

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Senate has given two surprises to the people of Canada. The members did not kill the measure for the purchase of the Grand Trunk Railway, neither did they throw out the Dominion prohibition bills which will make the provinces bone-dry. Senate stock is looking up.

If you have any doubt that you are living in one of the choicest sections of Ontario, take a walk or a drive out in the country one of these fine fall mornings, breathe the pure, clear air, enjoy the beautiful view which even now meets the eye on every hand, and be glad that you're alive.

As was generally expected the House of Commons, by a large majority has decided that Canada is unable to meet the demands made for increased general gratuities for returned soldiers. An outcome of the demand will be, and very properly so, that those who are incapacitated from following their former occupations, and the dependants of those who paid the supreme sacrifice will be better looked after.

Premier E. C. Drury has announced that not in a single instance has he been approached by a U. F. O. member for a cabinet position. This is unprecedented state of affairs, and must be a great revelation to both the old political parties. It is quite evident that the Premier is to have a free-hand in selecting his own Cabinet members, which speaks well for himself and his followers. It was expected that the full Cabinet would be announced to-day.

Aylmer's natural gas troubles were aired before Mr. Askins, a Government Gas Commissioner, here, on Monday. Evidence for both the town and the Company was heard, and the Commissioner's findings will be given at a later date. The contention of the Express that the several gas companies having wells in this district are composed of practically the same people, was sustained, and the Commissioner gave it as his opinion that they should amalgamate. In justice to Aylmer consumers the gas from all these wells should be supplied them. All our people want is a square deal. They do not want the company to operate without a reasonable profit, but they do insist that the company give them the best service possible, which we believe has not been the case in the past.

On Tuesday morning, at eleven o'clock, absolute silence lasting for two minutes was observed in Aylmer, as it doubtless was throughout the British possessions. It was Armistice Day, and the brief cessation from all activity was at the request of His Majesty, the King. Just one year ago on that day and at the same hour, the German representatives accepted the terms offered by General Foch, millions of men laid down their arms, the roar of the big guns ceased, and the awful carnage was over. Great was the rejoicing throughout the possessions of the allies for the end meant victory for them. It was most fitting that the two minutes were spent in silence on Tuesday, as all thoughts naturally turned to the gallant fellows who gave their all for home and country and now sleep in Flanders field. There is not a village or hamlet but there are not those who mourn the loss of a loved one who made the supreme sacrifice. Their splendid deeds will always live, and Armistice Day should be annually observed by at least a few moments of silent reflection. Notwithstanding the fact that a year has passed since the titanic struggle ceased, the entire world remains in a turmoil. Capital and labor are finding it most difficult to readjust their pre-war relations amicably. The profiteers who preyed upon the public throughout the war are still continuing their nefarious work so far as opportunity permits them to do so. The Bolshevik elements still keep up their efforts to set class against class, and the great spirit of the brotherhood of man is but visionary.

During the war, many of us formed the very good habit of saving for patriotic reasons, and it is unfortunate that we fail to see that we should continue to save for patriotic reasons. As soon as the Armistice was signed the majority of our countrymen entered into a wild delirium by spending their money as fast or faster than they earned it. As a result we are becoming a spendthrift nation, and history gives us plenty of examples of the end of such nations—Greece and Rome for instance. This is not an advertisement for the Victory Loan, but at the same time the advice to save in this way is mighty sound and we should all follow it. The sale of bonds ceases on Saturday. If you have not yet bought at least a small bond, don't let the opportunity pass. Saving is merely a matter of forming a habit, and it is the most profitable habit you can form. Of course, money is the commodity we are most anxious to save, but in order to do this we must be careful of our living expenses. We can all spend less than we are spending. If we did not have the period of the war to look back on we might think this was an impossibility, yet see how many things we went without

then, and without any particular privation. It is simply the will to save that most of us lack and it is the thing we must cultivate if we wish to become successful. A spendthrift is never well thought of by any one but those who receive the benefits of his spending, and his popularity gives out with his money.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. Harper and daughter, Florence, of Talbot street, east, left on Monday for Detroit.

Mrs. Harold Mitts sang a very pleasing solo, "Rock of Ages," on Sunday evening, at Knox church.

Mrs. James Crane has returned to her home in New York, after a short visit here.

Mrs. Vanatter who has been very ill at the Amasa Wood Hospital, in St. Thomas, has recovered nearly enough to come home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Cole, of Woodstock, spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wrong.

Miss Mabel Pound has returned from visiting her friend, Miss Elsie McDermid, in London, who took the leading role in a Japanese operetta which was given there on Thursday.

Rev. W. K. Hager, Chas. Emmett, C. Blake, D. J. Teeple, Albert Gillett, attended the District Meeting in St. Thomas yesterday, as delegates from St. Paul's Methodist church.

Don't fail to hear Mr. John Laughton, of the London Chamber of Commerce, at the Town Hall next Monday evening at 8 o'clock on "The Value of Commerce to a Community." If you are interested in Aylmer's welfare, be present. No admission will be charged, and every citizen, lady or gentleman is urged to be there.

In Copenhagen Methodist church, there will be a meeting on Sunday morning in the interests of the Methodist National Campaign, which it is hoped will be addressed by your layman. In Mt. Salem there will also be a union meeting in connection with the campaign movement and organization.

