

SOLDIERS MAKE GAY IN LONDON

Every Organization Taxed to
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Christmas Dinners and Teas

London, Dec. 26.—(Delayed)—The feature of peace Christmas in London has been the great influx of soldiers or leave from the various fronts, or returned from captivity in Germany. Every organization was taxed to the utmost to entertain the soldiers, especially British soldiers and a sprinkling of Americans. Christmas dinners and teas were provided at all possible centres. In one instance, a huge tea cake, weighing 400 pounds, had been prepared for the Australian soldiers. The sugar for the cake was sent from Australia.

Numerous amusements and entertainments by the best musical talent were given, including a gala performance at Albert Hall. The large gathering there included several hundred wounded soldiers from the hospitals, who were brought from all parts of London in omnibuses. After the concert, tea was served, and souvenirs were presented, after which there was dancing, music, Y.M.C.A. helpers and other women war workers taking part. Queen Mary, the Duke of Connaught, and several royal princes and princesses assisted.

Those who were unable to leave the hospitals were not forgotten, and Christmas entertainments were held at all hospitals.

Major S. B. Wetmore, acting A. A. O. military district 7, is confined to his home at the present time with a severe cold, and took the necessary precautions by remaining indoors for three days. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

BREWING INDUSTRY TO CLOSE SHOP

The Close of Brewing Business
at End of Year Does Not
Mean No Beer—Enough to
Last Until May 1st.

Special to The Standard.
Montreal, Dec. 26.—With the close of 1918, comes the end of the beer brewing in Canada. There will be still a few, however, who will make a temporary beer (the not more than 2 1/2 per cent. brand).

The ending of the brewing industry recalls some very old history. The history of brewing in this country goes back to the time when Canada was a French colony, and the Intendant Talon wrote to Col. Ber, French Minister of France, that there was much need of beer in the land, and because of lack of it, the colonists were consuming brandy and wine, especially the former, in too large quantities and too frequent doses. The result was the establishment of Canada's first brewery, in 1665, in the city of Quebec.

The original brewery building, or the greater part of it, is still there, and operating as a brewery. This is the Bowdoin brewery, and has been in the Bowdoin family for generations. In 1783 John Molson built and operated the first brewery in Montreal on Notre Dame street, and from the backyard of the brewery Mr. Molson launched the second steamship on American waters, "the Accommodator."

The close of the brewing business, however, does not mean that beer cannot be obtained after the end of this year, for there are stores on hand that will last, at the present rate of consumption, until the middle of April, and May 1st marks the end of the sale of their product in this province, unless something unforeseen happens.

The breweries, for the most part, will stop brewing at the end of the year, the old brewers looking ahead to the 2 1/2 per cent. brands, which they feel gives them no chance to turn out a beverage that would do them credit, or give satisfaction, and which, they contend, means practically the same consumption of grain and a higher cost of production than the real article, because the alcohol has to be put through a process of evaporation.

SINN FEINERS IN BIG VICTORY

Their Highest Hopes Exceeded
in Victory Over Nationalists
in Recent Parliamentary
Elections.

Dublin, Dec. 26.—The Sinn Fein victory over the Nationalists in the recent parliamentary elections, exceeded the highest hopes of the Sinn Feiners. It is believed that when the final count is made on December 28, the Sinn Feiners will have won a majority of the Irish seats. In fact, before the election they had gained 25 seats because the Nationalists did not oppose them. The Sinn Feiners elected to the House of Commons will not take their seats. They will forfeit the fifteen pounds which they had to post as an election fee, and which is returnable only when a member takes his oath and his seat.

The immediate purpose of the Sinn Feiners, according to one of their prominent leaders, is to convulse an Irish Nationalist Assembly early in January. The assembly would draft a National constitution for Ireland, which would be laid before a conference of all nations.

Complete separation and a Republic, wholly independent of Great Britain, is boldly claimed by some Sinn Feiners.

The report of the committee of the whole was adopted. It dealt with the milk inquiry report; the rejection of Moore & Tobias application for the return of their contract deposit; authorization of assessment payments under the Workmen's Compensation Act; grant of two weeks' pay for John Ferris, a retiring civil employee; authorization of lease of lot in Water Street to L. G. Crosby; reference to claim of Walter Low; charge in deed of lot to F. A. Peters, and sale of food lights.

