TWO BOARDS TO WORK IN CITY ON ELIGIBLES

Second Local Medical Organization Announced in Orders.

SELECTIONS COMPLETED

With Few Exceptions, List Is That Appearing in Monday's Advertiser.

With the announcement of the complete composition of the medical boards which are to examine the men called up under the military service act at militia headquarters today, little now remains to be done before the mobilization centres start their work of examining the men of this district on September 25.

September 25 is the date that has been fixed by the military authorities for the mobilization centres to be ready to examine men, classify them as to fitness and grant certificates to those who are unfit for service, in order that they may present these to the exemption tribunals.

In the meantime, officers and non-commissioned officers to take charge of the mobilization centres, and work in conjunction with the medical men named, are to be appointed by headquarters, and when these have been chosen everything will be ready to undertake the work on September 25. A slate of officers to command the four new mobilization centres has already been sent to Ottawa for approval. Clerks, stenographers and typists are at present being sought in the ranks of the units at Carling Heights camp, and competent men will be obtained wherever possible. The names of fifteen experienced clerks were obtained Tuesday.

Preliminary Exams. Continue.

In the meantime, for the information of the men or their employers, men are being examined at the two mobilization centres at present in operation at London and Windsor, but this is simply for their own satisfaction, as no exemption certificates are being issued until September 25. The men are told whether they are fit or unfit, and they can then make their plans accordingly.

With the addition of a few names of doctors whose appointments had not then been confirmed, the boards are the same as announced in The Advertiser on Monday.

Two Boards Here.

An additional board has been appointed for this city, making two local boards for London. Local board No. 1 in this city will be composed of Major H. A. Kingsmill, president, and Capts. C. E. McMehan and J. A. McEwen, while local board No. 2 for London will consist of Capt. J. D. McDonald, president; Capt. F. H. Sutherland and Dr. J. Ferguson, a civilian practitioner.

At Guelph the board will be composed of Capt. G. N. Urie, president; Lieut. E. C. Barnes, and a civilian, Dr. W. V. Harcourt.

The Stratford board will consist of Lieut.-Col. J. P. Rankin, president; Capt. F. R. Forster, and Lieut. W. J. Gemmill.

Capt. N. Y. Amyot will be the president of the Harriston board, with two civilians, Drs. G. L. MacDougall and J. E. Charlesworth.

At Windsor, Major W. A. Burgess will be president, assisted by Major G. R. Cruikshank and Capt. A. E. Whitmore.

Lieut.-Col. A. N. Hayes has been chosen president at Sarnia, with Capt. A. R. McMillan, and Dr. W. Logie, a civilian physician.

To Pass On Others.

These local boards will simply pass those fit for a combatant unit; that is, Category A, and any other man examined will be turned over for the traveling medical board to decide his fitness and classification for service or rejection. The traveling board will be composed of Capt. T. J. McNally, president, and Capts. W. F. Gallow and A. E. McKenty, and they will be assisted by Major W. J. Brown, an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, in an advisory capacity.

GOOD START MADE ON SPORT PROGRAM OF LONDON ASYLUM

Events Being Run Off This Afternoon Well Contested.

The annual field day for the inmates of the Hospital for the Insane is being held this afternoon at the asylum grounds, with a large attendance of the citizens.

These games are always attractive and with perfect weather the attendance is very large.

Many new features will be introduced. Dr. W. J. Robinson and staff are looking after the comfort of visitors this year with their usual kindness, and this is helping to make the affair most successful.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

ONE DOUBLE AND SINGLE WHITE iron bed, one oak dresser, and one oak chiffonier, and carpets; very cheap. Apply 234 Hill street. 80c

LOCAL NEWS

—Articles written by medical officers on medical and surgical topics are taboo, unless permission is obtained from the military authorities, according to an announcement in camp orders today.

SHOOTING AT COVE.—About fifty men, members of the advanced classes of the 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment, at Carling Heights, marched to the Cove Ranges today, where they are completing their range practice.

SISTER OF REV. W. H. HARVEY—Miss Emily A. Harvey, sister of Rev. W. H. Harvey of St. Thomas, former pastor of the Askin Street Methodist Church here, died in Winnipeg while visiting her sister in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey have gone to Winnipeg to attend the funeral.

