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TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 28.

Mr. Woods' "Bad Features"

Large sums of money are being spen by the board of trade, or by President Woods for the board, to convince the of it?

These are questions which must be not say that Mr. Woods' "Bad Features" are convincing. Mr. Woods' first "bad feature" is cost.

that Toronto is to spend \$4,240,000 in has only one vote among the thirty and his friends see in the bylaw. other municipalities. Mr. Woods thinks that the big money should have the big noise in the government. We may suppose that he objects to the little householder having as big a vote against the will of the people is to as himself on election day. This is a prevent them voting upon it. The dehad feature, indeed, but the bad fea. vice has been adopted on several occaprinciple, tho it does not find favor on the board of trade, nor in annual corporation meetings, where it is the dollar instead of the man that counts. If Mr. Woods will tell the people of any better principle upon which to settle the voting power of Toronto, or any other municipality among the thirty-one concerned, we shall be glad prefer the democratic principle of one unit, one vote.

The next "bad feature" that Mr. Woods presents to the curious public is the statement that Toronto, in passing the bylaw, gives up the control of her streets "completely and forever." Mr. Woods quotes the agreement and las not the candor to tell the people that the clause he quotes completely safeguards the city from any such tacrifice. The "free right of way for the railway" is definitely specified. and there can be no doubt about where the railway is to run. It will not run over any city street, but on the water front on new land and under Exhibition Park.

Mr. Woods also objects to the clause which effectively prevents the franchise for the street railway passing out of the possession of the people again. Once more we say that the bad feature is distinctively on Mr. Woods, and not on the bylaw. The people have Leen anxious for some time to make this decision irrevocable. The bylaw does it, if it be carried.

Mr. Woods' third "bad feature" is the insinuation which we were very familiar with ten years ago, when the hydro-electric plan was before the people for the first time. It is a pity that campaign, or he would not revive such ancient and weazened chestnuts as the suggestion that Sir Adam Beck and his engineers do not know what they are talking about. This may be the hand of Mr. Woods, and a hairy one that, but it is unmistakably the e of the gentlemen who campaign-

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"At least one Candidate for Board of Control believes in promotion. Every man looks for promotion, so why should a Fireman in the City of Toronto be discriminated against when he has worked his way to the top of the ladder?" says Controller Tom Foster.

ed against the hydro-electric bylaw in

Instead of plunging the city into debt and insolvency, as Mr. Woods would have feared if he had been around ten years ago, Toronto has been saved millions by the hyoro-electric policy. The hydro radials will do the same thing, for it will give the people a service at cost, on which they now have to pay heavy dividends. Mr. Woods' third bad feature is once more on himself.

Mr. Woods' fourth "bad feature" is another objection taken from the campaign literature of ten years ago. It ic founded on the capitalistic view that financial affairs can only be managed properly under the surveillance of n:en who completely and entirely suspect and distrust each other. That is the business man's measure of precaution in modern business. Watch the other fellow; you never can tell when he will catch you.

The fact is. Mr. Woods is not familiar with public ownership methods. He does not understand the possibility of a number of municipalities working together harmoniously for a common bject. The hydro-electric system has demonstrated that it can be done successfully. The hydro radials are to be managed on the same principle It appears to us that it is a bad feature in Mr. Woods' experience that he has not studied this question sufficiently to be able to raise a better objection than complaint about a clause which prevents any partner of the plan wrecking it by disagreement with the general interest.

By all means let Mr. Woods vote No against the bylaw if he wants to and let any other citizen vote against people that the hydro radial bylaw, it who wishes. But surely the rest of which is intended to give them the us have some say, and we ought to be opportunity of owning their own elec- allowed to vote Yes if we desire. Mr. tric railways, as they now own their Woods is too Prussian, too autocratic cwn electric light and power, is a bad in his methods to please people who thing, and should not only not be are accustomed to decide their own voted for, but should not even be sub- effairs. If the people should decide mitted to the people to express their that cheap radial rates, cheap freight opinion about it. Why does it seem to rates, cheap express rates, a lower Mr. Woods to be such a bad thing, cost of living, closer connection with and what are the four bad features the country districts, and all the other in it which he displays in large type features which radial communication in his advertisements, and why is he ensures, are bad features for Toronto, afraid the people might vote in favor they will vote against the bylaw; but we do not think Mr. Woods can convince them that what is good for the answered satisfactorily, and we can- cities of the United States at much higher expense, would be bad for Toronto and other municipalities at bare

No dividends to pay! We believe

Mr. Woods' Plea for Delay

It is generally recognized that the best way to defeat a popular measure and he coolly proposed to the city bag" from the east-endcouncil yesterday that they would so that it could not be voted upon.

