

# G.W.V.A. INDIGNANT AT HOUSING DELAY

Deputation to Approach Controllers With Demand for Action.

## CRISIS PROBABLE

Unless Returned Soldiers With Families Are Properly Provided For.

At an executive meeting of the central branch of the G.W.V.A. yesterday afternoon, indignation concerning Toronto's alleged laxity came to a boiling point, and it was resolved to send a deputation to the board of control to point out the gravity of the situation. The chief speaker was Secretary Brookbank who summed up the problem in the following words: "The housing problem in Toronto is a practical and a businesslike standpoint. It is true that the federal government has set aside the sum of \$25,000,000, subject to conditions of loans in respect of the project of the federal government. The provincial authorities, but considering the fact that up to the present time the provincial bodies have failed to outline a feasible policy, the time has come when vigorous action and realization of local obligation rests with the civic councils. Moreover, according to the project of the federal government, a general housing scheme has to be prepared by each province and submitted to Ottawa. This scheme will set out the standards and conditions to be complied with in local housing schemes and when approved of by Ottawa the jurisdiction of local schemes will rest with the provincial authorities. By the time such a roundabout proposition reaches the city councils we shall have another winter in sight, bringing with it a probable crisis which may have the result of undoing all the good work being accomplished in the re-establishment and repatriation of the returned men and which would probably reach disastrous proportions.

It has been stated in some quarters that the city council of Toronto have a splendid opportunity to bring order out of the present chaos, but I think we can go further and say that what is presented is an obligation and not an opportunity.

## Feeling of Resentment.

"So far the lack of policy, or indifference to any policy on the part of the city fathers with respect to the housing question has created the impression that the citizens will have to shift for themselves in this situation, and a feeling of resentment against the apparent negligence of the council to shoulder its local obligations is growing into a spirit of openly expressed hostility. Hundreds of veterans of the great war are returning daily and adding to the already long list of house hunters, and nothing will do more to create a feeling of restlessness, amounting almost to Bolshevism, than for those war-worn men to return and find that their country has failed to provide the first requirement of a conscientious citizen—a house in which he can comfortably settle with his wife and children.

"This feeling is accentuated by the attitude of landlords not to accept families with children, and this barring from the comfort of a home the generation of the country will inevitably lead to very serious consequences. Conversations I have had with a large number of returned men on the question prove the unanimity of sentiment in this matter. Such an attitude on the part of landlords is utterly against all good principles of morality, agencies and good citizenship and it is surprising to say the least, that they have been allowed to cultivate this attitude. The father of a family, who fails to secure proper accommodation for his children, cannot be expected to uphold those traditions of civic morality with all that



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this implies, while he sees other seemingly well-to-do citizens violating openly all such ethics. "The time has arrived for strict legislation to compel all landlords to become amenable to conditions surrounding them on every hand, and such legislation can be passed which would ensure property owners getting a fair profit on their investments. The spectacle of families with children, and especially returned soldiers, having to rent a few rooms on a half-room flat (providing that the children are acceptable), is deplorable and a disgrace to the country. It should be made a crime for any landlord to refuse to accept a tenant with children, and coming down to a probable solution of the difficulty, the civic authorities should immediately legislate to permit landlords to charge only those rentals which are within well-defined limits, based on a revised and reasonable assessment of his property.

Whatever action is taken, it will probably be some months before any appreciable difference will be noted, and in the meantime the situation daily approaches that crisis when it will take the combined efforts of every sound citizen to keep the balance of opinion level and solid.

## S. A. CADETS GIVEN THEIR COMMISSIONS

When Pte. Bramwell Welbourne, M.M., who has just arrived with the 3rd Battalion, put in an appearance at the Salvation Army Temple, Albert street, where 34 cadets were commissioned, the large audience cheered for several minutes, and amid the beating of drums, the blaring of trumpets and cheer and applause, he was conducted to the platform.

It was a noteworthy innovation in a service which marked the beginning of new careers for 34 young women graduates of the Salvation Army Training College, Col. Frank Bell, who presided in the absence of Commissioner W. J. Richards, who has left for England, said that as this was the year of Canada's full nationhood, the year of Canada's victory, the cadets had adopted the slogan "victory."

