

## SOCIALISTS MEET IN OPEN FORUM

Heated Speeches in Favor of  
Bolshevism and Con-  
demning Press.

"Socialism can be established in the British Empire by constitutional means," declared James M.A. Conner, at Foresters' Hall yesterday, when he addressed the Open Forum on "Practical Socialism." The largest audience which has yet turned out for the forum meetings attended. And the speaker was interrupted many times by the enthusiasm of the audience.

Prof. A. T. Delury presided.

There were a large number of socialists present, and many wild opinions and speeches were heard during the discussion of the question. The speaker started his paper with a general review of the present class conflict, declaring that the people were largely dependent on capital or power, which works in opposition to the common good. It had prevailed even in England during the war, and so powerful had it been that the government had feared to suppress it. This class had grasped the reins of power, accordingly it was a known fact that there are many on the verge of starvation in normal times, though they worked six days a week.

In Queensland, the wealth of the world had in 20 years grown out of all proportion to the population. The struggle for existence was keener now than it had ever been. All these forces had formed into a demand for socialist government, and the first instance of such a government was to be seen in Queensland, where Thomas J. Ryan, leader of the socialist party, had formed a cabinet and government with a large majority.

"Just see what a socialist government will do if it is given the chance," said Mr. Conner, as he detailed the reforms wrought by the Queensland government. Sugar, meat, timber, fish, metals, insurance companies, and the like had been taken over by the state, and the result had been a vast saving of wealth and power. Meat had been brought down to 11 cents per pound, and still the government had a surplus of \$585,556; even the wages paid were higher by \$2.50 than any other in the province.

All citizens suffering from illness and disabilities, such as the deaf, the blind, and dumb, were pensioned by the government, as were the widows and orphans. All the hospital treatment, even including lying in, was free, and as a culminating climax, the cabinet recently introduced a bill whereby a man reaching the age of 55 will be pensioned for life at \$25 per week. This measure, the speaker said, was sure to pass the house by virtue of the large socialist majority. Bolshevism evidently was to be favored by the majority of the audience, who, when the speaker proposed to speak of Russia, cheered and applauded vigorously.

Russian Situation. The lecturer began his treatment of the Russian situation with a bitter attack on the press of this country, which, he declared, had not told the truth of the conditions obtaining in Russia.

Mr. Conner emphatically declared that there had not been a revolution in the Canadian Associated Press in Soviet Russia for months. He detailed the present system of Russian government, and analyzed the reasons which led up to the revolution.

In 1909 there had been arrests and massacres of people amounting to 150,000 per day, and when later challenged as to the veracity of the statement, he emphatically reiterated it. He gave clippings and speeches from the well-known people who had declared that the Bolshevik government was the only one for Russia, and that Russia was by no means in a state of anarchy.

The speaker had ordered women suffrage in Russia after a two-week discussion, while in England it had taken years, with nearly a civil war before it was finally introduced.

Other reforms had been introduced, such as the installation of schools and a school system whereby a child was compelled to attend school for nine years. "In the light of this, and seeing that prominent men back up Bolshevism, why," concluded Mr. Conner, "does the press not tell the truth about Russia?"

## CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS, OFFICIAL NAME FOR GOVERNMENT LINES.

Officers, Connecting Railways and the Public to Adopt New Title at Once.

A circular has just been issued over the signature of the president, Mr. D. B. Hanna, announcing that, effective January 1, 1919, all government railway lines heretofore known as Canadian National Railway System, including its eastern and western lines, and Canadian Government Railways, comprising the National Transcontinental Railway, Intercolonial Railway of Canada, and the Prince Edward Island Railway, will hereafter be known and operated under the name Canadian National Railways, the headquarters of which will be in Toronto.

All officers of the system are requested to use the name, Canadian National Railways, in the course of operating, correspondence and general conduct of affairs. It is also desirable that the public and the news connections adopt and put into practice at once the new title in addressing communications, reports and general correspondence to the various officers of the Canadian National Railways.

## WIND-UP CAMPAIGN MEETING.

A wind-up municipal campaign meeting will be held in Y.M.C.A., College street, near Yonge street, under the auspices of the central council of ratepayers' associations tonight at 8 o'clock. Candidates for mayor, board of control and for aldermen for wards two and three will speak. An overflow meeting has been arranged for.