The commissioner of finance and public affairs recommended that until the appropriations for 1919 are adopted, the controller be authorized to make payments up to the following amounts: Police department, \$5,000; police, \$5,000; streets, \$12,000; sewerage maintenance, \$2,500; ferry, \$4,000; light, \$10,500; schools, \$10,500; an amount equal to one-twelfth of the warrant for the year 1918; school commissioners—An amount equal to one-twelfth of ninety per cent. of the warrant for the year 1918.

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The chairman of the Board of Assessors reported that he had engaged an additional clerk, Arnold Frame, a returned soldier, at a salary of \$1,000 a year. This appointment was confirmed. On motion the chairman of the board was given authority to retain John Ross as a member of the board of assessors at his present salary, if his health permitted him to continue his duties.

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MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

Tentative Offer from Dominion
Government for Harbor
—Felt Offer Too Small and
No Action Taken—Other
Business.

At the meeting of the Common Council yesterday, Mayor Hayes presented a tentative offer from the Dominion Government for the St. John harbor of \$1,274,000, the bonded indebtedness now standing against the wharves. He reported that he had written to Mr. Carvell, who advised that the mayor and Messrs. Wigmore and Elkin, the federal representatives, take a trip to Ottawa and take up the matter with the government. No action was taken, as it was felt the offer was too small to take a plebiscite on.

Commissioner McLellan reported that F. C. Bestley, manager for Stinson, Cutler and Co., had applied for the return of their contract deposit for a skating rink, provided the city placed a watchman there to protect the property. The offer was referred to the commissioners of safety and water and sewerage.

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ALL READY FOR ELECTION

Common Clerk Has Completed
Task of Organization—
List of Polling Places, Re-
turning Officers, Constables
and Scrutineers.

With the exception of four constables, John Ward's Wardroper has completed the task of organization for the election of next Monday. The list of the polling places, their location, the returning officers, constables and scrutineers, as made up by Mr. Wardroper is:

Polling Places and the Returning Officers.
Guys Ward—No. 1, in or near City Hall, Roy C. Baskin; No. 2, in or near Oddfellows' Hall, Market Place, Percy Parks.

Brooks Ward—No. 1, in or near the shop occupied by Andrew Rolston, 24 St. John street; No. 2, in or near the shop occupied by Henry R. Thomas, 42 St. John street, William J. Watson.

Queens Ward—No. 1, in or near the shop occupied by James Lang, 79 Britain street, Armstrong B. Clifford; No. 2, in or near the shop occupied by Stanley Spears, 115 Britain street, J. McMurtry Reid.

Dukes Ward—No. 1, in or near the shop occupied by William Tagley, 288 Prince William street, Harry A. B. Pales; No. 2, in or near the shop occupied by George Bridges, 290 Prince William street, William C. Magee.

Queens Ward—No. 1, in or near the old city court room, in the Court House, Richard J. Carter; No. 2, in or near the Court House, Ernest J. Todd; No. 3, in or near the commod chamber in the Court House, Stephen W. Palmer.

Kings Ward—No. 1, in or near the shop occupied by Norman H. Smith, 7 Gilmour street; No. 2, in or near the shop occupied by M. J. Driscoll, 63 Union street, Ralph H. Pales.

Wellington Ward—No. 1, in or near the shop occupied by George Pierce, 49 Brunsell street, J. William Gale; No. 2, in or near the shop occupied by E. N. Jones, 19 Brunsell street, E. N. Jones; No. 3, in or near the shop occupied by Thomas Cullinan, 28 Brunsell street, J. F. McGuire.

Prince Ward—No. 1, in or near the shop occupied by the I. C. School, 8 Sydney street, A. W. Covey; No. 2, in or near the shop occupied by Thomas G. Dwyer, 22 Sydney street, Robert Reid; No. 3, in or near the shop occupied by D. Scribner and Co., King Square, E. P. Watson.

Victoria Ward—No. 1, in or near the Victoria Skating Rink, Charles Marsters; No. 2, in or near the Victoria Skating Rink, J. H. Hamilton; No. 3, in or near the Victoria Skating Rink, G. G. Wetmore.

Dufferin Ward—No. 1, in or near the shop occupied by George Short, 122 Mill street, T. A. Graham; No. 2, in or near the shop occupied by C. E. Barton, 142 Mill street, W. E. Demings; No. 3, in or near the shop occupied by James Bond, 21 Paradise Road, John Wilkie.

Landowd Ward—No. 1, in or near the shop occupied by G. F. Carvell, 315 Main street, M. L. Cole; No. 2, in or near the shop occupied by H. Nelson, 435 Main street, L. W. Mowry; No. 3, in or near the shop occupied by James S. Seymour, 450 Main street, W. K. Brown.

