# WILL NOT HAVE TORONTO FLEECED

Earlscourt Park Proposition Falls Thru Because of

### FIGURE WAS TOO HIGH

Mayor Church Says Court Has Been Tool of Real Estate

Official Arbitrator P. H. Drayton came in for some criticism in yester-day's council meeting, when the question of the purchase of the Miller property in Earlscourt, for park purposes, came up for discussion. Mr. Drayton made an award of \$12,000 an acre for the property, which, along with the other awards already made, meant that the city would have to pay \$176,000

the Waterun property at the Humbers of property annually, and in my opinion it is not property equipped.

It was not not property an expectation of the state people to hold the real estate men, and it established and nothing de said above the subject of one property that could be bought for park purposes without are.

The arbitration court has been the tool of the real estate men, and it established the court of the street. We don't fitted the public interest we don't here has been the tool of the real estate men, and it established the court of the subject of one o of the controllers carried

Fire Chief's Exit.

Some heavy firing was directed toward the board of control for allowing Fire Chief John Thompson to make his exit from the department when council had already accepted his resignation, adding the rider that he remain in office until a new appointment had been made. Mayor Church endeavored to prevent

a discussion of the matter by announce ing that Judge Denton's report of the enquiry would to ready today, and that the board would lose no time in making a nomination for the position chief as soon as the report had been considered. "Famous Resignation."

The resignation of the chief, in which he stipulated that he was retiring on the understanding his pension was to be half salary, or \$2250, was characterized as the "famous resignation." According to City Solicitor Johnston, Thompson has in no way prejudiced his relation

The action of the board, however, was finally endorsed and the chief's troubles are over, with the exception of the pension settlement.

Objected to Tender.

The question of allowing contractors to change their tenders after they are

pened was the subject for a lengthy debate. Council decided, however, in favor of the Canadian Allis-Chalmers who get the work of supplying four boilers for the main pumping

Garbage Disposal. The aldermen have evidently become weary of hearing about the garpage incinerating plant to be erected on the Don roadway at Wilton avenue, and when the board of control's recommendation that the tenders be awarded to the Canadian Griscom-Russell Company there was very little

dation, which was adopted.

The offer of the Ideal Incinerator and Contracting Company, of Chicago, to build a plant and dispose of the city's garbage by contract occupied only a few minutes of the council's time and met with no support.

Altho the city council has favored a 21/2 per cent. grade in connection with new Yonge street subway, and it has been allowed by the Ontario way Board, the board of control re-commended that the grade be changed to 5 per cent., as desired by the C.P.R., which would mean a saving in prop-erty damages of about half a million dollars.

Adopt Standard Grade. Alderman Ball wanted to have the

utter of the change referred back, so that it could be given further consideration by the people of North Tor-onto, who are vitally interested in Yonge street as one of Toronto's main thorofares. By a vote of 12 to 9, howcouncil adopted the recom mendation to ask that the grade be changed to 5 per cent, which is the

Consider Estimates.
The mayor announced that the esti mates for the year would be considered by council at a special meeting

Controlle Spence was unable to

#### What City Council Did

Adopted the board of control's action in accepting the resignation of Fire Chief John Thompson.

Decided not to buy the Miller property for a park in Earlscourt at a cost of \$12,000 per acre.

Appointed Arthur L. Tinker assistant in the police court cierk's office, at a salary of \$1300 a year.

Awarded tender for firemen's straw hats to the T. Eaton Company at 75 cents cach.

Gave contract for four water tube boilers for the main pumping station to the Canadian Allis-Chalmers Company.

Awarded tender for the garbage incinerator to be erected on the Don roadway, at Wilton avenue, to the Canadan Griscom-Russell Company, Canadian Griscom-Russell Company, at \$49,200.

Awarded tenders for firemen's clothing: Summer suits at \$18.20 each; winter coats, \$12.60; vests, \$2.47, and pants, \$5.16.

Carried the recommendation to ask for a five per cent. grade at the Yonge street subway, instead of a two and a half per cent, grade, as ordered before.

Decided to put \$10,000 in the estimates to pay interest on harbor improvements this year.

made an award of \$12,000 an acre for the property, which, along with the other awards already made, meant that the city would have to pay \$176,000 for the 12 acres required for the park. The board of control reported against the acceptance of the award, recommending that the bylaw covering the expropriation of the lands required, be repealed.

H. J. Macdonaid headed a deputation and was introduced by Ald. Gibbons. He pointed out that the district was remote from any of the city's breathing spaces, and urged upon council the purchasing of the property.

Mayor's Scathing Remarks.

