STOLEN LIQUOR IS RECOVERED AND 5 MEN ARE ARRESTED

Sergt. Birrell Plays the Same Hunch Twice.

Getting away with $200 worth of perfectly good honest-to-Mike liquor is not such an easy task even in the city of London. Five men, more or less well known in police court circles, to wit, Frank Cahill, John Donahue, Fred Lyons, Wm. Foley and James Quinn, appeared in court today, charged with having stolen wet goods to the value above mentioned from the cellars of a residence on Queen's avenue. The case was adjourned till Thursday at the request of Cahill.

Credit for the capture of the goods is given to Sergt. Birrell of the police force. The sergeant has his fingers on the liquor pulse of London, so to speak. When the loss was discovered and reported to the police Saturday morning the sergeant interviewed himself on the subject and figured out a list of suspects.

Saturday night he sent two trusty sleuths to the house of Cahill on Sterling street, but the premises were found to be as dry as the desert of Sahara. However, the sergeant never goes back on his hunches. Last night he tried again, and was rewarded this time by coralling the lot. He not only brought the liquor, but all the men in the house at the time, to the police station.

WANTS COMMISSION MEMBERS CHOSEN BY THE ELECTORS

Sir Adam Beck To Ask Procedure Change.

Sir Adam Beck will attend the city council this evening to ask that the Dominion Government be petitioned to sanction a change in the method of appointing the members of the London and Port Stanley Railway commission. He bewailed the fact that W. Spittal had been left off the commission this year, and thought that it would be more satisfactory if the members were elected by the electors instead of being appointed by the council.

Under the present system, the taxpayer has no direct voice in the choice of the members, says Sir Adam. With the large investment that is represented, he is of the opinion that the electors are not being fairly treated in thus being deprived of a direct vote for the personnel of the commission. He suggested that the London and Port Stanley Railway commission and the public utilities commission might be combined and the managers of the two departments could work together.

Philip Pocock agreed with the suggestions of the chairman. The question of combining these two departments will be left over until it is known what action is taken regarding the proposed change in the method of appointing the commissioners.

TWO REMANDED

One for Sentence for Horse Stealing, Other on Desertion Charge.

James Sinclair appeared before Magistrate Graydon in police court today to be sentenced for stealing a horse from Joseph Leah two weeks ago. He was remanded to jail for another week, in order that his case may be further considered.

Pierre Williams pleaded not guilty to deserting from the Canadian army, and was remanded another week to jail. Circumstances surrounding his case will be forwarded to the minister of justice.

"I don't like to keep remanding this man," stated Magistrate Graydon. "I have been criticized by the militia authorities for doing so."

"I don't think that they have any right to criticize you," replied J. M. McEvoy, counsel for Williams, indignantly. "They have no more right than I have to do so."

"Well, I want to give every man a fair chance, whether he is a deserter or not," replied the magistrate.

STATION AT ST. THOMAS AND NEW FREIGHT SHED AT PORT ARE PLANNED

On the suggestion of Sir Adam Beck, plans and specifications will be prepared for the erection of a freight shed at Port Stanley and also a station at St. Thomas. The station in St. Thomas will be built at Talbot street, and will be of brick and stone. In the event of this being done, the passenger trains will not stop at King street, as is the custom at present. No freight or express will be handled at the new station, however.

At Port Stanley, he plans raising the present station, and moving it farther from the tracks. An addition will be built to take care of the freight and express. This will be built of frame to match the present station. All the members of the London and Port Stanley commission were in accord with these plans.

Sir Adam pointed out that by making the proposed changes in St. Thomas, in cutting out the stop at King street, two men would be released for other duties.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]
Chicago, Jan. 20.

Corn—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Feb.	$1 32¾	$1 32¾	$1 28½	$1 29⅛
May	1 23	1 23	1 21½	1 24⅝
July	1 20	1 20	1 21½	1 21⅞
Oats—				
Feb.	67⅞	67⅞	66	66
May	67¾	67⅞	66¾	66¾
July	64¾	64⅞	63⅞	64

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LOCAL NEWS

FATHER KENNEDY ILL.—Rev. Father Joseph Kennedy, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Lyle street, is critically ill with pneumonia at St. Joseph's Hospital.

CONCERT TUESDAY.—Miss Tory is furnishing the program for the weekly concert at Carling Heights Hospital, under the auspices of the Military Y. M. C. A. this week. The concerts are given each Tuesday evening.

JURY CHOOSING SOON.—Although no date has been fixed for the selection, it is expected that the petit and grand jurors for the spring assizes which will commence on March 17, and for the summer assizes, which will commence on June 3, will be chosen in the near future.

