SMILING AND HAPPY, 33 RETURNED MEN ARRIVE VIA G.T.R.

All Came Across Ocean in a Hospital Ship.

ONLY FIVE LONDONERS

Party Included Four Stretcher Cases, Who Are Taken to Hospital.

Much the worse for their experiences, but with a never-say-die smile on their faces, 33 returned men arrived at the Grand Trunk station at 8 o'clock, and although the hour was somewhat early for such an event, there was a large and enthusiastic crowd on hand to meet and to greet them. The following five Londoners were in the party: T. H. Pethick, 113 Dundas street, London; P. Lee, 59 Regina street; G. Bird, 147 Central avenue; R. Smith, 817 York street, and J. W. Robinson. Four of the party were stretcher cases.

The party left Liverpool England, on the hospital ship Esquibo, on December 11. All the men reported that the voyage was not rough, the weather being fine all the way across "the pond." The ship docked at Halifax last Friday, and from it over 400 men were landed.

Sidetracked Four Hours.

The hospital train arrived in London about 4 o'clock this morning, but it was side-tracked until 8 o'clock. The stretcher cases were taken in an A. M. C. Ambulance, and the remainder of the party in autos, to the Central Military Hospital. The stretcher cases were put in one of the wards and there given their breakfast, while the others breakfasted in the dining-room.

In the dining-room, the men listened to addresses by representatives of various organizations of the city.

"This is a great moment to be able to extend to you a welcome back to London and Canada," said Rev. H. B. Ashby, who was representing the Anglican Church, and who is chaplain of the returned soldiers. "You have given Canada a name which will live down the ages. Our meeting is reciprocal. We will learn from you what it is to sacrifice. We hope to give you the things that you expect from Canada. I hope that you will enjoy your furlough and have a very happy Christmas."

Offers Assistance.

"The citizens of London are as glad to see you back as you are to get back," said Walter W. Shaver, assistant district inspector of the soldiers' aid commission. We try to give you a reception such as you deserve. He invited the men to take up their complaints, if they had any, through the soldiers' aid commission and to turn to that organization when they had been discharged from the army and wanted a position. I hope that you who are going to hospital will have a very speedy recovery," he continued, "and I wish you the compliments of the season."

Ald. F. W. Harley who introduced the speakers, also introduced Rev. J. G. Stuart, representative of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. N. Norton, representative of the Baptist Church; Adjutant F. W. Martin of the Salvation Army, and the representatives of the Great War Veterans, Red Cross Society, Soldiers' Wives' League, Christian Science Relief Association, and all other organizations present. He mentioned the fact that the ladies of the Red Cross had prepared the breakfast which was given the men. Three cheers and a "tiger" were then given for the heroes. The soldiers reciprocated by cheering for the Red Cross and other organizations.

Formerly Londoner.

Pte. Robert M. (Larry) Boyd, whose address was given as Clarkesburg, Missouri, was once a resident of London, and was the son of the late John Boyd. Pte. Boyd enlisted at Chicago, and was sent to Toronto by the British recruiting mission in July, 1917. He went overseas with a draft of reinforcements for the Princess Pats. He was seriously wounded during the great allied offensive on August 13, 1918. After being in the Australian Hospital at Rouen for some months, he was sent to England, and was in hospital at Liverpool prior to being invalided to Canada. Many of his relatives reside here. Fred Boyd, 19 Blackfriars street, being a brother.

Lance-Corp. V. Heatherington, R. R. No. 2, London, enlisted with the 135th Battalion, and later transferred to the 21st Battalion. He was wounded at Passchendaele on November 11, 1917, and had been under hospital treatment since that time.

