DETROIT REPORTER SAYS OUR WOMEN ASK CONSCRIPTION

Woman Writer Tells of Incident on London Car.

SCORN FOR THE SLACKERS

Survey Indicates That Mothers and Wives Are Anxious for Enforced Service.

"'Let me off at the armories; I want to enlist,' a woman said in a loud, clear voice to a street car conductor in London, Ont. And the crowd roared."

The foregoing is an incident related by Stella M. Champney in the Detroit Journal to illustrate the fact that Canadian women miss no opportunity to induce men to enlist either in overseas battalions or in home defence organizations, and that many women, indeed, are strongly in favor of conscription.

Mrs. Champney has just returned to Detroit after spending several weeks in Canada, going as far east as Quebec in order to obtain accurate data on the patriotic work being done by Canadian women in wartime. She spent the week-end in this city, and, as a result, London women's organizations and London women will figure prominently in articles which will apepar in the Detroit Journal in the near future.

Concerning the attitude of women in Canada towards conscription and that of the women of Ontario towards the new responsibilities of full citizenship bestowed upon them, Mrs. Champney says:

"Women whose men are at the front say: 'Why should my son fight for your son, and your son stay at home?'

"It is predicted that women recently enfranchised will swing the Dominion for conscription. This question was taken up at a meeting of the executive board of the National Council of Women, held recently at Ottawa, and it was voted to act on the question of conscription at the annual meeting of the council, which represents 225,000 women, in Winnipeg, next May.

"Throughout Canada, with the exception of the French-Canadian women of Quebec, women are employing every means in their power to induce the men to enlist. Everything from offering prizes to 'shaming' them into it, is being employed to swell the ranks of the Canadian overseas army, as well as the home defence. They never miss an opportunity to heckle an able-bodied man of military age in civilian clothes.

"'You can see how much the work of the women has been appreciated in the provinces of Ontario, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba,' said T. Cooper Marpole, deputy minister of finance of the Dominion, 'in the fact that they have been granted the franchise. That speaks for itself. Their war work has been truly remarkable.'

"Dr. Margaret Gordon of Toronto is leader of the suffrage movement in Ontario. Dr. Margaret Johnson and Dr. Emily Stow-Gulen are also prominent.

Women Study Politics.

"A large body of women who were not interested in the vote before being granted the franchise, are now determined to make a study of politics to prepare themselves for the intelligent use of the ballot.

"'We have been too busy with war work to pay much heed to the suffrage movement,' said Mrs. Willoughby Cummings of Toronto. 'But now that the vote has been thrust upon us we will rise to the obligation.'

"Suffrage leaders were as much surprised at the action of the Government in granting them the franchise as were those of the Opposition. It came about when the Government learned that the Opposition was prepared to introduce a suffrage bill in recognition of women's war work, and the Government 'stole the thunder' of the Opposition.

"Speaking further of marriages in Ontario, it is quite possible that the hurried marriages on account of the war were offset by delay in other cases on account of economic conditions,' said S. J. Manchester, chief clerk in the office of the registrar-general.

"There has been almost no change in the marriages in Ottawa for the last four years, the number running a little more than 1,000 per year.

"The birth rate in Toronto dropped from 30.2 per 1,000 in 1913 to 26.9 in 1915. In 1914 it was 29.3, according to Mr. Manchester's records. In Ontario as a whole it was 24.0 in 1914, the same in 1915, and 24.2 in 1915. The exact figures for Toronto for the years 1913, 1914 and 1915 respectively, show 13,722 births for the year before the war, 13,949 in 1914, and 12,806 in 1915."

RED LETTER NIGHT AT KING SOLOMON LODGE

Prominent Grand Lodge Officers Exemplify Degree.

