Western Ontario Markets

Reported for The Advertiser by Staff Correspondents

	St. Thomas.	Guelph.	Sarnia.	Strathroy.	Woodstock.	Chatham.	Stratford.	Leamington.
Hay, per ton	$ 12-14	$ 14-15	$ 15.00	$ 13.00	$ 12.00	$ 16.00	....	$ 18.00
Straw, per ton	9.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	....	8.00	....	....
Wheat, per cwt.	1.75	1.66	1.60	1.67	1.30	.93	1.00	1.90
Oats, per cwt.	1.40	1.30	1.45	1.20	.90	....	....	1.60
Barley, per cwt.	1.70	1.25	1.40	1.20	....	1.10	....	1.25
Apples, per bushel	1.25	1.25-1.40	1.00-1.25	.75	1.20	1.00	1.25	1.75
Cabbage, each	.05-.15	.10	.10-.15	.05-.15	....	.05-.15	.10-.15	.05-.15
Cauliflower, each	.05-.15	....	.15-.40	....	....	.10-.20	.10-.20	....
Carrots, per bushel	1.00	.50	.75	1.00	....	1.20	1.40	.75
Celery, per head	.10-.15	.10	.10-.15	....	.15	....	.15-.20	.10-.20
Potatoes, per 90 lbs.	1.35-1.50	1.00-1.25	1.25	1.00	1.10	1.50	1.25	1.50
Parsnips, per bushel	1.25	1.00-1.15	1.25	1.00	....	1.30	....	1.00
Pumpkins, each	.05	.35	....	....	....	....	....	....
Onions, per bushel	2.25	2.00	2.50	2.25	1.40	....	1.20	1.75
Squash, each	....	.15-.30	....	....	....	.05-.15	....	....
Turnips, per 5 lbs.	....	....	.65	.60	....	.60	.30	....
Honey (extracted), per lb.	.15	.35	.15	.20	.15	.15	.12-.15	.16
Honey (comb), per lb.	.25-.30	.14-.16	.30	.12	.30	.18-.20	....	.22
Dairy Butter, lb. prints	.47-.50	.45	.45	.40	.42-.50	.45	....	.50
Eggs, per dozen, extras	.60-.65	.60	.65	.50	.43	.50	.60	.45
Eggs, per dozen, firsts	.60-.65	.55	.60	.40	.37	....	.40	....
Eggs, per dozen, seconds	.60-.65	.50	.55	....	.30	....	....	....
Chickens, per lb.	.15-.18	.28-.32	.25	.18	.25	.10-.16	.25-.30	.20-.25
Fowl, per lb.	....	.21-.25	.23	.15	....	.10-.17	....	.20-.23
Ducks, per lb.	.12-.14	.23-.25	.30	.15	.30	.13-.14	.25	.25
Geese, per lb.	.12-.14	.20	.30	....	....	....	.28	.20
Turkeys, per lb.	....	.35	.40	....	....	.24	.40	.85
Hogs, live, per cwt.	8.00-8.50	8.50	7.50	7.75	8.25	7.25	8.00	8.15
Small pigs, per pair	....	7.00-10.00	7.00	....	10.00	....	....	7.00
Sows (fat), per cwt.	....	4.50	4.50	....	....	....	....	4.00
Beef, per cwt.	15.00	9.00-14.00	10-12	10.00	....	11-13	12-13	14.00
Pork, per cwt.	18-22	11-15	14.00	13.00	....	12.50	....	12.00
Lamb, per cwt.	....	17-18	22.00	20.00	....	21-23	....	28.00
Veal, per cwt.	25.00	14.00	13-14	13.00	....	13-15	....	18.00
Cow hides, each	.04-.05	.04-.05	.04	.04-.05	.05	.04-.05	.04-.05	.03
Horse hides, each	2.50	1.50-2.00	3.00	2.50	....	1.00-2.50	2.00-2.50	2.50
Calf skins, each	....	.09	....	.07-.08	.08	.09	.08-.09	.06
Lamb skins, each	....	.25-1.00	.75	.60-.90	.58	.75-1.00	....	.25
Wool, per lb.	....	.18-.22	....	.20-.32	.29	.20-.28	....	....

B. GREENING WIRE CO. EFFECTS NEW FINANCING

In Form of 7 Per Cent Cumulative Preferred Share Issue Through Toronto Interests.

The B. Greening Wire Company, Limited, one of Canada's oldest and most successful manufacturing concerns, has effected new financing recently in the form of a 7 per cent cumulative preferred share issue through well-known Toronto financial interests.

