WILL USE FORCE TO SAVE STREETS

Mayor Enters Vigorous Protest Against Pending Power Company Act.

REPEAL IS DEMANDED

Letter to Senator Macdonell Asks Opportunity to Present Case.

The following letter has been sent by Mayor Church to Senator Macdonell in connection with the Niagara Power Company's bill:

Representing the Union of Canadian Municipalities, embracing all the municipalities from ocean to ocean; also representing the Ontario Municipal Association, embracing all in Ontario, and also as president of 146 municipalities embracing the Ontario Municipal Electrical Association and Power Union and 104 municipalities in the hydro radial union, we hereby respectfully request the senate to repeal the outrageous powers without consent—granted by the legislation of 1902, known as "The Toronto and Niagara Power Company Act," and to protest against the disgraceful lobby and methods now being used by the representatives of this company before the senate, which is an insult to the municipalities and the people's representatives in parliament. We intend to appeal to the people of Canada in every province and municipality in the coming elections pending, to safeguard and protect and restore our rights taken from us in 1902 without our consent. And if the company enters on the municipalities' streets they will be prevented by force from doing so without municipal consent.

I will see that, as chairman of the board of police commissioners of Toronto, the police will stop their work, and I will swear in the necessary number of special constables to prevent them acting on such legislation without our consent, as it is ultra vires of the parliament of Canada. The municipalities respectfully request an opportunity of formally presenting the resolutions passed at the annual convention last week, if a date can be fixed before the vote is taken. We desire to thank the senate as a whole for the fair and respectful way they heard us and permitted us to outline our policy as aforesaid. On behalf of the various municipal associations of Canada and Ontario.

T. L. Church.

Copies of the above letter were sent to Sir Robert Borden, Sir James Lougheed, Hon. Frank Cochrane, Hon. Mr. Bostock and Hon. Robert Watson, chairman of the senate railway committee.

WILLS PROBATED

Mrs. Matilda Wagstaff, who died August 8, left an estate valued at $29,492, composed of $200 household goods, $22,864 cash, and the following equities: $2,029 in 1025 East Queen street, $1,662 in 1027 East Queen street, $1,662 in 1029 East Queen street, and $1,076 in 143 Sear street. By her will testatrix disposes of her estate as follows: David Wagstaff, husband, $12,765; Evaline May, daughter, $5,883; $2,213 each to the following children: Albert Henry, Charles, Ada Florence and Dora Matilda Johnston; $200 to Caroline Peters, sister, and $100 each to eighteen grandchildren.

An estate of $8,865 was left by Alfred B. Brown, laborer, who died intestate on May 21 last. One-third goes to the widow, Eva M. J. Brown, and the residue is divided equally between three daughters, Elizabeth, Edith and Catherine, and one son, Adolphus John Russell Brown.

CITY COAL ON FIRE.

Spontaneous Combustion Sets Pile of Fuel at the Island Afire.

Combustion in the coal pocket at the Island filtration plant which was discovered yesterday, resulted in practically ten tons of coal being reduced to coke. Prompt action on the part of the employes in digging to the bottom of the pile and removing the heated coals prevented the coal from becoming worthless. The coal was carted away and watered, and attendants at the plant remarked that the coal can be used. Recently the city purchased a supply of Shoal Creek coal mined in Illinois. Reliable authorities state that it is the cheapest grade of coal on the market, but whether or not this is the coal that is on the Island could not be ascertained.

The combustion is said to be due to the high percentage of sulphur, which is common in cheap grades of coal.

APPOINTED SECRETARY.

W. H. Adams is Secretary of Ontario Reform Association.

W. H. Adams has been appointed secretary of the Ontario Reform Association. The appointment was made by the Ontario federal members of the Liberal party. "The elected representatives of the party in the commons felt that it would be politically wise to keep our organization active," said Mr. Adams yesterday, "so that members of the Liberal party would have someone to look to for the information regarding organization detail so far as Ontario was concerned."