There was a big turnout at the Masonic Temple Thursday night to King Solomon's Lodge, when prominent grand lodge officers, past and present, on the invitation of the W. M. J. E. Middleton exemplified the first degree of masonry. The large attendance of members and visitors was repaid for coming to witness the excellent degree work by these efficient past officers. After adjournment had been made from the blue room to the banquet hall, where a lunch was provided, speeches and songs were rendered by the distinguished visitors. The following conierred the degree: W.M. Rt. Wor. Bro. T. G. Davis, I. P. M. Rt. Wor. Bro. E. T. Essery, S. W. Rt. Wor. Bro. J. W. Wallace J. W. Rt. Wor. Bro. G. H. Poad, Chaplain V. Wor. Bro. O. J. Bridle, Secretary Rt. Wor. Bro. A. B. Greer, I. G. Rt. Wor. Bro. U. A. Buchner, S. D. Wor. Bro. Geo. Finnigan, J. D. Rt. Wor. Bro. J. W. Metherall, S. S. Wor. Bro. A. L. Simmie, J. S. Wor. Bro. C. H. Peacock.

JEWEL FOR PAST MASTER

Members of Hackett Lodge Honored I. P. M. Bro. Edgar Post.

At the regular meeting last evening of Hackett Loyal Orange Benefit Lodge No. 805 I. P. M. Edgar Post was presented with a past master's jewel by Wor. County Master George Geoghagan. He replied suitably. It was announced that a big meeting will be held on Sunday evening at which ex-Mayor Hocken of Toronto, Grand Master of Ontario West, will be present and give an address. Two new members were initiated last evening and two advanced to the Royal Arch Purple Degree. Wor. Master Ernest Langford presided.

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LOCAL NEWS

MAJOR BROWN RETURNS.—Major C. E. Brown, No. 10 Stationary Hospital, who has been home on a short leave, left the city last night.

MAJOR BALFOUR HERE.—Major Balfour, officer in charge of the mobilization centre at Amherstburg, was a visitor at the headquarters of the 63rd Battery, Queen's Park, yesterday.

MR. HOCKIN TO SPEAK.—A mass meeting will be held Sunday, April 15, at 8:15, in the Orange Hall. Ex-Mayor H. S. Hockin of Toronto will be the speaker for the evening, his subject being "Protestantism and the War."

PRAISES MAJOR REASON.—Pte. Leo Walsh, in writing to his brother, Thomas Walsh, says that he is much improved after being in the hospital for some time. He also speaks highly of Major Reason, who has charge of the Canadian hospitals.

INFORMATION WANTED. — The Advertiser has received a communication from Peter Sorbera of Brooklyn, N. Y., asking information of the whereabouts of Gregoria Speciale, an Italian jeweler. Mr. Sorbera is very anxious to hear if he is a resident of Western Ontario and if anyone can give information. They should write 53 Grattan street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

RIDOUT W. M. S. MEETING.—The Women's Missionary Society of Ridout Street Methodist Church held its regular monthly meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. E. Russel, Windsor avenue. Mrs. Holmes led in prayer and the Bible lesson was read by Mrs. Nichol. The mite boxes and Easter offerings showed good results. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. F. A. Martin; vice-president, Mrs. Nichol; recording secretary, Mrs. Holmes; correspondence secretary, Miss Govenlock; treasurer, Mrs. W. Bendle. Mrs. Russel and Mrs. McKim were chosen to be representatives at the convention in Petrolea next month. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening by the hostess.

ARTISTIC PROGRAM AT DUNDAS CENTRE CHURCH

Series Given by Epworth League Closed Last Evening.

Ruthven MacDonald, baritone, of Toronto; Miss Gladys Wright, reader, and Miss Florence Dewey, violinist, were the artists at a well-attended concert in the Sunday school of the Dundas Centre Methodist Church last night. The program concluded a series held during the winter under the auspices of the Epworth League. The numbers had a wide range of appeal and were encored without exception.

Ruthven MacDonald was heard to advantage in the "Song of the Bow," by Alward; "Arise, Ye Subterranean Winds," by Purcell; "The Horn," by Fleiger, and Adams' "Genevieve." Of his encores, perhaps the most popular were "An Irish Lullaby" and "Gang Awa', Bonnie Lassie," a Scotch melody with the war for a background.

