tual accommodation on fundamental points that it is expected that a public statement will be made at an early date, with the authorization of the governments concerned, showing the general character of the progress made.

Preliminaries Start Thursday.

The president is ready for the first gathering of the premiers and statesmen of the entente powers, and the informal conferences will begin on Thursday or Friday.

The first conference will be in the nature of informal exchanges of views by the various groups having common interests. These will then be condensed and reduced to memoranda, which the interested nations will sign and pass to the peace conference, to be incorporated, if satisfactory, in the final terms.

It is believed that by this method the great powers can avoid calling in the representatives of neutral states and nominate belligerents when their interests are discussed.

Under the present scheme the representatives of neutral states and the smaller belligerents will first meet the representatives of the powers with whom they have questions pending, with the object of settling them, while the others will be free to confer with those with whom they have interests. These conferences will concern principally local questions. It will be a process of elimination which is expected to reduce greatly the detailed work of the general conference.

BRITISH DELEGATION.

Lloyd George to Leave for Paris Saturday With Colleagues.

London, Jan. 7.—Premier Lloyd George will leave for Paris Saturday morning, accompanied by the British plenipotentiaries to the peace conference. Up to the present only A. J. Balfour, the foreign minister, and Andrew Bonar Law have been appointed to act with him as delegates, but it is believed practically certain that a labor representative will be named.

BLIND BARONET AT MASSEY HALL

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mony of the city's esteem. He said it gave him pleasure to make the presentation.

Sir Arthur Pearson, in reply, said there is no need of a presentation loving cup to prove to him the interest of the citizens of Toronto. In speaking of St. Danstan's, he said the motto of the institution is "victory over blindness." St. Dunstan's is a magnificent house. It has the largest grounds of any house in London, except Buckingham Palace. There are all together, eleven houses in the institute. The beautiful grounds with its terraces and flower beds are now almost covered with workshops, but instead of the flowers that used to bloom there, the flowers of hops bloom. He gave a very vivid description of St. Dunstan's House with its linoleum paths thruout its rooms to guide the blind soldiers. He said that there is an idea that most blind men want to spend their time in reading the Bible, the blind have no more desire to spend all their time with the Bible than other people. Many of the blind soldiers at St. Dunstan's, who have never seen a typewriter, are learning to use one rapidly, and there are men who have learned to write shorthand at the rate of one hundred words a minute. Many of them are now in large business houses earning equally with men who can see. At first there was a large amount of unbelief on the part of business people to employ these men, but they proved themselves thoroly competent workmen. They should not be employed because they are heroes or blind men in need of a helping hand, but because they are equal to the job.

Blind Industries.

In the workrooms there are men making baskets, cobbling, a new industry for the blind. They can do it just as well as the man who can see. Mat making, another occupation, is popular. Carpentry is one of the newer industries and the men at St. Dunstan's can make thoroly useful articles. The experiment of training men in this trade has been extremely satisfactory.

Poultry raising is another occupation most successfully carried on by the blind men. St. Dunstan's is a place for normal men who cannot see. Among the pastimes dancing is very popular and very useful in teaching balance. Cards, dominoes, chess, rowing, swimming are enjoyed. Numbers of men who have never been in more water than would fill a bath tub have learned to swim at St. Dunstan's. Tug-of-war is another popular pastime. Almost every man at St. Dunstan's learns to play some kind of musical instrument.

When the men leave the instructors they are kept in touch with and the organization maintains a parental interest in the men and their families.

The blind officers who live near St. Dunstan's are the most cheery, splendid lot of gallant gentlemen anywhere in the world. Among those is Capt. E. A Baker. Sergeant Mayo, another St. Dunstan's man has left a splendid record behind him at the institution. Private MacDougal is another. These are among the blided Canadian soldiers who have returned to this country and are doing well. The loss of sight does not mean the loss of intelligence, but rather increases the activity of the mind. A blind man has to think of everything and mental exercise is as good as exercise is for the body. Earl Grey, who was formerly foreign secretary of war, who is losing his sight, is attending St. Dunstan's to learn typing, etc.