The presumption of the proceeding bers of the council of the board of to hear him, but we think the people trade, for Mr. Woods appeared alone. Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Kent had the Woods asked the aldermen to deprive heir fellow citizens of their franchise

> Mr. Woods has no confidence in his own arguments or he would not object to the people passing their opinion about them. He would not risk hearing these opinions. Just shut down on the whole discussion, he says. The bylaw for a radial railway does not appeal to the council of the board of trade, and that is sufficient to settle it. Mr. Woods had already as- benefit of his own tax-bill and for the sured the people that whatever the board of trade said about it would set- tion. tle it. He is not quite so sure now, and he tried to explain away the state-

might have been expected. Mr. Woods was afraid the citizens would lose him a vote. had not had time to study the bylaw, the more the studied it the more dan- list who seeks their votes. gerous points he found in it, but as entirely neglected to state any of these. TO RELIEVE MEN CLERKS dangerous points. He simply urged the aldermen to withdraw it. He was

evidently afraid the citizens would voce They will. Then he recapitulated several of the old questions which Sir Adam Beck ilsposed of at the board of trade meet- By a Staff Reporter. ing, and to which Mr. Woods had apparently paid no attention. He thought women qualified as stenograph his was no time to spend money, forpent until after the war. He said it

ttle dependence upon Sir Adam. Then Mr. Woods became frightfully nconsistent. We had always regarded Mr. Woods as most logical and lucid his thinking. But he threw away chief argument for delay by inisting that the transportation scheme hould be considered immediately, and rowned on the aldermen because they nad not had it up for discussion. Just how Mr. Woods AT THE CIGAR DEPT. will explain why it is too much of a harry to vote on a bylaw that has 7 KING ST. W. been under discussion for more tha a year, and at the same time why he

A LARGE RED HERRING ACROSS THE TRAIL



scheme which is to cost four times as much as the radial proposal, is more than we can see at present, but no doubt the president of the board of trade can offer reasons. We trunk it construction in the city limits, and this is the worst feature Mr. Woods well to consider the two proposals separately, and as one of them must come before the other that which is longest before the province naturally gets the preference.

"Gentleman" Tom Foster

Controller Foster came in for some ture is in the board of trade and in Mr. sions in Toronto, and the president of of the city council yesterday. He was in practice once more. He would stifle by Ald. McBride, who did not mince the hydro radial bylaw in its cradle, words in dealing with the "dough-

He stated that Controller Foster's withdraw the bylaw from the people, brother, who is in the brigade, is one of those busily active against Aldermen Yeomans and Walton because had apparently struck the other ment- they are not of the controller's way of thinking. This is one of the reasons there has been such a blockade all year in dealing with the fire degrace to remain absent while Mr. partment. Controller Foster, with his personal and family influence in the brigade, has been a rock of stumbling and offence for twelve months mast. Alda Dunn's son was also stated to

be in the fire department, and Ald. Dunn repudiated the idea that this had anything to do with his attitude on the question. Controller Foster bowever, cannot evade his responsibility as a controller who sits all year and plays his own personal game of petty economic persecution for th sake of the emcluments of the posi-

The ward heclers got behind the controller, affirmed Ald. McBride, and nent he made at Sir Adam Beck's told him he would have to support the neeting. He had only meant it in a man they wanted. He has had to obey Pickwickian sense, he intimated, tho them because he has not sufficient conin less courageous language than victions of his own, hor courage if he had convictions, to do anything that

His short-sighted stand should be and altho it had been a year on the evident to the voters generally, and statute books he was unaware of the with men like those in the field this fact until lately. He had not been year, such as the voting paper will asleep, but he had not seen it. Con- present, it should not be difficult to sequently he wanted the citizen to select a better man than Controller have more time over it. He said that Foster, the only "gentleman" on the

FOR SERVICE AT FRONT

or it. He may abandon his suspense. Sir Sam Hughes Will Replace Of fice Assistants at Ottawa With Girls.

accountants.

stenographers, etting that Sir Adam had told him may be able to take the places of men hat the money was not going to be fit for active service, who are now in the employment of the militia depart-ment. The object is to replace with s a bad time to borrow, forgetting wemen those male clerks who are hat Sir Adam had told him the fin- qualified for active service. It is neing was all arranged, Either Mr. understood that other ministers are Woods has a bad memory, or he places like y to do the same.

