

LAY DOWN ARMS

Petition on Foot for the Release of Two Toronto Jewish Soldiers.

Eliaz Pullan, one of the best-known business men in the Jewish district of Toronto, is championing a very largely signed petition on behalf of two Toronto men who enlisted with the Royal Fusiliers, who saw considerable service in Palestine, and in June last disobeyed military orders in the act of laying down their arms as a protest against the, to their minds, inordinate delay in having them transferred from Palestine to Canada. The two men were arrested in June and sentenced in October last to two years' imprisonment. They are Private Harry Stronman, J. 5972, and Sam Kernerman, J. 5884, and Mr. Pullan stated that they came from among the most highly respected families in the Jewish centre in Toronto. He stated that in view of the fact that a general amnesty has been granted Canadian of-

fenders against the M. S. A., an act which grants amnesty to those who in many cases did their utmost to avoid enlisting, the two young men should be pardoned, having not only volunteered, but also done their duty in active service. The petition is being forwarded to Winston Churchill, Britain's minister of war.

PAYMASTER'S CHEQUES IMITATED BY YOUTH

Marcus Coates, a youth of seventeen, appeared before Magistrate Denison yesterday on four charges of uttering forged documents. Crown Attorney Corley reminded the court that the boy had passed no less than twenty-one imitations of military paymaster's cheques, supposed to have been issued by the D. S. C. R. W. B. Horkins, pleaded hard for the young prisoner, but Magistrate Denison sentenced him to 15 months in the Ontario Reformatory at Burwash.

WOMEN'S PRESS CLUB SHOWS GOOD BALANCE

Reports read at a business meeting of the Women's Press Club held yesterday at their rooms, 117 King street west, were of a very encouraging nature, showing no indebtedness of the club and a good balance on hand. A request from the teachers, asking for support of their request for higher salaries, was enthusiastically endorsed, a motion to this effect being moved by Miss Marshall Saunders and seconded by Miss Allan and carried unanimously. It was also announced that luncheon for members will be held twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday. The sum of \$25 for a summer cot at the island for the Sick Children's Hospital was voted as a Christmas offering. An interesting program for the beginning of the New Year was outlined.

HOSPITAL ISSUES WRIT.

A writ has been issued by the trustees of the Toronto General Hospital against the Toronto Railway Co., "to restrain it, its servants, workmen, and agents from taking up or removing ties, rails, standards and wires now upon the premises on the east side of St. Lawrence street (formerly Don street) save and except upon these portions of lots which were expropriated by the city of Toronto for the purposes of the Don-improvement and for damages."

REFUTE AID. RAMSDEN'S CLAIM.

Ald. J. G. Ramsden's claim to have suggested the placing of house numbers on Hydro light poles is controverted by the Riverdale Business Men's Association, who have copies of letters sent to the city engineer and city clerk on Dec. 9, 1910, and March 12, 1912, making the very proposal which is said to have originated from John Pearson, a member of the association.

THRASHED PET DOG

Woman Claims That Policeman Beat Her Terrier With His Baton.

A woman complained to the police yesterday that a policeman on duty outside of the Queen street entrance of Simpson's store had beaten her fox terrier dog with his baton. The woman had left her baby in the carriage in the doorway of the store and the dog was guarding the carriage. As people passed the carriage the dog snapped at them. A policeman from West Dundas division was growled at by the dog and he struck it several times, injuring it so badly the dog was sent to the Humane Society. A crowd of people gathered around, and it was a lively scene for many minutes. The commissioners may take up the matter today.

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