# TENDERS FOR $80,000 WORTH OF SUPPLIES TAKEN BY CITY

## No Difficulty Found in Securing Prices On Most of the Material.

Tenders for approximately $80,000 worth of supplies have been accepted by the city. No difficulty was found in securing prices on most of the material, but it will be necessary to purchase road oil and lime dust in the open market. Some anxiety over the purchase of the oil is felt, as it is reported to be scarce. By getting in the market early, however, the city hopes to secure an adequate supply.

About 6,500 tons of crushed stone will be purchased from the Thames Quarry Company at $2.10 a ton, net weight, subject to change in freight rates. Cements contracts will be divided. That required for general purposes will be purchased from William Heaman & Son at $3.20 a barrel. This must be delivered for any purpose any place in the city. That required only for sidewalks will cost $3, and for special work $3.05. Hayman and Mills will supply the cement for curbs and gutters at $2.95 a barrel. That required for pavements east of Waterloo street will be supplied by the Brick Manufacturing and Supply Company at $2.90 a barrel and that west of Waterloo street by William Copp at the same price.

Eight hundred tons of refined asphalt in packages will be purchased from the Imperial Oil Company at $33 a ton, and 800 tons in tanks will be bought at $25 a ton. Iron castings will be bought from the Mallough Foundry Company at $5.80 a hundredweight.

New sand drums which are needed for drying at the paving plant will be purchased in London. City Engineer Brazier reported that four of these would cost $2,500, while the brick work would cost $2,000. These will have to be copied from the drums not in use and Mr. Brazier does not think these would be as satisfactory as drums constructed by firms who make them as a business.

The cheapest quotation from the United States was $4,500, F. O. B., Boston. With exchange and duty this would be $7,750 delivered in London.

Ald. G. B. Drake and the rest of No. 2 committee of the city council decided they would not pay the exchange.

The purchase of an excavator for road work will be considered with the estimates. It is expected to cost about $5,000.

# FEBRUARY'S BUILDING SHOWS FALLING OFF

## Only Ten Permits Issued During the Month To Date.

While there has been a slight increase in building activities in the past few days, the total operations for the month are not likely to equal those of January. It is expected they will be considerably below February, 1919. Only ten permits have been issued for a total of $10,100. In February last year the total was $41,755, but in 1918 it was only $16,560. This condition is largely due to the weather conditions, and the scarcity of building material. As a whole the year will compare favorably with 1919, Building Inspector A. M. Piper thinks.

The Nut Krust Bakeries Company has taken out a permit to remodel a store at 198 Dundas street at a cost of $3,000. T. H. Wiles is the architect and A. & F. Fisher the builders. Mrs. Tytler will remodel a dwelling at 26 Grosvenor into two apartments at a cost of $800.

# MIDDLESEX FARMERS ADOPT BOOKKEEPING

## Farms Will Be Run On a Business Footing.

Farmers in the county of Middlesex are adopting a system of bookeeping to assist in the management of their farms, according to R. A. Finn of the department of agriculture in this city. More applications have been made to the department for books and bookkeeping blanks since the first of the year than there had been up to that time.

To induce the farmer to systemize his accounts and to run his farm on a business footing, the commission on conservation has issued free blank books and forms, which are being distributed by the departments of agriculture throughout the province. The department is preparing a new compact book which will, it is thought, prove much more acceptable to the farmers than the awkward sheets.

Every young farmer who attended the short course in farming held in this city last month, has adopted bookkeeping as an indispensable part of his work, and good results are being obtained. A course of instruction in the work was given them.

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## ADA GOES TO REFUGE FOR BEING "PICKLED"

Ada Conn, who a week ago appeared in police court as a result of being supplied with liquor by William Restrick, who is serving two months in jail for giving the intoxicant to this minor has been sent to the House of Refuge in Toronto. Her name was on the police court blotter this morning as having been remanded from February 18.

Two drunks were fined $10 and costs in police court this morning. One paid the fine and the other signed the register at Hotel Carter. He will be a guest of the genial governor for the next ten days.

One of these two last-mentioned offenders was found lying on the street car track at the corner of William and Grosvenor street late last night. The magistrate remarked that he might have been run over or frozen to death.

# BAD ROAD CAUSES DAMAGE TO TRUCK

## Hard Going For Fire Apparatus, Reports Fire Chief.

The central fire hall truck was slightly damaged last night while proceeding to a fire. The damage was caused by the bad condition of the roads. Fire Chief John Aitken told an Advertiser reporter today that roads are in a "fierce" condition on the main thoroughfares of the city. Motorists attempt to keep clear of the street car tracks, because, if not, in some places they are doomed to a ride of blocks before getting out of the rut.