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POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE

With something like a lull in Dominion politics pending the assembling of parnament on Jan. 12, the storm centre has shifted to British Columbia, Hon. W. J. Bowser has announced his cabinet and issued a manifesto. This manifesto may presage an early appeal to the people, and has already elected a sharp rejoiner from H. C. Brewster, the Liberal leader.

Air. Bowser is not inclined to minimize the shortcomings of the McBride government, but modestly deprecates the idea that he, as a member of that government, should be held respossible for those proposible for pearly all the misdeeds.

strained almost to the breaking point. Sir Richard McBride resigned as head of the government no doubt with the understanding that he was to succeed Mr. J. H. Turner as agent-general of the province in London. Mr. Turner was to receive a suftable pension and it was supposed that Sir Richard would take his place with a considerably larger salary.

Vote Being Taken.

FORD ONLY SLIGHTLY ILL.

NOTED WRITER DEAD.

was a native of Beamsville, Ont,

iving in New York.

and says that he will bend his energies and says that he will bend his energies toward bringing about increased production. In some way he hopes to stimulate agriculture, mining and fisheries, and hopes to inaugurate a great shipbuilding industry on the Pacific coast.

Meanwhile the relations between the Meanwhile the reading between the ready to knife the new government.

So kaleidoscopic is the situation that one hesitates to hazard a prophecy. It would seem to be a fair surmise, how-ever, that Mr. Bowser will avoid an open breach with Sir Richard at almost any cost.
That the financial affairs of the

supposed that Sir Richard would take his place with a considerably larger salary and probably with a larger staff. But already the complaint is heard that now is no time for British Columbia to increase her expenditures. There is heard in some quarters the suggestion that the provincial embassy at London is already on too expensive a scale. Some even go so far as to say that Sir Richard has no claims for special consideration from the Bowser government.

The indications are that the next provincial election will be fiercely contest.

R. B. BENNETT, M.P., NOW HON. LIEUT.-COLONEL

BYLAW'S SUBMISSION J. J. Carrick, M.P., Becomes Temporary Colonel Attached to Headquarters Staff.

Frederick John Freeman Asks By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27 .- R. B. Bennett, Court to Prevent Hydro Radial M.P., has been granted the honorary rank of lieutenant-colonel in the militia. J. J. Carrick, M.P., has been Further action is to be taken to premade a temporary colonel on the

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and inflicting large losses upon the "Our troops in the Sanjak contin-ued their offensive and captured sev-

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IDEAL DAY TRAINS BETWEEN
TORONTO AND OTTAWA

The Canadian Pacific Day Trains, "The Rideau" and "The York," between 'Toronto and Ottawa, have be-

. Whether he wishes it or not, Sir Richard McBride will to some excent be an issue in the next campaign. The Liberals will endeavor to hold Mr. Bowser "The York" leaves Ottawa (Central Trenton, Belleville, etc.

"The Rideau" leaves Toronto (Untain also held decided economic advantages over Germany.

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lor cars, cafe cars and first-class Connection from Western Ontario points is made at Toronto with The Rideau." Particulars on application to our huge loans to our allies more and Murphy, District Passenger Agent,

SIX PERSONS KILLED IN

Montreal Morgue Receivecs Vic- TELLING CANADIANS tims of Accidents and Suicides.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26 .- Six bodies were taken to the morgue Christmas Day and today: John Lecorre, 38 years of age, gardener, 737 Cote St. Antoin road, was killed by an automobile; Joseph Moison aged 62, a homeless cripple, hanged hmself in the city incine-ration department stables; Mrs. Mary Hubbard, 65, was found dead in her home, 376 Clarke street; Peter Penny. 46, a printer, fell in St. Hugert street, and was fatally injured; Private Edward Smith of the 13th Battalion, died from a fractured skull, the injury aving been received in a fall on the sidewa'k last Wednesday; Edouard Thibodeau, 36, died from a fractured shull, received in a fall at Grand Mere on Thursday.