THE HUSTLER.

This is the name of a bright little monthly sent out by the House of Hobberlin to their agents and salesmen all over Canada. Its mission is to stimulate the business of this well-known clothing firm. In a message to his representatives, Mr. A. M. Hobberlin, the president, says all the indications point to an unprecedented business for the season.

MEDICAL INSPECTORS ARE APPOINTED.

Medical inspection of separate schools in Toronto will be under the direction and supervision of Dr. McDonagh, and the dental section in charge of Drs. Murphy and Halloran, while Miss Mary Foy will be supervisor of the nursing section.

MAY ESTABLISH BUREAU OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Committee of Manufacturers Will Shortly Hold Meeting to Hear Investigation Reports.

As the vote for industrial and scientific research has been passed by the house, the committee that has been working for the establishment of a research bureau in Toronto expects to hold a meeting shortly after the return of Prof. J. C. McLennan from England, where he is making a special study of recent developments along such lines.

In addition to Prof. McLennan's report, Prof. J. C. Fields will give the result of his investigation of state and industrial laboratories in the United States and Dr. Locke will report on the books, periodicals and other publications that should be obtained for the special scientific library in connection with the bureau.

At the meeting it is expected that a sub-committee will be appointed to draw up a scheme and submit it to the government for the establishment in Toronto of a bureau of industrial and scientific research to which manufacturers may bring their problems for solution.

The present scheme is to have the government supply the building and equipment on the understanding that Ontario manufacturers will contribute generously to the project. The chairman of the committee is Thomas Roden of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

LODGES

HELD SPECIAL MEETING.

Albion Lodge Considers Appointment of New Secretary to Succeed Retiring Officer.

A special meeting of Albion Lodge, No. 1, S.O.E.B.S., was held last evening in the S.O.E. Hall, the chair being taken by A. Neal, president. The meeting was called to discuss the appointment of a secretary to take the place of the retiring officer, Bro. W. Partridge. The question of appointing a recording and financial secretary was discussed but it was finally decided that only one be appointed. Rather a heated discussion took place when one member proposed the calling in of outside auditors to audit the books instead of the regular auditors composed of the members as usual, but the motion was ruled down.

SEND MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

Beaver L. O. L., No. 911, met last evening in Victoria Hall, the chair being taken by J. Hanson, wor. master, and the deputy chair being occupied by Bro. Smith. It was decided to send a letter of condolence to the family of the late Bro. R. Lowe, who died a short time ago, and who was one of the hardest working members of the lodge.

PRESENTED JEWELS.

Loyal Northern Lodge Honors Retiring Officers and Arranges Winter's Program.

At the regular meeting of the Loyal Northern Lodge, No. 9352, Manchester Unity, in the Eglinton Orange Hall, the chair being taken by the past provincial grand master, C. A. Coles, past officers' jewels were presented to the following retiring officers: Past Grand Masters H. Bond, F. Taylor, W. Walters, B. J. Greenaway, A. Chitty, S. C. Robins and Sister M. Greenaway. A committee was appointed to arrange a series of entertainments for the coming winter, and a letter of condolence was ordered to be forwarded to Dr. J. C. Evans, whose son has just fallen in action. Following the regular business of the lodge an excellent program was rendered by the various members.

HELD DEGREE MEETING.

A special degree meeting of Temple Royal Black, R.P.B., was held last evening in Victoria Hall, J. H. McMurray, wor. perceptor, presiding. There was a large attendance and during the evening seven new members were initiated to the first degree.

MANY RETURNED MEN ARRIVE HERE TODAY

Largest Party Yet Will Be Given Civic Reception This Morning.

A contingent of 330 returned soldiers is due to arrive at North Toronto station this morning at 10 o'clock. It will be the largest contingent yet to return from overseas service. One hundred and seventeen of the party are to receive hospital treatment, 156 will go to Camp Borden and 67 will be sent to London, Ont. The London men will be given a luncheon at 11 o'clock at the College street Military Convalescent Home. The Toronto men will be tendered a formal civic reception at the Central Y. M. C. A. building.