ONE LONELY DRUNK.—Magistrate Graydon's duties were light today, the name of but one lone drunk appearing on the police court blotter. He admitted that he was guilty and deposited $10 and costs into the open and willing palm of Police Court Clerk Moule for the privilege of enjoying a "souse" under the Ontario temperance act.

CHEAP FARES CONTINUED.—The cheap fares of the London and Lake Erie Railway and Transportation Company to Port Stanley and St. Thomas are still in operation. The summer schedule tariff of 25 cents return to either the Port or St. Thomas is still effective. The London and Port Stanley Railway rates were changed on Monday. The fares of this road are 65 cents return to St. Thomas, and 75 cents return to Port Stanley.

RUNAWAY HITS AUTO.—There was a mix-up in front of the Patricia Theatre about noon today, when a runaway horse collided with Manager William Stewart's automobile. No damage was done to either horse or machine. The animal was owned by a junk dealer, and took fright near the C. P. R. tracks, running from the north end to the theatre before it was stopped. It freed itself from the wagon north of Victoria Park.

PICNICKED AT SPRINGBANK.—The members of the staff of R. C. Struthers & Co. journeyed to Springbank Park on Tuesday afternoon in motor cars and enjoyed a picnic at the riverside. The feature of the afternoon's fun was a baseball game, in which the married men bested the single men to the tune of seven to four. The batting of Ed. Struthers and the pitching of Will Graham were the noteworthy points of the contest.

NEW DIRECTOR.—Mathews Halsdorff of Albany, N. Y., has arrived in the city to take charge of the physical directorship of the Y. M. C. A. He was for some time physical director at Troy and associate director at Albany, N. Y. He is a student of the Y. M. C. A. Silver Bay Training School for Physical Directors, and is an enthusiastic athlete and gymnast. Mr. Halsdorff will assume these duties in the local association immediately.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST—A mission study by Mrs. Barnard, a plea for systematic giving, made by Miss Yelland, and a Bible reading by Miss Gurd were special features of a program at the First Methodist Mission Circle last night. Sides for a membership contest were chosen, Mrs. H. B. Clement and Mrs. H. C. Screaton being elected captains. The contest will run until the October meeting, when the members hope that every fee will be paid and that a number of new members will have been added.

NEW NURSING CLASS.—No. 28 Lord Kitchener Nursing Division, St. John Ambulance Association, is organizing a home nursing class this evening in the division quarters in the Royal Bank building. Registration will take place at 7.30 o'clock, and the lecture will begin at 8 o'clock. Dr. Nelson George is to be lecturer and Miss Davis, demonstrator. Though only organized a few months, this nursing division is already represented overseas by two of its members, Miss Doris Sabine and Miss Norine Butler.

MADE 343 PAIRS IN HOLIDAYS.—Three hundred and forty-three pairs of socks represent the holiday work for the Red Cross of the young ladies of Class 27 of Dundas Centre Sunday School. The beginning of the summer the class was divided into two teams, and keen interest was taken by each side in making the larger showing. This week the members of the class met at the home of Mrs. V. Noble, Maitland street, when the fact was revealed that one side had far outdistanced the other. The championship winners turned in 266 pairs as the fruits of their summer's efforts in "gray knitting," and the losing side 137 pairs. These have been handed over to the Red Cross.

SHORT WEIGHT STILL GIVEN ON MARKET TO LONDON PURCHASERS

The practice of giving short weight produce at the market continues to be the source of much complaint among local housewives. James Dean, the weigh clerk, states that he weighed several bushels of potatoes and other produce during the last few days and found them to be short weighted in practically every instance.

Some days ago Mr. Dean weighed four and a-half of so-called "bushels" of potatoes and discovered that the vendor was 27 pounds short of the standard weight of such a quantity.

J. W. McCallum, city license inspector, stated today that he had no authority to compel the market vendors to sell their produce at the correct weight. He said that the city council had appointed the market clerk to look after the weights of all offerings.

FREIGHT BUSINESS OF L. AND P. S. FALLS OFF CONSIDERABLY

The Annual Report, However, Claims $26,000 Surplus.

