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## STATES GETS ALLIED REPLY TONIGHT

### PREMIERS TELL OF CANADIANS' 1916 PROGRESS

Provincial Heads Unanimous  
in Recording Increased Pro-  
duction of Year.

### OPTIMISTIC OF FUTURE

Ontario's Proud Position Is  
Heralded by Hon. W. H.  
Hearst.

### EAST AND WEST SIMILAR

From Prairie and Coast Come  
Assurances of Greater  
Prosperity.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The provincial  
premiers this year as usual contribute  
to the annual number of the *Monetary  
Times*, a review of conditions in their  
respective provinces. Their articles  
constitute a unanimous story of pro-  
gress and increasing production.

Hon. W. H. Hearst states that Ont-  
ario has complete confidence in the  
outlook for 1917 and for succeeding  
years. His credit is not materially  
affected by passing conditions. That  
provinces now yields 45 per cent of the  
dominion's total production from agri-  
culture, mines, forests and manufac-  
tures.

Quebec's Position Satisfactory.  
Sir Lomer Gouin says: "The old  
Province of Quebec is in a very sat-  
isfying economic condition." He  
points to the inexhaustible forest  
wealth of his province, which furnishes  
as much pulpwood as the rest of the  
provinces put together. Quebec may  
become the greatest paper manu-  
facturing centre in the world.

Manitoba's Spirit.  
Hon. T. C. Norris emphasizes the fact  
that a partial failure of the grain crop  
no longer means what it would have  
meant a decade ago, because wheat  
farming has become general in Mani-  
toba. Five years ago an importer of  
durum wheat from Manitoba last year  
exported over five carloads of cream-  
ery butter and also shipped in wheat  
and other products. Wool and honey  
last year were large crops.

"The spirit of the people of Mani-  
toba," says the premier, "in these  
trying times of war is altogether ad-  
mirable. The burdens it has brought  
are being borne steadily and willingly  
and with a keen sense of the respon-  
sibilities of citizenship."

Room for Thousands.  
Hon. W. M. Martin, the new premier  
of Saskatchewan, says that although  
his province is now third in population,  
there is still room for many immi-  
grants, and many million acres are  
awaiting settlement. Saskatchewan is  
the first province to adopt equal set-  
tlement.

Hon. A. L. Sifton says: "There has  
been a very distinct gain to the gener-  
al credit of Alberta, which is further  
evidenced by the results of the new law  
regarding liquor traffic." He says  
also the increase in wheat produc-  
tion in Alberta during the last few  
years is but an index of the great  
development that is bound to follow in  
the next decade.

Increasing Fixed Wealth.  
The new premier of British Columbia,  
Hon. K. C. Brewster, says his govern-  
ment has applied itself to the task of  
ascertaining the tangible assets of the  
province, to investigating and applying  
modern methods of transforming  
the natural resources into increased  
fixed wealth, and to providing employ-  
ment for the anticipated influx of im-  
migration after the war.

Hon. J. A. Matheson says trade has  
been good in Prince Edward Island,  
money plentiful and employment avail-  
able for those willing and able to work.  
"Our people, who have suffered great  
sorrow and privation by the casual-  
ties of the war," he concludes, "are  
still unanimous for the continuance of  
the struggle."

Increasing Her Share.  
Hon. G. S. Murray says that "while  
Nova Scotia is contributing her share  
of men and money to the great cause  
of the world, she is at the same time  
steadily strengthening her claims  
for any trial of commercial suc-  
cess that may follow the close of hostil-  
ties."

Excluding the sinister influence of  
the war, and the menace it always  
carries," writes Hon. G. J. Clarke, "the  
outlook for the coming year in New  
Brunswick is most promising."

### FOOD PRICE REGULATION OF GERMANY PROVING TO BE UNQUALIFIED FAILURE

Cities Cannot Obtain Supplies Through  
Exportation Put Under Ban.  
Berlin, Dec. 29.—Via London, Dec. 30.  
—Adolf T. von Batocki, president of  
the food regulation board, designs no  
reasons for the failure of the system of  
maximum prices without exportation  
of supplies, the fact that producers  
either consume supplies themselves or  
sell to consumers in their vicinity,  
making it impossible for the retailer  
consumers in the cities to obtain suf-  
ficient supplies. Herr Batocki urges  
the cities to co-operate with the imperi-  
al authorities so as to avoid competi-  
tion by the municipalities in the con-  
tracting for supplies. He says that  
even where a graduated scale of maxi-  
mum prices has been fixed to com-  
pensate for differences in location, the  
system has failed to secure equable  
distribution. This is due to the fact  
that consumers find way of buying  
whatever surplus the producers have.

### MOVE FOR COMPROMISE BREACH OF NEUTRALITY MADE TO AID GERMANY

British Refuse To Stand For Thwarting of Allied Aim To  
Crush Enemy—Somme Battle Real Cause of  
Peace Feelings.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]  
London, Eng., Dec. 30.—In Britain today much significance in connection  
with Germany's plea for peace was seen in Gen. Sir Douglas Haig's review of  
the Somme battle, as published in this morning's papers.  
That Germany sent out her peace feelers because she realized the Somme  
offensive was indication of her future defeat, was generally believed.  
The Morning Post said: "The moral is that the battle was a severe one and  
Germany asked for peace. Therefore, all that the Allies need to consider is  
whether or not Germany will concede the objects for which the Allies are fight-  
ing, or will prefer to continue to resist until her resistance is broken. Any  
suggestion made on the part of neutrals that a compromise might be effected, is  
an attempt to spare Germany, and violation of neutrality."

### CAILLAUX AS PEACE PROPAGANDIST IS AIDING GERMANY

Working on Italian Sympathies  
To Stop War.

### TO SACRIFICE BALKANS

Generous Treatment of France  
and Italy Sop He Is  
Holding Out.

London, Dec. 30.—(New York Times  
Cable dispatch from Rome to the  
London Times says:)

Curiosity has recently been aroused  
in diplomatic and political circles by  
the presence in Rome of M. and Mme.  
Joseph Caillaux. This curiosity is as  
lively at the Vatican as in the neigh-  
borhood of the Quirinal. It appears that  
Caillaux has been engaged here in peace  
propaganda of a somewhat surprising  
kind.  
Caillaux is reported to have recom-  
mended in Italian neutralist quarters,  
where pro-German feeling is still strong,  
a Franco-Italian policy of startling bold-  
ness. Germany, he is understood to  
have said, is disposed to accord most  
generous treatment to France, and pre-  
pared to compel Austria to grant Italy  
terms that would fulfill all or nearly all  
of her national aspirations. The only  
condition would be that Germany should  
have a free hand in dealing with Rus-  
sia, Rumania and the other Balkan  
States. She would thus be able to in-  
crease her power and prestige, while  
sacrificing to France and Italy.

It is not whether these ideas were  
favorably received in Italian neutralist  
quarters. It is known, however, that  
the Italian Government heard of them,  
and that there was some thought of  
replying to them. It is said that Caillaux  
failed to obtain an audience with the pope,  
although Mme. Caillaux paid her re-  
spects to some members of the Sacred  
College. Caillaux's approach of an  
ex-premier, whose fidelity to the Allied  
cause is above suspicion, but found his  
door closed.

It is not believed that Caillaux will  
return to France for the present. In  
Rome the ideas he has ventilated are  
thought to be not unconnected with  
the peace manoeuvres in which inter-  
national high finance has lately been  
indulging.

### SUPPORT TO NOTE BY SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES READY

Communications From Den-  
mark, Norway and Sweden  
Presented.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Swedish,  
Norwegian and Danish foreign offices  
delivered notes to the foreign office  
last night supporting the initiative  
of President Wilson. The Swedish  
notes are identical and are couched  
in terms even more platonic than  
the Swiss note.

PRESENTED AT BERLIN.  
Berlin, Dec. 29.—Via London, Dec. 30.  
—The Scandinavian peace notes were  
presented today to the foreign office  
in Berlin and Vienna. The Swedish  
and Danish representatives in Vienna  
were to deliver the documents. The  
document agrees with outlines tele-  
graphed from the Scandinavian capi-  
tals.

SIMILAR TO OTHERS.  
Washington, Dec. 30.—The official  
copy of the Swedish note also reached  
the department today, being similar in  
terms to those from Norway and Den-  
mark previously received.

### AUSTRIANS STILL SHELL GORITZA, REPORTS ROME

Repeated Hail of Steel Does Little  
Damage, However.

Rome, Dec. 30.—Via London.—A re-  
vival of activity on the part of Italian  
artillery along the whole front is re-  
ported in today's communication from  
the war office, which follows:  
"Along the whole front our artillery  
was very active against the enemy's po-  
sitions. The enemy again repeatedly  
shelled the city and suburbs of Goritza,  
without inflicting damage of importance."  
On the Carso a surprise attack was  
tempted by the enemy against our ad-  
vanced lines was checked promptly by  
our infantry.

### SPAIN REFUSING TO SUPPORT NOTE SENT BY WILSON

News Agency Dispatch De-  
clares Madrid Declines Aid.

### REPLY HANDED TO U.S.

Will Be Made Public Today,  
Says Dispatch From the  
Spanish Capital.

New York, Dec. 30.—A  
news agency dispatch from  
London today says:

According to a Central  
News dispatch from Madrid,  
Spain has notified the United  
States Government that she  
cannot support President Wil-  
son's note.

Madrid, Dec. 29.—Via Paris, Dec. 30.  
—Spain's reply to President Wilson's  
note will be handed the American  
charge in Madrid tonight, and will be  
handed the public at noon tomorrow.  
Premier Romanones drew up the note  
in collaboration with the cabinet pres-  
ident.

The Spanish Government denies re-  
ports which have been spread abroad  
that it is proposed that the peace con-  
ference is to be held at Madrid.

### BART COTTAM SHOT THROUGH HEAD NOW WORD FROM FRANCE

Parents Inclined To Believe  
That This Report Is  
Correct.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cottam, 157 Rid-  
gely street, London, have received a  
further word from France, which they  
are inclined to regard as a final report  
that their only son, Capt. Bart Cottam,  
reported killed in action some weeks  
ago, was shot through the head and  
killed instantly.

### WILSON SENT EXPLANATIONS TO ALL THE CENTRAL POWERS

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Via London, Dec. 30.  
—It has been learned that a few days  
ago President Wilson sent a second  
note explanatory of the first, to the  
central powers and the Entente nations.  
This note has not been presented. The  
reason for the withdrawing of the sec-  
ond note is said to be that the German  
reply, received in the interim, showed  
that the central powers had not been  
influenced by the purpose and aims of  
President Wilson's step which an un-  
friendly press in both camps attributed  
thereto.

### REFUSES TO COMMENT.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Secretary of  
State Lansing refused to comment in  
any way on the report that a second  
explanatory note had been sent to the  
central powers and the Entente Allies  
to correct misinterpretations of the  
president's not calling for peace terms.  
He indicated that under the recent  
policy of silence adopted by President  
Wilson and himself in the peace nego-  
tiations, he would make no statement  
affirming or denying such re-  
ports. It is felt that much under-  
standing might arise in the popular  
mind, and it is held that the various  
governments addressed will be influ-  
enced only by the official information,  
which will be quite complete.  
Other officials, however, said they  
were sure no second note had been sent,  
and that the Berlin dispatches referred  
to the two statements by Secretary  
Lansing issued the day after the dis-  
patch of the original note was advanced.

### MONTENEGRO'S KING'S PALACE DESTROYED

London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the  
Exchange Telegraph Company from  
Amsterdam says the Vienna News  
where King Nicholas of Montenegro was  
born, near Cetinje, has been destroyed  
by fire, and that only a few ruins  
were saved.  
King Nicholas was born in the town  
of Njegos in 1842.

### THE NEXT BIG DRIVE



### OBSERVATION OFFICERS OF CANADIAN BATTERIES ALL DESERVING OF V. C.

With Their Telephonists and Linemen Their Task Is Most  
Hazardous and Nerve-Wracking of all the Arms of  
Service on Battle Front.

London, Dec. 30.—The following  
special article on the Canadian Ar-  
tillery is written by Charles G. D.  
Roberts for the Canadian War  
Records:

If the Canadian Artillery has no  
special distinction in the war, no small  
share of the credit is due to our field  
observation officers, with their tele-  
phonists and linemen. It has been said,  
and with more truth than usually sur-  
rounds such propositions, that every  
man of our F. O. O.'s ought to have  
the Victoria Cross or Military Cross, and  
the proposition might well be extended  
to include the telephonists, who crouch  
behind their lines in their lonely post  
of peril, and his linemen, who wander  
ceaselessly up and down the naked ex-  
posed of the open, under the storm of  
shells and bullets, repairing the wire by  
which he sends back his directions to  
the guns.

Nerve-Wracking Work.  
When these duties have to be carried  
on across the rolling red mud-fields be-  
tween the Somme and the Ancre, where  
the once smiling green of the farm  
fields has been swept clear of every  
shrub and thicket into a deep and  
hideous slime by the bursting shells—  
where the shell-holes lie everywhere so  
close together that it is like threading  
a maze to pick one's clogged way be-  
tween them—where the depth of these  
holes, or petty craters, is often suffi-  
cient to engulf a horse and his rider in  
the putrefying mire which half fills them  
—where one stumbles at every other  
step over some horrid wreckage of a  
limb or a helmet—there is the work  
of the observation officer. He is a  
doubly nerve-wracking the accomplish-  
ment of it doubly magnificent. For just  
this work, on this the world's most  
tremendous battlefield, our Canadian  
lads, fresh from farm and mill and  
shop, factory and college, have de-  
veloped the most amazing, cheerful  
aptitude.

Recruits' Wonderful Courage.  
Here is an instance, from one of our  
Continued on Page 13. Col. 2.

### RUSSIAN ACTIVITY ON GALICIAN FRONT MORE PRONOUNCED

Number of Minor Brushes Go  
To Allied Arms.

### LOSE MOLDAVIAN HEIGHTS

Continued Efforts of Germans  
There Succeed in Pushing  
Line Back.

Petrograd, Dec. 30, via London (Brit-  
ish Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—  
Reporting Russian operations on the  
Russian western front, the Russian of-  
ficial statement issued today says:

"Western front: In the region north  
of Lake Koldychevo our scouts attack  
an enemy field post and capture  
some prisoners."  
"On the Odin Canal, south of Novinki  
our scouting parties attacked an en-  
emy position. After bayonet-  
fighting the enemy fled, leaving in our  
hands a number of prisoners and  
wounded."  
"Our artillery, by successful shoot-  
ing, dispersed three enemy companies  
moving in the valley to the west of the  
village of Priontsevo, and west of  
Zhorov."  
"On the River Bystritsa a party of  
our scouts attacked a trench of the  
enemy which had been pushed forward  
in the region of Hatzkovo. Some of the  
defenders, Austrians, were bayonetted,  
and the rest, including a wounded of-  
ficer, were made prisoners. After this  
attack the enemy replied by unre-  
strained artillery fire, which lasted  
several hours. In the same region our  
artillery successfully bombarded an  
enemy battery situated to the south of  
the village of Rybno."  
"On the Moldavian frontier, in the  
region north and south of the valley  
of the River Otuz, the enemy launched  
repeated attacks on our position.  
By repeated blows he succeeded in oc-  
cupying several heights, and pressed  
back our troops slightly to the east-  
ward. Our forces are consolidating  
themselves in a new position north of  
the village of Hoshia and east and  
south of the village of Somoze."  
"Caucasian front: The situation has  
undergone no change."

### KAISER PRAISES BISSING FOR "IRON HAND" TACTICS

Thanks Belgium's Bloody Governor for  
"Loyal Work."

London, Dec. 30.—General Baron von  
Bissing, governor-general of Belgium,  
who is lying seriously ill with pneu-  
monia at Brussels, says the Exchange  
Telegraph Company's Amsterdam cor-  
respondent, has received a sympathetic  
message from Emperor William. The  
correspondent quotes the Kaiser's mes-  
sage as follows:

"You have used a strong hand and  
the country in a far-sighted manner,  
on have seen that the population has  
been kept quiet and orderly, and have  
always favored German interests, as  
as your duty. For your fidelity and  
successful accomplishment of duty in  
a difficult and responsible position I  
beg to thank you."  
The probability of Governor-General  
Bissing's retirement because of  
ill health is being widely discussed in  
German circles in Brussels, the corre-  
spondent adds.

### TEUTONS CLAIM TO HAVE BROKEN RUSSIAN LINE

Berlin Says Russo-Rumanians Driven  
Back Along Whole Front.

### REPARATION AND RESTITUTION DEMANDED BY ENTENTE IN ANSWER TO GERMANY WHICH IS TO BE DELIVERED TONIGHT

### BERLIN IS PESSIMISTIC OVER PROSPECTS FOR WAR'S SPEEDY ENDING

Feeling in Belligerent Capitals  
Too Plain, Says Lokal  
Anzeiger.

London, Dec. 30.—The Berlin  
Lokal Anzeiger has become pes-  
simistic over the prospects of peace,  
according to a Copenhagen dispatch  
to the Exchange Telegraph Com-  
pany. The dispatch quotes the  
Friday issue of the paper as say-  
ing:

"As the result of information re-  
ceived in well informed political  
circles, we have the impression that  
the hope of speedy peace is more  
remote. The feeling in lead-  
ing circles in these belligerent capi-  
tals is too plain, and no mistake  
concerning the intentions of the  
central powers is possible."

### MARINE UNDERWRITERS NERVOUS OVER RAIDS; JUMP THEIR RATES

Exaggerated Anxiety Causes Sig-  
nificant Increase in Insurance.

New York, Dec. 30.—Marine insur-  
ance rates today showed another in-  
crease. Underwriters quoted six to eight  
per cent for insuring cargoes bound to  
ports of the United Kingdom and ten  
per cent to Mediterranean ports. A  
few days ago these rates stood at five  
to eight per cent.

The advance was attributed to re-  
ports that the Lamport & Holt liner  
Voltaire, long overdue, had been cap-  
tured by a German prize crew and was  
preying on allied freighters in the  
North Atlantic and to the fact that sev-  
eral trans-Atlantic steamers are now  
overdue on both sides of the ocean.

Although the Voltaire, from Liver-  
pool to New York, is fourteen days be-  
hind her schedule, representatives of  
the line here said that they had not  
given up hope and should not do so  
until they heard officially that their  
vessel had been lost. In maritime cir-  
cles it was pointed out that anxiety  
over the non-arrival of steamers is un-  
necessarily exaggerated. On account  
of rough weather it is said that several  
steamships are taking from 23 to 28  
days to cross. Underwriters say it is  
difficult to know just when a vessel  
left a British port for New York be-  
cause the Government might order her  
into another port, where she might be  
detained for a week or more.

### GOLDEN FLOOD TO STATES CONTINUES BREAKING RECORDS

Total for the Year Now Stands at  
\$884,700,000.

New York, Dec. 30.—The inflow of  
gold this week carried the total of the  
year's imports to \$884,700,000. This is by  
far the greatest amount of gold to enter  
the United States in a single year.  
The total of imports for the week in  
behalf of the British treasury amounts  
to \$58,000,000. The heavy expansion of  
shipments since last Monday is taken  
in banking circles as an indication that  
the British authorities are planning to  
continue sending gold here on an enor-  
mous scale.

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Back Along Whole Front.

Reply, Being Forwarded From Paris Tonight, Sets Forth  
Again Responsibility of Central Powers For  
European Conflagration.

### MAKE DEMAND FOR SPECIAL GERMAN GUARANTEES

Parisian Report Says Allies Refuse To Put Berlin in Same  
Class as Powers Respectful of Signatures—Failure  
To Formulate Proposals Removes Basis For  
Negotiations.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Allies' answer to the Ger-  
man note of December 12 will be handed to United  
States Ambassador Sharp tonight, says the Petit  
Parisien, and published tomorrow. It is long, and sets  
forth again the responsibility of the central empires  
for the European conflagration. It insists on legitimate  
reparations and restitutions demanded by the Entente  
as outlined by Premier Lloyd George, and also says  
that Germany, by failing to formulate proposals for  
peace, removes in advance any basis for pourparlers.  
The note seeks to suggest that the Berlin cabinet,  
having proclaimed in 1914 its contempt for treaties,  
cannot pretend to obtain the same conditions as pow-  
ers respectful of signatures, and must offer guaran-  
tees.

