BUILDING INSPECTOR SAYS CONSTRUCTION HAS HELD UP IN 1917

Report Says London's Record Most Favorable.

BIG OUTSIDE CONTRACTS

$170,000 Spent at Byron Not Figured in Local Reports, Though City Benefited.

Building statistics for the past twelve months ending December 31, 1917, compiled by Building Inspector A. M. Piper, show that during the year 843 permits have been issued, amounting to $837,890.

"Although this total is slightly in decrease of the amount for 1916. Yet, according to building statistics as given by other cities throughout Ontario for the past year, it shows that London has had her share, and more than held her own among other cities of the same population," says the inspector.

"A noticeable feature in the building trades here during the past year has been that work was always plentiful, also there was at no time during the year any mechanics or other workmen employed by the building trades, but what have had continuous employment. This prosperous condition was partly caused by the expenditure at Springbank of $170,000 for the new sanatorium buildings, all work on which was done entirely by local builders, but as Springbank is just outside the city limits, therefore these buildings or the cost of same could not be included in this report."

Permits have been issued during the year for the various classes of buildings:

	Permits.	
Factories and warehouses	3	$118,200
Factories and warehouses (additions)	11	71,100
Hospitals	4	49,460
Hospitals (additions)	1	10,000
Office buildings	1	95,000
Office buildings (additions)	3	10,690
Public buildings (theatres and hotels)	3	8,700
Stores (additions and improvements)	10	11,275
Public garages	4	17,100
Private garages	143	23,830
Stables	3	3,600
Dwellings	122	232,535
Militia department (Carling Heights)	10	27,800
Militia department (Fair Grounds)	1	20,000
Western Fair Board	1	10,000
General	6	26,500
Foundations, small additions, repairs, alterations, etc.	517	96,700
Totals	843	$837,890

PRINCIPAL BUILDINGS ERECTED DURING THE YEAR.

Factories and Warehouses.	
Hunt Bros., Limited	$90,000
Beattie Bros., Limited	27,000
Vallens & Co (warehouse)	1,200
Battle Creek Toasted Corn Flake Company	26,000
E. Leonard & Sons (additions)	13,500
Gorman & Eckert (addition)	12,500
Middlesex Mills Co. (additions)	11,000
Richards-Wilcox Co. Ltd. (addition)	3,000
J. A. Cole (addition)	2,600
London Soap Co. (addition)	1,000
Empire Brass Co. (addition)	800
Hospitals.	
Salvation Army Victoria Hospital (militia annex)	$34,000
Victoria Hospital (militia annex)	6,800
Military Hospital (Carling Heights)	3,660
Hospital for Insane (Government)	5,000
Office Buildings	10,000
Public Utilities Commission	$95,000
City Hall (addition)	3,690
Silverwoods, Limited (addition)	3,500
Huron & Erie Savings Co. (addition)	3,500
Public Buildings.	
Patricia Theatre (remodeled)	$3,200
City Hotel (addition)	4,000
Church	1,500
Stores.	
F. G. Mitchell (remodel)	$2,900
Robert Hueston (remodel)	2,800
John Garvey (new front)	1,600
P. Tamlin (addition)	850
Pearson & Wilcox (addition)	800
Public Garages.	
C. Moore, (Clarence St.)	$6,000
W. Slater (Dundas street)	5,200
Geo. Freeman (Dundas St.)	3,000
Thos. Tapp (Pall Mall St.)	2,900
Stables.	
Silverwoods, Limited	$6,200
McClary Manufacturing Company	1,200
Dwellings.	
W. R. McKewan	$8,500
James Orme	6,000
Fred Henderson	5,600
Askin Street Methodist parsonage	5,000
C. J. Leach	4,600
Robert Garner	4,600
J. Rutherbough	4,400
P. Grey	3,700
George Burdick	3,500
W. G. Adams	3,400
Militia Department.	
Sleeping quarters, Carling Heights	5,000
Storage buildings, Carling Heights	1,500
Garages, Carling Heights	2,800
Officers' quarters and stables, Carling Heights	10,000
Remodelling and new buildings at fair grounds	10,000
General.	
Western Fair board	10,000
Canadian Pacific Ry. station	10,000
Utilities commission, sub-station	2,200
London and Port Stanley Ry.	1,500
Incinerator, City of London	2,000
Market buildings, City of London	1,200

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DEATH OF MRS. MACKINTOSH.