SHORT AUTUMN TRIP OR GLORIOUS AUTUMN JAUNT.

From October 1st to the 11th, in the Berkshire Hills and the Catskill Mountains, is about as ideal a jaunt as one can make. It is exceedingly popular and the hotels are well filled. Daily motoring is over perfect roads amid most lovely scenery, with the soft autumn haze suffusing the landscape. Some members of a last year's party are taking the trip again, so charming was it. For particulars inquire Mr. W. J. Moffatt, City Passenger Agent, Grand Trunk Railway System, northwest corner King and Yonge streets, Toronto, Ont.

HELD FOR SHOP BREAKING.

Plainclothesman Sullivan arrested Fred Gordon yesterday afternoon on a charge of shop breaking. Gordon, according to the police, broke into the office of the war production office in the old Nordheimer Building on King street, and stole a typewriter. The number of the typewriter was given to the police, who in turn notified a number of firms and second-hand dealers. Gordon, the police say, walked into a typewriter store and offered to sell the machine. He was detained until Sullivan arrived to arrest him. Gordon gave his home address as 68 Church street.

FOR THE EMPIRE

Sergt. Allan McCaig, aged 22, was killed in action August 18, after being in the trenches fourteen months. He came from Johnstone, Scotland, five years ago, and before enlisting at St. Thomas over two years ago was in the employment of the Bell Telephone Co.

Corp. H. A. L. Osborne of Penetanguishene was accidentally killed by the delayed explosion of a mine used for training purposes at Bramshott Camp, England. He was the son of H. A. Osborne, for a time official photographer at Camp Borden, and was well known in Toronto.

Corp. Hugh Murray Yeats of 93 North Shaw street, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Yeats, was killed in action August 27. He was 22 years of age, and left for overseas October 10 last. Before enlisting he worked as a bookkeeper for W. H. Banfield & Sons, Pape avenue. He was born at Orillia, and came to Toronto when two years old.

Pte. J. J. Slaven is reported killed in action August 11. He was 28 years of age and went overseas last April, working previously for the Gutta Percha Rubber Co. He was born in Toronto. An aunt lived at 516 Bathurst street. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Club.

Pte. Chas. E. Cromwell of Humber Bay was killed in action last October, according to the confirmed report just received. He was 37 years of age, and is survived by his wife and four children. Pte. Cromwell was previously employed by the Hydro-Electric Company.

Pte. Sidney Moyle, whose brother, Pte. A. S. Moyle, at the front, lives on Bernice crescent, has been killed in action. He worked at Heintzman's and had 15 months in the trenches. Just before he was killed he was expecting leave of absence to go to England, where he intended to marry a girl he had been engaged to for seven years. He came to Canada six years ago.

Pte. Mark L. Mains was killed in action August 14. He was 24 years of age, enlisted with the Sportsmen's Battalion, and had been in France about six months, working previously in the office of the Murray-Kay Co. Limited. When going overseas he was a corporal, and a bombing instructor in England, but gave up stripes to reach France.

Pte. Walter Johnston, who was killed in action August 16, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnston, 42 Taylor street. He was a native of Toronto and 23 years of age. He enlisted with the 130th Battalion in the spring of 1916. Prior to enlistment he was in the employ of Firstbrook's Box Company.

Pte. Arthur Charles Bolan, aged 23, is reported to have made the supreme sacrifice. He enlisted in February, 1916, and went overseas in October with the Sportsmen's Battalion. Two brothers, Ptes. William and Harold, aged 21 and 19, respectively, went with the first contingent, and are home on a three-months' furlough. Pte. Bolan was a bricklayer by trade. His mother and sister Agnes and married sister, Mrs. George Priestman, reside at 156 Christie street. All the sons are in khaki.

