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## CITY COUNCIL NOT GUILTY OF ANY OFFICIAL NEGLIGENCE

CAPT. LOVELACE STATED IN REPLY TO QUESTION FROM AID. EAGLE AT RATEPAYERS MEETING.

There was only a handful of ratepayers present at the meeting of the St. Catharines Municipal Voters Association held in the City Council Chambers last night which was due to the change in the meeting place which was made necessary at the eleventh hour owing to the Central School being closed on account of the smallpox outbreak.

Capt. E. J. Lovelace, the Soldier-Labor candidate for the Mayoralty was the first speaker to address the ratepayers and in a short address he reviewed some of the planks of the soldier-labor platform. He touched briefly on the plank calling for submission to the people of the Enabling Act which allows municipalities to tax land held for speculative purposes and to lessen the taxation on improved lands. This would mean the building of more modern price houses. He felt that all returned men should not escape their just due of taxation. He would not stand for any raids on the treasury and would not tolerate a move to abolish the poll tax on soldiers. The Mayor told us that we would have to stop all work for the next few years. On top of that the Chairman of the Finance Committee told us that the bonds of the City sold as well as any other municipality. He would grant that the City has a heavy burden, but he felt that no incumbent of the Mayor's office should lay down under it. He could not believe that conditions were as bad as painted. The Hydro Radial question is one of the most important at the present time. We cannot hope to get relief from the west from the Grand Trunk. The City has lost considerable trade owing to radial highways from the south and west. I understand from Mr. Burroughs that a proposal is under way to link us up with the south and west. The Suburban Road Commission, I understand, have special powers and these improvements will be secured. I see a wonderful change since coming home and I believe that St. Catharines has a wonderful industrial future and as we advance industrially the cost of living will advance so we must build suitable roads to bring the farmers to the city with their goods and so help to lower the cost of living. In closing Capt. Lovelace wished the electors the compliments of the season.

Ald. Eagle—"I would like to ask Capt. Lovelace if the City Council's did not look after the soldiers wife, widows and children.

In reply Capt. Lovelace said that perhaps they had been but he had been told of some cases of neglect that would make ones blood boil.

Ald. Eagle—"Were any of these cases of neglect due to any inaction of the City Council?"

Capt. Lovelace—"I am not at liberty to divulge any names.

The next speaker was Ald. David W. Eagle, another aspirant for the Mayoralty honors. He said he stayed at home from the war for reasons which he would not state, but he had worked hard all through the war. Regarding public lavatories, he had

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MAYOR ELSON. Who is not likely to be a candidate for re-election

## Govt. is Forgetting Service of Veterans

Returned Men Are Indignant at the Pardon Granted M. S. A. Evaders.

The recent repeal of the war-time orders-in-Council in so far as it affects the freedom of deserters under the M.S.A. appears to be most unpopular with the veterans of Toronto. Veterans interviewed by the Star considered the action as an injustice to apprehended men and the overseas men.

"I think it is a very great mistake," said A. E. L'Estrange, secretary of the Army and Navy Veterans. "These men should not be allowed off in such an easy manner. Not only is it a bad precedent to set but it constitutes an injustice to many a deserter who has given himself up and spoiled the future prospects of both himself and his family. They suffered imprisonment and financial loss, while the men who were afraid to come back will be allowed off scot free."

President Flynn was even more indignant.

"We have had such a fight," he said "in order to get free men who served in France three or four years and after the armistice was signed committed the error of being absent without leave for a few days, and yet the enemies of the country and traitorous slackers are given their freedom without an effort being made on their behalf and even before peace is signed."

"It is another proof," he continued "that the war and the service rendered by the men is forgotten by the Union Government."

FT. FRANCES PAPER HELD UP AT BORDER

Paper Controller Refuses to Allow Export While Canadian Papers Are Shy.