RETURN UNDER 1 PER CENT

Profits Even Since Electrification 2.6 Per Cent, According to Figures.

The financial statement of the London & Port Stanley Railway for the year ending June 30, 1917, has been issued by the London Railway Commission, and a surplus of $26,581.48 is claimed for the road. This is an increase of $8,107.34 over the preceding year.

The gross earnings were as follows: Passenger, $153,311.94, increase $35,158.45; freight, $147,929.73, a decrease of $2,991.08; miscellaneous, $15,445.54, an increase of $3,479.52. The gross earnings total is $316,685.21, as compared with $281,058.32 last year, an increase of $35,626.89.

The operating expenses were $207,356.08, as compared with $186,059.46, an increase of $21,296.62, which means an advance of over 11 per cent.

The gross income last year was $94,998.86, and this year $109,329.13, an increase of $14,330.27.

The fixed charges were $82,747.65, as compared with $76,524.72, an increase of $6,222.93.

The dividend is 2.6 per cent on the amount invested in electrification, in round figures, and less than one per cent taking into consideration the total amount invested by the city in the London & Port Stanley Railway.

The drop in the freight earnings is quite a serious matter. The major portion of the profits come from this source of revenue, and if there should to fail off the commission will be in serious difficulties with the railway.

STREET LIGHTING RATES COMING UP FOR CONSIDERATION

Will Be Discussed by Special Committee This Afternoon.

The special committee of the city council some time ago to deal with street lighting rates will meet this afternoon to discuss matters. It is probable that E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the utilities commission, will be present.

This evening the court of revision will hold a sitting to hear complaints relative to the assessments in the annexed distric. Nothing special is looked for. On Friday afternoon the high cost of living and the committee on grants will get together.

The question of the adjustment of separate school assessments will be discussed on Tuesday afternoon next.

The board of control will meet on Friday morning.

$85,000 IN BONDS SOLD BY TREASURER IN FORTNIGHT'S TIME

Citizen-Investors Eager For London Debentures.

City Treasurer James S. Bell has disposed of $85,000 short-term city debentures to the citizens of London in two weeks. There is a heavy demand for these securities, and its probable that arrangements will be made for disposing of more debentures in this way.

"It's no trouble to dispose of them," said Mr. Bell.

KILLED BY SHELL AS HE EXPLAINED PLANS OF ATTACK

City Clerk Baker's Son Died With Subalterns.

City Clerk Baker has received word that his son, Major Horace Baker, was killed by the explosion of a shell at Lens. He and two subalterns were in a trench and he was explaining the plans for the attack on the following day. A shell fell directly in the midst of the three officers, killing them all instantly.

Major Bateman of the same battalion wrote the letter informing Mr. Baker of the occurrence.

MUNICIPALITIES ASKED TO ASSIST TRACTION LINE

Directors' Committee To Interview Those Through Which Road Passes.

READY TO SELL EN BLOC

Without Aid Equipment May Be Scrapped For Immediate Sale.

The cities of London and St. Thomas with the intervening municipalities have an opportunity now of saving the London & Lake Erie Traction Company's line or it will be scrapped within a short time.

At a meeting of the directors Tuesday afternoon it was decided to send a resolution to this effect to the municipalities interested at once. The city clerk has received his this afternoon.

The market is very favorable for scrapping the line. The directors have offers exceeding by a considerable amount the proposition made by Sir Adam Beck for the railway last spring.

Close Unless Aid Comes.

"We will give the municipalities interested an opportunity of retaining this railway," said a director today. "We think, and I believe the public also think, that the line is a great asset. We must have assistance if the Traction Company is going to continue in operation. We are now giving the municipalities a chance to accept or reject our offer. It would be a shame to lose the Traction Company, but we will close it up very shortly, unless the municipalities come to our aid. This is final."