Really See.

Sir Arthur said that people who are blind do not live in the darkness. They really see as vividly by the eyes of the mind as people do who see with their eyes. He said that he might not recognize any of the audience if he met them on the street, but he could see them quite clearly. More than 300 men at St. Dunstan's have been married since they got blinded. They do not get the "left-overs," but they have no difficulty about satisfying themselves in the matter of a mate for life.

Hon. Sir Wm. Hearst, premier, said he wished to extend to the distinguished speaker hearty greetings and welcome from the government and people of Ontario. No one can say how much gratitude we feel for what he has done for the boys from Canada who have been blinded. Sir Arthur Pearson's work as a publisher alone would have deserved the highest recognition, but his work for the blinded soldiers has doubly endeared him to humanity. Mr. Hearst was thru St. Dunstan's himself as a visitor two years ago, and can say that it is a place of wonderful miracles. He said he was glad to have this opportunity of offering his tribute to the heroic men who have lost their sight in the war. What these men have lost must be made up to them insofar as science can do it for them.

Sir James Lougheed.

Hon. Sir James Lougheed, minister of the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, was the next speaker. He said the problem of the blind returned soldiers is one that presses itself upon us and Sir Arthur Pearson's visit just now is very opportune. The importance of the subject has been accentuated by the return of the blind soldier and impressed upon us the necessity of caring for those men. The department of government with which he is connected has been charged with the responsibility of looking after the disabled soldiers and he thinks that among them the blind men should receive consideration. The government has made provision for these blind men to attend St. Dunstan's. At present some 60 of them are receiving the advantages of that institution. He said that he is sure that when the time comes for the Dominion Government to reply to any appeal that may be made to them for support of an institution in Canada, such as Sir Arthur Pearson has described, the government at Ottawa will do what it can to promote this magnificent movement, and respond in a most generous manner. He hoped that the Ontario Government would emulate the example of the Ottawa authorities.

The last speech was made by Capt. E. A. Baker, M.C., Croix de Guerre, who himself is a blind officer, who has been thru St. Dunstan's Institute, and who was referred to by Sir Arthur Pearson, and who is engaged in the department of government presided over by Sir James Lougheed. He was received with prolonged applause, and said he had pleasure in joining in a tribute to "our old chief," Sir Arthur. He described the last picture he saw, a tumbled and wrecked trenches, no man's land, and the darkness, and then a star shell, that was all, and then came the hospital and a meeting with Sir Arthur, which has meant so much to him. After having gone to St. Dunstan's, he did not come home feeling unhappy, but feeling independent. He spoke with admiration of the institute for the blind, and of the good fellowship that exists between the men who have been there and Sir Arthur Pearson. He thought the blind if given a chance would cease to be a set apart class who needed charity, but would be independent and self-supporting.

PASS THE HAT FOR FIFTY THOUSAND

Zionists' Convention Collect Large Sum for Hebrew Culture.

The Zionists' convention was continued at the Prince George Hotel yesterday, and the proceedings were devoted mostly to routine business connected with the cancelation of representation by proxies. New credentials were issued to the delegates, which resulted, with the inclusion of delegates from towns who had not previously reported, in the number of delegates being about the same as before the changes in credentials were made. There were 250 recognized delegates, fully accredited, present.

The treasurer, H. Lavine of Montreal, submitted the financial report, which showed a total of $101,890.79 raised during the past eighteen months, with a balance of $4847 in the bank.

Some drastic changes in the government and constitution of Zionist affairs in Canada were made at the evening meeting, and what practically amounted to a revolutionary movement was started. There was some criticism of the old constitution, which provided for the representation of delegates from the whole of Canada in one central council, but the new constitution, which was recommended unanimously by a committee of eleven which was appointed to consider the changes and report back to the convention, provides for the organization of Zionist headquarters for the eastern portion of Canada at Montreal, the central part of the country at Toronto, and the western headquarters at Winnipeg. A provisional committee of government was appointed to take charge of the business of the movement, until July of this year, when there will be another meeting of the convention to ratify the new constitution and elect officers. The committee, which will act as a provisional government, is composed of: A. Levin, Montreal; Leon Goldman, Montreal; J. Fineberg, N. Gordon L. Fitch and M. Garber all of Montreal; Dr. Schwartz and B. Stone of Toronto; A. L. Freeman of Ottawa, M. J. Finkelstein and M. Levine of Winnipeg.