IS CRITICALLY ILL.—Rev. Father Joseph Kennedy, rector of St. Mary's Church, is critically ill with pneumonia. Only the slightest hope is held for his recovery. Father Kennedy contracted influenza which rapidly developed into pneumonia. He is in St. Joseph's hospital.

CHOIR BANQUET.—An enjoyable affair was held in the Egerton Street Baptist Church on Friday evening, when the choir had its annual banquet. A musical program was given, and was much enjoyed. John Tupholme was elected president for the coming year.

THANKS FOR HELP.—The Great War Veterans' Association has received a letter from Mrs. Askey thanking it for assistance given in obtaining a pension. The local pensions officer took up the case for the authorities and after he had secured a statement as to the causes of death from local physicians, the board found it was able to award Mrs. Askey the pension.

CONCERT AT LAMBETH.—The Talbot Street Baptist Church choir scored a success on Friday evening, when a concert was given by them in the Meihodist Church at Lambeth. Mrs. McHardy-Smith, the organist, played several organ solos. The Elgar Ladies' Quartet and a men's quartet of the choir composed of E. Pearce, W. Norfolk, A. Greenslade and P. Rosser also rendered several numbers. The choir will give this same concert at the Egerton Street Baptist Church on Thursday.

BOY SERIOUSLY INJURED.—When the hired man was forking some straw on the farm of William Johnstone, near stop 10 on the L. and P. S. R. Saturday evening, little Wilfred Johnstone, son of the farmer suddenly moved in front of the wielded pitchfork, which pierced his ear, inflicting a nasty wound and rendering the boy unconscious. He remained in this condition several hours and it is feared a blood-clot has formed on the brain.

CHINAMAN ISSUES WRIT.—Very few Chinamen bring their debtors to court, but here's one who evidently has that intention. Willie Lee, who keeps a laundry on Clarence street, has issued a writ against Albert Hunter and Rhoda Hunter of this city for $399.50. The laundryman claims that he lent the defendants $329.00, allowed them to borrow $22.00 worth of coal from him and to run a laundry bill of $18.50. This money was lent in small sums, the loans being spread over a period of several months.

TO RUN ORGAN BY ELECTRICITY—An electric motor to run the organ is to be installed in Christ Church in place of the waterpower which is now in use. This was decided at a meeting of the vestry held Friday. Rev. C. R. Gunne, pastor of the church, had promised the fuel controller that he would hold the church services in the Sunday school room for the month of January, and it was decided that it would be best to start work on the organ immediately, so as not to interfere with the church services next month. A committee was appointed to look after other repairs which the church needs.

OPEN TORONTO BRANCH. — A branch office of the Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation and the Canada Trust Company of London is shortly to be established in Toronto. The property of the Janes estate, having a frontage of 41 feet, on the north side of King street, a short distance east of the Royal Bank Building, has been purchased, and plans are now under way to suitably remodel the premises. These institutions will now have eight branches, two of which are in London. The others are in St. Thomas, Windsor, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton and Toronto. For many years they have conducted business in the city of Toronto and have several million dollars invested in mortgage securities in that city.

CONCERT PROVING POPULAR.—"They are going like hot cakes." This is what the H. D. S. A. men say, in regard to the tickets which are being sold for the concert which is to be held under the auspices of the H. D. S. A., in Duffield Hall, in the early part of next month. Already 300 tickets have been sold. Among the local artists who have volunteered their services are: Miss Somerville, Miss Annie Grant, Mrs. E. Crawford, Mrs. Frost and Miss Fitzsimmons. The money is being raised for the use of the H. D. S. A., as it is expected that its present quarters will be sold, and it will have to find other ones. The membership of the organizations, which is already over 200, is steadily increasing, and it is expected that a larger clubroom will have to be secured, and as this will entail considerable expense, more funds than the association has at present will be needed.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Robert Arnold died on Saturday in Victoria Hospital after a few days' illness of influenza. He was in his 35th year. He is survived by his wife, Lily; three daughters, Laura, Thelma and Leona; his mother, Mrs. M. Snellgrove of Mount Brydges; one sister, Annie, and a brother John.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday at 3 o'clock from the undertaking rooms of N. J. Griffith. Interment will be made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

BURIED AT ST. PETER'S.—Little Eleanor Barnard, aged 3 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Barnard, died in Victoria Hospital on Sunday from pneumonia. The funeral was held this morning from the family residence, 266 Richmond street, to St. Peter's Cemetery.