Pte. Herbert Woodhead is reported killed in action August 17. His home was at 612 East Gerrard street, and he enlisted with the 170th Battalion. He was born in England nineteen years ago, and had been in Toronto for six years. He was employed here by the Dunlop Rubber Company.

Pte. Stephen Albert Ross, of 73 North Shaw street, has been killed in action. He was married, and has one girl 13 years of age. He went overseas last March, and reached France about three months ago. He worked as a plasterers' laborer before enlisting, was born in England forty years ago, and came to Canada twelve years ago last March.

Pte. Geo. Watson has been killed in action. Pte. Watson was born in Hull, England, and has been in Canada ten years. Before enlisting he was employed by the Ideal Bedding Company. A brother, Corp. Edward, is in Toronto, stationed at Stanley Barracks.

Pte. George Thom was killed in action August 26. He enlisted in January last year, when 30 years of age, and before joining was employed as a teamster. He was unmarried, and his sister lives in Banff, Scotland.

Pte. Albert ("Abbie") Brennan, well known in local baseball circles, especially in the east end, is a victim of the Huns. His home is at 559 Jones avenue.

Pte. William Mooney, of 39 Montrose avenue, is reported to be killed. He was 38 years of age, and he enlisted two years ago. Previous to enlisting he was a painter and decorator. He was born in London England, and has been in Toronto six years. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Pte. Geo. Albert Parker has been killed in action. Pte. Parker was 23 years old, born and educated in Toronto. He was a son of the late Horatio Parker. He went overseas with the Sportmen's Battalion. Prior to enlisting he worked with the T. Eaton Co. His home was at 926 Queen street east.

Corp. A. Deakin, of the Imperial forces, has died of wounds received on the 16th of August. Corp. Deakin was 28 years of age, and married. His wife lives in the old country. He had been at the front since the outbreak of war.

Corp. W. Brown, who is reported as having died of wounds August 16, the same day his chaplain wrote stating Corp. Brown was seriously wounded, enlisted with the Sportsmen's Battalion, and had been in France six months. Corp. Brown came from Essex, England, in 1909. He was at Station "C" postoffice for three years, and a soloist in the choir of the Church of the Ascension.

Gunner Jos. Cooper has died of his wounds. He left with the 12th Battery last October. He was shot in the neck and face. He is 37 years of age. He was born in England, and during his three years here he worked at Dunlop's.

Gunner Lorne H. McCurdy is reported as having died of wounds. He came from Tottenham, and was a member of this year's graduating class at University College. Enlisting with a university unit in April, 1916, he was drafted for overseas in June of that year, and had been on active service ever since.

Pte. William J. Painter, reported dangerously wounded, is now listed as having died of his wounds. He was slightly gassed on July 22. He was 21 years old, and before enlisting was employed at the Piano Actions Works.

Pte. George Roy Garbutt, whose parents live at 2026 East Queen street, is reported to have died of wounds August 23. He overcame many obstacles to go overseas, and saw much service when he finally landed in France.

Flight-Lieut. Peter L. McGavin, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McGavin, 56 Langley avenue, went crashing to the earth with his machine and has not since been heard of. The information came to the parents in a letter from their son's commanding officer, Major Oscar Guest. Flight-Lieut. McGavin was a Toronto Varsity student. He went overseas with the S.P.S. boys in March, 1916. Little hope is held out for his being now alive.

Pte. John M. Wylie is reported missing since August 15. Born in Burray, in the Orkney Islands, 29 years ago, he came to Canada in 1907. In civilian life he was a laborer for the board of education. In his snug little home at 48 Burgess avenue, a wife and two children, aged 8 and 2, await further word of "daddy."

Pte. William Smith, a South African veteran, who resided in Toronto for eight years, has been missing for a year. For official purposes his death is presumed to have occurred about October 8, 1916. His parents reside in Suffolk, England, and while in Toronto he worked as shipper for Thos. Meredith and Co., hardware merchants, East King street.