Standing Tribute.

During the meeting in the evening a standing tribute of respect was paid to the fallen Jews in the Jewish Legion in Palestine and the sufferers in the pogroms in Poland.

A resolution was introduced to hold a democratic congress of all Canadian Jews bo-Zionists and non-Zionists in May. Clarence L. De Sola was elected as the honorary chairman of the provisional committee, which will be reponible for the movement in the interim until July. The convention put itself on record as grateful to Mr. De Sola for his 21 years of service to the Zionist movement as president of the organization.

Dr. Ben Zion Mossinsohn made an appeal on behalf of the Hebrew culture movement and in response an offering of $50,000 was taken on the spot from the delegates present. During the evening a dinner was given by the ladies of the organization to the visiting ladies in the convention in the King Edward Hotel at which a large number were present.

At a regular meeting of the G. W. V. A. last evening it was decided to appoint a permanent organizing secretary. J. V. Conroy was elected to this position. Mr. Conroy has previously been district secretary, and is well known among the members of the G. W. V. A. as an indefatigable worker for the benefit of the organization.

HAMILTON NEWS

Hamilton, Jan. 7.—The Canadian Club of Hamilton has formed a league of nations committee, the first to be formed in Canada. The object of the committee is to establish a means of communicating the feeling of the people in the matter of policy to the government.

Denial was made by a leading milk dealer today that any milk sent to Hamilton is not purchased.

Mrs. Mary James, who yesterday fell between two street cars, died today. Her foot had been amputated.

John Dottis of 41 Gregg street, while fooling with a revolver, pointed it at his temple and pulled the trigger, receiving wounds, from which recovery is doubtful.

It is announced that the new city council will inaugurate a movement to gain control of the city hospitals.

FUNERAL SPARTAN IN SIMPLICITY

Roosevelt's Grave Will Be on Knoll Overlooking Oyster Bay.

MESSAGE FROM KING

Wilson Also Expresses Heartfelt Sympathy on Death of Great American.

Oyster Bay, N.Y., Jan. 7—With the flags of Oyster Bay dropped at half mast and its citizens in deep mourning over the death yesterday of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, arrangements for the unostentatious funeral services here tomorrow were being perfected by members of the family today. High in the air over Sagamore Hill, army airplanes from Hazelhurst Field maintained a ceaseless vigil, occasionally swooping toward the earth to drop a wreath of laurel among the elms of the mansions.

In accordance with the wishes of the former president, as expressed to Mrs. Roosevelt, the obsequies will be of almost Spartan simplicity. First, there will be a prayer service at the house, attended only by relatives. At 12.45 o'clock the Protestant Episcopal service for the dead will be read in Christ Church by the rector, the Rev. George E. Talmage. There will be no music, no eulogy, no honorary pallbearers. Mrs. Roosevelt has requested that no flowers be sent.

Burial will be in Young's Memorial Cemetery. Col. Roosevelt will lie among the fir trees on the knoll overlooking Oyster Bay Cove—the beautiful spot selected soon after he left the White House.

Message From King.

Messages expressing grief at the death of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, and extending sympathy to his widow, were received today from the King, President Poincare and Premier Lloyd George.

Mrs. Roosevelt received during the night a cablegram of sympathy from President Wilson, dated Medone, which is on the Franco-Italian frontier, reading as follows:

"Pray accept my heartfelt sympathy on the death of your distinguished husband, the news of which has shocked me very much.

"Woodrow Wilson."

This was one of more than 500 telegrams and cablegrams which poured into Oyster Bay for Mrs. Roosevelt during the night.

