a.m., 11.10 a.m., 4.10 p.m., 6.10 p.m. and 11.10 p.m.

That the service provided at the hours named shall be adequate and suitable to accommodate all traffic offered for carriage upon the railway.

The Town of Burlington thought this meant something, but the radial railway company gave it the horse laugh. Passenger trains are not run at the hours named or at any other hour. The company's tracks occupy the streets of Burlington, but no cars run over them.

Yesterday, Dec. 18, the town, which took the order seriously, thought it must be obeyed, and thru its mayor telegraphed Sir Henry Drayton, chairman of the Dominion Railway Commission:

The Hamilton Electric Radial Company is running cars to the canal, within two and a half miles from Burlington, yet persists in not obeying your order of Dec. 10. Is your board under these conditions powerless to grant even temporary relief on either line? Kindly wire reply.

To this telegram the board, thru its secretary, replied as follows:

Limitation of board's power in view of agreement fully explained in judgment of chief commissioner of Dec. 13, copy of which went forward to Mr. Cleaver on same date.

Must Appeal to Courts.

The limitation of the board's power herein referred to is pointed out in another communication, wherein the town is told that it can have the order of the board made an order of court upon proper application and proceedings, or it may proceed by criminal prosecution against some official of the company. Either course means a long weary law suit, with an endless bill of expense for the Town of Burlington unless the burden is taken up by the board itself or by the attorney-general of Ontario, whose duty it is to see that the laws of the land are not treated with contempt by the corporations of this province or their powerful and titled officials.

The dispute between the town and the company hinges upon the demand of the company that its contract with the municipality shall be treated as a scrap of paper. The company got into and upon the streets of Burlington by virtue of a contract to give hourly passenger service to and from Hamilton for a maximum charge of 25 cents the round trip. Now they say that contract must be rescinded or they will run no more cars. The town thruout has been most patient and conciliatory, even offering to pay double fares for a year if the company would guarantee an adequate service under its agreement thereafter. The company, however, is in effect telling the town and likewise the Dominion Railway Commission to go to some place which shall be nameless, but which has a proverbially hot temperature. The town says it will fight, and so far it is fighting single-handed. No public man or public official in Hamilton or in Queen's Park is championing the cause of the little village against the big corporation. Town Solicitor Cleaver is the village Hampden, who, with dauntless breast, is standing up against the big bully.

Will the town or the corporation win out?

INTO "CIVIES" BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Many a returned man would like to get back into "civies" before Christmas; and while it is short notice, we'd try very hard to accommodate a limited number. Supposing you slip down this morning, be measured for a nice Scotch tweed or English worsted, and one of those guaranteed Irish blue serge Suitings we're specializing on at $45.00, made to measure. R. Score & Son, Limited, Tailors and Haberdashers, 77 King west.

FRONT LINE RIGHT IN TORONTO CITY

"The Better 'Ole" is Rapid Tour to Battlefields of Flanders.

Undoubtedly the greatest film success that has ever played in Toronto will begin at Massey Hall on Monday next and continue thru the week, when "the Better 'Ole" appears on the screen at that time.

This production takes one right up to the front line trenches with the British Tommies, and takes us right into their everyday life more than any other motion picture production that has ever been staged.

Old Bill, Bert and Alf might be considered unusual characters, but many returned heroes who have spent long weary months in the trenches declare that these humorous musketeers may be found in nearly every part of the line.

"The Better 'Ole" might well be called "the British Birth of a Nation," and there is a wide interest already awakened in the city in its reappearance during Christmas week.

There were many turned away from the Allen Theatre when this masterpiece film was shown there, and because of the desire of the public to see this all-British play again, the management have decided to show it in Massey Hall as a special Christmas attraction.

HURON OLD BOYS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

A. Grigg, deputy minister of lands, forests and mines in the provincial government, addressed the members of the Huron Old Boys' Association on the future of Ontario's north country at their 18th annual meeting in St. George's Hall last evening.

The following officers of the association were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. Presidents, Sir John Willison, Col. W. K. McNaught, N. B. Cobbledick; president, H. P. Morrish; vice-president, Mrs. J. Beck; chaplain, Rev. F. Powell; secretary, E. Floody; treasurer, W. Prudhome; financial secretary, Mrs. M. Martin; committee, J. Robertson, G. A. Newton, Dr. J. Beldin, W. Prendergast, D. M. Johnston, J. Hyclop, F. Hodgson, Major J. Beck, Dr. W. Graham, A. Grigg, deputy minister lands, forests and mines, J. H. McClinton, Mrs. H. P. Morrish, Mrs. N. B. Cobbledick, Mrs. W. D. Prudhome, Mrs. E. Floody. Auditors, Roger Crocker and Robert Holmes.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

DANFORTH

WITH DUE DELIBERATION ON THE VIADUCT.

