TIE COURIER, BRANNFORD, CANAL & TRESDAY, DEC 17,1718

END OF A PERFECT YEAR FOR SIMCOE COUNCIL BOARD

Business is Wound Up-Entire Council Will Ask Re-Election

MAYOR ENTERTAINS

(From our own correspondent) Simcoe, Dec. 17.—The Municipal Council got down to business at 8 o'clock last night. All the members were present.

The Victory Loan Honor Flag made its debut, over his worship's chair. A request for sinews of war to fight the Bell Telephone companies' request for increased rates was answered with a liberal grant without a single adverse vote. Will Investigate.

neither he nor the parent of a Simcoe child now many months in the wind-up expenses regarding an oble-Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, gation not yet met by the Board could get any information regarding the condition or progress of the patient, and he was authorized to go to Toronto and investigate. A bill to the institution for \$113 had just been passed and council thought it worth while to learn what was the

For Future Consideration. A communication from the Citizens' Committee re permanent roadways was placed on file for future reference, after having received endor-

Taxes Paid Promptly. The Collector reported that the 1918 taxes had been paid promptly. The outstanding balance was slightly smaller than that of last year. He was given a short extension of time in which to get in the balance. Somewhat over \$115 of rebates adjustments or errors was

rebates and allowances. Firemen Appropriate Furniture. During the evening it came out police court room a table and sufficient chairs to furnish their quarters. As the police had not reported

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of the brigade in not asking for new furniture was appreciated to the

the chair for another year.

His Worship Strikes Back.

the members and commissioners

accepted an invitation to His Wor

civic legislators got through with a

the chairmen of the various com-

King, the host and hostess and to

the chairman of the various com-

mittees were proposed and respond-

ed to, Clerk W. C. McCall presid-

ing. Good roads, waterworks, hos-

every man about the board, prob-

ably all, are out for re-election.

ideals realized. He thought a man's

first year in Council was not fruit-ful, but there were Aldermen Crabb, Jackson, Ballile and Lea

with good records and the point

Alderman Crabb added more to

his tale of experience along the

walks of charity. Alderman Jack-

son thought that the police com-

mittee and the fire and light com

mittee had stood well up to their responsibilities. The latter com-

nittee was perhaps a spender, but

chance for curtailment till a fire

And it would cost money. He be-

evision of the auditor's statement

was a move in the right direction.

gade and eulogized the force.

or another year.

nough to carry on.

there was no opposition to the return of the 1918 Council, and ad-

rised the early declaration of in-

Alderman Lea had felt that he

Deputy-Reeve Langford admitted

that the man on the lid of the money box had to make himself disagreeable at times. It was his duty to guard the box and see that

value was received for every dollar.

cheerfully without a murmur and that he believed the 1918 Council

ness which the ordinary man may read. He was pleased to note that

In another poverty-stricken home three cats lapped milk as the charity man called.

The charity committee regrets th

was too busy for Council work, but now that road building is to the fore he has become interested

he thought that there was

was not pressed.

ship's home, where the festal board

On the adjournment of Council

Alderman Crabb, as chairman of he hospital Board reported as to the finances of that body; Receipts.

Council grant Subscriptions to secretary Subscriptions to Prof. Jackson \$826.90

Expenditures as per

This was granted.

Balance on hand \$88.48 The report included mention of equipment still held by the Roard Alderman Crabb reported that and insured for \$600, and requested grant of \$50 additional to meet

> In view of the liberal donations the Board it will be noted levied no per diem charge on any of the patients treated.

Complying with the wish of some contributors, that the list be not published the committee recommended this course. Perhaps it might have been hetter to group all these as a sundry item and allow the list to go to the press. At all events, it is at the clerk's office for any who wish to be assured that their contributions have been included in the

The account will be included in the municipal audit. Alderson Jackson gave an inter esting classified report on the police court statistics of the year, out of 187 actions there were 142 convictions, 10 withdrawals and 35 dissuissals. 16 dogs had been killed.