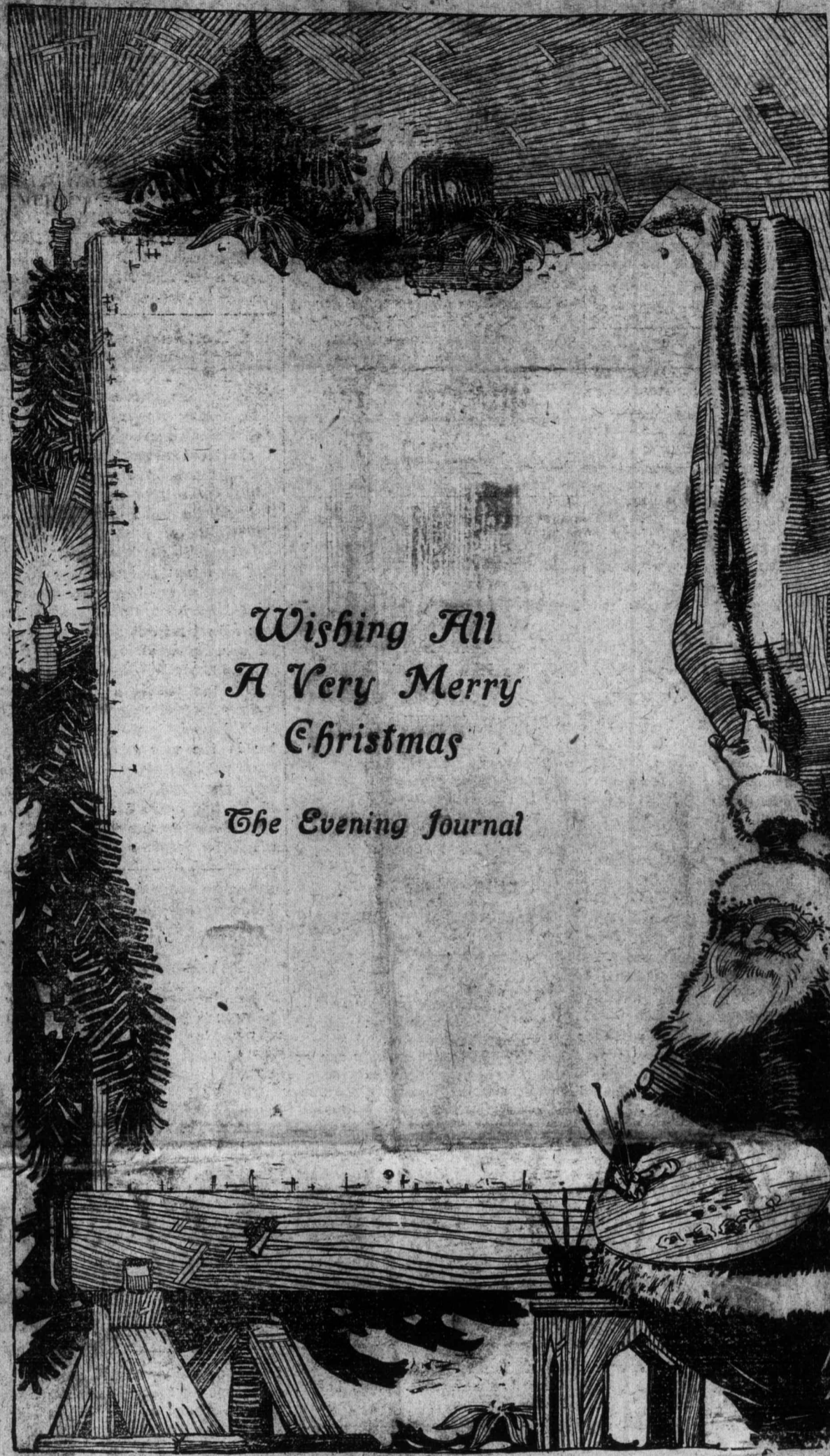
OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Exports shipments of newspaper paper from the mills of the Fort Frances Pulp and Paper Company to the United States have been stopped by the order of the Paper Controller, Mr. Robert A. Pringle, K.C.

Seven carloads had been stopped in transit up to yesterday morning and are being kept at the Canadian border. The shipments will not be released by the Customs officers until the Fort Frances mill has complied with the Controller's order to furnish newspaper to the Western Canadian newspapers. Representations were made to the Controller yesterday morning that there is a grave danger of several Western Canadian papers being forced to suspend publication before the end of the week unless newspaper is forthcoming from the Fort Frances Mills.

THE CANDIDATES ARE QUALIFYING

At noon today four qualified, Eagle, Westwood, Smith and Lovelace, also all the rest of the old Council for aldermen and four others. The candidates have until 9 o'clock tonight to qualify.

Workmen at Jackson, Mich., kindled a fire to keep warm while eating lunch. One tripped and fell into the fire, receiving fatal burns.



Wishing All A Very Merry Christmas The Evening Journal

## Presents For All the Kiddies From G. W. V. A.

Christmas Time Made Pleasant for the Children of Men Who Fell in Battle.

There was a present for every kiddie who would not be otherwise supplied on the G.W.V.A. Christmas tree last night at the Armories. A large number of children, whom the war made fatherless were on hand at the invitation of the G.W.V.A.

Presents of toys, etables, candies and other things to delight the children were provided by this benevolent organization who saw to it that the Christmas of the children of soldiers will be brightened in a way they will remember.