Pte. Wilfred L. Cooke has been missing since August 15. He was a drummer in Lieut.-Col. Wright's battalion band, but was transferred to the infantry in England, and had been in France six months. He is only 18 years of age and was a violinist before going overseas. He attended Queen Victoria public school and enlisted from No. 7 King's Court apartments on King street. His family has been in Canada six years, coming from Cardiff, Wales.

Flight-Lieut. George E. Hamand of the Royal Naval Air Service, who, before going to England, trained with the Canadian Officers Training Corps, has been wounded in the leg. He is a son of Mrs. E. S. Hamand, of No. 3 Vermont street, and went overseas last January. He is a graduate of Toronto University this year, and is 21 years of age.

FRANCHISE BILL SCORED AT LABOR COUNCIL MEETING

Delegates Pass Resolution Condemning Act as Purely a Party Move.

Stating that it was a disgrace to disfranchise those who have been citizens since 1902, Secretary T. A. Stevenson of the Trades and Labor Council made a hot attack on the franchise bill last night at the meeting of the council in the Labor Temple. He stated that the party in power was going to continue itself in power by legislation instead of by the vote of the people. A resolution was adopted opposing the proposed franchise act as published in the press as merely a measure of party politics, and stating that both political parties, as in the past, have been guilty of crowding the same people on the voters' list without proper qualifications. The resolution instructed the secretary to write the secretary of the Trades Congress to secure copies of the Hansard.

The matter of the recent trouble with the milk drivers' union at the Farmers' Dairy was brought up, and T. A. Stevenson stated that he asked the police on what charge Organizer R. A. Cox and two other members of the union were arrested, but he was told to find out. He said that in every case where pickets have been placed in the case of strikes the council have had trouble with the police. It was decided to give the milk drivers every support.

Delegate Cowell of the Retail Clerks' Union appeared before the council and asked them to take up the matter of procuring, under the Shop Hour Act, a 52 or 54-hour working week for the retail clerks. It was decided that a committee be appointed to find out if the municipality had power to act in this matter. It was decided that all the delegates attending the forthcoming convention of the Trades and Labor Congress at Ottawa be allowed $85 each for expenses.

COMMITTED FOR CONSPIRACY.

George Sexton and Stephen Madden were committed for trial in the police court yesterday on charges of conspiracy. Evidence was given accusing Madden, employed at Price's Dairy as a milk checker, of crediting Sexton with having brought in six cans of milk when only four were delivered. Sexton is a Scarboro farmer, and bail of $1,000 each was accepted by the crown.

CIVIC CAR STATISTICS.

During the month of August 1,419,371 passengers were carried by the Toronto civic cars, an increase of 278,905 over the corresponding month last year. The revenue from the cars last month was $23,636, an increase of $4161 over August, 1916.

AND HE DID.

RECRUITING BOOMS AT THE ARMORIES

Nearly Two Hundred Offering Include Hundred From United States.

TRAINING FOR "VETS."

Vocational Studies to Be Emphasized and Holidays Reduced.

With 190 recruits to deal with yesterday, the Toronto mobilization centre had one of the busiest days of the past few months.

A new record for British-born recruits from the United States was made, over 100 in all coming. Eighty-nine of these joined the Canadian expeditionary force, and the rest the Royal Flying Corps.

Ten cities contributed the men from the United States. Chicago sent 57, New York 23, with Boston, Philadelphia, Syracuse, Baltimore, Pittsburg, Milwaukee, Buffalo and Des Moines making up the balance.

The Royal Flying Corps helped to swell the day's recruit total by having 40 applicants, of whom 39 were accepted.