The list follows:

Major C. E. Bailey, C.M.G., Vancouver; Lieut. J. W. Knowles, Sarnia; L. C. V. Heatherington, London; T. H. Pethick, London; P. W. Lee, London; G. Bird, London; J. W. Robinson, London; R. Smith, London; P. W. Jenkins, Strathroy; R. M. Boyd, Clarkesburg, Missouri; A. J. Creig, Wiarton; H. F. Lover, Wiarton; G. Kewaquon, Southampton; M. S. Elgin, Puslinch, P. O.; G. Flewelling, Walkerton; H. Coleby, Rothwell; E. Harding, Windsor; W. H. Harness, Exeter; J. R. Ingalls, Listowel; J. R. Lund, Stratford; C. S. Snazel, Stratford; C. E. Miller, Wardsville; J. McLean, Chicago; J. Parry, Sandwich; F. Russell, Aylmer; A. Schaefer, Kitchener; K. C. Shelby, N. L. Toms, Bayfield; J. Tyler, Deroit; W. L. Kemp, Chatham; T. S. Wilson, Guelph; E. A. Yonge, Ridgetown.

COURT-MARTIAL HEARS CHARGE OF STEALING WHISKEY AND ALCOHOL

Pte. Robert William Smith of the C. A. M. C. was arraigned before the standing general court-martial at Wolseley Barracks this morning, on a charge of stealing public goods, a charge to which he pleaded not guilty.

On the night of November 6-7 the medical stores at Carling Heights were broken into, and a quantity of whiskey and alcohol taken. The matter was reported to the authorities, and a court of inquiry was ordered to be held. This court proceeded to take evidence, and as a result of its finding Smith and Acting Corp. E. T. Fox, also of the C. A. M. C., were charged with the theft. Fox, however, made his escape, and has not yet been apprehended.

Evidence for the prosecution only was heard this morning. Two members of the military police testified that they had searched Smith's house, and had discovered there a considerable store of whiskey and alcohol. No direct evidence was adduced, however, to show that this was the same whiskey and alcohol as was stolen. The only other witnesses heard told of discovering the loss and of the fact that the accused was attached to the medical unit.

Unless the court decides that there is not sufficient evidence to connect the accused with the crime, the defence will be called upon later in the day.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

The Commercial Travelers' Association annual meeting was held on Saturday, but owing to the fact that there was no election to be decided this time, less interest than usual was evinced. Routine business made up the program for the meeting, and everything in connection with the association was shown to be in the best of condition.

MILITARY NOTES

OFFICERS FOR SIBERIA.

Headquarters of M. D. No. 1 have been asked to submit to Ottawa the names of 25 officers for instructional duty in Siberia. The officers accepted will be attached to the imperial army, but will draw pay on the Canadian scale. The officers selected are to include ranks not higher than that of major. Up to the present some eight names have been submitted. Applications are still being received.

FOUGHT THROUGH WAR, BUT DIED AT FINISH

Advertiser Illustrations

CORP. WILLIAM SPEIRS.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE BEING TELEPHONED TO CHILDREN'S AID

Many Persons Call Up, Desiring To Help.

IS THERE ANY SURPLUS?

Anything Left Over From Christmas Buying Will Be Appreciated.

"People who don't in the least look as if they would be interested come in and leave subscriptions for the Children's Aid Society and Child Welfare campaign," commented a girl who has been taking subscriptions over a counter for the past week. "When I see them," she continued, "I wonder what they wants and it frequently is a surprise when they ask if they can leave their subscriptions for the Children's Aid. You should see how their faces light up after they have given in the subscriptions."

Telephone Donations.

Chairman W. A. Martin of the campaign committee tells of at least 25 people who have telephoned in generous subscriptions to the headquarters, announcing that no canvasser has been around to see them, they want to help, and will have the money ready any time it is sent for, or will leave it any special place designated.

"That's the kind of interest we want," says Mr. Martin, adding: "We are hoping a lot of the Christmas spirit will overflow into the campaign treasury through the channels of the newspaper and G. T. R. ticket office lists this afternoon and on Tuesday.

Something to Spare.

"Numbers of people who are downtown winding up their Christmas shopping will surely have something to spare for neglected, dependent, delinquent and destitute children, and for the cause of cutting down the death rate among little children in London.

"It doesn't matter how small the amount is, it will help along."

It is proposed after the Christmas rush is over to take a day to clear up the business district untouched, owing to the fact that the canvassers were unable to cover the territory because of pressure of other duties. In the meantime, the lists at The Advertiser, Free Press and Dundas and Richmond G. T. R. offices will be kept open all week.

