LONDON WILL SEND MANY DELEGATES TO BIG WAR CONVENTION

Selection To Be Made at Meeting Friday Evening.

SINK PARTY POLITCS

Thousand Men and Women to Plan Dominion's Future Course.

A meeting has been called for Friday evening in the Tecumseh House at which representatives from the board of trade, Canadian Club, Rotary Club, Patriotic Fund, Recruiting Association and Associated Kin will select delegates to be sent to Montreal to attend the national war convention, to be held May 23, 24 and 25. It is expected that many Londoners will go.

Major Hume Cronyn will give a report of what was done at a meeting of the Ontario committee held in Toronto last week.

The following statement has been received here regarding the war convention:

One thousand men and women will gather from all the provinces of Canada to consider the position the country is in with relation to the war—to discuss the situation in an effort to bring about that national unity which, in the opinion of every patriotic person, ought to exist during these great days. At a time when all the people as individuals are moved as never before by a common national impulse, it is proposed that people from all the provinces shall meet together, and in honest conference decide upon plans of common action throughout Canada as regards the war, so that those who live may prove themselves worthy of those who di-

From All Provinces.

Representative men and women from all the provinces will attend this national convention, bringing together no doubt many differing views, but all animated by the one ruling purpose—to discover the basis on which Canada as one united country can throw her energies into the war. It is believed that it will be found that the political and other districts which impede national action will be dispelled in honest conference, and that the voice of the country will find earnest expression.

Canada has now been at war for two years and nine months. Twenty thousand Canadians have already made the supreme sacrifice, that we who have remained behind may enjoy unmolested by Prussian tyranny the liberties built up through long generations by the two greatest liberty-loving races in the world. Is it not our duty to sink all petty differences, adjust conflicting views, and get together in support of the young men who on land, sea and air are giving their lives? A country that has such men ought to deserve such service as their's.

Non-Partisan Convention.

One thousand men and women from all the provinces of Canada will meet in non-partisan convention in Montreal, the 23rd, 24th and 25th days of May, to consider ways and means for uniting the whole country on a win-the-war policy.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously at an Ontario win-the-war conference held in Toronto on February 27, 1917:

Moved by B. A. Gould, seconded by Col. R. W. Leonard: "Whereas, this meeting is convinced that the patriotism of Canada needs only to be organized, united and expressed, to become the greatest moving force of the country for the successful prosecution of the war; therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this meeting this purpose can be effectively promoted by calling a national win-the-war convention, which shall be wholly free from party or political complexion; that such a convention should consist of delegates from every part of Canada, should represent all classes and interests, and should meet to consider each part, class and interest can contribute toward winning the war."

Concentrate Energies.

Moved by N. F. Davidson, seconded by the archbishop of Toronto, "that whereas the suggestion has already been made that the proposed convention is designed to promote a change in government, therefore, this meeting puts itself on record as being of opinion that in the call summoning the convention it be stated definitely that it is summoned only to discuss and recommend policies which will help secure the men, the money, the food and the munitions to do Canada's full part in winning the war, with a view to pressing upon the Government the wishes of the people and the extent to which the people will back the Government in aggressive war measures, and that accordingly no resolutions should be in order affecting the personnel of the Government."

Important Projects.

The following subjects will be discussed at the convention: Measures for the reinforcing of the Canadian army; measures for raising a Canadian defence force; measures for the promotion of national unity and more intimate relations between the provinces and between the various races which go to make up our national life; measures for the organization of Canada so that we may have a maximum of agricultural and industrial production; measures relieving the present national situation and the economic disarrangement which there will be after the war; measures for promoting thrift and conserving food and other resources, and measures relating to war taxation.

ST. JOSEPH'S GRADUATION EXERCISES ON TUESDAY

Eleven nurses will graduate from St. Joseph's Hospital this spring, the graduating exercises taking place at St. Peter's auditorium next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

It is likely that the diplomas will be presented by Bishop Fallon.