Miss Gladys Wright in "The Baby Talk Lady," a sketch from Booth Tarkington's "Seventeen," made good use of her ability for humorous dialogue, while "The Dawn of a Tomorrow," a sketch of Old London slum life, gave plenty of opportunity for dramatic work. Her presentation of Kipling's "Tommy Atkins," and E. Vance Cook's "Don't You Know" were no less enjoyable.

Miss Dewey's violin solos made the instrumental part of the program fully as pleasing as the other parts. Her interpretation of "Mazurka," by Zarzycke, was well received, also her other numbers, "Wah-Wah-Taysee," by Cadman; "Tecyne," by Saint Fains, and "Rondino," by Kreisler.

Miss Gertrude Rennie and Miss Claire Darville were accompanists.

48 RETURNED SOLDIERS ARRIVE IN CITY TUESDAY

Several Londoners in Party Just Landed at Halifax.

Forty-eight wounded and invalided soldiers, part of the company that landed at Halifax April 9 via steamship Grampian, will arrive in the city on Tuesday morning next via C. P. R. at 11:15 o'clock. Several Londoners are in the party.

HIGH PRAISE GIVEN LONDON QUARTET

London Girls Made a Marked Impression at Hamilton.

The Hamilton Times has the following to say of the Elgar Ladies' Quartet of London, who took part in a patriotic benefit concert in Hamilton recently:

"The program was one of unusual excellence, and thanks are due to the artists, the Elgar Ladies' Quartet of London, and Miss Edna Steele of Hamilton, elocutionist, who all gave their services gratuitously for the cause. The Elgar Ladies' Quartet, composed of Misses Henderson, Suhr, Ware and Stratch, proved themselves not only skilled musicians, but also delightful entertainers. Misses Henderson and Straitch are accomplished pianists, and were heartily encored after a piano duet, a patriotic quartet, in which their voices harmonized beautifully, was well received.

"A unique and original number entitled "A Kitchen Orchestra," in which a teapot, a flour sifter and a pan were made to produce delightful music, gave all a hearty laugh. All present hoped the Elgar Quartet would soon visit Hamilton again."

PLAY WELL RECEIVED

Second Presentation of "Brown Betty" at Hamilton Road Church.

Under the auspices of the Young People's Society of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, the play "Brown Betty" was presented last evening for the second time within a few weeks, before a large and appreciative audience. Those taking part were "Brown Betty," Helen McFarlane; Jonas Hutchins, Harry Craig; Violet Hutchins, Hilda Stannard; Rev. Cyrus Harding, Charles Wideman; Miranda Hutchins, the minister's housekeeper, Audrey Campbell; Harry Leon, Charles Summers; Hiram Whitcomb, village constable; Harold McKerile, Jim Blinn, Boston detective, A. B. Stein; Letitia Star-Bird, Annie Johnston; Sam Mason, B. Copeland; Lucinda Mason, Ella Copeland; Huldah Griffin, Lily Smith. The play was given under the direction of Mrs. Wheeble, to whom much credit was due.

While a drama of village life, "Brown Betty" is entirely different from the usual play dealing with such environment, in that it has up-to-date features such as a moving picture company and a decidedly progressive atmosphere. Jonas Hutchins has betrayed the trust of neighbors by using the funds they have given him to invest in mining stock to purchase a mine for himself. Charming "Brown Betty," an unknown granddaughter, comes to the village in the role of detective, takes a position as domestic in the home of the minister, Rev. Cyrus Harding, whom she finally marries, in the meantime discovering the guilt of her grandfather by obtaining possession of papers belonging to him. Harry Leon of the Vitnay Moving Picture Company during the progress of events fails in love with another granddaughter of the dishonest and eccentric old gentleman, Miss Violet Hutchins, who makes her home with her grandfather. Each member of the caste was so well adapted to his or her part and each gave such a finished presentation that all were equally deserving of praise.

At the final "party" where everything ended happily, numbers were contributed by Miss Ila Phillmore and Miss Flossia McCaig. Miss Jean Walker gave much appreciated readings between the acts.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

EXPERIENCED DINING-ROOM GIRL wanted. Apply Grigg House. 44c

MAN AT CROSSING FELL ASLEEP AND TIED UP TRAFFIC

John Ward Pleads He Was Kept On Duty All Night.