Originally established in 1858 at Hamilton, Ont., over 65 years ago, the B. Greening Wire Company, Limited, exhibits a history of steady, substantial growth and prosperity, and is recognized today as one of the largest manufacturers in Canada of all kinds of commercial wire, cables, wire cloth, screening, punched metal, etc.

It is the source of raw material for those industries which manufacture the many household articles of everyday use, and into the making of which enter such items as screening, punched metal and drawn wire. At Hamilton, Ont., is situated the extensive plant, which is kept in steady operation practically throughout the entire year, while at Montreal and Winnipeg are distributing warehouses for business done in Eastern and Western Canada.

LINSEED

Associated Press Despatch.

Duluth, Jan. 12. — Linseed: Jan., $2.46; Feb., $2.45¾; May, $2.45½.

SUGAR

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Jan. 12.—The raw sugar market was quieter today, but firm, without sales. Buyers bid $6.53, duty paid, for Cubas in nearby positions, while holders asked $6.78.

Raw sugar futures opened 3 to 10 points higher, and continued firm throughout the entire session on renewed covering and buying for trade and Cuban account. Final prices were 4 to 12 points net higher. January closed $4.95, March $4.75, May $4.84, July $4.92.

In refined sugar a better inquiry is reported. Prices were unchanged, at $8.25 to $8.60 for fine granulated. Refined futures were nominal.

SEEDS

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Timothyseed, $6.50 to $8 per cwt.

Cloverseed—$18 to $23.50 per cwt.

BEANS

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Jan. 13.—Beans, immediate and prompt shipment, $4.75 per cwt. at shipping points.

COTTON

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Jan. 12.—Cotton futures closed easy. Closing bids: Jan., 33.55c; March, 33.84c; May, 33.96c; July, 32.95c; Oct., 27.98c.

Spot cotton closed quiet. Middling uplands, 34.35c.

Associated Press Despatch.

Liverpool, Jan. 12.—Cotton, spot, in limited demand. Prices easier. American middling, fair, 21.09d; good middling, 20.09d; fully middling, 19.50d; middling, 19d; low middling, 18.09d; good ordinary, 17.09d; ordinary, 16.50d. The sales of the day were 3,000 bales, of which 1,200 were American. The receipts were 4,000 bales, including 3,900 American.

Futures opened and closed steady.

PROVISIONS

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Provisions eased down in line with hog values.

HOPS

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Jan. 13.—Hops steady; state, 1923, 50c to 65c; Pacific coast, 1923, 26c to 30c; 1922, 20c to 23c.

FLOUR

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Jan. 13. — Prospects for higher prices in the flour market are good, although the market was quiet. The tone of the millfeed market was firm, as it was also for rolled oats.

Flour—Man. spring wheat patents, firsts, $6.20; seconds, $5.70; strong bakers, $5.50; winter patents, choice, $5.65 to $5.75.

Rolled oats—Bag, 90 lbs., $3.05.

Bran—Per ton, $28.25.

Shorts—Per ton, $31.25

Middlings—Per ton, 37.25.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Jan. 12.—Manitoba flour, first patents, $6.20, Toronto; second patents, $5.70.

Ontario flour—$4.60 in jute bags, Montreal and Toronto; $4.25, bulk, seaboard.

Feed flour—Per bag, $2.10.

Bran—Per ton, $28.

Shorts—Per ton, $31.

Middlings—Per ton, $37.

Associated Press Despatch.

Minneapolis, Jan. 12. — Flour unchanged; shipments 49,587 barrels.

Bran—Per ton, $25.50 to $27.

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Local Market

Only a few loads of hay were offered on the local market this morning, with the result that many orders held by buyers were left unfilled. One load, which was of extra fine quality, brought $14.50 a ton, while the other was sold at $14.

The demand for good hay has been exceedingly strong during the past three weeks, but the interspersed cold and mild weather has caused the number of loads usually brought to town to dwindle.

Grain continues to be scarce, and oats are in good demand.