Mrs. Catherine Mackintosh, aged 67, wife of Alex. Mackintosh, died at her home, 956 Richmond street, yesterday. Besides her husband she leaves one daughter, Nursing Sister Margaret Mackintosh, who is now in France with No. 2 Canadian General Hospital. The funeral will be held on Thursday to Hyde Park Cemetery.

WEDDING BELLS

WONNACOTT—TALBOT.

The wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Thomas Wonnacott, concession 8, London Township, last night of her daughter, Miss Lillian M. Wonnacott and William E. Talbot of the 6th concession, London Township. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Harry Ashby, rector of the Emmanuel Church in London Township. The wedding march was played by Miss Freda Haywood and the bride, who was charmingly attired in a gown of white silk, was given away by her brother Clifford. Mr. and Mrs. Talbot will reside in London Township.

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LOCAL NEWS

JOINS FLYING CORPS.—Jack Stewart, formerly of the Pere Marquette offices here, and later with the road at Sarnia, has joined the Royal Flying Corps. He left for Toronto today. Cadet Stewart is well known in this city.

LICENSES ABOUT JANUARY 15.—Arthur Keene, official distributor of Ontario motor licenses for this city and district has announced that the 1918 licenses for autos will be ready about January 15.

McMASTER-PRUDHAM.—The marriage of James McMaster of Ekfrid Township to Mrs. Mary Prudham of Battle Creek, Michigan, was quietly solemnized at St. Andrew's manse, Rev. D. C. MacGregor officiating, on December 27. The couple were unattended. Mr. and Mrs. McMaster will reside in Ekfrid Township.

WEATHER STATISTICS.—The weather statistics for December show that during the month 25¼ inches of snow fell, and .005 inches of rain. The highest temperature was 41, on December 24, and the lowest, 11 below zero, on December 30. In December a year ago, 21.5 inches of snow fell and .068 inches of rain. The highest temperature was 58, on December 8, and the lowest, 4 below, on December 15.

NEW YEAR SERVICES.—New Year services were not held in the Anglican churches, with the exception of St. Paul's Cathedral, in which the service of holy communion was celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Low mass at 9 o'clock, and the benediction of the sacrament, was held in all the Roman Catholic churches throughout the city. At all these services collections were taken by the Sisters of St. Joseph, the receipts to be devoted to the orphanage and aged peoples' institution.

STUDYING ADVANCED METHODS.—Miss Laura A. Quarry of this city has gone to Washington, D. C., at the invitation of Mrs. Fairchild, daughter of Dr. A. G. Bell, to observe the advanced work in the Montessori Schools. Miss Quarry was formerly of this city, and has now a Montessori School at the Conservatory of Music, Brantford. The children have advanced so rapidly under the Montessori method that it is necessary to add the advanced Montessori material for children from six to ten years of age.

CHIEF WILLIAMS TO LEAVE FORCE HERE DURING THIS YEAR

Will Go to West, Declares a Close Friend.

WAS READY LAST YEAR

This Is First Time in 1918 This Story Has Been Sprung, But Is Branded Authentic.

It is stated on the best of authority that Chief of Police W. T. J. Williams will retire from office during 1918.

A close friend of his informed The Advertiser today that the chief had fully intended retiring last October on the completion of his 40 years as head of the department. However, in view of the charges made against him, he thought it his duty to fight them. Not a hint of the truthfulness of the complaints was shown, and as he has been vindicated he will adhere to his original desire, and retire to private life.

As soon as he disposes of his property in London, he will quit the force on a pension. He has secured a place near Seattle, where his son resides and will make his home there.

It is expected that Detective Sergeant Nickle will succeed him. The resignation of the chief is expected at no distant date.

CHANCE GIVEN TO CLASS 1 OFFICERS TO RETAIN RANK

Will Be Needed Because of Present Shortage.

Officers of the active militia in class one under the military service act have, if they are qualified, two alternatives open to them, either to go into the rank and file or to serve with their rank. The announcement of this ruling, made at headquarters today, was apparently due to the fact that qualified officers are becoming a rather scarce commodity on the military market, since of late there have been no courses held in which officers could qualify.

Officers in class one who have only provisional appointments, that is, who have not taken the necessary courses to quality, have no alternative but to go into the ranks. They have no military knowledge that can be utilized by the authorities, and therefore must serve in the ranks with the rest.