Following are the names of the graduating class: Misses Katherine F. Doyle, M. Irene McManus, Anna M. Knoll, Mary E. Burns, Dorothy F. Harper, Sophia M. Bauer, Gertrude M. Slattery, E. Madeleine Jones, Kathleen S. Howe, Margaret H. Vincent, Helen M. McMahon.

SERIOUS MISTAKE TO HAMPER WORK OF HEALTH DEPT.

Controller Saunders Speaks From His Experience.

TRIBUTE TO CHAIRMAN

Pity Such a Man Is Not in the Mayor's Chair, Says Former Member.

Controller J. H. Saunders, who was a member of the board of health last year, stated today that he considered it most detrimental to the interests of the city for certain members of the city council to do everything in their power to hamper the board of health.

"It was a serious mistake to cut down the salary of Dr. Downham," said Mr. Saunders. "I found that he was a most capable official, that he was considerate of people's feelings, and that he often saved poor people much money by advising them how to care for their sick. He was constantly making visits, and I do not think one case of infectious disease was overlooked during his term.

Not Valued at $30 a Week.

"Not only was he a competent specialist whose heart was in his work, but he was risking his life every day by exposing himself to the danger associated with his work. He was constantly in homes where there were infectious diseases and every home was visited. If a man of that calibre is not worth $30 a week, then he is not worth anything. Officials worth less to the city are getting a good deal more.

"I would further say that it would be a serious matter if we lost Mr. Somerville from the chairmanship of the board. It is a pity we cannot get such a man as he is to occupy the mayor's chair. He does not advertise himself, but he is a keen businessman who never wastes a cent of the city's money, and who is heart and soul in his work.

A Fine Working Team.

"As a former member of the board who was at one time not heartily in sympathy with Dr. Hill, I can say that I believe him a first rate officer. He meets criticism without losing his temper, and he does not overlook anything. We had a fine working team in Dr. Downham and Dr. Hill, and an ideal chairman in Mr. Somerville. There is no doubt he will resign if he is not supported by the council and treated like a lobby, and I would not blame him for doing so."

Mr. Saunders was in favor of paying Dr. Downham $1,500, as he says the work was more than worth it. The city is paying $1,800 for a paving superintendent, and as much for a garbage officer, and yet refused to pay a reasonable sum to maintain the officer who is responsible for the prevention of epidemics.

VETERANS OF MANY ARMIES ARE SIGNED UP WITH FORESTERS

Russian, Dutch, U. S. and British Soldiers Enlist.

CHANCE FOR THE UNFIT

Experienced Men Respond to Appeal of Col. Taylor's Command.

Men of long and varied military experience who have been unable to get into an overseas unit owing to some slight physical defect are finding in No. 1 Forestry Company at Queen's Park an opportunity for which they have long been waiting.

Among the recent recruits who have come into Lieut.-Col. Taylor's unit in the past few days is a man who has had seven years in the United States army. Another member of the Forestry Company has seen service in the 3rd Battalion of Russian Infantry; a third has served three years in the United States Mounted Infantry; another three years in the 170th Russian Infantry; another seven years in the Dutch army, and still another has had a number of years' experience in the 7th Regiment in this city.

A regular syllabus of training has been mapped out for the "foresters." Drill, squad drill, physical training, and lectures on the work of the unit, will occupy the time of the men from now on. Q.-M.-Sergt. Swindall of the Army Medical Corps, who was formerly attached to the 241st Battalion, has been secured to give lectures in first-aid work, and Corp. John Easton, formerly of the 149th Battalion, is in charge of the physical training work. The more technical part of the work of the forestry men will be taken up later, when the unit has reached a greater strength.

MORE FOR BELGIANS.

The Local Council of Women gratefully asknowledges the following further sums towards the next remittance to its special fund for immediate Belgian relief, the last sent (its tenth contribution of £50) being sent off only a fortnight ago: Miss L. Watson $25, Miss E. Bray $10, pupils of S. S. No. 13, Westminster, $2.60, Miss Rhoda A. Hobbs $5, Master Alan Gibbons $1, Miss Hetty Skinner $1, Mrs. Bullen $5, Miss Margaret Routledge $5, Mrs. Hugh McEwen of Hornsall $5, Mrs. Blinn $2, kindergarten of Lord Roberts School by Miss Buttry $7.

