WICKETT SLATES SPENCE'S CRITICISM

Controller's Kemarks re Civic Finances.

REFUTES ARGUMENTS

Generalities Resorted to is Alderman's Charge.

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as adopting "gassing and rushing the made Toronto the proud donor of 36,trenches" tactics since he was not 000 soms to Britain. nished beforehand with a copy of the controller's typewritten speech. He says he is afraid the controller is

when figuring the city's borrowing powers. All I say is that until the last doubt on this point is removed we must play safe and count it in. Safety First!

Legislature's Duty.

"The city solicitor and city treasurer both recommend that the legislature should be asked to clean up the matter and remove all risk as to any forthcoming issue of Toronto's de-

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A Laughable Error.
Controller Spence: "All the debentures unsold which are no debt at all and for which the city owes nobody Reply: "This is a laughable error

for a responsible controller to make Among our unsold debentures are those for relief work, parks department (\$75.038), wiring Exhibition grounds (\$73.462), patriotic purposes (\$500,-000), Strachan avenue and Crawford street bridges (\$90,833). Hospital for bick Children (\$25,000), etc., the money of which has been already expense. for which has been already spent. Expenditures have also been made against the board of education and

waterworks bylaws."

Borrowing Powers. Controller Spence: "It will readily seen that the city's borrowing powers as interpreted by the city treasure are far below what the legislature could have intended and also below what might now be considered rea-

"When Controller Spence is bold enough to interpret the mind of the legislature of 1889 he is bold enough to make the concluding statement as well. His view seems to be that our present heavy debt is lower than what he considers reasonable. He nad better resign now as financial director of this city."

Controller Spence: "Waterworks

for by water users."

Reply: "A year ago on motion of Controller Spence the heavy deficit in the waterworks was wiped out by charging it up to the fire and street cleaning departments. This charge is now something for which the city

lebt, the charges for which are paid

wes nobody anything. Report Was Made.
Controller Spence: "The Queen street high level bridge. No report was ever made estimating the land damages in connection with this project."

Reply: "We usually do go in and count the costs afterwards. But on page 887, appendix A. of minutes of 1910, the assessment commissioner says: "The properties seriously affected if not temporarily destroyed in value by the construction of the high level bridge are the lands on the southeast corner of Ouden lands on the southeast corner of Queen street and the Don improvement road-way and the northeast corner of Queen street and Davies avenue. Damage was estimated at \$43,500, as stated in

Controller Spence: "A charge is inade that a failure this year to sell debentures sufficient to meet the city's requirements for 1915-16 spells a head in the control of th loss, but there is nothing offered in vindication of the charge."

Reply: "None so blind as he who will not see. Had we sold the four millions last spring which we market-ed in September we would have saved over one hundred thousand dollars, and reliable advice was given along this line in good time. The misjudgment of the board of control in this respect

s very bad."

CAN ESCAPE PRISON BY DONNING KHAKI

Calgary Man Who Received Stolen Horse, is Given Option.

CALGARY, Nov. 3 .- W. H. Lewis found guilty of receiving a horse, knowing it to have been stolen, by a judge in the criminal court, has been he has a uniform when he comes be-fore the court in one week's time he will be allowed out on suspended sen-tense. Yesterday after-noon the grand jury returned a true bill against both Ryan and Turner on

RECRUITING TAG DAY TUESDAY NEX

Makes Stinging Reply to Will Be Frst Public Collection Ever Made in Toronto for the Soldiers.

NEED MONEY FOR BANDS

Abuse, Misstatements and Fifty Thousand Dollars is the Amount Recruiting League Wants for Fund.