DEATH OF ALEX. CAMERON.—The death of Alex. Cameron occurred at his residence January 11. The deceased was a lifelong resident of Lobo Township, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was in his 67th year, the last five years of which he spent retired. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Charlotte at home, and Mrs. Jack Ross of Lobo. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Fanjoy of Ailsa Craig. Interment was made at Poplar Hill. The pallbearers were James Bennett, Peter McCall, Richard Squires, John McGugan, Frank McCallum and Archie McGugan.

FUNERAL OF MRS. PARKER.—The funeral of Mrs. Park, who died on Friday, was held this morning at 8:30 o'clock from the family residence, 372 Lyle street, to St. Mary's Church, where requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Father A. Dignan. Interment was made in St. Peter's Cemetery. The pallbearers were John Heenan, John Bennett, John Nagle, John Maloney, Ed. Maloney, Ed. Nagle and James Maloney.

DIRECTORS APPOINTED FOR L. AND P. S. BOARD

The London and Port Stanley Railway shareholders met this morning, Mayor C. R. Somerville being the only one present, and appointed the following directors: Aldermen L. S. Holmes, J. Colbert, E. R. Seabrook, W. A. Wilson, O. G. Keene, G. B. Drake, F. R. Watkinson and O. I. Cunningham. Mayor Somerville was elected president, and Ald. Holmes vice-president at a meeting of the directors immediately following their appointment. It was decided that the meetings should be held quarterly this year. There was no other business before the board.

SIR ADAM BECK IS AGAIN CHAIRMAN OF RAILWAY COMMISSION

No Opposition Offered To His Nomination.

PASSES FOR RLY. BOARD

Three Granted To Members of Provincial Organization, None For Employees.

Sir Adam Beck was again elected chairman of the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission at the inaugural meeting held this morning in the board room. He was elected on motion of W. A. Martin and Philip Pocock, without any opposition. On motion of Sir Adam Beck and W. A. Martin, Philip Pocock was appointed vice-chairman.

Sir Adam deplored the fact that W. Spittal had not been chosen again by the council to sit on the board. He was sorry and thought that it was an act of ingratitude for the council to pass Major W. Spittal by in the matter of appointments. He explicitly stated that he did not wish to cast any reflections on Dr. R. W. Shaw and W. A. Martin, who were appointed to the board.

Votes of Thanks.

A vote of thanks was moved to W. Spittal, who acted as secretary of the board since the construction of the road, and also to the People's Loan Company for the use of its offices for a board room during the early life of the board.

C. S. Way, an employee in Manager J. E. Richards' office, was appointed secretary on the recommendation of Sir Adam Beck, and the motion of Philip Pocock, Dr. Shaw suggested that W. A. Martin be appointed secretary, but this position did not appeal to that member of the board, and he declined to stand. He pointed out that the minutes should be open to any member of the commission. Sir Adam agreed. Mayor C. R. Somerville agreed that it was a good practice to appoint one of the employees of the commission as secretary.

Three Passes Voted.

A request from the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for six passes for three members of the board and three employees was received. It was decided that the three members should be given passes, but that the employees of the O. R. and M. Board were not entitled to them.

Sir Adam Beck intimated that the Ontario Government is wealthy enough to pay the fares of any of its employees. W. A. Martin suggested that a pass Mshould be granted the private secretary of the chairman of the board, for whom one had been asked, but this did not receive the support of the other members of the board and only three passes will be issued to the board. This is the first year that any passes have been allowed this board.

Other requests for passes and for reduced rates were received from the Christian Men's Welfare Society and the Red Cross Society of St. Thomas, but were refused. It was decided to instruct Manager Richards to secure telephone connection at White's Station for the convenience of the shippers.

Get Engineer's Report.

A request was received from the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission for permission to erect a footbridge over Kettle Creek at St. Thomas. The Ontario commission asks that the L. and P. S. commission build a bridge at the expense of the Ontario commission. It was decided that the manager should get a report from a competent outside engineer as to any danger of weakening the bridge that might result.

The question of an agreement coming up, Mayor C. R. Somerville said that if the commission made a similar agreement to that which was made with the city before the footbridge was erected over the Thames River there would be absolutely no chance of the commission being liable for anything that happened on the earth, in the air, in the waters, or under the earth.

The provincial secretary asks for the payment of $290 arrears in taxes at the rate of $15 a mile. Manager Richards pointed out that this was the first intimation he had received that the commission was liable for provincial tax, and he also asserted that the amount was wrong, figuring it on the mileage basis. The matter was referred to City Solicitor T. G. Meredith for advice as to whether a municipally-owned road should pay provincial taxes.

ARMENIANS BENEFIT BY COLLECTIONS IN SCHOOLS YESTERDAY

All Contributions Devoted To Helping the Sufferers.