Of the 190 volunteers for the day, 151 were accepted for service. The United States British-born were enrolled with the following units: 1st Battalion, C.O.R., 58; York and Simcoe Foresters, 16; Army Medical Corps, 8; "Princess Pats," 5, and Ordnance Corps, 2. The C. E. F. gained 112 men, counting local recruits. These were credited as follows: 1st Battalion, C.O.R., 59; York and Simcoe Foresters, 30; Army Medical Corps, 12; Princess Pats, 5; Engineers and Ordnance Corps, each 2.

Holidays Now Over.

"Vocational training is to be emphasized to a greater extent than ever before," said Lt.-Col. R. S. Wilson, commandant of military hospitals for returned soldiers, yesterday. "The meaning of the new regulations issued to the military hospitals commission command is that holidays are over now and the soldiers who can are going to be asked to do a little work. In fact, unless a man is totally incapacitated, we intend to have him taught to use to his best advantage what providence has still left him.

"The M.H.C.C. want the men to feel that headquarters are in reality their best friends, and that we are willing to go to any reasonable length to enable them to once more fit back into the civilian ranks.

"Unless exceptional circumstances arise there will be no more excursions this season, and the reason for this is to enable the men to get on with their studies in whatever course of training they have selected."

The Toronto Great War Veterans' Association is now 1,985 strong, announces Secretary W. E. Turley.

CAN HAVE BARRELS OF IT IF SOMEONE ELSE PAYS

Hunting Parties If Wealthy Get Liquor, But Poor Must Not Club Together.

It will be unlawful this year for members of hunting parties to club together and purchase a supply of liquor to enliven their outing. Chairman J. D. Flavelle of the Ontario License Board was of the opinion that if a man who owned a hunting lodge invited a number of others to hunt with him and he paid all expenses, the law could not touch him, but if others paid part of the expenses he would come under the act and would be liable to prosecution.

Board of Education Member May Force Investigation

A rumor was current in school circles yesterday to the effect that a member of the board of education is preparing to make a series of sworn charges, in order to force on at once an investigation into school affairs generally.

The report is given color by a remark made by Controller Foster at the board of control meeting Wednesday when he said that something might happen in a few days that would make Mayor Church and Controller Cameron change their minds and vote funds for the probe.

Trustee Fred Hambly is the man mentioned as most likely to be the author of the charges, but when questioned he would not admit it.

As it stands now, the board of education's request for funds to conduct the inquiry is still before the board of control for action.

TENTH DIVISION COURT.

Landlord Given Judgment as Tenant Had No Receipt.

At the first session of the tenth division court yesterday, before Judge Morson, Mrs. Harry Copp and her husband appeared, charged with owing Kenneth Fraser $21.50 for a month's rent. Mrs. Copp stated that she had paid it in advance, but could not produce a receipt, and judgment was given against her husband for the amount.

F. Gresco was suing $10 for a suit that he claimed had been spoiled by H. Bloom in the pressing. As Bloom had paid $10 into court judgment was given for that amount.

C. Ritchie sued M. Burns for $10 which he alleged he had lent him, but Burns denied ever borrowing the money. In the absence of the plaintiff judgment was given for the defendant.

WARRANT FOR AUSTRIAN.

Detective Maurer last night arrested John Whiniski, an Austrian, in a Walton street rooming house, on a warrant issued by the Welland police. From information forwarded the police, Whiniski is wanted by Chief of Police Watson along with another Austrian named Mike Kolinski, who was arrested in Toronto on Tuesday. The warrant against Whiniski alleges "several charges of theft." Both men will be taken to Welland for trial.

If you want a business opportunity keep your eye on the classified advertisement section.

YORK COUNTY — AND SUBURBS

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL KILLED IN ACTION

Lance-Corp. Alexander Campbell of Weston Dies on Battlefield.

According to a cable received by Mrs. Isabel Campbell, 53 Main street, Weston, her son, Lance-Corporal Alexander Campbell, is reported to have been killed on Aug. 20. Before enlisting with the 129th Wentworth Battalion in June, 1916, from which he was later transferred to the 124th, he was principal of the Ancaster Public School.