Alexandra, Queen Mother of England, cabled the following:

"I am indeed grieved to hear of the death of your great and distinguished husband, for whom I had the greatest regard. Please accept my deepest sympathy on the irreparable loss you have suffered."

ITALIAN EX-PRESIDENT'S TRIBUTE.

Paris, Jan. 7.—Rene Viviani, former premier, said today concerning the death of former President Roosevelt:

"I learn with grief of the death of Roosevelt. He was a friend of France. I can remember him during our mission of 1917 to America. I can see him in New York, impetuous, ardent and energetic, his clear eyes lit up by justice, and I can hear again his first words to me. 'I and my four sons are in the service for righteousness.'

"He died after victory. Let us be united in saluting his great memory."

CLOSE GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

Paris, Jan. 7.—President Wilson is signing a proclamation closing government offices on the day of the funeral of Colonel Roosevelt and ordering that the American flag be halfmasted wherever it floats around the world.

President Wilson today cabled Vice-President Marshall to act as his personal representative and the official representative of the government in any arrangements made concerning the funeral.

COUNCIL CAUCUS ELECTS CHAIRMEN

Mayor Church, Maguire and Robbins Show Disapproval by Non-Attendance.

While it is reported that a caucus of the old members of the city council yesterday decided that the chairmanships of the various boards should be allotted as follows: Works, Alderman Hiltz; Property, Ald. Ball; Parks, Ald. Beamish; Legislation, Ald. Nesbitt; Board of health, Ald. Cowan, it is understood that some of the old members if supported by the new incoming members, will endeavor to have the chairmen appointed at the first annual meeting of the council when all are present.

Mayor Church, Cont. Maguire and Cont. Robbins declined to attend, believing that the selections should be made openly by the new council at its first meeting. Cont. Cameron, the only new member present, expressed a desire to be placed on the board of health, but the caucus decided against him

Probable Changes.

Cont. Sam McBride was created an Exhibition director. Ald. Cowan was picked as chairman of the board of health and Ald. Ryding and Ald. McMulkin were appointed as members to fill vacancies in the board. Ald. Hiltz will be chairman of the works committee for a second term. Ald. Ball, altho opposed by Ald. Graham and Ald. Ryding, was appointed to the chairmanship of the property committee. Ald. Beamish will be chairman of the parks commission.

Members who attended the meeting later expressed regret that the appointments were not made in council. There will probably be changes when the new council meets.

PRESENTATION TO EX-P. C.

Ex-P. C. Craig, formerly of No. 3 station, was presented with a gold watch locket by the men of that station as a mark of their esteem, yesterday afternoon. The presentation was made by Inspector Crow, and the recipient thanked the men in a few words for their kindness. Mr. Craig left the force some time ago to go into business.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

DANFORTH

ALDERMEN PLAN FOR COMING YEAR

Riverdale Ratepayers Discuss Transportation and Public Libraries.

The regular monthly meeting of the Riverdale Ratepayers' Association was held last night in Leslie street School.

L. W. Mullen, president, occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by the ward aldermen outlining their program in council for 1919.

Alderman W. W. Hiltz said altho he made no promises for last year he would promise that the East Gerrard street hollow would be attended to this year. "I don't see why the work cannot be done, the street filled in and a pavement laid at this point," said the alderman, who added that the Pape avenue car line should go ahead and the tracks be laid. The Toronto Street Railway should have no difficulty in securing rails now that war work has ceased. A branch library should be established near Greenwood and Gerrard and also at Pape and Danforth. Logan, Arundel and Hastings avenues should be paved and this work would receive his attention in council.

Tax Rate Lower.

Regarding the tax rate Alderman Hiltz said he expected it would be lower this year. "I think the city council should cut out all war grants this year," said the speaker. "The day is over for grants of ten fifteen and twenty thousands," he said.

With reference to the taking over of the T. S. R. in 1921, Alderman Hiltz said: "We might as well start now to prepare for that event and build our own cars and also improve the existing tracks by extending and linking up, etc., and also do our own financing and not go outside Toronto for the money. We could borrow from our own citizens, which is simply our own national policy brought down to civic finance.