Those officers who are qualified may go in the ranks if they wish, or they may signify their desire to serve with their rank. If they go into the ranks they may be called upon later to undertake the duties of non-commissioned officer or possibly of officers, if their services are needed. In fact they may be called upon to serve in any capacity in which they are needed.

If they wish to serve with their rank, they will be given a conditional leave of absence until their services as a commissioned officer are required, when they will be notified to report. In view of the scarcity of qualified officers, it is expected that they will be needed in the near future.

LONG SERVICE MEDAL AWARDED M. C. WINNER

Sergt.-Major White (W. O.) of R. C. R., Wins Decoration.

After more than eighteen years' faithful service, Sergt.-Major William J. White (W. O.), M. C., of this city, has been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal of the Permanent Force.

Sergt.-Major White, who is at present a member of the staff of the District School of Instruction at the Armories, is a member of the Royal Canadian Regiment, and went overseas as battalion sergeant-major of the famous 18th Battalion. He returned to Canada about eight months ago, after having been awarded the Military Cross for gallant work in France.

FORMER 70TH OFFICER GETS MILITARY CROSS

Watford Soldier Who Trained Here Wins Decorations.

Capt. Ernest Laurence, who trained in London at Wolseley Barracks, and was for a time attached to the 70th Battalion, later being transferred to the 74th Battalion, has been awarded the military cross for gallant conduct on the field of battle. He has been on the firing line for nearly two years, being wounded three times, first on September 21st, 1916, then September 21st, 1917, and in November, 1017. He is at present recuperating in a hospital in England.

Capt. Laurence came originally from Watford, and is well known in this city.

WILL KEEP THE DRAFTED MEN IN TRAINING HERE ONLY A SHORT TIME IS NEW PLAN

Preliminaries Will Be Speeded Up to Get New Army Ready for Overseas—Escorts and Conductors Provided to Meet All Trains Reaching London.

The men who report for duty with the 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment, tomorrow and the following days will, if it is possible to equip and prepare them in such short time, leave here within a fortnight. This is the time at present kept in mind by the military authorities, and though it may not be possible to get the men ready by then, it is hoped that it can be done.

The minimum of delay and the maximum of speed will be the two aims towards which the military men will strive when the men come in for duty, and at the conference held at district headquarters on Saturday, ways and means of cutting down the amount of time usually needed for the handling of men were discussed, and will be put into practice in the next few days.

Seventeen different documents must be filled out for each man before he can proceed overseas, and in addition about 60 nominal rolls of the names and particulars of the men are needed before a draft can depart. Medical and dental examinations must be carried out, vaccinations and three inoculations must be made, with certain intervals between each. A chart of each man's mouth must be made by the officers of the Army Dental Corps, and if treatment is necessary it must at least be prescribed if not given at once.

Ready in Week.

As an illustration of the dispatch with which the men will be handled, it is hoped that the men who arrive on Thursday of this week will be ready for their trip overseas on Wednesday of netx week. Those that arrive on Thursday will be ready the following Thursday, and by January 15, it is hoped that the last ones to arrive will have been equipped and prepared to begin the journey.

Clerks and stenographers are being requisitioned from all the units in the city, and qualified stenographers are being sought far and near in an effort to provide sufficient clerks to take care of the work that will result on Thursday, when the drafted men arrive, a large staff of men is also being provided for the collecting depot at the armories for the purpose of acting as escorts, meeting trains, and directing the men who arrive to the armories.

No More Names Given Out.

Instructions received today from Ottawa inform the district headquarters officers that they are not allowed to give out any information regarding how many men arrive in response to the draft notices or as to where they are being mobilized.

The men while they are in Canada and also after they have left Canada will be in charge of men who have had overseas experience and who will therefore direct their training according to the most improved methods in use overseas.

It is expected that once the men not exempted are in uniform more definite efforts will be made to round up the men who have failed to comply with the law by reporting for service.

Arrangements for meeting the men who will be arriving in London daily to report for service have been completed. An N. C. O. and a detail of men will meet every train coming into London and will escort the drafted men to the armories.

These N. C. O.'s and men will wear blue bands on their hats. Men coming to the city are instructed to look for these, and if unable to discover a man who wears one to make their way to the red and blue sign "Men ordered for military service report here," and wait there until an escort appears. One of these signs will be placed on the reporting depot at every railroad station, so there will be no necessity for drafted men making their own way about the city.

