LITTLE HOPE THAT TAX RATE WILL BE BELOW 32 1-2 MILLS

Controllers Are Unable To Do Much Reducing.

SOME SALARIES RAISED

But Heads of Departments Not Likely To Get Any Increase.

The glimpse the controllers have had at the estimates does not shed much light on the tax rate as yet, but there is no question now but that the citizens will have to pay about the same rate as last year, namely 32½ mills.

How it can be brought lower than that is hard to conceive. Most of the members of the board have come to the conclusion that it is well nigh impossible. During the two days the controlers have worked on them, there have been some very small reductions. The whole slashing would not yield anything like half a mill, and a careful perusal of the other figures shows no sign of getting as much more. That will not be sufficient to get the rate for general purposes any lower than 30 mills at least.

In addition, there is one mill for the provincial Government, and another sum of $68,000 for insuring London's soldiers. Last year this cost London $12,500, so there is an increase of over $55,000. This will make a mill and a half, so that the patriotic tax will be fully 2½ mills, added to the general rate. Efforts will be made to cut down the general rate, of course. Some slashing has been done, but as pointed out before it is rather small in amount, and not sufficient to make much difference.

May Let Some Stand.

There seems to be a disposition to let some of the estimates of dependent bodies, responsible to the people, stand. For instance, Victoria Hospital is asking for $101,000 from the citizens. Some minor items have been reduced, the reduction amounting to something like $500, but this hardly worth counting when thousands, not hundreds of dollars are wanted to provide for a reduction.

The council will probably pass increases to the fire department and police department. The men are asking for 25 cents a day addition. A compromise of 15 cents will be given to both. The teamsters may get an increase of 25 cents a day, although they are asking for 60 cents a day. The garbage employees have been advanced from 15 to 25 cents a day. The salaries of heads of the departments will not be touched, it is understood. There is one ray of hope in the grant for soldiers' insurance. It will amount to $68,000 this year, but if it is not used, it will come back to the city, to reduce the rate at a later date.

Object to Reductions.

There will be some objection made to the reduction of the estimates of the parks board and the board of health. The reduction of the salary of the assistant officer of health is not popular with the members of the board, and they may object to that. However, an adjustment will probably be made. The parks commission may have the receipts from rentals cut out, amounting to several hundreds of dollars. However, this will not benefit the council in any way, as the receipts will go to the water works department, which built the houses and all expenses will be charged against it. It is merely a matter of arranging accounts.

The library board figures will hardly be disturbed as they are well under the figure the library has a right to ask, namely one half mill. The board of education estimates have been whittled down to the last possible point and it would be impossible to get more than a couple of thousand dollars out of that account.

The rate will be close to 32½ mills, slightly less than in 1916 which is considered rather a heavy load to carry. If the utilities owned and operated by the city could turn their surpluses into the city coffers, there could be a reduction in the rates, but that is quite impossible at this time.

TO ISSUE DEBENTURES TO BUY PAVING PLANT

Controllers Give Up Idea of Financing by Loans.

The board of control will abandon the attempt to finance the purchase of the paving plant by loans, and will issue debentures for the amount, $17,500.

That the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board can authorize the issue is not certain, but that point will be cleared up. If it can, this will be done. Efforts are being made to settle the deal, so that possession can be obtained in time to commence the paving work for the year.

Was a Nervous Wreck But Is Now Well Again

What Dodd's Kidney Pills Did for Alberta Woman

Miss E. M. Shannon Suffered for Years From a Score of Ills and Found Quick Relief and Cure for All of Them in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Junkins, Alberta, March 26.—(Special).—One more splendid cure by Dodd's Kidney Pills has been added to the long list that have made the great Canadian kidney remedy so popular in the west. Miss E. M. Shannon, who lives on a farm near here, was a nervous wreck. Today she is strong and well. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured her.

"I was a nervous wreck before I started to use Dodd's Kidney Pills," Miss Shannon says in telling her story. "My trouble started from a strain, and I suffered for years. I had cramps in the muscles, my joints were stiff and I could not sleep well. My appetite was fitful, I was always tired, my eyes were puffed and swollen and had dark circles under them. I was depressed and low-spirited. There was a heavy, dragging sensation across my loins and my skin itched and burned at night.

"When rheumatism and neuralgia were added to my troubles, I consulted a doctor, but got no lasting relief. I took three and a half boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I cannot speak too highly of what they have done for me."