### DESTROYER SAVED FREIGHTER FROM NEW TYPE OF SUB

Timely Arrival Prevented De-  
struction of Steamer.

### SUBMERSIBLE RAN AWAY SHOULD BE NO FEAR

Was Ready To Fire When Ap-  
pearance of Battleship  
Changed Tactics.

New York, Dec. 30.—The British  
freight steamer Chicago City, from  
Bristol, England, December 11, was  
on and stopped by a German submarine  
on December 14, when about 120 miles  
off Fastnet, according to a report of  
the crew on her arrival here today. The  
Chicago City was saved from being sunk  
by the timely appearance of a British  
destroyer attracted by the sound of the  
sinking. Two shots were fired by the  
submersible, the men said, the first  
passing over the ship amidships at a  
height of about 25 feet, and the other  
just missing her bow. Capt. Crink  
stopped the vessel and with the sub-  
marine about a half mile away boats  
were lowered and the men were already  
getting into them when the destroyer  
hove into sight.

The crew of the Chicago City went  
back on board their ship, signalled the  
destroyer they were all right, and re-  
ceived orders to proceed immediately on  
their course. The last seen of the de-  
stroyer was circling about the place  
where the submarine disappeared.

The submersible is described as being  
of a new type more than 200 feet long  
and painted deep black. Two guns were  
seen mounted on her deck. It was evi-  
dent she was manoeuvring into a po-  
sition from which to discharge a torpedo  
when the destroyer was seen, the crew  
said, and she immediately abandoned  
her work, veered about and soon sank  
from sight.

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### FREIGHT RATES INCREASES TO ONTARIO SUSPENDED

Corn Can Come In From States Under  
Old Rates Till May 1.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Proposed in-  
creases of from 10 to 20 per cent in  
freight rates on corn shipped from Chi-  
cago and Detroit elevators to Toronto  
and other points in Ontario and Quebec,  
Canada, were suspended today by the  
Interstate Commerce commission until  
May 1, the suspension applying to rates  
over the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk,  
Wabash and Michigan Central lines.

### KO CARGOES, THEREFORE NO SHIPPING DEMAND

Poor Pessimistic Germans Are at It  
Again.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Via London, Dec. 30.  
—Albert Ballin, director-general of the  
Hamburg-American Steamship Line,  
Port Arthur, says that the Germans will  
have a great and long-continued boom  
after the end of the war. When the  
world's commercial fleet resumes normal  
activity, Herr Ballin says, much more  
tonnage will be offered after a few  
months than will be demanded.  
The reason assigned for this view is  
that ocean trade will suffer to a high  
degree from a shortage of goods for ex-  
port, from high prices of raw materials  
and food supplies, and from unfavor-  
able rates of foreign exchange.

### THE WEATHER

#### LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest  
temperatures recorded in London during  
the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last  
night. Highest, 20; lowest, 10.  
The actual temperatures for the 12  
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:  
Highest, 15; lowest, 12.

#### TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—3 a.m.  
Forecast:  
Moderate winds; fair and cold today  
and on Sunday.

#### Temperatures.

The following were the highest and low-  
est temperatures recorded in London during  
the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today.  
Locations. High. Low. Weather.  
Victoria ..... 46 33 Clear  
Calgary ..... 40 14 Snow  
Winnipeg ..... 6 18 Clear  
Port Arthur ..... 2 12 Cloudy  
Buffalo ..... 10 22 Cloudy  
Perry Sound ..... 10 22 Cloudy  
Port Stanley ..... 20 12 Cloudy  
Toronto ..... 26 16 Cloudy  
Ottawa ..... 19 23 Cloudy  
Montreal ..... 19 23 Cloudy  
Quebec ..... 8 6 Fair  
Father Point ..... 2 12 Clear  
Minus (—) means below zero.  
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the Maritime Provinces.  
No conditions have set in over  
Alberta.



## 'I PUT MY ARMS AROUND HIM AND KISSED HIM FOR I FELT I WANTED TO MOTHER HIM SO'

Nurse Writes Touching Letter to Father of Pte. Lewington Davis, Who Died of Wounds, Telling How His Last Moments Were Soothed.

Busy as they are and with the fear, constant strain of their work, testing their physical and mental, military nurses in the old land still have time to write to the bereaved ones in Canada, and the letters bring a peace and satisfaction that makes less heavy the burden.

Lewington G. Davis, son of Walter H. Davis, 151 Military street, was wounded on November 18 on the Somme front, being hit by machine gun bullets in the thigh. Blood poisoning set in and his death followed. He enlisted in the 1st Battalion, and has a brother Fred serving in the trenches, who is mentioned in the following letter received by Mr. Davis from the nurse who attended Lewington.

Mr. Davis sent a copy of the letter to The Advertiser, believing it only right that the people of Canada should know what great-hearted women are tending the boys in hospital.

Nelson Park Hospital, London, Ontario.

December 14, 1916.

"Dear Mr. Davis,—You will know by this time that your little boy passed away last Sunday. Needless to say, how sorry we all are, for we all loved him. You and your daughter have our deepest sympathy. He was taken suddenly, and on Sunday evening. Everything that could possibly be done was done for him. He had no apparent pain, but just seemed tired out and went to sleep. Just before I left him at 9 o'clock he sat up in bed and I put my arms around him and kissed him. He had told me he had no mother, and I felt I wanted to mother him so. I knew I wouldn't see him again, and he seemed so young to die, but he was a real little soldier to the last. I guess you must feel proud of him. He went with his last resting place at noon today with full military honors. It was nice and bright, the sun shining gloriously just at the time, as though God was pleased that the lad had laid down his life for his friends. We were none of us able to go, but we did what we could and sent flowers from the Sisters and patients. There are a good many Canadians in hospital, but haven't come across one from his battalion. There was one in the next bed to him who went by the name of 'Young Canada,' and we all miss our baby, with his shining smile. Any night I found his brother's address in his pocket-book and wrote him on Monday. I hope it will reach him."

"I have several little things belonging to your little boy, which I will send on to you. I feel sure you would rather he died over here among friends than be taken prisoner and may be ill-treated. Once more please accept our deepest sympathy. I am, with kindest regards, your sincere friend, a nurse."

"SISTER HARBUTT."

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

## CHRISTMAS EXAM. RESULTS AT COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

The following are the results of the Christmas examinations held at the London Collegiate Institute. The names are arranged in order of merit. Class I, constitutes those who obtained an average of 75 per cent and over, and not less than 40 per cent on any paper; Class II, those who obtained an average of 60 to 75 per cent, and not less than 40 per cent on any paper; Class III, those who obtained an average of 50 to 75 per cent, below 40 per cent on not more than two papers; Class IV, those who obtained 40 to 50 per cent, below 40 per cent on not more than two papers.

LOWER I.

Class I—T. Bayly, M. Greve, L. Blair, E. Boyd, F. Collyer, H. Barbour, R. Cowley, A. Robler.

Class II—C. Adams, A. Campbell, A. Beer, E. Brazier, L. Clement, N. Campbell, M. Clinger, J. Grieve.

Class III—A. Bryant, V. Blashill, M. Dolner, R. Albertson, N. Ashman, H. Bolton, E. Britton.

Class IV—M. Case, M. Bennett, E. Frawley, H. Asstler, M. Baker.

LOWER II.

Class I—R. Dungan, H. Frazer, W. Gammage, M. Garly, A. Fowler, A. Esherty, J. Gornall, P. Gorman, S. Goss, A. Davidson, P. Graham.

Class II—R. Davis, D. Davis, G. Garlick, I. Duncan, A. England, E. Finnegan, G. Forster, G. Flood, R. Farnham, J. Gray, G. Gault, E. Gleason, F. Donald, M. Deane, G. Gault.

Class III—T. Richardson, E. Griffith, V. Dean, L. Dambra, M. McAlpine, V. Finch, A. Duffin.

Class IV—J. H. Henderson.

LOWER III.

Class I—F. Humphrey, E. Kallacher, H. Hunt, W. King, D. Johnson, E. Jones, E. Killingsworth, P. Hornell, J. Hunter, A. King, H. Henderson.

Class II—R. Macdonald, M. Linfo, E. Macdonald, S. Macdonald, L. Lockwood, E. Nugent, N. Miller, M. Madge, M. Loughlin, O. McElrion, I. McLaugh, G. Loughlin.

Class III—C. Morgan, E. Mayer, H. McDevlin, J. McDevlin, M. McDevlin, E. McCormick, E. Mantle, J. Minihick, J. Peterson, M. McCormick, A. McKay, A. McLean, T. McCall.

Class IV—K. Crawford, L. Littlejohn, B. Lankin, D. Macpherson, R. Lashbrook, L. Crouch, E. Mahon, H. E. Lindsay.

Class V—D. Motz, A. Mercer.

LOWER IV—BOYS.

Class I—B. Nisimo, H. Robson, F. Quick, H. Loughlin.

Class II—G. Parsons, J. Russell, S. Kitchin, A. Procter, J. Rider, M. Parkinson, H. Bayliffe.

Class III—H. Pierce, A. Rourke, C. Moore.

Class IV—J. Sarason, H. Richmond, V. Bayliffe.

LOWER V.

Class I—M. Smith, L. McEwen, K. Suter, C. Martin.

Class II—R. Tanner, D. Silverwood, R. Shoenberg, R. Sadler, W. Vermer, C. Hall, G. Tilden, G. Sharpe, A. Valenka, G. Wang, J. Baskin, J. Stuart, L. Spitzberg, J. Smith, J. Smith, M. Sprague, E. Smith, M. Tabbot, K. Laurie.

Class III—W. Jeffrey, M. Springett, E. Smith.

LOWER VI.

Class I—C. Wright, R. Tufts, E. Norton, V. Wigmore.

Class II—G. Hole, K. White, I. Mitchell, V. Vincent, N. Tatt, D. Wallis, G. Young, R. Walsh, P. Wilson, T. Byrne, N. Nobis, H. Nichol, M. Westland.

Class III—M. Walker, E. Webster, R. Harcombe, E. Wood, J. Wilson, J. Whitaker, N. Walsh, M. Wallis, M. Walwright, G. Ward, I. Water, E. Wistow.

Class IV—M. Walde, H. Weld, L. Williamson, Unclassified—W. Gerry, B. Walton, C. Wilson, I. Wright.

LOWER VII.

Class I—W. Beamer, H. Allison, G. H. Logan, J. Butler, F. Horstman, J. Boy, L. Callaghan, E. Buckworth, B. Attridge, N. Baker, O. Rankes, K. Anderson, J. Blodgett, R. Charlton.

Class II—G. Gibson, M. Fox, M. Gibson, B. Fetterly, O. Richmond, J. Ferguson, C. Deely, R. Elvinge, A. Darch, M. Durnford, A. Collamore, E. Foster, A. Harrison, J. Crawford, E. Collyer, L. Ferguson, G. Dean and W. Gerard (equal), H. Holmes.

Class III—W. Crump, D. Fisher, L. Redmond, J. Doherty, R. Crosbie, D. Collier, H. Dennis, W. Hunter, J. Drew, B. Stralight.

LOWER VIII.

Class I—G. Magee, N. Scott, V. Marr,

## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Use of the Word "Revenge."

To the Editor of The Advertiser: May I be allowed to express an opinion regarding the use of the word "revenge" in your leading article of this evening, December 28. It seems to me another word would have been as effective and less objectionable. I do not object to the article or its purpose; judges and juries have an unpleasant duty to perform in such cases as have sufficient confidence in my countrymen to feel that they, in doing what the law requires of them, do so with the sincere desire to deter others from following a like course. I believe your readers would get at large regard the law as acting wholly as a deterrent, and in no sense vengeful, consequently the word in this connection can have no proper place.

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST H. RUSSELL.

London, December 28, 1916.

THE CLAIMS OF ONE CANDIDATE.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I see that Commissioner McFarlane puts his claim to the support of the electors upon the platform "Plenty of pure water and no profits to speculators."

Upon Mr. McFarlane's record on the commission is this not presuming a deal upon the credit of the voters? Did we not pay for sewer service and street watering service all summer and were we not without both services most of the season during which they were actually needed? It is a poor time now, when he wants votes, to preach plenty of water. Last summer when we had for two years entered him with the business of getting water he got water. By his vote he made it impossible for Commissioners Mitchell and Dennis to get water. At the command of those who had personal affairs at stake, he shelved the McGregor spring proposition, questioning the purity of the water, and in the same breath "blowing in" the people's money in a vain effort to strike the same "impure springs" on adjoining lands, upon which adjoining lands some other speculator had an option at some price, and all this after McGregor had spent his money in demonstrating the quality and quantity of water available in the McGregor springs, and after an offer to the commission at any price, which two of three arbitrators—preferable three county judges—might upon proper inquiry fix. To begin with do the voters of London desire to take water from the commission at any price, which two of three arbitrators—preferable three county judges—might upon proper inquiry fix. To begin with do the voters of London desire to take water from the commission at any price, which two of three arbitrators—preferable three county judges—might upon proper inquiry fix.

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Class III—R. Stevenson, A. Lewis, G. Young, E. Skuse, M. Noble, P. Serie, M. Park, M. Schmidt, N. Walker, A. Reed.

Class IV—N. Wilson, A. Traver, M. Mahon, N. Sharnan, L. Sutton.

Commercial B.

Class I—E. Cadwallader, G. Huid, C. Groom, G. Harris.

Class II—B. Brown, E. Jeffery, D. Boyce, G. Goudie, E. Anderson, M. Hill, A. Harris, A. Foster, A. Horwood, O. Flowers, C. Dexter, G. Flood.

Class III—M. Guest, J. Collins, H. Channer, H. Lewis, M. Johnson, J. Flowers, M. Fletcher, L. Gilbert, Gray, J. Petrie, G. Dixon, M. Davies, V. Blood, A. Famularo, M. Dick, A. Frances, H. Faulkner.

Class IV—F. Essex, L. Flannigan, M. Boyd, G. Ferguson.

Unclassified—M. Ford, E. Agnew, C. Windsor.

Commercial C.

Class I—A. Groom, M. Wintergill, L. Flood.

Class II—A. Dayton, E. Jenkins, M. Ashman, H. Weinstein, G. Holland, E. Wares, P. Wingett, R. Rush, H. Chapman.

Class III—J. Adams, L. Field, P. Goodland, C. Sugden, E. Purdy, M. Davis, J. Fysh, H. McMurtry, L. Jones, W. Ferguson, C. Steele, G. Wood, E. Mitchell, E. McGladdery, M. Conryman.

Class IV—L. Parker, W. Brett, A. Chapman, H. Land, H. Wilkins.

QUEBEC STREET COMMERCIAL.

First Year.

Class I—B. McKenzie, M. Maricham, E. Clark.

Class II—M. Goby, E. Neely, M. Wheeler, W. Taylor.

Class III—L. Mowat, J. Edwards, G. Link, E. Little, F. Vansickie, D. Couke, O. Clark.

Class IV—C. Armstrong.

Second Year.

Class I—V. Stallard, D. Crookford, E. Crookford, G. Saleh, J. McCall (equal), A. Moss, E. Steele, L. Weber, M. Jewell, P. Graham, B. Steele.

Class II—E. Yerex, C. Benbow, W. White, D. Wallace.

Class III—F. Jewell.

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**The Smallman & Ingram**

## Reliable Store Methods

Growing up here through the years, and keeping steady pace with the development of London and Western Ontario, this store has come to be a quasi-public institution—"To have what the people want, when they want it and at fair prices."

A dollar put out at interest a whole year will earn six cents. Study the Smallman & Ingram ads and see how wonderfully the power of your dollar increases in a single day. Nowhere will you receive greater dividends in quantity and quality than at this store.

**RELIABLE METHODS OF DOING BUSINESS ARE THE KIND THAT BUILD UP A GREAT TRADE.**

We want every customer of this store to feel that at all times we endeavor to give the very best quality that can be bought in the market for a given price. Our motto is not how cheap, but how good an article we can give for the price. As every business prospers and grows in proportion to the service it renders, we feel that the great growth of this store may be attributed to the unlimited confidence placed in it by its patrons. And it is the purpose of the executive of this store to see that this great confidence is not violated in any single instance. The customer is supreme at the Smallman & Ingram Store.

**WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

**Store Will Be Closed Monday-New Year's Day**

**SMALLMAN & INGRAM**

## NONAGENARIAN, FORMER LONDONER, DIES AT EXETER

John Southcott Came to Canada as Young Man—Known as "Uncle John."

One of the early settlers of Exeter passed away at Grand Bend, in the person of John Southcott, in his 90th year. Up until a short time before his death he possessed all his faculties. He was confined to his bed for about five weeks. He was born in Devonshire, Eng., and came to Canada a young man with his wife. They came by rail as far as Hamilton, and then made their way to London, where they resided a couple of years. During that time Mr. Southcott followed his trade as a carpenter, and assisted to erect the first depot in London. Later they moved to Exeter, where a brother, Charles, was engaged in business. Here he erected the first frame house in town.

John Street, running east from Main, was named after him. For about fifteen years he resided at the Bend, where he was known to the campers as "Uncle John."

Three sons and two daughters survived: Robert J. of London, William and Frank of Manitoba, Mrs. A. Wanless and Mrs. Vincent of London. The late Mrs. John Burridge of King street, and Mrs. Joseph Clark of Colorado City were also daughters.

The funeral was held from Mrs. Southcott's residence, Exeter, on Tuesday, Rev. Mr. Bald conducting the services.

Among those who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Southcott, Maryboro Place; Mrs. A. Wanless, Ontario street; W. C. Southcott, Simcoe street; Mrs. T. Lee, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Southcott, Zurich; David and John Linn, Emerick.

**PATRIOTIC SONG SERVICE**

A patriotic song service is to be held at the Majestic Theatre, New Year's Eve, under the auspices of the Overseas Chapter of the I. O. D. E. The band of the 149th Battalion, under the leadership of Sgt. Martin Davis, is presenting a musical program, and the proceeds of the concert will be for the 11th Battalion Band fund.

Rev. H. H. Bingham will deliver an address on "The Symbol of Victory." Solos will be sung by Miss Francis Cullen, Chris Pink and Percy King.

The concert is an expression of appreciation by the chapter to the 11th Band, which, under the leadership of Sgt. Lockhart, has given its services free on a number of occasions. The next concert held under the auspices of the Overseas Chapter will be for the benefit of the 149th Battalion Band.

Major Smith will be chairman for the New Year's Eve concert.

**WELLINGTON ST. BOYS  
ADOPT STANDARD TEST**

A banquet was given in Wellington Street Methodist Lecture Hall Friday evening for the purpose of discussing the Canadian standard efficiency test, which is being adopted in nearly all Y. M. C. A. and Sunday schools in Canada.

This program is a new one, and Wellington Street Methodist Church is the fourth church in the city to enter.

Nearly fifty boys and young men were present and enjoyed the banquet, after which Rev. Mr. Ashton, chairman for the evening, gave a short address.

R. C. Davis of the Y. M. C. A. was present, and told of what the Canadian standard efficiency test had done, and what it was doing for the boys. This test has been adopted in the United States and China, but it is a Canadian test, worked out in the Toronto Y. M. C. A. a few years ago by the secretary.

After the banquet the officers were elected for the coming year to make this test a success and to let the boys of Wellington Street Church interested.

**Colds Cause Headache and Grip.**

LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVES' signature is on box. 25c.

## PTE. JOSEPH LONEY OF LONDON KILLED IN ACTION



GAMMAGE THINKING  
OF SUING MAYOR ON  
ONE OF STATEMENTSAlleges Libel in Advertise-  
ment Published Friday.NOT ENEMY OF HYDRO  
Says His Record as Controller  
Clearly Shows His  
Position.

The majority contest has not been exciting this year. At least it was not until yesterday, when Mayor Stevenson published an advertisement which his opponent, Controller Gammage, is considering referring to the courts.

An action for libel is being urged by the controller's friends as the result of what they term the mayor's "propaganda and slanderous" statements. The mayor's advertisement to which Controller Gammage takes exception, is one in which his opponent says: "Beware lest friends of the interests wreck hydro and the L. and P. S. R."