Tuesday next, the 9th, is tag day for allowed to gamble with his own, but the Citizens' Recruiting League. This must not be allowed to traffic with will be Toronto's own tag day. There the city's reputation." says Ald. S. M. have been tag days on our compass Wickett in a stinging reply to the sion as a people. There have been remarks of Controller F. S. Spence others on our pride of race. Tuesday's addressed to the aldermen at last is a tag day on our pride as a city. It ouncil meeting regarding the civic is to raise funds in order to maintain nces, in which he severely criticized Toronto's splendid place as the leading Ald Wickett's open letter on the same recruiting centre of the Dominion; to finance those institutions, self-sacri-The alderman refers to the controller ficing and indefatigable, that have

Dr. Norman Allen, chairman of the Citizens' Recruiting League, makes not a business mar. nor a financier, the following statement: "Since the but a mere destructive critic; that he is willing to risk the city's unblemishbut a mere destructive critic; that he is willing to risk the city's unblemished credit against the advice of officials, and that "one is simply astonished at a man of Controller Spence's experience abandoning argument after nearly two months' preparation and resorting to abuse and misstatements. "The remarkable collection of unsupported generalities and half truths given by the controller only serve to misinform. The recommendation he supported in council Monday is contrary to the expressed judgment both off the city treasurer and the city soil. The resort of the local improvement debt when figuring the city's berrowing powers. All I say is that until the

ganizations, the regiments, the recruit-ing depot, are running into serious webt—debt that is at least encumbering the stride of them, and which has, to a very great excent, dramed the pockets of individual officers and friends of regiments. While the militia department conducts and finances recruiding, no one can blame the offorthcoming issue of Toronto's de-ficers of the recruiting depot in its bentures being under suspicion of il-legality. That is the crux of the whole matter at the present moment. I am glad to see the mayor agrees with his officials."

Toronto for going \$3000 over their allowance from the government in order to perfect their system for gath-ering and enrolling men. Quantities of Some of Controller Spence's state-ments, together with Ald. Wickett's reply, are as follows:

Sationery, blank forms of a kind the government does not supply, wide-stread advertising, and the purchase Controller Spence: "There is on hand a very large sinking fund which remains, counted as part of our debt."
Reply: "This is a misstatement. My letter further clearly says: 'Against our gross debt there are on hand about fifteen millions of sinking funds; thirty-one millions more or less productively invested: and twelve millions to this treatment of recruits with slight physical defects, but earlier in the history of the capot, the officers paid for this treatment in certain cases. And

this treatment in certain cases. And innumerable small sums have been doled out to penniless recruits.

Regiments Pay Share.

Regarding the city regiments. At the outbreak of war the government cut off all allowances to these regiments and the sharel cost of prices. men.s, and the annual cost of upkeep, which in normal times amounts to over \$2000 each, besides the vastly inover \$2000 each, besides the vastly increased expenses of recruiting, have all to be paid out of the regiments' own pookets. It is to be remembered that for the first year of the war, every bit of recruiting was done by these regiments. The government paid each of them the salary of one recruiting officer and four sergeants.

But the cost of recruiting for the first But the cost of recruiting for the first contingent alone to the Queen's Own was in the neighborhood of \$800, and the Highlanders, Grenadiers and other regiments all had a similar bill to cost. In the year that followed that bill has steadily increased in each regiment. The annual \$2000 or \$3000 has increased to \$5000 or \$6000. To defray this officers and men have sought their own pockets. But every day, the officers and men marched overseas, and the regiments are no longer strong enough

to face such debts without serious Appeal to Citizens.

It is to their aid and to the depot's aid, and the other objects mentioned by Dr. Allen, that Toronto is expected o come forward next Tuesday. No specific sum is admed an in tag day. But \$50,000 is the amount the

league is even now working towards as its fund, and whatever can be got on tag day will go to augment that Mr. Fred B. Fetherstonhaugh, K.C., is head of the tag day committee for the league, and is assisted by a strong

ladies committee consisting of repre-sentatives of all the National and Patriotic Associations in the city.

FUTURE OF BELGIUM SOURCE OF OPTIMISM

Monseigneur Rutten, a Belgian Priest, Lectured on Lessons Gleaned From the War.

Monseigneur Rutten, the special emissary of Card nal Mercier of the Archbishopric of Malines drew a rather small audience of university students, and the faculty of the university, besides French-speaking peoversity, besides French-speaking peo-ple at his lecture in the physics build-ing last night on "Great Lessons of the War." The speaker was in Belgium during the early part of the war and was a personal witness of innumerable scenes of barbarity and cruelty which were inflicted on his people. Speak-ing in French he crules of ing in French he spoke of the scenes of desolation that had been wrought, and the persevering spirit of the Belgian people that had been shown

He spoke hopefully of the new Bel gium that would be constructed after the menace had been removed, and of the national life that had been so puritrophe. The ability to suffer, an even greater value placed on democratic insitutions than they had before, and a vision of the part they would play in world affairs were said to be the re-

sults which would come. TO FACE ANOTHER CHARGE.