Lorne Ward—No. 1, in or near the vacant shop, 29 Main street, B. T. Logan; No. 2, in or near the shop 39 Main street, C. McGee; No. 3, in or near the shop 31 Main street, S. J. Thorne.

Stanley Ward—No. 1, in or near the house occupied by Mrs. Chetley, Cor. Millidge avenue and Spar Cove Road, Robert W. White.

Scrutineers.
Guys No. 1—J. Alexander Kindred, George L. Brittain.
Guys No. 2—Ernest Colwell, Samuel L. Sewell.

Brooks No. 1, Thomas Browne, William H. Price.
Brooks No. 2—Ezekiel McLeod, Joseph O'Brien.

Sidney No. 1, James McKinney, Robert H. Atcheson.
Sidney No. 2, John J. Wood, John Stevens.

Dukes No. 1, James A. Little, James E. Archiburn.
Dukes No. 2, William C. Clark, David B. Doig.

Queens No. 1, Samuel Girvan, Frank X. Hamilton.
Queens No. 2, George F. Sancton, George E. Sproul.

Queens No. 3, Gifford D. Perkins, Fred S. Alward.
Kings No. 1, G. Percy Leonard, Edward P. Hammond.

Kings No. 2, Michael J. Driscoll, Frank S. Felt.
Wellington No. 1, Alexander E. Crawford, Thomas F. Coughlan.

Wellington No. 2, John A. Lipssett, Martin McNeill.
Wellington No. 3, Frederick Pepper, George A. Stubbs.

Prince No. 1, Robert Harris, David J. Burke.
Prince No. 2, Arnold D. Fox, William Grant.

Prince No. 3, Thomas L. Coughlan, Edmund G. G.

Victoria No. 1, Thomas R. Christian, Henry R. Coleman.

Victoria No. 2, Benjamin L. Shepard, Samuel S. Clewson.

Victoria No. 3, John J. Irvine, William B. Smith.

Dufferin No. 1, John A. Brooks, Louis D. Millidge.

Dufferin No. 2, Charles E. Barton, George E. Holder.

Dufferin No. 3, James Bond, John J. Salmon.

Landowd No. 1, Ira C. White, Michael D. Sweeney.

Landowd No. 2, Henry Nelson, Patrick Marry.

Landowd No. 3, George H. Roberts, William L. Brown.

Lorne No. 1, James Kennedy, Henry Carr.

Lorne No. 2, Louis D. Munro, Patrick Marry.

Lorne No. 3, William Gaskin, J. Edward Fisher.

Stanley, Ernest Giggey, Major H. Green.

Constables.
Guys No. 1.
Guys No. 2.
Brooks No. 1, Andrew Rolston.
Brooks No. 2, Henry R. Thomas.
Sidney No. 1, James Long.
Sidney No. 2, Stanley Spears.
Dukes No. 1, William Tagley.
Dukes No. 2, George Bridges.
Queens No. 1, William J. Canning.
Queens No. 2, Samuel Clifford.

If anyone was forgotten by "Santa," we still have a good variety of Shoppers and other gift things. And all those who received Gifts Purchased in Our Stores which do not fit or satisfy are cordially invited to call and have them cheerfully exchanged.

Seasonable Footwear

Now that Christmas Shopping is over for another year we have on display at our stores New and Tempting offerings in Midwinter Footwear.

We have a very extensive range of Warm Lined Boots in Men's, Women's and Boys'. These boots nearly all have Fibre Soles (Water-proof), and it would not be necessary to wear rubbers with them.

FOR WOMEN.
Black Calf Lace Boots, Camel's Hair Lining, Fibre Soles, \$3.85
The same boot in Mahogany Calf, \$4.00
Black Cravenette, Plush Lined, Fibre Soles, Extra High Cut, \$9.00
Also with Quilted Lining, not so high cut, \$4.50

FOR MEN.
Tan Calf, Camel's Hair Lined, Neolin Boots, Extra High Top, \$10.00
Black Calf, Warm Lining, Fibre Soles, Ordinary Height, \$6.00

FOR BOYS.
Black Calf, Warm Lined, Fibre Sole, Rubber Heel, \$3.50
We also carry a big assortment of Felt Boots for Men and Women, as well as Gum Rubbers and Oil Tan Larrigans for Men and Boys. No need to have your feet suffer from the cold this winter, come in and let us fit you with what is best suited to your purpose.

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