SNOW FELL YESTERDAY.

The climax to the unseasonable weather came yesterday afternoon, when for about five minutes snow fell. The fall around London was not general, but a short distance west of the city the snow came down quite heavily for a couple of minutes.

CHILDREN'S CHORUS WINS HIGH PRAISE FOR ARTISTIC WORK

Sang to Accompaniment of Famous Orchestra.

ALTSCHULER A WIZARD

Wonderful Effects in Color and Shading Produced by Great Conductor.

To the Public School Children's Festival Chorus yesterday afternoon befell the honor and privilege of singing to the accompaniment of a famous orchestra, the Russian Symphony, and with a celebrated singer, George Harris Jun., tenor, as soloist.

The great auditorium was well filled for the matinee, and the citizens of London had every reason to be proud of the splendid showing made by the school children, a performance which proved a revelation even to the visiting artists. While much praise had been bestowed upon the work of the Musical Art Society chorus, conducted by A. D. Jordan the previous evening, a generous amount remained for the boys and girls, and their gifted conductor, E. W. G. Quantz.

Several members of the orchestra declared the chorus singing of the children the finest they had ever heard, and that it was the first time in their wide experience that they had heard four parts taken by a children's choir.

Fine Interpretation.

The magnum opus of the children's share of the program was the choral ballad, "The Slave's Dream," Longfellow's poem of that name given a sympathetic musical setting by H. Alexander Matthews of Philadelphia.

A dramatic, spirited and intelligent interpretation was given, enhanced by picturesque orchestral accompaniment, and enriched by the solo work of Mr. Harris.

The singing of the boys and girls was marked by careful attention to the baton of Mr. Quantz, precision in regard to attacks, releases, and phrasing, excellence of enunciation, buoyant and flexible tone, and admirable assurance.

A delightful number, in which the shading effects were particularly clever, was "The Campbells Are Coming," of which the audience insisted upon a repetition.

An unaccompanied part song, "When the Daylight Goes," by Wm. Harold Neidlinger, was also pleasingly and artistically interpreted, although a little nervousness was manifested by some of the singers since this was the first number of the choir.

Veritable Wizards.

Veritable wizardry was performed by Modest Altschuler, conductor, and his musicians of the Russian Symphony Orchestra in conjuring up pictures, creating atmosphere and transplanting the audience on a magic carpet of sounds to strange countries and experiences. The independent strength of each section, the excellence of all the solo instruments made possible the achievement of rare and striking effects in color and shading.

The playing of the Russian Symphony Orchestra is technically and rhythmically correct, but it could never be accused of "classical severity." Color, warmth, passion, fire, delicacy, whimsicality and humor are all terms which in turn apply to meet the interpretive demands of the composition under consideration at the time.

Sometimes the color possesses the daintiness and delicacy of pastels as in the overture to the "Nutcracker Suite" (Tschaikowsky), and "The Enchanted Lake" (Liadov). Again it is of barbaric splendor as in the brilliant final climax of "March of the Sardar" of the Caucasian sketches by Ippolitoff-Ivanoff.

As in the evening program, a whole banquet of Russian music was provided, presented as it only could be by a band of Russian musicians, inheritors of the traditions of the great allied country, animated by the spirit of its people.

Nutcracker Suite.

Of an altogether fascinating menu, special mention must be made of the famous "Nutcracker Suite" (Tschaikowsky), with its characteristic dances, Russian, Fee-Dragee, Arab, Chinoise and the Dance of the Mirlitons, concluding with the rhythmic "Dance of the Flowers." Like suddenly awakening from a dream, so far as the audience was concerned, was each snappy conclusion.

Apart from his artistic solo work in "The Slave's Dream," George Harris, tenor, was heard in a charming group of songs, which served the purpose of strengthening the favorable impression made by him in the presentation of "Judas Maccabaeus."