The official copy of the resolution, etc., is as follows:

"Resolution unanimously passed at a meeting of the bondholders of The London & Lake Erie Railway & Transportation Company, held at the city of London, on the 18th day of September, 1917:

"That Messrs. George B. Woods, president, and John Purdom and Sidney Jones, directors, be a committee to negotiate with the cities of London and St. Thomas, and other municipalities interested, with a view to securing such financial or other assistance as will enable operations to be continued without further loss to the bondholders, and in order that no time may be lost in the event of such negotiations proving futile, that the same committee investigate and report as to the disposal of the road either en bloc or in parcels, so as to produce the largest return to the bondholders, it being the opinion of the meeting that the present time is particularly favorable for the marketing of steel, copper and other materials entering into the construction of the road.

"And that the committee report within two weeks from this date.

"And that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the municipalities interested."

Comes Up At Once.

The council will deal with the question in a short time. The communication will be discussed at the session of the board of control on Friday morning, and it is possible that a special meeting of the council will be held to take definite action.

Just what will be done is impossible to say at this time, but there seems to be quite a number of the aldermen in favor of keeping the railway in operation if at all possible.

Lieut.-Col. Seaborne Recovering From Attack of Typhoid

Commander of No. 10 Stationary Hospital in English Convalescent Home.

Word has been received in the city that Lieut.-Col. Edwin Seaborne, who went overseas in command of No. 10 (Western University) Stationary Hospital, is in a convalescent hospital in England recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Col. Seaborne contracted the disease about three weeks ago. The letter announces that he is now out of danger and that with care and rest his complete recovery is expected in a short time.

ARKONA'S MAYOR APPEALS TO CITY

Village Has No Coal Since April, Writes Dr. Huffman.

Dr. J. L. Huffman, Arkona, has written to Mayor H. A. Stevenson, asking for advice on the coal situation. He states that there is no coal at all in the village. One carload came last spring, and since that time no coal whatever has come. The situation is becoming serious and he asks for advice.

His worship will instruct him to appeal at once to Fuel Controller Magrath at Ottawa and place the facts before him.

CHARGE WITHDRAWN.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 19.—The charge against Rev. Wm. Baugh of contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile was withdrawn in the police court this morning.

LONDON MEMBER OF "FIGHTING 18TH" IS LENS MEDAL WINNER

Sergt. Gray Took Charge of Platoon After Officer Fell.

Sergt. William Kerr Gray, who was one of the twenty-eight men from Western Ontario Battalions to receive Military Medals for conspicuous bravery at the battle of Lens, is a Londoner. He came to this city from Scotland five years ago. Shortly after the outbreak of war he enlisted as a private with the famous 18th Battalion. Since that unit was sent to France he has served without a break and won his sergeant's stripes on the field. Four sisters live in London.

SERGT. GRAY.

The deed for which Sergt. Gray received the Military Medal is recorded in the press dispatches of September 11 as: "Sergt. Gray, upon reaching a German support line, encountered a hostile machine gun and its entire crew. His superior officer was wounded, and Gray took charge of the platoon. He reached the objective and consolidated the ground won."

LOCAL IMPORTERS SUFFER LITTLE NOW FROM SUB CAMPAIGN

Transatlantic Shipments Coming Through in Better Shape.

FORMER LOSSES HEAVIER

Prints, Toweling and Walnuts Lost During Past Few Months.

Although some shipments consigned to London have been lost recently through the activities of the Hun submarines, London importers on the whole have escaped quite fortunately and have suffered little this year from the work of the underseas boats operating against ships bound for America.

Among the London firms who have suffered losses in shipments are W. G. Coles, who informed The Advertiser that a shipment of walnuts consigned to him had been lost between Bordeaux and England. The firm had lost nothing between Canada and the old Country, however. A radical change in the present shipping routes is coming to pass, due to the submarine menace, according to Mr. Coles, who states that whereas cargoes were shipped to Liverpool and there transhipped and brought to New York, they are now brought to New York directly from the original port of shipment. In this way a saving in the insurance rates, as well as a lessening of the danger from the underwater craft is effected.

Another London importing firm affected is R. C. Struthers & Co., which lost a shipment of towelling and prints about a month ago, and about six months ago a shipment of linoleum worth about $1,000.

M. Masuret & Co. lost a consignment about six months ago, but since then have received all its shipments safely.

A number of local firms lost shipments on the Hesperian about two years ago, among them Smallman & Ingram, Limited, McMahen & Grainger, and Robinson, Little & Co., but they have suffered no losses lately.