The ice will likely remain till Old Sol uses his power to remove it, as the problem has not been solved as how to remove it artificially.

## "CALF CLUBS" NEW MOVE IN LIFE OF THE FARM

"Calf Clubs" is the latest innovation in farm life in the County of Middlesex. Boys and girls at different centres are being organized into clubs in the interest of dairying. The first step in this direction will be taken at Lambeth on Friday of this week, when the young people between the ages of nine and nineteen will form an organization. If it proves successful, other places in the county will follow the example.

For the purpose of improving the dairy stock throughout the country the department of agriculture is endeavoring to educate the young farmer to keep pure bred animals and to take intelligent care of them. The clubs are being formed to facilitate their work. The government will assist every boy and girl joining the club to buy a pure bred calf by sending out experts to supervise the work, and to instruct them in the proper care of them. At the regular meetings of the clubs results can be compared.

As a further inducement to the members to take interest in the work prizes will be offered in the fall of each year to those who can show the best results. In awarding the prizes three things will be taken into consideration: the animal itself, the care taken of it, and the records that have been kept by the boy or girl. The plan has been worked out successfully in other parts of the province.

## JEWELS PRESENTED TO HARROW I.O.O.F. VETERANS

HARROW, Feb. 24.—Harrow Lodge, No. 509, I. O. O. F., put on the initiation and first, second and third degrees for seven candidates last night. D. D. G. M. Gott of Amherstburg assisted. The grand chaplain, Rev. Durrant, presented veterans' gold jewels to the following: Bros. Bowering, Moran, Mestion, Snider, Darby, Cornwall, Wright, Halstead and T. A. Elliott. Lunch was served at the close.

The Methodist Church here has reported $3,300 for the Forward Movement, going over the top by a big margin. A remarkable feature of the canvass was that 75 per cent of the subscriptions were in cash.

Flu continues very prevalent, and a sad death from it occurred in the person of Mrs. Carl Mitchell, wife of the local P. M. R. agent. Her husband, a four-year-old boy and a baby girl only four days old survive.

Sunday morning an old resident, Jacob McLean, was found dead in bed. He had been speaking to his wife five minutes before, and appeared to be in the best of health. Heart trouble is given as the cause of death. Mr. McLean was well and favorably known here, having been prominent in religious and civic life, and having spent all his 62 years in the Township. He leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters to mourn his loss.

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# KEEP PRODUCING BRICK AND TILE, EXPERT ADVICE

## Tremendous Demand Must Be Met by Continuous Operation.

## CONVENTION IS TOLD

### Good Machinery and Harmony Amongst Staffs of Prime Importance.

W. H. Hallett of Tilbury and W. H. Dunn of the J. P. Owens Continuous Tunnel Kiln Company of Pittsburg were the speakers of the morning session of the second day of the Western Ontario Clayworkers' and Ontario Farm Drainage Association' joint convention. A combined meeting was held. S. W. Walsh, president of the Farm Drainage Association, acted as chairman.

Speaking on "Production," W. H. Hallett impressed upon his hearers that the prevailing tremendous demand for brick and tile in Western Ontario must be met by increased efforts on the part of the members of the association or they must be prepared to have outside capitalists and producers supply the market. He said that quality need not be sacrificed for the sake of production, and then went on to tell how increased production might be brought about.

**Keep Producing.**

Above everything else, he advocated continuous operation of the plants. There was large numbers of failures in this industry recorded each year, owing to the fact that the operators did not get a continuous capacity from their yards during every month of the year.

"There are many other essentials besides the continual running to secure capacity," he continued. "Capacity must not be confused with output, but is to be defined as the maximum amount of material, it is possible to put through the weakest unit of a plant each day. The kilns and dryers are usually the links that have the smallest capacity and these units therefore will regulate the capacity.

**Good Machinery Necessary.**

"The quality and type of the machinery are of prime importance. With weak, poorly-designed and built machinery nothing but trouble can be expected. There is but one thing to do when this is the trouble, and that is to eliminate the weak parts and replace them with units of sufficient strength. Do not keep machinery that does not pay a dividend or a part that breaks twice in the same place.

"Harmony among employees is a prime factor, and this is especially true with regard to the foremen and mechanics." He strongly advised against the changing of the men to different positions every few days. It caused confusion and dissatisfaction, and the men would not stay on the job long. It also tended toward making of the workmen jack-of-all-trades instead of experts.