Exceedingly nice bits of story-telling were his Kentucky folk songs, "The Nightingale" and "The Sweet heart in the Army." One of Russia's most famous composers, Rachmaninoff, was represented in "Memories." Mr. Harris singing in Russian, though his own translation of the song appeared in the official program. In conclusion, he gave Roger Quilter's setting of the Shakespearian song, "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind."

In the role of violoncello soloist, Bernard Altschuler gave much pleasure by the beauty of his tone quality and the artistic conception revealed in his interpretation of two numbers, a "Nocturne," by Tschaikowsky, and "Orientale" by Cui.

Mme. Rossini's playing of the Celesta was a novel and charming feature of the presentation of "Valse des Fleurs," in the Nutcracker Suite.

A. MINOR.

HAS PROMINENT PLACE IN MUSICAL ART SOCIETY

Heintzman Piano Used for Accompaniments in Artistic Program.

"A man is known by the company he keeps," is a famous old saying of general acceptance. When a man is continually seen with a certain group of acquaintances it is natural to take it for granted that his tastes run in the same direction as theirs, and that some strong bond of sympathy unites him with them.

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Moreover, the fact that a Heintzman is used for accompaniment in such a series of artistic events as the Grand May Festival of the Musical Art Society, brought to a conclusion last evening, gives room for but one explanation, and this, that the Heintzman is the first choice of true musicians because of its unquestioned superiority and eminent fitness to grace such occasions. While the Stieff piano is the official piano of the Russian Symphony Orchestra, Ye Olde Firme of Heintzman Co.'s piano has been the one used for the concert work in London of the famous organization. Further, the artistic accompaniments for the soloists, Miss Alice Moncrieff, contralto; George Harris, Jr., tenor, and Edgar Schofield, bass, were played on the same piano and won for it the hearty admiration of the singers. Ye Olde Firme of Heintzman & Co. is always to be found occupying an honorable seat in the finest musical society.

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WHERE IS CITY TO GET COAL? QUESTION ASKED BY DEALERS

Say Companies Already Bombarded With Orders.

EXPLAIN OUTSIDE PRICES

Dealers in Small Towns Pay Small Rent, Don't Deliver.

Local coal dealers are taking the "we should worry" attitude over the promised demonstration and parade of the trades and labor council and friends who will march to the city hall Monday night, headed by a band, and demand municipal coal yards, in the hope that the price of the black diamonds will drop.

One local man was moved to mirth at the idea of the scheme. "First of all," he said, "the city would have to go out and buy coal. Where are the city daddies going to get it? Certainly not from the companies that are operating in London now. The companies have all the orders that they can possibly fill for some time to come from local dealers, and have orders not to take any more.

"The only way that the city could get coal would be through jobbers, and then it would have to pay through the nose. Last winter jobbers charged dealers $2 per ton merely for turning it over to them. We will not bother with the jobbing men unless we cannot get a shovelful from the companies.

"I received a letter from a jobber today offering me coal at the mines for $7 per ton, but the freight charges on that coal to London come to just $3 a ton. Where would I get off at?

Lower Prices Outside.

"What about the statement that small dealers outside the city, handling smaller quantities, can sell coal for $7.50 per ton and still make a profit?"

"Here's the idea. That man in a small town is handling coal as a sideline. His rent may amount to possibly $250 a year, while local dealers have to pay in the neighborhood of $2,500. He deals with a lot of farmers and villagers who have their own wagons and haul off their own coal, while we have to pay large wages and keep a number of horses. Does the public ever look at the situation in that light? Can't you buy dairy produce, potatoes and any other commodity cheaper in a small town? The cost of doing business is much less there.

"The dealer who took the contract of supplying coal to the city at $7.80 a ton was taking a chance like every businessman does when he contracted a big supply, and didn't get it. The chances are that he will not make much on the deal. Prices are changing from day to day.

Business a Gamble.

"Coal may be ordered at $8 per ton, but there is no guarantee that you will get it at that price. Prices are made on the day of shipment. The coal business is some gamble these days, but you can't convince the public.