Under present arrangements, G. T. R. Detail No. 1 will be on duty from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. One non-commissioned officer and three men will be at the station the whole of that time; one N. C. O. and three men will act as conductors from the station to the Armories. Two men will be detailed to the London and Port Stanley and the London and Lake Erie stations.

G. T. R. Detail No. 2 will be on duty from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Two non-coms. and eight men will be at the station during the whole of that time, and one N. C. O. and three men will act as conductors. Two men will be at the L. and P. S. R., and the L. and L. E. Men arriving on the 8:25 and 8:53 trains will be conducted to the 1st Depot Battalion quarters instead of to the armories. G. T. R. Detail No. 3 will be on duty from 10 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Two N. C. O's and three men will remain at the station, and one N. C. O. and three men will act as escorts. Two men will be at the L. and P. S. R. and the L. and L. E. R.

Two details will meet the men coming to the city on C. P. R. trains. Details No. 1 will be on duty from 10:30 to 8:20, and will consist of one N. C. O. and two men. Detail No. 2 will be on duty from 9:45 p.m. to 5:30 a.m., and will consist of two N. C. O.'s, and two men. One non-com. and one man will remain at the station and the remainder of the detail will act as escorts.

FIRE LOSS OF YEAR EXCEPTIONALLY LOW, DAMAGE WAS $66,604

Department Statistics Show Response to 202 Alarms.

TRAVELED 1,421 1-2 MILES

47,000 Feet of Water Hose Laid by City Firemen in 1917.

ment responded to 202 alarms. Of these, 165 were for fires, 11 were chimney fires, and 20 false alarms. There were two emergency calls for outside places, Strathroy and Ingersoll, and there were 4 drownings to which the firemen went.

The department travelled 1,421½ miles, according to the figures of Fire Chief John Aitken. The men used 46,900 feet of water line, with 90 streams. There were 1,070 gallons of chemicals consumed, and 5,000 feet of chemical hose used. The firemen used 1,777 feet of ladder.

The fire loss was exceptionally low. The estimate was $66,604.50. The value of the buildings where fires took place is placed at $3,943,881, and the insurance on buildings and contents, $1,683,795.

The most serious fires were those at the London Hospital for the Insane, Cairncross & Lawrence's drug store and the Greene-Swift factory.

CLOSER CHECK WILL BE KEPT ON ALL ELIGIBLES

Young men desirous of crossing the United States border will shortly be required to furnish a passport to American immigration officers, upon which is a serial number which gives officials a record of every paper issued.

The local immigration inspector, Mr. John Riggs, has received word that these papers will be furnished within a month. He says the object is to keep a closer tab on all eligible young men desirous of visiting the United States.

Formerly Canadians who wished to make a hasty exit to Detroit or Port Huron, leaving no traces behind, in many cases succeeded in eluding the immigration inspectors, and so escaped the first draft. The new passport will make the chances of escaping military service slim.

Large numbers of local young men are daily being provided with passports. It is certain that a number go to escape military service but 99 per cent of them are believed to be for bona-fide business trips. It is said that not a few of the anxious to escape the draft have picked out Alaska and Newfoundland as places of refuge. Physically unfit trying to reach the Southern States to regain their health have had troubles. Inspector Riggs reports that two such ca ses within the past month. Two young men, suffering from consumption were detained at the border for some time while fast depreciating in health. Ultimately they had to produce a large sum of money as guarantee of their ability to support themselves before the American immigration officers allowed them entrance.

Clemenceau Is Confident; King George Salutes

PARIS, Jan. 1.—Premier Clemenceau has given this new year message to the Petit Journal:

"Why have I confidence? Because I know our pollus; because I know their chiefs, clear-sighted and resolute; because I know our steadfast allies; because I see the Americans at work; because our enemies now put all their hopes of peace in the action of the Russian Maximalists.

"A few more strong efforts; the road is straight. I sight the goal."

King George's Tribute.

King George and President Poincaire exchanged New Year's greetings by telegrams, in which His Majesty paid a tribute to France's magnificent courage and assured the president of his unshakeable confidence in a victorious end to the great struggle.

President Poincaire replied, stating that the longer the war lasted, the firmer was his confidence in the final success of the Allied arms.