Only six cases of diphtheria had been reported during year. Typhoid

omission of the following from the before midnight on Saturday station. His asschool text book of the last thirty in a Lisbon railway station. His assassin named Jactno, was killed by Alderman Langford intimated that he believed the year's sheet

would show that Council had kept Who taught the busy bee to fly well within the limits as to expenditure and promised that the next auditor's report would be quite a Among the herbs and sweetes And lay her store of honey by, departure from its predecessors. Providing food for winter His committee on finance were

authorized to revise thoroughly the town's table of assets. asked all members of council, whe-ther in or out of council during 1919 His Worship was voted out of the chair and Reeve Carter presided, while the usual honorarium was offorded, to impress citizens with the urgent necessity of buying bonds at Mayor Sihler was then heartily home. The British market he thought, will be closed for some commended for the able, fair and impartial manner in which he had ime. We will have to do our own financing. It is essential, if public works are to go on at home, that lopresided over the deliberations of council during the year, and one cal capital take up the bonds. It is recivic duty which should be shared by fter another about the board their hope that he should fill

all who can help.
Mrs James Smyth Mrs. James Sniyth died at her ome at Vittoria on Sunday after a lingering illness, from diabetes. A husband and two children survive. Both of the latter, Miss Dorothy was now spread, and it was—well and Miss Marjorie, have been in at-never mind the hour—when the tendance at the high school here. John Farrar of Simcoe, and Lance round table discussion of Council Farrar of New York are brothers, and Mrs. Frank Duncan of Vittoria Miss Isobel Farrar and Miss Gladys Farrar, sisters of deceased.

Interment takes place to-day. The family have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends. pital work and charity, Children's E. F. Neff and Fred Carpenter Shelter and hospital, peak load and are battling with the 'flu.

penalty were all discussed and in Harold Gibson and family are

penalty were all discussed and in-cidentally it leaked out that almost All honor to 12; All honor to 12 year-old Richard Caffrey, of Patterson street, who His Worship has intimated his willingness to carry on. This is the general wish of his colleagues, who appreciate the first of his colleagues, nothing and kept the change, but the who appreciate the financial loss purse contained a registration card to the public through constant the Agency undertook to find the change of personnel with attendant owner, and little Richard Caffrey has change of policy. Reeve Carter shown himself worthy of confidence claimed that he got back to Coun- a quality which will bring him no cil by a chance of fortune, but had doubt many times the amount of now become interested in fire promoney found in the purse. tection improvement and in street very doubtful whether this tection improvement and in street very youth building, and wanted to see his would steal water melons.

ASSASSIN MADE

Murderer of Portugese President Fired Point Blank at Victim

By Courier Leased Wire. Lisbon, Dec. 15.—The assassin of goods," says the report, "may be Dr. Sidonio Paes, president of Porgods," says the report, "may be tugal, made sure of his aim when he said to have brought about attacked the president to-day. Dr. practical paralysis of the economic Paes was talking with a number of life of the country. The population ministers at a railroad station here of Siberia is practically destitute of alarm system had been installed. when the young man approached the clothing, linen and footwear. lieved that Alderman Langford's group. He succeeded in reaching the side of Dr. Paes and drawing a pis- lived better before tol fired point-blank at the presi- thirty roubles a month than they do Lieut.-Col. Aiken threw bouquets all over the table and gave way to dent. Dr.

Alderman Jaques, who as usual stood pat for an efficient fire bricrowd and another man, suspected of under such conditions life is little complicity, in the crime was arres-Commissioner W. P. Price conented himself with a brief speech,

After the minister of the interior but he drew out every other fellow! tending candidacy. There was no dissatisfaction about town with the work of the year.

Alderman Baillie bowed acknowled acknowled acknowled to the park. Like the others he was ready to stand, too for another year.

I beading the foreign office, which portfolio was borne by Dr. Paes in conjunction with the presidency. The government thus constituted by Courier Leased Wire as a reason for her rupture with Germany, accuses the German authorities in occupied provinces of acting contrary to Polish interests and

Police authorities suspect that the crime was planned by the league of Republican Youths. There is a un-animous feeling against the crime on part of the population and demon-strations are foreseen. Union labor

strations are foreseen. Umon labor leaders have been placed under protection by the police.

Capital in Mourning.