Mr. Hallett advised the keeping of a staff of six extra men about the yards to do the building and repair work. To close down the whole plant in order to concentrate one's attention on the building of a kiln meant the loss of several thousands of dollars through the loss of output, although perhaps the kiln could be built more cheaply in that way.

Mr. Dunn spoke technically on the advantages of the continuous tunnel kiln. He said that it saved 50 per cent fuel, prevented loss through the turning out of blistered and poorly-burned brick and tile, saved much time and labor, and greatly increased the output. He went into details on the construction and operation of the kilns.

Meetings jointly in the rooms of the Builders' Exchange of this city, the Western Ontario Clay Workers' Association opened its 23rd, and the Ontario Farm Drainage Association its 3rd annual convention yesterday.

At the afternoon session of the Western Ontario Clay Workers' Association in the Builders' Exchange, E. R. Dennis of the Dennis Wire and Iron Co., of London, spoke on the "Value of Apprenticeship." Going fully into the problems that have presented themselves in modern business as the result of a growing shortage of skilled workmen, he showed that some steps must be taken whereby young men can be given a thorough training in the trade of his choice if future business is to be saved from a state of chaos.

He dwelt on the good that modern business has accomplished and the part it has played in the advancement of the welfare of the world and in civilizing the race. This has been accomplished, he said, chiefly by the breaking down of the old prejudices against the laboring class.

Referring to the manufacture of things used in the scientific and professional world, he pointed out that these objects were all made by men of skill and, he added, the skilled men of today were practically all men of middle-age or older.

**A Great Problem.**

"The lack of skilled men among the younger workers presents," said Mr. Dennis, "the great problem. It has been brought about to a great extent by the abolition of the old system of apprenticeship. At the present time the young men come from school and either seek a 'white shirt' job, or become machine hands, handy men or laborers. The best human material in the world is to be found in Canada, but I doubt if the employers, fathers and teachers are discharging their responsibilities toward the boy in a proper manner."

He asserted that the idea that the technical schools would replace the old system and that trained men could be turned out by them was a total misconception of the situation. The technical school was merely an institution in which our boys learn the fundamentals that were absolutely essential to those who were to be efficiently engaged in the industries. It was not a trade school. Trade schools are not a success, because they did not train mechanics.

**Must Be Trained.**

"The skilled workers," he continued, "must be trained by industry, in that industry, and under practical business conditions. You manufacturers must get back to the apprentice system or you cannot go on much longer. We must meet new conditions with new methods as we cannot go back to the old system of young men serving a seven-year term.

"The ultimate good of business requires a short businesslike term of apprenticeship. The boy would get his public school education up to 14 years; then spend two years in a technical school, either full or part time, in preparation for his chosen calling. It must be impossible for the employer to exploit the boy, as was sometimes done in olden times. The youth must make up his mind to stay with an employer for a period of not less than two years. An equitable contract must be entered into by both parties.

"One of the main features of our industries should be a well-supervised training department for beginners. In an industry employing a considerable number of hands there should be employed a competent man, whose duty it would be to guide, encourage and direct the training of the apprentice. Let the employers wake up and offer them something real, something that will appeal to the best that is in each of them," concluded Mr. Dennis.

**Serious Situation.**

Capt. W. H. Carling of the Century Coal Company of Montreal spoke on the coal situation in Canada and the relations it had to the clay products manufacturing companies. He said that his company has just received information from their representatives at the mines that the coal situation was serious. There was a lack of production, and a great shortage of cars, there being only 30 per cent of the required number to be had. The price of coal for the future did not look promising, at least not until the fall.

He strongly advised manufacturers to lay in a supply for at least two months' requirements, on account of the confiscations of the cars by the railroads and the unsettled conditions. Orders should be submitted two months in advance. He suggested that the Clay Workers' Association should buy coal in club lots, to get better prices. The matter was placed in the hands of the fuel committee.

**Use of Pyrometer.**

Technical addresses on the use of the pyrometer in the Clay products manufacturing plants were given by M. D. Hastings of the A. H. Winter Joyner Company of Toronto, representing the Bristol Company of Waterbury, Conn., and by W. Printz of the Brown Instrument Company of Philadelphia. He spoke of the extreme importance of this instrument in the securing of accurate measurements of temperatures.

"The pyrometer shortened the time of burning by one-half and saved nearly one-half of the amount of coal. It is possible by making use of the instrument to obtain a much better quality of brick and tile, as it prevented all blistering and insured better wearing qualities. It was, he said, coming into general use, the demand being greater than the supply. The construction and operation of the pyrometer was gone into thoroughly by the speakers.