Every one of Miss Shannon's ills was a symptom of kidney trouble. That's why she got such quick results from Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Contains No Alum

Safeguard your health and always insist on using

"PURITY" Baking Powder

Per half pound 20c

Cairncross' The Chemists

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LOCAL NEWS

MISS STANLEY ILL.—Miss Margaret M. Stanley, lady superintendent at Victoria Hospital, is ill.

GRANTED LEAVE.—Lieut. H. S. Russell of Casualties, Military District No. 1, formerly of the 186th Battalion, has been granted leave from March 25 to March 29.

FOR ROUTINE BUSINESS — There will be a meeting of the board of works this evening to discuss routine business. No important matters are to be dealt with.

NOT THE MAN.—Robert Rodgers, 521 Piccadilly street, owner of a motorcycle and member of the Hussars' band wishes to disclaim any connection with the Robert Rogers arrested for fraud, etc.

PERMIT ISSUED.—A permit was issued this morning by Building Inspector Piper to John Lewandun for a 1-story frame house on Rectory street to cost $1,600. The permits for the month now total $31,000.

TO SPEAK HERE SUNDAY.—Commissioner Mapp, who until recently has been in charge of the Salvation Army work in Japan, is coming to this city, and will speak at the Clarence Street Citadel on Sunday next.

EARLY NAVIGATION.—The C. P. R. announces today that the company will accept lake and rail freight on April 14th. Boats will start from Port McNichol about that time, it is stated. Navigation may open before that time.

CLAIMS $216.—Action in the county court has been taken by Phoebe Glass against Rosena Doerr to recover $216.74, claimed by the plaintiff as the amount due on an agreement of sale entered into by plaintiff and defendant on May 4, 1912.

PERHAPS HIS DAUGHTER.—Joseph Baretti, who conducts a small fruit store, appeared in police court today charged with selling cigarettes to a minor. He pleaded not guilty to the charge, but said his daughter might have made the sale. The case was adjourned until Friday next to summon the daughter as a witness.

IN TORONTO TODAY. — W. W. Nobbs, of the McClary Company, is in Toronto today, representing the London Board of Trade at a session of the Dominion Railway Commission, relative to freight and traffic regulations. There is much dispute as to the meaning of the new laws, and an interpretation has been asked for.

TACKLING ESTIMATES.—The board of control will meet on Wednesday morning to deal with the estimates. City Treasurer Bell will have the provisional rate struck then, and the controllers will have some definite information to go on. It will be discovered at this session just how much must come off the estimated expenditures.

WITHIN ITS RIGHTS.—City officials stated today that legal opinion had been secured to the effect that the council was well within its rights in nominating Ald. J. J. Dyer as member of the police commission. There was some doubt about this yesterday, but the point has been cleared up so that no legal difficulties may arise in this regard.

LECTURES ON GARDENING.—R. D. Smith, parks superintendent, will speak tonight in the public library under the auspices of the London Horticultural Society on "Ordinary Methods of Potato Culture," "Raising of Early Vegetables," and "Flower Gardening Instruction." The meeting is open to everyone and questions are invited.

LEAVE FOR JEWS.—Leave has been granted to all Jewish soldiers of the expeditionary force from sunset on April 6 to sunset on April 8, according to to-day's mobilization camp orders, which state that such soldiers, if they wish, may for the remaining days of the festival be permitted to take their meals outside of their camp, or quarters, with their co-religionists.

PRESENTATION TO MISS HOATH.—Miss Hoath, bookkeeper for the Trafford Furniture Company for many years, was the guest of honor at a social evening arranged by the staff Friday. Miss Hoath is leaving the firm to train as a nurse at Victoria Hospital. She was presented with a gold wrist watch by the company, and with a clubbag by her fellow employees. The two little daughters of Dr. Partridge, manager of the store, made the presentation.

READY FOR WATER—All the supplies necessary for tying the Foster wells to the city supply have been ordered, and will be here by the end of April, so General Manager E. V. Buchanan of the utilities commission announced today. The wells will need some additional equipment, but that can be purchased at short notice. The construction of the trenches will commence in May, so that the water will be available by June 1.

GETS LONG SERVICE MEDAL.—The current issue of the Canada Gazette announces that the colonial auxiliary forces long service medal has been granted to Lieut. A. E. Burwell of the 7th Regiment. Lieut. Burwell's twenty years have been served in the 26th Regiment, 6th Battery and 7th Fusiliers. He saw service in the South African War, and is now one of the four officers employed in connection with the 7th Regiment Guard Detail.

