

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City of St. Hyacinthe will address the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, to obtain the passing of a law amending its Charter "Law George V., Chapter 95," in such a manner as to: (1st) Make certain articles of its actual charter agree between themselves and to abrogate others that are useless; 2nd, To define certain powers which have been granted to it; 3rd, To obtain new powers relatively to the expropriation of certain properties actually exempted from expropriation; 4th, To change the date of its municipal elections, to transfer them to July instead of February, and to keep in function aldermen already elected and to be elected at next municipal elections, in a manner as their term of office expires, but in July; 5th, To obtain the power to close hair-dressing parlors or barbers' shops at an hour being not sooner than seven o'clock at night, every day of the week, or any day of the week it will please the Council to fix or determine; 6th, To fix the land qualification for Mayor and aldermen; 7th, To establish a system of municipal assurance; 8th, To determine the weight, measure and sale of coal, lime, stone and other building materials, and to stop accumulating of fuel and foodstuffs of every kind within the limits of the city; 9th, Power to pay bonds, obligations and debentures to registered bearer or holder; 10th, Power to maintain and establish posts in the streets of the city, and to oblige all telegraph, telephone and electric companies to install its conducting wires, pipes and conduits, and, to this end, to pay at the City a rent determined by it for the use of its posts by such telegraph, telephone or electric companies; 11th, Power to impose a tax on all the transactions of companies of public utilities, tax being based either on the number of apparatus, the quantity of units sold, or on the receipts of the companies; 12th, Power to force proprietors of houses bearing several lodgments, to install, at a place fixed and determined by the Council, in the cellar of that house, stopcocks, approved by the superintendent of water works; 13th, To fix annual business rate for liberal professions, less, however, bookkeepers, oculists, artist-photographers, from ten to fifty dollars; 14th, Power to establish a uniform rate of taxation for certain special ends, concerning works already made and to be made; 15th, To adopt, as being a whole of the charter, articles 5636, 5637, 5638, 5639 and 5640, of the Statutes of Quebec, 1909, and their amendments; 16th, To give certain powers to the Mayor of the City, and to the Clerk of Recorder's Court, concerning said Court; 17th, And for all ends concerning the Administration of the said City.

J. O. BEAUREGARD,
Counsel and Procurator of the
City of St. Hyacinthe.
St. Hyacinthe, November 14th, 1917.

The Bank of Nova Scotia

DIVIDEND NO. 192.

NOTICE is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of Fourteen Per Cent per annum on the paid-up Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared for the quarter ending December 31st and that the same will be payable on and after Wednesday, the 2nd day of January next, at any of the offices of the Bank.

The Stock Transfer Book will be closed from the 17th to the 31st proximo, inclusive.

By order of the Board,
H. A. RICHARDSON,
General Manager.
Halifax, N.S., November 20th, 1917.

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News of the Week

TUESDAY, DEC. 4.

A battle is waging in the Cambrai area, the Germans having resumed their attacks in great force yesterday. The fighting, which was at first on a somewhat limited front in the southern sector of the battlefield, extended before long from Gonnelleu to Marcoing, says the official story, while press despatches say from a point near Vendhuile, on the south, to as far north as Masnières, between eight and ten miles. At La Vacquerie and east of Marcoing the British line was slightly withdrawn; elsewhere it was tightly held. The bridgehead on the Scheldt at Marcoing has probably been lost.

The mud of Flanders prevents any swift advance from the positions gained around Passchendaele, and as the Germans evidently thought that they were to be left in security on the rest of the line, except for a few local attacks during the winter, something has been gained, in addition to the ground won, in giving them a real shock and in forcing them to come into the open and fight. That the battle will continue for some time is a certainty.

It is officially announced that German East Africa has been cleared of the enemy. This closes a long campaign in which British, including Boers and Indians, Portuguese and Belgians have displayed courage and resourcefulness under most trying conditions. Germany has now lost the last of her colonies.

Rome reports movements on the Asiago front which indicate a reorganization of the foe forces there, and which suffered very heavily in their futile attempts to break through the Italian lines and drive southward.

Von Ludendorff predicted victory for the Central Powers.

The United States Congress resumed its session for war legislation.

Considerable military aid has been offered to Great Britain by the Tibetans.

During November the British captured over 11,000 Germans.

Twenty German planes were winged by the British in France.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5.

General Byng's forces have been strongly reinforced by men and guns, and there is a feeling of confidence in their ability to hold their lines in the Cambrai area. Yesterday's activity seems to have been confined to the artillery. As the stories of the fighting begin to come in more freely it is obvious that the Germans made the greatest attempt they have undertaken in many months to secure a decisive gain over the British, whom they undoubtedly outnumbered in the earlier period of their offensive. The greatest advance made by Prince Rupprecht's men was at La Vacquerie, where the Germans fought their way through the town and penetrated the British line for a short distance. The British, however, are hanging on around the town and Hill 133 above it.