"I may not have the gift of foresight, but I have a little common sense, and you can mark my words that a municipal coal yard will start a small panic, and people will go crazy on coal and, to begin to fill orders, the dealers will be driven to jobbers and their pound of flesh."

"The dealers always have a fine old alibi," declared a prominent member of the trades and labor council today. "All this talk about overhead charges is all right, but we have inside information on the subject, and we are going to show up the dealers of the city. They have been making slathers of money, and we are going to show just how much they have been getting from us. Take my word for it, there will be some startling disclosures made shortly."

WAKE UP COUNCIL BY MONSTER PARADE IS LABOR MEN'S SCHEME

Big Doings Planned for Next Monday Evening.

WANT CIVIC COAL YARDS

Resolution Passed to Prohibit Manufacture of Ice Cream.

As a means of stirring the city council to take some action toward obtaining a municipal coalyard, all union men and all citizens will be invited to take part in a monster parade which will take place from the market square to the city hall on Monday night. A motion to this effect passed with the unanimous consent of the members of the trades and labor council last night.

It is planned to have all those who are in sympathy with the plan to get a municipal coalyard assemble on the market square at 7:30 on Monday evening, and headed by a band, march to the city hall, and publicly demonstrate in a way that will leave little room for doubt, the desires of the citizens in that regard. Returned soldiers and the citizens will be asked to participate in the procession, and banners bearing the inscription, "We Want Municipal coalyards," will be one of the features of the parade.

Wake Council Up.

"We want to wake them up and let them know that we are alive," said one delegate, "and if we can't all get inside the city hall, we can hold a mass meeting outside." "We'll take the banners right up into the council chamber, where they can't help but see them," added another.

In the meantime a petition is today being circulated to the effect that "we, the undersigned ratepayers and citizens of London, do hereby petition your honorable body to utilize the power invested by the Government to provide for and make the necessary arrangements for a municipal coalyard for coal, to be supplied to the citizens at the earliest possible date." Representatives of the trades and labor council had told the council at the time that the former petition for coalyards had been presented that if that body did not take action another petition would be circulated. No action has been taken, and the second petition is the result.

Special Meeting.

A special meeting of the trades and labor council will be held on Sunday afternoon, when the petitions that have been signed will be collected and made ready for presentation to the council on Monday night.

Much dissatisfaction was expressed with the actions of the present members of the council during the discussion that led up to the passage of the motion. One delegate stated that all the present aldermen and controllers but one were, before the election, in favor of municipal coalyards, bakeries, paving plant and everything else in the direction of municipal ownership. "But where are they now?" he asked. "We will not get them to do anything until we put dynamite under the council," added another delegate.

Delegate Hessel mentioned that according to the papers Heaman had the contracts from the city for coal at $8.80 per ton, and he held that if the council had any notion of getting municipal coalyards they would not have let the contracts. Another delegate was of the opinion that there was something radically wrong when only one firm had tendered, and that there was a big coal combine in operation behind the curtain.

"Why is it," asked one man, "that anthracite coal is selling (and here he read from the Government report) for $8.75 per ton, in Woodstock, and in Stratford for $9, and in London we are forced to pay $10? It's because we've got a big bunch of grafters here," he added.

Juggling of Prices.

"The city buys coal at $8.80 per ton, and the board of education can buy for $8," said another delegate. "There must be a juggling of prices here, and a big rake-off somewhere."

A member of the trades and labor council then volunteered the information that the board of education last year accepted the tender of the dealer, and then, when prices went up, "the board gave him an extra price out of our money."

A delegate then stated that he had information that a dealer was hauling coal from Lucan to Birr and selling it for $7.50 per ton. The same man had told him that it was costing him $7 for a long ton of 2,250 pounds.

"These coal dealers are getting a pretty nice rake-off," said another, "and we've got to get the Hon. T. W. Crothers up here to look into this thing. I have information that as late as February $7 was paid for coal in small places outside of London. If the dealers in the small places can get coal cheap enough to sell at that price, why can't the city dealers get it? One man is buying the coal for all the dealers in this city, and when they get it in such large quantities, they must be getting it cheaper than the dealers in the smaller places."