Two men by the name of Ryan and Turner, who are now serving in Kingston Penitentiary, have been or-Judge in the criminal court, has been dered by Chief Justice Sir William Siven the chance of enlisting, and if Mulock to be brought to Toronto to

YORK COUNTY

MANY QUESTIONS UNDER DISCUSSION IN PLOWING MATCH

Executive Take Up Matters Affecting District.

EXPRESS DELIVERIES

No Further Progress Reported and Information Will Be Asked For.

A meeting of the Earlscourt Bustness Men's Association executive committee was held last evening at the office of the secretary-treasurer. C. H. Rolph, 1216 St. Clair avenue. man of the committee, took exception to the action of Ald. Cameron when a deputation was present at the meeting ing of well-known farmers

finite information as to the progress made in this regard and pointing to the fact that express and freight deliveries are urgently recovered.

Write to the ayor.

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Regarding cluster lights, no further progress was reported. It was decided to send a letter direct to Mayor Church requesting his attention to this matter, pointing to the fact that several communications have been sent by the association to Ald. Maguire, chairman of the fire and light committee and so the fire and light committee, and so far without result.

Much discussion was caused when the matter of intersections between crossings was brought up. W. L. Keys suggested that the hill of stones running thru the centre of St. Clair ave-should be cleared away and changed into one wide asphalted street similar to Danforth and Spadina avenues. It was decided to write the city council was decided to write the city council requesting that the centre of St. Clair avenue be cut away in the business section and asphalt substituted between Oakwood and Lansdowne

avenues.

The last matter discussed was the lavatory for Earlscourt. It was de-cided to leave the matter over.

TELLS HOW GERMANS LOST CROSSING YSER

Capt. Henry Wellwood in Canada to Get Engineers for Railway Construction.

Captain Henry Wellwood, recently arrived in Canada from the front, on the SS. Corsican, for the purpose of securing a fresh draft of engineers for railway construction and other work, states that there was more ammunition used in one day recently by the allies than was used during the whole period of the Boer war. "Part of our work is to keep the lines of trenches supplied with ammunition, which is done principally at night."

An incident which vividly impressed itself upon the mind of the captain was an effort by about 12,000 Germans to cross the Yser on pontoons. The French, on the opposite side, poured a withering fire into the packed ranks of the enemy, sweeping away the pontoons and piling up the river with German dead. A second attempt to cross over the bodies of the slain was met by the French opening fire from 300 guns, sir ply annihilating the entire force. "The river ran red with blood for 12 miles," said the captain, "and was tinged purple well out to the river's outlet."

Capt. Wellwood, previous to enlisting, was superintendent of railway

MANY COMPETITORS

Earlscourt Business Men's East York Plowmen's Association Held Event Near Agincourt.

WORK ABOVE AVERAGE

Prizes Awarded for Expert Workmanship by Veteran Judges.

The annual match of the East York Plowmen's Association, held on the grounds of R. M. Loveless, near the Village of Agincourt yesterday, was in all respects a pronounced success. While eminently adapted to high-class when the questions of express deli-veries, cluster lights, park and lava-tory accommodation for the district little to complain of on this score. In were discussed. W. H. Baker, chair- all 45 teams entered the contest, all man of the committee, took exception but two of which completed their

parts of the county, while the adjoining counties of Peel and Ontario, and the district as far north as Orillia was represented. Veteran judges pronounced the work as above the aver-

en's Institute prepared luncheon thru-out the day, the entire profits of which amounting to about \$100 will be turn-The handsome silver tea services presented by W. H. Paterson of Agincourt, and A. J. H. Eckardt of Torond class events, were greatly ad-

Made Presentation.

A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the presentation to John Little of Scarboro of a handsome meerschaum pipe and a gold headed cane, a slight testimonial from the directors of the Plowmen's Association for his unfailing interest and support. Altho 87 years of age, Mr. Little secured involuntary contributions this year more than \$100.

than \$100.
Other veterans in the cause of improved plowing were "Sandy" Doherty William Milliken, Andrew Hood, John T. Saigeon, Adam Hood, John Cowper-thwaite, John Kennedy, David Youmans and many others.