"It is not unfair tactics," said Mr. Gammage to The Advertiser, "I do not know what is. No one knows better than Mayor Stevenson that to create the impression that I would wreck hydro is absolutely untrue. My record on the board of controller speaks for itself. I have consistently supported public ownership, voting at all times to promote the interest of hydro and the city's safety. On the very last occasion when L. and P. S. R. matters were before the council, and surely the mayor can remember that far back—I voted to issue \$100,000 debentures for the L. and P. S. R., and I have voted for everything else asked by the commission."

"I have marveled at some of the advertisements of the mayor, as the claims made have been ridiculous. In fact, they were so far that I did not suppose anybody would take them seriously. But in the display advertisement the mayor does not stop at making claims for himself, but goes a step further and deliberately libels me. It is so unfair that I am referring the question to my solicitors."

INNOCENT AND HEALTHFUL  
AMUSEMENT.

There is no more interesting sight about the city these evenings than that presented at the open air rink, Victoria Park. It is a joy even to those walking through the park to see the hundreds of young people gliding over the improvised rink in happy form and merry voice. The ice area extends all around the band stand, which has been enclosed by canvas cover over the structural framework. Comfortable dressing-rooms have been provided by dividing the interior with a canvas partition, the east side for the ladies and west side for the gentlemen. It is little wonder that the place presents such an animated scene every favorable evening, and the park commissioner is to be commended for enabling the youth to indulge in such pleasurable pastime at no cost. If you are not equipped with your own skates, the rink has a supply of them for hire. We carry a very full line of both. Casselman Bros., 171 Dundas Street.

Vote for  
Mayor  
W. W. Gammage

## Board of Control

E. S. Little  
J. M. Moore  
Dr. R. W. Shaw  
R. J. Webster

## Utilities Board

T. W. McFarland  
J. Frank White

## Aldermen

Ward 1—  
Thos. W. Copp  
Dr. O. I. Cunningham  
J. J. Dyer

## Ward 2—

W. G. R. Bartram  
Frank E. Harley  
Oliver G. Keene

## Ward 3—

Gordon B. Drake  
Adam W. Palmer  
G. E. Rose

## Ward 4—

James Donnelly  
Geo. R. Kettle

## Vote on Bylaws

AS FOLLOWS:

Industrial Bylaw For X

Hydro Electric. Yes X

City Hall . . . . . Yes X

## NEWS

SPECIAL SOLOIST.—At the morning service in Dundas Centre Methodist Church, Miss Clara E. Brock, contra-alto soloist of Toronto, will sing.

TORONTO SOLOIST.—Miss E. Pearl Brock, soloist of Bloor Street Baptist Church, Toronto, will sing at the First Congregational Church tomorrow evening.

MEETING ON TUESDAY.—On account of Monday being a holiday the regular monthly meeting of the Orphans' Home will be held on Tuesday, January 2nd.

"CALL OF DYING YEAR."—"The Call of the Dying Year" is the title of the sermon to be preached in Adelaide Street Baptist Church by Rev. Jas. Boyd on Sunday night. Baptism will be administered during the service. A watchnight service will be held at 10:45 p.m., at which Rev. H. H. Bingham will be the speaker.

CLOSING NEW YEAR SERVICES.—At St. George's Church, tomorrow, the last Sunday of the year, there will be special services. In the morning, Austin G. Plan, former assistant, will officiate. The young and old, and in the evening the Bishop of Huron will preach and confirm several candidates.

MAY MERGE MEMBERSHIPS.—A proposition is being considered to merge the London and Travelers' Club memberships. Committees from both organizations are working on the scheme, and it is expected that shortly some definite arrangement will be made. It is thought that one club will accommodate Londoners who want club life.

MISSION CHRISTMAS TREE.—York Street Mission Hall held a successful Christmas tree and entertainment Thursday night. Two hundred parents and children were made happy, each receiving a present and bag of candy. The singing and drill of the children and chorus by the choir were well rendered. The hall was packed to the doors and a most enjoyable evening closed by the singing of God Save the King.

TWO WRITS ISSUED.—Two supreme court writs have been entered. Thomas W. Walker, suing Joseph and Mamie Walker, Moss Township, and James Pools, Gloucester, for damages for alleged wrongful restraint of the plaintiff's wife and child, namely, four horses, and for an injunction to prevent the sale of the said horses. The G. T. R. is made the defendant in an action for alleged injuries, brought by Fred Blayney, an employee of the London Electric Company, who claims his injuries were due to negligence on the part of the railway company.

MORE BOY BABIES THAN  
GIRLS BORN IN THIS YEARDeaths Taken Larger Toll Usual,  
With Marriages Falling Off.

Boys are in the majority in the births for the year. Of the 1,292 babies born during 1916, 658 were boys and 636 were girls, showing a surplus of 22 over the girls. In 1915, there were 1,228 births, 658 less than this year, but there were 625 girls and 603 boys, the girls having it by 22. This year practically speaking, the number of illegitimate children born during 1916, as compared with 41 for 1915. There was a falling off in the number of marriages, something that was not unexpected, in view of the price of pork chops and turkey. There were 655 marriages during 1916, and 707 during 1915, a decrease of 52. In December there were 38 marriages as compared with 49 in December, 1915. The Grim Reaper was busy, more than usually so. There were 932 deaths recorded, as compared with 899 last year, an increase of 33. There was no particular epidemic to cause the increase, but a large number of old people and infants died during the hot spell of the summer. This was particularly noticeable in July.

In December, the deaths numbered 83, an increase of 2 over the corresponding month last year. Of these 16 were persons over 70 years of age, and 10 were infants under 1 year. Pneumonia caused 12 deaths, and tuberculosis 5. Diphtheria was responsible for 1 death, cancer 4, and scarlet fever 2.

## WEDDING BELLS

PREST—MORGAN.

A pretty home wedding was celebrated on Wednesday at noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Morgan, 4th concession, McGillivray, when their eldest daughter, Ida May, was married to William Thomas Prest, only son of Marwood Prest, 12th concession, Rev. T. H. Whalen of Alisa Craig officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of cream silk and wool crepe, a bridal veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The bride and groom were unattended. Miss Mary Prest, cousin of the groom, played the wedding march. After a sumptuous wedding dinner, at which about eighty relatives and friends were present, Mr. and Mrs. Prest left amid showers of congratulations and confetti for a short trip, the bride wearing a suit of navy blue serge and mink furs, the gift of the groom. The presents were numerous.

## COMMITTEE ROOMS.

Mayor H. A. Stevenson has opened a committee room at 27 Dundas street, and his telephone number is 1297. Information can be secured there.

PEOPLE TO SAY AS  
TO DAYLIGHT SAVING,  
DECLARES GAMMAGEWill Not, If Elected, Allow  
It Unless Desired.

## ELECTION TO BE CLOSE

Popular Belief Is That Mayor  
Made One Big  
Mistake.

Controller W. W. Gammage, candidate for the mayoralty, stated today that one of the planks of his platform would be to see that no scheme to institute daylight saving on the workmen of the city would be put into force next summer unless the workmen of the city were consulted.

"Every workman I talked with last summer was against the plan, and if I am elected mayor I will see to it that no such scheme is put through unless the people are consulted," he added. "I have been asked by a great many men about this matter, and I have given them the assurance that daylight saving will not be thrust upon them unless they show a desire for it."

The guessing on the mayoralty among those who follow elections is mostly confined to the statement: "It's a toss-up." Both candidates have almost always headed the poll when they ran, and Mr. Gammage is a man who has been regarded as the logical candidate for mayor. While he has not made many promises, his idea for co-ordination of the city could be held out as being approved by ratepayers everywhere.

BUILDING PERMITS JUST  
UNDER \$1,000,000 MARKThis Total Is Considerably Less Than In  
1915, But Considered Satisfactory.

The building permits for the year did not quite reach the million dollar mark, but were well above \$900,000.

In view of conditions, this is considered most satisfactory. The total is about \$774,000 less than in 1915.

The exact amount of the building was \$774,125. This does not include any city works, to be erected outside the city, for which the city pays. There will be an \$85,000 addition to the city works, and \$20,000 on the city bathing house at Port Stanley; these included, the amount would be over the million dollars.

The permits for December total \$15,705, which include \$7,500 for the hospital for the insane. Last December, the total was \$24,270.

The comparative figures for the months of the year are:

	1915.	1916.
January	\$15,450	\$19,200
February	13,065	18,765
March	40,225	40,225
April	116,250	32,550
May	184,350	111,840
June	206,110	95,105
July	265,185	214,020
August	31,250	107,985
September	41,850	35,710
October	119,380	110,135
November	75,470	67,550
December	24,270	15,705

Total . . . . . \$1,207,270 \$955,125

"The results are most satisfactory," said Building Inspector Piper. "Building was much better than I anticipated."

## DEATHS AND FUNERALS

## BURIED AT MOUNT PLEASANT

The funeral of Abraham Pleasant took place from his late residence, 81 Chesley avenue, on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. At 2:00 o'clock Rev. H. D. Mayer, D.D., of the Methodist Church, conducted the service. The pallbearers were E. Nutkins, W. Chamblin, H. Nicholls, R. Lake, C. Atkinson, and J. Wilson, all members of the A. O. U. W.

## DIED IN CHICAGO

The death occurred in Chicago on Thursday, December 28th, of James Campbell, aged 59 years. Mr. Campbell was a former resident of London but had been living in Chicago for several years. He is survived by one son, James Campbell, and one daughter, Dr. C. T. Campbell. The funeral took place today from the funeral parlors of J. Ferguson & Sons at 2:30. The services were at 2 o'clock in chapel. Rev. H. H. Bingham of Talbot Street Baptist Church, Toronto, was at Oakland Cemetery.

## DEATH OF CORAL SMITH

The death of Coral Smith occurred at the residence of his son, Wilmer Smith, 622 Elizabeth street, on Thursday, December 28th, at the age of 72 years. Mr. Smith was a former resident of London. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Smith, three daughters, Mrs. C. Abbot, of Meaford, Alta.; Mrs. M. H. Cowan, Vancouver, B. C.; and Mrs. W. Seaburn, this city; and four sons, Charles Smith, Greenwood Wis.; Austin Smith, Komoka; Wilmer and Russell Smith, of this city. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The service will be at 2:30, in charge of Rev. Dr. Moorehouse. Interment will be at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

## DEATH OF MRS. DICKEY

The death occurred in this city on Friday, December 29th, of Mrs. Sarah Ann Dickey, wife of Ira Dickey, 3rd concession, Westminster Township. Mrs. Dickey had been a resident of Westminster for many years, and was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stafford Bird, 211 Tecumseh avenue, at the time of her death.

## PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Macdonell and baby Angelina, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mrs. Macdonell's mother, Mrs. Dwyer, 681 Richmond street.

SUBDIVISIONS WHERE  
VOTING MAY BE DONE

There have been many inquiries at the city hall relative to the location of the various polling places. Clerk Baker has prepared a list of them, and has copies for distribution. The list is as follows:

Subdivision 1.—J. E. Keenleyside's office, 283 Richmond street; O. Dale, D.R.O.; C. Eggleston, clerk. Subdivision 2.—Mrs. Reeves' house, 228 King street; J. M. Parsons, D.R.O.; J. P. Ball, clerk. Subdivision 3.—Mrs. Hough's house, 42 York street; C. Hasman, D.R.O.; J. H. Harley, clerk. Subdivision 4.—Mrs. Hollins' house, 370 Victoria street; C. Hollins, D.R.O.; T. W. Baker, clerk. Subdivision 5.—Mrs. Dutton's house, 278 Talbot street; John Hitchens, D.R.O.; P. Kool, clerk. Subdivision 6.—Mrs. Button's house, 244 Grey street; W. T. Lawrence, D.R.O.; R. Henderson, clerk. Subdivision 7.—J. C. Parke's shop, 159 Simcoe street; E. F. Clegg, D.R.O.; E. F. Clegg, clerk. Subdivision 8.—Mrs. Smith's house, 103 Wellington road; G. England, D.R.O.; J. B. Jones, clerk. Subdivision 9.—A. H. Taylor's store, 302 Dundas street; S. Chandler, D.R.O.; J. H. Speer, clerk. Subdivision 10.—J. B. Kernan's house, 42 Garfield avenue; R. N. Wright, D.R.O.; C. J. Phillips, clerk. Subdivision 11.—Mrs. Casey's house, 19 Marley place; R. Cadwallader, D.R.O.; T. H. Ellis, clerk. Subdivision 12.—A. Heddon's house, 159 Tecumseh avenue; G. R. Keenleyside, D.R.O.; E. M. Keenleyside, clerk. Subdivision 13.—Mrs. Lismore's house, 75 Briscoe street; H. E. Spetigue, D.R.O.; W. J. Gray, clerk. Subdivision 14.—W. Reid's house, 19 Edward street; A. M. Hunt, D.R.O.; F. C. Ball, clerk. Subdivision 15.—W. H. Biggs' store, 145 Bruce street; N. B. Graham, D.R.O.; G. T. Skepper, clerk. Subdivision 16.—Mrs. H. H. Watson's house, 70 Askin street; H. Hawthorne, D.R.O.; D. J. Watson, clerk. Subdivision 17.—Miss Scott's house, 30 Hecker street; C. Hayes, D.R.O.; H. Hayes, clerk. Subdivision 18.—J. H. Portner's house, 71 Wharncliffe road; J. H. Smith, D.R.O.; J. O. Shore, clerk. Subdivision 19.—Mrs. Boughner's house, 66 Carling street; G. H. Tennant, D.R.O.; W. H. Biggs, clerk. Subdivision 20.—J. R. Haslett's store, 321 Richmond street; F. V. Langford, D.R.O.; W. J. James, clerk. Subdivision 21.—Mrs. McCausland's house, 197 Queen's avenue; J. D. Jacobs, D.R.O.; A. E. Edwards, clerk. Subdivision 22.—J. Munro's store, 555 Richmond street; G. Quick, D.R.O.; J. H. Galpin, clerk. Subdivision 23.—G. Keat's store, 607 Richmond street; V. Jackson, D.R.O.; J. McArthur, clerk. Subdivision 24.—Mrs. Vechale's house, 603 Richmond street; W. Corcoran, D.R.O.; F. H. McLaren, clerk. Subdivision 25.—J. Ruddy's store, 733 Richmond street; G. McGuffin, D.R.O.; J. Murphy, clerk. Subdivision 26.—Mr. Lynch's house, 34 Alma street; C. D. Mannes, D.R.O.; A. S. Cox, clerk. Subdivision 27.—Mrs. J. Griffith's house, 1000 Ring street; R. P. Pearce, D.R.O.; W. C. Keene, clerk. Subdivision 28.—St. George's Church school house, Wharncliffe road; A. H. Jones, D.R.O.; G. D. Butler, clerk. Subdivision 29.—D. D. Smith's house, 196 Wharncliffe road; W. Wilson, D.R.O.; W. D. Yeo, clerk. Subdivision 30.—J. McMurphy's house, 418 Thistle avenue; W. J. Cook, D.R.O.; J. P. Chapman, clerk. Subdivision 31.—Mr. Mahon's house, 39 Wilson avenue; W. R. Garrett, D.R.O.; J. W. Wilson, clerk. Subdivision 32.—Mr. Fortner's house, 32 Cavendish street; D. Lawson, D.R.O.; E. F. Hosen, clerk. Subdivision 33.—D. Showers' house, 307 Dundas street; John Tanton, D.R.O.; W. Anderson, clerk. Subdivision 34.—Mrs. Stewart's house, 419 King street; W. C. Fitzgerald, D.R.O.; E. Oney, clerk. Subdivision 35.—Mrs. Mitchell's house, 428 York street; H. Keenleyside, D.R.O.; S. Wilson, clerk. Subdivision 36.—W. Williams' house, 735 King street; J. H. Hamby, D.R.O.; G. Carson, clerk. Subdivision 37.—East End Town Hall; J. A. Calhoun, D.R.O.; Geo. E. Glenie, clerk. Subdivision 38.—Mrs. Gray's house, 412 King street; A. E. Cook, D.R.O.; V. Gillam, clerk. Subdivision 39.—Mrs. Walte's house, 1143 York street; C. Barrett, D.R.O.; S. Wilson, clerk. Subdivision 40.—P. Westhead's house, 1447 Dundas street; J. L. White, D.R.O.; E. Wegg, clerk. Subdivision 41.—T. Atkinson's house, 39 Simcoe street; E. A. Brady, D.R.O.; J. L. Ineson, clerk. Subdivision 42.—Mrs. Babcock's house, 245 William street; W. L. Joffile, D.R.O.; Geo. Angus, clerk. Subdivision 43.—Mrs. Livermore's house, 485 Grey street; R. H. Westby, D.R.O.; W. Legg, clerk. Subdivision 44.—Mrs. McPhail's house, 5 Grafton street; F. K. Anstie, D.R.O.; A. Nevin, clerk. Subdivision 45.—Mrs. K. Steel's house, 345 Grey street; W. Hale, D.R.O.; E. Meyer, clerk. Subdivision 46.—W. H. Prall's house, 470 Hill street; W. O. Spry, D.R.O.; M. Platt, clerk. Subdivision 47.—Mrs. A. Sweeney's house, 427 Nelson street; F. Parker, D.R.O.; R. J. McHenry, clerk. Subdivision 48.—A. Pugsley's house, 81 William street; G. Rose, D.R.O.; C. C. McFadden, clerk. Subdivision 49.—Mrs. W. Hogg's house, 124 Inkerman street; T. H. Ineson, D.R.O.; F. Vagg, clerk. Subdivision 50.—F. Taylor, D.R.O.; W. J. Bilew, clerk. Subdivision 51.—Jas. Shield's house, 381 Van street; C. E. Phillips, D.R.O.; T. H. Ball, clerk. Subdivision 52.—Mrs. Wort's house, 943 Dame street; A. E. Tutt, D.R.O.; J. I. McCartney, clerk. Subdivision 53.—J. Pieson's house, 21 Adelaide street; P. C. Cooper, D.R.O.; G. Wootton, clerk. Subdivision 54.—Mr. T. Coombs' house, 897 Trafalgar street; A. C. Thompson, D.R.O.; J. W. Lawton, clerk. Subdivision 55.—A. Wilson's house, 682 Hamilton road; W. R. Adams, D.R.O.; G. D. Dutton, clerk. Subdivision 56.—City Hall; John Anderson, D.R.O.; C. Carrothers, clerk. Subdivision 57.—Mrs. A. E. Edalla's house, 485 Queen's avenue; J. E. Sutton, D.R.O.; J. W. Brown, clerk. Subdivision 58.—E. Fitzgerald's house, 592 Dufferin avenue; F. E. Graham, D.R.O.; T. Walker, clerk. Subdivision 59.—Mrs. Mallon's house, 650 Queen's avenue; C. G. Moorehead, D.R.O.; W. Ball, clerk. Subdivision 60.—M. Patterson's house, 424 Elizabeth street; G. E. Martin, D.R.O.; W. J. Bugler, clerk. Subdivision 61.—Mrs. Froggett's house, 804 Queen's avenue; A. G. Wanless, D.R.O.; W. A. Mowat, clerk. Subdivision 62.—Mrs. Arbuckle's house, 680 Dufferin avenue; W. M. Allister, D.R.O.; E. R. Laughlin, clerk. Subdivision 63.—R. F. Walsh's house,

480 Quebec street; F. England, D.R.O.; R. C. Crawford, clerk. Subdivision 64.—Geo. Benson's shop, 380 Dufferin avenue; M. H. Rowlands, D.R.O.; Jas. W. Thomas, clerk. Subdivision 65.—J. Henderson's house, 569 Midland street; J. P. Poure, D.R.O.; C. Tutt, clerk. Subdivision 66.—Mrs. Roberts' house, 569 William street; G. S. Annandson, D.R.O.; W. R. Johnston, clerk. Subdivision 67.—J. R. Craig's house, 830 Princess avenue; H. P. Elliott, D.R.O.; T. Stinson, clerk. Subdivision 68.—T. Copeland's house, 555 English street; J. Vivian, D.R.O.; C. Bayless, clerk. Subdivision 69.—Mrs. McCann's house, 394 Central avenue; W. G. Francis, D.R.O.; A. Wyatt, clerk. Subdivision 70.—W. H. Daymon's house, 493 Piccadilly street; A. Wootton, D.R.O.; E. A. Bock, clerk. Subdivision 71.—J. Treman's house, 581 Piccadilly street; J. C. Ross, D.R.O.; W. R. Brimblecombe, clerk. Subdivision 72.—Mrs. Mustard's store, 752 Waterloo street; F. Campbell, D.R.O.; F. Smith, clerk. Subdivision 73.—Miss Grady's store, Oxford and William; F. Marsden, D.R.O.; J. M. Johnston, clerk. Subdivision 74.—J. Vincent's house, 560 Midland street; W. G. Pepper, D.R.O.; P. V. Blackwell, clerk. Subdivision 75.—W. H. Spicer's house, 836 Waterloo street; R. A. Emery, D.R.O.; W. J. Hodder, clerk. Subdivision 76.—Mrs. Kennedy's house, 584 William street; Geo. George, D.R.O.; R. A. Emery, clerk. Subdivision 77.—W. Bishop's house, 25 Linwood street; Geo. H. Balch, D.R.O.; R. C. Mann, clerk.