MAGISTRATE NOT SWAYED

Tells Chief He Does Not Propose To Be Guided by What Others Did.

George Garnet Whitefoot, pleaded guilty in police court today to desertion from the 149th Battalion just prior to that unit's departure from the city. Upon his suggestion to be transferred to another unit, sentence was suspended. He was taken by a military escort to headquarters, and will be attached to a draft to leave the city in the near future.

Ethbert Able Discharged.

Owing to the introduction of so much evidence of a conflicting character, Magistrate Graydon decided to discharge Ethbert Able, who was tried on Tuesday on a charge of stealing a case of whiskey from Webber E. White. Able was seen carrying away a box from the vicinity of White's house. White and his wife swore it was their whiskey, while Able stoutly maintained that it was a "box of bones for the dog."

McGowan Fined $10.

Convicted on a charge of having assaulted George O'Dell, Arthur McGowan was fined $10 and costs or in default of payment one month in jail. O'Dell's doctor bill, amounting to $5, was allowed in the costs. The amount was paid forthwith.

The evidence was taken at Thursday's court session.

Deserted Wife and Child.

Charles Sprague, 564 William street, was found guilty of deserting his wife and child and failing to contribute to their support.

The evidence showed just another of the many cases of domestic unhappiness aired in court during the past few months.

Sprague stated that he had been discharged from the militia two months ago, and had been "resting" since then. His wife said he had been living with another woman. Magistrate Graydon ordered that he pay $5 a week into court toward the support of his wife and child.

Must Keep Her Chickens Home.

"It's hard enough work making a garden without having your neighbor's chickens tear it up as fast as you get it in shape," said Mrs. Jemima Spencer of 127 Lancarth street in police court today in giving evidence in a case brought against her neighbor, Mrs. Clara M. Newans, charged with allowing her poultry to run at large. She asked that the court issue an order restraining Mrs. Newans from allowing her "biddies" to wander.

Keeps Eye On Chickens.

Mrs. Newans said she always watched the chickens when they were out of the coop, and was at a loss to know how they had trespassed on her neighbor's garden. She agreed to keep them locked up, and the case was enlarged for a week on this condition.

Played Cards on Sunday.

Paul Martinchuck pleaded guilty to a breach of the Lord's Day act, the violation consisting of playing cards at a neighbor's house on South street on Sunday last.

There was no evidence adduced to show that there was money in the game, and Magistrate Graydon hesitated about imposing a fine.

"It has always been the habit to fine in such cases," said Chief Williams.

"That may be true, but I will enlarge this case a week and consult the statutes in this respect," said the magistrate. "You know, chief, I am not going to do exactly what others have been in the habit of doing here."

Drove On Sidewalk.

Edward Johnson and Arthur Forbes pleaded guilty to driving on a reserved space for a sidewalk on the Proof Line road. They explained it was done in order to avoid a large hole in the road. The case was dismissed, and each warned not to do it again.

Auto Had No Number.

Charles Anderson, 127 Wharncliffe road, admitted that he had driven his auto a short distance without the required license number. He was fined $3 and costs.

Neglected Crossing Gates.

John Ward, G. T. R. crossing watchman at Richmond street, pleaded guilty to obstructing the street by his failure to raise the gates after a freight had passed Tuesday morning. He explained he had fallen asleep a few minutes, as he had been on duty all night. He paid $1 and costs.

Both Were Intoxicated.

Two disciples of Bacchus pleaded guilty to intoxication and each paid the minimum fine of $10 and costs. One said he had carried his jag for a number of days, but had not been caught. The other owed his to Montreal liquor.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Throw Open the Churches.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I would like to ask "A True Woman and Mother," if she has known what it is to have been tempted and failed; also the hard struggle to find one's way back again, out of the mire. In regard to the flogging of the boy I think that the punishment was quite right. He deserved every bit of it. But what are we going to do about when he is released from prison? Are we going to point the finger of scorn at him and kick him down a little lower and deeper into the mire? I earnestly believe that there have been more men and women made criminals and sent to hell that way than the public realizes. If so, "Mother," then there will be other girls and women served the same way.