RECITAL AT ST. JOHN'S.—A recital of great musical interest will be given in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Thursday evening by Clarence E. Gilmour, organist of the church, assisted by Miss Florence Egglestone, violinist. Mr. Gilmour will play compositions by Bach, Dubois, Lemare, Rousseau, Hollins, while Miss Eggleston's numbers will include Beethoven's Romance in G, the Bach-Gounod Meditation, Bohm's Cavatina, and Schumann's "Evening Song."

HELD WEEKLY SUPPER. — The members of the standard efficiency group of the First Presbyterian Church met for their weekly supper Monday evening, and reported a very successful meeting. Following the supper the Bible discussion was led by the pastor Rev. W. J. Knox, after which Dr. Braithwaite, president of the Western University, spoke on "Choosing a Life Work," stating that in the choice of a life work one should be guided by tests, adaptation and service. "Choose something that you like, something that you are adapted for, and something in which you can serve, and then train to the limit," he told the boys. Walter Chater, president of the group, occupied the chair.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF.—In the trial court at Osgoode Hall, before Mr. Justice Sutherland, judgment has been ordered in favor of plaintiff in the action of Olson vs. Canadian Alkali Company, a case of interest to Windsor residents. A. H. Foster (Windsor) for plaintiff; E. A. Cleary (Windsor) for defendant. Action to recover $3,186.41. Let judgment be entered for plaintiff for the sum of $229.35 (part of the item $261 claimed) and for the item of $296.71 claimed, less any interest paid under the order of the local judge, dated the 14th day of June, 1916, or in connection with the payment to the McLean Lumber Comapny, Limited, if any. Out of said sums the plaintiff is to pay the judgment against him obtained by the Nelson Hardware Company, Limited, or the same is to be deducted therefrom. Costs to plaintiff down to March 5, 1917, less any costs paid under said order of the local judge. No costs subsequent thereto to either party.

DODGED THE 'TECS

Detectives Down and Egelton were "tipped off" at 11 o'clock today to the effect that George Benson, who escaped from the county jail on Saturday last was in hiding near the London Hospital for the Insane. They immediately started for the scene and made a careful search of the district.

The detectives returned to the police station at 3 o'clock confident that Benson had made his getaway before they appeared on the scene.

DIES AT BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 27.—Robert Burns, 66 years old, a former resident of London, died here early Monday after a brief illness. He leaves two sons—William J. and Thomas H. Burns, both of Buffalo.

LACK OF HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR RETURNED MEN BAD

S. A. Commission Discusses Leasing London House.

BAND REFUSES MONEY

149th Men Cannot Accept Grant for Their Services to Commission.

The executive of the Soldiers' Aid Commission yesterday afternoon discussed at some length the lack of hospital accomodation here for returned soldiers. There are more men in London than can be properly attended to, and more room is required. It was suggested that the hospitals commission lease the London House for this purpose, and it will be taken up. George E. Brown, and J. P. Moore were named a committee to investigate and report at once.

The 149th Battalion band notified the committee that it would be impossible to take a grant for its services to the commission. Donations aggregating nearly $100 had been secured for the band, but the money will have to be returned. The commission, however, expressed its gratitude for the generous services rendered by the band.

Lieut.-Col. A. A. Campbel, and Ed. H. Lance will interview the London Motor Club, relative to providing auto tours for returned men. A. H. Keene will take over the management of a concert to be given for the relief funds of the commission to be held in April.

Dr. W. A. Riddell, Toronto, will establish a labor branch here in connection with the provincial committee and the commission will co-operate with that organization.

MANAGEMENT OF HOSPITAL WORRYING CITY COUNCIL

Motions Prepared to Take Over Control and Pay Off County.

The management of Victoria Hospital will have quite a place in civic affairs this year, according to rumors afloat at the city hall.

The aldermen, for the most part, are willing to pay the amount asked for by the trust and put the issue straight up to the people. Notices of motion are in preparation to be presented at the next council, first to take a vote of the ratepayers in January to give the council power to manage the hospital, and second, to pay off $15,000 borrowed from the county of Middlesex and cancel the agreement with the county.

These matters are being discussed, and will be brought up. What disposition will be made of them cannot be learned, but it is certain that there will be quite a lot of conversation relative to the hospital this year.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

GIVEN MILITARY FUNERAL.