Grain, Per Bushel.			
Barley, per bu.	$ 77	to	$ 77
Oats, new, per bu.	49	to	50
Wheat, per bu.	1 03	to	1 05
Grain, Per Cwt.			
Barley, per cwt.	1 54	to	1 54
Buckwheat, per cwt.	1 60	to	1 60
Oats, new, per cwt.	1 60	to	1 60
Wheat, per cwt.	1 75	to	1 78
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, new, per ton	14 00	to	14 50
Straw, per ton	9 00	to	9 00
Fruit and Vegetables.			
Apples, per bu.	75	to	1 25
Beets, per bu.	60	to	75
Brussels sprouts, qt.	10	to	15
Cauliflower, head	15	to	40
Carrots, per bu.	60	to	75
Cabbage, head	10	to	20
Celery, per head	10	to	20
Onions, per bu.	2 00	to	2 50
Potatoes, per bag	1 15	to	1 25
Parsnips, per bu.	1 00	to	1 25
Sage, per bunch	5	to	5
Savory, per bunch	5	to	5
Turnips, per bu.	50	to	60
Honey, Wholesale.			
Honey, 5-lb. pails	55	to	55
do, comb. sections	25	to	25
Honey, Retail.			
Honey, 5-lb. pails	60	to	65
do, comb sections	25	to	30
Dairy Products, Retail.			
Butter, dairy, lb.	42	to	45
do, creamery	45	to	48
Eggs, new-laid, doz.	55	to	60
Wholesale to Retail Trade.			
Butter, cream., No. 1.	43	to	45
do, No. 2	40	to	40
Eggs, fresh, extras	50	to	50
do, firsts	46	to	46
do, seconds	38	to	38
Churning Cream, Wholesale.			
Churning cream, f.ob. shipping points, per lb, fat	39	to	39
Poultry, Dressed, Retail.			
Chickens ,old, lb.	16	to	20
do, spring, lb.	24	to	28
Ducks, per lb.	22	to	25
Geese, per lb.	22	to	25
Turkeys, per lb.	30	to	40
Poultry, Alive, Wholesale.			
Spring chickens, over 5 lbs	18	to	18
Spring chickens, 4 to 5 lbs.	15	to	16
Spring chickens, under 4 lbs.	12	to	12
Hens, over 5 lbs.	18	to	18
do, under 4 lbs.	11	to	11
Roosters, old, over 4 lbs each	10	to	15
Ducks, spring, colored, over 4½ lbs.	13	to	14
do, white, over 4½ lbs each	14	to	14
Turkeys, old gobblers, over 10 lbs.	18	to	26
Geese ,over 10 lbs.	10	to	12
Live Stock.			
Hogs, selects, cwt.	8 00	to	8 50
Pigs, small, pair	7 00	to	8 00
Sows, fat, cwt.	4 00	to	4 50
Dressed Meats, Wholesale.			
Heifers and steers, 500 to 600 lbs, cwt.	10 00	to	12 00
Cows, beef, 400 to 500 lbs, cwt	6 00	to	8 00
Hogs, dressed, cwt.	11 50	to	12 00
Beef, hinds, lb.	13	to	16
do, fronts	10	to	13
Lambs, choice, cwt.	20 00	to	22 00
Veal, per cwt.	12 00	to	13 00
Hides.			
Cow hides, No. 1	5	to	5
do, No. 2	4	to	4
Calf skins, No. 1	9	to	9
Horse hides, each	2 00	to	3 00
Kip, No. 1, per lb.	8	to	8
do, No. 2	6	to	6
Lamb skins, each	50	to	90

CHANGE AT BARRACKS WILL COST $15,000

Will Be Used To House Members of Royal Canadian Regiment.

It will cost the department of militia and defense $15,000 to renovate Wolseley Barracks so it will be in good shape to house members of the Royal Canadian Regiment and their families when the latter vacate Tecumseh Barracks this month.

The Chapter House, which shall henceforth be known as staff headquarters building for this military district, will be occupied by officers and clerks by the end of the month.

Estimate economies involved in the moving of Tecumseh Barracks occupants to Wolseley amount to $15,000 a year, according to officers. The saving in coal alone is substantial. Married men of the R. C. R. will have separate apartments at Wolseley and single men will live together in the larger rooms.

LEAVE FOR CHICAGO MEETING.

City Engineer W. P. Near and J. A. Moffatt, superintendent of city construction, leave tonight for Chicago to attend the annual convention of the American road builders.

TWO BOARDS MEET.

The inaugural sessions of the board of health and board of works will be held today, the former at 8 p.m., and the latter at 5 p.m. The finance committee of the city council meets Wednesday night.

ASBESTOS SITUATION IN QUEBEC DELICATE

Companies Now in Operation Would Welcome Proposed Merger Rumored in N. Y.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—The asbestos situation in Quebec is in a distinctly delicate shape today; in fact, one authority goes so far as to say that it is hopelessly involved, and the giant merger rumored in New York would be welcome, if it were possible to straighten out the situation there.

Plans for a merger embracing some seven companies were formulated some months ago, and the plan was revived about a couple of weeks back. The situation has become still more acute through the failure of the Bennett-Martin Company.