In August he went overseas and was again transferred, this time into the artillery. He saw active service at Vimy Ridge and is believed to have distinguished himself in that battle, as he was recommended for promotion.

Lance-Corporal Campbell was born in King Township, York County, 26 years ago and was educated at the Weston High School. With a scholarship to his credit he entered the Normal School and again graduated with honors. Subsequently he accepted the principalship at Ancaster, which position he held for the four years before going overseas.

RECORD PRICE PAID FOR ALSIKE CLOVER

Scarboro Farmers Receive Over Twelve Hundred Dollars for Two Loads.

That the many York County farmers will reap rich returns from their labors is becoming more and more apparent. One of the big sources of revenue will be alsike clover, largely sown, and which is yielding from six to eight bushels to the acre. Out at the Village of Unionville a day or two ago, Lowrey Brothers of Scarboro sold to the local elevator people 129 bushels of alsike at $10 a bushel or $1,290 for the two loads. The 129 bushels was grown on about 20 acres, and gives a little indication of what many of the good farmers out in the county will make from this source alone, to say nothing of the wheat, oats, barley, hay, live stock and, last but not least, live hogs at $18.25 per.

THOMAS HOOK SCORES THE FOOD CONTROLLER

Claims That While Advocating Economy He Overpays Members of His Staff.

The first meeting of the season of the North Toronto Conservative Association was held last night in the Masonic Hall. William Baillie, the vice-president, occupied the chair in the absence of the president, Dr. Evans, whose son has been killed in action.

Thomas Hook, M.L.A., gave an address on the political situation, and referred critically to the proposed purchase of the C. N. R. Mr. Hock also criticized the food controller, who, he stated, while advocating economy, was paying at least twice the amount to members of his staff that they would earn in their ordinary avocations.

Other speakers were T. A. Gibson, R. L. Baker, J. M. Skelton, Frank Howe, and Ald. H. H. Ball.

In future the regular meetings of the association will be held on the first Monday of each month.

HELP CANADIANS IN GERMANY.

Members of the I.O.D.E. Are Not Forgetting Boys in Prison.

Members of the 66th Chapter I. O. D. E. are doing a rushing trade in the sale of Cowan's Maple Buds near the eastern entrance to the manufacturers' building. Enthusiasm is given to both sellers and public by the knowledge that thru the courtesy of the Cowan Company a good slice of the proceeds of Exhibition sales will go to provide bread for Canadian prisoners in Germany. The chapter sends the money direct to Berne, Switzerland, where it is distributed by the Red Cross and the women and girls at the booth, who are giving their services in the patriotic cause hope to give the boys overseas material proof that they are not being forgotten.

LOOKING FOR FIREBUG.

The police are looking for an alleged "firebug" who is setting fire to a number of small places around Saulter street. A number of small fires of incendiary origin have been reported to the police in the last few weeks, and last night the fireman was called to extinguish a fire in a chicken coop at the rear of the home of Elgin Talmer, at 76 Saulter street. The damage was $25 to the chicken house, two valuable birds were burned to death, and a number of others had their feathers burned.

RETURNED OPEN VERDICT.

Coroner Brand's jury, at the morgue last night, returned an open verdict at the inquest on the unknown male infant that was found by the police in a septic tank of the Morley avenue sewage disposal plant. The police investigated the case for a week and were unable to find any clue.

APPROACHED WRONG MAN.

While walking along King street last night Sergeant Duncan of Court street station was approached by George Reed of 322 Nairn avenue, and after listening to his conversation Duncan sent Reed to the Reception Hospital. Reed, Sergt. Duncan said, told him that an employe in the street railway office was trying to poison him, and that he had already been given a quantity of the poison.

CORP. F. CLAYTON IS SEEING IT THRU

Enjoys Short Holiday in a French Town Fifteen Miles From Front.

