

**There are about fifty Egg Circles in the province, ranging in membership all the way from four to 400. The story of all these egg circles and others which have failed would give an almost complete picture of how co-operation should, or should not, be carried on. In reading over the names where the circles are established, we find many of them whose previous market was the small-town local dealer, with his uneconomical method of marketing eggs. Such circles are now receiving, in spite of their distance from the central market, wholesale prices while unorganized points have often received lower prices.**

## KING GEORGE THEATRE

**TO-DAY**  
The Charming and Vivacious Screen Star  
**Olive Thomas**  
In the First of the New Zealand Productions  
**"Upstairs and Down"**  
His Vampy Ways  
Special Two-Reel Comedy  
**THE NEW STRAND COMEDIES**  
"Good Gracious, Grace"  
British-Canadian News  
Mat. 10c; Eve. 15c. and 10c



**Vivian MARTIN**  
"The Third Kiss"  
An Important Screen Picture

**To-day and Wed.**  
At The  
**GRAND**  
Five Selected Acts of  
**Vaudeville**

**Amateurs Wanted**  
For Next  
Friday Night

## HIPPODROME

**TO-DAY**  
**JAMES J. CORBETT**  
The Greatest Star in Pictures, in the Greatest Serial  
Ever Filmed

**"The Midnight Man"**  
FANNIE WARD IN  
**"The Profiteers"**

## Christmas Suggestions at Attractive Prices

Consisting of a Full Line Toilet Accessories in French and Ebony Goods

Manicure Sets Dressing Cases  
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## City Council Raises the Pay

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subject suggested for four years and the whole difficulty was to find a satisfactory location that nobody would object to. It meant considerable expenditure both for building and maintenance. The present weighing scales on the market had been suggested as a site.

Aldermen Rose and Westwood objected to the responsibility being shifted from the Parks Committee to the Finance Committee.

Ald. Westwood said for next year the Committee to build the lavatories should be named at the inaugural meeting.

Mayor Elton said the cost would be \$8,000 or \$10,000 and the project was turned down for lack of funds. He as a member of the Finance Committee did not wish to disclaim any responsibility. Perhaps, however, the question might be solved with less expense.

A bylaw to declare part of James street a residential street was introduced by Ald. Dakers and was put through.

The bylaw for the city elections was passed. The nominations will be held December 23rd and elections New Year's Day. In naming deputy returning officers and poll clerks as many returned soldiers as could be procured were named. It was decided that no scrutineers will be paid by the city. The pay of deputies will be \$8 and poll clerks \$5.

Nominations for the Mayoralty, Board of Education and Public Utilities will be held from ten to eleven and for aldermen and water commission at twelve.

Ald. Smith brought up the question of a Chinese laundryman being allowed to move his laundry across the street from a store to a residence. This never came before the Council. He objected to the Chinaman being allowed to stay there. The house could be used by a white family.

Ald. Dakers said the permission had been granted to the Chinaman and how were they to get him out? The Chief of Police had granted the license. That has been the custom. The matter had not taken any action in view of this.

Ald. Smith objected to Chinese laundries being allowed in residence sections. Let there be a Chinese colony if necessary.

Ald. Eagle agreed with this. There were plenty of citizens who could look after the laundry business.

Ald. Westwood agreed with Ald. Dakers that the transfer had been sanctioned. He had no doubt the Committee would take it into consideration.

Ald. Smith gave notice of motion that he would take up the question at the next meeting of the Council. The Mayor and Ald. Eagle said they were quite satisfied with the explanation of Chairman Dakers.

The Mayor said there would be a special meeting of the Council next Monday night to deal with any business which may come up.

## MICE HARM ORCHARDS

Thousands of Trees Are Girdled Annually by These Pests.