Never did Colonel Roy Harris have such weather to finish a winter job, and he ought to utilize to the utmost his opportunity to complete the new roadway between Sherbourne and Parliament on Bloor street viaduct. But the work goes on leisurely as if the fine weather is for all time; he got a little more crushed stone down yesterday; also a few more feet of wooden sidewalk. Toward street under bad weather conditions will not be able to carry the viaduct wheeled traffic, and the colonel would be justified in hiring a big staff and working two gangs. A few days would clean up the job and complete the viaduct as Toronto's greatest crosstown thoroughfare.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

The closing exercises in connection with Earl Grey School, Jones avenue, were held last evening in the tastefully decorated kindergarten and lower halls, which were filled with a capacity gathering of pupils and parents.

Ald. W. W. Hiltz occupied the chair, and R. G. Elliott, principal, read the report of the year's work, which was of a highly satisfactory character. Mr. Elliott stated that nine prizes were won in last year's writing contest at the Canadian National Exhibition, out of 21 prizes awarded for the whole province. The second and fourth prizes were won in the Ontario Safety League contest on how to avoid accidents, by F. Hayden and R. Stalker, respectively.

Inspector S. Ward presented the entrance certificates to last year's graduates to the number of 33 out of a class of 40 pupils.

The following were presented with silver medals for good attendance: A. Butler, M. Anderson, M. Tuslin and A. Pollard, and a gold medal was presented to A. Burnside for best shooting, being the first in his battalion. Twenty bronze medals were presented to the junior pupils.

An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation of a gold watch fob, with the Earl Grey crest and motto, "To Serve the King With Good Will," inscribed in French, to Pte. William Price, C.E.F., a returned veteran and former pupil of the school. The chairman in making the presentation pointed out that the honor roll of the school contained the names of 50 pupils, seven of whom were killed in action, among the number being two former assistant masters, W. S. Scott, killed in France, and R. M. Shier, killed while flying over the North Sea on patrol duty.

An excellent program of songs, recitations and drills was cleverly rendered by the pupils.

The second concert in connection with Danforth Methodist Church Sunday school anniversary was held in the church last evening. A program of vocal and instrumental selections was cleverly rendered by the pupils. J. Gamble, assistant superintendent, occupied the chair. Rev. R. J. D. Simpson, pastor, was among those present.

James Syme, brother of the late Reeve George Syme, and Andrew Grant, Eastdale, are two prospective candidates for York Township Council. It is stated that Mr. Syme has the endorsation of the present York Township Council.

Under the auspices of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers a successful benefit concert was held last night in Oddfellows' Hall, 404 Bathurst street, in aid of the families of deceased members and Bro. J. Donaldson. The following artists contributed to the program: J. Purdon, Miss Thomas, J. Davidson, Miss Strathdie, the Misses Walkins, Watson and Marwood, instrumentalists, and J. Milne and Miss Thompson. A special feature was Will Thirkettle, ventriloquist and entertainer, with his man "Jerry," which was well received. The Munro orchestra rendered several selections. Dancing concluded the evening's entertainment.

A meeting of the Amalgamated Ratepayers' Association of York Township will be held in Oddfellows' Hall, 404 Bathurst street, on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, when candidates for nomination will be finally heard and chosen for the various positions.

Meetings of candidates for York Township Council will be held in Fairbanks and Silverthorn on Thursday evening next, when residents will be given an opportunity of hearing their platform.

DOWNSVIEW

The anniversary tea, which was held at the Elia Church last evening, was followed by a brilliant program. Oscar Clarke, baritone, and Madame Coutts-Bain, impersonator and soloist, were the entertainers, being assisted by Miss Campbell at the piano. Mr. Clarke's singing was much enjoyed, and Madame Coutts-Bain delighted the audience by her rapid impersonations and her untiring vivacity.

Joseph and J. M. Jackson and Paul Snider are attending the convention of the U.F.O. at Convocation Hall.

AUCTION SALE.

Public auction sale, hotel property and furniture, at Erindale, Dec. 30th, 1918. All will be sold without reserve, owing to illness.

SOCIALISTS SING "THE RED FLAG"

Stormy Meeting of Labor Council — Ultra-Radicals in Ascendancy.

"Tense" would aptly describe the struggle between socialists in Toronto and labor men of more moderate views, as evidenced at last night's session of the Trades and Labor Council, the socialists and machinists of all views strongly lining up together against the present officers of the council. For the third time and at the third session of the council since the struggle began, the ruling of the president, A. Conn, was subjected to vote. The vote was primarily in favor of the socialists by a vote of 73 to 70, but the vote was immediately challenged and a roll-call vote followed. On the suggestion of W. J. Hevey, who feared interminable discussion, and on motion of W. C. Hagen for the machinists, the meeting was adjourned at half-past ten, before the roll-call vote had been completed.

"It has come to this," said Delegate N. Phillips, of the Machinists' Union, "that a newly-organized and really democratic body of men must be elected to office, so that true democracy may be assured."

The meeting closed with the singing of "The Red Flag" by the socialists, to the expressed disgust of organizers and officials of the council.

STREET IS NOW NAMED.

Judge Winchester delivered his decision in regard to the renaming of Lyndhurst avenue. Under the decision, Wells Hills road will go thru to St. Clair. Lyndhurst avenue will stop at Melgund road, and Melgund road will run from Bathurst street to Lyndhurst avenue.