A. M. Smith & Co., the Hobbs Hardware Company, J. Harley Brown, D. H. Howden & Co. and other London importers all reported that no losses had been incurred recently.

In practically every case where a loss occurred the shipment had been insured, and the loss was made good by the insurance company. During the first year and a half of war one local firm stated that it carried no insurance, but since then it has carried it, and it has proved to be a good investment. The rates are high, but it is necessary to have the protection, as few importers can afford to lose a whole shipment without any recompense.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DEATH OF ROBERT WALKER.

Robert Walker, aged 83, for many years one of the best-known farmers of Adelaide Township, died at his home, 897 Princess avenue, yesterday. He retired and came to London five years ago. Besides his wife, he leaves four sons and one daughter: George of London, James of Brigden, Robert of Saugatuck, Thomas of Strathroy, and Miss Elizabeth at home. The funeral will be held on Friday to Strathroy.

BURIED AT HAMILTON.

The remains of Mrs. J. H. Earwaker (formerly Sarah Plant) were laid at rest in Hamilton Cemetery on Saturday from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Frank Sivears, 4 Webber avenue. Rev. Wm. Cockery conducted the services. The pall-bearers were Gus Crowe, M. Clark, Lieut. Glazier, Irvin Glazier, C. Kaufman and Mr. Stewart.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Beaulah Hay, who died here on Monday, was held today from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. Youngs, 575 Colborne street. The services were conducted by Rev. A. C. Bingham. Grandsons acted as pallbearers.

The remains were forwarded to Ridgetown, where interment will take place.

OLD ADELAIDE RESIDENT.

Robert Walker, well known in Adelaide Township, where he resided until five years ago, died at his home, 897 Princess avenue, Tuesday afternoon, in his 83rd year. He had been a farmer the greater part of his life, and only ceased to take an active interest in it when he retired and moved to the city five years ago. He is survived by his wife and four sons.

The funeral will be held Friday morning from his late home here to the old homestead, lot 18, concession 1, Adelaide Township. Funeral services will be conducted there by Rev. Mr. Fraser, and interment will take place at Strathroy Cemetery.

SOLDIER'S CHILD DIES.

Albert Martin, 15-months-old son of Sidney H. Martin, who is with the Railway Construction Battalion in France, died at Victoria Hospital on Tuesday. The mother, Mrs. Mabel Martin, and three other children survive, in addition to the father.

The funeral was held today to Woodland Cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. H. T. Ferguson of the Centennial Methodist Church.

LIVED HERE EIGHTEEN YEARS.

Mrs. Sarah Eliza Burrows, wife of James Burrows, manager of the Western Real Estate Exchange, died at her home, 10 Teresa street, Tuesday night, in her 79th year. She had been ill for some time. Mrs. Burrows had been a resident of London eighteen years. Before coming here, she lived at Lambeth. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters and two sons. They are: Mrs. H. J. Baker, Lambeth; Mrs. A. T. Kelly, Denfield; Mrs. J. W. Hunt, Dorchester; Dr. F. J. Burrows, Seaforth; Eli E. Burrows, Lambeth.

The funeral, which will be private, will be on Thursday afternoon. The services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. H. S. Dougall, and interment will take place at Woodland Cemetery.

EMPLOYERS OF CITY PREPARE FOR SHORTAGE

Manufacturers Anticipate a Change When Military Service Enforced.

WILL CALL ON WOMEN

Exhaustion of Returned Soldiers Available Will Mean They Must Fill Breach.

Visiting stores and factories this week with a view to discovering what help is required, Miss Ethel MacRoberts, superintendent of the Women's Government Employment Bureau, has found employers anticipating a possible change in conditions when the Military Service Act is enforced. The majority at present have all the men they need but it is regarded as inevitable that a number will be taken. If this is the case, where places of men are not filled by returned soldiers, women will bes obliged to step into the breach.

The object of the superintendent of the women's bureau in visiting the factories, stores and other places where women are employed is in order to be in a position to quickly bring supply and demand together whenever an opening occurs.