The Short-tailed Field Mouse is the Depredator Prevention and Poisoning Described as Measures of Control—Transplanting Early Crops from Nurseries.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto)

**A**LMOST every year thousands of fruit trees are girdled and killed by mice. The species of mouse responsible is not the common house mouse, but the short-tailed field mouse, whose runways may be easily seen in spring in loose grass, especially around fence corners. It is a grassy fence corner, especially where shade fences are used, that afford the best hiding and breeding places for these mice, hence the sooner such fences can be replaced by wire fences or done away with entirely and the freer the orchard is kept from all sorts of rubbish the easier it will be to combat mice.

**Control Measures.**—There are several methods of which almost complete protection from injury may be secured. These are as follows:

1. In autumn remove the sod from around the trees for a distance of about two feet on every side and bank earth up against the trunk to a height of six or eight inches. In doing this do not leave a deep ditch around the tree in which the water may collect, as this would be injurious to the roots.

2. If the ground becomes frozen before the grass can be removed, mound the trees with coal ashes instead of earth, packing them down somewhat firmly so that there may be no runways leading through the grass beneath up to the tree.

3. After the snow has become a foot or so deep or after the first heavy snow storm in winter, tramp the snow firmly around the trunk of the trees. This will close the runways and prevent the mice from working their way to the tree. If a thaw follows and the snow again becomes deep it will be necessary to repeat this operation.

4. A popular plan and a good one is to wrap common building paper around the trunk to a height of about twenty inches, or if it would do no harm if it went to twenty-four inches or more, as this will also protect the base of the tree from rabbits and from sunscald. The building paper should be put on while the ground is still unfrozen, and a little earth should be thrown up around the base to prevent the mice getting in beneath. The part above can be kept in place by fastening it with a common cord. Galvanized wire netting with a mesh of about a quarter of an inch is an excellent substitute for building paper and will last for several years, but it is not so easy to put on as the paper. Tar paper is often used, but is sometimes injurious to the trees and therefore cannot be recommended.

5. Occasionally, though very rarely in this province, resort is made to poison to destroy mice. The Washington Department of Agriculture recommends the following poison: "Mix thoroughly one ounce of powdered strychnine (alkaloid), one ounce powdered bicarbonate of soda, and one-eighth ounce (or less) of saccharine. Put the mixture in a tin popper box (or any perforated tin) and sift it gradually over forty pounds of crushed oats in a metal tub or vessel, mixing the grain constantly so that the poison will be evenly distributed." Place not more than a teaspoonful of this at a place beside the trees, and, if possible, in the mouse runs. To avoid destroying birds the poison should always be covered by a small piece of paper with a piece of chip underneath it to keep the board slightly raised from the ground; or it may be put into an old tin such as a tomato can and the edges bent nearly together to keep out birds but to let in mice. A small tile or a broken tile will serve the same purpose. Great caution must, of course, be taken in using such a deadly poison as strychnine.

Sometimes chopped alfalfa hay thoroughly moistened with a solution of the poison made by dissolving one ounce of strychnine (alkaloid) in two gallons of hot water is used in place of the above poison. A little of this poisoned hay is placed close to the trunk of the trees late in the fall, and not more than a handful should go to each tree and should be placed down close to the crown so that the mice will be sure to find it. It is better to put a little piece of board on top of it, and under no circumstances should cattle be allowed into an orchard thus treated.

**Transplanting Early Crops From the Nurseries.**  
Two things are very necessary in this work: one, that the plants get as much air as possible and kept as cool as possible in this way getting them used to night temperature so that when set in the field they will be able to withstand a considerable degree of cold. The other is that of withholding water as much as possible; this has two direct effects on the plant: One is that of enlarging the finer root system, the other that of stiffening the wall cells of the plant, making them more suited to withstand outside conditions. On many occasions it has been proved that a plant which has only had the water required for its actual growth, the former came through a rather severe cold spell in good shape while the softer, more frequently watered specimen, froze.

In threshing and preparing grain for market, and especially for seed purposes, remember that a good faning mill should be used to the best advantage.

Mrs. G. Hopper and her little son of Moncton, N.B., are in the hospital suffering from burns caused by an explosion of gas in their furnace.

## CITY AND DISTRICT

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The Lawn Bowling Club have decided to hold a ball in the Prince of Wales hall the night of February 2nd. There will be cards and dancing.