Lisbon, Dec. 6.—The body of Dr. Sidonio Paes, president of Portugal, who was assassinated late of He had to question expenditures to become informed. He observed that Sincoe has just paid the highest assessment ever, promptly and office under Ossorio. Control that one had to question expenditures to be several to the prompt of the promp office under Ossorio Castro, the minister of justice, while both chambers of parliament have been

that he believed the 1918 Council enjoyed the entire confidence of the people. So much so, that to submit the question of road building to the people would be superfluous. Simcoe hesitated 20 years to put in a water system. There were only six adverse votes. Simcoe has hesitated to put in good roadways till there is a general demand. It is time to get busy. But the finance committee has another duty. It is time to get busy. But the finance committee has another duty. It is to provide for the ratepayers to clear statement of the town's business which the ordinary man may read. He was pleased to note that

ELECTION **CARDS** ---and---LETTERS

The advertising rates for election cards this year will be as follows:

Regular 11/2" space to run from nomination to election day or for shorter time-

Spaces run for longer periods will be charg-ed at the rate of 40c per inch per insertion.

nees which the ordinary man may read. He was pleased to note that permanent streets, a children's shelter and a hospital were to the fore. He was also interested in a memorial to the veterans and those who fell. And if returned for 1919 it would be his aim to assist in forwarding all of these projects.

The Patriarch of Them All.

W. C. McCall, municipal clerk, such as few corporations have, was the last speaker. He appealed for a closer bond of sympathy between council and utilities commission, with both of which he was associated, and proceeded to show council that in respect to hydro electric the commission has had an uneasy year Living on rations they had done the best possible, and he thought he saw indications of another cut in rates. Taken on the whole, the mayor's hospitality afforded a splendid opportunity for the intensive discussion of municipal affairs, just as the luncheon to the warden a short time since did regarding county business. And we should not be surprised, though it would perhaps be a rare earn, were the entire 1918 council to go up for re-election, for at least seven of the members definitely stated their desire to return. Of course that is all in the hands of the people.

Odd Ends of News

16 town dogs were destroyed by the police during the year.

The charity committee was solicited for a household that kept and paid taxes on two cannes, and children were found feeding them 50c, bacon.

In another poverty-stricken home, three casts langed milk and the house. Letters to the Editor advocating support of any candidate will be charged at the rate of 40c per inch

before midnight on Saturday while EXTEND TERRITORY

CURRIE TO HANDLE DEMOBILIZATION

Deputy Reeve Langford last night Disbanding of the Canadian Forces is Left in His Hands

> By Courier Leased Wire Toronto, Dec. 16.—Major-General Mewburn, minister of militia. is here to address the Canadian Club, stated to-day that the scheme for demobilization of Canalian troops was in the hands of General Currie, who was endeavoring to work it out. The matter of bringing the troops home in units was a difficult and complex one. Battalions were mixed up with drafts from all over the country, but the authorities were doing all they could to meet the wishes of

he men themselves. The general added that there are now 100,000 troops in Flanders or Germany, the remainder being in England. Troops from Great Britain were being brought home now. No decision had been reached by the Government regarding the strength of the permanent force in Canada after the war. only thing we have to go on is the Militia Act and that provides for 5,000 men," he said. that the force would be 8,000 men

SIBERIA LOOKS TO ALLIES FOR HELP

The Population Destitute of Nearly All Necessities of Life

By Courier Leased Wire Ottawa; Dec. 16.—Tha: the pop-ulation of Siberia towns are practically destitute of all kinds SURE OF HIS AIM necessary goods and are locking to the Allies for help is the effect of a report received by the Govern-ment from L. D. Wilgress, Canadian trade commissioner at Vladivostok. The shortage of foodstuffs in particular is due to the fact that the farmers will not sell to the townspeople until they can receive goods in return. The shortage of "Railway officials state that they

Paes never regained con- now for three hundred roubles. is evident that the economic life of The murderer was killed by the the country is paralyzed and that less than torture."

Mr. Wilgress is a member of the other fellow:

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> request of the Polish government Governor-General von Besseler and the entire staff of the German mission will leave the territory of the

> GIVE A CAMBRA.
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> Ansco Cameras, \$2.50 to \$30.00, at Brander's Drug Store, corner Market and Dalhousie streets.

WOULD BUY MINE. WOULD BUY MINE.

Sydney, N.S., Dec. 16.—It is stated here that the Dominion Coal Company has made a formal offer to Fuel Controller Magrath to lease it purchase the Florence Mine of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, Under the offer, it is understood the value of the property would be fixed by arbitrators, to be appointed by the Government.