"Our own people would benefit and if Toronto is not as safe as our banking institutions well then God help Toronto," declared Mr. Hiltz, who added that he was an optimist and believed that Toronto will be in the near future one of the finest cities in the world.

No Excuse.

Alderman Honeyford said there was no excuse for the city council to delay the completion of Pape avenue car line this year.

The poles and overhead wires are completed and the steel can now be procured. The speaker also advocated a central purchasing bureau and a bureau of information at the city hall and a change in the Assessment Act. "Taxation of land values would enable us to abolish all other taxation," said Mr. Honeyford.

Alderman Johnston favored nomination meetings being held at night, in future, and money should be spent this year on the repairing of streets. He believed in a "pay as you go" policy.

It was decided to send a deputation to the city council regarding the filling in and paving of East Gerrard street from Leslie street to First avenue. The president, L. W. Mullen, and Secretary G. Smith, were appointed.

The treasurer's report was read and adopted. There was a good attendance.

EARLSCOURT

TO ENLARGE CHILDREN'S HOME.

The Children's Home on St. Clair Gardens, Earlscourt, in connection with the Central Methodist Church, is soon to undergo considerable expansion. Rev. Peter Bryce, who is president of this institution, is planning with the building committee enlarging the home, which at present contains some forty little children, many of whom are the offspring of soldiers fallen in the war. Mothers, too, can leave their little ones when they go to work in the morning, and call for them in the evening, and this service is given quite gratuitously. The mites vary in age from two upwards, and are perfectly happy in their surroundings. Games, music and singing take place every day, under the guidance of Miss Inkpen, the superintendent.

President Sergt.-Major T. H. Barclay was in the chair at the regular meeting of the executive committee of the Earlscourt Branch of the G.W.V.A. last evening. Several matters were discussed, including the recent Bolsheviki propaganda, and special efforts are to be made to locate the supporters of this movement. The building committee reported progress and several additions to the fund. Chas. T. Lacey was appointed secretary of the branch for 1919.

Rev. Peter Bryce and the Earlscourt Central Methodist Church gave a hearty welcome to twenty-five returned soldiers and their wives on Tuesday evening, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The meeting was quite informal, and the guests expressed their delight to be once again back in the district of Earlscourt. The men are not all members of the C. E. M. C., and the invitation was extended to all returned Earlscourt soldiers. Music and singing and short talks by members and friends, and also by some of the men, were the features of the evening. Rev. Peter Bryce presided.

YORK COUNTY COUNCIL.

The results of the municipal elections for York County are as follows:

Etobicoke—Reeve, W. G. Jackson; first deputy reeve, W. G. Gardhouse; second deputy reeve, A. E. Mercer; third deputy reeve, J. A. Tier.

Georgina—Reeve, Richard Cronsberry.

East Gwillimbury—Reeve, H. D. Ramsden; deputy reeve, J. H. Proctor.

King—Reeve, Wm. Wells; deputy reeve, A. McCutcheon.

Markham—Reeve, Geo. Padgett; deputy reeve, J. A. Mitchell.

Scarboro—Reeve, J. G. Cornell; first deputy, Richard Crocker; second deputy, J. T. Stewart.

Vaughan—Reeve, J. G. Whitmore; deputy, Walter Anderson.

Whitchurch—Reeve, S. B. Foote; deputy, D. H. Russell.

York—Reeve, R. Miller; first deputy, Wm. Graham; second deputy, Wm. Graham; third deputy, J. A. Macdonald.

Newmarket—Reeve, Wm. Keith; deputy, P. W. Pearson.

Aurora—Reeve, W. J. Knowles.

Markham Village—Reeve, R. A. Fleming.

Holland Landing—Reeve, Jas. Rout.

Richmond Hill—Reeve, T. French.

Stouffville—Reeve, J. H. Ratcliffe.

Weston—Reeve, J. M. Gardhouse.

Woodbridge—Reeve, C. L. Wallace.

Sutton—Reeve, A. E. Pugsley; deputy, E. J. Eland.