The funeral of Gunner John L. Crossman, whose death occurred on Sunday morning in the Military Hospital, took place yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, with full military honors, from the funeral parlors of Smith, Son & Clarke, to the G. T. R. depot. A detachment from the 63rd Battery, of which he was a member, formed the escort, assisted by the A. M. C. Pipers Band. The pallbearers were also fellow soldiers.

The remains were forwarded to Detroit, and were accompanied by an escort provided by the 63rd Battery.

FUNERAL OF MRS. PURDOE.

The funeral of Mrs. Laura Purdoe, who died on Monday, was held today from the undertaking parlors of Smith, Son & Clarke to St. Peter's Cathedral. Interment took place at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Mrs. Purdoe died in St. Joseph's Hospital Monday morning after a long illness.

DEATH OF MRS. WILSON.

The death of Mrs. Maria Wilson, wife of Robert G. Wilson, building contractor, occurred today at her residence, 195 College avenue. She was born in Canada, and was 58 years old. She was a daughter of James Pellow.

In addition to her husband she is survived by her son Frank.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, and the services will be conducted by Rev. H. H. Bingham.

DEATH OF MRS. McCARTHY.

Mrs. Mary McCarthy, who died suddenly Sunday, was buried this morning at St. Peter's Cemetery. The funeral was held from the undertaking parlors of E. C. Killingsworth to St. Peter's Cathedral, where requiem high mass was sung by Father Tobin.

The pallbearers were O. Labelle, M. O'Sullivan, John Cox, Capt. Manley, S. Walsh and J. Donohue.

BURIED AT WOODLAND.

The funeral of Dr. Charles A. Fisher, son of Lieut.-Col. C. E. H. Fisher, who died in Detroit on Sunday, was held this afternoon from the family residence, 808 Waterloo street, where a private service was held. At the Church of St. John the Evangelist another service was held. Both were conducted by Rev. Canon William Craig.

Interment took place at Woodland Cemetery, the pallbearers being Harvey Skey, Ross Clark, Charles H. Beard, W. C. Whittaker, Wm. Wright and Adrian Zimmerman.

Dr. Fisher was well known in the city, being a graduate of the Western Medical College, and a prominent athlete in his college days.

DIED AT MONROE, N. Y.

Miss Elinore Florence Lilley, eldest daughter of Frank W. Lilley, formerly of London, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lilley of this city, died at Monroe, N. Y., on Sunday, March 25, after an illness of two years. Miss Lilley was born in London in 1889, and was a graduate of Loretto Academy, Niagara Falls, Ont., the Toronto Conservatory of Music, and the New York School of Dramatic Art. The remains will be interred at Harriman, N. Y.

WEDDING BELLS

BOGNES—CRAIG.

A happy event took place on Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Talbot Street Baptist parsonage, when Pte. Robert Bognes, formerly of Petrolea, and Miss Mary Shields Craig, late of Glasgow, Scotland, were united in marriage by Rev. H. H. Bingham, assisted by Rev. Joseph W. Kemp of Calvary Baptist Church, New York, late of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Miss Gertrude Hersey performed the duties of bridesmaid, and the groom was supported by Pte. Harvey Connors.

WINNIPEG'S SHARE OF VICTORY LOAN $10,000,000

Winnipeg, March 27.—An official statement of the sums contributed by the city of Winnipeg through the banks to the victory war loan makes the amount almost exactly $10,000,000. The various branch banks received applications for $6,000,000, and the banks having their head offices here increased the total to $10,000,000. In addition to this total, applications were received by local brokerage firms for a further $2,000,000, making a grand total for Winnipeg of around $12,000,000.

BREWERY CLOSES UP.

Toronto, March 27.—The Copeland Brewery, the second largest in the province, closed its doors today. The company has been operating at a loss of $2,000 per month since September 16. It is capitalized at about $1,000,000.

WOUNDED ONCE, BUT IS READY FOR MORE

Advertiser Illustrations.

Anxious to go back and do his bit a second time, Charles Hulley, formerly of the 18th Battalion, enlisted again a few days ago with the 63rd Battery at Queen's Park. Pte. Hulley joined the 18th Battalion on October 24, 1914, and served as a transport driver with that unit. At Ypres he was blown up by a high explosive shell, and suffered an injury to his foot, in addition to shell shock. As a result he was invalided home to Canada, arriving here in October, 1916. He received his discharge on the 24th of February, as owing to the injury to his foot he was considered unfit for infantry work. In less than a month, however, he was serving in the 63rd Battery in the capacity of a driver. Driver Hulley is a native of Sheffield, England, but made his home in Walkerville previous to the war. His brother, W. H. is also serving his country as a member of the 1st Connaught Rangers.