Or are we going to see that there is some way found, now we have proved that such ones are given a chance to prove to the world that there is some good in them, and in the after years they in their turn may be able to help some other fallen brother and sister. Only, "Mother," we must begin with the babies. Did it ever occur to you to think when walking the streets why parents let their boys and girls of 15 and 16 years of age stay on the streets so much? Do you wonder why they go wrong, and the churches, instead of being open every night in the week, are only open about twice in the week. God does punish sin, but He loves the sinner, and He also forgives the sinner. The moment we begin to say God be merciful to me the sinner, then we find out that He does forgive. That is why I ask you the question at the ginning of my letter. I say again, give that boy a chance to make good, and he in his turn will realize the seriousness of his crime and there will be deep remorse in his after life. But there will not be if we kick him down. How about his own mother? What does she feel? You must remember he is her boy just as much as your girls are yours, and she has just the same feelings towards him. The case at Brantford I would consider one of insanity.

JUST A SPARROW.

Should Be Sent Broadcast.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Let me congratulate you upon the article on Page 7 of Tuesday's Advertiser, "How to Save for Future War Loans."

This article ought to be put in a little booklet and distributed through the public schools and workshops of the city.

Nothing is calculated to improve the moral and vital resources of the country than a healthy habit of saving money. Young folks can have few stronger safeguards, and such articles as this one of yours is calculated to do a great deal of good.

Yours truly,

JOHN COTTAM.

London, April 11, 1917.

Ed.—The article in question appeared in The Advertiser's weekly financial survey and advocated that children and grown-ups should save small amounts, increasing the amount each week.

PATRIOTIC FESTIVAL NETS $450 FOR SOLDIERS

Splendid Program Was Enjoyed by Large Crowd Last Night.

The grand patriotic festival under the direction of Mrs. Alice Henderson was repeated last evening in the Masonic Temple before a still larger audience than the first night. The entertainment was again characterized by refreshing snap, spirit and finish that held delighted attention from beginning to end of the long program. The children danced with a joyous abandon and rythmic grace, in perfect time to the music, revealing much natural talent, fine musical appreciation and at the same time thoroughness of training received from Mrs. Henderson. Choruses orchestral numbers and songs went with even more assurance than on the first presentation.

It is estimated that the proceeds for the benefit of the relief work of the London branch of the Soldiers' Aid Commission will amount to about $450. Mrs. Henderson made a tremendous hit with her humorous selections and after her appearance in "There's Nothing Too Good for the Irish," was presented with a magnificent boquet of Richmond roses. Misses Marion Stark and Irene Anderson received bouquets after their minuet. In the Advertiser's previous report the name of Miss Annie Clark was given as Alice Clark. Miss Clark is a well-known young vocalist and a member of the First Methodist Church choir.

63RD BATTERY NOW BREAKING RECORDS IN GETTING RECRUITS

27 Men Signed On First Three Days of This Week.

NEW QUARTERS REQUIRED

Law Student, Musician, Broker Among Those Who Join Cameron's Men.

The first three days of this week have been record-breaking days for the 63rd Depot Battery at Queen's Park, for during those three days 27 men signed up for service with the artillery unit. The strength of the battery has kept on increasing at such a rate that it has overflowed its usual commodious quarters in the machinery building, and many of the men are now occupying the quarters formerly occupied by the 149th Battalion in the booths under the grandstand.

Men of Many Callings.

Among those who have joined up in the last three days are men from almost every walk of life, and men chosen from a wide range of occupations. Malcolm Huffman of Mull, Ont., who came in yesterday, is a third-year law student at Osgoode Hall, Toronto. C. E. Miller, a farmer of Wardsville; E. S. Fetherston, a musician of this city; H. R. Kilty, a student of Clinton; E. F. Mann, a broker of Charleston, South Carolina; G. McB. Grant, a clerk of Glencoe; A. B. Cole, a clerk of Pittsburg, and O. L. Colborne, a printer of Blenheim, are names of other men whose occupations are typical of the men who are making good in artillery work.

Other New Batterymen.