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LABOR DEBATES

that the executive council, in their report, advised strong and unqualified opposition to the measure from every angle, but there was doubt as to whether this was being done or not. The matter might as well be handed over to the master class if the delegates were not going to oppose the Government on the bill. The Government has said that there was to be no conscription, and then, like Asquith, had later said there was no alternative. The main question was: "Is conscription right?" That was the point to be decided. Were the master classes to get the consent of labor or not? What was more diamable and odious to the people of a free British nation than the idea of this conscription?"

Should Obey Law.

Delegate Low said that although he was not in favor of conscription, the bill was now law, and to obey the law seemed to be the only logical course. In troubles in the labor world, this case always prevailed.

Delegates Francis: "Yes, yes, that may be all right. For five hundred years that has been the rule. Five hundred years too long. Things have been put over us in just that way by the law being made, some stool pigeon telling us to obey it, and, like suckers, we do. But not this time, let me assure you all."

No Use Kicking.

Delegate Burton of Hamilton said that, as a citizen and trade unionist, he felt it was in his bounden duty to obey the law and do everything possible to see that it was enforced. He didn't think there was any use kicking just now. The only remedy the workers had was to see that the right men were put in the right places. If the indifference of the workers had brought them something they didn't like it was no more than could be expected. According as they had sowed, they should reap, and conscription was one of the things they would reap as a result of their indifference. He contended that if the resources of the country were properly tapped there would be no need of conscription of any nature.

Delegate Hoop moved an amendment, that the question of general strike in relation to conscription be kept separate.

Delegate Bancroft of Toronto did not think it was a question of a separate action. The attitude of organized labor to conscription had been clearly enunciated at the Toronto convention. The question now was that conscription was on the statute books. What was the congress going to do about it?

President's View.

President Watters said the convention had before it the conscription of manpower alone, and it also had before it the questions of the means of opposing the enforcement of the conscription of manpower law and of putting into effect conscription of wealth. He thought it would be very difficult to make two distinct questions of it.

Delegate Knight of Edmonton seconded the amendment of Delegate Hoop.

President Watters said if he understood rightly the motive at the back of the amendment he would have to take it as a separate motion. The amendment to discuss conscription and the general strike separately were lost.

Must Conscript Wealth.

Delegate Sangster of Montreal said he was perfectly willing to carry out the law if it had been the law of the people, but the conscription law was aimed at a particular section of the people, the working class. He aroused applause by declaring that conscription of wealth was absolutely necessary to successfully carry out the conscription of manpower.

Naylor Wants Strike.

Delegate Naylor of Vancouver Island accused the officers of the congress of trying to elude the question. It should not be left to the executive. He pointed out the inconsistency of two clauses in a resolution, one favoring support to the Allied nations until an ultimate victory had been won, and the other voicing unalterable opposition to conscription. He was opposed to conscription of manpower and conscription of wealth. He was opposed to the principle of conscription and was willing to go to the extent of a general strike. The delegate went on to attack the War Time Franchise Act, but he was pulled up by President Watters, who stated that this question was fully dealt with in a separate report which would come before the congress later.

President Watters then declared the meeting adjourned. Following the adjournment it was suggested by one of the delegates that Sir Wilfrid Laurier be requested to address the convention. This proposal raised a storm of argument. A medley of "yeas" and "nays" followed. Finally Delegate Moore (Hamilton) raised the point, that as the adjournment had been declared, any business was now out of order. President Watters agreed, and declared the motion out of order.

President Watters explained that any opposition to the proposal of Sir Wilfrid Laurier speaking was not intended as personal, but merely that it was not the policy of organized labor to hear any political leaders.

Sir Robert Borden had been asked because he represented the party in power. No insult was intended to the leader of the Opposition.

There will be no afternoon session of the congress, the discussion and debates being the order for tomorrow at 9:45.

SOUTH LONDON CITIZENS WILL DISCUSS BYLAW

Meeting in Victoria School First in Coalyard Campaign

The first meeting called to discuss the coal bylaw is scheduled for this evening in the Victoria School in South London. Several members of the trades and labor council will be present to speak in favor of the bylaw.

There will be many other meetings in other portions of the city.

ODDFELLOWS' PARADE.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 19.—Oddfellows from all parts of the United States and Canada, who are here attending the 93rd session of the sovereign grand lodge of their order, sidetracked business today to take part in a patriotic parade with approximately 25,000 persons in the line of march.