HURON WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ANNUAL MEETING OPENED

Rev. J. B. Fotheringham Preaches Appropriate Lenten Sermon—Luncheon Served.

The majority of the delegates for the thirtieth annual meeting of the Huron Diocesan branch of the Woman's Auxiliary arrived in the city in time to attend the holy communion service in St. Paul's Cathedral at 11 o'clock this forenoon, when the preacher was Rev. J. B. Fotheringham, formerly of Goderich, recently appointed rector of Grace Church, Brantford.

A theme especially appropriate to the Lenten season and the occasions, the opening of the annual meeting of the women's missionary organization, was chosen for the sermon, "The Endless Life in Christ."

Taking as his text the last verse of the Gospel of St. John. "The world could not contain the books that should be written," Mr. Fotheringham declared this to be not the exaggeration of a prejudiced disciple, but the statement of a fact.

Christ's Endless Life.

"The biography of Christ," said the preacher, "would contain the story of his earthly ministry, but even that is one of which the possibilities have not yet been exhausted. His life did not end at His death, but is continued in His resurrection life. Each new year bears witness to the life of Christ in the world. The life of Christ is continued in the church.

"The great value of missionary literature is not so much that it is a record of missionaries or evangelists as o the endless life of Christ.

"The church, a missionary society, finds inspiration and strength in the thought that Christ is in it, its hope of glory. It is ours as individuals, as a society and as Christ's church, to write new chapters in that life which goes from strength unto strength until the lamb's book of life is opened at the end."

Luncheon Served.

A tempting buffet luncheon was served at the close of the service, under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Minbinnick, Richmond street, convener of the hospitality committee, assisted by a number of members of the various auxiliaries.

Cronyn Hall, where the business sessions are being held, presents an inviting appearance. Under the direction of Mrs. de la Hooke, the platform has been transformed into a beauty spot with runs, vases of spring flowers and palms.

Mrs. A. F. Nash is in charge of billeting.

The board of management met at 2 o'clock in Cronyn Hall and a session of the junior branches of London will be addressed at 4:30 o'clock by Miss Archer of Japan, the bishop presiding.

An open meeting of the educational committee will take place at 7:30 o'clock this evening, followed at 8:30 o'clock by an illustrated talk on Omoksene by Mrs. Arthur Shore.

The thank offering taken at the holy communion service amounted to $913, not counting the offering of the junior auxiliaries.

PRISONER IS ILL

Glencoe Woman Sent to Hospital to Undergo Operation.

One of the Glencoe sisters, the married woman, who has been in jail awaiting sentence on a charge of theft, was removed to Victoria Hospital today on the orders of Dr. James D. Wilson, jail physician.

Her trouble was diagnosed as tuberculosis of the appendix, and it is expected she will be compelled to undergo an operation.

Both were to have appeared for sentence on Thursday.

MANY ALDERMEN AVERSE TO PROPOSED CHANGES

Point Out 30-Cent Rate to Port Stanley Used To Be Steady.

The council meeting on Monday evening next promises to be rather a long affair. The question of fixing the tax rate will certainly be up for settlement, and there are many other important issues.

The request of the London Railway Commission, to abolish 30-cent fares, will be sure to stage a fight. Many of the aldermen are not favorable to the idea, and will fight it.

They point out that the Pere Marquette gave 30-cent fares to Port Stanley every day during the summer, and did not charge for children, unless they were of sufficient size to warrant paying the 30-cent fare.

The commission claim that the change to 40 cents and 20 cents for children will be better for all concerned.

The council will debate it, and there will be many other matters of considerable importance, including the famous $13,000 check.

MOSHER TURNS UP.

Montreal, March 27.—The case against A. R. Mosher, Halifax, charged with writing a libelous letter concerning R. P. Neil of the International Brotherhood of Railway Employees, will come up for trial on Thursday. Mr. Mosher's bail of $1,000, which was confiscated yesterday when he failed to attend court, was returned to him later when he showed that he had attended the wrong courtroom.

KNOWING WHERE TO GO SAVES TIME.