George S. Henry, M.L.A., on behalf of W. H. Paterson, presented the latter's handsome present in a few well-

ockie Wilson.

A feature of the day was the fact that John Cowperthwaite, who for 20 years has been represented by two or three sons in the different classes, was represented this year by only one, George, another son and last year's winner being now at the front classes. When the class is sod, which was restricted to two contestants, was won by J. Richards and second by J. Leectheclatter of Orillia.

The officers of the association are: J. T. Stewart, president; W. A. Paterson, first vice-president; Thomas

France. Thomas Shadlock of Agincourt, winner in other years, and who this year took second honors, at once donated his own gift, a plow, to Red Cross work, and John T. Saigeon of Maple within

a few minutes disposed of the implement to A. J. H. Eckardt for \$26.

List of Winners.

The winners of the several events were as follows:
Class 1—William Orr, 1; Thomas
Shadlock, 2; George Ciwie, 3; Charles
Clubine, 4; E. Youmans, 5; S. Tyndall. 6. Best crown, T. Shadlock; best

Kennedy, C. Young; best finish, W. Orr.

Class 2—Clarke Young, 1; A. E.

Kennedy, 2; R. Loveless, 3; S. Baird.
4; H. Ormerod, 5; G. Tran, 6. Best crown, C. Young; best finish, A. E.

Kennedy, Class 3 and 4—H. Lev. 1; W. The

Class 3 and 4—H. Ley. 1; W. Timbers. 2; C. Wagstaff, 3; A. McDonald, 4. Best crown, C. Wagstaff; best finish, Ley. Class in redland—C.Timbers Leslie Cowperthwaite, 2; F. Mason, 3; A. Booth, 4; D. Hood, 5; Joseph J.

U. Weir. 6. Best crown. L. Cowperth-waite; best finish, E. Timbers. Class 6—R. Sellers, 1; Delos Boyd, 2; C. Kunipp, 3; S. Watson. 4; John Kennedy, 5. Best crown and finish, R. Class 7 (in redland)—L. Cox, 1; G. Shadlock, 2; C. Ley, 3. Best crown and finish, L. Cox.

A number of special awards were made, among these being J. G. Piggott for best turnout in sod land and W. H. Munroe in redland. The prize for the best going team in sod went to T. Shadlock and in redland to E. Timbers

bers.
The judges in the several classes construction for the C.P.R., and was engaged on the North Toronto branch, Moore and Andrew Hood. In classes 6 Guelph and other points of the system. and 7—A. Little, C. Walkington and

NOTICE

Toronto Hydro

Electric System

HE Commissioners, feeling that many

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System's men of their grade ordinarily

start work on or before Thursday next

(November 4th), the wages and condi-

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H. H. COUZENS,

General Manager.

November 2nd, 1915.

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of the men were induced to leave

work today due to a misunderstand-

Bring on your OLD **FOLKS** "We have

TURE MEINTOSH ASWALLINGFORD



MAX FIGHAN AS BLACKIE DAW

"Why grow old? Why become wrinkled and gray? We are preventing old age, wrinkles and all signs of fleeting youthful charms. We remove old age as well and make the centenarian as spry as the boy. Granny can outdo grand-daughter."

Youth"

So announces the Wallingford Old Age Sanitarium, subject of this week's motion picture gasp.

You have figured that Wallingford brought out outrageously impossible schemes which were probable in his mouth and his way of putting it. This week's motion picture episode - is the crowning achievement of audacity, in

THE NEW ADVENTURES OF

The pictures by Pathe are splendid in themselves. But you can add 100% to the charm by reading Geo. Randolph Chester's own story of it in the

WORLD

Chas Goddard. author of "Elaine" "The Goddess" is dra-matic author with Mr. Chester in this new series. The stories put into pictures by the Wharton Bros. with a cast including Burr McIntosh. Max Figman and Lolita Robertson have no equal in the field today. Exoitors obtain their pictures through the local

PATHÉ (*) EXCHANGE

You must not miss this episode in your favorite motion picture theatre. Not only is it entertainment for you - full of laughs and thrills, but it gives you something to talk about for months to come.