FUEL SUBSTITUTES BEING BURNED NOW WITH ZERO WEATHER

Wood, Soft Coal and Oil Replaces Hard Coal.

COURT HOUSE HAS NONE

Cord Wood Emergency Ration May Be Fed to Furnaces There.

With a temperature that has ranged from 2 below zero to 2 above zero since midnight last night up until noon today, this city is again in the throes of a fuel famine with slight prospects of immediate relief unless the weather moderates.

Although an average of six carloads of coal are arriving in the city daily, this amount does not begin to supply the demand during the extreme cold weather, and as a consequence many citizens are burning soft coal and wood, or using oil heaters.

Seven carloads of coal arrived over Grand Trunk lines this morning. The coal is immediately unloaded into wagons and delivered direct to customers, none of it reaching the dealers' sheds.

The last pound of coal at the courthouse was put in the furnaces at noon today, and unless a supply is delivered this afternoon, wood will be used. In order to be prepared for just such an emergency, several loads of wood were delivered at the court house last week.

Although there have been no instances of actual suffering reported today, the situation is so acute that unless relief either in the form of milder weather or more fuel comes shortly, the coal shortage will result, many citizens believe, in producing much more serious conditions than have prevailed up to the present time.

EVANGELIST PROPOUNDS STARTLING QUESTIONS

Rev. Mr. Johnston Preaches at Askin Street Church.

"If Jesus Came to London," was the subject of a striking sermon at Askin Street Methodist Church last night by Evangelist Johnston. This worker might be termed a vest pocket edition of Billy Sunday. He does not ape the ball player preacher, but he gives evidence of that same energy and forcefulness. As with Sunday daring saying are not absent. This is evidenced by some of the "shrapnel" he fired at his audience last night, mostly in the form of questions. Some of them were:

"Jesus up-to-date and down-to-date."

"Jesus has no peers."

"Is London ready for the program of Jesus?"

"Drive the hogs out of the political troughs."

"The mission of the prophets is not so much to foretell us as tell forth."

"Leaders of society should create a pure public conscience."

"Invironment is nine-tenths of destiny."

"It would make it easier for the editor if the public desired clean reading."

"A man may belong to the church but God not know him."

"Many a church member is like a bumble bee—largest when born."

"Every church in London ought to be a storm centre of evangelism."

"If Jesus went home with you, is there anything you'd went to hide?"

"If Jesus came to London he would buy up every opportunity to serve."

"If you have no room for Jesus here Jesus will have no room for you up there."

ON CANADIAN FURLOUGH.—Capt. D. H. Williams, son of Bishop and Mrs. Williams, is enjoying a short Canadian furlough and is in Halifax at present, where his wife has been for some time past with her parents. Owing to the fact that he had been constantly under shell fire for almost two years, engaged in command of railway construction work in France, Capt. Williams was recently transferred to England. It is not yet known if the length of his furlough will enable him to come on to London this time.

ROSENBERG-SMITH.—At the residence of Sergt. Struad and Mrs Struad, 732 Nelson street, the marriage took place on Saturday evening of Pte. Peter F. Rosenburg, a returned soldier, to Pearl Smith, late of Strathroy. Several friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. H. H. Bingham of Talbot Street Baptist church. At the close, a tempting wedding supper was served.

RECORD MADE ON BOARD BRINGS RE-ELECTION AS 1918-19 SCHOOL TRUSTEE

W. N. MANNING, one of the members of last year's board re-elected.

SALVATION ARMY REJOICING OVER BYLAW'S VICTORY

Brigadier Expresses Appreciation of Citizens.

NO Y. M. C. A. STATEMENT

Y. W. C. A. Head Accepts Vote as Decision of the People.

"The Salvation Army is rejoicing over the carrying of the bylaw to give us a civic grant of $5,000 to aid in the building of our new Rescue Home and Maternity Hospital," said Brigadier Rawling, officer in command of the London division. "The grant from the city places us in a secure position financially, so far as the new building is concerned. It was absolutely necessary to have a building of the kind we have planned in order to at all meet the needs of the work. We should have been obliged to have this extension under any circumstances. I attribute the support given by the voters of London to the bylaw to the fact that they were given an opportunity to thoroughly understand the nature and needs of the work.

"Last week we sent out 8,000 little booklets, setting before the citizens in a striking manner the work being done and its needs. Apart from this Adjutant Martin was extended the privilege during the past few months of speaking in several city pulpits and telling the story of the rescue work. We got our work before the public and that means the support of the public.