Would Have Case.

"All we need to do is to get a few receipts from the smaller places, showing that coal was bought for such prices, and then get the minister of labor here, and we'll have a clear case.

"If they keep on dallying it will be up to $10 or $11 a ton," declared another man.

One of the members then informed the meeting that if the council decided in favor of the coalyard on Monday night a special election would likely be held in about three weeks to enable the people to pass on the question.

It was finally decided to obtain the facts regarding the "coal ring" in this city charging higher prices than were charged in other places, and then to ask Hon. Mr. Crothers to come here and investigate.

A circular letter which is being sent to labor bodies throughout the country, urging them to take action toward the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of ice cream, containing a resolution which was passed at the last meeting of the trades and labor council, was read, as follows:

Dear Sir and Bro:

At a special meeting of the above council, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

Whereas, we the trades and labor council, after thoroughly investigating the matter of the manufacture and sale of ice cream, or alleged ice cream, which we find is largely composed of a mixture of materials far removed from anything that may be called ice cream, and also, the enormous profits derived from the manufacture and sale of same, the high cost of the necessary articles of food which the wage earners of the Dominion must have.

We, therefore, present the following resolution for your earnest consideration.

"Resolved, that we ask the Government to restrict or prohibit the manufacture and sale of ice cream during the war, as an economic war measure, and thereby save to the people hundreds of thousands of dollars, which otherwise goes into the hands of a few food speculators and jobbers."

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to all central bodies, requesting that they frame a resolution to the same effect, and forward a copy to their representative in Parliament. Fraternally yours,

Secretary.

Mrs. J. F. Thompson, lady superintendent of No. 4 Nursing Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, addressed the members, stating that about $200 had been spent in buying supplies, medicines and bandages during the year; that it was hoped to organize and teach classes in first aid in the east end of the city, and that a downtown station had been opened for emergency cases at 404 Talbot street. In response to her appeal, $10 was granted to the nursing division.

Building Council Gets Charter.

Delegate Ingles announced that the charter for the new building trades council had arrived, and that the council was now an active organization. Four trades were included in the council, which expected to send delegates to the trades and labor council shortly. The bricklayers and the lathers had not yet joined the new council, but the organizers had not really got into touch with them.

The statement was made that the plumbers and painters were at present asking for increases, and it was felt that the building trades council would be of great assistance in such cases.

Two new labor organizations came in for mention, the union associations of the city firemen and the city policemen. Delegates from the former body were present at the meeting it was formally announced that the policemen had organized, and it is expected that there will prove a successful organization.

Delegates Wakeling, Ferguson and Hessel were chosen to represent the London Trades and Labor Council at the convention of the Labor Educational Association to be held in the Masonic Hall in this city on May 24.

SCHOOL REPORTS

S. S. NO. 2, LOBO.

Class IV. Junior.—Earle Lamont 77 (honors), Stuart Campbell 68, Clare Bond 61, Clarence Tuckey 63. (Below 40 in one subject).

Class III. Senior—Allan Campbell 82 (honors), Edith Tuckey 78 (honors), Wilfrid Lamont 69.

Class III. Junior.—Leaellen McBain 74, Ena Bond 66.

Class II. Junior—Milton Campbell 87 (honors), Mason Bond 83 (honors), Mildred Campbell 75 (ohonors), Gladys Tuckey 70, Percy Tuckey 58.

Class I.—Bessie Brown and Mabel McLachlan 70 (even), Kenneth Campbell 64.

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S. S. NO. 6, DELAWARE.

Junior IV., Honors—Florence Holdsworth 93, Glenn Nicholse 88, Arthur Kennedy 86, Jacques Smith 84, Charlie Dougall (absent for exams.)

Senior III., Honors—Agnes Reid 88, Kathleen McGugan 55.

Junior III., Honors—Evelyn Jones 93.