The following has been subscribed to date:

Already acknowledged	$7,292 50
Murray Shoe Company, Ltd.	100 00
Silverwoods, Ltd.	50 00
Webster Fuel Company	50 00
R. W. Travers	15 00
Dr. Septimus Thompson	10 00
W. H. Hamilton	10 00
F. P. Betts	10 00
Simcoe Street School	16 00
Victoria Mothers' Club	10 00
Dr. S. M. Kennedy	5 00
R. H.	5 00
E. Gillemount	5 00
J. E. Boomer	5 00
A. W. Butler, Paris, Ont.	5 00
Norman Roune	2 00
Catalone & Sansone	2 00
T. Crawford	2 00
Two Sisters	2 00
Eleanor Kingstone	2 00
Miss Armstrong	2 00
W. M. J. Dorchester	2 00
C. A. Olley	2 00
Miss Nettie Douglas	2 00
Two Little Girls	1 00
W. Smythe	1 00
J. R.	1 00
B. E. Eaid	1 00
Mrs. Dent	1 00
C. E. McKay	50
A friend	25
T. Powell	25
Doris Chacker	25
A friend	25
	$7,611 75

Also donations from the following:
Norman Peel, toys for the children.
Saddy Bros., fruits and groceries.
W. A. Jenkins, ten bags potatoes.
J. G. Orchard & Sons, one and a half tons coal.
H. B. Archer, half barrel apples
Wycoff & Gaffney, groceries.

LOCAL NEWS

DONATION OF $15.—The soldiers' aid commission acknowledges a donation of $15 from the Senator Coffey Chapter, I. O. D. E., to be used for the reception committee of the commission.

TWO STEAMERS ON WAY.—The steamer Northland, with one officer and 57 other ranks on board, and the steamer Grampian, with three officers on board, have left England, according to reports received by the soldiers' aid commission here.

FOUR IN AUDIENCE.—At the public meeting held in Aberdeen School on Saturday evening, the speakers, the reporters and four other citizens were the only ones who appeared on the scene. It was unanimously decided that the best thing to do was to adjourn.

CONSERVATORY RECITAL. — The following pupils appeared in recital at Conservatory Hall last Saturday afternoon: Nonie Wheaton, Elizabeth Brown, Rosella Hamliton, Dorothy Davis, Marian Dunn, Harold Gray, Doris Scott, Edith James, Ruth Tanton and Francis Bycroft.

LIBERAL CLUB PRIZE-WINNERS —The winners in the Liberal Club Christmas turkey handicap held in connection with the five-pin bowling contest, have been decided. The contest started December 1 and wound up Saturday night. The winner of first prize was B. Palmer; second, A. Warner; third, C. Ferguson.

PORTUGAL'S DELEGATE ARRIVES.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The minister of foreign affairs of Portugal, who will head the peace delegation from that country, has arrived here, having come from London. The other delegates are expected during the week.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Steamer George Washington, from Brest.

AIRPLANES LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE OF MOTOR CARS FOR PLEASURE IN FUTURE, COL. BILLY BISHOP THINKS

Expects Aerial Fords To Be Produced Within Reach of Moderate Pocketbooks—Those Who Have Tried Flying Will Want More of It, He Says.

"The possibilities of aviation are wonderful. I think airplanes will come to take the place of motor cars for the wealthy, and I will go further than this and say that for the man of restricted means there will be a sort of aerial Ford in the course of a few years," said Lieut.-Col. Billy Bishop, V.C., etc., etc., premier British aviator, in the course of a brief interview with The Advertiser.

Col. Bishop came up from Toronto to spend the week-end with his brother, Lieut.-Col. R. W. Bishop, in command of the local company of Canadian Engineers, at the latter's residence, 298½ Wolfe street.

To Lecture in United States.

Col. Bishop returned from England a short time ago, after resigning the presidency of the Canadian Aviation Board, and will leave about the first of the year to make an extensive lecturing tour of the United States. He will appear only in the larger cities, and will have the support of official U. S. air organizations, at whose invitation the lecture tour is made.