While the plan for the entire merger is still under consideration, two smaller mergers are being urged for the immediate present. One of these, put forward by a big interested bank, calls for the consolidation of the Bennett-Martin property and Consolidated Company with Asbestos Corporation, while the other, sponsored by the Jacobs crowd, would unite the Black Lake, Pennington and Asbestos Mines properties.

It is stated in well-informed circles that strong backing pressure is being brought to bear for a huge consolidation, as banks are understood to be involved to the tune of several millions in the Quebec asbestos field.

ASSESSORS START IN WARD FOUR

Commissioner Bennett Denies General "Boost" Object This Year.

City assessors commenced their annual house-to-hous canvass this morning in Ward four, several weeks earlier than is customary, Commissioner Henry Bennett reports.

The commissioner states that the assessors are not out during 1924 for any general "boost" but only to check over the normal additions and improvements to property. Ward four income taxpayers are also cautioned to submit their income returns just as speedily as possible, whether they have received a notice from the department or not.

"The people are asked to co-operate, answering all questions asked by the assessors," the commissioner stated. These questions are prescribed by statute, and while some people take exception, the assessors are merely doing their duty and are not trying to find out all about other people's business."

UP GOES THE COIN AND GREER GOES IN

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man, asked to be excused from voting.

Mayor Wenige voted for Ald. E. Hayden, "tieing up the works" as it were.

As the most amicable manner in which to break the deadlock, it was unanimously agreed to "flip the coin" and the participants would abide by the result.

Ald. Greer produced a half-dollar. Ald. Hayden shouted "heads." Ald. Shaw chucked the "four-bit" piece toward the ceiling and Ald. Greer was elected.

ACTION OVER SPRINGBANK ROAD SETTLED FOR $60

William Boler, deputy reeve of Westminster Township, announced a settlement on Saturday of the division court action brought by S. D. Dawson of Springbank, against the township.

Mr. Dawson claimed $105 for the filling in of a road that runs past his property, but settled for $60, plus $8 costs.

"That was a fair price, and all that was coming to him in my opinion," declared Mr. Boler.

CHIMNEY FIRE.

Shortly after the fire department returned from the Smallman fire in London Township at 5 o'clock Sunday morning a call was sent in from the C. N. R. heating plant. A chimney fire was quickly extinguished with no loss.

MAYOR G. A. WENIGE.
In his second inaugural address, Mayor George Wenige asks for greater co-operation and a 32-mill tax rate.

THIRTY-TWO-MILL RATE IS 1924 COUNCIL'S AIM

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by the council and perhaps a dozen spectators, heralds little of the spectacular for the coming year, other than his continued demand for a "shake-up" in the fire department to "promote a better feeling of harmony," and certain changes in the relief and city clerk's department. These and many other recommendations have been carried over, in part or in entirety, from 1923. The mayor's address was as follows:

"As I recommended a year ago that in order to apply more modern business methods to civic affairs a number of changes would have to be made in the personnel of city officials, as well as other employees, and I feel that you will agree with me that the changes that were made in 1923, as I recommended, have worked out satisfactorily and in the interest of the city as a whole. And I again recommend a number of changes that will have to be made this year in order to carry on a more businesslike administration, and looking at it strictly from a business point of view these changes will have to be made without fear or favor.

TAX RATE.

"The tax rate—this should be reduced in view of no large expenditures this year as indicated by the vote in December, when the two money bylaws were turned down by the ratepayers, which makes it very clear that large expenditures must be held down. It is possible to get our rate down and with proper cooperation of all the spending boards there is no reason why our present tax rate cannot be considerably reduced. Labor as well as other commodities have been reduced, and the tax rate must follow. I think we can raech a 32-mill tax rate ,and this is our mark for 1924."

BRITTAIN REPORT.

"I recommend that the 1924 council make a thorough study of this report and from time to time make the changes that they see fit. Having in mind, of course, the available funds, a great many of the recommendations can be carried out without any initial cost.

COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

"I am more than ever convinced that this is the proper form of civic government, and I again ask that the council give this their earnest consideration, and I suggest the form as recommended to the government by the Ontario Municipal Association, which was decided on in convention last year.

FULL-TIME MAGISTRATE.

"I believe the city of London is now of sufficient size and importance to have a full-time police magistrate, and I ask your early and earnest consideration on this important office. The government considers London important enough to have a full-time crown attorney and the office of police magistrate is just as important.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

"Much dissatisfaction has been shown in this department, and many complaints have come from the men that everything is not working as smoothly in the department as they would like to see it. Considerable friction exists among the men and the chief, and this condition is not for the best interest of the citizens (this is one department where complete harmony must exist) and I would recommend to make whatever change is necessary in the personnel of the department to bring about the desired results. This I also recommended last year.