Other names on the list are: H. J. O'Hara of Toledo, F. C. Culley of Sarnia, Jack Harris of Chatham, W. L. Secord of Thamesville, Stanley Kellaway of Woodstock, N. A. Dyer of Sarnia, Daniel Morris of Boston, B. C. W. Jervis of Clinton, J. L. Woodward of Windham, N. Z., Walter Restorick of Watford, James Barclay of London, E. P. Bradford of Hamilton, A. Sheppard of Wingham, G. J. Buchanan of Sarnia, T. M. Lowes of Windsor, D. M. Nicholson, W. J. Risborough and O. B. Shillington of Blenheim.

A. M. C. DRAFT LEAVES FOR NEW TRAINING CAMP

Big Crowd Was at Depot to Give Men Send-Off.

Forty-five N. C. O's and men, and three officers of Army Corps Training Depot No. 1, Wolseley Barracks, left London via the Grand Trunk yesterday afternoon for an eastern training point.

A large crowd of friends and relatives of the men were on hand at the station to give them a fitting send-off. The train was due to pull out at 4:25, but at that time the draft had not yet arrived at the station, so the train was held a few minutes. About 4:30 the detachment appeared marching down Richmond street, headed by the Army Medical Corps pipe band, and as they swung along the platform they presented a very smart appearance.

On their arrival they immediately took their places in the special car provided for them, and after a few minutes spent in saying farewell to their friends, amid cheers from the crowd and the martial tones of their band, the train pulled out.

The officers who went with the draft were Capt. T. W. Ballantyne, who was in command, Capt. G. T. Bailey, and Lieut. W. G. Bleakley.

The N.-C. O.'s and men in the draft were: Sergt. R. G. Baker; Corp. S. E. Carle; Ptes. J. T. Berube, C. S. Birdsall, W. J. Broderick, J. Burns, W. J. Carnahan, D. Coady, J. Curgin, W. L. Curtiss, D. H. Dyer, E. H. Eaton, L. W. English, G. B. Ephraim, C. W. Ferguson, Y. C. Freeland, P. E. Gillespie, O. G. George, G. Goble, H. A. Holmes, J. Kupnder, J. H. Lanahan, A. S. Leys, E. H. Lilley, G. Lyons, D. Macaulay, D. E. MacPherson, S. Macdonald, C. Miller, F. Norman, J. Patadopoulos, R. R. Penhall, W. H. Pole, L. Petteg, D. E. Paton, H. Sanders, A. P. Sayres, E. R. Shaw, D. L. Smith, H. S. Smith, J. Thomson, S. Timinski, D. E. Vernon, O. Warner, L. J. W. West.

BILLY SUNDAY MUSIC.

Ye Olde Firme of Heintzman & Co., Limited, Heintzman Hall, 242 Dundas street, are featuring a number of what might be called Billy Sunday player music rolls. To those interested in Billy Sunday and his work, these rolls should be much enjoyed. Call at any time and hear them. They will be played for you on request. A.13 16.18.

ENGINEER PUTS IN LOWEST BID ON ASPHALT PAVING

Awarded Contracts and Instructed To Buy Roller.

CITY BUYS ITS SUPPLIES

Many Tenders Opened, and Goods Purchased by the Board of Control.

The board of control awarded contracts today in large quantities, and incidentally decided to call for others. The year's supplies are now being purchased.

The principal tenders were for paving. Several were received for asphalt paving, but the contracts were awarded to City Engineer Brazier for the top dressing, and to W. J. Boss for the foundation. It would appear that the paving will be done quite as cheaply as last year, possibly more cheaply.

City Engineer Brazier quoted a price of 91½ cents a square yard for the top dressing, using liquid lake asphalt. If Trinidad were used the price would be $1.01½. The foundations to be laid by W. J. Boss were quoted at 85 cents per square yard for 5-inch base and 90 cents for a 6-inch base, including the grading. Mr. Brazier's prices were 87½ and 96. The Standard Paving Company's price was about 20 cents higher. There was some discussion as to whether Trinidad or liquid asphalt would be used, but the engineer recommended the latter. The contract for this material was awarded to the Imperial Oil Company, at the rate of $22.50 a ton for 400 tons in packages, and $18 a ton for tank cars.