Another class in sod, which was re-

son, first vice-president; Thomas Shadlock, second vice-president, Jas. Green, treasurer; Frank Weit, secretary. The honorary presidents are: W. F. Maclean, M.P.; Sheriff Alex. McCowan, Capt. T. C. Wallace, M.P.; William Milliken, Andrew Hood, John Little, Alex. Doherty, E. Abraham.

PART OF PRICE PAID.

According to the terms of purchase, one-tenth of the amount for the school site situated on Harvie avenue, in School Section 15, Fairbank, has been paid over to the owners by the school board, and a temporary school build-ing will be erected in the near future.

mission, that the government had done them an injustice by refusing to deal with any one but the chief contractors, said the statement was all rot.

Mr. Thomas and his daughter were passengers on the steamship Lusitania was arrested in Simpson's store yesterday evening by Detective Mitchell on a charge of shoplifting. Mr. Rogers left last night for the Pacific coast, where he will inspect the harbor work at Esquimalt. He will speak at several recruiting meetings on the way and expects to be back in Toronto in three weeks.

HICKEY HOLDS AT HOME FOR OVERCOAT BUYERS

Fifty of the Latest Season's Models Are on Display.

M. Hickey, 97 Yonge street, will hold an at no me for overcoat buyers from now until the end of the week. Men who pride themselves on smart and sasonable attire will find fifty styles displayed, all of which embody the la est 1916 models in style, comfort and service. Symmetrical lines always the most important considera-tion in a new overcoat, are exemplifled with all the skill at the command of the master tailors who have origi nated Hickey's styles for this season. And in war time, even preceding all other arguments, comes the price inducement. The best values in town at \$15, \$20 and \$25 are guaranteed. c

ON YONGE STREET

orth Toronto Ratepayers to Insist on Proper Trans-

dent, occupied the chair.

GIVE WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS.

The employes of the Canada Foundry Company, Davenport Works, have recently decided to donate weekly contributions towards a fund to help the Red Cross and patriotic work. A meeting was held and a working committee elected, with A. Harris, secretary, and W. Donaldson, treasurer.

missing link between these two points."
Strong concerted action is looked for from the Central Citizens' Astociation, embracing Deer Park and the C. P. R. tracks, while a movement is said to be under way up Yonge street and in the northern part of the county to force the city and company to come to some arrangements before the advert of winter.

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SUFFER BIG LOSSES

een Price street and Farnham

D. A. THOMAS UNDER KNIFE. Slight Operation on Jaw Is Entirely Successful.

NEW YORK. Nov. 3 .- D. A. Thomas, the wealthy Welsh coal mine owner, who has been in United States and SAYS HON. MR. ROGERS

Hon. Robert Rogers, who was at the King Edward yesterday, commenting on the statement of Herron Brothers, sub-contractors on the harbor commission, that the government had done

THOUSAND NEW MEMBERS JOINED "Y" ON FIRST DAY

Hon. W. H. Hearst Was the First, and Others Followed in Ouick Succession.

Shadlock, second vice-president, Jas. Green, treasurer; Frank Weit, secretary. The honorary presidents are:
W. F. Maclean, M.P.; Sheriff Alex. McCowan, Capt. T. C. Wallace, M.P.; William Milliken, Andrew Hood, John Little, Alex. Doherty, E. Abraham.

CONSERVATIVES ATTEND

A CONCERT AND SMOKER

Ward Seven Association Held Enthusiastic Meeting, and Number of Addresses Heard.

Movement Said to Be Under Way Which Means

Action.

At a meeting of the executive of the Morth Toronto Ratepayers' Association last night, this resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That a deputation wait on the board of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of works on Friday and insist that a fermed year of year o paigns were broken yesterday, the first

ROME, Nov. 2—via Paris. Nov. 2.—Austrian regiments fighting on the Isonzo-Carso line on Oct. 21, 22, 23 and 24, lost more than half their of fectives, says The Idea Nazionale. Urable to save pieces of heavy artillery the Austrians rolled them into

ravines and torrents. Twelve and seventeen-inch guns in positions on Mounts Santo and Sabatino to defend Gorizia were dis-

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