He is the same modest, unassuming young Canadian athlete who addressed the Canadian Club on his first return from the most spectacular "winged warfare" that had been set down in the annals of the intrepid British flying men. While he is not given to "opinions" and figures in few interviews, he chatted for a few minutes as to the future of the great game that now becomes a factor in transportation and recreation.

Flying Will Be Common.

"In large cities there will be many ready to fly just as they motor now," he said. "When you think of the thousands of Canadians, probably 15,000 in all, who have had a taste of flying and who can handle a machine, or have been seized with the desire to handle one, and when the American spirit has developed a regular flying crowd, there is no doubt in my mind that sooner or later the motor vehicle that uses the clouds for a highway will be made in thousands. Cities of the size of Detroit will use enormous numbers. For the first few years the sporting and pleasure craft will have the sun, as the enormous plane that could be used for the purpose of heavy carriage is as yet away beyond consideration from the viewpoint of cost. There will be aerial postal and express service, for certain; in fact, these are being inaugurated by many countries."

Col. Bishop has returned to Toronto for Christmas, and soon leaves for the United States to commence his tour.

IT WAS ONLY POOR IMITATION OF FIGHT BUT IT DREW LARGE CROWD ON SUNDAY EVENING

Dwellers in the neighborhood of Park and Queen's avenues received the impression that Bolshevism in its most acute and destructive form had broken out suddenly about 9 o'clock last night. Without warning of any kind, while whoops and shrieks rent the air, and churchgoers, or rather, those just getting away from church, were drawn to the corner, where already a big crowd had collected. The balconies of nearby apartment houses and the verandas of the terrace all boasted interested and anxious occupants. It was a wild scene, and noise was not lacking.

With the newspaperman's instinct and determination to reach the centre of the disturbance, an Advertiser reporter pushed his way through the crowd, and there the horrible truth was apparent. Not yet had the victim of violence died; not yet had he been struck down. In fact, nothing but a stream of exceedingly vile language had come from any of the persons engaged. The cause of all the noise and uproar was a wordy and blasphemous war between two immature youths. Eventually two blows were struck, and one combatant (?) set up a howl, accompanied by some more vile curses and a threat that his gang would "get" the other "tomorrow."

When the riot had subsided a policeman arrived and captured one of the youths concerned, and rumor had it that the patrol wagon was on its way to the scene. The crowd dissolved, and was able to walk over the spot without wading in gore.

SOME ACCLAMATIONS ANTICIPATED DESPITE THESE NOMINATIONS

No Contest Expected For the Utilities or Trust.

Nominations for mayor, public utilities commission, hospital trust and board of education were held between 10 and 11 and 12 and 1 o'clock today. As a result there will be a contest for the mayor's chair. The opinion was expressed, however, that T. W. McFarland and F. G. Mitchell would be re-elected to the public utilities commission by acclamation. In the hospital trust, also, it is expected in city hall circles that W. M. Gartshore, the retiring member, will be given the seat by acclamation.

While there were nineteen nominations for the board of education, it is thought that not more than ten of them will qualify. The following members retire this year, all of whom were nominated: A. A. Langford (chairman), Dr. W. M. Shoobotham, Dr. H. H. Black, W. F. Gunn, H. Hayman and W. T. Strong.

Nominations for aldermen will be held in the various wards tonight between 7:30 and 8:30.

All candidates must qualify in the office of City Clerk S. Baker before 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. There is a provision in the elections act whereby any candidate who is unable to reach the office of the city clerk may become properly qualified by a declaration before the city clerk by someone who can swear that the candidate is qualified, and has stated his intentions of allowing his name to be placed before the public. As Dr. H. A. Stevenson is ill, it is probable that this method will be adopted by him. J. F. Thompson, his proposer, visited him this morning, but up to 1 o'clock no report had been made to the city clerk. None of the candidates had qualified up to that time.