Throughout the Sunday schools of London yesterday was known as Armenian Sunday. All contributions from the Sunday schools were devoted to the relief of suffering Armenians. The Wellington Street Methodist Sunday school, one of the smallest Methodist Sunday schools in London, contributed $154.26 to this fund.

Another interesting feature of that Sunday school is that about 75 of its members were yesterday presented with diplomas for perfect attendance during the past year. There were also members who had not been absent once during nine years. Stars were added to the diplomas given these.

James Cresswell, the leader of the Sunday school orchestra, was presented by the members of the Sunday school with a diploma, and all the stars which it is possible to obtain for perfect attendance. This orchestra, one of the largest Sunday school orchestras in the city, consists of 22 pieces.

STORED FERTILIZER ANNOYS GIRLS OF NEARBY FACTORY

Board of Health Will Take Some Action.

The Swift Abattoir Company is not popular with a number of young women who work in an overall factory adjoining the premises of the old George White building on King street, near Ridout street.

The abattoir company has had a large pile of artificial fertilizer bagged up under cover in the yard adjoining the overall factory, and an aroma that savors of seventeen million skunks at their best keeps rising day and night to the factory windows, and permeates even the wearing apparel of the girls. The mild weather, while a godsend to the man who has to buy coal, has only aggravated the situation as far as the girls are concerned, and the case has come to the ears, or rather the nose, of Inspector Lutman, who has put the matter in the hands of the board of health. The affair will be discussed at a meeting of the board tomorrow morning. Some time ago the attention of the board was drawn to the alleged nuisance, and at that time orders were given that no more fertilizer was to be stored in the building.

Sweet Little Ouija Takes Our Reporter by the Hand and Gives Him Insight Into the Future by Introducing Lady Bean Souper

Mystic Veil Is Rent and Visions of the Days To Come Are Revealed—Johnny Trotter Takes a Look In Behind the Nothingness of This Weary Old Existence.

[BY JOHNNY TROTTER.]

I am about to set down this strange narrative for many reasons. While I may be an out-at-elbows sort of hack, or to modernize, London taxicab, writer, yet I have the consciousness that after many weary wanderings in pursuit of my daily sustenance, to wit, one coffee and two sinkers, I have been chosen as the humble instrument by means of which the world is to know. Need I say more? The world is to know what? This is a querulous question. Not what the peace conference may develop. Not the humdrum statistics of oil stocks and bonds. Not the question of London's aerial trolley service and how many balloon elevators will be stationed to the mile. But the future—the hereafter, the great time to come. I have rent the veil. (Just here let the reader understand that I have not been going around hiring a masquerade costume to appear as Salome at the next Winter Garden scramble. If I had meant "I have rented the veil" I should have said so, for while I may slip up on a split infinitive, my grammar is not so rotten.)

Slashing the Curtain.

Let me repeat, then, that I have rent the veil. I can peer behind the curtain into that vast nothingness out of which has come so much beyondness. Into the deeps of the unborn days I have looked with these eyes upon the mysteries of the non-existent abstruseness of eternity—you cannot cut that with a knife, but I HAVE SEEN. Mine eyes have been wanded with second sight that, after all, is simply the nebulae of the ages unrevealed drifting around like a frothy egg substitute. Out of this mass of nascent negativeness I have seen all that is obscure, all that is not. Step up close and have a look at it, people. Don't crowd.

Ouija sent me to her. Ouija is my goddess, I admit it. She slipped me a winner once when the leanest of bank rolls was looking over all the debility cures. She spelled out the words "false face," and I immediately plunged on Valentine, parleyed on Laughing Mask. She was just the hunchiest little thing, was Ouija, and ever since I have been wooing her in my attic room.

Ouija Is Quite Perky.

The other night I could hear her calling me (Chord in C flat, please). I even saw her make a little skip over the table. Perhaps it was because a cigarette end smoldered on her bosom, but anyway she gave a three-legged hop, and I was at her side. Whenever they hop toward me I am always at their sides.

The wonderful message came almost at once. I admit that I was breathless. My finger tips tingled as I let her carry them on and on to the fated letters. The first stop in my transports was the letter "L." There was a slight stagger as though Ouija had controlled her eagerness. Then she went on quickly to "AY" and to "D." She seemed to do the hesition boogie, but not a definite space pause. Next time we knew we had the word "Lady" spelled out and secure. It was thrilling. It got the wind up for me. Ouija must have sensed my excitement, for she acted coyly as she does, mayhap, sometime. She was teasing, and when I had reproved her with a gentle application of my burning cigarette, she got her mind on her work again. In a flash that almost jolted my digits from her pine pinafore she was on her way. She spelled out the word "Bean" almost before I could snatch the letters. She was slower on the next, but after emerging of souls which fairly sapped my strength, I grasped the word S-O-U-P-E-R! Lady Bean Souper!