When the report came to be considered, Mayor Church made some scathing remarks about the court of feeted in the purchase price of a park. We want to see a park in Eariscourt, but the same conditions exist as at Victoria Park, where they are asking \$375,000 for a property that could have been bought for \$70,000. Four years ago the land in question was assessed at \$200 an acre: it is now assessed at \$200 an acre: it is now assessed at \$600 per acre. The same conditions apply in connection with the Watson property at the Humber, The court handles five or six millions worth of property annually, and in my opinion it is not properly equipped.

"I say the city is being fleeced out of bundreds of thousands of dollars each year by the way that court is doing its work. There are enought pub-

ground around Celaya and Irapuato.

Control West Coast.

With these reports the department gave out a summary of advices from the west coast transmitted by Rear Admiral Howard, saying: "The Villa movement on the west coast is apparently collapsing and indications point to the control of the entire west coast by Carranza in a few weeks." From the border, too, came confirma.

of the reported withdrawal southward of Villa forces, which have been

### **BRITISH CASUALTIES**

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, April 19.—The following hist of casualties among British officers was issued tonight: Killed-Lieut. Corbett, Coldstreams; Lieut. Douglas. South Staffordshires; Lieut. Staniland, Lincolnshires; Licut.

Whitehead, East Surreys. Died-Lieut. Brickwood, York Lancasters. Wounded-Lieut. Jackson, King's Liverpool; Lieut Armstrong, Worcestershires; Capt. Dorrien Smith, Shrop-

shires; Lieut. Drummond, Scots Fusiliers; Lieut. Harvey, Leicestershires; Capt. Hood, Buffs; Lieuts. Last and ion No. 17, will be formed. Lloyd, King's Liverpool Regiment; Lieut. Melrose, Royal Scots; Capt. Milne, Devonshires; Lieut. Snelling, Leicesters; Lieut. Webster, York and Lancasters: Lieut. Whitaker, Buffs; Lieut. Wreford, Devonshires. Unofficially reported killed -Lieut

Leechman, 3rd Hussars. The Canadian wounded are located as follows: London—Private Douglas, Engineers; Shorncliffe, Private Patter, 13th Battalion; Private St. Hilaire, 14th; Broadstoirs, Pte-Billen

Privates Kavanaugh of the Pats, and Anderson of the 7th have been street was called.

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considerable as some think. The al-

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Speaking of Turkey after the war,

"Turkey will emerge from this war

ruly united and stronger than ever.

The war is popular with the people

ment an opportunity to demonstrate

"We completed 15 kilometres of rail-

way in the past month in Anatolia

and during the last three months 40

kilometres, so constructed, were given

over to traffic. In Syria also we have built a line towards the Suez Canal-

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TURKEY WILL SIN NO MORE

"In addition the war has brought BEST SAMPLE ROOMS IN CANADA.

# York County and Suburbs of Toronto

\* WARD SIX CONSERVATIVE BANQUET \*



Flashlight photo of big gathering in Earlscourt Central Methodist Church Hall last night, under the auspices of Ward Six Conservatives.

### **BIG SMOKER HELD** BY NORWAY TORIES

Many Patriotic Addresses De livered to Large Audience Last Night.

### LAMBTON PARK

At a public meeting in Lambton Park, three sites for the proposed school for section No. 33 of York Township were brought forward by the trustees. One was on Eileen avethe trustees. One was on Elleen avenue, east, and two on the Home Smith property, north of the power line. None of the sites, however, was approved, on the ground that they were not sufficiently central, and it was left to the trustees to select and bring forward more suitable site.

W. F. Maclean and H. H. Ball were W. F. Maciean and H. H. Ball were interviewed yesterday by a deputa-tion from Lambton Park Ratepayers' Association, consisting of J. Ball, presi-dent; Fred Barrett, C. Adams, A. Shaw, and Mr. Croft, regarding a postal de-livery service for the district. The deputation was advised to get up a petition for circulation in the district and for presentation in the proper

Lambton Park Ratepayers' Association will meet tonight in Ball's Hall, corner of Scarlett road and Eileen avenue, when a proposal to form a Con-servative Association will be brought forward. A similar proposal, it is said, is on foot in Scarlett Plains, and it is ossible that one association for the two districts, both in Polling Subdivis-

### ACCIDENTALLY SHOT WHILE CLEANING GUN

While cleaning a 22 calibre rifle yesterday afternoon Charles Dundas, 23 years, of Leaside Junction, was accidentally shot in the abdomen and died two hours later in the General Hospital. According to friends Dundas did not know that the rifle was loaded when he attempted to clean it. He was removed to the hospital by L. W. Trull's ambulance and Dr. Forfar of Carlton

together under a superior class of officers 2,000,000 men, and the school-

ing given them is bound to result in

The war minister, commenting on

the work of the Associated Press cor-

the work of the Associated Press cor-respondent in Turkey, said that it had been straightforward, conditions hav-ing been described as they were, and soded that he had given orders that the correspondent be permitted to go

"We have no secrets," he said. "De-

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# WARD SIX CONSERVATIVES **CELEBRATE PRIMROSE DAY**

Successful Banquet in Earlsco urt Central Methodist Church Hall-Addresses Delivere d by Local Members and Others-Resolution Appr eciating Premier Borden's Stand Regarding Graft in War Supplies.