MAYOR HORTON OF ST. THOMAS GOES IN BY ACCLAMATION

Chief Magistrate of Railroad City Is Popular Official.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Dec. 23. — Edward A. Horton, who was last year chosen by a huge majority for mayor, was this morning returned to the office of chief magistrate of the city by acclamation. There were no other nominations. F. M. Griffin and W. K. Sanderson nominated Mr. Horton, and when the time limit expired City Clerk Doherty declared him officially elected as mayor for the ensuing year. The election of Mayor Horton did not come as a very great surprise, for during the past year's term of office he has proved himself capable and an exceptionally popular official. It is six years since a mayor was returned by acclamation in this city, ex-Mayor R. N. Price being the honored chief magistrate at that time. Lieut.-Col. W. J. Green of the hydro commission, whose term expired this year, was also returned without opposition to serve another two years on the local commission, and George K. Crocker, of the water board, the only other vacancy to be filled, was also given another term of office.

Woman to Seek Election.

With these officials returned by acclamation, the elections will now only be necessary to choose five school trustees and the usual number of aldermen, nominations for which will be made tonight, commencing at 7:30 in the council chamber. There is practically no possibility of an acclamation in this case, however, and some other interesting surprises are anticipated. The trades and labor council will have six candidates to place before the electors tonight, and at least one woman has signified her intention of seeking election to the school board.

BAVARIAN FACTORIES ARE CLOSING DOWN

Action Is Necessary in Order To Save Coal.

Munich, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—All Bavarian industries employing more than ten persons have been ordered to shut down from December 22 until January 2 for the purpose of saving coal. The workers will receive 90 per cent of their ordinary wages, of which the employers will collect two-thirds from the communities in which they are located, under a state treasury ruling made for the purpose of guarding industries.

SCENE OF RECENT WRECK ON G.T.R. PROVING DANGEROUS

Four or Five Run-Offs There Within Year.

UNDER WABASH CONTROL

But G. T. R. Is To Undertake Work in 1919 and Improve Roadbed.

During the last year, the branch of the G. T. R. running from Glencoe to Windsor and under the joint control of the Grand Trunk and Wabash, has been the scene of many run-offs.

Train No. 16, from Detroit, which went into the ditch near Newbury, and caused speculation as to alarming possibilities, only repeated an experience which has been registered four or five times within the present year. Many freights have also taken headers off the rails, luckily without loss of life, but often with serious damage to rolling stock.

Grand Trunk officials do not take the state of affairs with good grace. The Wabash, it is reported, discontinues its running over this division in 1919, and Controller McAdoo ordered some time ago that this line's business be diverted to some of the other American lines. The Wabash, as a result, has had little interest in building up the roadbed, and ballasting it for the future. The Grand Trunk will have single control of the division within a short time, and it is said that much reballasting will take place, with the determination of placing the road in such shape as will insure a minimum of accidents, as on other divisions.

NO PRAISE TOO HIGH FOR WAY RED CROSS MET ALL DEMANDS

Nursing Sister Richards Says, From Experience.

"Too much cannot be said of the Red Cross Society during the demand for supplies needed during the last four years. Never once did it fail us. What would have been done without the continuous stream of bales which it sent regularly cannot be imagined," said Nursing Sister Beatrice Richards on her return to the city after being overseas for three years. Nursing Sister Richards left London with the 10th Canadian Stationary Hospital under the command of Col. Edward Seaborn in the early part of 1916.

Miraculous Escape.

"It is a miracle how we were so lucky as to escape injury. The hospital in which I was doing duty in Calais was a large hospital, containing over 600 beds, and bombs were constantly being dropped all around it, but no damage was done, although at a hospital not far distant, the damage was quite serious. Almost every night last summer the German planes bombed Calais, but with little success."

Real Heroes.

"When the men returned, some maimed for life, others not so seriously hurt, they all had the same cheery spirit of 'never give up.' The men, too, cannot say enough of the Red Crosss. Coming in mud-spattered and wounded, they are grateful to get in between clean sheets and warm blankets and clean garments, provided by the Red Cross," says Sister Richards.

Sister Richards served for some time in hospitals in England before leaving for France, and had just returned to England, and was stationed at Basingstoke when the armistice was signed. She expects to go on duty either in a Toronto military hospital or in this city in the near future, after a much-needed rest.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CP. WILLIAM SPEIRS AT CHELSEA GREEN CHURCH

On Sunday evening, before a large congregation, Rev. P. E. Nicol of Knollwood Park preached a strong and impressive sermon from the text "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." The preacher drew attention to the fact that the great outstanding leaders on the side of the Allies in the great world war were pre-eminently Christian men. Kitchener, Lloyd George, Beattie, Haig, Foch, Currie and Wilson were men of sterling, upright Christian character. He scored in no uncertain way the meek, mild pacifist, who held up his hands in holy horror and who, from so-called Christian principles, declared that to fight was contrary to his convictions.