Visions of Cashing In.

Golly! I was sure I had another 20-to-1 shot! But Ouija had not finished her alluring spirit commands. "See her," she instructed. My heart fell. I could not beg, borrow nor steal the price to New Orleans, and I had never heard of a filly called Lady Bean Souper. But Ouija again was to clear the air. She slipped me the address of Her Leguminous Highness. She was not a horse at all. A tip from Ouija is not to be despised. I made ready for the visit. I shaved and powdered, which was an effective disguise in case of complications. I hied me to the feast of Ouija's tropic land of mystery. (One always "hies" to these sort of things). I found the dark, secret-passage-like staircase, and bounded upon the most resilient of rubber heels. I came to a crescent-spangled doorway, plastered with a paint that glowed with a greenish light. I rapped on the door. A chain rattled. A liverhound bayed deeply from within. A weird whistle sounded, then the panel fell away, and I was confronted by the face of a giant Ethiopian, imported, no doubt, from the bayous of Chatham. He glowered at me. He jabbered some words of hokus pokus, "Ouija sent me," I said, and at the mystic greeting the door fell back.

Ushered by the Big Dinge.

The giant black immediately took me to The Presence. I knew at once that Lady Bean stood before me. She rose from a divan that was covered with owls and snakes and things. Her trained bat perched on her shoulder. A yellow Egyptian cat stretched itself, and scratched its "cooties," if that's what cats have.

"You have come, O jaded searcher for the truth," said Lady Bean. "Cross the palm and sit down before the crystal."

I wondered what commission Ouija would draw down from the lady who was so appropriately named as to gather the very beans of which she was no doubt the patron saint. I thought of the old gag about the prophetess beginning to profit. I slipped her my bereaved simoleon, which had lost all his little brothers.

"We shall not," said the seeress, as she lit the joss sticks and shut off the main glimmers (I not only paid her, but saved her gas bills). "We shall not disturb the Yogi with the usual tiresome preliminaries, but if you will tell me when you were born, and why, I shall call up your number in the shadowlands and connect you with the Prophecy Bureau."

I anticipated a long-distance call, and my heart sank. This looked like mixing up the worldly materialistic of which I was sick and tired, with the mystic spiritualistic vista which was to loom sooner or later.

"Slip me the phone, sis, and I'm on," I said wearily.

"No phones in this," said Lady Bean. "You shall gaze into the lamp of the soul vibrations. You shall see what the world has made for itself. You shall gaze into the glass."

I admit I was dry with hot excitement, and may be forgiven if a certain disappointment filled me when the production of another kind of container dashed my hopes.

Begins To See Things.

Lady Bean was no beeress. She was a seeress, and she produced a sort of bowlish crystal. I looked and saw swimming things, and as my vision became riveted upon the vaporous colors, the low voice of Lady Bean came to me. And this is what she said:

"Oh, youth, youth, with faint and faltering spirit. Know that thou hast been taken up in the palm of the Yogis to traverse into the beyondest beyond. Search and seek and hear the voice. They will lay before you the unwritten chapters."

It was moje a mental picture than a lecture. I caught the vague hum of words, but they were blurred. But out of all the welter and confusion, the predictions which I caught were as follows:

NO. 1.

"In the year 1919 there shall come flood and famine. There shall be floods of oratory and famine of wit. There shall be floods of words and famine of ideas. The fool in his heart shall say, there is no time limit, and he shall slay his fellowmen with the jawbone of an ass. There shall be other floods. The Thames shall rise again and the gills of the fish shall be wet. Heavy dews shall send the great stream's torrents streaming into the dusty river bed at Springbank, and they will not have to oil it. There will be other famines. A man shall go home and find that the Ladies' Intruding Society is in session. He shall take to the cellar and chew the cabbage in remorse. The women will gad more than ever, and the men will 'by gad' as never before. We are coming upon strange days. Men shall starve while women knit their brows in contemplation of the Patagonian parsnip weevil and its ravages.

NO. 2.

"This is more serious prophecy. I see some great gathering that fills Dundas street. It may be the Western Fair or it may be the old boys. There is noise and violence. Powder fills the air and men and girls are thrusting strange weapons tipped with feathers at one another. I hear the boom of guns—or thunder. Everything seems red. The store-fronts are red. The men's faces are red and some of their heads. And all the women are dressed in red. It is a red day for London, decidedly ruddy. The rain comes and the crowd does not run for cover. It is mad with some emotion. It struggles in rivers of water. And what is this I see! Oh, horrible! Blood! Red, streaming blood, pools and rivers of it! A city encarnadined. Sanguinary stains everywhere! The women's neck's are running red and men's hands are stained with it. Oh, massacre! There is discover that the stuff that runs toward the Thames in waves is not blood at all. The red from the bunting and garments of the girls has simply run with the wet. We hope to get a faster color soon.