FIRE PREVENTION.

"In past years very little attention has been paid to the prevention of fires, and I recommend that regular inspections be made of all premises, and order a general clean-up of all places where rubbish has been allowed to accumulate, and insist that the fire department make a monthly report to No. 1 committee showing the activities in this work.

CORPORATION LAWYER.

"As recommended by me last year I am more than ever convinced that a full time corporation lawyer is necessary who together with a good assistant could handle the office of city clerk, and could give the council all necessary legal advice, and besides it would be a decided advantage to have a corporation lawyer right on the job at every council meeting, and much more headway could be made as it would prevent the long delays under the present system of getting an opinion from the city solicitor, besides saving thousands of dollars worth in legal fees. In addition he could,

Six Duties.

1. Prosecute all bylaw cases, including prosecutions for elected and appointed boards.
2. Approve of contracts as to form and legality.
3. Adjust all minor claims against the municipality.
4. Attend all court of revision and assessment appeals.
5. Follow up petitions to legislature and oppose measures that would be against the cities interest.
6. Attend to the housing commission cases, a board in which we paid out about $450 last year to private lawyers.

Legal Aid Department.

"In the interest of the poor and unfortunate citizens who are financially unable to pay, a legal aid department could be opened, for a brief daily period (advisory only) on the following matters, mother's pensions, wage disputes, landlord and tenant, maintenance of parents, domestic relations, support of illegitimates, and wife desertion. Many of these cases are of financial interest to the city, for the reason that advantage is taken of these people on account of lack of advice and no funds to obtain advice, and the result is that the city has got to pay for their maintenance for years to come, when legal advice at the proper time would prevent this. I claim this would be a big financial saving to the city, and ask you to give this your serious consideration.

RELIEF DEPARTMENT.

"Many complaints have come to me during the past year about this department, not only from those asking charity and temporary aid, but from many private charitable organizations, as well as charitably inclined citizens who have done much in a practical way to relative need in this city, and it has taken a great deal of the mayor's time (say nothing about his personal contributions) to investigate and assist many cases.

"And I would suggest a change in this department particularly in the method of meeting temporary relief. Would recommend that a stated sum be given as a grant to the Social Service Council, and let them take absolute care of all temporary relief in place of its being taken care of at the city office.

"I understand there is a movement on foot to join up all charity organizations into a sort of federation, and dispense all charity through one channel. This to my mind is the proper movement, and will prevent overlapping which is the case under present conditions, and thus prevent the making and encouraging of professional charity seekers, and will also prevent the shortcomings and the hardships which are in existence today in our city, it will be the most economical method of handling this department. The amount to be granted could be arrived at by taking an average of the past three years spent for this purpose, and the city's interest be looked after by aldermanic representation in the federation.

"Headquarters of the federation could be located in the city hall as sufficient room could be found here for that purpose.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

"Such as paving, curbs and gutters and cement walks for which we have petitions in, should be commenced as early as possible in the spring in order to get the work finished by early fall.

STREET LIGHTING.

"A larger appropriation for street lighting should be made and the ornamental street lighting encouraged.

MARKET ACCOMMODATION.

"Would recommend that the council take early steps to provide additional covered sheds on the west side of the Covent Garden.

REST ROOM.

"Now that the old registry office will be vacated in a very short time I would recommend that this building be transformed into a farmers' rest room and also used as a motor bus transportation terminal.

BETTER TRAIN SERVICE.

"Would suggest that immediate action be taken to get better train services into London from Stratford, Woodstock, Strathroy and other places so that shoppers coming to London will have more time here.

SALARIES.

"I would recommend a revision of all city hall salaries at an early date as I believe there is inequality there, that can be remedied, and also recommend a standard salary scale, a minimum and a maximum, and make it a sliding scale according to the years of service, having in mind at all times the importance of the position, the work and the responsibility.

"And right here let me also recommend an age limit both to begin with and a retiring age, which can be worked in with the proposed pension scheme. This will do away with the annoying question as to when an employee should retire.

OLD AGE PENSION.

"I recommend that immediate action be taken and introduce a plan that will give every permanent city employee a chance to get in on an old age pension scheme, or a retiring pension at a given age, similar to that now in operation in the police department, and fire department, this will do away with the uncertainty of the faithful employee in some cases securing a grant after years of service and others that are equally entitled to a grant not securing it on account of not being able to buttonhole the powers that be at various times.