Senior II., Honors—Erle McGugan 84, Ermine McGugan 80, Blanche Baker 77, Norman McGugan (absent for exams.)

Junior II. Honors—Alfred Boughner 75, Arnie McDougall (absent for exams.)

I. Honors—Jim Nicholse 75.

Primer—Herman Kennedy 73.

Junior Primer—(a) Stewart McGugan, Thomas Hunt; (b) Gladys Nicholse, Wilfred Pearn; (c) Gladys Gordon, Mildred Prior, Johnnie Boughner.

Red Cross Work for April—Wound 8 skeins of yarn, hemmed 10 handkerchiefs, 3 pairs of trench towels.

ORANGES REMAIN CHEAP; ONE BRIGHT SPOT LEFT

Dealers Do Not Expect Fruit Will Join Soarers.

With the price of foodstuffs soaring heavenward, the harried housekeeper scans the sky and heaves a sigh of relief. Oranges cannot be seen floating along the milky way.

"How do you explain the phenomenon that orange prices have not been boosted like the rest of foodstuffs," asked a reporter today of a local wholesaler.

"Can't explain it at all," replied the dealer.

"How about other fruit?"

"Don't know. The fruit business, like every other business just now, has its queer aspects. We don't know what to expect next. I've given up worrying, for one."

"I hope there is no chance of the price going up," said the reporter, with visions of the morning orange being cut off.

"No, I don't think so. Prices have been lower than they have been for a number of years at this time. I am hoping that there will be no advance in price all summer. Bananas are not any too plentiful, but I expect that the price will drop about hot weather time.

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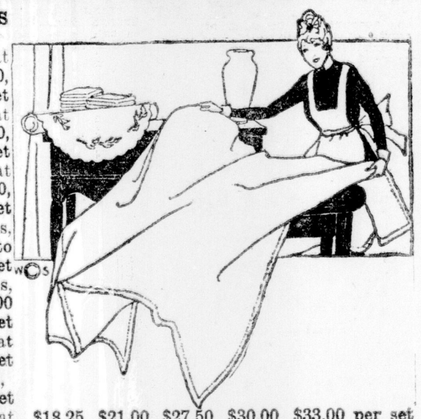

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Size Cloth 2¼x2¼ yards, one dozen napkins, at **$9.00, $9.50, $10.00, $14.00, $17.00 up to** ..... **$23.75 per set**
Size Cloth 2¼x2½ yards, one dozen napkins, at **$10.00, $13.50, $14.50, $17.50, $18.00, $19.00 up to** .....**$40.00 per set**
Size Cloth 2¼x3 yards, one dozen napkins, at **$13.50, $14.25, $19.50, $25.25 up to $31.00 per set**
Size Cloth 2½x2½ yards, one dozen napkins, at **$8.00, $12.50, $13.00, $18.25 up to $38.50 set**
Size Cloth 2½x3 yards, one dozen napkins, at..**$18.25, $21.00, $27.50, $30.00, $33.00 per set**
Size Cloth 2½x3½ yards, one dozen napkins, at.....**$19.50, $22.00, $33.00 per set**
Satin Damask Table Napkins, per dozen .....**$3.75, $4.25, $5.00, $5.50, $6.00 up to $22.50**
Satin Damask Cloths from, each .....**$2.50, $3.25, $4.25, $5.00 up to $11.00**
Satin Damask, two yards wide. Special, per yard .....**$1.35, $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00**
Old value Plain Satin Damask, two yards wide. At, per yard **$2 25**
These popular Round Scalloped Cloths are very reasonable:
72x72 inches, at, each ..... **$4.75, $6.00 and $7.25**
80x80 inches, at, each ..... **$6.00, $9.00 and $9.50**
Napkins to match, at, per dozen..... **$4.75, $5.50 and $8.75**

Besides the usual spot, stripe and floral designs, you will find in this collection all the new and popular plain centre effects, including willow pattern, chrysanthemum, sweet pea and octagon, orchid, iris, oak festoon, strawberry trellis, Louis XIV and XVI, sheraton, carnation, poppy, rose, lily of the valley, etc., too numerous to go into detail here.