Y.W.C.A. ENTERTAINS.

About one hundred girls accepted "open-house" invitation of Y.W.C.A. at Willard Hall on Christmas Day, when games, carols, a tures, are preparing to enforce the laws, Christmas tree and tea were all part

ALLIES MUCH STRONGER FEES IS SURE TO COME FINANCIALLY THAN HUNS

Average License Will Jump at Hon. R. H. Brand, C. M. G. Analyzes Money Resources Before Canadian Club.

Bigger Cars Will Be Charged So Long as People Trust Government, Hostilities Can Continue Indefinitely.

The proposed increase in fees for motor licenses will be fairly heavy, particularly in the cases of the minimum 25 horse-power cars and smaller trucks carrying two tons and less. The trucks carrying two tons and less. The former, it is understood, will be increased from \$6 to \$10, and the small truck which now pays \$5 in taxes will probably be called upon to pay double that amount. Between 25 and 35 horse-power, the probability is that the \$10 license fee will be raised to \$15, and cars botween 35 horse-power and up to 50 pay \$25 instead of \$20. Over 50 horse-power it is proposed to raise the rate from \$25 to \$30. Trucks carrying over two tons will pay \$5 for each ton or fraction of ton. Motor-cycle fees will likely remain unchanged, at \$3 per license. our financial and economic position is superior to that of Germany's and vastly superior when we take into ac-PRESSING IN SANJAK count the pesources of our allies.

Hon. Mr. Brand, who came to Canada as representative of Lloyd George to assist in organizing for the manu-facture of munitions, said that Great Britain and Germany were spending PARIS, Dec. 27.—The Montenegrins are continuing their offensive, and have gained considerable territory in the Sanjak, taking numerous villages and inflicting large losses upon the

Britain Stronger. Austrians, according to an official statement given out by the Montenegrin consul here today. The statement, which bears the date of Dec. 26, is as follows:

In point of population, Germany had it over Britain to the extent of 20,-000,000 of people. Per head of population, our foreign trade is over \$120 as compared with \$75 for Germany. "We compared with \$75 for Germany. "We are a long way ahead here," he com-mented. In national income Great Brieral villages from the enemy, including Goudouche, Douevo and Dobrido.
"The Austrians sustained heavy the patients while the covings of the patients where about "The Austrians sustained heavy losses in the violent struggle for the positions."

The Austrians sustained heavy savings of the nations were about equal at two billions. Our income per head of population is \$260 as against Germany's \$145; our expenditures, \$215, as against Germany's \$115; and our savings \$45 as against Germany's \$30. These figures, according to the speaker, showed clearly that Great Britain had a much greater scope of

economy than Germany. tween Toronto and Ottawa, have become quite popular.

They give the public an opportunity to spend a half day in Toronto or Ottawa, going by the midday train, return by the midnight train, only one before Germany and has, therefore, a public on the road. might on the road.

The route is via the "Lake Ontario Shore Line," thru Whitby, Oshawa, Bowmanyille, Port Hope, Cobourg.

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> at 1.15 p.m., arriving To- we are certainly reducing our reserve power," the speaker told the meeting Furthermore we are actually borrowing ourselves instead of lending as isual and the interest we have to pay reduces pro tanto our resources and we are being driven, not by a block more into the same position as Germany, which is that we must rely not on the sale of our capital assets but on our actual national production from day to day and from week to week for CHRISTMAS MISHAPS the purpose of supplying our needs.

OF SERBIA'S NEEDS

Miss Losanitch Has Undertaken Commission at Request of Serbian Council of Women.

Miss Losanitch, who is now an ineresting figure in Canada, is a daughter of Prof. Losanitch of the Uniersity of Belgrade. She is here for the purpose of bringing the needs of before the people Serbia before the people of this country, and she undertook her mission at the request of the Serblan Council of Women, whose special work of the moment is the care of the many Serbian children orphaned

SIX STATES TO GO DRY.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 .- Six western states bought liquor at high speed today in pre-paration for the extension of the water wagon route to Colorado, Iowa, Washing-ton, Oregon, Idaho and Arkansas, Jan. i. The six states, voted dry by legisla-



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