W. H. Dunn of the J. B. Owens Continuous Tunnel Kiln Company of Pittsburg, spoke on the advantages gained by the use of the continuous tunnel kiln. He told how the system of building the fire in a tunnel and moving the bricks into the tunnel, and around the fire was a great improvement over the old system of piling the bricks and then building a fire around them. It eliminated loss, due to improper burning. The system saved about 70 to 80 per cent of the fuel required in the old way of burning. It reduced the time required in firing by one-half, and also saver much labor. He gave a detailed technical description of the building and operation of the kiln.

**Drainage Association.**

The Ontario Farm Drainage Association at a separate meeting, in which its convention was formally opened, was addressed by the president, S. W. Hyatt, in which he told of work accomplished by the association during the year. He explained the policy of the organization toward the formation of local branches throughout the province, and the necessity of such organizations in the interests of farm drainage. Changes were to be made in the constitution regarding the membership fee and the incorporation of local branches.

F. Armour of the Consolidate Optical Company of Toronto, spoke lengthly on the manufacturing, care and adjustments of surveying instruments. He used two types of instruments for demonstrating purposes, by which he explained the adjustment of the main bubble, vertical and horizontal crosshairs and collination. He said that after the fundamentals of the instrument were grasped any man could easily make adjustments, and thereby saving a big item of expense, which is often incurred by sending the instruments to the factory for the purpose.

A resolution committee composed of J. E. Jackson, R. Knister, M. Day and J. W. Sands was appointed to draft all resolutions drawn up by the convention. The other speeches billed for Tuesday were postponed until Thursday, when it is expected that a larger number of delegates will be present. A theatre party was held last night by the combined associations.

**Afternoon Session.**

The speakers at the morning session were: L. A. Ross, president of the local Builders' Exchange, S. H. Walsh, chairman of the entertainment committee, W. McCredie and C. S. Parker, president of the Clay Workers' Association.

The address of welcome was given by L. A. Ross and then S. R. Walsh gave an outline of the program that had been prepared by the entertainment committee for the entertaining of the delegates of both associations. The reply was given by W. McCredie, the oldest member of the Clay Workers' Association. Speaking briefly he told of the development and history of the industry from the early Egyptian times. The secretary's report showed that the association was well fixed both in finances and in membership.

# STRONG OPPOSITION DEVELOPING TO GAS PRICE INCREASES

## First Meeting of Campaign Held At Chatham Yesterday Afternoon.

CHATHAM, Feb. 24.—Strong opposition to the request of the natural gas producing companies that the Ontario Legislature give them permission to increase their rates was voiced at a meeting of representatives of various municipalities of the district interested in natural gas, called by Mayor Brisco and held in the city council chambers, this afternoon. About 50 delegates were present, including mayors, aldermen, wardens, reeves and councillors.

**Action Deferred.**

The discussion touched upon many phases of the natural gas situation, but no definite action was planned, the meeting deciding to defer a proposed delegation to the Government until after Gas Commissioner Estlin has completed a series of inquiries, which open Wednesday at Sarnia. Windsor, Chatham and Sarnia have arranged for their respective city solicitors to be present at these inquiries.

**Government Control.**

R. L. Brackin, M.P.P., hinted that Government control of the natural gas supply might not be an improbability. "The position is this," he said. "The producers say they need more money for further development. That the present field is petering out, and if they are to continue to supply the people, the money must come from increased rates. That will be the Government's position, if you say the rates must not be increased. What are you going to do if the companies say they are going to quit? Your delegation will have to answer that question from the Government.

**May Call Bluff.**

"It is possible that the municipalities might say they are prepared to guarantee bonds, the same as with hydro, and operate natural gas as a public utility. You will have to indicate to the Government through our delegation how far you will be prepared to go. You have got to be prepared to call a bluff. If you have not got the cards you will lose."

Mayor Winter of Windsor hinted the matter might be solved as the Government solved the recent street car tie-up in the Border Cities.

**No Guarantee.**

Mayor Nesbit of Sarnia could not see any guarantee that there would be an adequate gas supply even if the rates were increased for the purposes of companies named.

Mayor Brisco declared that the companies had been fattening the pocketbooks of officials, when they should have provided sinking funds for such prospecting.

Gas Commissioner Estlin was present, and answered many questions of a technical nature. He criticized the companies for not making the public acquainted with the true facts of the gas situation.

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## PATS ENJOY "BRUNSWICK TRIO" AT MILITARY "Y"

The Brunswick Trio, "Harmony Boys" entertained the Princess Pats last night to a program chuck full of fun and song. The men voted the concert the best yet held in the Y. M. C. A. hut.