Here's Job For Someone.

The question of engaging a superintendent for the paving plant was taken up, and the board will recommend that the council leave the matter with the board of control with power. Mr. Brazier has several good men in view.

The other tenders all showed that prices for materials are soaring. Cement has gone up about 45 cents a barrel, and hardware supplies are also quite a sum higher.

Hayman & Mills were given the contract for most of the cement from $1.85 to $2.20 a barrel, depending on the amounts taken. W. Copp was given the contract for supplying cement for sidewalks at $1.90 per barrel. The matter of purchasing a supply at $1.80 a barrel in carload lots was laid over.

Mitchell & Mohan were awarded the contract for the Nightingale street sewer at $3,364.40, being the lowest tender.

Land tile was awarded to the Brick Manufacturing Company at $1.70 per hundred feet for 3-inch tile, and $2.40 for 4-inch.

More Bids Required.

There was only one price received for iron castings, and Mr. Brazier was instructed to get other figures.

The contracts for other supplies will be divided among the Hobbs Hardware Company, the Purdom Hardware Company, James Wright & Son, and the Imperial Oil Company. City Engineer Brazier will straighten out the amounts to be awarded to each.

The board ratified certain increases in wages. The garbage employees were given an advance of 2½ cents an hour, garbage collectors 25 cents a day; construction laborers on the city work an advance from 28 to 30 cents an hour, and street cleaners from 21 to 24 cents an hour. The question of giving the engineers at the incinerator 25 cents a day was laid over.

Is Collection Diminishing?

Controller Shaw wanted information as to the amount of garbage collected daily. He was informed that the collections now amount to 30 or 40 loads a day, when it formerly ran 60 and 70 loads. Mr. Brazier will secure the information.

George Alexander was given the contract for gravel for wards 1, 3, 4 and 5 for all kinds, from prices ranging from $6.50 a cord to $7, while John Murphy was awarded the contract for ward 2 at prices ranging from $6.50 to $6 a cord.

For vitrified tile, the Brick Manufacturing Company was given the contract for 12, 15 and 10 inch tile; W. Heaman & Sons for 6-inch tile; W. Copp for 10 and 18 inch, and Hayman & Mills for all other sizes.

City Engineer Brazier offered to lay a brick pavement on Bathurst street from Wellington to Waterloo for $3.02 a square yard. W. J. Boss will be asked to lay the foundation, while the advisability of putting down asphalt instead of brick is being considered.

City to Buy Roller.

The city engineer was instructed to call for tenders for an eight-ton roller for the paving plant. He presented specifications for the coal supply for the city, and was given power to call for tenders.

Auditors A. Dale and A. Screaton reported that they had about completed the annual report for 1916, and would have it ready shortly. They hope to get the 1917 work up to date in a very short time. They will appear at the council meeting on Monday evening to deal with matters connected with the department. The board also accepted, in this connection, the offer of the utilities commission to pay $2,100 towards the cost of the audit. Controller John M. Moore declared that he did not consider that the proportion was proper, as a great deal of the auditors' time was taken up with utilities work. An effort will be made to get an approximate idea of the amount of work done for each department, and a charge will be made against all of the spending bodies to cover the cost.

Purchase Ratified.

The report of City Engineer Brazier, to the effect that the city had obtained all the materials, machinery, land, etc., in connection with the purchase of the Standard Paving Company's plant, and the purchase was ratified. The bylaw to raise the money will be presented to the council at the next session.

The trades and labor council will be informed as to what had been done in connection with getting power to purchase coal, flour, etc., on a commission basis. The law had been amended granting this power, and a vote could be taken on the question.

The resignation of N. Glass, permanent clerk in Assessment Commissioner Grant's office, was received, and it was decided to increase his salary to $800, in order to induce him to remain. Mr. Grant spoke highly of his work.

Premiums amounting to $2,715.83 in the Aetna Life was ordered to be paid. These policies are held on London soldiers at the front. Ptes. Lewis, Atkins, Holder, Hartley, Wray and Taylor were struck off, as they have been discharged from the C. E. F.

