

ENDORSE UNITY OF ALL SOLDIER ORGANIZATIONS

Army and Navy Association
Members Favor Amalgama-
tion Early in 1922.

WANT FUNDS KEPT INTACT

John Rawlings Is Nominated
President of London Sol-
diers' Body.

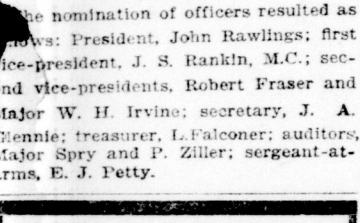
The Army and Navy Veterans Association endorsed unity of all soldier organizations at a meeting in the Guild Hall Tuesday night, and provided that the G. W. V. A. is favorable to the three soldier organizations in this city will be amalgamated early next year.

Want Canteen Funds Intact.

An important resolution passed was that the canteen funds of the G. W. V. A. should be kept intact until such a time as the soldier organizations should be amalgamated. Sid Rankin stated that the canteen funds were being used for the purchase of food for the soldiers who had worn khaki. He urged all members to use the space "B" on the ballot to demand that the money be kept intact for the time being.

Officers Elected.

The nomination of officers resulted as follows: President, John Rawlings; first vice-president, J. S. Rankin, M.C.; second vice-presidents, Robert Fraser and Major W. H. Irvine; secretary, J. A. Bennett; treasurer, L. Salomon; auditors, Major Spry and P. Ziller; sergeant-at-arms, E. J. Petty.



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Taken by Death

London Dentist Honored by Pro-
fession Throughout Dominion.



DR. H. R. ABBOTT.

DEATH CLAIMS DR. H. R. ABBOTT TUESDAY NIGHT

Was Recognized As Out-
standing Figure in Canadian
Dental Profession.

TAKEN ILL 4 WEEKS AGO

Funeral To Be Held Under the
Auspices of Masonic
Lodge.

Death removed one of the outstand-
ing figures in the dental profession in
the Dominion Tuesday night, in the
person of Dr. Harry R. Abbott.

Dr. Abbott had been ill for some
time, having undergone an operation
four weeks ago in Victoria Hospital,
from which he never fully recovered.

Dr. Abbott was born in London Feb.
14, 1835, and was a son of Alexander
and Dorinda Abbott.

He received his education in the
London public schools, later graduating
from the Royal College of Dentistry at
Toronto. Upon receiving his degree
he returned to London, where he built
up a big practice, enjoying a very large
measure of success.

He was honored by every office in
the gift of the dental profession in
Ontario, having been president of the
Ontario Dental Society, president of
the board of directors of the Dental
College, and president of the Domini-
on Dental Council. At the time of his
death he was a member of the board
of directors, and vice-president of
the Dominion Dental Council.

Was Charter Member.

Dr. Abbott was one of the charter
members of the London Club, and was
the club's first secretary, and for
two years its master.

He was twice president of the London
Old Boys' Association, and also
commanding officer of the First Hus-
sars. He joined the regiment in 1857.
At the time of the Duke of York's visit
to London Dr. Abbott was in command
of the royal escort.

He was a member of many lodges,
being past master of the Masonic Lodge,
No. 156, A. F. and A. M.; past poten-

\$100 INCREASE IN SUPERVISOR'S SALARY MOVED

School Board Uncertain Whe-
ther Ontario Department
Will Approve Choice.

EXTENDED PARLEY HELD

Trustee Bice Hears G. A.
Wheable's Qualifications
Are Questioned.

Whether the department of education in Toronto views with any appreciation the recent appointment of G. A. Wheable, principal of Empress Avenue School as supervising principal of the public schools, is a question which to all appearances the members of the present board are not of one mind concerning.

Question Qualifications.

In such capacity, Mr. Wheable would act as assistant to Senior Inspector Greer, but at Tuesday's meeting of the finance committee of the board of education, a recommendation that the former's salary be increased proportionately with his promotion was turned down after a sharp tilt between the trustees.

Increases Opposed.