NO. 3.

"I see a vast man. He looks like a general, or a great chief, or a man who major domos for a big store. He wears a uniform, blue with black frogs on it, and a blue helmet. He has been the man of mystery, and he has kept the city clear of crime. A great crowd appears before him. They cry, 'Hail to the chief!' They bow before him, pleading, 'Oh, chief, do not resign!' But he gazes over them and says in a voice of thunder: 'The great chief has spoken. I shall resign. Can a man do more in 60 years?' (We are informed that this prophecy is subject to revision without notice.)

NO. 4.

The steam is on the whistle and the brakes are on the wheels. I see a great concourse of citizens. I see great columns. I see broad esplanades and frescoed walls. I dream I dwelt in marble halls. And over the broad facade that looks out upon a vast promenade of beautiful tiled colors, I see the words, "Grand Trunk Station." Oh, joy, oh gladness of the hour! I wonder if this dream stuff can be real, and then I came out of it, as I stub my toe over a knotty knot, and wend my way to a bench that is as comfortable as a straightjacket. This prophecy is slightly scrambled, but it is the best I can do.

NO. 5.

In a restaurant, a white-vested man is being acclaimed by soldiers and citizens. He is hoisted to a table and asked to make a speech. The only thing he can say is "Whatkinda pie you want?" The crowd cheers. Then he sings out "Appulgasson, coostard, poompkin." The crowd applauds, for has not this noblest of Greeks restored to the counter boards the long lost sugar bowl? This will be recorded as among the most public-spirited acts of the year. I do not believe it is too much to hope for.

NO. 6.

I come to my last prediction. It is momentous. I have saved it as a climax. It concerns every man, woman and child in the city. It may mean war. It may mean everlasting peace. I see things. I see weird things. My crystal is running over with action and excitement. I see all men wearing foliage on the face. The daily goings about of businessmen looks like an animated bed of asparagus gone to seed. Some tie their beards about their neck, while others have them trained as camouflage for fur-lined coats. Shall the men go bewhiskered in 1919 and beyond? Shall they wear their fur in summer just like the feminine citizens? The flood of oratory of the present time is stiffening the hirsute growth to such an extent that no razor can cope with it—and furthermore shaves have gone to 60 cents the square foot. Shall we adopt the styles of the Bolshevik or install municipal whisker-reaping plants? This prediction is very much tied up in the fate of one known endearingly as Hughy. He may solve the problem. It is beyond me.

May Be More To Come.

If Lady Bean will grant me another glimpse of the years that are racing towards us, I may reveal more. These are just a starter to what I expect. But the human heart is yearning toward some understanding. The world is going flippy over the future, and the sawmills are cutting triangular pine tables by the gross. But my Ouija is the child of another day. She has a special sort of felt on her feet. She wears those felt slippers to feel, of course, and she can feel my innermost subconscious soliloquizing. She sent me to Lady Bean Souper, and I stand as great as the big slim Benjamin of Toronto. I am the connecting medium between the seeress and the public. I appear to be the missing link.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.]
Toronto, Jan. 20.