God's Sovereignty.

The over-ruling sovereignty of God was vividly portrayed at different stages of the war By the preacher, and he urged on the congregation to remember that the hand of God had been manifested in the struggle for right, justice and liberty against oppression, arrogance, murder, pillage and unnameable atrocities. He urged that a "square deal" be given the brave lads on their return home and exposed the treatment meted out to some of them as shameful and unworthy of Canada as a nation.

Tribute to Corp. Speirs.

He paid a touching tribute to the Christian life and character of the late William Speirs, who made the supreme sacrifice in the closing days of the war. Corporal Speirs enlisted in the 13th Battery, 4th Brigade, at the beginning of the war, and escaped unhurt up to nearly the last days of the struggle. Before enlisting, he was employed as a machinist by E. Leonard & Sons. The speaker urged on his hearers the necessity of re-consecration and a more faithful adherence to duty in the matter of building up the church and the extension of God's kingdom, thus showing that the sacrifice of the lives of brave men may not have been made in vain.

SHRINERS WILL GIVE NECESSITIES THIS YEAR

Now that the Mocha Temple Shriners have raised the sum of $1,200 to give the needy children of the city cause to be merry on Christmas Day, the problem of the committee from that organization is to obtain the names of those who are in need of clothing and other necessities of life. The Shriners are providing necessaries because they thought it would be better than providing luxuries.

At first a Christmas treat in the Masonic Hall was proposed but this was thought to be unsatisfactory and almost impossible. A week from tonight, however, there will be a New Year's entertainment for the kiddies, at which shoes and clothing will be distributed.

The work of getting the names of the children and arranging the entertainment is under the direction of Mrs. Charles McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. William Abbot and a committee of more than 60 Shriners. Reports from the school nurses in regard to the needs of some of the children whom they have encountered while engaged in their duties have been received, and when the children come to the party their needs will be met.

LEGISLATION POSTPONED.

Paris, Dec. 23.—By the Associated Press.)—At a meeting of Catalonian deputies and representatives of the various cities in Catalonia, it will be decided, according to Barcelona dispatches, to postpone legislation regarding autonomy for Catalonia, until January 10, when a declaration will be submitted. The Spanish Government has issued a proclamation stating that the law would be applied to all those disturbing the peace.

LONDON BOY IS THE ONLY CANADIAN TO BE CHIEF ARMORER

Richard Spicer Was Also First Londoner in Navy.

The following description of the way peace news was received by the navy at Halifax appears in a letter written by Richard Spicer, chief armorer of H.M.S. Niobe, who is expected home before the new year, to his father, Henry Spicer, 922 Waterloo street. Richard Spicer has the unique distinction of being the first Canadian to enlist in the navy, as well as being the only Canadian man to bear the rank of chief armorer. He enlisted at Victoria. The extract follows:

"We have been having a great time since 5:30 Monday morning. Whistles and guns kept up a continual noise until 11 o'clock, when it remained perfectly quiet for fifteen minutes, while thousands of sailors went ashore and lined up on the dock in squares for prayers. The crowds were the biggest Halifax has ever seen, and the weather was fine; the only fine weather we have had in three months. I am glad the war is over, for now it won't be long before I can get home. I have had some good times, but lots of hard times, and am thankful that it is ended.

"I have been promoted to chief of staff over all Canadian armorers. The captain congratulated me on being the first Canadian to get the rank, as all others are imperial navy men. So now I can wear white shirts and gold buttons."

ORDINATION OF TWO PRIESTS BY BISHOP FALLON SATURDAY

Seven Young Men Elevated to Deaconship.