Cadet Stephenson spoke as the representative of the cadets on the value of the month's training. They followed the ceremony when the commissions were granted. To 23, who were being appointed to various corps throughout this district, Mrs. Commissioner Richards handed the commissions, while to the 11 undertaking women's social work, Mrs. Colonel Milligan presented commissions. A point in connection with this service is that the cadets are kept in ignorance of their appointments until they read the papers of appointment given them. The large temple was filled to capacity.

# "BIG FOUR DRIVE" SURE TO SUCCEED

Objective of Repatriation Campaign Certain of Attainment.

"Surrounded by such a family you need have no fear as to the result." Such is the message contained in a telegram to Sir James Woods, campaign chairman of the "Big Four Drive," from E. R. Wood, who, at the same time accepts the position of honorary treasurer. Mr. Wood is at present in Los Angeles, but the telegram would indicate that he is a bit homesick to take an active part in the actual canvass. He would like to have a hand in raising \$1,500,000 in Toronto. However, his message is as follows:

"When I received your telegram regarding the forthcoming campaign and read over the names of those who are to take the leadership in it, I felt homesick. Surrounded by such a family, you need have no fear as to the result. I feel greatly honored at the suggestion that my name should be associated with the honorary treasurer, and I will of course be delighted to act. Greatly regret my inability to participate in the canvass, but I will be with you in spirit."

M. J. Godfrey spoke at a largely attended meeting of the Kiwanis Club yesterday in regard to the coming campaign, May 5 to 9, and said that in his opinion it was not necessary to urge the citizens of Toronto to do everything possible to help the returned soldier become re-established in civilian life. He was pleased to know that that was part of the program of the Kiwanis Club. There was almost unanimity among the citizens to stand behind the returned men. What the citizens wanted, however, was a big carefully prepared plan which would handle the whole question of repatriation. The most such a plan was proposed, which would commend itself to the judgment of the citizens the whole town would surely get behind it and make it a big success. The big four drive was the biggest thing that had ever been proposed in Toronto. If successful it would solve every problem of repatriation.

The confederation for community service was a business proposition which must commend itself to business men. It meant co-operation in warfare work with all the benefit of co-operation. This is well illustrated by the plan developed by the Repatriation League for carrying on the work of personal touch among the returned men. The confederation for community service had obtained the service of the Neighborhood Workers' Association to undertake to make a report on every returned man in Toronto. The Neighborhood Workers have got in touch with the G.W.V.A. and they are working harmoniously together to carry out this program. The work will be done efficiently and with a minimum expenditure of money.

Mr. Godfrey referred to the splendid work of the Y.M.C.A. in regard to the valuable help which was given in the work of repatriation.

At the conclusion of Mr. Godfrey's address the president, Mr. James, asked for volunteers to work in the campaign. This appeal met with an unanimous response from the sixty members present. Maurice Thompson, who has charge of the organization of the Kiwanis Club, then proceeded with the organization. Five captains were appointed and five teams were formed. Each division will be supplied by the club.

## HOLIDAY PROCLAMATION CAUSES CONFUSION

Mayor Church's proclamation declaring yesterday a half holiday in connection with the arrival of the fourth Battalion was not generally observed when it became known that the soldiers would not arrive till night and when it was understood the notice had been canceled on that account. It appears, however, that quite a number of places closed down.

Mayor Church, yesterday afternoon, in explanation of the matter, said:

"Owing to matters beyond our control, the railways were delayed in bringing the troops in on time, too late to recall the proclamation. It has been our rule not to interfere with trade and commerce by issuing proclamations for public holidays, and this is the first since the war started. A half holiday was due the noble Toronto regiment returning today, and their colleagues, the splendid 4th, for all they have done for civilization and for this city and Canada."

## TELESCOPES IN WAR.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Tuesday night, was of more than ordinary interest. Lieut.-Col. H. D. Lockhart Gordon, formerly in command of the 4th Canadian Mounted Rifles Battalion until wounded, addressed the society on the service rendered at the front by the telescopes which the society had supplied to the military authorities, the instruments having been returned to the society and exhibited at the meeting.