	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
Ames, c.	29	28	Sawyer..	15	..
do pfd.	75	71	Stl Can..	62½	61½
Barcel..	12⅜	12	do pfd.	..	93
Brazilian	53½	52	Tooke, p.	70	..
B C Fish	48	46	Tor Paper	69	65
Bell Tel.	130	..	Tor Ry.	48	44
Burt, c..	74	72	Tre'wey.	46	44
do pfd.	90	89	Tucketts	24½	23¾
C Bread.	23½	22½	Tw City.	41	39
do pfd.	..	84	Win Ry..	39	37
C Car...	29	28	Banks—		
do pfd.	84½	83½	Com'rce	212	..
Cement.	65¾	65¼	Dom....	..	217½
do pfd.	..	94	Hamil'n	205	202
C S L...	46	44	Imperial	210	208
do pfd.	79	78¾	Merch...	190½	188½
CGElec.	104½	102½	Molsons.	..	156
C Loco.	65	63	Montreal	..	215
do pfd.	..	90	N Scotia	..	257
C Salt..	..	132	Stand...	215	..
C Dairy.	..	48	Toronto	205	201
do pfd.	..	82	Union...	163	..
C Smelt.	25⅞	25½	Loans, etc.—		
Con Gas.	..	150	C Land.	148¾	..
Cr Res..	52½	50	C Perm.	..	168
Cr Nest.	55	52	C Invest.	..	81
Canners.	37	36	H Prov.	..	135
do pfd.	..	77	H & E..	202	..
Dome..	1225	1200	20% pd.	..	190
DSteel.p.	..	94¼	L Bank..	..	139
LWoods	167	..	L & C..	126½	..
La Rose.	42	35	T Mort..	..	125
Mackay.	74	73½	Bonds—		
do pfd.	66½	65	C Bread.	95	94
M Leaf.	135	132¾	C Loco..	91	96½
do pfd.	98¾	98	D Iron...	..	87
Monarch	..	46	Elec Dev	..	87
do pfd.	..	78	Penmans	..	87
N S Car	5¾	5⅞	Ontario.	..	76
do pfd.	27	26	Rio Jan.	..	85
Nipis'g..	..	550	Spanish.	..	87½
NSSteel.	55	..	Stl Can..	..	94
P Burt..	28	..	War Loan.		
do pfd.	77¼	..	1925...	96¾	96½
Penmans	..	79	1931...	97	96½
do pfd.	..	85	1937...	97⅞	97½
P Rico..	..	30	Victory Loan.		
do pfd.	81	..	1922...	99⅞	99⅝
Riordon	117½	..	1927...	101¼	100⅝
Rogers..	40	..	1937...	103	102⅞
Russell..	70	..	1923...	100½	100⅛
do pfd ...	68	..	1933...	101⅞	101¾

COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE BETTER WAGES TO WOMEN WORKERS

Recommends Resolution To Ministerial Alliance.

ACTION IS POSTPONED

Prof. Fox Gives Address On "Cursing as a Fine Art."

"Believing that human interest should be the primary consideration in all our social, industrial and commercial operations, and that each human being should have sufficient income to provide not only for board, clothing, recreation, and the full development of life, physically, socially and morally, but to make some provision for the future as well, and whereas the wages of the average woman worker in our city is found by investigation to be below a fair living wage, considering the very high price of the things she must buy.

"And whereas the independence and proper development of those who are to be not only the future citizens of our country, but the mothers and molders of its men as well, is of such importance

"The ministerial alliance would respectfully urge:

Puts It Up To C. of C.

1. "That the new chamber of commerce, organized to promote the well-being of the community, would consider what further advances may be made by employers in the direction of carrying out the declaration of that organization with respect to a fair wage for all.

2. "That the women's organizations of the city would consider the advisability of holding some mass meetings of women workers with a view to considering, discussing and promoting what the trades and labor congress of Canada has already recommended to our Provincial Government viz., the passing of a minimum wage law for women workers, similar to that already passed by several of the western provinces."

Committee's Report.

The foregoing resolution was submitted today to the monthly meeting of the London Ministerial Alliance for indorsation by a committee appointed several months ago for the purpose of investigating wage conditions for women in this city. Presenting the report and moving the adoption of the resolution, the convener of the special committee, Rev. W. R. McIntosh, stated that a slight improvement in wage conditions has been made, but that there is still much room for improvement where the great body of "average workers" is concerned, not the inefficient and incompetent, or those who because of unusual ability forge ahead.

Authoritative.

Seconding the adoption of the resolution, Rev. H. H. Bingham stated that the facts on which the resolution had been based were absolutely authoritative. Believing the chamber of commerce to be sincere in its desire for fair wages for all, and that the spirit of the city favors a good living wage, he approved sending such a resolution to the chamber of commerce as the organization to deal with it. He drew attention to the fact that because many young men have given their lives in the war, large numbers of young women will inevitably make their way through life alone, hence the necessity for adequate provision for themselves. Again, he declared it to be of outstanding importance that those who marry should go to their homes socially, morally and physically fit.

Question Held Over.

While there was evident sympathy with the resolution, Rev. G. M. Cox took the view which carried, namely, that in the short time allotted today, it was impossible to thoroughly discuss the important subject and to arrive at a conclusion that the alliance would wish to send out in the form of a resolution given as an expression of its attitude. Under the circumstances it was decided to hold this business over until the next meeting.

ENDEAVOR TO RAISE $200,000 IN MEMORY OF FALLEN SOLDIERS

Miss C. Boulton Tells Audience Aims of I. O. D. E.

The Patricia Theatre was crowded last evening for the first Sunday concert of the season, given under the auspices of the Overseas Chapter, I.O.D.E. An illustrated talk by Miss Constance Boulton of Toronto, educational secretary of the Dominion I. O. D. E., was the principal feature of the evening. In addition to this, Miss Luta Laymon, contralto, and Clarence Hall, bass, rendered vocal numbers and the Tony Cortese Orchestra provided several orchestral numbers which were greatly appreciated and added variety to the program. Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown, A. A. G., was chairman.