Under the skillful guidance of Mr. W. Spence, the concert party threw themselves whole-heartedly into their evening's work. The men are full of "pep" these days and responded with boisterous good humor.

Jock Ballantyne, the "Glasgow Gloom Chaser" was the star turn. His jokes were full of originality; our American cousins coming in for a share of his wit. Mr. W. Spence and his brother were in fine voice and the Trio certainly lived up to their popular name, "The Harmony Boys."

The program was supplemented by a solo from Miss Lottie Martin, soprano, who sang finely, Pte. Chapman, the whistler, staged two turns of a high order in the whistling line. Miss Alice Eckhart gave two very fine readings.

Great credit is due the musical people of London for the way they unselfishly give their time in entertaining the men. The men themselves fully appreciate their efforts.

There was a full house at the concert, really every available man being present, besides the soldiers' wives, families and friends.

A social and dance will be held in the "Y" hut on Thursday, 26th inst., when an enjoyable evening is looked forward to.

WATFORD, Feb. 24.—The death took place suddenly tonight following a few days' illness from pneumonia of Mrs. Sawyers, beloved wife of Dr. C. W. Sawyers. Dr. Sawyers and his family came here from Napier about four years ago. Besides her husband, deceased is survived by two small children.

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## DEATH OF LITTLE BOY.

THAMESFORD, Feb. 24.—After an illness of over a week little Norman Day, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Day, ninth line, passed away this morning. The community offers its sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Day.

Charles Towle has purchased the farm known as the Horsman homestead in the 10th concession. Mr. Towle will move from the Byron McCarty farm in March.

# BUILDING CONTINUED ALL WINTER IN SARNIA

### Potato Growers to Hold Meeting to Discuss Various Problems.

SARNIA, Feb. 24.—The city of Sarnia's building record in comparison with that of other cities in Western Ontario during the winter months indicates that this city is about the only one in which building has been carried on to any extent throughout the extreme cold weather. For the present month of February a total of ten permits for erection of property totalling value $17,470 has been issued. Of these ten permits, three were for residences, and others for alterations and repairs.

**TO DISCUSS POTATOES.**

The Ontario Department of Agriculture through their county representative, W. F. MacDonald, have arranged to hold a potato institute in the city hall, Sarnia, and are inviting the vegetable growers and their friends of the Sarnia and Lambton County district to attend a meeting. A program has been prepared designed especially for potato growers, as follows: Afternoon, 1:30 p. m., "Potato Diseases in Ontario," illustrated by specimen photographs, etc; "Their Causes, Identification, Relative Seriousness and Control," by Prof. J. E. Hewitt, O. A. College, Guelph; "Place of the Potato as a Commercial Cash Crop on a Mixed Farm," by Douglas Maynard, Leamington; "Experimental Data on Potato Production," by Dr. C. A. Zavitz, O. A. Guelph. Evening, 8 p.m., "Fertilizers and Fertilizing, as Applied Especially to the Potato Crop," illustrated by Harry G. Bell, Toronto; "Storing, Grading, Shipping and Selling Standardization, Commercial Situation in Ontario, Home and Outside Markets," "Discussion of Varieties," "New Ontario Seed Work and Results," by Justus Miller, field crop specialist, department of agriculture, Toronto.

**INTERESTED IN GAS PRICES.**

A meeting of the various Western Ontario municipalities interested in the request of the producers for an increase in price of natural gas is being held in Chatham today. Mayor Nisbet and Ald. Crawford are attending as representatives of Sarnia.

**INVESTIGATE DRUG SALES.**

Word was received in the city tonight that with a view, it is believed, to securing a comprehensive statement of sale and use of narcotic drugs in this country the Government has requested the Sarnia police authorities to furnish a statement giving an estimate of the sale and use of narcotic drugs in this city, whether it is on the increase or decrease and the number of convictions registered under the opium and drug act during past six months. Government authorities also point out in the communication sent on that prescriptions for narcotic drugs cannot be refilled.

## FLU BAN IS LIFTED.

THORNDALE, Feb. 24.—The ban which has been placed on public gatherings, etc., for the past two weeks has been lifted. The high school and several of the public schools reopened today. The flu epidemic is on the wane.

Thomas Montgith has disposed of his grocery business to Joseph Gleason.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute which was to have been held on March 4 at Mrs. Wesley McCutcheon's has been withdrawn.

Edward McLeod, who recently sold his farm, moved to Pottersburg this week.

John Wilson, of concession 1, West Nissouri, held an auction sale of farm stock and implements on Tuesday, as he has disposed of his farm to T. Robinson of London, and intends moving to London this month.

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