EARLSCOURT

Memoers of the Christmas Club in connection with the Men's Own of the Earlscourt Central Methodist Church were paid the amounts due them and which have been accumulating during the year. Rev. E. C. Hunter, assistant pastor, had charge of the affair.

At the meeting of the Earlscourt and District Citizens' Memorial Hall Committee last night, business of a formal nature was conducted. Mrs. Cohen, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, placed her resignation in the hands of the committee, and a vote of thanks was passed for her services. The meeting was held in the public library. Ald. Brook Sykes occupied the chair.

Mrs. Cohen, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the G.W.V.A., has received a letter from her husband, Pte. George Cohen of the 42nd Battalion, dated from Mons, Belgium, giving an account of the entry into that city by the 42nd. Enclosed in the letter was a copy of No. 1 of La Liberte, the newspaper that was published daily in Mons during the Hun occupation, but which the Germans were never able to discover the publisher or the printing plant.

Earlscourt is in sympathy with the police in their efforts for better conditions. The local banks, the Bank of Commerce and the Dominion Bank, here, have arranged for special protection altho the elaborate safe mechanism would make it difficult for burglars to gain an entrance.

Sergt.-Majors J. Stockley and William Arthur of the Earlscourt branch of the G.W.V.A., called on Councillor Peter Wright of the British Seamen's Union yesterday to ask him to come to Earlscourt under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary and the G.W.V.A. Mr. Wright said he was glad to meet two of Earlscourt's men who had fought at the front, and that he would willingly speak at a meeting on Sunday evening at the Oakwood Theatre, on reconstruction as it affected the returned soldier, a problem that was engaging the attention of the government in the old country at this moment. Mr. Wright presented the G. W. V. A. with a signed photograph of himself, which will be hung on the walls at Earlscourt headquarters.

RIVERDALE

VIADUCT HELPS FIRE BRIGADE.

J. J. Burns, Danforth avenue, told The World last night that the firemen of Wilton Avenue Station never appreciated the benefits of the viaduct like they did yesterday morning, when called upon to make a hurried call to Snell's fire in East Toronto. The saving in time and ease with which the trip was made was in striking contrast to the old, roundabout route via Carlton and Broadview. And every day people are wondering how they ever got along with the old order of things.

A. Hanna, Carlaw avenue, has withdrawn from the aldermanic race as candidate for Ward One, according to his statement to The World yesterday, business reasons being the cause of his retirement.

Under the auspices of the G.W.V.A., Riverdale branch, a slimly-attended open meeting to hear the views of prospective candidates for municipal honors was held last night in Playter's Hall, Danforth avenue. R. J. Roberts, president, occupied the chair. Comrade Colville rendered several solos, while awaiting the arrival of the speakers.

A. J. Stubbins, aldermanic candidate for Ward One, claimed that he was the only man last year to advocate the building of houses for working men by the city council.

"I am opposed to the provincial government scheme to lend money to the city at five per cent," said Mr. Stubbins, "if the government wish to back the man who wants to build a home to the extent of 75 per cent., why not back him to the full amount? The city should borrow from the public, subject to six months' notice of withdrawal, and enable the civic authorities to handle the proposition themselves, and allow, say, 5½ per cent. for the use of the money. It is being successfully carried out in the large cities in Great Britain, and could be carried out with equal success in Toronto for the benefit of the citizens."

Regarding the police commission, Mr. Stubbins said: "Do you think that two autocratic nondescripts will do justice to the police force? Until you reorganize the police commission and memorialize the government for their removal, there will never be satisfaction for the men. I would recommend the president of the board of trade, a prominent business man and Col. Hunter of the G.W.V.A., as a police commission for the city." Regarding soldiers' insurance, Mr. Stubbins said the city should live up to their agreement with the men and pay the dependents, regardless of whether they were rich or poor.

Percy Douglas, candidate for the board of education; ex-Controller Cameron, Ald. Fred McBrien and others also spoke.

BRACONDALE

At a well-attended meeting of the ratepayers of the Wychwood-Bracondale district, held at 34 Arlington avenue last night, it was unanimously decided to organize a ratepayers' association, comprising the residents of these districts, and, on motion of T. H. Barton and A. W. Holman, Thomas Jones was chosen as president pro tem. for the evening. The other officer is C. Breeze, secretary. A committee, composed of Messrs. Jones and Breeze, were appointed to draft a constitution, and the next meeting, a public one, for the election of officers, will be held in McMurrich School, on Friday, Dec. 27. It is proposed to change the name of Bracondale avenue to Wychwood, and the question of soldiers' insurance will also come up.

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AUSTIN GOURLAY DIES.

Brockville, Dec. 19.—Austin Gourlay, relieving accountant at the Bank of Montreal, died here last night. He was the only son of J. E. Reginald Gourlay of Picton, Ont., the well-known author and journalist, and a grandson of the late Right Hon. Sir Henry Strong, chief justice of Canada. He was stationed at Hamilton and later at Perth. The body will be taken to Picton for interment.