## HEADQUARTERS STAFF AT HOME.

The general officer commanding and officers headquarters staff, military district No. 2, will be at home to members of the C.E.F. militia and citizens, on New Year's Day, between the hours of 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon, at military headquarters, 149 College street, Toronto.

## DR. RIBOURG AT SAINT ALBAN'S

Reviews Closing of a Chapter  
in Book of Life.

Rev. Dr. Ribourg preached Sunday evening at St. Alban's Cathedral on "The Closing of a Chapter in the Book of Life," showing that the writing of the book of life is a moral process of fate, but by free and responsible beings.

Dr. Ribourg said, in part: "Every man is the writer of his own biography in the book of life, and so are nations. What of the chapters which in the last four years have been written by the various nations of the world? Some are filled with sacrifice, honor, justice, love, and the long series of atrocious and fiendish deeds, written with the blood and tears of innocent and old men, women and children. These red chapters will figure until the end of time in the annals of human history as a reproach to human brutality and degradation, and the same will also stand out eternally in the book of life as the greatest indictment of an age of materialism, of lust, of greed and selfishness.

Whatever our individual shortcomings during the year which is soon to close to a close may have been, we have, as a people, many reasons to be proud of the immortal chapters which we have written in the book of life. It is a memorable chapter, which will tell the coming generations that at the dawn of the 20th century, our nation, together with its worthy allies, after sacrificing its wealth by the billions and the millions of its citizens by the millions to preserve for mankind the privileges and rights of free people, stood as a model of endurance and determination on land and on the sea, until the triumph of righteousness was assured.

"If this year 1918 has seen the greatest victory of the age over autocracy and militarism, it is because of the tenacity of purpose of the sailors and soldiers of the allied nations. The collapse of the military and naval power of Germany will stand out as the greatest miracle of our century. It seemed at one time as if the colossus was to subjugate the world and trample it under its feet, but the soul of the allied people, who sorely tried, never gave up hope, because it had the consciousness of the righteousness of its cause and the undying assurance that right must in the end prevail and rule."

The year 1918 saw the armies of Germany riding in triumph over the prostrate body of Belgium, and the year 1918 saw the remnants of these beaten hosts returning to their disgraced country, there to remain as pariahs and outcasts until the civilized world is satisfied that the explanation is commensurate to the crimes committed.

"The year 1918 sees the triumph of justice, the reign of law, the revindication of the rights of small peoples, and leaves to the coming ages a heritage of priceless benefits and privileges, which, if rightly used by all men, will add to the development and happiness of the race."

## INFLUENZA STILL CAUSES DEATHS

Epidemic Not Serious, But  
Taking Daily Toll  
of Lives.

In spite of the reassuring statements issued by the department of health the influenza epidemic has by no means become a thing of the past. While the death rate is not in proportion with that of the first wave of the "flu" there is a constant list of deaths being filed at the city clerk's department in the city hall daily. Some time ago Dr. Hastings, when asked whether or not it was likely that Toronto would again be visited by the epidemic, replied that it was not improbable. Even the records of the last few days show that there is a large number of cases throughout the city, although, in the main, they cannot be called serious.

Following enquiries made it was discovered that every nursing registry had not one nurse who was not on duty. Some of the offices stated that they could easily use 50 or more nurses if they could be obtained.

The list of deaths registered at the city hall on Saturday morning is as follows:  
From influenza: Gertrude M. Bellegem, aged 33, 9 Bleeker street, after an illness of 36 hours.  
Mary Booge, age 31, 214 Delaware avenue, ill five days.  
Bryce Sawler, age 2, 30 Bright street, ill three weeks.

Mary Isabelle McGill, age 24, 18 Gordon street, five days' illness.  
Samuel Chapman, aged 35, 223 Margueretta street, seven days.  
Robina Maynard, age 23, 47 Oakmount road, 12 days.  
From pneumonia: John F. McGill, 58 years old, 2 Angus place, ill six days.  
Albert C. Ostrander, age 27, 312 Western avenue, ill four days.  
Martha A. Collard, age 73, 55 Indian road crescent, ill two weeks.

Deaths registered at the city hall to date are as follows:  
Est. Fri. 1 mo.  
Influenza ..... 6 7 122  
Pneumonia ..... 3 5 65  
Other causes ..... 1 19 319

Total for month ..... 506

## WARD THREE - 1919

Your Vote and Influence Respectfully  
Requested for

**M. RAWLINSON**  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

## NORTHLAND MEN ARRIVE IN CITY

Suggested That Procession  
Should Be Formed and  
Cheers Given.