The chairman of the board, Trustee Thomas Coleridge, registered opposition to any increase at this moment to Mr. Wheable, questioning whether it would not be unwise to tie the hands of the salary committee, of which Trustee A. Bice is chairman. Trustees Edwin Smith and A. A. Langford both championed the cause of Mr. Wheable, pointing out that by his new appointment he was bound to relinquish certain other sources of remuneration, as, for instance, the training of the cadet corps.

After Considerable Parley, the com- mittee moved an increase of \$100 and deferred the question of further in- creases to the 1922 board.

USEFULNESS GOVERNS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Give something useful as well as
expressing the spirit of Christmas. A
magnifying glass will help the old folks
read better. We have them from \$1.50
up. Or why not give that boy of
yours a pair of Field Glasses? They
can be had as low as \$8.50, complete
with case. Then there is an eye-
glass chain, in several varieties, \$1.00
up. Come in and see our assortment
of useful gifts. A fine frame would break
the monotony of wearing glasses. All
styles from \$2.00. F. Steele, Opto-
metrist, 210 Dundas street.

tate of the Mocha Temple, as well as
a member of the London Lodge of Per-
fection; Scottish Rite Masons and the
Eureka Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Although interested in civic affairs,
he never aspired for civic honors. He
was a member of the First Methodist
Church.

Dr. Abbott is survived by two bro-
thers, Samuel W. Abbott of London,
and Alexander R. Abbott of Charleston,
Ill., and one sister, Mrs. A. J. Tully
of this city.

The funeral will be held under the
auspices of the Masonic Lodge. In-
terment will be made at Mount Pleasant
Cemetery.

Plea of Bacchus Disciple Wins Him Chance to Get Farm Work

Even though the county jail is cosy
and warm during the winter months,
there is one individual who appears
frequently on charges of intoxication,
who much prefers to work on the farm
in snowbanks up to his neck, rather
than accept the hospitality of Govern-
ment Dawson of the said bottle. He
pleaded in "sobriety" and choked tones
with Magistrate P. H. Bartlett in the
police court Wednesday morning not
to be put away for the winter, and the
magistrate, with a Christmas twinkle
in his eye, granted his request, and
after spending ten days in jail, in lieu
of a fine, he will be allowed to move
out Granting way, where he says a
farmer will give him employment.

SCHOOL BOARD CONTRACTS TO CARRY RIDER

Declaration of No Profit to
Members Made Clause in
Forms.

PENNY BANK DISCUSSED

Trustee Eggett Protests
Against Any Military Train-
ing in Public Schools.

Several outstanding items claimed the
attention of the members of the board
of education in special session on
Tuesday afternoon. In many instances
the trustees deemed it inexpedient to
effect any action and deferred the same
for the 1922 board.

Although it was moved and passed that from now on all board of educa- tion vouchers contain an additional declaration stating that no member of the board was deriving or expected to derive profit thereby, the opinion was voiced by Chairman Coleridge that the declaration was absolutely unlawful unless made before a properly qualified officer.

Might Be of Use.

Trustee A. Bice questioned if it
were not so, practically the same, was
also not made in the presence of a
notary or similar officer. Chairman Coleridge
replied that he did not know,
but if such was the case, the other litera-
ture was likewise valueless from a
legal perspective. He emphasized
that the declaration would probably
be of some use to emphasize the
meaning of the action.

The communication from M. A. Bris- son, superintendent of the London sepa- rate schools, announcing that there will be no Roman Catholic representa- tion on the public school board in 1922, was received and filed. "There is noth- ing we can do about it," commented Trustee Coleridge.

A request from the London Princi-
pal's Association for the customary
grant to pay for books and other litera-
ture to be used for notices of their
meetings, was voted down. Trustees
Chris. Tanner and Harry Hayman being
the chief opponents.

When questioned if the board
was willing to deal similarly with the
Women Teachers' Guild, and Trustee
Hayman opined that the principals
should be in a position to send out their
own cards.

Penny Bank Discussed.

An offer from the Huron & Erie Loan
and Mortgage Company with respect to
the institution of a "school savings
plan" in which the school board would
system now in vogue locally was re-
ceived, discussed and laid over until
Dec. 29. In the interim it is expected
that Senior Inspector A. V. Greer will
be in receipt of a communication from
the department in Toronto with respect
to the same.