Regrets "Y" Defeats.

"I was sorry to see that the Y. W. C. A. grant bylaw was lost. I take it that the citizens were not familiar with the fine work being done by the association for the girlhood and womanhood of the city, or there would have been no question about the bylaw carrying as did ours. The citizens of London are always ready to support any worthy cause when it thoroughly understands the need. It has proved this once more in voting for the grant. Not only does the grant mean a great deal to us in our work, but also the assurance of the sympathy and support of the citzenship."

The corner stones of the new building on Riverview avenue were laid some weeks ago, and every effort is being made to complete the work at the earliest date possible.

Accept People's Decision.

"We accept the decision of the people," was the statement of Mrs. C. W. Leonard when asked as to how the heads of the Y. W. C. A. viewed the adverse vote on its proposed grant yesterday.

Mrs. Leonard could not say what the result would be to the financial position of the "Y." Neither could she say whether or not the failure to get the grant would impair the usefulness of the "Y." "I don't know at this date. I am not prepared to give a statement," she said.

No statement was forthcoming from the Y. M. C. A. The officials were backward in discussing the matter. However it is believed that a meeting of the board of directors will be called this week to consider the situation created by the rejection of the bylaw and a statement may be issued then.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.]

Toronto, Jan. 2.

	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
Am Cy...	21	19½	do pfd.	41	..
do pfd.	..	52	Spanish.	14	..
Ames, c.	14½	..	do pfd.	50	..
do pfd.	50	..	St. Lawr.	57	..
Bauer...	9¼	8¾	Stl Can..	52½	51¾
Brazilian	32¾	32¼	do pfd	85	..
Burt, c..	68½	..	T Paper.	..	72
do pfd.	86	..	Tor Ry.	58	..
C Bread.	18	..	Tucketts	19	..
C Car...	18½	..	Tw City.	65	64
do pfd.	50	..	Win Ry.	48	..
Cement.	57	56¾	Banks—		
C S L...	40	39¾	Com'rce	185	..
do pfd.	76	73	Dom ...	199	..
CGElec.	101½	99½	Hamil'n	184	..
C Loco..	56½	..	Imperial.	185	..
do pfd.	82¾	..	Merch ..	167	..
C P R...	139½	138½	NScotia	244½	..
C Dairy.	30	..	Royal...	..	205
do pfd.	60	..	Stand ..	200	..
ConLife	375	..	Loans, etc.—		
C Smelt	25	24⅝	C Land.	149	..
Con Gas.	148	..	C Perm.	162½	..
Cr Nest.	50	..	C Invest.	74	..
Dome ...	875	815	H Prov.	..	134
D Steel..	56	55¼	H & E..	207	..
Mackay..	..	74½	20% pd ..	..	196
do pfd.	60	59¾	L Bank.	..	139
M Leaf.	94	91½	L & C..	126½	..
Monarch	..	30	T Trust.	202	..
do pfd.	77	..	T Mort..	134	..
N S Car.	7½	6	Bonds—		
do pfd...	..	18	M L & P	40	30
Nipis'g.	850	798	Penmans	..	80
NSSteel.	69	68	Rio Jan.	..	81
Petrol.	1359	1250	Stl Can..	89¼	..
P Paper.	..	41	War Loan, 1925...	95¾	95¼
do pfd.	81	..	War Loan, 1931...	92½	92
Russell.	..	50	War Loan, 1937...	92¼	92
do pfd.	70	..			
Sawyer..	11	..			

STANDARD STOCK AND MINING EXCHANGE.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Morning sales: Apex, 4000 at 6, 1000 at 5¾; Dome Extension, 2000 at 10½; Hollinger, 200 at 5; McIntyre, 200 at 142, 200 at 143; New Ray, 3500 at 4½; Porcupine Crown, 1000 at 26; Porcupine Imperial, 5600 at 2¾; Vipond, 200 at 19, 2000 at 17; Preston, 1500 at 2½; West Dome, 3500 at 13½, 1000 at 3; Bailey, 3000 at 5½; Beaver, 1500 at 25; Chalmers, 1000 at 10; Gifford, 350 6at 3½; Hargraves, 5000 at 10¼, 1000 at 9; Kenabeek, 1600 at 8; Eldorado, 9000 at 2¾; Wasika, 2500 at 27; Nipissing, 25 at 825; Ophir, 3000 at 12½; Peterson Lake, 5000 at 1¼; Provincial, 500 at 45, 500 at 44¾, 3000 at 44; Temiskaming, 3700 at 24½.