Liberal party to effect the disintegra-tion of the empire. In this year Bea-consfield stood sponsor for the colonies and determined that the empire should not be destroyed, and magnificently he carried out his program.
"Had he lived today he would have seen 100,000 men from Canada forced, to offer themselves, fighting for this great empire."

The speaker then went on to explain the difference in the work of the two parties, declaring that the Conservatives of today believe in the ideals of Austen Chamberlain. In dealing with the coming election, he refused to say if it was wise or not that the election should be brought

on, but left it in the hands of those Election Discussed Thhe conservative party in Canada

was never more united than it will be at the forthcoming election," said Mayor Church. "Our government has done its duty in the great struggle and will continue to do its duty until even the 11th and 12th contingent has gone forth. We are honoring today a British statesman whose ideal was "Peace with honor," and we must feel thankful that we still have a govern-ment that is willing to teach Germany the meaning of 'kultur.' The Libera party has said, 'What have we to do England's war?" but Borden and his followers said, 'When England is at war Canada is at war,' and they did not take six months to discuss in what direction their duty lay.'

With regard to the contract scandal the mayor said that Mr. Borden was anxious to keep his skirts clean, and would see that his followers would do the same. The speaker dealt with the senate, and criticized the action of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in this connection When the election comes on," he said, the most important item will be the abolition of the senate on account of the position in which they have placed Canada in the eyes of the world."

With regard to the insurance of the soldiers Mr. Church stated that as far as he was concerned the city would do its duty, and there would be no question of York County with him. Mr. Maclean's Address.

W. F. Maclean, member for South who was received with applause neeting held in the Central Methodis Church Hall, as it was fine to see the Methodist Church working with the Conservative party. "We have been carrying on the government under nost unfavorable circumstances," "We have been compelled to raise the taxes because of a big de-ficit. I am pleased to see that the people have taken this so well. You must realize that if we want to fight we must pay for it. We have voted large sums of money to help to continue the war, which we know is just, and is to help to protect the smaller nationalities. We have sent one con-tingent to the firing line, a second will go forward shortly and a third is in course of formation, and we will send many more contingents forward if necessary. We have also provided pensions for the widows of the men may lose their lives in the war. We have made arrangements which will ensure the comfort of those who are disabled. Our men are probably the best paid soldiers in the fighting line, but we have taken every precau-

The speaker then dealt with the railway commission, stating that three or four years ago it was not thought that Canada would have its own railway. "We have, however, made a commission for the nationalization of the railways. We wanted the transcontinental railway and now we have got it we are going to run it as a people's railway. England has, since the war, nationalized its railways. Germany is superior in this war on account of this and I really believe

the control of a commission made up of several strong men, and they will see that all contracts shall be subjected to inspection and that there is absolute honesty in discharging the government's orders, especially when that contract deals with the comfort and lives of our soldiers at the front. If we spend our money we must say as Cromwell said, 'I want a shilling's

worth for my shilling. Peace With Honor. "We are meeting tonight to honor a man who is known thruout the world—the man who brought back from Berlin the statement, 'Peace with honor.' I am sure we have men alive today who will come home from Berlin with 'Peace with honor.' Sir Edward Grey, Gen. French, Lord Kitchener will, I am sure, do all that is needed. and Germany will be compelled to pay their debt to Belgium. The Earl of Beaconsfield was a great Britisher and a great statesman, He "We are meeting tenight to honor man who is known thruout the bought the Suez Canal for the empire and his whole attitude was one respect and duty to his country and Sovereign, and this, the anniversary of his death, is something which Britishers the whole world over are celebrating and we are all ready to show our respect for this great Brit-W. H. Price, M.L.A., spoke of the

responsibility of an election and stated that this responsibility must stand at the door of the Liberal newspapers of Canada, who are continually printing editorials in this connection. He expressed great confidence in Mr. Borden and his government in carrying thru the election and shaking hese tormentors off.