Choice cut flowers, potted plants and floral designs, at all times, at Walker's Florist, 104 St. Paul Street, Phone 763.

The Clarendon Club of Knox church last night entertained the kiddies from the Children's Shelter with a Christmas tree and a real Santa Claus. There were gifts for all and a delightful time for all. The children were brought to the Sunday School in autos.

These are busy days for the St. Catharines Municipal Voters Association. There are so many public questions that the people are interested in and wish to discuss before the municipal elections, that at least two or three meetings will have to be held in order to treat with them all. At the request of several citizens another meeting will be held on Thursday evening, December 18, in the Collegiate Gymnasium, for the purpose of giving all interested a chance of expressing their views regarding the proposed new Collegiate site. If time permits the other two bylaws will be taken up. It had been intended to take up the railroad question, but that will be left in abeyance for the time.

**SCALE COMMITTEE OF THE COAL OPERATORS TO MEET IN CLEVELAND WEDNESDAY**

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 16.—The scale committee of the National Coal Operators' association will meet in Cleveland Wednesday.

Announcement was made today by Secretary D. F. Hurd of the Pittsburgh vein operators' association. The scale committee will take up any unadjusted points in the new scale, according to Hurd. He said the committee had no other program although it was reported that some of the operators proposed to bring up the matter of securing increased prices for coal in the event the President's commissions grants wage increases in excess of the fourteen per cent. already granted.

**NO COMPULSION.**

Sir Henry Pellatt Doesn't Think That Peace Conscription Will Go.

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—"It is impossible, and I'm confident that permanent compulsory service for Canada will never go into effect," declared Brig.-Gen. Sir Henry Pellatt, commenting on the intimation that some form of compulsory service for Canada was likely to be put into force.

"Compulsory service during the war was an excellent measure, but in peace time it would be a failure."

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The stock transfer books will be closed from the 15th to the 31st days of December, inst., both days inclusive.  
By order of the Board of Directors.  
E. F. DWYER, Secy.-Treas.  
St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 4th., 1919.

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## Board of Health Will Consider Situation Today

The increase in the last few days of the number of small pox cases in this city has created some alarm and the Mayor as chairman of the local Board of Health is calling a special meeting of that body this afternoon to discuss what course should be taken to prevent a further spread. It has been round wise by the Collegiate Board to close that institution and it may be that some action will be taken with regard to the public schools, and the pupils who attend them, although in any case the schools close on Friday of this week for the Christmas holidays.

It is known that the medical fraternity advocate vaccination but what course will be adopted by the Board remains to be seen.

**NEW CONCRETE BRIDGES OVER WELLAND CANAL ARE FINISHED BY GOVERNMENT**

The government has just completed the new concrete bridges over the old Welland canal at the Keeler road, Thorold, also the one at lock No. 15 at Merrittton. Two new ones have been commenced, one at lock No. 9 and the other at the Garden City paper mill plant.

A new road has been opened at lock No. 9 to allow delivery conveyances to cross at this point instead of traveling one half mile up or one half mile down in order to get to the west side of the canal.

The opening of this road has been in the hands of the government for some time past, but it is only now they could see their way clear to open same up and erect a new bridge. The bridges dispensed with in order to erect the new ones were in use since the canal was opened, more than eighty years ago.

Basie Briggs, Fredrickton, N.B. had both arms broken while assisting his father with a wood-cutter by getting his coat caught in the flying wheel.

**Tenders For Market Fees—1920**

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the chairman of the Market, Building and License Committee, will be received by the City Clerk up to five o'clock, December 28th, 1919, for the privilege of collecting the market fees in the City of St. Catharines, from the 1st day of January, 1920, to the 31st day of December, 1920, both inclusive, according to rules, by-laws, etc. governing the same.

Each tender to be accompanied by a marked cheque for \$50.00, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, to be forfeited if the person tendering fails to sign a contract with the City Corporation.

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J. ALBERT PAY,  
City Clerk.  
Dec 17, 1919

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