Miss Boulton, who is in the city conducting an educational campaign under the auspices of the I. O. D. E. and Navy League of Canada, explained the nature of her work and gave a sample talk, such as she gives to the children in the various schools.

Bigness of Empire.

To illustrate the talk, a large number of war slides and slides representing the big things of the British Empire were shown. Perhaps the most interesting were those showing the British fleet and its many daring enterprises during the war, especially the capture of the Zeebrugge Mole. Great personalities of the Empire, such as King George, Kitchener, Haig, Admiral Beatty, Sir Arthur Currie, were also thrown upon the screen with characteristic environment.

Quite a proportion of Miss Boulton's talk was taken up with an interesting account of the work of the Daughters of the Empire during the war.

"In 1914, when the war broke out," she declared, "the I. O. D. E. was a working organization, stretching from Halifax to Vancouver, and as far north as the Peace River and shores of the Arctic Ocean, already pledged to uphold and further the ideals of the British Empire. This organization at once plunged into war work, and has worked unceasingly ever since, so that the men at the front might have some mitigation at least of the hardships they were called to undergo.

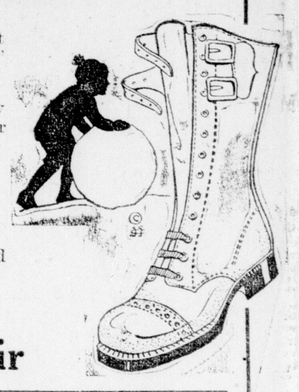
$200,000 Memorial.

"Now that peace has come, this same organization aims at raising $200,000 as a memorial to the soldiers who have died. They hope to establish a Daughters of the Empire imperial chair in some Canadian university; to make it possible to place in the schools of Canada war memorial pictures; to promote a series of educational lectures, which will be given free to the school children of Canada; and to place in every school in Canada an I. O. D. E. library. In this way the I. O. D. E. hopes to place in the reach of all, education about the Empire and its ideals.

"During the war, the Daughters of the Empire have established an I. O. D. E. Hospital for officers, I. O. D. E. Maple Leaf Annexes, where meals and beds are sold to soldiers at a nominal price, and an I. O. D. E. Club for Nurses, all of those being situated in London, England."

NOMINATIONS AT LEAMINGTON.

LEAMINGTON, Jan. 17.—Nominations for three councillors will take place on Monday morning, January 27, at 10 o'clock. The election will be held on Monday, February 3.

Boys' Prospector Boots
Keeping the boys' feet warm and dry is the parents' problem in winter time.
We have gone a long way toward solving the matter by securing for their use
Boots Like the Picture
Made of black elk and solid leather throughout.
Sizes 1 to 5½.
$5.00 Pair

Ashplant's

STRATFORD'S MAYOR EN ROUTE OVERSEAS; SUBSTITUTE TO ACT

Lieut.-Col. Youngs, M.C., Is Called Away—Council To Make Appointment.

STRATFORD, Jan. 19. — Lieut.-Col. J. L. Youngs, M. C., Stratford's mayor, who has been recalled overseas in connection with the transport and demobilization, left Saturday night for seaboard, from where he will sail en route to England.

Lieut.-Col. Youngs was in the city for a short time, but declared that he had no further information regarding the duties to which he would be assigned or the length of time he would be absent.

The city council meets in regular session Monday evening, when it will be necessary to appoint an acting mayor. It has been the practice to appoint the chairman of the finance committee, and in view of the fact that Ald. Stevenson, finance chairman, is the only ex-mayor in the council, it is probable he will be asked to act in Col. Youngs' absence.

DIES IN TORONTO.

Word has been received in the city of the death in Toronto of Mrs. Ghourard of this city, aged 27 years. She is survived by her husband and two children, three sisters, Mrs. Holden and Miss Lucy Bannon of Toronto, Mrs. P. Birmingham of Wellesley, and three brothers, Joseph of London, David of Toronto and Thomas of Sudbury.

WAR SAVINGS PLANS.

Robert Patterson, chairman for Perth of the war savings and thrift stamps committee, has been organizing the county with a view to vigorously promoting the sale of thrift stamps. Dr. Wood has been appointed vice-chairman for St. Marys; A. J. Blowey, vice-chairman for Mitchell, and B. L. H. Bamford, vice-chairman for Listowel.

To facilitate the sale arrangements have been made with a number of detail stores to carry stamps so that purchasers may secure them