WALL STREET.

New York, Jan. 2.—Wall Street, 1:30 p.m.—Announcement that the Government had moved to postpone prosecution of the more important anti-trust cases now before the supreme court imparted additional strength to the list in the afternoon. Rails also rallied on buying of coalers and Pacifics.

OILS.

London, Jan. 2.—Calcutta linseed, £29 15s; linseed oil, 58s.

perm oil—£54.

Petroleum—American refined, 1s 7½d; spirits, 1s 8½d.

Turpentine pirits—125s 9d.

Rosin—Type G, 65s.

MASS MEETING ON SUNDAY TO OBEY CALL TO PRAYER

Joint Civic and Military Service Planned.

KING'S FIRST REQUEST

Sets Aside Next Sunday for Intercessionary Service.

With respect to the proclamation of the King, setting aside Sunday, January 6th, as a special day of prayer throughout the Empire, Rev. J. H. Boyd, president of the Ministerial Alliance of London, today called upon Mayor Stevenson with regard to making civic recognition of the occasion.

Mayor Stevenson was most favorable to the plan and suggests issuing, through City Clerk Baker, a call to the citizens for special intercession on that day on behalf of the Empire in this war crisis.

Notification of official bodies of the city to attend a mass meeting on Sunday afternoon will be a part of the mayor's share in the arrangements. Arrangements for the meeting will be in the hands if the Ministerial Alliance, the members of which some weeks ago passed a resolution in support of the King's proclamation, and pledging themselves to observe the day in a special way in their churches.

The special committee appointed by the Ministerial Alliance to arrange for the service, Rev. J. H. Boyd and Rev. Dr. Dougall, approached Gen. Shannon, O. C., No. 1 Military District, with regard to obtaining the co-operation of the military authorities for the special service. Gen. Shannon assured them of his co-operation, and deputed the camp chaplain, Capt. (Rev.) MacGillivray, to act for him with the special committee of the alliance in arranging the meeting.

All next week will be observed in the churches as a week of prayer, in response to the request of the Evangelical Alliance of the world. Hitherto the first week of January has been set aside as a week of prayer, but the arrangement this year is especially happy in view of the fact that it immediately follows the empire day of prayer. While special intercessory services have been held in the past three and a half years in London and other places, particularly early in the war, it is a noteworthy fact that this is the first time the King has called the empire as a whole to prayer.

The official proclamation says:

"To My People.—The world-wide struggle for the triumph of right and liberty is entering upon its last and most difficult phase. The enemy is striving by desperate assault and subtle intrigue to perpetrate the wrongs already committed and stem the tide of a free civilization. We have yet to complete the great task to which more than three years ago we dedicated ourselves. At such a time, I would call upon you to devote a special day of prayer that we may have the clear-sightedness and strength necessary to the victory of our cause. This victory will be gained only if we steadfastly remember the responsibility which rests upon us, and in a spirit of reverent obedience ask the blessing of Almighty God upon our endeavors. With hearts grateful for the Divine guidance, which has led us so far towards our goal, let us seek to be enlightened in our understanding, and fortified in our courage in facing the sacrifices we may yet have to make before our work is done. I therefore hereby appoint January 6, the first Sunday of the year, to be set aside as a special day of prayer and thanksgiving in all churches throughout my dominions, and require that this letter be read at the services held on that day."

And whereas our governor general in council has recommended that a proclamation do issue appointing the said 6th day of January, 1918, a special day of prayer and thanksgiving throughout the Dominion,—

Now know ye that by and with the advice of our privy council for Canada we do hereby proclaim and declare by this our proclamation that Sunday, the 6th day of January, one thousand, nine hundred and eighteen, be appointed to be, throughout the Dominion of Canada, a day of humble prayer to Almighty God for the enlightenment and strength necessary to the triumph of our cause, and of thanksgiving for the measures of success already vouchsafed, and for the humble and devout observance of the requirments and directions of our letter aforesaid.

Of all which our loving subjects and all others whom these presents may concern, are hereby required to take notice and to govern themselves accordingly.