INGERSOLL POULTRY SHOW  
BRINGS BIG CROWDSContinues to Grow in Interest—Home  
Birds Big Winners.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, Dec. 29.—All the awards were made at the poultry show today, the judging being done by H. W. Partington, Woodstock, and William Carter, of Constantine. They found all the classes well filled and the exhibits of the highest quality. The show is fully up to the high standard of previous years. It was stated that between six and seven hundred birds are on exhibition. Local exhibitors have made a fine record in the winnings, and their birds have attracted much attention. The show continues to grow in interest with the public, and this afternoon and evening it was well attended.

Ten pens competed in the pen competition, some of the principal winners of the silver cups were: Dr. R. A. Williams, G. A. Ineson, Smith Bros., Fred Moore, J. A. Henderson and S. A. Giddison, Ingersoll; G. C. Bird and R. H. Pond, Woodstock; G. A. Ineson won the Alby Robinson trophy on his exhibition pen.

Notification has been received by Roy Calcott, the past four years local manager of the Bell Telephone office, that he is to be transferred to Paris to assume the management of the branch there. Mr. Calcott, whose home is in St. Thomas, has made numerous friends here, who will wish him every success.

## HAS LOST AN EYE.

[Special to The Advertiser.] WOODSTOCK, Dec. 29.—George Forbes, whose home is on Delatre street, but who went to Medicine Hat and enlisted in June, 1915, returned this evening. He received a bullet wound in an engagement on the 19th front in June. This year, which resulted in the loss of one of his eyes. There was no public demonstration at the station, as no one knew more than that he was coming from Toronto.

## Sweater Coats

Pure Wool, all colors, with or without collars. . . . . \$2.50 to \$5.00 each  
Graham Bros.

## RAW FURS

Highest Prices Paid.  
Trial Lot Solicited.  
John Marshall & Co.  
Wholesale Manufacturing Furriers  
58-70 DUNDAS STREET,  
LONDON.

## Enlargements

from your best negatives, make ideal home pictures.  
J. H. BACK & CO.  
210 DUNDAS STREET.

Buy Screened  
SCRANTON COAL  
Webster-Harvey, Ltd.MILLS  
LIMITED.

Calendars at 1/2 Price  
JOHN MILLS, LIMITED.  
Phone 1665. 398 Richmond Street.  
Y.W.

## OLD FALSE TEETH

ACTUAL VALUE PAID  
Bought in any condition, full or broken sets, also bridges, crowns, etc. Used or broken down to  
DOMINION TOOTH CO.  
Room 12, Dominion Bank Bldg., Corner  
Dundas and Richmond Streets.  
Sole

## Military Goods

For Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men.  
Peel's, Richmond St.  
LONDON, CANADA.  
Largest Military Supply House in Ontario. Everything for the Soldier.

## GRAND CAFE

SPECIAL.  
Sunday and New  
Year's Dinner, 50c  
Separate dining-room for banquets.  
Come and bring your friends.  
284-286 RICHMOND STREET,  
First Floor Upstairs. Y.W.

Exposure  
And analysis of

STEVENSON'S ADVT.

STEVENSON PAYS FOR  
CIVIC ADMINISTRATION

That is the Effect of the Mayor's Savings in Handling London's Finances.

some of the ridiculous claims and pretensions of Mayor Stevenson, as set forth in his paid advertisements, the appearance of which in the daily papers has created considerable amusement in civic circles during the past few weeks.

A second term in the mayor's chair has in the past brought forth unexpected qualifications or weaknesses of the incumbent of that office, but there is nothing on record which equals the unblinking effrontery of the claims of the present mayor for re-election. Surely the limits of conceit have been reached when a man deliberately sits down and writes articles describing his "great ability," "shrewdness in financial matters," "clever, single-handed strokes," "master strokes of business," "business acumen," "far-sightedness," "unassailable honesty," "unwavering fidelity," etc., and goes to a newspaper and pays money to have them printed. A photographic reproduction of one of these unique advertisements is reproduced here to make clear Dr. Stevenson's method of creating in the minds of the public the excellent opinion that he entertains of himself! To appreciate the humor of the situation the reader should note the letters "A. D. V." (contraction for advertisement) at the end of the article, which indicates that the words and opinions are not necessarily those of the paper in which it appears, but of the advertiser—in this instance Mayor Stevenson.

Other advertisements used by the mayor in his effort to secure a third term in the mayor's chair follow, along with what is intended and believed to be absolutely impartial criticism of the statements made:

## STEVENSON'S ADVT.

STEVENSON EFFICIENCY  
EFFECTS BIG SAVINGS

Reports from various parts of the city indicate that Mayor Stevenson's services to the people during his term of office will be rewarded by re-election on New Year's Day.

The mayor has won the commendation of the big businessmen of London by his shrewdness in financial matters and his clever single-handed strokes in the transaction of municipal business. In the face of strange opposition from certain competitors, who fought to have the city continue to borrow from the banks and pay six per cent interest, his shrewdness procured loans at 4 per cent, saving thousands of dollars to the people. Whereas, the city had a million dollars from the bank at the high rate when the mayor took office, he has kept expenditures within income and the sum has been cut to a few thousand dollars.

His perfected plans for co-ordination of civic effort have been in effect for some time. Polder for garbage and fire department houses are being bought by contract when prices are low, while his shrewdness has taken the stand that all civic bodies, including the board of education, hospital trust, library board and council must buy coal jointly by the carload from the mines. In the past each body has bought its own small lots from the retail dealers.

The mayor has been pledged the support of the workmen, who appreciate his economy and efficiency, while the central body of the Trades and Labor Council is campaigning strongly in his behalf.—ADVT.

Does the Mayor  
Deserve the Credit?

"The city engineer," says the mayor's advertisement reproduced here, "was instructed by his worship to prepare estimates on the cost of a public paving plant and to tender against private companies."

The mayor's action in claiming personal credit for the action of the board of control and the city council in ordering the city engineer to tender for municipal work is manifestly absurd. The mayor also fails to give credit to the engineer, whose low tender and efficient work made the city's saving possible.

"I will regard my election as a mandate to go ahead with a municipal paving plant," said the mayor at a recent municipal meeting. No man, be he mayor, engineer or ratepayer, can say whether it is wise to purchase a municipal plant until the council are agreed that the city would be justified in contracting a greater burden of debt.

If the 1917 council decide to initiate no new paving at all, the paving plant cost of \$19,000 (which the mayor says he will purchase if elected) will be useless expenditure, to be paid for by all ratepayers whether paving is done in the vicinity of their property or not.

PURCHASING A PAVING PLANT MEANS DOING MORE PAVING. A MILE OF PAVING COSTS \$39,000.00—HIGHER AND HIGHER TAXES. DO WE, IN THESE TIMES, WANT HIGHER TAXES? DO YOU?

TWO YEARS IN THE MAYOR'S CHAIR FOR THE PRESENT INCUMBENT HAVE BROUGHT NO RESULTS OTHER THAN HIGHER TAX BILLS—THE HIGHEST WE HAVE EVER KNOWN! DON'T YOU THINK IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE?

## STEVENSON'S ADVT.



# Your Vote and Influence

## Respectfully Solicited for the Re-election of . . . . .

A Vote for MITCHELL Means Clean Government

**You Want Him This Year Because "The Ring" Does Not Want Him!**

NOTICE HOW THEY FIXED THINGS TO DEFEAT HIM

Mitchell was the leader in the campaign for an abundant supply of pure spring water regardless of where it is obtained. He has expert mechanical knowledge that is invaluable to the city.

Mitchell fought for the workingman and beat the "ring" that wanted to overcharge on electric wiring.



# Commissioner F. G. Mitchell

TO THE

## Utilities Commission For 1917

The Man Who Stands on His Record of BRITISH FAIR PLAY and a Determination To Face a Crisis, German or Otherwise, When It Must Be Faced

### FEW CITIZENS AT PUBLIC MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT

Purchase of Firemen's Uniforms Discussed.

ALDERMEN EXPLAIN Declare That They Took the Right Course in Awarding Contracts.

There was a much smaller attendance than usual at the municipal meeting in Simpson street school last night. This is thought to have been due mostly to the fact that the farewell banquet was tendered to the naval recruits in the city, and prevented many candidates and electors from going to the municipal meeting.

Questions and explanations about clothing bought for the city fire department opened the evening's proceedings. Joe Dean of the trades and labor council claimed it could have been purchased cheaper, taking as an example the clothing bought for the employees of the London and Port Stanley Railway.

Ald. Ashplant explained that the contract had been given to one firm making the lowest tender. Because of laws, he claimed it was impossible to award the contract to a firm which did not tender, even if a better price could be secured.

Ald. Summers in the field for the board of control outlined his work in the council during the past two years. He had tried to run the city economically, but efficiently, he said. As chairman of No. 2 Committee, he claimed he had followed out this policy of economy with special regard to war conditions. The local market here, he claimed, is too small. The committee had recommended to the 1917 council that the basement of the market building be placed at the disposal of those wishing to sell produce, and thus enable citizens to get articles at cost. On account of scarcity of labor, little work was done on the pavements of the square. He pointed out that an increase of the number of firemen had been necessary, and that this had been met satisfactorily.

The garbage department he found upon investigation to be also handicapped by the labor scarcity.

When tenders were called for on firemen's clothing, he said, it was necessary to recommend the lowest tender. Objections were made because no union labels were on one of the one tailor in this city, he said, had the label and he considered it his best policy to stick by his first recommendation.

In reply to a question of whether ex-Mayor Stevely had been forced to pay \$87 garbage tax and had then found it necessary to remove his own garbage, he replied that it was not necessary for him to do so. Complaints made to the right department would remedy such cases.

Dr. Shaw, also a candidate for the board of control, claimed that his career on the school board had been one of economy and efficiency. He insisted on his eligibility for the office, saying that he found no record of others resigning from the school board at the end of their term before becoming candidates for other positions.

The Hydro Bylaw. He explained the hydro-electric bylaw, advising the electors to vote "Yes" on the proposition, and to keep the control of the power in their own hands. It would cut the price of light and power in half, and was of interest to every user of electricity, he claimed. He stated that he had always stood for a vote on all large expenditures. He advised taking steps to control the city market. "Citizens are being charged outrageous prices for products," he said. Big buyers, he claimed, have cornered many products. The law forbidding hawksters to come on the market until after the housewives and grocers had bought was of little importance beside the buyers for foreign markets coming on, he asserted.

"The man who doesn't pay a decent wage to the workingman is a curse to the community," he replied when questioned as to his attitude on the fair wage clause. He considered the policy of "Canadian food for Canadian people" good. He thought it the government's duty to abolish property qualifications, and not the business of the city council.

Mayor's Speech. Mayor H. A. Stevenson, addressing the electors, claimed credit for securing automobile license reciprocity. Referring to the London West breakwater, he stated that it was an example of what would be done under city management. It was finished under the contract price through city control. The question of the paving plant was only one of the things that he or not, he claimed. By having the city engineer tender he had brought about

an amendment of the Standard Paving Company tender.

The kerbs and gutters were laid at a cost of 1 cent less than ever before in the city. He pointed out that money had been saved by insuring the fire truck. One factory which was contemplating removing from the city had been induced to stay and enlarge its plant.

He advised selling gas direct to manufacturers and not through middlemen. If the gas is brought he thought that the city could easily lay new mains if the city gas company could do so.

Through his experience as magistrate he had come to the conclusion that some of the city bylaws should be changed so that those violating them should be first warned and not fined until the second offence at least. "The bylaws are merely rules for living in the city," he stated.

Speaking on the hydro electric bylaw he advised the electors to support it and keep the control of the power in their own hands.

E. H. Russell pointed out that not a candidate for the ward had appeared at a public meeting. He asked how electors could conscientiously vote for any of them if they did not know their policies?

Ex-Alderman Saunders, candidate for the board of control, asked the support of the electors. He deplored the fact that so few attended municipal meetings. He was in favor of the gas being controlled by the city if enough could be procured. "Natural gas, if you have it, is all right, but have we sufficient quantity?" he asked. He advised them to "go to it" if there were a sufficient quantity. "I believe in municipal ownership," he said. He did not think it advisable to get new garage stables at the present time.

Ex-Mayor Stevely also regretted the small attendance. During his term as mayor he said a similar plan to the industrial bylaw had been presented, but was turned down. He advised the citizens to vote in favor of the present bylaw.

### TRAVELERS' CLUB IS IN LIQUIDATION

Expected That All Stockholders Will Be Paid in Full.

At a meeting of the members of the Travelers' Club, held last evening, at which 70 per cent of the stockholders were represented, it was decided to go into voluntary liquidation at once. The liquidators appointed were Charles W. McGuire, George H. Dettlor, J. L. Whitehead, Ray Lawson and S. Frank Glass.

The liquidators appointed C. W. McGuire chairman, J. L. Whitehead secretary, and E. W. M. Flock solicitor, and decided to call for tenders for the purchase of the buildings separately and en bloc. It was the unanimous opinion that under existing circumstances it was an impossibility to operate the club. It is expected that all stockholders will be paid in full.

### "MESSIAH" MONDAY NIGHT.

Music-lovers are looking forward with pleasure to the performance of "The Messiah" in the First Methodist Church Monday evening, New Year's night. The chorus is without doubt the finest local chorus heard in this city. The soloists are not excelled by any oratorio singers on the continent. Each has been selected for particular merit in the rendition of this work. Madame Anita Rio sang last night with the Apollo Club, 500 voices, in the Messiah Temple, Chicago, and will repeat the work again Sunday night under the same auspices, coming directly to London after the performance. Madame Rio is a born oratorio singer, musicians and critics everywhere claiming that she stands alone in the soprano solo work of "The Messiah." Mr. Vivian Gosnell, the bass, comes to London with the highest credentials and credits, not only from England, his home, but from the continent, where he has also appeared with the greatest success. Although Mr. Gosnell has only been in New York about two years he has already won a prominent position on the concert platform. As one of the soloists at the Chautauque Festival last August, in addition to singing the "Elijah" and "Hallelujah," he appeared in concert selections with the Russian Symphony Orchestra. Citizens of London who heard Mr. Gosnell at this festival predict a rich treat in store for the audience next Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Alcock will sing the tenor and contralto parts, respectively, and little need be said of their work, as the talking machine is giving them an audience that is world-wide. It will be remembered that Mrs. Alcock was the contralto who made the great success in the "Messiah" here last season. Tickets may be obtained now at the music stores, and on Monday at the Anderson & Neilsen, Galloway and Bruce Wallace drug stores.



**ELECT Watson**  
Alderman 1917  
Ward 3  
Public Ownership and Clean Business Methods.

**COMFORTS SHOWER FOR SOLDIERS TO BE HELD ALL NEXT WEEK**

I. O. D. E. To Work in Aid of Men Overseas.

FORMING NEW CHAPTER Members Will Be Mostly Teachers From City Schools.

At a well-attended meeting of the executive of the Municipal Chapter I. O. D. E., held yesterday afternoon in Cronyn Hall, final arrangements were made for the soldiers' comforts shower to be held all next week in Cronyn Hall, under the auspices of the Municipal Chapter.

The shower was decided upon following the recent visit of the MacLaren Brown, honorary secretary of the ladies' committee of the Canadian War Contingent Association, London, Scotland, who urged the need of comforts for the men in active service and the continual growth of the need with the number of men in the field multiplied.

Will Take Charge. Mrs. Travers consented to take the general chairmanship of the shower and different chapters of the I. O. D. E. will take charge each day as follows:

Tuesday, the Lord Roberts Chapter, with Mrs. E. B. Smith, Mrs. R. W. Puddicombe and Mrs. T. H. Smallman looking after the receiving of donations. Wednesday, the Princess Patricia Chapter in the morning and the 7th Regiment in the afternoon. Thursday Abigail Becker Chapter in the morning and the Hamilton Gault and Overseas Chapters in the afternoon. Friday Campbell Becher Chapter in the forenoon and the Lord Elgin Chapter in the afternoon. Saturday the girls of the Junior Primary Chapters, the Sir John Carling, Sir George W. Ross and Harriet A. Boomer.

Look After Packing. The Trafalgar Chapter will look after the packing of the comforts, which will be forwarded to the C. W. C. A. headquarters in London, England.

The following are some of the articles suggested as especially appropriate: Braces, shoe laces, ivory soap, toilet paper, gum, cigarettes, curry powder, pepper and all kinds of hard candy, acid drops, salted peanuts, tooth brushes and paste, insect powder.

The Contributors. Miss Dillon reported that 250 soldiers were entertained at the Soldiers' Club Christmas Day, between 10 o'clock in the morning and 7 o'clock at night. A vote of thanks was extended to those who contributed, among whom were the following: Decorations, Princess Patricia and Hamilton Gault chapters, and Mrs. Hyman, Mrs. White and Mrs. Jarvis. Mrs. Dillon, tea and coffee; Princess Patricia and Hamilton Gault chapters, each \$3; Trafalgar Chapter, \$5; Lord Roberts Chapter, \$10; 7th Regiment Chapter, \$5; Campbell Becher Chapter, \$5; Mrs. Reid, ten cherry plants for decoration.

The 7th Regiment Chapter reported a shower of cakes, pies, fruits, etc., for the patients at the Victoria Convalescent Home, and the donation of a dozen heavy sweaters and hot water jugs to soldier patients at the Byron sanatorium.

Mrs. A. A. Campbell, organizing sec-

**WARD 1**  
A Progressive City Needs Progressive Business Men  
**VOTE C. S. PARKER**  
for ALDERMAN Ward 1 1917

**VOTE FOR JAMES Donnelly**  
FOR ALDERMAN WARD 4

**RE-ELECT Ald. Copp**  
FOR ALDERMAN FOR 1917  
**WARD 1**

**Electors No. 1 Ward RE-ELECT JOHN J. DYER**  
MANUFACTURER  
As Your Alderman

### CONCERT NETS \$250 FOR MISSIONARY PURPOSES

White Christmas Entertainment in Talbot Street Baptist Church.

The annual treat of the Talbot Street Baptist Sunday school this year took the form of a "White Christmas Entertainment," when each class brought a white Christmas gift for different charitable purposes. In this way \$250 was contributed for various missionary and patriotic objects. In addition, a number of the ladies' Bible classes donated socks and other articles for the Red Cross.

A bountiful supper was first served by the ladies of the church, about four hundred sitting down.

An interesting program followed, the superintendent of the school, A. J. Clarke, acting as chairman. A small visitor had a most demonstrative reception, little Ruby Werner of Rodney, aged 4, who sang "I Want My Daddy" with the beauty of tone and finish of a prima donna. Miss Ruby is spending the holiday season with her aunt, Mrs. Nathaniel Mills.

Among other numbers were choruses by the school: "Christmas Night," presented by Mrs. Leach's Bible class; "The Ten Virgins," by Miss Nellie Burdett's class; an amusing and original presentation of a mock trial by the boys of Mr. Hudgell's Bible class; interesting numbers by the primary department; an octet by the men's Baroka Bible class; a fine presentation of "The News of the Nations," in which some ten nations were represented by members of the young ladies' Builders class in costume. The auditorium of the

church was well filled, and the entertainment considered one of the most successful ever held by the school. Owing to the fact the program was so crowded, the presentation of awards for attendance was postponed until Sunday afternoon.

### FILES OF WORK BEFORE WORKERS OF RED CROSS

Over 1,000 Pairs of Socks Await Packing—Result of Holidays.