A Woman's Fall Boot Smart and New

Somebody who is fashionable will want it at once.

It's one of the striking new Eight-Inch **Dark Brown** Calfskin Boots that will be so popular this fall.

Shown with wing or straight tip, and high **Cuban Heel**, happy compromise between the Louis and the low heel.

Priced at $9.00

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COUNCIL WANTS TO RUN A COAL YARD WITHOUT COAL SUPPLY

People Pestered With Special Election On Hopeless Proposition.

A NEW CHANCE TO SPEND

Hopeful Politicians Would Fight Big U. S. Combines With $25,000.

The anxiety of self-seeking politicians at the city hall to fall in line willy-nilly with any half-baked suggestion that would seem to carry with it a few votes, and the activities of a few ill-informed job-hunters, will within the next couple of weeks contribute another to the epidemic of elections that is falling to the lot of Londoners.

Playing upon the protests of the people against the increased cost of hard coal, the councillors have sent to a vote of the property-owners a bylaw to provide $25,000, with which to undertake no less a task than the uprooting of the coal and transportation barons of Pennsylvania and other hard coal yielding regions of the United States. The bylaw authorizes the council to borrow the money and to expend it in the establishment of a municipal coalyard, to be operated on a site that has already been hand-picked and bonded at a stiff price in the south end of the city. That the city has thus far found it absolutely impossible to locate any mine or company that will sell to a public coalyard, notwithstanding the fact that an agent was sent on a wild goose chase to procure a supply, does not seem to have entered into the considerations of the councillors.

Ratepayers Suspicious.

The average householder seems to have taken more pains to inform himself than the members of the city council, and as a result, difficulty is being encountered in arousing interest in the scheme, though the vote is now only three weeks off.

Londoners during the spring and early summer were given serious cause for concern by the fuel problem as it then presented itself. Canadians generally foresaw not alone high prices, but an actual famine looming, and as a result, a demand for official action resounded through the country. Labor organizations and citizens generally throughout Ontario, realizing the utter futility of attempting to attack the issue by any process of thumb-digging in the ribs of the American combines, called for governmental action. Meanwhile the people of the United States, beset by similar troubles, appealed to Washington for action. The result in the United States was the appointment of a food and fuel controller, who relentlessly wielding the big stick, has compelled the mine-owners to toe the scratch, and to respect the rights of the people.

People Now Protected.

Canada's appointment of Fuel Controller McGrath, with absolute authority to regulate conditions in every municipality throughout the Dominion, was the decisive action so urgently required. Mr. McGrath, working in close association with the American controller, and both having the hearty co-operation of Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Dominion Railways Commission, is already securing results.

No slackening in production is permitted, and Canada has the assurance of the American Government that a fair share of the coal output will come into this country. Controller McGrath, in an ultimatum to the coalmen during a session held in this city to investigate local conditions, declared that "the people look to me for protection, and I am going to give it to them."

"We will see to it," said he, "that fair play is the rule, and that business shall be done in a legitimate way."

But London's city councillors, who have proven their inability to run even those departments that are now intrusted to them, are preparing to launch out into the coal business if the people stand for it. They spent $150 on the traveling expenses of a gentleman who went for coal, and brought back none. But though the councillors know that the mines will not sell to a municipality, and that no power in Canada can remedy this, they are ready to have a coalyard anyway. The $25,000 which the bylaw authorizes them to borrow will buy a piece of real estate and machinery for handling coal. Where to get the coal to handle will have to take care of itself.

Another Good Scheme.

"Might as well start a shooting gallery in the Sahara desert," a Londoner who started out to aid in the establishment of the municipal yard declared. "If the city is going out to fight the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad, the Lehigh Valley Railroad and all the rest of it, it is going to be a swell proposition. But it will cost the people half a dozen twenty-five thousands before they get started."

It evidently remains for the people to go to the troublesome process of telling the councillors that the coalyard scheme is a hopeless evasion of responsibility. Meanwhile, the belief is generally expressed that the council would be in better business should it follow the less expensive and much more definite scheme of keeping in close connection with the fuel controller.—Advertisement.