Board of education appointments to
the Western Fair board and the public
library board were deferred until early
next year. The vacancy on the latter
has been developed by the expiration of
the three-year term of Rev. Dr. Sage.

School Trustee Edwin Smith and In-
spector Greer brought to the immediate
attention of the trustees the fact that
L. D. McCandless, male assistant at the
Lord Roberts School, had received a
good offer from the Toronto Board of
Education, and was both emphatic in
their plea that London should not lose
another of its most promising teachers
as had been the case upon too many
occasions in the past.

Fix Salary at \$1,500.

Some of the members of the board
were reluctant to do anything at the
moment, fearing that any action would
tie the hands of the salary committee,
which would be to take up the matter
of a complete revision of salaries just
as soon as certain data is at hand. After
a full discussion, however, the board
placed Mr. McCandless' salary at
\$1,500, Inspector Greer expressing the
belief that the latter would remain in
the city.

A communication from Lieut.-Col. W.
A. McClintock, with reference to a
proposal to fit out with suitable uni-
forms for school cadet corps was re-
ferred to next year's board.

Trustee David Eggett registered a
strong protest against anything that
would tend to lead to military train-
ing in the schools, and placed himself
distinctly on record to that effect.

"There is a disarmament conference in
progress at this moment," he asserted,
"and you may be sure if they continue
to manufacture weapons of warfare and
continue to indulge in military training,
they are going to be used."

Consider Janitors' Pay.

In response to a request from the
city treasurer's department, the trust-
ees passed a resolution endorsing the
salaries for all janitors. It appears that
the sum of \$23,613 is expended yearly
for this purpose, about \$300 less than
called for in the estimates.

Other salaries and changes in person-
nel were also confirmed. Replying to a
comment by Trustee Coleridge for the
"salary committee to get busy," the
chairman of the board, Trustee Coleridge,
stated that they would directly certain in-
formation required was furnished.

THE CHRISTMAS RUSH of parcels
this year has proven too big a burden
for a general postoffice, and parcels
can now be mailed at the money order
department, south of the postoffice, from
8 o'clock to 6.

Dies in Hospital

Well-Known Shoe Merchant Won
Esteem of All in City.



HUBERT ASHPANT.

POPULAR CITY SHOE PIONEER DIES IN LONDON

Hubert Ashplant Succumbs At
Victoria Hospital After
Long Illness.

WAS BORN IN ENGLAND

Came To Canada To Win
Business Success in the
Year 1870.

One of London's well-known business-
men died in Victoria Hospital Tuesday
evening in the person of Hubert Ash-
plant, after an illness extending over a
period of eight weeks.

Mr. Ashplant was senior member of
the firm of Hubert Ashplant & Sons,
shoe merchants, Dundas street.

He began his long business career
in the employ of John McMechan, shoe
merchant, in 1871. Upon severing con-
nections with that firm he joined the
staff of the William Cresswell store,
and upon the death of Mr. Cresswell he
acquired the business, taking as a part-
ner, Thomas Tarrant. Upon Mr. Tan-
ton's death Mr. Ashplant's sons entered
the firm in his stead.

Mr. Ashplant was a member of the
city council for two terms, and a mem-
ber of the board of control during its
regime.

He was an active church worker, be-
longing to the Dundas Street
Methodist Church, and a member of the
board of trustees of the church as well
as a teacher in the Sunday school.

Mr. Ashplant was born at St. Giles,
North Devon, England, 71 years ago
and came to Canada in 1870.

Besides a widow he is survived by
three sons, W. J. Ashplant and Frank
S. Ashplant of this city and Dr. P. R.
Ashplant of Newburgh, N.Y., and three
daughters, Mrs. H. E. Thompson of
Montreal, Mrs. Frank E. Blachford of
Toronto and Mrs. John D. Grant of this
city.