A faithful few of the Red Cross workers turned up at Hyman Hall Friday, the first work day after a ten days' holiday. It is expected, however, as far as numbers are concerned, conditions will be normal again next week.

Those that did arrive were appalled as well as delighted with the work that lay before them. Practically no unpacking had been done in ten days, and boxes were piled right to the roof in the hallway, filled with goods sent in from auxiliaries all over Western Ontario.

By noon, 1,000 pairs of socks alone had been unpacked, and for this number of the executive were duly thankful, especially in view of the statement made by Mrs. MacLaren Brown of the C. W. C. A., London, England, "The first, most imperative need is that of socks."

Mrs. Kennedy, corresponding secretary of the London society, said today: "We have been especially pleased over the number of socks we have found in the boxes. We only wish we could have that many every week."

### REAL ESTATE AGENTS' THE INDUSTRIAL BYLAW

Declare That Factories Secured by Plan Are Short Lived.

The Real Estate Owners at their meeting last evening, passed the following resolution:

"Resolved that this association does not approve of the money bylaw for \$100,000 now being submitted to the ratepayers for their sanction at the polls.

"That by voting for the said bylaw a very unwise and dangerous precedent would be established, a false idea of civic advancement and a wrong principle for any municipality to adopt. That experience has shown that industries purchased by the ratepayers' taxes are short-lived, financial failures and burdensome ventures for all communities that have had dealings with same."

### OFFICERS ELECTED

Following is the result of the election of officers for Court Forest City, No. 344, A. O. F.:

Past chief ranger, Bro. Jos. C. Linnell; chief ranger, Bro. W. R. B. er; sub chief ranger, Bro. Thos. J. Le Secler; senior woodward, Bro. R. W. Thimms; junior woodward, Bro. A. E. M. r; finance secretary, Bro. W. R. B. er; senior beadle, Bro. H. rry Porter; junior beadle, Bro. J. Leftover; assistant secretary, Bro. Thos. C. Burdett; medical officers, Bros. Doctors Pangel and Seaton; auditors, Bros. Thos. Le Secler

and Harry Porter; trustees, Bros. R. J. Haslett, Dr. Pangel, R. S. S. mmons; juvenile committee, Bros. W. R. Richards, Thos. C. Burdett, A. J. Warner, W. R. B. er, A. E. Marr, Harry Porter, W. Powell; union committee, Bros. Jos. C. Linnell and Harry Porter.

### PRIDE OF THE EAST.

Annual election of officers of Pride of the East Circle, No. 55, A. O. F., resulted as follows:

Past chief, Comp. Mrs. S. Martin; chief, Comp. Mrs. E. Webster; sub chief, Comp. Miss L. Martin; right guide, Comp. Mrs. L. Smyth; left guide, Comp. Miss N. Pul; minor guard, Comp. Miss M. M. r; outer guard, Comp. Thos. C. Bartlett; finance secretary, Comp. W. R. B. er; assistant secretary, Comp. Mrs. L. Head; medical officer, Comp. A. E. Richards; trustees, Comps. Messrs. A. E. Richards, A. E. Marr, T. C. Bartlett; auditors, Comps. T. J. Le Secler, Thos. C. B. rlett; pianist, Comp. Miss Kezzie Richards.

### BEAVER L. O. L.

At a recent meeting of Beaver L. O. L., which was held in the Orange Hall, Market Lane, officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed.

After the election and installation, speeches were made by the newly-elected officers. Bro. J. W. Whitby gave an interesting address on "The No Temere and Bilingualism." His address was applauded by all.

The officers elected were: W. M., Bro. J. J. Harding; D. M., Bro. J. W. Whitby; chaplain, Bro. Walter Davis; recording secretary, Bro. Hessel; financial secretary, Bro. S. McCoy; treasurer, Bro. Dr. Bean; director of ceremonies, Bro. Howie; secretary, Bro. Spooner;

committee, Bros. Johnston, Cooper, Derham, McNish. The officers elected were installed by W. M. E. Langford of 805 Hackett Lodge.

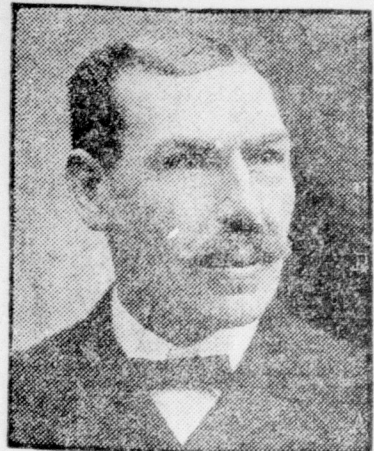
### CAPT. BAXTER TO BE MAJOR IN KENT UNIT

Prominent Officer of 18th Battalion Is Returning From France.

Capt. William James Baxter of Windsor, who made many friends in London during the time he was stationed here with the 18th Battalion, is coming back to Canada to hold the office of senior major of the 185th Battalion, now quartered at Chatham. Capt. Baxter has made a splendid record for himself with "the fighting 18th" and is being returned at the request of authorities who feel that his experience of active service gained in fifteen months on the firing line will be valuable to the unit to which he is to be attached. He took over the duties of adjutant of the 18th when Major Nelson was wounded. His grandfather was at one time in command of the 24th Kent Regiment. Capt. Baxter is a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Baxter of Windsor, who also are well-known in this city. His mother, Mrs. Baxter, is a prominent member of the Border Chapter Imperial Order of Daughters of the Empire, and took an active part in the Allies Bazaar held some weeks ago in the Billy Sunday tabernacle in Detroit.

A brother of the gallant young captain went overseas with the 99th Battalion of Windsor, as adjutant.



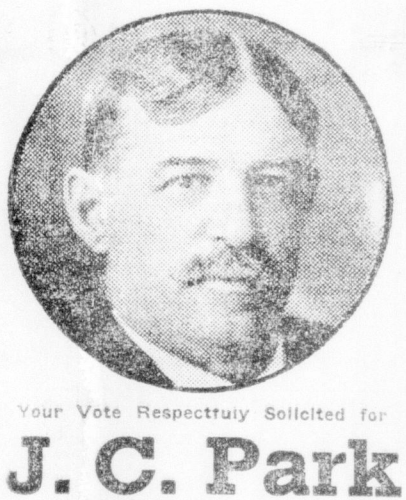


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**J. H. SAUNDERS**  
For Controller, 1917

RE-ELECT  
G. E.  
**ROSE**  
AS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE  
IN WARD 3.  
THANKS!

ELECT  
**H. A. Winnett**  
(Boiler Manufacturer)  
FOR  
**ALDERMAN**  
WARD 3, FOR 1917

WARD 2  
M. J.  
**DONOHUE**  
For Re-Election as  
Alderman, 1917  
Municipal Ownership and Trust  
the People My Motto.



Your Vote Respectfully Solicited for  
**J. C. Park**  
PLUMBER, FOR  
**ALDERMAN**  
IN  
WARD 3, 1917  
And a Municipal Paving Plant.

YOUR VOTE AND INFLU-  
ENCE FOR  
**Geo. R. Kettle**  
As Alderman  
IN WARD 4, FOR 1917

## Factories Factories Factories

London has a golden opportunity to gain her share of the factories that are coming to Canada when the war closes.

The adoption of the industrial bylaw by the ratepayers on Monday next IS THE OPEN ROAD TO MORE INDUSTRIES.

The bylaw provides for financing the best class of industries until they are upon their own feet.

The citizens accept no risk. There is ample provision against possibility of loss.

IT IS A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

London will not let this opportunity pass.

VOTE FOR THE BYLAW.

And show your interest in support of the men who would build up London.

RETURN BY ACCLAMATION.

WATFORD, Dec. 29.—Watford council and board of education were elected by acclamation. The councillors are Meares, Hawn, Doan, Saunders and

Johnston, with Col. Kenward for reeve. The four members of the board of education are: Wicks, Harper, Howden and Siddall, the last taking the place of Mr. McLeay, who resigned.

### FOR CONTROLLER

Ald. E. S.

**LITTLE**

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NESS-LIKE WAY.

GET RESULTS BY GETTING  
THE MEN. YOUR VOTE  
SOLICITED



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RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR

**DR. R. W. SHAW**

FOR CONTROLLER

CLEAN CIVIC GOVERNMENT

Elect  
Controller  
**Frank White**

To Utilities  
Commission  
For 1917



VOTE FOR

**SAM R.**

**MANNESS**

For Alderman, Ward 4

Progress and Economy, My Motto

VOTE FOR

**DR.**

**CUNNINGHAM**

AS ALDERMAN, WARD 1

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FOR ALDERMAN

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WARD 3

Your Vote and Influence Is  
Respectfully Solicited for

W. G. R.

**BARTRAM**

As Alderman for Ward 2, 1917



VOTE FOR  
**W. L. Talbot**  
AS ALDERMAN  
WARD NO. 3, 1917.

YOUR VOTE  
SOLICITED FOR  
ALDERMAN R. J.  
**WEBSTER**  
For Controller

Economic and Business  
Methods. Efficiency in Service



WARD 2---VOTE

FRANK E.

**Harley**  
AS ALDERMAN

A Progressive City Needs  
Progressive Businessmen



"Plenty of Pure  
Water and No  
Profits To  
Speculators"

Your Vote and Influence Solicited  
For Re-Election of

**T. W.**

**McFarland**

For Utility Commissioner

Your Vote and Influence Solicited for

Controller

**John M. Moore Summers**

United Departments,  
Efficiency and Economy

VOTE FOR

**Oliver G. Keene WILSON**

(Ontario Furniture Co.)

For Alderman

FOR WARD 2

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YOUR VOTE SOLICITED FOR  
W. A.

RE-ELECTION AS  
ALDERMAN, 1917

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I stand for: Municipal Ownership;  
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**MOORHEAD**

FOR ALDERMAN FOR WARD 4  
FOR 1917.



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### LEADERSHIP.

HOW DISASTROUS would be the result if Great Britain and France had tried to wage war against Germany, each working independently of the other? Yet that is the precise situation in which the two political parties in Canada find themselves today. They have the war situation to face, and yet instead of becoming allies in this cause, they are not united. It is to this that the country objects. Canada wants a government made up of a body of men allied in the one cause, which will truly represent her interests. Just now it is her wish that the energies of her Government be devoted to the execution of the war in which she is engaged, and that every member of that body be stamped with the word efficient. Therefore she calls for a reconstruction of the Government.

Soon the term of the present Government will expire and the country will be faced with two alternatives—either she must give the present Government an extension or prepare for a general election. What she wants is reconstruction. The question is, By what means can this be procured?

The country is not desirous of a general election at the present time, on account of the great expenditure of time and energy which it would entail, and the bitterness which it might raise between the different parties. Therefore it has waited for a move in the right direction from the Government now in power. It would have greatly simplified matters had such a move been made, but the present Government evidently refuses to consider reconstruction. It is true that a slight attempt was made, in the removal of Sir Sam Hughes, but his successor, Mr. Kemp, was by no means new blood, and very fortunately for the British Government proceeded from a district where his majority insured the safety of his return. There is no hope for reconstruction in the present Government, therefore the country must resort to a general election.

Canada wants a Government composed of men full of enthusiasm for the cause and full of efficiency to "carry on." A "best man" must be at the head of each department, a man who will give his heart and mind solely to his task. And these "best men" must be big enough to forget party differences and become allies, so that they can carry on an effective campaign against the enemy.

The new Government, besides being formed of men of energy and efficiency, should command the esteem of the people. Its personality should appeal. Canada is crying out for a leadership. She wants skilled men to direct the operation of her guns in the great struggle.

### TURKEY HARD RESET.

SOMETHING is hinted as to the financial exhaustion of Austria. Turkey also is in a bad way. An American recently returned from that country declares that people are dying there by hundreds of thousands of starvation and disease. In the province of Byra alone it is estimated that eighty to a hundred thousand persons have died from acute starvation or from malnutrition. If Hindenburg can say that "France is dying," the people of Turkey outside its army are going to be dogs, which will not get too far on such skin and bone.

The 1916 crop was in good part lost, and that of 1916 is below normal owing to loss of men and requisitioning of animals. The price of flour has increased eightfold, and even cooking utensils have been sold by the poor to buy food. Oil is \$4 a gallon, and scarce as at that. Medicine is not to be had, and there is a high mortality among the native physicians. Plague is everywhere. The American hopes that his country will do something for the Jews and the remaining Armenians who are still maltreated. But doubtless he shrugs his shoulders at his hope. He hopes also to see Turkey partitioned after the war, and this seems a more sanguine hope.

### THE UNITED STATES AND BELGIUM.

THE United States tries to console herself with the thought that although she has not fought to avenge Belgium's wrongs, at least she has been instrumental in feeding and clothing the Belgian people. However, one member of the American journalistic world, the New York Times, is honest enough to see the truth and to realize that the people of the United States are making themselves believe what is not true.

"The Times says: 'Something has been given by us, indeed, for Belgian relief, the amount is even great, considered abstractly or in relation to previous manifestations of charity in the United States and elsewhere, but Mr. Baker knows that it has been miserably little in comparison with the extent of the need, with our resources, or with what has been done by nations upon the purpose of which there have

been enormous drains not made on ours. 'In the last two and a half years that have elapsed since Belgium was invaded and the greater part of her population reduced to utter poverty, we have sent to them about \$8,000,000.'"

"The Times goes on to say that it is ludicrous for the American people to suppose that this is sufficient to supply the needs of 10,000,000 people."

"Fortunately for the Belgians, their lamentable case has made stronger appeal to others than to us. England and France, many uses as they have for all the money they own and can borrow, yet have been impelled by the misfortunes of their unfortunate ally to make contributions that each month are larger than those made by us during the whole course of the war. This, those harassed nations, with their own armies none too well fed, are doing, and—circumstance which should further decrease our inclination to pose as benefactors of Belgium—the greater part of the French and English money thus devoted to the relief of the Belgians is spent here in purchases on which our profits are, to say the best of them, not small."

### THE MAN TO ELECT.

THE FEW voters who attend the meetings at which candidates for office appeal for the elusive vote would be wise to beware the maker of great promises. Every year the candidates are going to turn the city into Pelee Island, and at the end of each year if one consults the reports of yesterday, these promises have turned into the air and withered leaf. The ratepayers should mark their ballots by marking first the man. What manner of man is he? Reliable? That is the first question. Does he stand by his word? Does he play fair with friend or foe? Does he quibble and trim his sails to every breeze? Is he any man's creature?

Does he look upon the voters as a lot of "suckers" who respond to elusive bait, only to be landed high and dry after the game is over? Does he catch his votes with appeals to mob spirit or to popular notions? Does he seek to reach the public by exalting them in their own minds? Is he a demagogue who plays a skilled skillful game of dodge and skip? London wants no such men as these—and they are to be found in the angling for votes that now proceeds. Rather a slower man than an artful dodger. Rather a man of his word than a slippery liar! Rather a known foe than a false friend! Rather a man who has succeeded than one who has failed in his own business! But examine the method of success. By devious methods or fair, square dealing has our vote-seeker attained his rank? Does he play to the gallery always and conceal his intense ignorance and shallow pretence of knowledge by seeking to hand out sugar-plums to the electorate?

Not all candidates can come under the lash that should be laid about the shoulders of the pretenders. Many a man is inspired by civic devotion and by a desire to serve humbly to the best of his gifts. Seek out this kind of a man and elect him!

### BRITAIN'S BIT.

[New York Times.] The embattlements, laboriously built up by generations of men against barbarism, were broken, and did not the might of Britain pass into the breach Europe would have been inundated with a flood of savagery and unbridled lust of power—Lord George's Speech.

The cheap talk about Britain letting her allies do her fighting for her, compressed into a peculiarly cheap sentence, "England is ready to fight to the last Frenchman," met with the contempt it deserved among thinking men, but with acceptance among life minds. It is well to be reminded that but for Britain that flood would have poured over these broken embattlements and inundated Europe. It was the entry of England that shattered the well-laid German plan for an easy march to Paris and a swift, crippling blow at Russia over the ruins of France. Today it is England's unbroken mastery of the sea that over-matches Germany's mastery of conquered lands. Always a naval, never a military power, England has nevertheless brought herself up to the continental military standard and raised the great and heroic army that now confronts Germany in France. But it is on the sea that her great service to liberty has been rendered; there she broke at once the German dream of victory, and there she has ever since had her hand on Germany's throat while the allied armies struggled with their half-strangled foe.

Furthermore, it is England's glory that she grows truly great with blows. It is always in a muddled, better-sketched way that she enters a war, but if the war is long and great she steadily rises and steadies, until her figure looms higher and higher among the contestants. It was so in the last attempt of despotism to conquer Europe, when, after all her allies were beaten down or subdued, she continued the fight alone, the last refuge of liberty in the old world. "Every other moment of European liberty has been purchased," said Sir James Mackintosh. "That ancient fabric which has been gradually raised by the wisdom and virtue of our forefathers still stands; but it stands alone, and it stands among ruins."

France saved Europe at the Marne; Russia saved Europe by dividing the German armies, and giving France breathing space and England time to arm; but England, too, saved Europe, for without her on the sea the war would long have been over. The part she played is not single, as it was when she faced Napoleon alone; she divides the honor with others, but her

## For Fifty Cents Willie Guaranteed to Get His Sister Gladys Under the Mistletoe.

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share was not the least. It grows greater all the time. The spectacle of that growth under blows is majestic. To the querulous ones who have said so much about the weakness of democracies in stress, there are two impressive answers: the sight of England confronting Napoleon, the sight of England confronting William II.

### The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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#### Helen's Criminal

BY MARTIN O'NEILL.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Kaiser, how do you feel now?

The Presbyterian enthusiast who committed the prodigality of pitching eggs, was a Ruthless—not a Scotchman.

Two Liberals are contending for the majority this year. For once party will not be the chief consideration of the voter.

Of course, the municipal election is the big thing just now, but the Entente peace terms are creating some little interest, too.

The mother country seems to be taking pattern from Canada in regard to the liquor question. Another case of "A little child shall lead them."

The coming civic election demands of all clear thinking and fair-mindedness, and then "the reputation of public men will not be besmirched on the way-see of any Tom, Dick or Harry."

The attempt at food control in England has been a lamentable failure. You can no more restrict an Englishman's diet than his pride. In regard to his food consumption, he may obey the letter of the law, but he puts his own interpretation on "the spirit."

Wonder what Everley Bay and other Young Turk leaders are thinking about the "peace terms"? They see Germany whispering on the Q.T., "pushing" around and extremely eager, and how they must confide in the pure faith of their ally? The only hope is in the principle of honor among thieves.

Germany pays slight attention to neutral protests against the Belgian deportations. No doubt it seems almost amusing that the invasion of Belgium and the atrocities there should have passed without comment, while the deportations are reprehended. But the Hun Government favors upon any neutral whistling peace.

If Professor Wilson was as hard to make out as President Wilson, he must have been a light that failed. His peace note is interpreted by Austrian papers as lining the United States up with the Central Powers in case the Entente refuses peace; some of the Entente papers profess to regard the note as non-partisan; Mr. Lansing interprets it as practically anti-German. Does it mean anything at all?

Browning in his cavalier tune, "Kensith Sir Byng Stood for His King," might have been writing about the commander of the Canadian forces in France today. However, there should be a revision in the lines:

Marching along, fifty score strong, Great-hearted gentlemen, singing this song.

Ten thousand score strong would be more appropriate.

A New Year's card from a former Londoner in the United States reads as follows:

Here's a happy new year to you all. As you work on the staff of the "Tiger,"

And hoping you'll print ere the fall The total eclipse of the Kaiser.

"I wonder," queried Helen, "if anybody really gets the rewards offered in the papers. It seems to me the whole world ought to be rich if people get the money offered for criminals, lost persons and stolen jewelry. One can't pick up a paper that isn't full of it. Here's a man wanted out in Ohio for killing two men and robbing a bank. There's a thousand dollars' reward for him. I wish we could get it, don't you?"

"With it?" sighed Aimee, crumpling the little table and setting down the saucers of pudding. "Yes, I do." The sisters looked at each other and then at Bob, who was too busy hunting for fat rabbits to bother with the notions of big girls. His recent illness had left him with an appetite even more remarkable than before, and he was the strongest, healthiest looking boy in the world—only against the ruler leaned a crutch. "That was why the girls had the same thought. A thousand dollars would do so much!"