Decorate for Ypres.

Sergt. John Struad of the Returned Soldiers' Association, asked that a proclamation be issued, asking the citizens to decorate their homes and places of business on Ypres Day, April 23rd. The council was invited to attend the memorial service in St. Paul's Cathedral that day. The proclamation will be issued, and the aldermen will attend the service.

There was a little brush about the tenders for patent road oil, which Controller Shaw has opposed for some time. City Engineer Brazier has recommended the product as the best for the purpose, and he quoted a number of opinions in favor of it. Controller Shaw took issue with him, and quoted other opinions to the effect that asphalt oil was cheaper and better.

"If you are going to allow the city engineer to run the city, we had better resign," he declared warmly. "We are throwing away money."

Backs Up the Engineer.

"You would go back to old times, when everybody connected with the city was an engineer except the city engineer," shot back Controller Saunders. "Mr. Brazier recommends this and I am in favor of accepting it. If he makes a mistake, we will take him to task, but so long as he is head of the department he will be supported by me."

The board decided to recommend the purchase of 10,000 gallons of the patent oil at 10 1-4 cents a gallon. The oil favored by Dr. Shaw can be secured at 8 1-4 cents a gallon.

A request to send a deputation to Hamilton to discuss the proposed provincial highway was turned down, and information will be received on certain matters.

"It looks as if the cities are going to get much the worst of this deal," said Controller Moore. "We pay all the cost of the roads inside the city limits. We are asked to pay 30 per cent of the cost of all suburban roads within seven miles of the city, and I presumt we will be asked to pay 20 per cent of the cost of the provincial highway. It does not look like business to me."

"It looks as if we will have to pay pretty heavily," said Controller Little.

"We always get the worst of it," commented Controller Saunders.

It was decided to get copies of all highway bills presented to the Legislature, so that the controllers will have some information as to what is going on.

A bill for the telephone in the soldiers' aid commission's office was presented, and it was decided to ask the commission to pay for it.

"We gave the commission $1,500 some time ago, and surely this telephone can be paid for," commented Controller Moore.

Board of Health Spending Powers.

Controller Shaw wants information as to the control the city has over the expenditures of the board of health. The discussion arose over the refusal of the finance committee to sanction an account for $15 to Dr. Harris, who has assisted the medical officer of health.

"The board can spend its estimates and no more," said Mayor Stevenson.

"You cannot control the board's estimates," replied Controller Saunders. "I think they have full power to spend what is deemed necessary in looking after the health of the citizens."

However, the information will be obtained.

The firemen asked for the use of the central fire hall in which to hold meetings of the association they have recently formed.

"I object to all the firemen meeting there at any time except in their own time," said Controller Moore.

However, the request was granted, Fire Chief Aitken being authorized to arrange a satisfactory time for the men to meet.

Tenders will be called for repairs to the market buildings, and alterations, this work to be under the direction of the board of works.

The finance committee recommended the securing of four copies annually of the American City Magazine. The board cut the number down to four, one each for the chairmen of the board of control, No. and No. 2 committees, and the city clerk.

Calls It Ridiculous.

The board did not take kindly to the recomemndation that Henry Macklin, J. P., be paid $875 for acting as police magistrate for some months.

"Absolutely ridiculous," said Controller Moore.

"I do not think it all reasonable," said Controller Saunders. "He should be paid something, but the amount is out of question altogether." The board decided to send the amount to the council for discussion, but no recommendation that it be paid was passed. The controllers did not approve of it.

George A. McGillivray, West London, offered his residence for use as a military hospital. The proposition was sent to the special committee in charge of this work.

Bylaws giving $5,000 to the Salvation Army for a Rescue Home, and $50 to the St. John's Ambulance Association were presented, and will be sent to the council. These were overlooked at the last meeting. City Solicitor Meredith reported that he had received the request from the council that legal action be taken to get the Grand Trunk off the team tracks on Bathurst street, and would look into the matter at once.

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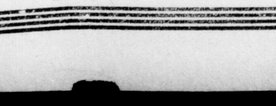

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