The funeral will be held from his
residence, 466 King street, Thursday
afternoon. The funeral services will be
conducted by Rev. Thomas Manning
and Rev. S. J. Allen of Toronto and
Rev. John Garbutt of Dundas Centre
Methodist Church. Interment will be
made at Woodland Cemetery.

THE CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC on the
railroads promises to be as heavy as
other years if present indications serve
as a guide. A great number of in-
quiries are being made and reservations
secured. Although several extra trains
are being run and extra coaches added
to the regular trains, it is expected that
all of these will be required and per-
haps more.

THE FINAL MEETING of the 1921
City Council will be held tonight. This
is the meeting scheduled for Monday
night, but by a prearranged or agreed
upon arrangement the meeting has been
moved to Tuesday evening. The meeting
will be held at 8 o'clock and will be a
special one and will feature a little bit
of business to wind up the affairs of the
year.

CHRISTMAS VACATION at Western
University began Wednesday after-
noon, when city and out-of-town
students laid aside their academic
care for the more frivolous Yuletide
activities. Lectures in all departments
at Western University will be resumed
Tuesday, January 3.

MEMBERS OF the cast of "Bethle-
hem," the Christmas play which the
London Drama League is present-
ing Wednesday evening in the Ryerson
School auditorium, had the pleasure of
meeting the interesting authors of the
play, Miss W. J. Holland of Toronto,
following the dress rehearsal on Tues-
day evening. Miss Topley-Thomas,
director of the production, was hostess
of the occasion in her studio in the
London Conservatory of Music annex,
Richmond street. Mr. F. L. Wilkison,
who has arranged the musical setting,
also extending a welcome to the guests
during the welcome address. The play
has been a great success and its tal-
ented Irish-Canadian authors, a
capacity audience is expected Wednes-
day evening.

ENTERTAIN 100 KIDDIES
AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

One of the happiest events in the
history of "Lennox," the King street
Y. W. C. A. residence, was the Christ-
mas party given Tuesday evening for
one hundred little people by the Y.
ederation of Girls' Clubs. A tea party,
games, Christmas time stories, an im-
promptu program in which many of the
small visitors themselves took part,
and finally, a wonderful Christmas tree
made up of a evergreen, real and arti-
ficial, were the features of the evening
over with joy. Miss Jean Lucas, fed-
eration president, Mrs. John Crawford,
industrial extension secretary and the
presidents and other officers and lead-
ers of the various clubs assisted in
entertaining.

\$1,800 DIAMOND RING IN
LOEW'S THEATRE

One of the finest diamonds ever seen
in London is being worn by Derraldina,
the world's greatest dancer, at Loew's,
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It
is a Blue White Diamond, 3 karats,
secured from John A. Nash, Jew-
eler, 182 Dundas street, "where you
will eventually buy."

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON FAVORS \$1,800 STIPEND

Minimum Salary Recommen-
dation Sent On to Con-
gregations.

FEAR RURAL PROTESTS

Ministers Report Farmers in
Some Districts Operating
at Loss.

The monthly meeting of the London
Presbytery was held in the First Pres-
byterian Church Tuesday, at which re-
ports of the various committees were
heard and general business conducted.

Stipends Discussed.

The afternoon meeting was almost
entirely taken up with discussion of the
minimum stipend as laid down by the
general assembly. The general assem-
bly set the salary of the ministers of
the Presbyterian Church to be \$1,800,
and a house to date from the 1st of
January. In introducing the subject,
the convenor of the general interests
committee stated that several letters
had been received to the effect that
congregations either could not, and in
some cases would not, raise this
amount.

The notice in some instances had not
reached the congregations, but had sim-
ply been answered by the clerk of the
session, and it was thought that some
of the people themselves should say what
their wishes in this respect. Most of
the opposition was met with throughout
the rural districts, but it was argued
that if the question was fairly put to
the congregational meeting to be held
early in the year, that very little
trouble would be met with.

WILL ASSUME LOSSES DUE TO THEFT OF BONDS

London and Western Trusts
Reserve Not Affected by
Shillington Defalcation.

PAY USUAL DIVIDEND

Directors Decide To Write Off
Portion of Cost of New
Building.