Austro-Germans on the Trentino front made an attack against the Italians after heavy artillery preparation yesterday, but without result. Farther east, on the Asiago Plateau, and also between the Brenta and Piave Rivers, lively advance post actions resulted favorably to the Italians. The artillery duels have been very heavy, and the indications point to a renewal on a large scale of the offensive so recently checked with great losses to the foe.

Lively skirmishes continue around Jerusalem. The Russian situation shows no improvement. Whatever may be on the horizon, the fact is that a truce is now being observed on this front, and that the pro-German Bolshevik elements, some of whom are really German, are conducting active negotiations with the foe.

THURSDAY, DEC. 6.

The number of British batteries has been greatly increased and the British line around Cambrai is now very strongly held.

The counter-shelling of the enemy's artillery groups east of the Scheldt Canal has effectively reduced its activity. Three different minor attacks were yesterday repulsed by the British in this sector.

Assisted by the Russians, British troops carried out a successful operation north of Bagdad, driving the Turks back and capturing prisoners and guns. General Marshall's forces are now independent of the Sakak Tutan Pass, in the Jebel Hamrin range.

A powerful Teuton offensive has been launched on the Asiago Plateau, its aim manifestly being to so threaten the flank of the Italian troops on the line of the lower Piave as to compel a general retirement to the Adige River, which, of course, would de-

The Steel Company of Canada, Limited.

ORDINARY DIVIDEND No. 4.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of one and one-half per cent. on the issued and fully paid Ordinary shares of the Company has been declared for the quarter ending December 31st, 1917.

PREFERENCE DIVIDEND No. 28.

Notice is also given that a dividend of one and three-quarters per cent on the issued and fully paid Preference shares of the Company has been declared for the quarter ending December 31st, 1917.

The above dividends are payable February 1st, 1918, to shareholders of record at close of business January 15th, 1918.

By order of the Board.

H. H. CHAMP.

Treasurer.

Hamilton, Ontario, November 29th, 1917.

Dividend Notice

Canadian General Electric Co. Limited.

COMMON STOCK DIVIDEND No. 74.

Notice is hereby given that a quarterly Dividend of two per cent. (2%) for the three months ending the thirty-first day of December, 1917, being at the rate of eight per cent. (8%) per annum, has been declared on the Common Stock of the Company.

The above Dividend is payable on and after the first day of January, 1918, to Shareholders of record at the close of business on the fifteenth day of December, 1917.

By order of the Board.

J. J. ASHWORTH.

Secretary.

Toronto, December 4th, 1917.

The Montreal City and District Savings Bank

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Two Dollars and Twenty cents per share has been declared on the Capital Stock, called and paid up, of this Bank and will be payable at its Head Office, in this City, on and after Wednesday, the second of January next, to Shareholders of record the 15th of December, at 1 o'clock p.m.

By order of the Board,

A. P. LESPERANCE, Manager.

Montreal, November 26, 1917.

liver into Teuton hands the Queen City of the Adriatic, with all its priceless treasures of art. Withdrawal from some of the more advanced positions of their lines between Monte Tonderecar and Monte Bandenecche is admitted by the Italians, who inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

British, French, Canadian and American troops are in the Venetian Plains.

A Russian official statement dealing with the armistice negotiations with the Teutons indicates a serious hitch. The enemy refused to accept the proposal that in the event of the cessation of Russian hostilities the Teutons would not send their troops from the East to the West front. The statement says the two initial Russian proposals were met evasively.

Berlin yesterday announced that the armistice negotiations with Russia had now extended to Roumania. This, however, was promptly denied by a British official last night in London. To encourage Roumania to hold on at least until the fate of Russia's belligerency is decided the United States Government has sent to the former a message of sympathy and hope.

General Foch has ceased to be a member of the War Council.

The trial of Kaltschmidt and other alleged plotters was begun at Detroit.

The United States Congress has before it a resolution for the declaration of a state of war with Austria.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7.

City of Halifax shattered by an explosion on a munition ship. Dead number 2,000.

The German War Office yesterday claimed the capture of eleven thousand prisoners and over sixty guns in the storming of strong positions in the Meletta region, on the Asiago Plateau. The Italians admit withdrawal of their line from the slopes south of Monte Castelgomberto to the Foza Spur. The War Office at Rome announces that a powerful enemy effort in the Upper Brenta Valley was repulsed with heavy losses.

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