## MAYOR ON RAILWAYS.

Mayor Church, discussing the question of the operation of government railways, which will come up at a meeting of the Ontario Hydro-Electricity Railway Union, held at Guelph today, remarked: "The government railways should have a proper operating department in charge of a capable head. Politics must be eliminated, or public ownership is doomed to failure. The Hydro is a brilliant example of success of public ownership in which politics play no part."

## TO SPEAK AT McMASTER.

Rev. Dr. John F. Vickert, dean of Colgate University, has accepted the invitation of the governors of McMaster University to preach the baccalaureate sermon. It will be delivered in Bloom Street Baptist Church on Monday evening, May 6.

McMaster University commencement medals will be held in the "Castle Memorial Hall on Wednesday evening, May 7. Hon. H. J. Cody, minister of education, and Rev. Dr. J. L. Gilmour will deliver addresses.

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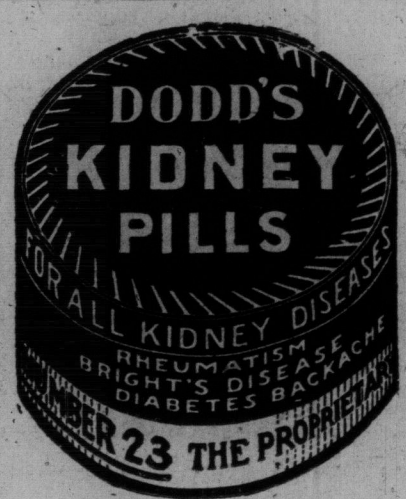
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## OSGOODE HALL NEWS

Weekly Court. Before Mr. Justice Kelly. List of cases for Thursday, 24th April, at 10 a.m. (standard time). Re Hamilton Estate. Re Pogue Estate. Scott v. Gardner. Weinberg v. Altman. Re Montgomery Estate. Armstrong v. Keyes. Re Douglas Estate. Canadian General Sec. v. Keon. Canadian General Sec. v. Derchko. Re Thibbets and Girton. Re Dominion Permanent Loan Company. Re Innis Estate. There will be no sitting of the appellate court until Monday of next week.



## CHAIRMAN FLAVELLE MAKES EXPLANATION

Chairman J. D. Flavelle, of the Ontario License Board, in commenting on the letter written by Eudo Saunders, solicitor of the board, to the McCrea, M.L.A., chairman of the public accounts committee, which recently investigated certain alleged acts of malfeasance on the part of officials appointed to administer the Ontario temperance act, made the following statement: "Under the Ontario temperance act, as it existed at the time of the seizure of the liquor said to have belonged to Tim O'Rourke and another party, there existed no provision which would permit of confiscation of such liquor held in places other than dwelling houses, unless it could be proven that such liquor was being held for sale under section 41 of the act. Provision was made at the next session of the legislature which made it unlawful to keep liquor in any place other than a house, and empowered the magistrate to confiscate such liquor."

## REPORTS EXAGGERATE.

In a wire from Ottawa to his office here, D. B. Hanna, president of Canadian National Railways, declares that the reports of the accident to the C. N. R. passenger train at Elgin yesterday morning have been exaggerated in the press. His wire: "Reports of accident exaggerated by press. No injuries whatever sustained by passengers or employees."

## COSTA RICA FEARS INVASION.

Managua, Nic., April 23.—The Costa Rican government has concentrated 2000 troops on the frontier between Nicaragua and Costa Rica. The Costa Rican government is said to fear an invasion by exiles from Costa Rica in Nicaragua.

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## Thorold Youth Seriously Hurt.

## Thru Revolver Accident

St. Catharines, April 23.—Timothy Jordan, a Thorold youth, putting his hand inside his overcoat pocket, accidentally discharged a 38-calibre revolver, which he was carrying, the bullet entering his right side. He was brought to the General and Marine Hospital, where his condition tonight is said to be serious.

## Inspector Discovers Liquor Still

## At a Home in Guelph Suburbs

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