New Toronto—Reeve, C. Lovejoy.

Leaside—Reeve, R. A. Fairbairn.

The first meeting of the county council will be held on Jan. 28. Horace M. Ramsden, C. E. Willoughby, C. L. Wallace and J. M. Gardhouse are aspirants for the warden's office.

EAST TORONTO

At the regular meeting in connection with St. Saviour's Church, held in the parish hall, East Toronto, last evening, the following officers were re-elected: Hon. president, Rev. J. B. Johnston; president, J. B. Rogers; vice-president, F. C. Dawes; secretary, Wm. Hare; treasurer, A. K. Gregory.

After the transaction of other business arrangement was made for holding the annual concert, which was postponed on account of the flu.

RIVERDALE

NEW ASSOCIATION MEETS.

The first meeting of the Riverdale Young Ladies' Association, recently organized, was held in Riverdale Methodist Church, corner of East Gerrard and Leslie streets.

Miss Ella Long, president, occupied the chair, and the following officers were duly installed: E. F. Benson, hon. president; Miss E. Short, first vice-president; Miss McMurray, second vice-president; Miss D. Williams, third vice-president; Miss Molly Harrison, secretary; Miss Lillian Babcock, assistant secretary; Miss Mildred Smith, treasurer, and Miss Ida Hicks, pianist.

The aims and objects of the association are: To extend the Kingdom of God; to unite the young ladies of the congregation and the community; to foster worthy ideals and promote a healthy moral sentiment in the community, and to draw together the young ladies in fellowship of mutual benefit.

Two committees were elected to canvas for members in the section. It was decided to hold monthly meetings in the church. There are at present over 40 members on the rolls.

Capt. James Clarke and Capt. John McKay, who were in the Y.M.C.A. service previous to going overseas, were both awarded the military cross.

Capt. Clarke was railroad secretary at Allandale, Ont. He was twice wounded, once at Passchendale and again at Cambrai.

Capt. McKay was Y.M.C.A. secretary at Aldershot camp, N.S. He assumed charge of the forward work in France last summer, and is at present in hospital recovering from a severe wound.

Capt. Frank Armitage, C.E.F., Y.M.C.A. secretary, and a graduate of the Y.M.C.A. College at Springfield, has been awarded the military cross. He enlisted with the 5th Pioneers at Montreal in 1916, and took an active part in the forward operations in France prior to the armistice.

Earl Grey School, Jones avenue, had its full complement of pupils on reopening, Monday last. The two class system is being continued at this school, under the supervision of R. G. Elliott, principal. Three teachers are on the sick list, one with the Spanish influenza. A meeting of the Home and School Club will be held this week.

Sgt. W. A. Francke, C.E.F., who enlisted for overseas two years ago, has returned to his home, 70 Langley avenue. The family are members of Riverdale Methodist Church and well known in the district.

George Smith, secretary Riverdale Ratepayers' Association, stated last night that with the strong representation in council for the east end this year many necessary works of improvement should be attended to. "The Pape avenue line should be extended from Danforth avenue to Queen street."

The latest song composed by E. Williamson, Fairbank avenue, entitled "As I Drift Down the River of Dreams," has met with success since its publication recently.

Mr. Williamson was formerly organist at All Saints' Church, near Lord Howard's estate, Glossop, and the Theatre Royal, Chesterfield, England, and is well known locally as a composer of patriotic and popular songs.

FRANKLAND SCHOOL REOPENS.

Frankland School, Logan avenue, reopened on Monday with a full attendance of 1400 pupils and 33 teachers, with but one teacher absent thru the Spanish influenza.

J. A. Hill, principal, stated that he would give cash prizes to the pupils who were successful exhibitors at the Riverdale Horticultural Show held in the school last season, the judges of which were: Dr. Dandeno, Government Inspector Geo. Baldwin and J. Hamilton.

The shield which was won at the armories last year by the pupils was received and hung in the school. The pupils were also successful in winning the first prize at the armories show in competition against the whole city. Mr. Hill pointed out that Frankland School was the only school in the city teaching an agricultural course. The class has been carried on for the past two years and has received government grants. The class numbers 135 pupils under the supervision of three teachers.