"The scheme to be optional, any employee not wishing to go in on it will be required to sign a release from the city, etc.

TRAFFIC.

"Considerable attention will have to be given to this important matter this year, and a general revision and consolidation of all traffic bylaws, so that the public will be better able to understand the various traffic and parking bylaws, etc. In order to make driving safe in London I would recommend that we mark more of the pavements for parking purposes as was initiated in 1923, and which has worked out so well, and would also recommend that we initiate some through streets, and enforce coming to a dead stop of all traffic when entering onto through streets.

POLICE COMMISSION.

"This is a large spending board and it is necessary that the taxpayer should have a voice in electing large spending bodies. Our petition was turned down by the late government, but the municipalities have decided to present the petition to the present government and I would recommend that you again join with the other cities in asking the legislature to make the necessary change, as I believe this is to the wish of the greater number of our citizens.

WESTERN FAIR.

Continue the co-operation with the Fair Board.

"At a very small cost the old Crystal Palace could be remodelled and turned into a modern building, which would bring in a good revenue, and the financing could be done similar to that of the new Manufacturer's Building, it will pay its own way. Then there is the possibility of securing the Winter Fair by building a new Stock Arena, which could also be financed by the city guaranteeing the bonds and make the venture self supporting, and this would not affect the tax rate.

STREET RAILWAY.

"Let us co-operate more with the street railway company in the interest of better transportation. Good headway was made in this direction during 1923, the citizens benefitted by it, and more can be accomplished. In my estimation this is not the proper time for the city to purchase the road, let us wait for a short time until the price is right and general conditions become better balanced.

COUNCIL MEETINGS.

"As recommended last year I believe that the citizens are entitled to know what the council is doing from time to time, and the most economic way that they can be reached is through the medium of the daily press, and I think it would be money well spent to have a definite amount of paid space in the newspapers and publish the council minutes, In this way the citizens will get the real facts of council proceedings, which they are entitled to.

COURTESY.

"As requested in 1923 it will be expected from every official and employee, to be courteous and civil, when dealing with the public, bearing in mind that we are here to serve, and under no circumstances will discourteous treatment be permited."

CIVIC INSURANCE.

"For many years there has been talk of the city carrying its own insurance, and I would recommend that the department be commenced this year. No additional expense would be entailed as the treasurer's department is equipped to carry on this work, and there would be a big financial saving annually. A small fund could be set aside the first year and build it up annually and in this way absorb more each year.

Troops Warned Against "Flu"

Associated Press Despatch.

Aldershot, Eng., Jan. 14.—An army regulation, particularly without precedent in British military history, has been issued to the 20,000 troops quartered here.

The authorities, impressed with the necessity of combatting as far as possible the spread of influenza, have warned the soldiers to beware of their comrades when they sneeze. They also urge that the men be innoculated with influenza vaccine at the military hospital.

FORGET SELF INTEREST FOR BENEFIT OF CITY

Mayor Wenige Declares Average Person Fails in Duty To Community.

VOTE IS RESPONSIBILITY

From Pulpit Hyatt Avenue Church Mayor Gives His Message.

Urging citizens to set aside self-interest for the benefit of the city as a whole, Mayor George Wenige made an appeal for a bigger and better London at the Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church last evening.

His worship followed Rev. R. J. McCormick, who outlined the phases of the same subject in the regular evening sermon. The mayor showed how religion should be inculcated in civic affairs, how it made for good citizenship, and how the prosperity or progress of any community depends largely on the measure of tolerance and goodwill of its citizens.

"Every local church should be directly interested in the welfare of London," his worship said. "Religion is an acknowledgment of our obligations to God, accompanied by devotion and godliness. You believe it is the basis on which the church is built, and there is not any reason why it should not also be the foundation of civic government.

"Good citizenship means that everyone should take a personal interest in the municipality where he resides. He should get behind every good move that will better general conditions, think in broader terms, set aside some of his self interest and give more time and thought to subjects which are of common benefit."

Londoners have been lax in this regard, His Worship added. This is shown by the relatively small percentage of men and women who exercise their franchise on election days.

"More than half of the voters come to the poles because they are brought there in motor cars," the mayor declared. "That is because the average person fails to put enough religion in his civic interests. He does not take the time to make the result of elections representative of the whole community's thought.

"When matters don't go just to suit certain persons they voice strenuous objections, when, really they have no right to object to anything unless they indicate interest in civic government by voting every year and studying the problems with which city officials are confronted.

