

OBJECT TO ANY MORE GRANTS TO BATTALIONS

North Toronto Ratepayers Register Protest at Meeting Saturday Night.

MATTER FOR GOVERNMENT

Farmers Pay Least Tax and Get Most Returns, Declared Speaker

The North Toronto Ratepayers' Association at its meeting on Saturday night, following a lively debate, unanimously adopted the following resolution: "That in view of the fact that the ratepayers of the city and

The resolution, introduced by E. V. Donnelly, seconded by Dr. Evans, was passed unanimously.

"In the rural districts the farmers are assessed at little over 20 or 25 per cent, and they are the men who are getting the most out of the war for the things they have to sell," said E. V. Donnelly. The debt problem to the average man, he declared to be a most serious one.

Arswell Concert.

Lieut. Whitmore, in command of

the local North Toronto platoon of the New York Rangers. Overseas Battalion members were to be paid the cost of recruiting, and later it was decided to tender all the local members of the 127th a farewell concert in the form of a party on the evening of the 10th of the month. The party will be presented with some mementoes at that occasion.

It is a fact that the question of the right to operate on Yonge street from Price street to Farnham avenue, as between the city and the Toronto Railway Company, will come before the council in the near future. It was decided to take no immediate action in respect to the petitions so largely signed, asking for the construction of a new street to the north of the city.

In this connection the association was in receipt of a letter from C. H. Wilson, assistant manager of the

action would be taken by the railway toward the erection of a shelter for Farnham avenue until after the decision of the privy council, after which adequate terminal and passenger accommodation would be given to travelling public.

CONDITION IS WORSE.

Dr. Conn of Agincourt was hurried summoned to the home of E. L. Finn near Plympton, the condition of G. W. Finn, the 15-year-old boy who was accidentally shot by his brother a week ago, having become serious. The young men were engaged at target practice when the revolver was discharged.

EXPRESSED DESIRE TO

LEAD A BETTER LIFE

Commissioner Richards of Salvation Army in North Toronto Yesterday.

Commissioner J. W. Richards addressed three large gatherings of the Yorkville corps of the Salvation Army at the York Theatre yesterday. Each of the meetings, earnest appeals were made by the commissioner for the higher religious life and about expressed desire to lead a better life and identify themselves with the work of the church. An appeal by the commissioner for funds to establish a library at the Yorkville headquarters met with a generous response and steps will be taken toward that end.

SINKING OF PORTUGAL AN ACT OF INSANITY

Official Russian Statement
Announces German Sub's Mur-
derous Crew.

TWO TORPEDOES FIRED

Count Tatischeff, Red Cross De-
legate, One of Many
Victims

PETROGRAD, April 1, via London.—The official statement on the sinking of Russian battleship *Chesma* in the Black Sea, last Thursday, reads as follows:

At 8 o'clock on the morning of March 29, the Franco-Russian hospital ship *Portugal*, lying in the Black off eastern Anatolia, having been there to receive wounded, was overtaken by a German submarine. Torpedoes were fired. The second torpedo hit the engine room of the vessel and she sank in less than a minute. Eleven crew and two Sisters of Charity were saved by boats which accompanied the *Portugal*. The missing include Count Tatishcheff, delegate of the Russian Government to the League of Nations, Baroness Meyerendorff, Sister Superior of the Sisters of Charity,

"The Turkish Government had recognized the Portugal as a hospital ship. She was painted with the prescribed colors. The submarine stayed around the ship and fired red blank.

"This act of the Germans was less from a military standpoint. It proves again that peace with an enemy who insanely violates divine and man laws is impossible before his

plete destruction."