When a man wants a good serviceable pair of shoes and does not have much time to look around for them, there's one place to go where good shoes and good service may be found, The House of Casselman, 171 Dundas Street.

STRICKEN IN THE STREET

Completely Restored to Health By "Fruit-a-tives."

382 St. Valler Street, Montreal.

"In 1912, I was taken suddenly ill with Acute Stomach Trouble and dropped in the street. I was treated by several physicians for nearly two years, and my weight dropped from 225 pounds to 160 pounds. Then several of my friends advised me to try 'Fruit-a-tives.' I began to improve almost with the first dose, and by using them, I recovered from the distressing Stomach Trouble—and all pain and Constipation were cured. Now I weigh 208 pounds. I cannot praise 'Fruit-a-tives' enough.

"H. WHITMAN."

Fifty cents a box, 6 for $2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers, or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

TWO LIEUTENANTS GIVE UP COMMISSIONS, ENTER RANKS

Now on Way to Join Their Battalion at Eastern Point.

Lieuts. M. Wilson and P. Turnbull of the 186th Battalion, have obtained permission to resign their commissions and to go overseas with their battalion as privates. When the battalion, last week, left Chatham, where it had been quartered during the winter, they applied for permission to go as privates. The permission has since been granted and they are on their way to overtake their battalion at an eastern point, where it will receive further training before proceeding overseas. Two other officers, Lieuts. T. C. Odelle and T. S. Wright also applied, but were refused permission owing to physical unfitness.

BETTER HOTELS SINCE PROHIBITION HAS ARRIVED

W. S. Dingman Says Hotelmen Are Keeping Law Well.

"We have no reason to criticise the way in which the law is being observed by the hotel men throughout the province since the enforcement of the Ontario temperance act, in fact, we find better hotels today than before prohibition. Hotelmen who formerly depended upon the bar and directed their energies that way are now looking after the other ends of the hotel business. Of course, there are some things that we have yet to improve, but on the whole the act has reduced drunkenness and crime, and made better conditions in several respects," said W. S. Dingman, chairman of the Ontario License Commission, today, when questioned by an Advertiser reporter as to the effect generally on conditions throughout the province since September 16 last.

TEN NURSING SISTERS LEAVE FOR OVERSEAS

Three London Girls in Party, Which Goes to Montreal First.

A party of ten nursing sisters left London yesterday to report at Montreal for service overseas in the near future. Three of the young ladies were Londoners, Lieut. Ella Garrett, 47 Hale street; M. McDiarmind, 283 Hill street, and E. Boyden, whose sister, Mrs. Robert Spittal lives at 363 Central avenue.

Other members of the party were Lieuts. G. A. Rothwell, Listowell; K. Scott, Clinton; K. MacDonald, Brantford; M. Cadmore, Hensall; D. Black, Kitchener; E. Brown Ingersoll, and N. M. Foreman, Lucan.

Misses McDiarmid, MacDonald, Foreman and Boyden are graduates of Victoria Hospital and Miss Garrett of Sarnia General Hospital.

The party left on the 7 o'clock eastbound G.T.R. train and were given a rousing send-off by a large crowd of friends and relatives, who were present to wish them good luck and a safe journey.

Two other nursing sisters, Lieuts. Marion Heughan of Kitchener and Katharine Scott of Clinton, left for Montreal on Friday last.

KING OF BELGIUM FLIES OVER THE BATTLE LINE ALONG THE YSER RIVER

London, March 27.—King Albert of Belgium on March 18 made a long airplane flight under fire over the fighting front, according to La Metropole, a newspaper published here. While visiting a new flying ground the king expressed a desire to act as an observation officer. Accordingly he ascended with the famous Belgian airman, Capt. Jacquet. Preceded by a squadron of fighting airplanes, the king flew over the whole Belgian-Yser front at a height of 3,000 to 6,000 feet. He made many observations and took photographs with success. German anti-aircraft guns kept up a sustained fire, but no German airmen ventured in the way of the king's airplane. Subsequently the king discussed his observations with the general staff.

SAW NO SUBS.

London, Monday, March 26.—(Delayed by Censor).—When the St. Louis, the first armed American liner to enter the war zone, reached a British port this afternoon, passengers stated that no submarines had been sighted.

A Government tender, carrying the American consul-general, admiralty officials and immigration officers, met the liner.

COSTLY TORONTO FIRE.