HALFORD OPPOSES BOOKER

Labor Controller Will Contest Hamilton Mayoralty.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 24.—The mayoralty fight in Hamilton this year will be a straight contest between Mayor Charles G. Booker, who has held office for three years, and Controller H. J. Halford, Independent Labor Party candidate. These were the only two names proposed at the nominations. There will be a field of seven for controllers. Charles Aitchison and Aldermen T. Cheir, Labor candidates; Hedley Snider and Aldermen Charles Glasow, soldier candidates; Alderman Cal Davis and ex-Aldermen C. V. Langs, Liberals, and Controller T. W. Jutten, Conservative. Both the Labor party and the soldiers have candidates in many of the wards and for school trustees.

ST. KITTS TO WELLAND IN EIGHT DAYS IS THE NEW FAST MAIL RECORD

Mail deposited in the Post Office at St. Catharines on Friday, December 12th, reached the Welland Post Office, in time for the noon distribution on Saturday December the 20th. Eight days from St. Catharines to Welland—it's a great little mail service if you don't care what you say, Les Courier des bois maintained an instantaneous messenger service compared with this!—Welland Telegraph

Boston liquor license revenue fell off \$796,824 from previous year.

## Ladies Auxiliary Of G. A. C. Elect Their Officers

A very enthusiastic meeting was held last evening of the Ladies Auxiliary of the G.A.C. in their hall and many items of importance were discussed. The election of officers for the coming year was conducted resulting in Mrs. Wm. Bezwick, President. Mrs. T. True, 1st Vice President. Mrs. Geo. Culy, 2nd Vice President. Mrs. J. J. Nutt, Secretary, and Mrs. A. Ellse, Treasurer. After the election had taken place a kitchen shower was held, Miss Annie Robertson being the fortunate one to receive this. Many useful presents being showered upon her and finally the member's of the Executive finding that their meeting coincided with the meeting of the ladies naturally found excuses large enough to be the recipients of a dandy fine feed which the Ladies put up for them altogether a very pleasant hour was spent. Mrs. O. Hill was elected Convener of the Ladies Entertainment Committee. Next Monday night there will be many surprises for the visitors to the Whist Drive.

Principal Miller of Ridley this morning accused several lads of cutting down Christmas trees on the side hill at Ridley.

"I would not have minded if it had only been one tree, but quite a number have been taken," said Dr. Miller. "I believe in the past three years fifty or sixty trees have been cut down and that looks as if they had been taken to sell. I don't wish these boys sent to Mimico, but I certainly must insist that the practise be stopped."

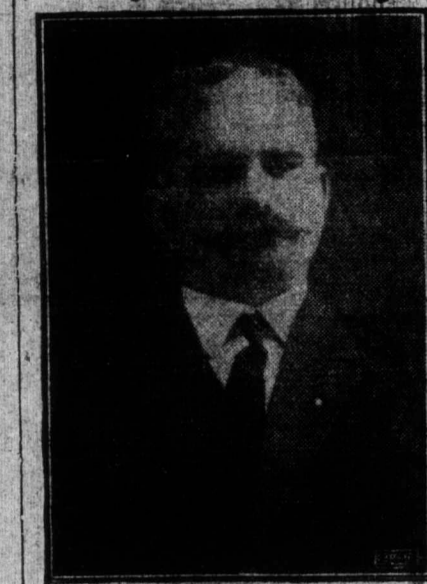
One of the parents present said his little lad was influenced by larger boys. These older lads had encouraged him to steal, even urging him to go into the house and see if he could not find money in his mother's pockets.

The Magistrate said he would stick to his word to send all lads who steal to Mimico, but they could thank Dr. Miller for not spending Christmas there.

SLIDE IS ERECTED BY MR. WOODRUFF

The Mayor, members of the City Council and the Park Superintendent on behalf of the public express appreciation to Mr. H. K. Woodruff for the generosity shown by him in the erection of a slide in the park for the kiddies. It has been erected in former years by Mr. Woodruff and the children welcome the Christmas cheer given them in this way.

## TORONTO SENT 4,000 CALLS FOR LIQUOR, SAYS MR. NIXON



FRANK H. GREENLAW, M.P.P. Who was yesterday re-elected Water Commissioner by acclamation. The whole board will go back to office unopposed.

## To Limit Liquor Person May Have In His Residence

TWO GALLONS OF WHISKEY AND FIVE GALLONS OF BEER IS MAXIMUM.

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—It was learned yesterday from an authoritative source that the Ontario Government will not propose an amendment to the Ontario Temperance Act making it illegal for persons to have liquor in their dwellings, but will so amend the Ontario Temperance Act as to limit the amount that may be kept in one's residence.

It is understood that the Government has been advised that it has not the power to make Ontario absolutely bone-dry as that would be tantamount to interfering with inter-Provincial trade.

Therefore, the Government has practically decided to limit the amount of liquor residents of the Province may have in their possession. The present plan is to limit the amount of beer that may be kept in a person's home to five gallons and the amount of whiskey or other spirituous liquor to two gallons.