Resolution Passed. During the evening the following esolution was carried unanimously: "That the members of Ward Six Liberal-Conservative Association of To-ronto desire to express their high appreciation of the position taken by the Right Hon. Sir R. L. Borden, M.P., in his recent address, denouncing mem-bers of parliament and others who left themselves open to suspicion in the purchasing of war supplies and handling of government moneys. We feel humbly grateful to the prime minister of Canada for the strong position taken

# **BLAZE IN THEATRE** ON DUNDAS STREET

Audience All Got Out Safely -Two New Churches in Ward Seven.

Fire broke out about six o'clock last cvening in the Crystal Theatre, Dun-das street, near Mayety street, owned solicitor and engineer to br and operated by R. T. Bruce. Few people were in the theatre at the time and they easily made their exit thru the many doors provided for the purpose. The Keele street, Carlton and Perth avenue stations sent detachments, and the blaze was soon under control. The damage, fully covered by insurance, amounted to about \$75. The blaze occurred at a time when

can force them into war. The German people would never have been a party in this war if they had been properly educated.

Change in Senate.

Referring to the senate Mr. Maclean said: "We have increased the number of the senate. This was sowewhat be as large as the present building and will occupy the greater part of all representations in the divisions where the control of the senate of the and will occupy the greater part of al is required. the vacant lot adjacent to it.

The congregation of St. John's road Presbyterian Church have also decided to move their temporary build-ing on St. John's road to a new site on Willard avenue. Here extensive additions and alterations will have to be made to the church to meet the demands of the rapidly increasing

### RUNNYMEDE TORIES ADOPT CONSTITUTION

Clause by clause the proposed consti-tution recommended by the executive was discussed by the Runnymede Conserva-tive Association at a special meeting last

people's railway. England has, since the war, nationalized its railways. Germany is superior in this war on account of this and I really believe you will see a great alteration in this connection in Canada in a short time."

Contract Scandals

Mr. Maclean then dealt with the contract, scandals. "There were mistakes made," he admitted. "in the awarding of some contracts and advantage was taken in dealing with things for the country and for the soldiers and as a result we have had an investigation and caused the resignation of some members to be sent in and we are going to see that measures are taken which will place all the purchases of the country under the control of a commission made up of several strong men, and they will

by him to protect the moneys by him to protect the moneys and good name of our fair Dominion. This act, together with his unswerving loyalty to the British Empire stamps him as one of Canada's greatest premiers. We further desire to assure him that he has our loyal support and co-operation in the supreme efforts. co-operation in the supreme efforts that he is putting forth in the interest of Canada and the British Empire." An excellent musical program was given by Fred Crouch, who sang several songs, while the Men's Own Orchestra played selections during the

# YORK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEET

Lambton Park Ratep Want Land Expropriate for New Street.

TENDERS FOR LUMB

Commissioner Instructed Get Prices From Local Dealers.

G. G. McCullough, represe N McEachren & Sons, appear erday to urge the council to some decision regarding a s erve this company's houses ped on the nine-inch sewer who being laid, the McEachren have been negotiating with it ship for a private sewer to a their own expense, a distance 240 feet, on their property, city limits to Randolph aven claim however, that before city limits to Randolph avenu claim, however, that before will allow them to make a co with the city sewer, the towns consent to the work. After discussion the council decided for Engineer Frank Barber's which is due at the next meet fore taking any action.

Want Road Opened.

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for the children to get to scho would mean the expropriation lots. "Would the district aff willing to pay for this?" enquir Griffiths. Mr. Ball replied to would. The roeve then infordeputation that saves were sent that saves in the saves with the deputation that several m

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The blaze occurred at a time when large numbers of pedestrians were passing and the police had a busy time in keeping the crowds back.

Two New Churches.

Two West Toronto Presbyterian churches have enlarged their congregations so much in the last few years that they have decided to build new a churches. The Royce avenue Presbythate the property of the prope

#### NEWMARKET SELLS MUNICIPAL BONI

That municipal bonds comma ready saie was evidenced at night's meeting of the Newm Town Council, when 8 per cent bentures, totaling \$15,000, were to A. James & Co. of Toronto price regarded as exceptionally fying. In all, 18 tenders were ceived, one of these being for banking firm in Toledo, Ohio.

The sale of these debentures were desired to the electric light install and the building of a reserve twoir, both of which are nearing

voir, both of which are nes \$2000 were put thru and a

Farmers in the town stated that the work of puttir the spring seeding was going remarkably well and a number of high lands will be thru of the week. Fall wheat is remarkably thrifty and the a big crop has not been so good

### AURORA

Norman Davis and Gordon A are suing Mrs. Rachel Wails Queen's Hotel, Aurora, for \$125 mission for the sale of the hotel Case Camp before Changelies of case came before Chancellor Sin Boyd in the non-jury assize

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