizes will be awarded in each case.

A strong show committee was appointed and a woman's committecto attend to the women's section, with Mrs Watson convenor.

William Allen delivered a lengthy address on hotbeds, cold frames and the treatment of young flowers and vegetables, which was well received.

Thirteen new members were enrolled.

A welcome home celebration was held at the residence of Mrs William Rogers, 859 Carlaw avenue, in honor of Pte Harry Holden, C.E.F., 124th Battalion, who returned on the Belgic after three years overseas. Pte. Holden was twice wounded and was in the battle of Mons.

Over fifty guests were present, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. A. Fisher, Langley avenue. Refreshments were served, a musical program was rendered, and dancing was indulged in. The home was tastefully decorated.

Mrs. Rogers is an active member of L.O.B.A. Unity, No. 80.

The combined Sunday school forces in connection with East Gerrard Street Methodist Church are at present preparing for the anniversary, which will be held on the last Sunday in March.

The Epworth Leagues are discussing the problems of the different departments in full parliamentary form. The members of the league are divided into two groups, namely, the government and the opposition. This evening a bill will be introduced: "Resolved, that the success of the work of the church at home depends upon the energetic prosecution of the work in the foreign field."

Miss Ethel Gadway is president.

A meeting of the official board of East Gerrard Street Methodist Church was recently held in the church. Rev. A. P. Brace, pastor, occupied the chair, when the progress of the work was summarized and plans laid for the future. During the evening the board voted an addition to the pastor's salary, Rev. A. P. Brace, B.A., after a pastorate of six years at East Gerrard street, was unanimously extended a seven-year term by the members of the board. The pastor, who was deeply affected by the offer, suitably replied. There was a large attendance.

NORWAY

At a well attended meeting of the Ward 8 Ratepayers' Association held in St. John's Parish Hall, Woodbine avenue, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Moved by John Lennox—"That Ward 8 Ratepayers' Association goes on record as being opposed to the principle of basement classes in any school, and that the association urgently request that immediate steps be taken by the board of education to build proper and permanent accommodation for the pupils requiring rooms at Kew Beach school," and also "that George Shields be appointed to gather information regarding the systems adopted in the various cities in the matter of sewage disposal."

A deputation of mothers of the Kew Beach district complained of the lack of accommodation for young children in the Kippindavie school. Mrs. Newsome, a member of the deputation, said the mothers protested against the action of the school authorities in putting their little tots in the basement. "There are four empty rooms at Williamson road school to which the older children should be sent, and the little children left in the upper rooms," said Mrs. Newsome, adding that the school trustees would not allow their own children to be placed in a basement.

J. Ferguson said it is a vicious principle to put little children in basements of schools. It is injurious to the health of the pupils and the teachers.

George Shields pointed out that the lack of sufficient light in the rooms of Norway school had been a cause of complaint for a number of years. The teachers are compelled to use yellow chalk in order that the pupils can distinguish the figures on the blackboard. The ventilating system is bad and the school is not wired for electric light.

This matter will be brought to the attention of the board of education.

The report of the deputation of the joint committee of ratepayers to the city hall to protest against legislation being granted in the matter of the Morley avenue sewage disposal plant, was submitted by John Lennox, who stated that thru the efforts of the deputation the bill was withdrawn. He pointed out that the hon. president of Ward 8 Ratepayers' Association, Controller Cameron, tried his best to defeat their efforts, and to validate the proposed action of the board of control. Mr. Lennox suggested that the association should make enquiries as to whether the city solicitor had withdrawn, the bill to the legislature as he was ordered by the city council. He had since heard that a letter of protest was sent to the city council by the works commissioner and the city solicitor regarding its action in withdrawing the proposed bill to the legislature.

George Shields gave an interesting talk on his recent tour of inspection of the sewage disposal plants at Detroit, Milwaukee and other American cities.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the remedy which should be adopted to eliminate the sewage menace at Morley avenue. John Lennox suggested that the city sewage should be put down the River Don. The sewage would run out thru the bay and the new cut, thereby preventing it from backing up into the intake pipe. He also pointed out that the street line trams in the city are the worst feature of the present sewerage plant.