An impressive service took place on Saturday morning in St. Peter's Cathedral, when two professors of Assumption College, Sandwich, were ordained to the priesthood by Bishop M. F. Fallon and seven young men, students in St. Peter's Seminary, elevated from sub-deaconship to deaconship. Many friends and relatives were present for the occasion, and some fifteen priests of the diocese. Rev. J. Bondy, C.S.B., and Rev. A. J. Forrestal, C.S.B., who were ordained priests, are members of the Brazilian or teaching order, and do not belong to the London Diocese. They are under the jurisdiction of Rev. Father Foster, head of Assumption College, and superior-general for Canada of the Brazilian Order, and may be sent to any point in or outside the diocese where their services are required, as the provincial deems best.

Of the seven ordained deacons, only one is a Londoner, Herman Pocock, son of S. H. Pocock of 336 Princess avenue. The others are: Macgloire Palliargeon, Windsor; Gregory Blondy, Chatham; Herbert Fallon, Kingston Diocese; J. Moran, Woodslee; A. J. McHugh, Windsor; M. Marchand, Tecumseh.

Father Bondy will say his first mass in Sandwich on Christmas morning and Father Forrestal in Toronto.

The seven deacons ordained will assist the bishop at midnight mass in St. Peter's Cathedral Christmas Eve. In all, there will be nine celebrations of mass in St. Peter's on Christmas forenoon.

At the ordination service Saturday, a short sermon was preached by Bishop Fallon.

COST OF EDUCATION IN LONDON CERTAINLY CHEAP

Inspector C. B. Edwards points out that while in Toronto the average cost of educating the pupils of the public schools for the year 1917 was $43.69, in London the average cost was only $33 for the same year. He further points out that Toronto board of education does not include in these figures the interest on debentures, and sinking fund, which are both included in London. In fact the $33 covers all the expenses in connection with the education in the public schools. If this were done in Toronto it would bring the average cost up to about $57, Mr. Edwards estimates from the report of the Toronto board of education.

ESTABLISH HOSPITAL.

Vladivostok, Thursday, Dec. 19.—By the Associated Press.—An inter-allied conference held today decided to establish a hospital at Nikolsk to combat typhus fever. There have been about 160 cases of the disease as a result of the dumping of Bolshevik prison train victims at Nikolsk.

RED CROSS SOCIETY ARRANGES FOR BIG CAMPAIGN, JANUARY

Objective of Drive For Funds Is $75,000.

At a meeting held Saturday afternoon arrangements were made for the coming Red Cross campaign to be held on January 7, 8 and 9, to raise funds for the work of the society in 1919. A. M. Smith occupied the chair.

The objective decided upon was $75,000. Lady Beck, in a brief statement, showed the position of the society and the need of funds. It was decided not to canvass the industrial workers systematically at their places of employment, but that all would be given an opportunity to contribute in a house-to-house canvass.

The campaign headquarters will be in the chamber of commerce headquarters in the Tecumseh House. The campaign will be conducted under the auspices of the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society, assisted by all leading men's and women's associations and clubs of the city.

Central Committee—A. M. Smart (chairman), Geo. M. Reid, Philip Pocock, T. W. McFarland, A. E. Silverwood, Thomas W. Baker, Sir Adam Beck M. P. P., Major Hume Cronyn, M. P., S. Frank Glass, M. P., Major C. M. R. Graham, D. S. O., Major G. J. Ingram, Col. W. M. Gartshore, Hon. C. S. Hyman, A. T. Little, Col. T. S. Hobbs, Brig.-Gen. Shannon, T. A. Stevens, John McClary, F. E. Leonard, Mayor C. R. Somerville R. C. Struthers, Geo. S. Gibbons, Frank McCormick.

Treasurer—John S. Moore, London and Western Trust Company.

The ladies' central committee will be the enlarged Red Cross Society executive, of which Lady Beck is convener.

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Advertising will be in the hands of the Advertising Club, of which J. J. Foot is president and T. H. Yull secretary.

Allan McLean, Major Ingram, Geo. C. Gunn, E. V. Buchanan, Frank Ashplant and Gerald Pearson were appointed a committee to assist the lady canvassers in organization to conform with the plans of the central committee.

J. C. Beemer, Walter Gunn, John Greer, W. H. Smith, H. Hayman, A. J. Hayes, S. H. Rowed and W. E. Cane will be asked to act as a committee to secure automobiles for canvassers.