Mrs. J. Lee, secretary of the Independent Women Workers' Association of Earlscourt, has received a letter from her brother, Corpl. F. Clayton, C.E.F., France, which reads in part:

"I wish to acknowledge with thanks the parcel sent by the I. W. W. The contents were useful as they are difficult to obtain out here, especially the sox, as we are only able to get a change about every five weeks.

"I have been away from the trenches for three weeks on a mining course, but am back in the line again.

Made the Best of It.

"While away I had quite a time. We were about fifteen miles from the line in a town with about 30,000 inhabitants, and I was able to draw money every night, so I made the best of it. We were allowed certain privileges, and I took every advantage of them, for it is not very often you get a chance like that. You cannot imagine a man's feelings when he gets anywhere near civilization.

"I used to go in and have a drink in the evenings and watch the French girls and the English soldiers dance, and I tell you it was fine, and now I am again dodging shrapnel and bullets, and it appears to me as if we have got to dodge them for a great while yet.

"We came out here to complete the job, so we must not grumble but do it well, and then we can come back if we are spared and live in peace.

Make Anybody Swear.

"It would surprise the people of Canada if they could see the boys go about their work here; not a grumble among the whole bunch, whether in the trenches or out. Of course, there are times which are exceptions, particularly on dark, rainy nights, when you are plastered in mud and falling into every shell hole you come to, and that would make the greatest Christian living swear.

"I never knew I could swear until I passed thru this experience."

TWO GIRLS CHARGED WITH STEALING LUMBER

Magistrate Horrified to Find That They Could Not Count or Spell.

Criticism concerning the school methods was handed out by Major Brunton in the county court yesterday when two little girls named Rutka, aged 12 and 14, appeared before him charged with stealing lumber from the new building now being erected by the Brown Rolling Mills Co. at New Toronto. The eldest, altho 14 years of age, and despite the fact that she had been attending school for the past four years or more, could not spell the simplest words or add up 3 and 4. "There is something wrong somewhere," declared the magistrate as he let the youthful delinquents off with a warning to the father of the children that should anything like this happen again he himself will be arrested on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Fred White of Toronto was fined $10 and costs for carrying matches while employed at the Nitro Products Co. at Weston. This makes the fourth that has been punished this week for similar offences.

Johnny Croftchick, a youthful Pole, 10 years of age, was charged with threatening to do bodily harm to the children of James Nuno, an Italian who lives next door. The threat was the outcome of an old standing vendetta between the parents of the children. The magistrate, in letting the boy go, warned the parents that should there be any further trouble the children will be taken away from them.

WANT TRACKS MOVED TO CENTRE OF STREET

York Highway Commission Grants Request of Town of Aurora Regarding Metropolitan.

Subject to the approval of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board the York Highway Commission yesterday granted the request of the Town of Aurora that the tracks of the Metropolitan Railway within the town limits be moved to the centre of Yonge street. At present the tracks are on the east side of the roadway.

The commissioners refused to grant the Dovercourt Land Company permission to lay a water main on Yonge street at Willowdale to serve their new subdivision on the west side of Yonge street.

E. A. James, the engineer, reported that the work of rebuilding the Eaton road on Dundas street is making satisfactory progress, and that the road would be open for traffic on Saturday as far as the intersection of Bloor street a mile west of Islington.

HEIGHTS SOCIAL CLUB DANCE.

Interesting Program Arranged For Winter Season.

The first monthly dance in connection with the Toronto Heights Social Club was held in the clubhouse, Harvee avenue, North Earlscourt. President H. Swabey presiding. Between fifty and sixty members and friends were present. Past-President Alex. Harvey acted as master of ceremonies, and William Smallridge presided at the piano. During the refreshment interval H. Swabey gave an outline of the proposed winter season activities, which will include concerts, Saturday evening socials, practice dances, carpet ball, checker and whist tournaments.

It is proposed to open the institute for members at least three evenings a week.

Mrs. A. Rice was appointed secretary of the ladies' branch.