"Just wait a minute," went on Helen. "Triangular scar on left side of chin, square jaws, mole on back of right hand. 'I'll put you on my hat when the dishes are done. He'd be hard to miss now,' laughed her sister. 'What shall I do when I find him?'"

"Handsome! Helen and lead him gently off to jail."

They both laughed again. "Well, somebody will get him," sighed Helen wistfully. "Yes, some big, fat police official will take in the reward and go and buy his wife another ring, I suppose. There's a case of every kind. You go and play dominoes with Bobbie while I clear up these things."

The train was full the next evening when Helen got on. However, she managed to squeeze into a small space in the frontmost seat that faced the other passengers. It had been a busy day in the office, so busy indeed that all thought of catching criminals was as far away as the moon, in spite of the fact that she had dreamed all night of following muddy footprints and of peering into rock caves on hazardous hillside.

Down the aisle rows of commuters were buried in the evening papers until Helen studied the passengers with interest, finding diversion in the fact that most of them looked as tired as she felt. Then suddenly she gave a gasp of amazement for her eyes had discovered a face that somehow looked familiar. On a firm chin, between two square set jaws, was a triangular scar that showed an angry red against an otherwise rather pale complexion. Helen's eyes leaped from one feature to the other—gray eyes, brown hair, rather tall, she judged. She slipped the newspaper clipping out of her bag and compared it to the man. There was no mistake about it; she had found him.

"Oh, Bobbie," her thoughts flew to her brother, "won't it be wonderful if we get the reward and take you out to Dr. Taylor, where you can have proper treatment?"

The man looked up and their eyes met. Helen flushed and glanced away quickly, but not before he had caught her look of appraisal and unusual interest. Helen herself realized that he had been conscious of her scrutiny. "I've spoiled the whole thing now," she thought with dismay, "for of course he's seen the advertisement and will be on the lookout for possible captives. He must not think I've the slightest interest in him from now on."

She glanced back quite casually with a faraway look that was bound to deceive. And at that minute the man gave the conductor his ticket with a mole, visible even at that distance. Helen's heart beat fast. It was, indeed, her criminal! Now for a way to capture him. She must corner him herself. Then there could be no dispute as to the recipient of the money.

But how was she going to do it? She weighed only 120 pounds and the desperado tipped the scales at 175. Force, therefore, was out of the ques-

Dr. Taylor, "and some day—" he paused, "maybe you can pay me, but not in money."

## Wait a Minute!

By J. H. F.

Dick, the office boy, says his hens are laying eggs, and are not in the mutton-making business. Dick's boasting of his wealth.

Those western farmers are real rich. One of them tossed a few eggs at some gents at a church meeting the other day.

A lot of the candidates do not like liberty gas. Well, they haven't got it, so why should they worry? Hamilton manufacturers like it to the extent of millions of feet a day. Hamilton is a slow town, yet, only got 71 manufacturing establishments in one year.

We just read a little poem on springtime. Glory be, ain't the birds singing nice. What-ho.

Lee Darcy, a fighter from Australia, has arrived in the United States, and the papers are telling all about him. They must have something to talk about over there, as aply divorce cases are not as frequent as might be expected.

A Detroit policeman has been arrested as a highway robber. It looks as if the police in Detroit might clean up the town if they arrested themselves.

It is said by an American paper that every time President Wilson writes a note somebody gets mad about it. No, a lot of folks get another laugh.

There is no gas shortage in London. Our municipal elections are in full swing.

King Constantine of Greece is getting ready to protest to the allies once more. Methinks Con. protests too much. He knows the "con" game well. Prohibition might save him.

London is a healthy city, judging from the contributions made to city and provincial funds by jazz artists here.

The prohibition statistics during December will not be so favorable as in October. Where there's a will there's a way.

A gold fish can live to be 100 years of age. Don't be a fish.

A flea's life is short, but there is plenty of action. Don't envy the flea.

President Wilson says he does not know why the nations are at war. Or, at least, he does not. With Joe Daniels, Lansing, and a few others as his advisors, he has no chance of knowing anything.

A poet has died worth over \$200,000. Poet Bill, the Old 'Un and Jack Riey still have hopes.

Give the devil his due: he is all right provided you give the devil's dues, nothing more.

Congressmen and their friends made \$600,000 on Wilson's peace note. Notice sometimes pay. Bill Bryan must be weeping copiously.

Get your New Year's resolutions out, brush them off, and get them ready for the annual parade. The Never Again Club will be in good standing shortly.

A man reaches his mental zenith when he is 35 years old, says an expert. How is it that many old birds start out about that time to look the young things over. It's a good guess, anyway.

A man in Maine lives on 76 cents a week. W. don't know what jail he is in.

"THEM WAS THE DAYS." Folks somehow aren't so sociable as in the good old days. When, ah, a certain grace an' charm distinguished social ways; for instance, such, on New Year's Day, when chivalry arrayed, in festive line would gather, ah, an' New Year's calls were made.

We greeted one another, ah, with snugs and cooing love. An' round the brimming punchbowl, sa, sa, sa.

We graciously mu'm'd "How!" And conversation sparkled, sa, sa, sa, when the kindly aid, But that was in the golden days, when New Year's calls were made.

Pure nectar was that New Year's punch. How generously it flowed! The season's compliments were passed; One's heart, sa, sa, sa, fairly glowed. The recent generations, sa, sa, sa, Old customs have faded, sa, sa, sa. But, ah, those old, golden days, when New Year's calls were made.

—Paul T. Gilbert in Cartoons Magazine.

THE GOOD OLD TIMES. Our old friend Chaucer, "the father of English poetry," did not know about H. C. of L. when he wrote of a friend he had been visiting:

"Without baked meat never was his house. Of fish and flesh, and that so plentiful."

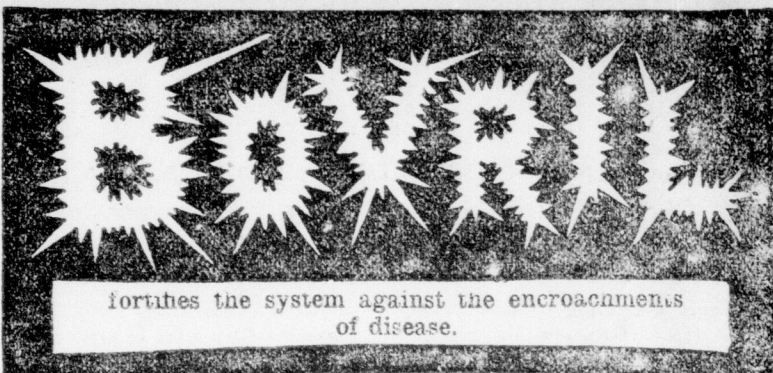
It snowed in his house of meat and drink.

"An apple a day will keep the doctor away," is an old adage, but an onion a day will keep everyone away.—G. Wiley.

### MORE GOVERNMENT.

"Some people," remarked a parliamentary wit to me tonight, "seem to think that we cannot win the war unless a cabinet minister resigns every week."

GERMAN "DUMPING" IMPOSSIBLE. [Ottawa Citizen.] Germany, in short, is in just the condition in regard to manufacturing as a country which imported most of its raw material would expect to be after its imports had been shut off for two years and a half. It is living from hand to mouth in respect to its manufactures. Every precaution is necessary to conserve even the smallest of the by-products. As for storing up stocks of goods for the purpose



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Neutral protests do not prevent the Germans from continuing the deportation and enslavement of the able-bodied men who were left in unhappy Belgium—and we are powerless to stop it until we have won the war.

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More contributions than ever are needed, because the higher prices of foodstuffs, particularly wheat, have seriously increased the cost of feeding these millions of dependent Belgians. How much can you spare the victims of one of the blackest, most cold-blooded crimes?

Send whatever you can give weekly, monthly or in one lump sum to Local or Provincial Committees, or

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## A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN READERS

## Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn. No letter can be answered privately.]

Write to O. C.  
"C. L. M."—Would advise you to write to officer commanding Military District No. 1, London, Ont., and lay the case before him. He will be able to give you definite advice as to the possibility of freeing him. To my way of thinking he should have been given a second chance.

Business Girl's Idea.  
Dear Cynthia,—"Only a Fanny Blossom" mentions a lonely soldier who doesn't get parcels, will you kindly forward me his address, and I shall be very glad to send him something. I suppose a parcel of "goodies" would be the best. I shall also be glad to write to him after we get into communication with each other—provided he would care to write to me.

You will remember that I asked the Cynthia's if they would remember "County Lad." Well, I verily believe he must have seen my letter, for nearly a word of a reply did I get to my note. So I've considered myself snubbed! "Witch Hazel" offered to send, for which offer many thanks. I am also including 35-50 cents for the prisoners' fund, and as someone expressed supporting a Belgian family, in other 50 cents for a start for the story more later on. Let's see how we can get the 35-50 for a Belgian family subscribed. I would also like to see that we adopt those two prisoners mentioned in a former letter to the age, and please Cynthia, do it now! Hurry up, you Cynthia! Drop the address a postcard and give her your tie on how she shall appropriate the money she is holding. She's losing sleep by it, you know!

Well, guess I'd better be off (like the but). Maybe it will be too late to wish you a Merry Christmas, but Happy New Year. Sincerely yours, BUSINESS GIRL.

Ans.—That a business-like young woman is, to be sure, and how nice of you to want to relieve the editor's insomnia! You will read with interest the letter from Miss Gunn, of the Red Cross Society, re: war prisoners. It sums up the situation in a rather clear and useful, as there are



MARY PICKFORD.

The Darling of the Picture World, at the Lyric Theatre New Year's Day and All Week, in "Less Than the Dust."

When Mary Pickford comes to the Lyric all next week as the screen star of "Less Than the Dust," it will appear for the first time in a production made by her own company, a corporation bearing her own name. It is her purpose now to make but a limited number of pictures each season, but these, she says, will be master works and produced at an unlimited cost. She has carried out her announcement in the presentation of "Less Than the Dust," which is said to be the finest and most artistic blending of her personality with scenery and story that has yet been accomplished. It will show her as a little castaway in an ideal India city, who, though of English birth, has been reared among the natives of the lowest caste. It will have any number of striking scenes and plenty of thrill in a battle between British troops and natives. Mary Pickford's part gives her full play for her delightful comedy, and there is a dramatic touch and the plaintive pathos which has always made her characterizations so popular and so lasting in memory.

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"DOROTHY GUNN."

The names were applied for in the name of the "Cynthia Grey Mail-Box Club," and I know a number of our readers who were planning to send home made goodies to "our" prisoners—poor fellows!—will be hoping sincerely for the sending of that regulation. Thanking you all for your efforts in this regard, CYNTHIA GREY.

Going to Send a Third.  
Dear Miss Grey,—I received that address of "Engineer's Wife's Orphan" some time ago. Many thanks for sending it. Have sent a couple of parcels, but do not know whether they were ever received. However, I am going to send another parcel soon, and am hoping that this one will get there safe, if the others did not. Awfully sorry I was such a bother last time. Hope your opinion of my writing will be more favorable.

COLONEL TEDDY.  
All contributors willing, please signify by sending a card, as "D. G." suggests.

And as to the Belgian fund, what think ye? I shall be very glad to hear if others are desirous of beginning such a fund in the Mail-Box, or will we be getting too many irons in the fire at once? Please let me know as soon as possible.

Our Two Prisoners.  
The names of the two war prisoners to whom—through the generosity of Advertiser Mail-Box readers—food is being regularly supplied by the war prisoners' department of the Red Cross Society, are at last at hand. But those who contemplated sending personal parcels of "cash" or comforts are not to have their kind desire gratified, as recent regulations forbid the sending of individual parcels.

I am in receipt of the following letter to you all from the Red Cross war prisoners' fund secretary:

"Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box:—Dear Friends,—I am enclosing the names and addresses of your two war prisoners, which have just arrived. I am sorry to say that at present no personal parcels can be sent to prisoners, but the regulation may be changed later on."

"Of course they are both Canadian war prisoners, and in writing them state the fact on the top of the envelope. I am not quite sure whether correspondence is allowed now with prisoners. Some statement to that effect came out recently, but it was ambiguous. Money can always be sent to prisoners, and is useful, as there are

One woman writing said she thought only the people who have no one to go to the war are talking conscription. It's just the reverse. There isn't a true Canadian, man or woman, who has boys at the front but are up in arms at "sleeping Canada."

Isn't Canada asleep? Well, if she isn't, what is the matter? Canada's ambition seems to be a mad hunt for pleasure.

The young man remarks: "Someone has to stay at home and grow food for the soldiers." And the young fellow fairly nudges the turning of the farrows. No danger of there being a scarcity of help. The farms are being worked better than ever before. The chances are the old man will soon be bought out, and will have to retire.

Where the boys get their money, no one knows, for they certainly had none for either Red Cross or missions a short time ago. Nothing out a good time would draw out the pennies. "We'll soon need a comedian in our Sunday services to hold the people!" The chances are that that is backing his boys.

When they get a farm, then they wear out their shoe leather hunting for a wife. Leather is dear, too. And, strange to say, our girls are helping along the process.

There are only two girls I can excuse—that is, a middle-aged woman. She has a long wait, and has possibly given her time to the care of someone of the family; and the girl, who is marrying a man who really can't leave home, who hasn't someone who can keep things going till he comes back.

The trouble is they all think they are needed at home.

The soldiers are giving their lives, and their pay is not equal to what our men can earn, working out here. Whose was a good girl, why should our girls be waiting for the big price; some of them got it and some of them didn't. Anyway, they all wanted it. But do

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They help the soldiers with the proceeds. Not a bit of it. They pocket the cash, and talk about the graft in the country. I'm a country girl, and I know it.

Of course, I know the same kind exists in the city as well as in the country. Someone will be remarking that I'm an old maid. Well, I am in my middle twenties, and I am a widow, either. When my brothers enlisted, I decided to cut my measure in half. Then they were entirely cut down to church services and Red Cross meetings for the young men seemed to all take that rushing spell, which looked like marriage, and I couldn't provide socks for the boys and prepare a wedding gown. Besides, I didn't feel like it. I had dropped out of the world. It's no joke, out in the country, with no brothers to take me out once in a while, and it's loneliness, loneliness.

Awful! I heard a well-to-do farmer, in talking of a show which was attracting large crowds, the proceeds to go to the Red Cross, remark: "It's going to take a lot of money out of the country." And a young fellow, who was him importantly answered: "You bet," with a very red face. That farmer has four sons of his own, and none of them doing anything but working the farm.

Nor, what about the girls? Are they still sleeping? Tell any of them that they are sleeping, and they are insulted. Will they explain why they waste so much valuable time crocheting during this terrible crisis? Why should our girls be crocheting after day, and our boys not give, even if our crops are a failure? Will they ever repay for one life lost in Flanders in their defense? Never. But they might and should do what they can, city and country alike.

Did I hear a murmur "Hard times." Hard times? Why what does it mean? The wheels of pleasure are turning as fast as ever, gliding with jewels of laughter and mirth. What can it mean? Not till we stand in Belgium's shoes can we call out earnestly, "Hard times."

There are many and hearts in Canada today, just at Christmas time. We hear many say: "They will be blessed by no officer." It is only the kids who are falling day by day that are saving these same boys from a sterner taskmaster.

DAWN.

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The six daily studies for this week constitute the International S. S. Lesson for next Sunday. Read the Bible story on which this study is based, as you ponder the following questions:

Rev. "Christ's Coming Everlasting Kingdom." Reading lesson only, Rev. xxi, 1-14; 15-21.

Golden Text—"The spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And who is thirsty, let him come; he that will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. xxi, 17.

Dec. 17—"The Holy City." Rev. xxi, 1-7, 22-27.

"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples." Rev. xxi, 3.

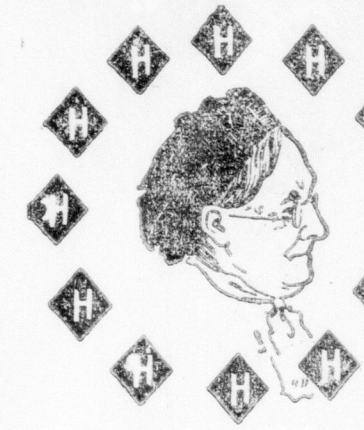
12 Verse 1—If the present earth should be burned up, what improvements would you suggest if a new one were contemplated?

Dec. 24—"Christmas Lesson—"Unto us a Son is Given." Isaiah, ix, 2-7.

Golden Text—"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah, ix, 2.

13 Verse 7—When will the day come when Jesus will reign and rule over the whole world?

Lesson for Sunday, January 7, 1917—"Jesus the Light and Life of Men." John, i, 1-12.



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Nineteen hundred and seventeen opens another year of war and service; another year of fighting in Europe and working in Canada. We know that our men who have crossed the sea will do their duty; may we not hope that those who remain at home will do theirs.

Our Canadian men are fighting for us; let the Canadian women work for them. We expect that with the new year the Daughters of the Empire will renew their energy and increase their services. And we will gladly welcome the assistance of all not directly connected with our order. Our thanks are due to those who have helped us in the past. After having given money and women have given work, and now there is need for more of both. Continually and urgently comes the call for aid from the hospitals in Europe, from the camps and battlefields, from the dreary prisons in Germany. We cannot do too much; we should feel no sacrifice too great. Remember that he who gives quickly gives twice.

Do not forget the comfort shower in Cronyn Hall and St. Paul's Cathedral commencing on Tuesday, January 2. All sorts of comforts are desired: coats, shoes, candy, chocolate, peppermint candies, curry powder, etc., also time and soap. Contributions of money will be welcomed, and will be expended in London in the purchase of comforts for the purchase of the comforts of this class. Members of the committee will be in attendance during the day. As soon as the shower is completed the goods will be shipped to England.

Several of the chapters have been contributing to the Overseas Tobacco Fund, and their contributions have been gratefully acknowledged by those in authority. The supply does not equal the demand, as is shown by the following extract from a communication to the Overseas Club sent by the director-general of voluntary organizations in England: "I am anxious that the club should know how great is the demand for cigarettes, tobacco, etc., in the various theatres of war, and in army hospitals. The assistance given by your club in meeting these demands has been excellent, and is fully appreciated. I want, however, to appeal to you to continue and, if possible, extend the scope of your work. The members can rest assured that no luxury is more appreciated by our soldiers than gifts of this nature."

There need be no doubt in the mind of anyone that the socks, shirts, etc., sent to the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, are not promptly distributed to the men at the front through the C. W. C. A. in England. Letters from the recipients give evidence of this. As an illustration may be mentioned that a consignment of socks from the Mariner Keith Club, sent through the Daughters of the Empire, contained the names of some of the soldiers. A soldier from Alberta, who found a young man's name in the socks he received writes to his mother, sending his thanks. The following is an extract from his letter:

"They sure are very nice and comfortable; they are comforts which are always appreciated by us all. The weather out here is quite different from that in Canada; it is rain and mud wherever one goes. I will tell you about the time we are expecting to have at Christmas. Each man has paid five francs to the fund, and we have twelve turkeys, also mince meat, and everything for as happy and merry a time as we can have. It is over twelve months since we left Canada and the West, as that is where this unit came from. Things have changed an awful lot since then. Quite a bunch of our lads have gone, and fresh ones have come in their places. So I believe every province has representatives in the unit now, whereas at first we were all from Alberta."

The treasurer of the Municipal Chapter, L. O. D. E., acknowledges the receipt of a donation of \$100 from a fund entrusted to Col. A. W. Shannon for patriotic purposes. As requested by the donor, this amount has been divided among the twelve primary chapters, to be used by them for the benefit of the soldiers overseas.

Sgt. Joseph, in charge of the Christmas fete of the Returned Soldiers' Association, gratefully acknowledges the assistance given by the Daughters of the Empire. In addition to contributions amounting to \$70 by the chapters, a large number of the members gave their services in selecting, printing, tying up the parcels, and giving material help in preparing for what was a most successful function.

In its Christmas benefactions, the Campbell Beach Chapter did not confine itself to the soldiers. While sending 17 games to the Barracks Hospital, and a number of records to the Central Hospital, there was also a liberal donation of toys and books for the children in the Thomas Alway Home.