"It is the personal responsibility of every Londoner to see that the conduct of city affairs is right and proper, for it is he who has the power to place proper men on the helm of the municipal ship."

Rev. Mr. McCormick, who preceded Mayor Wenige, appealed for a broader conception of citizenship. He spoke of several measures, the recognition of which, he claimed, would advance London toward its ambition of becoming better and bigger.

A number of civic officials and aldermen attended the meeting, including City Clerk Sam Baker, City Engineer W. P. Near, City Auditor Ashplant, Aldermen John Anderson, Allan Towe, L. S. Douglass, Harry Bottrill, N. P. Walsh, Frank McKay, Ted Warren, Gordon Drake, Ernest Shaw and Ex-Ald. John Ashton.

DENNY BROOKS

A STORY OF COURAGE.

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CHAPTER LXIX.

The Web.

For a moment Petra stood with her head raised, a vague reproach in her silence, that gave Denny the disquieting sense of being "caught."

"Come in, Petra." He went to meet her. "This is Miss Lewis. We were looking over pictures of the dam."

She acknowledged the introduction coldly. Denny felt a tightening in the air. Joan felt it.

"It's a wonderful piece of work, isn't it, Miss Channing?"

"Oh, very! If you're finished looking over the plans, Diddle, I have a plan." Petra looked up willfully at Denny. All the dimples sparkled. Joan was edged out.

The slight was cleverly, unconsciously given. Denny perceived it, and he abhorred hurting anyone. Especially he didn't wish Joan to be hurt. She had come to the office at his express invitation.

"All right, Petra," he said, rather shortly. "We're not quite finished. See, Joan, this is where the tunnel cuts into the mountain. And, see, down here we'll have the power house."

"I think that's gigantic, Denman. Well, maybe you'll let me come in and look at them again. I have to go now." Joan nodded to Petra, carried herself with swift, eager grace to the door.

"Katy wonders when you're coming again, Joan."

She kept her face averted. "Does she? I could come next Saturday. Tell her I'll come then."

Petra had taken out her vanity case and was tapping a few grains of powder from her nose. "Well, thank goodness! Now for my plan."

But Denny at the table rustled the photographs together. Petra, with the open vanity case in her hand, drew back.

"Oh, perhaps, you didn't wish me to come for you, Dendiddle?"

A vague resentment warned against her. He wanted to say, "Miss Lewis is an old friend of mine. You didn't need to snub her!"

But her lips were parted, a surprised hurt in her eyes. "What's the matter, Diddle? You're angry. You didn't wish me to interrupt you?" She was moving to the door.

"Come back here, Petra. Of course, I wanted you to come in. But I have to put these pictures where they belong. I'll be with you in a minute. What's the plan?"

She came up and stood beside him, resting her chin in her hand, pursing her lips in a low whistle.

"Something enormous has happened, Diddle."

"What, Petra?"

"I'll tell you after dinner. That's part of the plan. I'm taking you home. Peter and mother are off to a golden wedding. We're to have a tete-a-tete. Will you hurry?"

"But what's the enormous thing that has happened, Petra?"

She shoved the photographs toward him. "There, you'll know in good time. Now come."

An excitement rose in him. "Say, this is dark, Petra. Are we out to kill?"

She tossed her head, laughing. "Perhaps. I shouldn't mind."

The dining-room was old-fashioned with a massive sideboard running half the width of the room, a fireplace with carved pilasters of a dark cherry running from the ceiling to the floor. On the heavy mantel were two exquisite Sevren vases.

Denny only noticed that the many-branched candelebra threw a yellow glow over the table that harmonized with the amber of Petra's dress—some kind of a sheer, glinting think like her soft hair.

She had paused after a long, bright chatter and was now lazily watching him. It was the first time he had ever dined here alone in the house with her. He found it alluring—a most fascinating thing to do.

"Pleasant, isn't it? Do you like my plan."

"So far so good. Is there more to it?"

"We may take a ride and then again we may not. I may sing and play to you."

"Heaven forbid!"

"Well, I like your impudence. Do you talk like this to all the girls you go out with?"

"I don't go out with any 'all' of them."

"Well—with the others, then."

He grinned. "There aren't any others."

"Oh! George Washington! And I catch you redhanded. She's dark, isn't she? I thought you liked fair people."

"I do."

"And love the dark ones?"

"No."

She clasped her hands, looking down at them, the thin, striking black brows raised. "I suppose all men are polygamous, aren't they?"

"We're all accused of it."

"You rather like being guilty, too, don't you?"

"Not at present."

Petra delighted in this intimate personal talk, but now she grew silent. Finally with a pensive shrug, "I thought her very attractive, Dendiddle."