At the regular monthly meeting of
the Board of Directors of The London
and Western Trusts Company Limited,
held yesterday, the president and man-
ager were able to forecast certain in-
teresting features of the annual state-
ment of the company for the present
year, which will be available during
the course of the next month or six
weeks.

Much interest has been manifested in the effect which the Shillington de- falcation would have on the company's affairs. The president was able to announce that, apart entirely from the indemnity which will be obtained, the company could this year write off the entire loss, and that in doing so, the company's reserve would not be im- paired.

After taking care of the entire
amount of this, and providing for the
writing off of a substantial part of the
cost of the company's handsome new
office building, a tidy surplus would
be carried forward to next year.

Show Largest Earnings.

The year ending will show the
largest earnings of the history of the
company, and will be marked by a
substantial increase in assets.

The directors instructed that the en-
tire amount of the Shillington loss be
written off and declared the usual
dividend at the rate of seven per cent
per annum for the quarter ending De-
cember 31.

Reports have been current which
have greatly exaggerated the amount
of the bonds taken by the missing ac-
countant. It is announced that the
loss is such that it will not affect the
position of one of the city's largest and
strongest financial institutions.

THE RECENT STORM is costing the public utilities commission several hun- dred dollars to replace street lights that have been broken or otherwise ren- dered out of commission. A number of high-voltage wires were blown down Saturday and Sunday upon the street lighting system with the result that dozens of lights were burnt out.

Christmas Gifts FOR HIM

There is no gift more acceptable than a piece of Jewelry.
Please shop in the morning, when it is easier to make your
selection.

Make HIM Smile With Gifts Worth While ---

Cigar Cutters \$2.50 up

Waldemar Chains, newest
designs in gold-filled, plat-
inum, 10k and 14k solid
gold \$2.50 to \$50.00

Ribbon and Gold-Filled Fobs
..... \$2.50 to \$8.50

Soft Collar Pins, 50c to \$4.50

Tiepins \$1.25 to \$200.00

Cuff Links, in 10k and 14k
solid gold, gold-filled, in
yellow, green and white
..... \$10.00 to \$18.00

Men's Leather Belts,
with sterling silver
buckles, \$5.50, \$6.50 and
\$8.00. Special at
..... \$2.75, \$3.25, \$4.00

Cigarette Boxes, in walnut,
mahogany and oak
..... \$0.50 to \$12.50

Field Glasses, Lemaire
..... \$23.00 to \$30.00

Cribbage Boards and Cases
..... \$4.50 up

Bridge Sets, \$2.50 to \$10.00

Ash Trays, brass
..... \$1.50 to \$5.00

Rings—Emblem Rings, Ma-
sonic, Orange, Old Fellow,
Knights of Columbus,
Emblem Pins for all soci-
eties.
..... \$5.50 to \$9.50

Watches — Pocket Watches
for men from
..... \$1.50 to \$250.00

Electric House Perfumers,
in silver, bronze and gilt
finish, \$14.00 to \$25.00

Fountain Pens .. \$1 to \$10

Pencils, silver-plated, ster-
ling and gold-filled
..... \$1.50 to \$10.00

Auto-Stop Safety Razors...
..... \$5.00 to \$12.00

Cigarette Holders, amber
sterling silver, ivory and
enamel 75c to \$10.00

Cigarette Cases
..... \$1.00 to \$20.00

Leather Key Cases
..... \$1.25 to \$3.50

Leather Cigar Cases
..... \$1.75 and \$2.00

Bill Folders, \$2.00 to \$12.00

10k Solid Gold and Gold-
Filled and Sterling Silver
Pocketknives
..... \$4.50 to \$12.00

Walking-Sticks
..... \$3.00 to \$15.00

Umbrellas, silk and suk
and wool covers, with ster-
ling silver, bone and gold-
mounted handles
..... \$6.50 to \$19.00

Military Brushes, black and
natural ebony
..... \$5.50 to \$9.50

Ebony Hat Brushes, \$1.25 up
Ebony Clothes Brushes ...
..... \$3.00 up

Humidors, in mahogany and
oak \$12.50 to \$20.00