OF MOUNTED POLICE

Strength of the Northwest lic safety. Force Will Also be Increased

By Courier Leased Wire Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Sanction was given to-day to an order-in-council Police Force to its authorized New York. Dec. 16.strength of 1,200 men. In addition to its present duties in the territories, the force is further assigned o duty in Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Manitcha and that portion of Ontario embraced in military district No. 10 (district bordering on Lake Superior). The

duties of the force are to be: 1. Enforcement of federal laws.

2. Patrolling and protection the international boundary line. 3. Enforcement of all orders-incouncil passed under the War Measures Act for the protection of pub-

4. Generally to aid and assist the civil powers in the preservation of law and order whenever the Government of Canada may direct.

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New York. Dec. 16 .- The end of the volunteer system of raising armies in war time by the United States was demanded here last night by Major-General Crowder in an address to the retiring members of 189 New York draft boards. He earnestly adwocated that the selective service system should become the permanent nethod of raising American armies in the future.

McBRIDE

Mayor MacBride's opening announcement will

Watch for it. In commenting on the literature being issued by the Municipal League, the Mayor /says:

"If they continue to use that kind of thing it will be unnecessary for me to do much advertising.

"The people of Brantford will most certainly resent such underhand insinuations and inuendos.

"It has usually been found that every knock is

A Clean Man Whose Word is His Bond

A Sportsman Who

PLATFORM EXTRACT:

"The one pledge I will make to the people of Brantford, if elected as Mayor for 1919, is that I will be honest and straightforward, as I have always tried to be in my private life. I will welcome and not stifle criticism of my acts in office. I do not believe in Kaiserism for a

Make Gifts



All departments contain suggestions for Useful and Practical Christmas Gifts-and none more so than the Furs each with its superb collections of high-class, advance styles, superior quality and specially priced

or with contrasting fur trimmings. Also straight or bélted styles. Prices, special at 5°

\$200 and \$275

The Fur Sets consist of Beaver, Black and Natural Lynx, Welf, Fox, Fitch, Sable and Hudson Seal.

Squirrel, Badger and Jap Fox.

For MAYOR appear in Wednesday's paper.

Ex-Alderman

For Mayor Played the Game.

A Citizen Without

city any more than for a country,"



lines of Fur Coats, Sets and Separate Pieces. The Fur Coats of Hudson Seal are plain garments,

A Special Showing of Children's Furs, of Grey Lamb, Thibet, Grey

127 Colborne Street Phone 446

Keep the lid on civic expenditures, but meet all necessities for Bigger and Better Brantford

Tom Lyle's attitude in regard to the big expenditures which Brantford is facing in the near future, is that no wise administrator will turn his back on the ever-increasing tax-rate, when these expenditures have to be studied. The tax-rate has to be considered, otherwise the burden of taxation which the owner of a home is called upon to bear, will be too great, and the whole civic structure of finance will come down with a crash.

In other words, Mr. Lyle proposes that expansion should result only with a most serious canvass of the situation. Take the waterworks, reconstruction for instance. Brantford's water supply must be made pure and adequate for 100 years to come. It is a big task, and must be gone at with courage. It is the biggest need which Brantford faces today. It will provide work to a large extent. In any program of reconstruction, waterworks matters come first. Essentials must be provided for, that is Lyle's platform, and with the tax rate already 30 1-2 mills on the dollar, necessary public works offer a real busi-

ness problem. There must be no overdrafts of \$52,000 per year, municipal services must stand on their own feet, and pay their way, there must be lots of pruning and trim-

ming on various non-essentials. Principles of business and not the spirit of votecatching adventure should have first place in all

municipal undertakings. The sources of revenue, which provided insufficient funds to meet an expenditure of \$802,000 by the city council of 1917, must be conserved, in order that the man who owns a small house may not be forced to sell it and pay rent, live doubled up, or in re-stricted quarters. Brantford is big enough to provide a home with breathing space for everyone of her workers. The present tax rate works like an embargo on new homes, a condition which will require the

combined efforts of citizens in general to overcome. Tom Lyle, Candidate for Mayor

struck from the list by the whole council acting as a committee on Health of Town Good. that the firemen had taken from the was not mentioned. We have had and still have a few cases Treasurear Frank Reid submitted his detailed statement to date. We the matter it was agreed that the will be able shortly to give a digest missing furniture should be replaced of the entire years' business