Toronto, March 27.—Fire, which broke out at 3:40 o'clock this morning in the premises of the Style and Frame Hat Manufacturing Company, 35 to 45 Lombard street, caused damage variously estimated at from $10,000 to $30,000. Ten occupants of the building, all small manufacturers, shared the loss, which fell principally upon the hat company. The building and all the tenants were fully insured.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

Chicago, March 27.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Close.	Prev.
Wheat—						
May	191¾	195¼	191	194⅛	190⅞	
July	164¼	168¼	163¾	167⅞	163¾	
Sept.	151	154¼	150	153½	150¼	
Corn—						
May	116⅝	117¾	116⅜	117½	116	
July	115	116¼	115	116	114¾	
Sept.	113⅝	114½	113½	114⅜	113	
Oats—						
May	61	61½	60¾	61⅛	60⅝	
July	58	58½	57⅞	58¼	57⅝	

CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

Chicago, March 27.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Pork—				
May	$34 42	$34 55	$34 35	$34 45
July	33 57	33 57	33 50	33 50
Lard—				
May	19 82	19 87	19 77	19 80
July	19 85	19 90	19 82	19 87
Ribs—				
May	18 07	18 10	18 02	18 05
July	18 17	18 22	18 17	18 22

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

Winnipeg, March 27.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Wheat—					
May	188	188	188	188	190
July	185	185	185	185	186
Oct.	152¾	152¾	152¾	152¾	154⅛
Oats—					
May	63¾	63¾	63¾	63¾	64¼
July	62¼	62¼	62¼	62¼	63

NO SUBS SEEN, BUT MANY SIGNS OF WAR, REPORT OF ST. LOUIS

American Liner Was All Prepared for Attack.

London, March 26, 5:20 p.m.—Delayed by Censor, from a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.—The St. Louis, the first passenger vessel carrying the American flag to cross the Atlantic since Germany's declaration of unrestricted submarine destruction, and the first armed American liner to enter a European port since the war began, arrived this morning. She carried a number of passengers—33 all told—but her holds were filled to capacity with non-contraband freight.

The St. Louis came through without interruption. No submarines were sighted nor were there at any time any indications that German underseas boats were after the big liner. If any of them saw the steamer they made no attempt to destroy her.

Signs of Sub War.

But signs of war were not lacking, and the last three days aboard were anxious ones for passengers and crew alike. On Friday and again on Saturday, after the St. Louis entered the forbidden zone, driftwood was passed, apparently parts of destroyed lifeboats. Yesterday a great field of oil was encountered.

Vague rumors of the sinking of ships either ahead of or near the St. Louis increased the nervous tension.

At Top Speed.

For three days and nights the captain did not leave the bridge, and never in her twenty-two years of existence has the liner been driven so furiously as she was from the time she passed into the zone until she was picked up by a pilot.

The journey was virtually without incident until the war zone was reached. Unusual precautions were taken as soon as the liner passed the Ambrose light, but as she neared the danger point, even the liferafts and collapsible boats were made ready for immediate use. Reflectors were strung up fore and aft, and carbide lights were tied along the rails for use in the event the ship became the victim of a torepdo or gunfire.

STANDARD STOCK AND MINING EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

Toronto, March 27—Noon.

	Bid.	Ask.
Apex	8⅞	9⅛
Dome Extension	26	26½
Dome Lake	18	19
Dome Mines	18½	..
Imperial	3½	4
Jupiter	30	32
McIntyre	190	192
New Holly	525	530
New Ray	133	..
Porcupine Crown	63	65
Porcupine Vipond	44	44½
Preston East Dome	4⅞	5⅛
Teck-Hughes	71	74
West Dome	28	28½
Adanac	25	28
Bailey	6½	7
Beaver	39	40
Buffalo	110	160
Chambers-Ferland	12	12¼
Coniagas	425	..
Crown Reserve	24	..
Foster	3	5
Gifford	..	4
Great Northern	14½	14¾
Hargraves	20	20¼
Hudson Bay	..	45
Kerr Lake	430	450
La Rose	50	..
McKinley	51	52
Nipissing	5	815
Peterson Lake	11½	12
Right of Way	4	5½
Rochester	3½	..
Seneca-Superior	1½	2½
Silver Leaf	2¼	2½
Shamrock Consolidated	20	..
Temiskaming	51	52
Trethewey	16½	17½
Wettlaufer	7½	8½
Boston Creek	115	..