I. L. PARTY DEMANDS SKIDMORE RELEASE AND FINE'S REFUND

Resolution Passed at Meeting On Sunday.

At a largely attended meeting of the London Branch of the Independent Labor party, held at its rooms on Sunday afternoon, the following resolution was carried unanimously, and copies were ordered to be sent to the local and provincial press:

"Whereas, a crime against Canadian democracy has been committed in the police court at Stratford, Ontario, in the matter of the crown persecution and conviction of Arthur Skidmore, a British subject and Canadian citizen in good standing, he being the president of the Stratford Trades Council, and for many years has held the position of chief engineer in the G. T. R. shops at Stratford; and,

"Whereas, the fine of $500 and commitment to a felon's cell, of the said Arthur Skidmore, for the cause set forth in the indictment, is an insult to the memory of the heroic dead of the Canadian working class, whose bodies lie in Flanders fields as martyrs to the cause of democracy; and,

Canadian Forward.

"Whereas, the official literary organ of the Social Democratic party of Canada, defined in order-in-council 1241 as the Canadian Forward, was distributed all over Canada by paid agents of the crown, and it was such an agent who placed and put into the possession of Arthur Skidmore the literature, for possession of which he has been persecuted, fined $500, and placed in a felon's cell, at the order of another paid agent of the crown; and,

"Whereas, the possession of the said Canadian Forward is not a crime against either the moral law or the commonwealth of Canada, but has been constituted a crime by a vicious abuse of power under order-in-council, the abuse of which power incites to revolt and social disorders, such as inevitably follow abuse of authority, on the part of crown agents; and,

The Skidmore Judgment.

"Whereas, the enforcement against Arthur Skidmore, and his family, of police court judgment, as above set forth, is not in the public interest, but is likely to excite widespread dissatisfaction throughout the length and breadth of Canada, and stir up undesirable elements in our political life;

"We demand: 1. The immediate release from custody of Arthur Skidmore. 2. Refund to Arthur Skidmore, and to all other British subjects in Canada who have been convicted under order-in-council 1241 of all fines and legal costs to which they have been subject under such conviction. 3. Immediate repeal of order-in-council 1241. 4. Public reprimand by superiors of all local crown officials, who, in the exercise of their powers and authority, abuse their sacred trust, bring law and authority into disrepute among the common people, and so administer the legal code as to incite revolt and disorder, where otherwise peace and needed open discussion of political and economic problems would prevail in the democracy of Canada."

SOCIALIZATION OF RUSSIAN INDUSTRIES PROVES A FAILURE

Official Statistics Show That Expenses Have Exceeded the Receipts.

Berne, Dec. 23.—Reliable information from Russia brings confirmation of reports that the socialization of industry there is a complete failure. Official statistics show that in almost the 513 mills and factories controlled by the state expenses have considerably exceeded receipts. During the first four months of 1918 the Government paid out over 400,000,000 rubles to cover these deficits, and has been obliged up to the present to advance over one billion rubles to the factories under its control.

Technical experts assert that Russian industry has been crippled for many years to come by the Bolshevist regime.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Frank Reynolds of St. Thomas will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. John Garvey of this city.

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Safety Razors, Auto Strop and Gillette $5.00 up
Ladies' Mesh Bags, silver-plated $1.25 to $10.00
Ladies' Mesh Bags, gunmetal $7.00 up
Beaded Bags $2.25 to $8.50
Silk Bags $4.00 to $10.00
Coin and Vanity Cases $1.50 to $9.50
Rosaries, gold-filled $2.75
Rosaries, gold-filled, in case $5.00
Rosaries, sterling silver, in case $6.00
Cigarette Cases $1.50 up
Cigarette Holder, sterling $3.00
Pocketknives, gold-filled and solid gold $2.00 to $15.00
Stamp Boxes, gold-filled $1.50 to $2.75
Photo Frames, in ivory, platinoid and sterling 50c to $15.00
Ladies' Rings, onyx, pearl, signet, cameo and colored stones, set in 10k and 14k solid gold $1.50 up
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