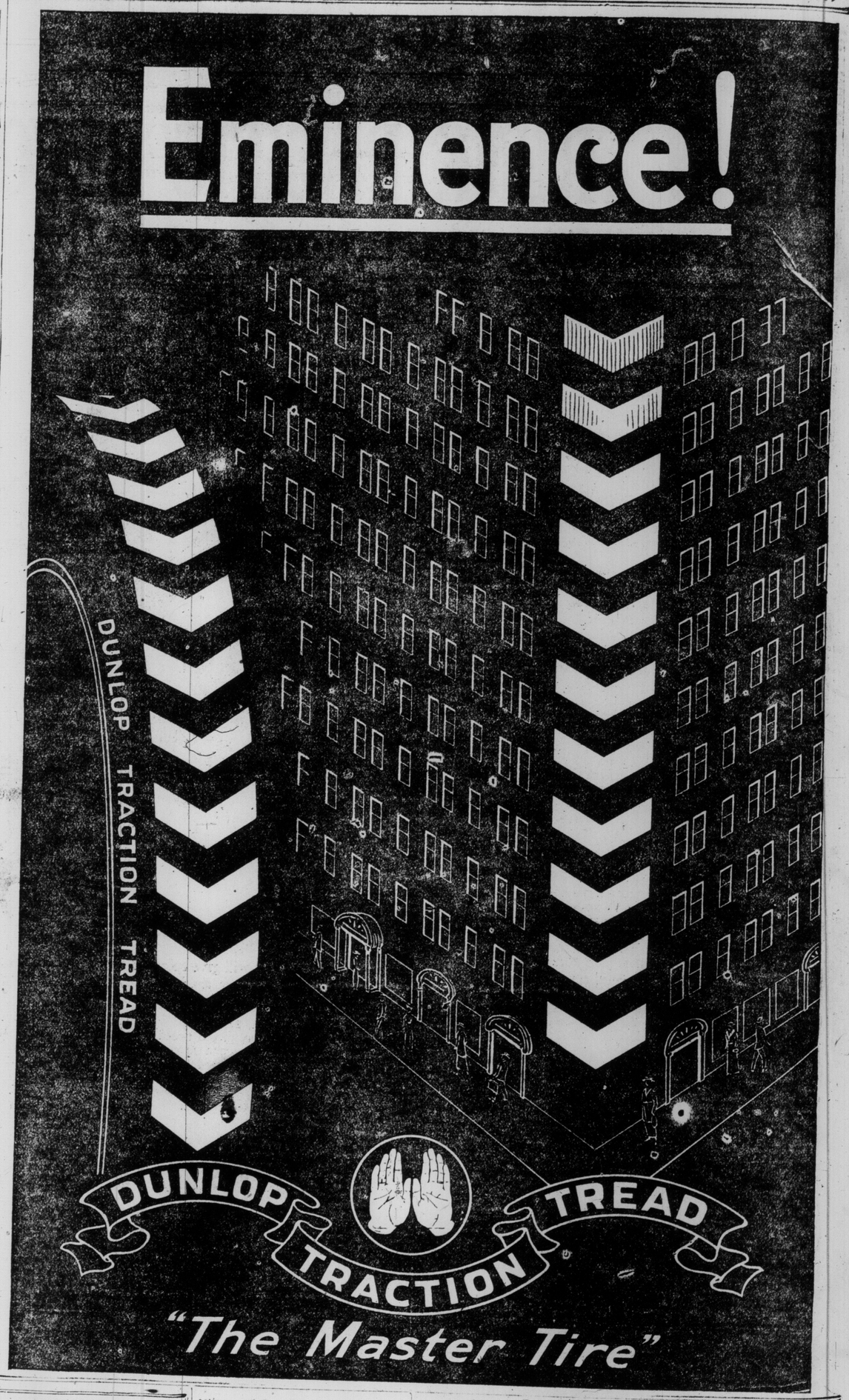
Alderman Baker spoke on the proposed erection of apartment houses in the Kingston road district, which he personally strongly objected to. He said the erection of apartment houses and stores in a residential section must be prohibited.

WESTON

Pte. Chas. Wacey arrived at his home in Weston yesterday after many months on active service. Another Weston boy who is expected daily is Earl Denren. The town has been notable for the enthusiasm shown by its citizens in welcoming the local veterans.

Four young soldiers, whose homes are here, arrived on Saturday from overseas. They were: A. Adams, D. McLennan, Earl Perrin and Albert Charboneau, all of the 127th Battalion. They were welcomed by the citizens and a demonstration was held in their honor.

At a meeting of the town council, to be held this evening, a new building bylaw will be considered, besides routine matters.



EARLSCOURT

Corp. William Runham is one of the latest arrivals from the front, having returned on the S.S. Metagama, and is now making his home with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Carter, Ascott avenue, one of the oldest Earlscourt families. Corp. Runham enlisted in 1916 in the 78th Battalion and went overseas Oct. 21 of the same year. He went thru the battles of Passchendaele, Lens and Avion, was wounded with shrapnel at the first named and was sent to an English hospital at Devonport. He was then appointed signaling instructor until armistice was signed. Corp. Runham brought home with him an English bride, formerly Miss Agnes Dupuy, a London, Eng., girl.