L. K. C.

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## O. H. A. DECIDES TO GRANT CERTIFICATE TO GUNNER ADAMS

Same Ruling Will Apply to All Making Affidavits.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
TORONTO, Dec. 29.—The O. H. A. sub-committee, at a meeting today, the acting president, Sheriff J. F. Paxton, in the chair, decided to grant a certificate to Gunner Wm. Adams, of the 70th battery, to play in Toronto with the St. Patrick's team. The fact that Adams is a soldier, enlisted for overseas service, decided the case in his favor. The same ruling will apply to any other hockey player in the same position who has joined the colors, if he can furnish a satisfactory affidavit as to his amateur standing.

The explanation of G. L. Crook, last year with Port Colborne, was considered satisfactory, and a certificate issued to him to play in Toronto.

The players, Kinn and Seeling, were declared eligible to play with Kitchener under the new residence rule.

Can Use Players.  
If Milverton enters under the name Listowel-Milverton they will be allowed to use Listowel players. This is a similar case to Bothwell-Thamesville.

Ernie Fryer of Collingwood, who has been under suspension for several years, will be granted a certificate conditional upon good conduct on and off the ice.

The O. H. A. rule book for 1916-1917 was issued to the clubs tonight. It is a volume of 150 pages, containing an abundance of information for the clubs, with the official schedule and secretaries.

The latest registration of players is as follows:  
23rd Battalion, seniors—Robert Hooper, C. T. Britton, E. C. Vosper, A. C. Dyer, H. J. Reynolds, A. L. Ellis, D. E. Brown, D. S. Merchant, A. E. Jewell, D. A. Myers and R. J. Acker.

23rd Battalion, juniors—E. C. Spencer, J. L. Canby, E. R. Ostman, J. M. Robinson, J. L. Brennan and C. U. E. Montgomery.

Oshawa, 182nd Battalion—Cecil MacMillan, Lachlan A. McDougall, Wm. M. Ryerson, Thos. LeGuerre and Allan E. Ferguson.

Seaford Line-Up.  
Seaford, seniors—Reginald Reid, Gerald Hiley, Arthur W. Dick, John W. Edmunds, Robert E. Reid, John M. Hinchley, Geo. A. Stewart, Nelson Gougeon, Hugh Bauckler, Geo. J. Sills, Roy McDowell, Leo Hoffman, Wm. H. Hudson, John A. Bain.

Seaford, juniors—F. Ruppel, W. Ketter, L. Norman, E. Lehman, L. H. Mitchell, A. O. Ruppel, M. L. A. L. Stump, Ed Wideman and A. J. Brohm.

Kingston, juniors—James Walsh, Edward Dolan, W. D. Gilmer, Stuart McGall, Jack Evans, Geo. H. Shewell, M. P. Hall, A. Stinson, W. T. Gratton, I. C. Tolson, and Donald Robinson.

Collingwood, intermediates—L. Morton, John Reeves, E. Dennis, J. Cook, W. C. Thorne, H. A. Tuer, D. E. Iserman, A. Howes, L. Glatby, J. Lederman, L. Sawyer, L. Haghey, M. L. Walther and H. Campbell.

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Ingersoll, juniors—Wm. Henry, A. Hansford, A. Hoppe, M. Hollands and Chas. Greve.

Peterborough, juniors—M. L. Kennaley, D. Cherritt, E. K. Murray, R. H. Graham, H. R. Frost, Frank Montgomery, L. H. McIntyre and Leith Bartley.

Chatham, intermediates—Chas. Roddy, Clifford Maher, Douglas Fox, D. Campbell, Jack Rudy, W. Glendon, A. Walden, A. Bulger, K. Payne, Ed Drumm and H. G. Porter.

BONSPIEL AT BOTH THE CURLING CLUBS.  
On New Year's Day curling bonspiels at both the Thistle Club and London Curling Club rinks will be held.

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Prizes will be awarded the winners and refreshments served.

At the London Curling Club rink the president and vice-president's contest will be played, and a good day's sport is in store for the members of this club.

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## SPAIN'S SUB ACTION SURPRISES WASHINGTON

Vigor From Madrid Gives States Unpleasant Jolt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Spain's action toward the German submarine campaign caused surprise here because no such vigorous statement from Spain had been expected.

Spain's action, nevertheless, is thought to have come at an opportune time to add another source of pressure on Germany in what the state department considers a most serious situation.

Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Holland have also suffered disastrously from submarine activities, but no indication has been given as yet that they also were planning action at this time.

The United States welcome such protests by other neutrals, but in line with consistent policy will probably not join in any united action with them.

## ALLEGED THAT FARMER ILL-TREATED HORSES

James Wilson of Dover to Appear in Court Today.

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CHATHAM, Dec. 29.—James Wilson, better known as "Trapper" Wilson, of Dover Township, will appear in the county police court Saturday on charges of ill-treating a number of horses. High Constable Peters, who has been investigating, alleges that as a result of exposure three horses died.

Wilson has appeared in court on previous charges.

W. W. Seane, nominator for the board of education, has announced that he is not in the contest. He was in Cleveland on nomination day and had no intention of being a candidate. If elected, he will at once resign, which means that the new members to the board of education will be W. W. Turner, W. J. Easton, P. S. Coate (re-elected), H. G. Hodges and D. W. McDonald.

Complying with the public utility act, the board of water commissioners this year will be in a position to hand over to the city a balance of \$4,000.

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Dealers Have Formed a Joint Stock Company.

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WOODSTOCK, Dec. 29.—As a result of the formation by the local milk dealers of a joint stock company, consumers are promised a reduction of one cent a quart. The present price is ten cents. The new concern is expected to commence business on January 10.

A local dealer stated that the reduction would be made possible by obviating overlapping in the matter of plant and delivery. He stated that the amalgamation had been decided on because of the scarcity and high price of labor.

## MAY NOT VOTE BECAUSE TAXES WERE NOT PAID

Over 100 Ratepayers at Walkerville Are Very Anxious.

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WINDSOR, Dec. 29.—Because they have failed to pay their taxes for the current year a hundred or more citizens of Walkerville may find themselves debarred from casting their ballots at Monday's municipal election. Discovery that there is an Ontario statute covering the case was made today by committee of citizens who were out on a canvassing expedition. An eleventh-hour attempt will be made by two mayoralty candidates tomorrow to get the delinquents lined up in time.

## LOSES PART OF FINGER.

ST. MARKS, Dec. 29.—Fred Howd, head miller of the St. Marks Milling company had his left hand caught in a revolving screw at the mill last night and had the second finger taken off at the first joint.

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Mrs. Henry Broughton of Forest is dead as a result of a fall last summer.

In a bigamy case at Woodstock, where Robert W. Wilde was charged, his lawyer protested against a certificate of marriage being put in as evidence. He claimed that under the Canada evidence act, for a certificate to be used as evidence.

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HALTED NORTH OF RIMNIK  
Petrograd Reports That All of Fierce Attacks Here Are Repulsed.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The military operations on which interest is chiefly focused at present are the great efforts the central powers are making against the Russians and Rumanians. This campaign is proceeding on a front of about 120 miles, reaching from Oltuz Pass to the Danube.

One main object of the attack is supposedly the capture of Braila. The central forces are divided into three armies, namely, that in Moldavian mountain region commanded by Gen. von Gork, the 5th Army under Gen. von Falkenhayn, which is operating on both sides of the Rumanian and Danube, and the Danube army, composed of Germans, Turks and Bulgarians, under Gen. von Kossch. The general outcome of the operations during the last week has been an advance of several miles by Gork and Falkenhayn with the capture of many prisoners. The Danube army has been almost stationary, the invaders being very little nearer Braila than they were ten days ago. The pressure, however, on the Russian right flank in Moldavia, the invaders nearer the fortified line on the Sereth, which roughly divides Moldavia and Wallachia.

The only point of interest marked by the military action here in regard to the western front is a reference in the communiqué issued by the German war office last night to the "new position north of the Sereth." It is not known whether this phrase has any special significance.

MEET STIFF RESISTANCE.  
LONDON, Dec. 29.—Pressing in upon southern Moldavia from three sides, apparently with all their vigor, the forces of the central powers are making progress against stiff resistance.

On the Transylvanian-Moldavian front, in the region north of Rumania, Sarat, and in the Dobruja, opposite Braila, Berlin reports, the Austro-German and Bulgarian troops are advancing.

A new thrust seemingly has been started by the Austro-Germans along the Moldavian frontier, thus adding to the difficulties of the Russians and Rumanians, already hard-pressed from the south and east. Several lines of positions and 1,400 prisoners were taken by the invaders in the first day of their offensive into Moldavia from the west, which means have for its purpose the cutting off of the retreat of the Rumanian troops now operating along the southern Moldavian border.

Repulsed, Says Petrograd.  
Along the River Kasno and west of Govesha, Petrograd, says, Rumanian troops were driven back nearly a mile. A desperate battle also is reported as taking place near Semezo, near Oena, and military detachments across the Danube north of Rimmik-Sarat, and north-east of that town troops under his command have captured several villages. The number of prisoners taken by this army totals 1,400, in addition to cannon and machine guns.

Dobruja Almost Conquered.  
The Rumanian province of Dobruja is now almost cleared of defenders, as Berlin says Ratchelu, northeast of the Matchin bridgehead, across the Danube from Braila, has been captured. Ratchelu is also on the Danube.

Except for some engagements between patrols around Brody, in Galicia, no serious fighting is reported from the eastern, Macedonian and Austro-Italian fronts.

REPULSE AT RIMNIK-SARAT.  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—Via London, British admiralty, per Wireless Press.—Violent fighting took place between Russian troops and forces of the central powers yesterday in Central Rumania, the region of Amara, according to the Russian official statement issued today, a Teuton force, 35,000 men strong, launched an attack on the Russian lines. The battle continued until evening, when the engagement slackened. In the sector of Rimmik-Sarat, and Boida all the attacks of the invaders were repulsed by the Russians. The statement reads:

Pressed Back Slightly.  
"Rimmik-Sarat. The enemy attacked the Rumanians on the front north and south of the River Kasno near the Rumanian frontier, and west



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## SOLDIERS' VOTES AGAINST "DRY" VANCOUVER ARE SAID TO REVERSE VERDICT

VANCOUVER, Dec. 29.—Private cables received in Vancouver claim that the "wets" have received a sufficient number of the soldiers' vote cast by British Columbia soldiers overseas to overturn the majority of 6,000 secured for prohibition in the home vote of the province September 14 last.

The "wets" claim to have voted nine or ten thousand men. The ballots are not yet counted.

## FRANCE MAY CALL ALL CIVILIANS FROM 17 TO 60

Bill in Senate to Form Auxiliary Service.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Henry Berenger today introduced in the Senate a bill providing for the mobilization of civilians in France into an auxiliary service for the national defence. The bill provides for the calling up of all citizens between the ages of 17 and 60.

## SENT INFORMATION ABOUT CANADIAN TROOPS TO CONSUL

Also Kept Eye on Russian Munitions.

U. S. CONSPIRACY PROBE

German Detective Conferred With Agitator for India Rebellion.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Admission that Ram Chandra, editor of a local publication agitating revolution in British India, had twice been a visitor to his rooms, was made today by Charles C. Crowley, German consulate detective, who is on trial with Consul-General Franz Bopp and six associates for alleged conspiracy to violate American neutrality. The defendants are charged with having plotted to destroy ships and railroads carrying shipments to the Entente Allies.

Crowley insisted that his investigations as chief detective for the consulate, carried on with the Government's witness, Louis J. Smith, as a colleague, had been legitimate.

"Why, then, did you and Smith, as well as Consul Bopp and the other defendants, continually use a code for transmitting messages?" United States District Attorney Preston asked.

Line on Canadian Troops.  
"The British consul was watching us," Crowley replied. "We wanted to obtain and transmit information about Canadian troops and Russian munitions without any leaks."

"What were you doing in Seattle and Tacoma about the time the 36-ton barge of dynamite blew up in the harbor on May 30, 1915?"

"Watching that dynamite to see whether it was going to be shipped to Russia under false manifest or dispatched on ships clearing for Vladivostok, but really intending to go to Archangel."

\$300 Per for Watching.  
"For what was Smith drawing \$300 a month, while accompanying you?"

"For helping me to watch the barge."

"Why did he buy fuses or dynamite, as previously testified at Seattle or Tacoma in 1915?"

"I think he wanted to blast stumps on a ranch he planned to purchase."

Adjournment was taken over the holidays, until next Tuesday.

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## IS CONFIDENT OF DECISIVE VICTORY OVER THE GERMANS



GENERAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG.

## Another German Terror in the Air Has Bit the Dust

Lieut. Gustav Leffers Credited With Dropping Nine British Planes.

BERLIN, via Sayville, Dec. 29.—Lieutenant Gustav Leffers, the noted German aviator, who was credited with bringing down nine British airplanes, and who was recently decorated with the Order Pour Le Merite, has been killed in an air engagement on the western front, the Overseas News Agency announced today.

## VILLA TAKES CAPITAL OF COAHUILA STATE

Announcement is Denied by Carranza Officials.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 29.—Foreign operating under the banner of Villa have occupied Saltillo, the capital of the state of Coahuila, it was announced here today by Villa partisans. The report was denied by Carranza officials here.

# GERMANY WILL BE CRUSHED STATES SIR DOUGLAS HAIG

## Optimistic Report Comes From the British Commander on Triumph of Battle of the Somme.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The battle of the Somme is pictured as a sweeping triumph for allied arms in a detailed report by General Sir Douglas Haig, which was issued tonight and which covers operations from July 1 to November 18. General Haig terms the battle a triumph in which the German western armies were only saved from complete collapse and a decisive defeat by a protracted period of unfavorable weather which prevented the Anglo-French forces from taking full advantage of their successful advance. He declares that nevertheless it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the Allies to overthrow Germany "when the time comes." The British commander shows himself a firm believer in the doctrine that the Allies can win the war on the western front.

"I desire to add a few words as to future prospects," he says at the close of the dispatch, which covers sixteen closely-printed pages. "The enemy's power has not yet been broken, nor is it yet possible to form an estimate of the time the war may last before the objects for which the Allies are fighting have been attained, but the Somme battle has placed beyond doubt the ability of the Allies to gain those objects. The German army is the mainstay of the central powers, and a full half of that army, despite all advantages of the defensive and supported by the strongest fortifications, suffered defeat on the Somme this year. Neither victors nor vanquished will forget this, and although bad weather has given the enemy a respite, there are undoubtedly many thousands in his ranks who will begin the new campaign with little confidence in his ability to resist our assaults or overcome our defense."

## NEW ARMY PROVES CONFIDENCE JUSTIFIED.

"Our new armies entered battle with a determination to win and confidence in their power to do so. They have proved to themselves, to the enemy and to the world that this confidence is justified."

The opening of the dispatch outlines the origin of the Allies' decision to begin the Somme operations. "The principle of an offensive campaign during the summer of 1916 had already been decided on by all the Allies," says the report. "Various possible alternatives on the western front had been studied and discussed by General Joffre and myself and we were in complete agreement as to the front to be attacked by the combined French and British armies. Preparation for the offensive had made considerable progress, but the date was dependent on many doubtful factors. "Subject to the necessity of commencing operations before the summer was too far advanced and with due regard to the general situation I desired to postpone my attack as long as possible. The British armies were growing in numbers and the supply of munitions was steadily increasing, but a large proportion of the officers and men were still far from being fully trained, and the longer the attack was deferred the more efficient they would become."

## TO RELIEVE STRAIN ON OTHER FRONTS.

"On the other hand, the Germans were continuing to press their attacks at Verdun and both there and on the Italian front, where the Austrian offensive was gaining, it was evident that the strain might become too great unless timely action was taken. Accordingly I agreed that the attack should be launched whenever the general situation required it with as great a force as might then be available."

"By the end of May the pressure on the Italian front had assumed such serious proportions that the Russian campaign was opened early in June and the successes gained against the Austrians at once caused a movement of German troops from the western to the eastern front. This, however, did not lessen the pressure on Verdun, and therefore it was agreed that the combined French and British offensive would not be postponed beyond the end of June."

"The object of that offensive was three-fold; to relieve pressure on Verdun, to assist our allies in the other theatres of war by stopping any further transfer of German troops from the western front, to wear down the strength of the forces opposed to us."

After dealing at length with the various stages of the operations, General Haig sums up the result as follows:

## THREE MAIN OBJECTS ACHIEVED.

"Three main objects with which we commenced the offensive in July had already been achieved, in spite of the fact that heavy autumn rains prevented full advantage being taken of the favorable situation created by our advance at a time when we had good ground for hoping to achieve very important successes. Verdun had been relieved, the main German forces had been held on the western front, and the enemy's strength had been considerably worn down. Any one of these three results is in itself sufficient to justify the Somme battle. The attainment of all three affords ample compensation for the splendid efforts of the troops and for the sacrifices made. They have brought us a long step forward toward the final victory of the Allied cause."

"The desperate struggle for the possession of Verdun had invested that place with a moral and political importance out of all proportion to its military value. It fell would undoubtedly have been proclaimed a great victory for our enemies, and would have shaken the faith of many in our ultimate success. The failure of the enemy to capture it, despite great efforts and heavy losses, was a severe blow to his prestige. Information obtained both during the progress of the Somme battle and since the suspension of active operations, has fully established the effect of our offensive in keeping the enemy's main forces tied to the western front."

## HELD LARGE FORCES OF FOE IN WEST.

"In November the strength of the enemy in the western theatre was greater than in July, notwithstanding the abandonment of the offensive of Verdun. It is therefore justifiable to conclude that the Somme offensive not only relieved Verdun, but held large forces which would otherwise have been employed against our allies in the east."

"The third great object of the Allied operations on the Somme was the wearing down of the enemy's powers of resistance. Any statement as to the extent to which this has been attained must depend in some degree on estimates. There is nevertheless sufficient evidence to place beyond doubt that the enemy's loss in men and material were very considerably higher than those of the Allies, while morally the balance of advantage on our side is still greater. During the period under review, a steady deterioration took place in the morale of large numbers of the enemy's troops. Many of them, it is true, fought with the greatest determination, even in the latest encounters, but the resistance numbers became larger and larger, and the enemy's position in the early stages of the battle. Aided by the great depth of his defenses and by frequent reliefs, which his resources of men enabled him to effect, discipline and training held the machine together sufficiently to enable the enemy to rally and reorganize his troops after each fresh defeat. But toward the end of the operations, when the weather unfortunately broke, there is no doubt that his power of resistance very seriously diminished."

## WEATHER SPOILS GRAND OPPORTUNITY.

"In the course of his detailed study of the operations, General Haig frequently touches on the handicap of the weather. In mid-October came the Allies' great chance to really break through the German lines."

"We had at last," writes General Haig, "reached the stage at which a successful attack might reasonably be expected to yield much greater results than anything we had as yet attained. The resistance of the troops opposed to us had seriously weakened in the course of recent operations, and there is no reason to suppose that the effort required was not within our powers."

"Unfortunately at this juncture very unfavorable weather set in and continued with scarcely a break during the remainder of October and the early part of November. Poor visibility seriously interfered with the work of the artillery and constant rain turned the mass of hastily-dug trenches into channels of deep mud. The supply of food stores and ammunition rapidly became impossible, making the supply of food stores and ammunition a serious problem. These conditions multiplied the difficulties of attack to such an extent that it was impossible to exploit the situation with the rapidity necessary to enable us to reap to the full the advantage we had gained."

## EFFECTIVENESS OF THE "TANKS."

General Haig's report contains frequent mention of the work of the "tanks." One example follows:

"Guédecourt was carried, after protecting trenches to the west had been captured, in an interesting fashion. In the early morning a "tank" started down a portion of a trench held by the enemy from the northwest, firing its machine guns and followed by bombers. The enemy could not escape, as we held the trench at the southern end. At the same time an airplane flew down the length of the trench, also firing its machine gun at the enemy. The enemy finally waved white handkerchiefs in token of surrender, and when this was reported by the airplane the infantry accepted the surrender of the garrison. Besides a great number of the enemy killed, we made prisoner eight officers and 362 men. Our total casualties were five."