Two hundred and twenty-six soldiers from the S.S. Northland arrived at North Toronto station yesterday morning at nine o'clock. Ninety-four of the men were for Toronto and the remainder for out-of-town points. The city men were quickly handled and were on their way home, while the others were taken to the Red Triangle Club.

The hour was not too early for Brig.-General Gunn, Mayor Church, Major Gibson, Capt. Richardson and Capt. Jago and many others to be on the platform to greet the boys. The Salvation Army band was again present to add to the welcome. In many of the homes to which the Toronto men were returning, the Christmas turkey was eaten yesterday instead of on the 25th. In one home the mother and children decided that they would wait until daddy came and then have a glorious Christmas Thanksgiving celebration.

One veteran with blue shoulder straps, signifying that he was in the infantry as a first contingent man, whose home was formerly in Edmonton, but who stated his intention of staying in Toronto, described the treatment on the Northland as disgraceful. They were cooped up and spent a very poor day on Christmas, but he was mighty glad to be back to Canada again.

There was only a small crowd at the station, composed almost entirely of people who were expecting relatives. The fact has impressed itself upon one who has met nearly every troop train since the armistice was signed that the people of Toronto generally have not showed the interest in the returning heroes that would have been expected from a city as patriotically inclined as this one. Everything has been done by the military in order that the men might be well taken care of on their arrival, and a faithful few are always on hand to welcome; but their reception by the public can hardly be accounted one worthy of returning victors.

The almost total absence of cheering is a notable feature, and while the Canadian people are generally credited with not being so sentimentally inclined as the Americans, it would be a very nice thing if, when the troops arrive, everybody knew how to give three rousing British cheers. The soldiers have learned how to do it.

While every man is anxious to proceed home with his family as soon as possible, no very great length of time would be taken if the voluntary motors containing the men and their relatives were retained in a procession and, with a band, driven along Yonge street. No particular demonstration need be made, but everybody would have an opportunity to give them a cheer, of course; this would not take the place of the official receptions which are being planned.

## WARD SEVEN RATEPAYERS.

A meeting of Ward Seven Ratepayers' Association will be held this evening in St. Cecilia's Parish Hall, Annette street, by permission of Rev. Dr. J. P. Treacy, rector, St. Cecilia's Church. Candidates for municipal honors will address the meeting. Dr. Arrey Hinds, president, will occupy the chair.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC ORDINATION.

Archbishop McNeil, head of the Toronto archdiocese, assisted by Mr. Kidd, held an impressive ordination service in St. Michael's Cathedral yesterday. The newly-ordained priests to Michael Cull, Albert Lellis, James

## WARD 5, 1919

ELECT  
**JAS. PHINNEMORE**

as Alderman for Ward 5.

A Business Man with Business Methods.

An Economical Administration Assured.

Public Ownership of all Public Utilities.

Assessment Survey and Equalization of Taxation.

## WARD FOUR

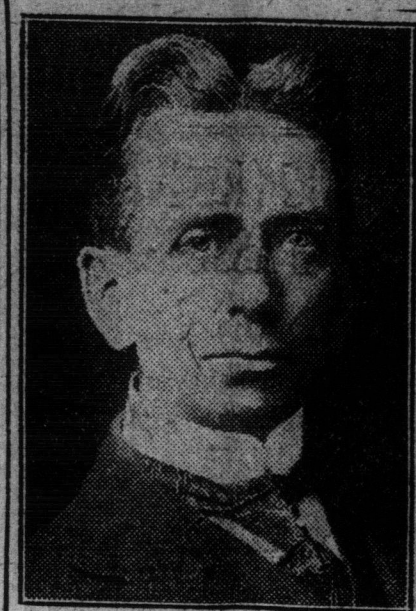
RE-ELECT  
**JOHN McCLELLAND**

FOR  
Board of Education

## WARD 4

RE-ELECT  
**JOHN A. COWAN**

AS ALDERMAN



WARD 2  
RE-ELECT  
**J. R. BEAMISH**

AS ALDERMAN.  
A Business Man Who Does Something.  
Always Awake and on the Job.