When passing the "Devil's Hole" off the Irish channel the boat had a narrow escape from disaster owing to light ballast.

The veterans of the Earlscourt branch of the G.W.V.A. held a dance on Saturday evening at Belmont Hall, headquarters. Prizes were awarded for the best dressed lady and gentleman and the best and unconventional comic. There was a large attendance.

Large congregations attended Lenten services at St. Chad's Anglican Church, North Dufferin street, on Sunday. The rector, Rev. A. J. Reid, began a series of sermons on Sunday morning on the Ten Commandments in relation to the church and confirmation, and in the evening Rev. E. A. Vesey of St. Edmund's Church was the preacher.

Controller Robbins was the speaker at the Men's Own Brotherhood of the Earlscourt Central Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, and gave a discursive address on a variety of questions pertaining to the returned man, the problems of labor and Bolshevikism. The speaker complimented Mr. Bryce on his efforts regarding widow's pensions, and opined that in the very near future a bill would be put thru the legislature granting a pension to widows. He referred to the discontent arising between capital and labor, which was due to misunderstandings and the work of the I.W.W., "I won't work" which the name stood for. Controller Robbins believes in an eight-hour day and hoped that the peace conference would adopt this so that all the countries of the world might participate in a universal eight-hour working day. James Atkins presided. The men's own orchestra rendered selections and J. A. Campbell was the accompanist.

TODMORDEN

BIG SHOW OF EGGS.

Under the auspices of the Todmorden Poultry, Pet Stock and Backyard Garden Association, a show of eggs was held in St. Andrew's Hall, Pape avenue last night, which was very largely attended.

There were 25 competitors, and prizes were awarded to the following non-members: Bobby Edge; Mrs. H. Blake, Robert Dowse, Mrs. Geo. Amos, I. Whitehouse and M. D. Wolfe; members, J. F. Joslin, A. T. Parker, and James Spencer.

James McGowan, a returned veteran who was awarded the Military Medal, acted as judge in the competition. MacGregor delivered an interesting speech on the care and raising of poultry.

A musical program was rendered by the following artists: Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle and Master Tuttle; George Moses, jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell, and others. Mr. McGowan, at the conclusion of the proceedings, said that in his experience as judge of upwards of 150 egg shows, the Todmorden exhibition was the best he had judged. Twenty new members were received.

J. F. Joslin, president, occupied the chair.

ISLINGTON

The annual sale of lands in the town for arrears in taxes was held on Saturday in the town hall, S. Barrett acting as auctioneers. Altogether 386 lots were listed for sale, but settlement for 222 of these was made before the auctioning began. Sixty-three lots were sold, and for these a total of $4390 was received. The highest price paid for a single lot was $233 and the lowest $5.30, for an isolated parcel of land.

Services of a missionary nature were held in the Methodist Church here yesterday. The pastor preached in the morning and at the evening service Mrs. J. A. L. Macpherson, a returned missionary, spoke on "Changes in China," and Miss Evans gave an address on the benefits China has received since Christianity was brought in.

OAKVILLE

The Auto Bus Transit Company recently formed will start a regular passenger service between Oakville and Toronto shortly before Easter at popular rates. The busses are the last word in the way of construction and will be conducted on the "pay as you enter" plan. Application has already been made to the Hamilton Highway Commission for running rights by the company.

Money to Burn

By using any other mode of lighting than electric light the public are burning money, especially as the cost of installing the wiring and fixtures has been reduced by the Electric Wiring and Fixture Company of 261 College street. They are wiring occupied houses, concealing all wires without breaking the plaster or marking the decorations. They have a special sale of electric light fixtures all this week. The showrooms are located at the southeast corner of College street and Spadina avenue. Phone College 1878.

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SALE OF LANDS

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W. J. DOUGLAS,
Township Treasurer.

Township Treasurer's Office, 40 Jarvis street, Toronto, Feb. 10, 1919.

DANFORTH

The regular monthly meeting of the L.O.B.A. Unity, No. 80, was held in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue, recently. Mrs. A. Fisher, deputy mistress, was presented with a jardiniere. Sister Mrs. Short, past worthy mistress of Oshawa, made the presentation in a well chosen speech on behalf of the members.

A substantial sum was handed in by the entertainment committee, being the proceeds of a euchre party and dance recently held.

Eight applications for membership were received. The secretary reported a present membership of 86 on the rolls.