General Haig pays a tribute to the work of the various departments of the service during the battle. He declares that the aircraft consistently maintained the supremacy of the air throughout the entire period, while the tunnel

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## MAKERS OF PAPER REFUSE TO TESTIFY ON PROFITS MADE

Declare Have No Time to Study Costs.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Newsprint paper manufacturers at a hearing called today by the federal trade commission declined to discuss figures presented by the commission's investigators bearing on costs and profits of paper manufacturers, but consented to continue consideration of a distribution plan they proposed to the commission two weeks ago. The manufacturers declared they had not had time to study the cost figures.

A hearing held two weeks ago at which the same statistics were presented was suspended when the manufacturers put forward the plan for distribution. Today's was the final hearing before the commission makes its report to congress on the newsprint situation. The unwillingness of the manufacturers to testify, drew sharp criticism from publishers. Frank H. Glass, chairman of the paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, told the committee the manufacturers all along had declined to help solve the situation and that their distribution plan was far from a concession, that it would not inconvenience paper makers, but the country's largest publishers who would have to relinquish paper to fill the needs of the small publishers.

## REGISTRATION SHOWS 50 PER CENT OF MEN AWAY FROM FARMS

Figures Show That Eligibles Have Been Enlisting Well.

(Special to The Advertiser.)  
BRANTFORD, Dec. 29.—The registration of the man-power in Brant County which has just been completed, shows that only 50 per cent of the men necessary to work the farms are left in the county. This includes men of all ages and working on the basis that one man is required for a 50-acre farm, two for a 100-acre farm and three for a 250-acre farm.

This was the statement of A. E. Watts, county treasurer, this afternoon, at a meeting to discuss and formulate plans for the carrying out of the national service work.

Many speakers have recently been making the statement that there were lots of eligibles throughout the county, although county officials differed. It was felt by the organization represented at today's meeting that the time is too short to organize effectively for national service. Cards were being delivered today by postmen. It was decided to initiate a newspaper campaign and to have preachers at Sunday services explain the object of the national service work.

## CANADIAN BANKERS WILL ADVANCE FIFTY MILLIONS

Further Credit to Britain for Canadian Munitions.

(Special to The Advertiser.)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—Canadian bankers have undertaken to make another advance to the Imperial Government for the purchase of munitions in the Dominion. The credit is the result of a meeting of the bankers with Finance Minister White, when it was agreed to extend a credit of \$50,000,000.

This brings the advances by the Canadian Government and bank to \$250,000,000. The orders for munitions will be placed with Canadian manufacturers by the Imperial board.

## MAY GO OVERSEAS.

OWEN SOUND, Dec. 29.—Owen Sound is likely to lose its second school nurse on service overseas. Nursing Sister Kate Wilson has been absent almost two years, and the present school nurse, Miss Dee Carson, has now offered her services.

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## Bylaw No. 5418

To Take a Vote of the Electors of the City of London.

BE IT ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London, as follows:

1. That a meeting of the electors shall take place for the nomination of candidates for Mayor, Controllers, Public Utilities Commissioners and Hospital Trustees at the hall of the said Municipality, on Friday, the twenty-second day of December, A.D. 1916, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

2. That a meeting of the electors shall take place for the nomination of candidates for members of the Board of Education at the hall of the said Municipality, on Friday, the twenty-second day of December, A.D. 1916, at noon.

3. That a meeting of the electors shall take place for the nomination of candidates for Aldermen on Friday, the twenty-second day of December, A.D. 1916, at half-past seven o'clock in the afternoon, at the following places and by the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officers hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

(1) The nomination of candidates for Aldermen for Ward One shall be held in the Simcoe Street School and the Returning Officer shall be Mr. John W. McCullum.

(2) The nomination of candidates for Aldermen for Ward Two shall be held in the Talbot Street School, and the Returning Officer shall be Mr. M. O'Sullivan.

(3) The nomination of candidates for Aldermen for Ward Three shall be held in the East End Town Hall, and the Returning Officer shall be Mr. Stephen Grant.

(4) The nomination of candidates for Aldermen for Ward Four shall be held in the City Hall, and the Returning Officer shall be Mr. S. Baker.

4. That the first day of January, A.D. 1917, at the hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon, continuing until the hour of 8 o'clock in the afternoon, at the following polling places and by the Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

Polling Place	Poll Clerk
1-J. E. Keenleyside's Office, over 359 Richmond St.	O. Dale.
2-Mrs. Keenleyside's house, 253 King St.	J. M. Parsons.
3-Mrs. Keenleyside's house, 42 York St.	C. Heaman.
4-Mrs. Hollins' house, 270 Horton St.	C. Hollins.
5-Mrs. Burton's house, 278 Talbot St.	John Hinchins.
6-Mrs. Burton's house, 544 Grey St.	W. T. Lawrence.
7-J. C. Parker's shop, 159 Simcoe St.	E. F. Clegg.
8-Mrs. Smith's house, 102 Wellington Road	G. England.
9-A. H. Taylor's store, 83 High St.	G. S. Chantler.
10-J. B. Kerman's house, 42 Garfield Ave.	R. N. Wright.
11-Mrs. Casey's house, 15 Marley Place	R. Cadwallader.
12-A. Heiden's house, 159 Tecumseh Ave.	G. R. Keenleyside.
13-Mrs. Lianore's house, 75 Briscoe St.	H. E. Spottiswoode.
14-W. Reid's house, 19 Edward St.	A. M. Hunt.
15-W. H. Biggs' store, 145 Bruce St.	M. D. Graham.
16-M. Mann's house, 70 Askin St.	H. Hawthorne.
17-Mrs. Scott's house, 80 Recher St.	C. Hayce.
18-J. H. Porter's house, 71 Wharncliffe Road	R. H. Smith.
19-Mrs. Boush's house, 65 Carling St.	G. H. Tennant.
20-J. R. Hault's store, 521 Richmond St.	F. V. Langford.
21-Mrs. McCausland's house, 157 Queen's Ave.	J. D. Jacobs.
22-J. Munro's store, 555 Richmond St.	J. G. Quirk.
23-G. Kait's store, 607 Richmond St.	W. Jackson.
24-Mr. Veitch's house, 663 Richmond St.	W. Corcoran.
25-J. Ruddy's store, 732 Richmond St.	G. McQuinn.
26-Mr. Lynch's house, 53 Alma St.	C. D. Manne.
27-Mrs. J. Griffith's house, 1069 Richmond St.	R. P. Pearce.
28-Mr. George's Church School, house, Wharncliffe Road	A. H. Jeffries.
29-C. David's house, 136 Wharncliffe Road	W. Wilson.
30-J. McMurphy's house, 115 Wilson Ave.	W. J. Cook.
31-Mr. Mahon's house, 59 Wilson Ave.	W. R. Garrett.
32-A. Fortner's house, 52 Cavendish St.	D. Dawson.
33-D. Shower's house, 309 Dundas St.	John Tanton.
34-Mrs. Stewart's house, 419 King St.	W. C. Fitzcerald.
35-Mrs. Mitchell's house, 628 York St.	L. Keenleyside.
36-W. Williams' house, 732 King St.	J. H. Hamby.
37-East End Town Hall, 387-Mrs. Gray's house, 1052 King St.	J. A. Calhoun.
38-Mrs. Walte's house, 1153 York St.	C. Barnett.
39-F. Westhead's house, 1447 Dundas St.	E. L. White.
40-T. Atkinson's house, 420 Simcoe St.	E. A. Brady.
41-Mrs. Babcock's house, 245 William St.	W. L. Jelliffe.
42-Mrs. Livermore's house, 765 Grey St.	R. H. Westby.
43-Mrs. McPhail's house, 9 Graston St.	F. K. Anstie.
44-Mrs. K. Steele's house, 546 Grey St.	W. Hale.
45-W. H. Fraile's house, 470 Hill St.	W. O. Spry.
46-Mrs. A. Sweeney's house, 427 Nelson St.	F. Parker.
47-Geo. Pusley's house, 61 William St.	Geo. E. Ross.
48-Mrs. W. Hogg's house, 124 Inkerman St.	T. H. Janes.
49-F. Parson's house, 72 Rectory St.	C. Taylor.
50-Jas. Shields' house, 381 Van St.	C. B. Phillip.
51-Mrs. Wort's house, 943 Dame St.	A. E. Tutt.
52-S. J. Pierson's house, 21 Adelaide St.	P. C. Hooper.
53-Mr. T. Coombs' house, 857 Front St.	A. C. Thompson.
54-A. Wilson's house, 652 Hamilton Road	W. R. Adams.
55-City Hall, 584 Queen's Ave.	John Anderson.
56-Mrs. A. East's house, 489 Queen's Ave.	J. E. Sutton.
57-E. Fitzgerald's house, 692 Dufferin Ave.	K. B. Graham.
58-Mrs. Mallon's house, 650 Dundas Ave.	C. G. Moorehead.
59-Mr. Patterson's house, 484 Elizabeth St.	G. E. Martin.
60-Mrs. Froese's house, 504 Queen's Ave.	A. G. Wanless.
61-S. Atkinson's house, 289 Dufferin Ave.	W. M. Allister.
62-R. F. Walsh's house, 430 Quebec St.	E. F. England.
63-Geo. Tenean's shop, 350 Dufferin Ave.	M. H. Rowlands.
64-Mrs. Anderson's house, 569 Matland St.	J. Pours.
65-Mrs. Roberts' house, 569 William St.	S. A. Anderson.
66-J. P. Craig's house, 550 Princess Ave.	H. P. Elliot.
67-T. Connelan's house, 555 English St.	J. Vivian.
68-Mrs. McCann's house, 354 Central Ave.	W. G. Francis.
69-W. H. Davison's house, 499 Piccadilly St.	A. Wootton.
70-J. Tremblay's house, 551 Piccadilly St.	J. C. Ross.
71-Mrs. Mustard's store, 752 Waterloo St.	P. Campbell.
72-Mrs. Gyle's store, Oxford and William	F. Maraden.
73-J. Vincent's house, 860 Matland St.	W. G. Pepper.
74-W. H. Spicer's house, 888 Waterloo St.	R. A. Emery.
75-Mrs. Kennedy's house, 854 William St.	Geo. Geoghegan.
76-W. Bishop's house, 35 Linwood St.	Geo. H. Balch.

SMITH-PATTERSON.

HIGHGATE, Dec. 29. — A quiet wedding was solemnized here when Eva Patterson, eldest daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. D. L. Patterson, was united in marriage to Thomas W. Smith, a prosperous farmer, and son of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith. The happy couple will reside on the groom's fine farm, Aldersboro and Oxford town line.

## MITCHELL EXPECTED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SPIKE OF CLIQUE

Has Record as the Man Who Chased Glaubitz.

## FIRM ON WATER SUPPLY

Workingmen Will Support Him On Account of His Stand.

Commissioner Mitchell is expected to make a strong run for the utilities commission, although the ring which seeks to control water supply and which has dallied with the question of securing a sufficient supply, is out to get Mitchell if possible. As a result he will secure the votes of many in the way of "plumbers."

Citizens regard Commissioner Mitchell as the one man who fought against the clique that conspired to keep Glaubitz, the German manager of the utilities commission, on the throne, in defiance of the wishes of the people. Glaubitz, who quickly shook the dust of Canada from his heels when he was dismissed, would undoubtedly be manager of the commission today had it not been for the determined effort of the citizens, with Mr. Mitchell as their representative, to oust him.

Mr. Mitchell is the one commissioner who has faced the water situation, and by fair means of arbitrating all offers to secure an adequate supply. Other commissioners have sought to adopt a "Nero fiddling while Rome burned" attitude. They now show that they want pure water, but they showed very little anxiety to secure it during last summer. Through the action of this element, London will have to face the coming summer without an augmented water supply.

The plot to "kill off Mitchell" was not hatched until the election. He has the support of the trades and labor council and of the workingmen generally. They mean to give him their votes to show their contempt for the effort to kill off the one man who faced Glaubitz, and the other serious questions that have confronted the utilities commissioners.

## BLAST FURNACES BANKED BECAUSE OF COKE SHORTAGE

Scarcity of Coke Seriously Handicaps Pittsburgh Steel Works.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 30.—The iron and steel industry in the Pittsburgh region is suffering with increased severity on account of a lack of coke due to coke shortage, according to officials of the leading plants. The number of blast furnaces that have been banked has grown from the few reported last week to a total of between 35 and 40. The banking of these furnaces has reduced the pig iron production by about 20,000 tons, or nearly 20 per cent of the rate of production in the past two months.

Shipments of coke during the week into the Pittsburgh region are estimated at 300,000 tons, whereas the amount necessary to maintain furnaces in full operation is 435,000 tons.

## TANCREDE TURNS UPON FRIENDS AND SON, SAYING THEY ARE ALL TO BLAME

Attitude Taken to Mean That His Mind is Unhinged.

Mike Tancrede's condition today is unchanged. He is eating again, but is still weak physically and mentally. He was interviewed by two fellow countrymen the other day and took occasion to severely condemn them and in fact claimed that they were the cause of his being in the position he was. He even refused to talk with his own son and charged him with conspiring to do all he could against him.

From these peculiar actions the impression is gaining ground that Tancrede is bordering on imbecility.

## TISZA'S REIGN FAST ENDING IN AUSTRIA

Hungarian Leader's Grip Broken by Emperor Charles.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Via London, Dec. 29.—Dispatches from Budapest concern themselves more and more with the question of the possible retirement of Premier Tisza. Audiences granted yesterday by the Emperor to Count Apponyi, the Opposition leader, and Premier Premier Rederdy, tended to strengthen the gossip that the position of Count Tisza as Hungarian premier and dominant personality in the dual monarchy was shaken. The same gossip named Count Zichy as the most prominent candidate for the premiership.

## BONDS TRANSACTIONS TOTAL \$1,158,209,000

All Records on New York Exchange Smashed This Year.

New York, Dec. 30.—Dealings in bonds on the New York Stock Exchange during the year which closed today totaled a par value of \$1,158,209,000, and set a new record. The total in 1915 was \$951,758,000.

## BORN IN MONTREAL

Famous New York Medical Man Was McGill Graduate.

New York, Dec. 30.—Dr. C. L. Wheeler, the editor of the New York Medical Journal since 1909, died of pneumonia today at his home in Brooklyn. He was born in Montreal in 1854 and took his medical degree at McGill University, that city. He practiced medicine in Burlington, Vt., and later specialized in eye treatment in New York institutions. He was a nephew of Wm. Wheeler, former governor of Rhode Island.

Dr. Wheeler is survived by a wife and daughter and a sister. His funeral services will be held at his residence tomorrow afternoon, and interment will be in the family vault in Montreal.

## BIG U. S. RAILWAY STRIKE IMPROBABLE ON MONDAY

Head of Railway Engineers Does Not Look for It.

Cleveland, Dec. 30.—Warren S. Stone and W. G. Lee, heads of the Railway Engineers and Railway Trainmen Brotherhoods, respectively, arrived in Cleveland today following the rejection of the demand by the managers' committee that the Adamson law be placed in effect January 1.

"It is highly probable that there will be a strike Monday," Stone said.

## HERE'S THE SLATE FOR MONDAY VOTING; TAKE YOUR CHOICE

"Plumping" May Be Done by Only Voting For One Candidate.

The candidates for the various offices on Monday are as follows:

For Mayor: W. W. Gammage, H. A. Stevenson.

For Utilities Commissioner, two to be elected: T. W. McFarland, F. G. Mitchell, J. F. White.

For the Board of Control, four to be elected: John M. Moore, E. S. Little, H. J. Saunders, R. J. White.

For the Council (Three To Be Elected From Each Ward): Ward 1—T. W. Cooper, Dr. O. I. Cunningham, Cal. S. Parker, J. J. Dyer, Ward 2—F. E. Harley, O. G. Keene, M. J. Donahue, W. G. H. Bartman, W. Wilson, Ward 3—G. E. Rose, Adam Palmer, Fred R. Watkinson, Harry Winnett, Ward 4—C. C. Park, G. B. Drake, Ward 5—C. C. Moorehead, Jas. Donnelly, G. R. Kettle, S. R. Manness, H. B. Asplund.

Bylaws: The hydro development, \$109,000 industrial bylaw.

Pledges: Daylight saving, Sale of the federal square.

For the utilities commission, an elector may vote for two candidates, or he may vote for one. The latter is called a plumper.

For the board of control, he can vote for four members, or as many less as he desires. An elector may vote for three aldermen in any ward, or less, if he wishes.

If you are in favor of going ahead with the Federal Square and city hall, you must vote "Yes"; mark the ballot with a cross. If you are against it, mark a cross opposite "No."

If you are in favor of the hydro-electric development, vote with a cross opposite "Yes"; if against mark a cross opposite "No."

The same rule applies for the other bylaws.

An elector has one vote for the mayor, board of control and the utilities commission. If he has property in other wards, he may vote for the aldermanic slate in as many wards as he has property.

He may also vote for the bylaws in as many wards as he has property.

## N. W. MOUNTED POLICE POSTS BEING TAKEN OVER

Saskatchewan Provincial Force Comes Into Being Monday.

Regina, Dec. 30.—On Monday next the provincial police of Saskatchewan will take over the duties heretofore performed by the mounted police. The mounted police, Saskatchewan will be divided into four divisions for the purposes of police work—Weyburn, Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert—each detachment will be stationed at many points. The total force will be between 65 and 75. Wherever possible ex-members of the mounted police force have been given preference in appointments to the new force.

## LEAVEN WORKING IN GERMAN CIRCLES NOW

Arrangements for Release of More French Prisoners Made.

Berlin, Wednesday, Dec. 27, via London, Dec. 30 (delayed).—Germany has decided to release, for internment in Switzerland, 100 French prisoners of war, including women and more children, and inmates of German prison camps for eighteen months.

This step, taken in response to a suggestion by Pope Benedict, will be extended, it is stated, should France display a disposition to reciprocate.

## JEWELRY EXCLUDED IN INVENTORY OF SMALL

Evidence at Murder Trial Points to Unusual Circumstances.

Ossipe, N. H., Dec. 30.—Although carried out to minute details in other respects the inventory of household goods prepared by Frederick L. Small, on trial for the murder of his wife, Mrs. Florence A. Small, and with burning his home to conceal evidence of the crime, did not mention a revolver found in the ruins of jewelry valued at \$6,000, which Small said was in the debris. This was the testimony of Edwin C. Conner, insurance agent, who resumed his place on the witness stand today.

Conner, who was Small's companion on the trip to Boston on September 23, the day Mrs. Small was killed, had previously testified that when the defendant viewed the ruins of his home the next morning, he said: "There is \$6,000 worth of jewelry there I shall not miss. Anybody who finds it can have it."

Conner said the inventory found in the satchel of the accused after the murder was in Small's handwriting.

## THREE MORE SUNK

Norwegian Vessels Victims of German Submarines.

Christiania, Dec. 30.—Via London.—The steamships Hero and Nystrand and the three-masted bark Kormo, all lying the Norwegian flag, have been sunk. The crews have been landed.

## VERDICT OF INSANITY

London, Dec. 30.—A coroner's jury today returned a verdict that Reginald John Smith, head of a London publishing house and editor of the Cornhill Magazine, whose death was reported on Thursday, committed suicide while temporarily insane, having thrown himself from a window while his nurse was in the room.

## CANADIAN CASUALTIES

2 A.M. LIST

Died of Wounds—161069 Charles H. Gicks, High River, Alta.

Previously Reported Missing, Now Missing, Believed Wounded—Lieut. Allan Shortt, Brockville, Ont.

Dangerously Wounded—121888 Samuel Ramsden, Kilmorie, Vancouver, B. C.

Previously Reported Missing, Now Missing, Believed Wounded—Lieut. Angus A. Macdonnell, Vancouver.

Missing—477496 Chas. Kinross, 465307 F. W. Robertson, Coburg, Ont.

Previously Reported Missing, Now Missing, Believed Wounded—Lieut. J. F. Vance, Bass River, N. S.

Dangerously Wounded—715256 Archie McCormick, Langan road, Sydney, N. S.

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## MAYOR C. FERS REWARD FOR THIEF'S CAPTURE

Went to House Where Man Lay Dead and Stole Pig.

(Special to The Advertiser.) ST. MARTIN, Dec. 29.—The mayor had posters placed today offering a reward of \$10 for information that will lead to the capture of parties who committed a robbery at the home where George H. Cose lay dead.



