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FINDS THAT CITY CAN ARRANGE FOR PURCHASE OF SITE

Ratepayers Who Protested Against O'Dell Site Change Views.

James Kilgour, who threatened to enter suit to prevent the council from purchasing the Odell property for a hospital site, has changed his mind, since he has been informed that the city is purchasing the property for militia purposes. In a letter to The Advertiser, he makes his position clear, as follows:

To the Editor of The Advertiser.

In reading over the matter in last night's issue of The Advertiser, regarding the purchase of the Odell property, I note I was wrong in what I said about the legality of the city taking over the land for hospital purposes.

I was under the impression that the law was the same as is the case of the city purchasing land outside of the city for a factory, until some of my friends informed me that it was quite legal for the council to spend the city funds outside of the city if for patriotic purposes and buy land to erect a hospital on, while in the case of a factory it would not be so.

What I was counting on was to have the hospital built in the city, then after the war was over, and the hospital not being longer used, would be a far more valuable asset for the city than if away a long distance in the country and far from the city.

I am and always have been in favor of building a hospital or clubhouse for our returned soldiers as, in my opinion, we cannot do too much for these men.

I regret what was said in the paper last night on account of being later informed as to the legal part of the transaction.

JAMES KILGOUR.

London, Sept. 18, 1917.

CLUB'S FIRST MEETING

Tecumseh School Mothers' Club Reopens Sessions for Year.

The first meeting this season of the Tecumseh Mothers' Club opened yesterday, with Mrs. Lowes, the new president, in the chair. Mrs. Hughes, past president of the club, gave an interesting address on the food question and urged the conservation of food and elimination of waste.

A program arranged by the members was carried through, Mrs. Boyne rendering a solo, Mrs. Beadle a solo, and Mr. Woodbine and Mr. Heath piano solos. The remainder of the evening was spent in social enjoyment and refreshments were served to a large number.

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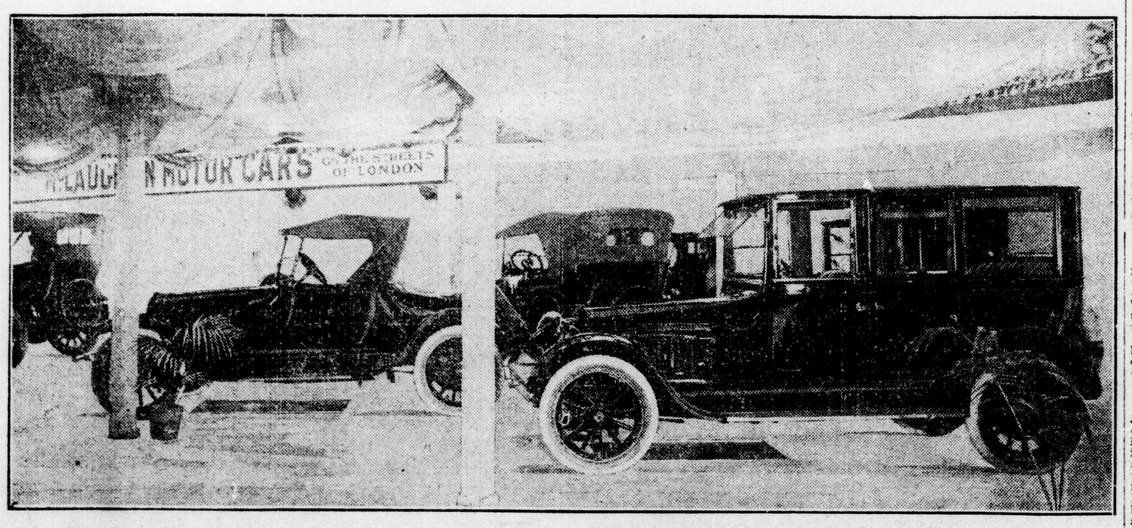

One of the finest exhibits of automobiles shown at the Western Fair was that of the McLaughlin Motor Car Company in the Transportation building. The beautiful cars attracted considerable attention from owners of cars and prospective purchasers. Mr. Walter Gunn, manager of the London branch, reports excellent business at the Fair, both in actual sales and prospects.