Between January 1st next and the time this proposed law comes into force Ontario people may import all the liquor they can get from abroad or the old country; but they must drink it all or get rid of it in some other way before the proposed amendment to the Ontario Temperance Act goes through the Legislature. Otherwise all liquor in private cellars in excess of five gallons of beer and two gallons of the spirituous variety will be confiscated, and the owner will be liable to a fine.

The questions of asking the Legislature to petition the Dominion Government to submit a plebiscite to the people of Ontario on the question of prohibiting the importation of liquor is now in the air. Unless the temperance people urge the introduction of such a resolution it is considered unlikely that the Government will move it.

FIX PRICES OF COST

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The British mission in New York has made arrangements by which England is assured of securing a regular supply of bacon of good quality at prices based on the actual cost of hogs. This announcement was made in the House of Commons by George H. Roberts, Food Controller, yesterday in replying to a question as to the activities of the department in protecting the British meat consumers from the high cost prices fixed by U. S. packers. Mr. Roberts said the business of buying had been concentrated in the hands of the British mission.

WHITE CHRISTMAS SEEMS CERTAIN NOW

The weatherman has stepped in to relieve the anxiety of those who feared a green Christmas. The temperature dropped during the night and with snow falling briskly there should be a good old-fashioned Canadian Christmas with sleighing and skating.

LIEUT.-COL. McCORDICK. Who was nominated yesterday for the new Board of Education. He had a brilliant career overseas.

THAT NUMBER TELEPHONED MONTREAL ADVICES RECEIVED BY PROVINCIAL SECRETARY SAY.

HAMILTON, Dec. 24.—Hon. F. C. Biggs, who is Warden of Wentworth county, last night entertained at a dinner at the Royal Comaugh Hotel the members of the County Council, county officials and a number of well known residents. He had also as his guests four of his colleagues in the Provincial Cabinet: Premier Drury, Hon. Walter T. Rollo, Hon. B. Bowman and Hon. G. H. Nixon. J. F. Vance, County Clerk, was toastmaster. Short addresses were made by Premier Drury, Hon. Mr. Nixon and Hon. Mr. Rollo.

Premier for Good Roads. The Premier made reference to the good roads scheme of Hon. Mr. Biggs. He said he had been misrepresented regarding this matter. He had been made to appear as being opposed to good roads. This was not correct. He was opposed to a big sum of money being spent on one highway, but not to a scheme which would mean good roads for all parts of the Province. Hon. Mr. Biggs thought more attention should be paid to township and county roads, and he concurred in this. In this way the rural sections would be enabled to more easily reach the larger centres of population, and both urban and rural sections would benefit by this.

Four Thousand Calls From Toronto. Hon. Mr. Nixon said there were two institutions in this city that would come under the jurisdiction of his department, the dispensary and the asylum. As for the dispensary, he thought the new order from Ottawa would have a material effect upon it. He had been advised that 4,000 telephone calls had been sent from Toronto to Montreal since the announcement was made, but had no figures as to Hamilton in this respect. Speaking of the asylum, he said this institution would have the careful attention of his department.

Ufo's on Trial. Hon. Mr. Rollo spoke of the organization of the U. F. O. and I. L. P., and the union they formed. The men behind these were on trial; they had a big task ahead of them and there was only one thing for them to do—make good, and they would bend all their efforts to accomplish this.

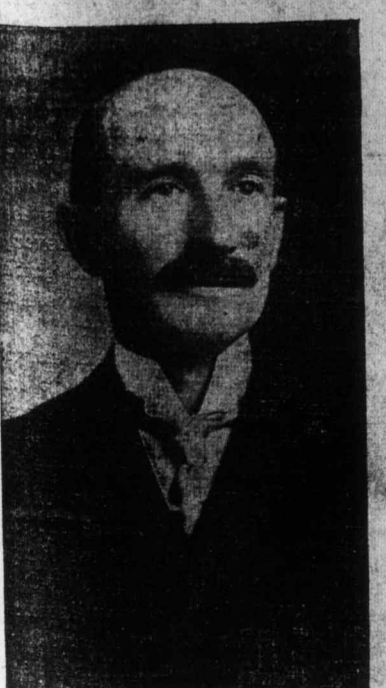
THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—The cold wave which was to be northward of Manitoba yesterday morning has spread very quickly over Ontario while mild conditions are setting in again in the western Provinces. Light snow falls are occurring from the lower lake region to Quebec.

FORECASTS—Fresh to strong northerly winds, quite cold. Light snow falls today. Fair and cold on Thursday.

Two men are under arrest in New York charged with having changed their names and joined a religious body whose members, under the law, are allowed 15 gallons of wine a year for religious purposes.

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MR. J. M. M'BRIDE. Chairman of the Collegiate Board who is a candidate for the Board of Education. He was Mayor of the city some years ago.