

MacBride For Mayor

In response to a petition signed by over 1200 electors, I felt that it was my duty as a citizen to enter the contest for Mayor. I have lived in Brantford over eighteen years, and have always taken an active part in every move for progress.

I do not intend to enter into a prolonged discussion on this matter. The evidence is abundant to prove that our Committee could have secured all the coal required by our citizens, had we not been continually blocked by certain dealers and their Aldermanic friends. These dealers can slander me all they wish. The evidence is on the file and in the Minute Book at the City Hall, and they cannot get around it. The fact of the matter is that they were more interested in "profits" than in giving service to the people. They had arranged to buy coal at the mine for about \$4.40 per standard ton, and while they could have got plenty at about \$5.30 per ton, they kept waiting for deliveries on the \$4.40 basis until it was late in the season. They have "humbugged" the citizens since last March. They would not buy it themselves in the open market and they prevented the City buying it. We have right here a good example of the "dog in the manger" fable.

If elected, I will prove to the citizens that we CAN get all the coal we require, and will see that no such shortage as the present is allowed to occur again.

I will also get some "action" on that Gas question. The others have all "fondled" it without result. I will either get pure gas, or tell the people the actual facts of the matter.

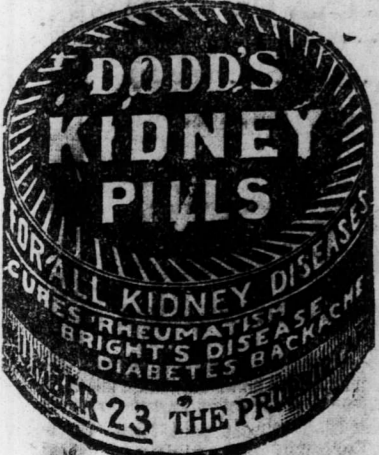
During my term as Alderman I have never shirked my responsibility and have taken an active part in all matters coming before the Board. It is impossible to please every person—but even those with whom I was obliged to differ on some questions, will concede that they 'always knew where to find me'—and that I took an open, honest, above-board position on all matters.

I do not claim to be possessed of extraordinary ability—neither have I an unkind word for any of my opponents.

If you feel that my services and experience will be to the advantage of the city, I shall appreciate your vote and influence.

Sincerely
M. M. MacBRIDE.

CALDER FOR OTTAWA.
By Courier Leased Wire
Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of colonization and immigration, who spent the day here last night for Ottawa.



FORCED RATIONS FOR BRITAIN

Lord Rhondda Says Scheme Awaits Sanction of the Cabinet

COMMANDEER CATTLE

British Food Controller Says Machinery for This Step is Ready

London, Jan. 4.—The Director of Meat Supplies announces that Tuesday will be the meatless day in London, and would also affect the provinces.

London, Jan. 4.—Compulsory rationing is to be put into effect in Britain at an early date, according to Lord Rhondda, the Food Controller, speaking at Silvertown today. He prefaced his announcement by saying that he was afraid that compulsory rationing would have to come, and that it was on its way, and then declared that his department had completed a scheme, and that as soon as the sanction of the Cabinet had been received, it would be carried out.

Lord Rhondda warned his hearers that there would continue to be a shortage, though the position would improve, and improve steadily. "There is nothing alarming in the situation," he said. "You have only to tighten your belt. The people of this country are undergoing nothing like the privations in Germany. There they have less than a pound of meat a week."

Margarine Supplanting Butter.
The Food Controller pointed out that the import of butter in November and December, 1917, amounted to only three thousand tons in comparison with thirty thousand tons in November and December, 1915. However, there had been an enormous increase in the production of margarine in Britain, and by June the capacity of the factories would be four times what it was in 1915.

Referring to the meat shortage, Lord Rhondda said he did not want to threaten; he did not want to commandeer cattle, but the machinery would be there to carry the cattle to market when the time came.

Food Gets Priority.
There was going to be a great shortage of meat during the next couple of weeks, but after that he hoped the position would improve considerably.

Before the war forty per cent. of the meat consumed by civilians was imported from abroad; to-day, a large part of the imported meat went to the army, leaving less than ten per cent. for civilians. There was, however, no great depletion in cattle in the country. It was leaner cattle, but there was a large supply.

"Food," said Lord Rhondda, "in my opinion, should have priority of tonnage and finance. There has been an enormous increase in wages, aggregating one hundred million sterling a year, and this increases the difficulty of getting down the price of food."

Communal Kitchens.
The Food Controller strongly supported communal kitchens, and said that Government grants would be made where necessary to establish them. He incidentally disclosed the fact that Lady Rhondda got the Christmas dinner for her family from one of these kitchens, and added:

"What is good enough for my old woman is quite good enough for anyone."

Premier Lloyd George has issued a strong appeal to the agricultural laborers of the Kingdom to do their utmost to increase the production of foodstuffs. The Premier declared that the world shortage means that "we may be compelled to feed the army and navy as well as ourselves on what we are able to grow at home."