Free Demonstration

Washington's Refined, Soluble Coffee

A free cup of this excellent coffee will be served to you at Demonstration Counter this week.

NO BOILING.

Demonstrator will explain the quick mode of preparation, made in the cup at the table.
Hot water for hot coffee.
Cold water for ice coffee.

MADE IN A JIFFY.

The second cup same as the first. Ask demonstrator.

New 1917 Buggies and Baby Carriers

The newest up-to-date models in daintiest designs, built on most stylish lines, with first consideration for baby's comfort; easy running, reversible gear, genuine reed Pullman sleepers and carriers, with artillery wood wheels; a most complete assortment of designs; a style for every purpose and convenience.

$19.50—Full-size Sleeper, genuine reed, upholstered in princess cloth, auto coach gear, rubber-tired wheels. Price **$19.50**

$23.50—Carriage, genuine reed, with art wood wheels, rubber tires, heavy reed roll on hood; extra fine carriage. At **$23.50**

$28.00—Three-Quarter Size Pullman Carriage, genuine reed, with reclining back, upholstered in best quality corduroy, reversible gear, rubber-tired nutless wheels with nickeled hub, caps; extra good line. At.....**$28.00**

$30.00—Genuine first quality, half round reed, adjustable back, lined with best quality corduroy, reversible gear, rubber-tired nutless wheels; extra fine. At.....**$30.00**

$35.00—Three-quarter size, in genuine first-quality round reed, artillery wood wheels, reed hood, sateen lined, reversible gear, rubber tires; a very fine carriage. At **$35.00**

Also a complete line of Baby Carriers, all rubber-tired, four wheels. Prices ranging from ....**$3.00, $3.25, $4.25, $4.75, $7.25 to $12.00**

Sulkies at .....**$5.95 and $7.25**

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Stuffed Egg Salad, Bread Rolls, Cup of Tea or Coffee 25c
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AFTERNOON TEA SPECIALS.
Tango Salad, Thin Bread and Butter, Cup of Tea or Coffee.. 25c
Oysters served in timble cases 20c

GRAND TRUNK IS USING WOMEN AS CAR CLEANERS

Found To Be More Efficient Than Men For Inside Work.

Following a custom that was adopted some years ago by the Pullman Car Company of employing women to clean the interiors of their coaches, the Grand Trunk has adopted a similar plan with respect to having women do this work on their dining and parlor cars.

Women cleaners have been doing this work for some months at Toronto and Montreal, but only during the past week has the innovation been introduced here, and in the smaller cities.

Women, the officials have found, can sweep and dust the interior and leave the cars in a better condition than men, and for this reason the company has decided to adopt the plan generally. Men will still be used for all exterior cleaning and the rough work.

RENT COLLECTORS SEE BENEFIT OF TEMPERANCE

Former Late Ones Now Pay Up When Money Due.

That the Ontario temperance act is tending to make payment of rents more prompt and regular by certain individuals who formerly invariably were late, is proven by the little difficulty collectors have experienced during the past eight months in securing the money. One collector, a county official stated today that he had had less trouble since prohibition than at any time in his experience. "Persons who used to spend money for liquor now use it to pay the rent and buy other family necessities," he said. "I can attribute the improvement in this respect to no other cause than the closing up of the bars. These people would spend some every day. Now they don't think of sending away for cases of whisky, but keep their money for better purposes."

SIXTY LONDON WOMEN COMMUNITY GARDENERS

The success of the "Greater Production" campaign of the Women's Gardening Association is demonstrated by the fact that some sixty women are already at work upon the community gardens of the association alone. About forty have secured individual or co-operative plots at "Belvidere," South London; 12 on the north end gardens; 8 or 10 at Ann street, and 4 on the Adelaide street grounds on the Cronyn property. Three or four soldiers' wives have taken over a plot of ground on William street. The majority of the gardens have been plowed, and in some cases planting is well under way.