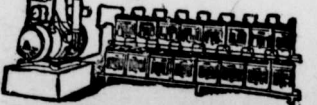
A campaign for the Aylmer Chamber of Commerce will be held all next week, beginning on Monday, Nov. 17th. Four teams were appointed at the meeting last Friday evening and the town will be thoroughly canvassed. Become a member and be a booster for Aylmer. The membership fee is very small and it is expected a large membership will be secured. Mr. H. E. Armstrong is the president and Mr. J. P. Coyle, Secretary.

There was a good attendance at the second meeting of the Aylmer Chamber of Commerce last Friday evening, and a lot of important business was transacted. The objects of this organization, which is composed of Aylmer business men, professional men, manufacturers and all others interested, is to make Aylmer grow and to lend their moral support to the town council in their splendid work for the citizens. In other words it will be a Booster Club, to make Aylmer grow. The Chamber of Commerce will endeavor to interest prospective manufacturing concerns in our town and surrounding country and already several new industries are in prospect, one of them being a much larger concern than any at present located here, which would employ several hundred hands. The Chamber of Commerce went on record Friday night as not favoring the proposed Memorial Hospital to be built by county funds but rather advocated two smaller hospitals, one to be built in Aylmer and the other in West Elgin. There were a large number of important matters which were brought before the meeting, such as the present system of red tape in connection with Hydro wiring. If a citizen wishes to instal even a single light it is necessary at present to pay the expenses of the inspector to come down from London and inspect the work before the light may be used. There is no doubt but that the Chamber of Commerce can help to save every citizen money in many ways and this is the intention of the organization. Already a large number of citizens are becoming members and it was decided to make a membership drive next week beginning Monday, November 17th. On Monday evening Mr. John Laughton, of the London Chamber of Commerce will address a public meeting in the Town Hall on "The Value of a Chamber of Commerce to a Community," and every person interested in the advancement of Aylmer is urged to hear him. Ladies are invited. Be a booster and when you are called upon as you will be, do not hesitate to join this live institution. They are affiliated with the Western Ontario Boards of Trade, and three Aylmer delegates will attend the annual convention on December 11th and 12th.

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Miss D. Currie, of Wilton Grove, spent Sunday with Miss M. Legg.

Mrs. J. B. Hambidge has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Rogers, in Ingersoll.

Alfred Ingram, of Huron College, spent the week-end with his parents here.

Mrs. Frank Caven entertained a number of lady friends at cards on Saturday evening last.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Snider and Mr. and Mrs. M. Snider spent Sunday in London.

Mrs. White was severely shaken up when her car turned up in the ditch at Rogers Corners on Sunday evening. None of the rest of the occupants were injured at all.

Married at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. C. Dunlop, on Friday, November 7th, Wm. Leslie Hart, of St. Thomas, and Miss Annie Nichol Nesbitt, of Malahide.

When every one is buying Victory Bonds, good judgement to follow the crowd. Majority of Aylmer investing. Why don't you invest in the safest securities in Canada at 51 per cent. Warnock.

At the request of Mayor Wright, all places of business in Aylmer ceased work for two minutes at eleven o'clock Tuesday morning to celebrate the signing of the armistice which was signed one year ago, and put an end to the great war.

Join the Chamber of Commerce and make Aylmer grow. Many neighboring towns and cities are securing new industries which are desirous of locating in Ontario and Aylmer should secure her share of them. You can help to secure them by becoming a member.

Now that the war is over many American manufacturers are going to locate Canadian branches and Aylmer wants to secure her share of these splendid industries. A Chamber of Commerce has been organized which will get in touch with these concerns and endeavor to secure them. Any live organization must have the support of the people and next week a membership campaign will be held. Come to the public meeting Monday evening and learn of the value of such a body.

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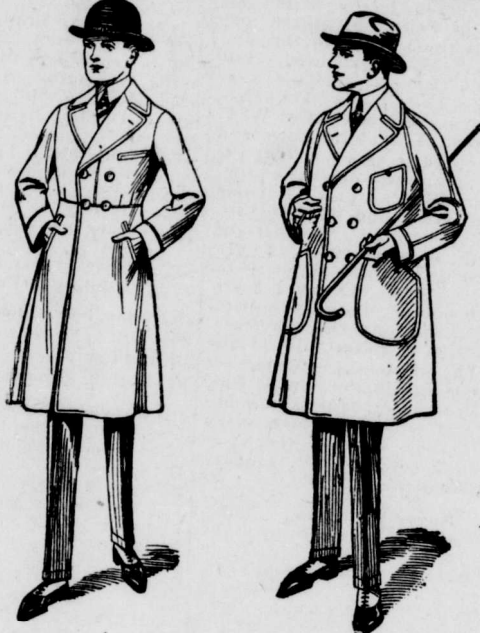
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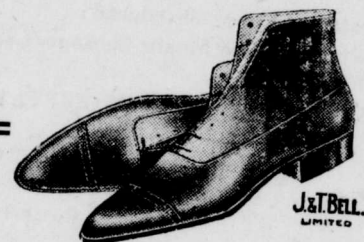
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