SEE BECK TODAY ON RADIAL MATTER

In Meantime, Burlington Residents Are Subjects of Propaganda.

Hamilton, Jan. 7.—Just what chance there is of Sir Adam Beck taking over the Hamilton Electric Radial line and running it under Hydro supervision, will not be definitely known until Wednesday, when Willoughby Ellis, a member of the local Hydro board, will interview Ontario's power minister in Toronto. Mr. Ellis was to have taken the matter up with Sir Adam today, but the electric knight wired that he could not go into the question until tomorrow.

Dr. T. C. Peart, mayor-elect of Burlington, when questioned by The World tonight in reference to the attitude of the council regarding any action being taken by Sir Adam, said: "Well, I would not like to make any statement for the council, as they are hardly on their feet yet, but I think that the ratepayers might agreeable."

Commence Propaganda.

Officials of the company have stated to the press, more than once, that they would be willing to sell the line for any reasonable offer, but whether they take that view of it now, owing to the change in their fortunes, is hard to say. They have now commenced a mild propaganda to educate the Burlington ratepayers to the fact that they might be able to stop insolvency proceedings, but, of course, not without a great deal of trouble on their part, if the little town will throw its bylaw into the blue waters of Lake Ontario.

Summing the present situation up, the corporation is slightly in the lead, but with Sir Adam apparently anxious to become a starter, there is every likelihood that the work of Town Solicitor Cleaver and Mayor Coleman will bear fruit that will be sour eating to the capitalists.

ENEMY ALIENS BARRED BY LONDON EXCHANGE

London, Jan. 7.—The London stock exchange has passed a new rule under which no member shall without the especial permission of the committee employ in any capacity any person of German, Austrian, Hungarian, Bulgarian or Turkish birth, or any former member who has been expelled and whose application for re-election has been rejected.

Toronto Fights Application of Express Companies

The Express Companies have applied to the Dominion Railway Commission to decrease the area in which they are now required to deliver and collect Express packages in Toronto.

Toronto, in fighting this application, demands that all its citizens be given equal treatment. This means that the citizens demand that the Express Companies be ordered to deliver and collect express packages within the entire municipal limits.

The Dominion Railway Commission will sit in Toronto on January 13th to hear both sides.

Citizens, fight for your rights. The Earlscourt, North Toronto, Danforth, Little York and Beach districts have either no delivery or are taxed an extra 15c or higher per package. Give the outlying districts a chance to grow. Organization Meetings will be held as follows:

Earlscourt, Dufferin Street School, Jan. 8th, 8 p.m.
Danforth, Franklin Avenue School, Jan. 9th, 8 p.m.
East Toronto, Kimberly Avenue School, Jan. 10th, 8 p.m.
North York, Town Hall, Jan. 11th, 8 p.m.

Interested Citizens are invited. Come and bring Express receipts and details of grievances.

Citizens' Express and Freight Campaign Committee

ART MUSEUM SHOW IS A REVELATION

Finest Loan Collection of Pictures Yet Seen in Toronto.

CANADIAN ART

Exhibition is Rich in Portraiture, Ancient and Modern.

Many art lovers of this city gathered at the Art Museum last night for a private view of the loan exhibition of paintings from the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa. The collection, which numbers 74 pieces by old and modern painters, was tastefully arranged and shown to splendid advantage under the superb lighting effects which flooded the room with a soft, subdued light as of day. The possession of such a magnificent collection by the Canadian Government was a revelation to many and all were enthusiastic in their comments of admiration. The paintings will be on view to the public daily until Feb. 23, after which date they will be returned to Ottawa.

A very few of those present, were Sir Edmund and Lady Walker, Prof. and Mrs. Mavor, Sir Edmund Osler, Mr. and Mrs. Samuels, Prof. and Mrs. W. R. Keys, Col. and Mrs. Neilson, Quebec, and Mr. and Mrs. Eve Brown, Ottawa, the former being the director of the National Galleries.