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 27.—Morning mining soales: Apex, 6,000 at 9; Boston Creek, 525 at 115, 100 at 114; Davidson, 500 at 79, 25 at 80; Dome Extension, 2,000 at 26¼, 2,500 at 26; Dome Mines, 50 at 18½; Gold Reef, 500 at 4; Inspiration, 2,500 at 14; Jupiter, 800 at 31½; oMneta, 1,500 at 12¾; McIntyre, 10 at 193, 200 at 191; New Ray, 25 at 132, 5,500 at 133; Porcupine Crown, 500 at 64; Preston, 1,500 at 5; Schmuacher, 2,000 at 60; Thompson-Krist, 1,500 at 19½; Tisdale, 1,000 at 2; Vipond, 500 at 44½; West Dome, 137 at 28, 1,500 at 28½; Butte-Detroit, 2,000 at 114; Vacuum Oil and Gas, 50 at 500, 70 at 580; Adanac, 500 at 25; Bailey, 2,500 at 6½; Beaver, 1,500 at 40½, 2,000 at 40; Great Northern, 500 at 14¾, 500 at 14½; Hargraves, 1,800 at 20¼, 6,900 at 20; Peterson, 2,400 at 11¾, 150 at 12; Temiskaming, 2,000 at 51½.

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

New York, March 27.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
May	18.93	18.95	18.72	18.72
July	18.77	18.78	18.58	18.58
October	18.23	18.27	17.96	17.97
December	18.34	18.35	18.04	18.04

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Thomson & McKinnon, brokers, Royal Bank Building, report fluctuations in New York stocks for The Advertiser, as follows:

New York, March 27.

Trunk Lines and Grangers—	Open.	High.	Low.	1:30.
Baltimore & Ohio.	80	..	..	..
Erie, com.	89¾	89¾	89⅜	89½
New Haven	45⅛	45¼	45⅛	45⅛
New York Central	98	98	97¾	97¾
St. Paul	83¾	83⅞	83⅝	83⅝
Pacifics and Southerns—				
Atchison, com.	104½	..	..	..
Canadian Pacific.	162¾	163¼	162⅛	162½
Northern Pacific.	105¾	..	..	..
Southern Pacific.	96⅝	96½	96⅛	96⅛
Southern Railway	29¼	29½	29⅛	29¼
Union Pacific.	140⅝	141⅜	140⅝	140¾
Coalers—				
Ches. & Ohio.	60¼	..	..	..
Lehigh Valley.	70⅞	70⅞	70½	70½
Norfolk & West.	131¼	132	131¼	132
Pennsylvania	54⅛	54⅝	54⅛	54¼
Reading Railway.	98½	99¼	98	98
Industrials—				
Alls-Chalmers	29¼	29¼	29	29
Am. Beet Sugar.	93	94½	93	93¼
American Can.	48	49⅜	48	48¼
American Car.	70	71½	70	70
Am. Locomotive.	72⅛	73¼	72¼	72½
American Sugar.	112	112¾	112	112½
Am. Smelters.	104⅝	105⅛	104⅜	104⅜
Am. Tel. & Tel.	127½	127¾	127½	127¾
American Wool.	50½	50⅞	50⅜	50½
Baldwin Loco.	59⅝	63⅛	59⅝	60⅝
Central Leather.	92½	93½	90¾	90¾
Corn Products.	25¼	26⅛	25⅛	25¼
Col. Fuel & Iron	52	52¼	51½	51½
Distillers	20⅝	20⅝	20½	20½
Dome Mines.	19¼	..	..	..
General Motors.	117⅞	119	117¾	119
Goodrich Rubber.	55	55	54½	54½
G. Northern Ore.	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛
Inter. Nickel.	44	44⅝	43⅞	43⅞
Ice Securities.	27½	27¾	27½	27¾
Maxwell Motor.	53	..	..	..
Marine, com.	33⅜	34⅛	33⅛	33¼
Marine, pfd.	89½	91⅛	89½	89⅞
U. S. Rubber.	58⅜	58¾	58½	58¾
Virginia Chemical	41	..	..	..
Westinghouse	51¾	52¼	51½	51½
Willys-Overland.	33¼	33¾	33¼	33¼
Coppers—				
Anaconda Copper.	84	84⅜	82⅞	83
Butte & Superior.	45¼	..	..	..
Chino Copper.	57⅝	57¾	57¼	57¼
Inspiration	60½	61	60¼	60¾
Miami Copper.	40¾	40¾	40⅝	40¾