PRIVATE FINANCING

By Courier Leased Wire
London, Jan. 4.—To provide funds to meet extraordinary expenditures for the war requirements of the government, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company has sold \$40,000,000 one year six per cent. notes to a banking syndicate. It was announced to-day. Part of the proceeds to the amount of \$18,500,000, will be used to meet maturing obligations of subsidiary companies, but the balance will "provide cash for the war need improvements. The transaction was noted in the financial community as being the first independent private financing of the New Year.

GIVES HOME TO GOVT.

By Courier Leased Wire
London, Jan. 3.—The Marquis of Crewe, former lord president of the council, The Daily Express says has loaned his London home, Crewe House in Curzon street, to the government for a national purpose. The house will be used, it is said, as the official headquarters of Viscount Northcliffe and the British mission to the United States, thus becoming a great Anglo-American exchange devoted to the united work of the two countries.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Jan. 3.—Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night and southwest of La Bassée, leaving a few prisoners in our hands," the war office reports.

The enemy artillery showed considerable activity during the night east of Eoehy.

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M'ADOO SPEEDS UP COAL SHIPMENTS

Director General of U. S. Railways Brings Relief From Fuel Shortage

By Courier Leased Wire
Washington, Jan. 4.—Railroad labor and finance questions engaged the attention of Director-General McAdoo and his staff to-day, along with the movement of coal.

Heads of the four railway brotherhoods were called into conference to discuss the general employment situation under government control. Although the union chiefs had no intention of pressing their demands for forty per cent higher pay at this time, it is understood their cases will be taken up along with many other wage matters as soon as the railroad administration has disposed of the more pressing transportation problems. Many railroad executives are prepared to recommend a general increase, especially for unorganized labor to prevent them from going to other industries, where wages are better.

John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, and the director-general's advisor on government questions, discussed with Mr. McAdoo the situation, which will develop soon when railroad companies bonds and other obligations fall due. A plan will be worked out by which the debts may be either repaid with other securities, which the government may buy, or meet with funds already reserved for the purpose and paid under the supervision of the director-general and the Interstate Commerce Commission. Final arrangements will depend much on the legislation Congress enacts.

Since Direct.-Gen McAdoo became head of a unified and government controlled railroad system a week ago, the main tangible result has been the speeding up of coal shipments and beginning of the clearing up of congestion in railroad yards by abolition of all priority orders. Plans also are under way looking to practical pooling arrangements. Legal advisors of the director-general have framed legislation to guarantee average pre-war earnings and to provide otherwise for great financial assistance to be rendered after President Wilson dismisses Congress Friday. Government compensation will start from January 1.

Believe Crisis Past.
New York, Jan. 4.—With national, state and city governments pooling their forces to relieve New York's acute coal famine, fuel ad-

ministrators stated to-day they believed the crisis had been passed. Despite the severe weather and a shortage of labor, more than forty thousand tons of coal had reached the city early to-day—a new record for 24 hours—and more than 210,000 tons of hard and soft coal arrived at New Jersey tidewater points for distribution here during the day. The Pennsylvania railroad tubes under the Hudson river were utilized for the first time during the night to bring coal into the city.

The 75 schools in the city, which were obliged to close yesterday because of the lack of heat, will be reopened to-morrow, it was said. In many of the school buildings water pipes had burst.

Much suffering was again reported in the poorer parts of the city, where sporadic coal rioting occurred yesterday.

DOCTOR CHARGED WITH FRATRICIDE

Virginia Physician on Trial for the Murder of His Brother

By Courier Leased Wire
Goochland, Va., Jan. 3.—Rapid progress was made to-day in the trial of Dr. S. A. Chamberlain for the murder of his brother, Albert P. Chamberlain last October 22, the jury being quickly selected and the state introducing much of its more important evidence.

When called to trial, Dr. Chamberlain repudiated the statement of his counsel that he would plead guilty, and entered a plea of not guilty.

John Houchens, a magistrate, whose investigation when the dead man disappeared, led to the discovery of the dismembered parts of the body buried under fence posts in the doctor's yard, testified that he called on the doctor after his brother disappeared. He was told by the accused, he said, that the dead man had left for Cheyenne, Wyo., after collecting \$1,280 which the doctor said he owed his brother.

The witness said he became suspicious and led the searching party which unearthed the body. The saw and the coat placed in evidence, the latter wet from recent washing, were found in the doctor's home. Magistrate Houchens said, as well as a gold watch, recognized as one owned by the dead man, and strongbox, the lock broken, bearing Albert P. Chamberlain's name. The box was hidden in a chimney.

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QUEBEC CLEARINGS
By Courier Leased Wire
Quebec, Que., Jan. 3.—Bank clearings for the week ending last week \$4,117,636.

Annual Sale of Furs

Two Cold Months

January and February are two cold months—so is March, for that matter—and in nothing can you be so comfortable as in good Furs. Never again, it is prophesied, will furs be as low in price as this year, and with the coldest weather yet to come, you can make no mistake in buying Furs. Because we want to reduce stock, we offer Furs at the following low prices. Plan economy. Buy now.

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Regular \$65.00, for **\$45.00**

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Regular \$55.00, for **\$48.50**

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