The three fine galleries of the Art Museum contain the finest loan collection that has ever been contributed by the National Gallery of Art at Ottawa to Toronto. The selection is highly representative and will appeal, not merely to the student of art, but to the ordinary person who is in search of enjoyment and interest. The pictures represent the art of the middle ages as well as of the Renaissance and of modern schools, and extend from the sixth century down to the present day.

The collection is particularly rich in portraits, the first or east room being almost entirely devoted to them. Much the most striking portrait is the splendid work by Sir Thomas Lawrence of Thomas Taylor, the Cambridge Platonist, whose translations of Plato, Plotinus, Iamblichus and other Gnostic philosophers are so highly regarded by one school of philosophers while another condemns his "mystical and uncritical opinion." The superb quality of the portrait and the genius and purity of the man's character as Lawrence portrays it, even to his simplicity in costume and unjewelled dignity, will impress the beholder. Near this is a picture of the Spanish school of the 17th century. "The Slave," in which the massive physique of the Negro is magnificently drawn. The picture is attributed to Herrera, the Younger. Another Spanish treasure is Goya's "A Governor of Cadiz." This is a noble piece of painting, the beautiful brown and soft texture of the governor's coat being Pre-Raphaelite. Daniel Mytten's Charles I. as Prince of Wales is an interesting painting. He has not quite the impressive regality of the Van Dyke, but it is a human document which explains some later developments. An older canvas (1590116556) by Houthorst shows the two children, the Earl and Countess of Carrick, a pleasing memorial of child life. An example of William Hogarth is to be found in the chubby faced John Henry, father of Mrs. Redditt, the actress. Gainsborough is represented by Ignacius Cancho, the negro poet of the 18th century, a man who made considerable mark in his day. The "Portrait of a Cardinal," by Carravaggio (1569-1609), displays astonishing naturalness and realism for the period. Sir William Beechey and John Hoppner, R.A., contemporaries of Lawrence in the early 19th century, are represented by less distinguished work. A rather remarkable bit of still life by Jean S. Chardin should not be overlooked in the northwest corner of this room.

In the main room there are several large canvases, and nearly all the paintings displayed here require distance to be properly seen. They are best viewed from the other side of the room as a rule. The public may be pardoned for failing to appreciate this necessity, and thereby missing the really fine effects obtained by the artists. Those who have been accustomed to study such pictures "close up" will miss the real beauty embodied by the artist.

There are fine landscapes, brilliant figure subjects and other interesting compositions. Frank Brangwyn's "Charity" will attract attention, and Charles Shannon's "Lady in Black Fur," reminiscent of Dante Gabriel Rossetti, will find admirers. Laura Knight's "The Green Feather," which gained honorable mention at Pittsburg in 1912, is here, and Millet's "Oedipus Taken from the Tree," is of artistic interest. William Orpen has a nude figure in "The Reflection," and John Lavery will be remembered by the Quaker-like girl with the long curls and shawl. Paul Dougherty's "The Light on the Sea" when viewed from across the room is one of the glories of the exhibition. F. Luis Mora's "In Costume" is a striking picture, easy and natural, and there are many choice landscapes.

In the west room the most interesting picture is W. Holman Hunt's portrait of Henry Monkworth Monk, a Canadian, interested in the repatriation of the Jews, who died in 1896. This fine portrait is a national treasure. Many pictures by Canadian artists are hung here and as thruout, the pictures are all labeled, the visitor for once will be able to enjoy every phase of the exhibition. Mr. Greg is to be congratulated on the excellent taste displayed in hanging the pictures.

OUTBREAK OF FIRE BURNS C.N.R. SHEDS

Caused by a can of gasoline being placed too near a stove, a fire of considerable extent broke out in the Canadian Northern Railway sheds on Eastern avenue at 7 o'clock last evening. When the firemen reached the scene it was found that the blaze had made considerable headway, but owing to their energetic efforts it was quickly suppressed. The damage to the contents, which consisted of mixed merchandise, is estimated at $7000, and to the building $15,000, which is covered by insurance.

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