## WARD TWO

Re-Elect  
**ALDERMAN**

**DR. C. A. RISK**

He has represented  
the ward in the City  
Council continuously  
since 1913, and  
appeals for re-election  
on his record.

## WARD 2

For Alderman  
**JOS. KENT**

(Descendant of Muddy York).

## Ward 6

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**A. R. Williamson**

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# When the Boys Come Marching Home

Mayor Church should be there to greet them. How disappointing it would be if the familiar face that smiled them a fond farewell should not be there! It is their hope, their wish to be received by him who stood by them and theirs. He has endured the highest test and proved full worthy of being Toronto's premier citizen. He has kept the home fires burning while her sons have won undying glory on the field of honor. He has brought the city through the strenuous days of war, her credit unimpaired, her name a household word throughout the world. It was no easy task. Ungrateful he who now would say: "You bore the heat and burden of the day, begone." Mayor Church has earned his high reward. Let him finish his work so well begun.

# The Boys Want Mayor Church--- Who'll Go Back on Our Hero-Sons?

## VOTE

**SHAW**

FOR  
**MAYOR**

on his record for  
26 years as a useful,  
capable citizen,  
and on his policy  
of PROGRESS and  
ECONOMY in civic  
affairs.

W. H. SHAW,  
Pres. Shaw's Schools.

## THE

**PSYCHOLOGICAL**

Moment for the proper discharge of your duty as a free, independent citizen, is that moment when you stand alone with a ballot in your hand. Be sure you enjoy the pleasant thrill of doing just as you please on New Year's Day by going to the Poll and making your choice of representatives for the 1919 Civic Government. Before going, look over the history and records of the mayoralty candidates, in particular, and mark your ballot accordingly. I am willing to stand or fall on the best judgment of my fellow citizens.

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## REMEMBER

**ARCHIBALD**

The First Name on the Ballot

Ex-Ald. G. A. Archibald, candidate for the Board of Control, stands for Assessment Reform, Tax Rate Reduction, a strong Transportation Policy and more Housing Accommodation for the People.

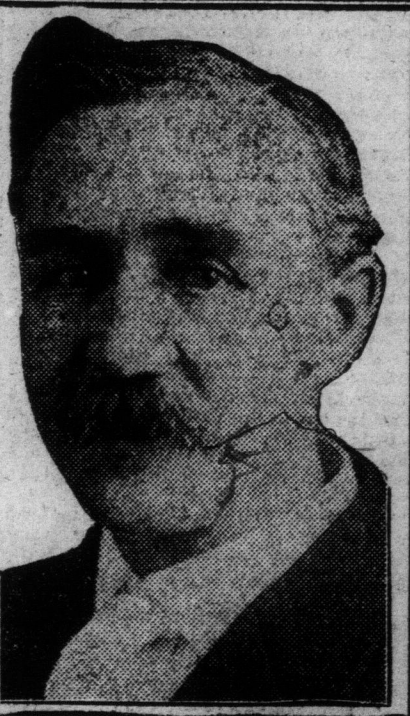
Put Archibald on the Board

## WARD TWO

TORONTO HAS BEEN  
PENALIZED

By the Provincial War Tax owing to the proportionate high assessment of this city. There may be more direct taxation from the Dominion Government as well, and to get a fair deal for Toronto, Alderman Ball intends to ask for the appointment of a Provincial Assessment Commissioner, who will see that the act is properly administered in all the Ontario Municipalities.

RE-ELECT  
**HERB BALL**



## INFLUENZA IN OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—There are between 200 and 300 cases of influenza in Ottawa at the present time, and the disease is more prevalent in the surrounding district than at the time when the epidemic was at its peak.

## WARD 4

ELECT  
**Harry Winberg**

AS ALDERMAN

MY PLATFORM:  
Economy—consistent with progress; honest, efficient expenditure of city's money; support all plans leading to extension of public ownership.

Full support of Hydro system. Proper publicity to attract industries and capital to Toronto.

Full light on the doings of the Board of Education. The recent disclosures compel further investigation.

Arrange a way to make the city representatives in Provincial and Dominion Parliaments give proper attention to the city's affairs when they are the subjects of legislation in Parliament.

Attention to the coal situation; remedy it before the real cold weather sets in. Devise methods of relieving the house shortage difficulty. Homes for workers at reasonable rental.

However, the board of health does not anticipate another outbreak such as appearing to be of a milder form than took a heavy toll of lives during October, previously.