EIGHTEEN WOUNDED SOLDIERS ARRIVE IN THE CITY TODAY

Two Londoners in Party That Has Been Long Expected.

Eighteen wounded men arrived in the city today at 2:15 o'clock. They had been expected since Monday, but train delays prevented them reaching the city before this afternoon. One of the Londoners in the party was Charles Baker, 114 Aluania street. He was rushed directly from the station to his home, where his mother lies critically ill. Another London man was E. A. Hamilton, who went overseas with the 135th Battalion.

HINDENBURG CATCHES ONTO PHRASE "HAND IN HAND WITH GOD"

Sends Congratulatory Message to Admiral Holztendorff.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1.—In a telegram to Admiral von Holtzendorff head of the German naval general staff, as forwarded from Berlin, Field Marshal von Hindenburg declares the capture of Oesel and Dago Islands, off the Russian Baltic coast, brought the German army and navy still closer together. The German submarines, the field marshal says, have given considerable relief in the action of the western front. The message continues:

"Hand in hand, with God's help, we shall gain victory in the coming year."

Admiral von Holtzendorff replied, thanking the field marshal for his words, which "will spur us to our uttermost effort."

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. Herbert E. Parker and family wish to express their thanks to the nursing staff of the Victoria Hospital and to their many friends for the kindnesses shown to them in their sad bereavement, also for the many beautiful floral designs, including the Builders' Exchange. b

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BLAME HUSBANDS FOR THEIR START ON DOWNWARD PATH

Women Sent to Mercer Say Marriage Was Beginning.

Convicted as keepers of a house of ill-fame at 745 Grey street, Lizzie McGieghan and Mary Hackett were each sentenced today in police court to an indeterminate period of not more than two years in the Mercer Reformatory.

Both are young women in the twenties, and each attributed her downfall to her husband. They both claimed that their husbands had started them on the downward course.

"I was a good girl until I got married and after that I went wrong," said the McGieghan woman who came to the city about seven years ago from Thorndale.

"My husband is to blame for me being where I am today," said the Hackett woman, whose home was in Toronto until recently.

Evidence was given by Inspector Birrell, Inspector Sanders of the Children's Aid Society, Patrolmen McCullough, Middaugh and Caughlin, and Sergt Lucas.

Sergt. Lucas and Patrolman Caughlin testified that between the hours of 12:30 and 2 o'clock New Year's morning they counted twelve soldiers and one civilian enter and leave the house. After the thirteenth passed out the patrolmen entered the house and arrested the women.

Both women had previous convictions registered against them, and as they were considered beyond redemption because of the persistence with which they have continued to pursue a wayward career the magistrate concluded that a term in a reformatory was their only hope.

During the last two months the police have been displaying great activity towards cleaning up questionable houses.

High Cost of Living Gets Kick In Shins From Jail Governor

It May Not Sound Right, But the Rations Costs Are Reduced.

The jail report for the quarter ending December 31 shows a slight reduction in the average cost of each prisoner's daily rations at that institution. The average cost of each prisoner was 10.08 cents per day without medical attendance, and 10.73 cents with medical attendance. During the preceding quarter the cost was 11 cents.

During this period 41,310 pounds of coal were burned. During the present cold weather the average daily coal consumption at the jail is about one ton.

That the jail is growing in popularity is evidenced by the fact that 174 persons registered there since September 30.

During the three months, 2,582 pounds of bread, 1,170 pounds of meat, 700 pounds of oatmeal and several hundred pounds of other provisions were consumed.

MANY HAMILTON HOMES UNABLE TO GET FUEL

Hamilton, Jan. 2.—Despite the recent assurances that there was enough coal here for everybody, the real seriousness of the situation was revealed today when hundreds of stories of distress poured into the city hall from homes that were without fuel. Dealers are taking no orders, and those who pleaded with the city officials to share the soft coal supply with the freezing householders were told that the city hardly had enough to tide it over. Mayor Booker has wired an appeal to R. C. Harris, fuel controller for Ontario.

TRAIN CATCHES FIRE GOING AT FULL SPEED

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 1.—The wrecking of a passenger train near Sambor, in Galicia, 40 miles southwest of Lemberg, occasioning the death or injury to many persons, is reported in a Vienna dispatch to the Rotterdamsche Courant.

The train caught fire while traveling at full speed. Owing to the fire the emergency brakes could not be operated.

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