"Who?"

"Well, whom are we talking about?"

"Polygamy."

"Don't be silly, Diddle. You know very well we were talking of Miss Lewis."

"You mean you were talking of her."

"Have you known her long?"

"About six or eight years."

"I suppose she's in love with you?"

"Oh, do you?"

She got up from the table. "Let's go inside. You can smoke there. I'm going to play whether you like it or not. I feel melancholy. You can stuff your fingers in your ears."

She didn't make room for him on the bench, but let the white, beautiful hands wander over the keys, an occasional treble note reaching him. He thought he had never seen her so charming with her hair brought back from the low forehead and pinned carelessly in a shiny coil.

She played "Aloha" and "The Barcarole," the only things she seemed to know, turned the last page with a petulant sigh. "Music doesn't satisfy me tonight!"

"How do you know, Petra? Give it a chance."

She tried to hid the smile lurking on her lips, came over and sat beside him on the sofa, leaning forward, with her hands crossed on her knees.

"When am I to hear the enormous thing, Petra?"

"Oh, it doesn't seem enormous now. Just matter of fact, like all this tiresome old life. You're not going to hear it."

"Yes, I am."

"I wonder how, if I don't choose to tell?"

"If you keep it back, then you brought me here on false pretenses."

"Oh! Perhaps you had other plans? Well, I'm not keeping you here by force. Perhaps I shouldn't have interrupted you this afternoon, since you resent it."

He had come to expect this trick of harking back and going over what seemed to him settled. He laughed.

"Let's have a good fight, Petra. The making up is lots of fun."

She sat up quietly, facing him. "I'm going to marry Rudy Grimm."

He felt the blood leap into his face, then drop coldly away. His thoughts staggered. After a pause, like a breath of cold infinity, he said, "Are you?"

"You don't seem very delighted. Rudy's a nice enough fellow. Peter wants it, and I suppose I might just as well. What difference does it make? Do you think I shouldn't marry him?"

"I don't know. What do you think yourself?"

She glanced down at her hands, palm upward, her face half turned, so that he saw the sweet, full curve of her throat. She remained thus silent, a distant smile on her lips. "It's hard to know what to do."

"If you love him, I don't see where the problem comes."

"Of course, there wouldn't be any problem then. Who said anything about love? I'm talking about marriage."

"I didn't suppose a girl would figure on marrying a man unless she loved him."

The smile deepened; her eyes rested on his. "We figure on lots of things, Deardiddle. I thought you would help me out of this."

"I don't see how I can. I thought Rudy Grimm bored you to death."

"Most men do. I can always take myself away."

"Yes—or fall conveniently to sleep."

Head down, all dimples. "I did not fall asleep that night."

"Well—you were bored."

"No—but we don't have so much time together. Why should we waste it talking of such fiddlesticks as tiresome old farmers and their troubles. There are so many other delightful things in the world. But I'm glad you've figured this out the same way I did."

"I haven't figured it at all."

"Don't be silly. Didn't you just tell me Rudy Grimm bores me to death? I'm sure I don't want to be bored and what's more I'm not going to be! I'll let the amiable Peter learn that."

"How the deuce is that any solution, Petra, when all men bore you?"

The wicked gleam playing on her lips, her hand, soft and warm, folded in his. "But all men haven't a nice roomy shoulder to fall asleep on!" She looked up at him, laughing, her face, the wondrous golden hair not an inch from his.

His heart thumped. She made a move from him. He caught her in his arms, pressing her head back, kissing her throat, covering her mouth with his lips. Color flamed in the pale gold of her cheeks. He kissed that, too, and the closed eyes and the hair that smelled of violets.

She smiled. "Then you don't w me to marry Rudy Grimm?"

He laughed. "You little divel! darling!"

He went out triumphant, the memory of her smooth hand, the lips that had challenged him like a warmth, a melody in his heart.

Long afterwards he began to think; to wonder. Did Petra love him? Did he love her? Did he wish to marry her?

When his thought reached this point, he pushed it from him. He wasn't ready to get married. He didn't have money enough.

But underneath these visible objections was a vague and persistent reluctance. Petra was a darling—ah, she was weet. His senses exulted in the contact of her hands, her lips. His eyes dwelt on her beauty. And yet—well, did he wish to marry her? The question persisted. He felt sometimes as though the fate of his life was at stake.

While he pondered this insistent but rather delicious problem, regarding it as a great crisis in his career there came an event that gave him no chance to reckon—an event that lifted him body and soul and swept him in the flood tide like a chip.

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