

Montreal, and owing to the fact that the coal merchants have co-operated with one another nobody is demanding a price for the coal. The cold snap, however, has hit the reserves hard, and the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company is petitioning the Government to guarantee a supply for the spring. The com-

to report last night, with the exception of patrol encounters north of the Min-des-Dames and near Spitzberg, says today's official statement.

"French aviators last night bombed the railway station at Malzeville-Metz and Thionville, and German establishments in the vicinity of Völk and Rethel."

"Older than the Dominion of Canada"

TO BEGIN IS EASY

It is a simple matter to open a Huron & Erie Savings Account — it takes but a few minutes. Why not step in and make the start? All accounts bear interest at the rate of

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FARMERS TO DISCUSS GREATER PRODUCTION

A series of meetings of agriculturists of the district will be held in the towns of Middlesex and surrounding counties during January. A schedule has been drawn up, and it is expected that the first will take place January 8. At each gathering of farmers, agricultural problems will be discussed, and the local situation in particular will receive consideration.

GIRLS! LOTS OF BEAUTIFUL HAIR

25-Cent Bottle of 'Danderine' Makes Hair Thick, Glossy and Wavy.

Removes All Dandruff, Stops Itching Scalp and Falling Hair.



To be possessed of a head of heavy, beautiful hair; soft, lustrous, fluffy, wavy and free from dandruff is merely a matter of using a little Danderine. It is easy and inexpensive to have nice, soft hair and lots of it. Just get a small bottle of Danderine. Danderine now—it costs but a few cents—all drug stores recommend it—apply a little as directed and within ten minutes there will be new hair—fine and downy and fresh, fluffiness and an incomparable gloss and lustre, and try as you will you cannot find a trace of dandruff or falling hair, but your real surprise will be after about two weeks' use, when you will see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—sprouting out all over your scalp—Danderine, we believe, the only sure hair grower, destroyer of dandruff and cure for itchy scalp, and it never fails to stop falling hair at once.

If you want to prove how pretty and soft your hair really is, moisten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair—taking one small strand at a time. Your hair will be soft, glossy and beautiful in just a few moments—a delightful surprise awaits everyone who tries this.

CANDIDATES SEEK RE-ELECTION; REFER TO PAST SUCCESS

Several Address Meeting at Simcoe Street School.

ONE MEETING CANCELLED

Only Seven Persons Present at Chesley Avenue, and One Speaker.

Mayor Stevenson, Chairman Philip Pocock of the utilities commission, Dr. S. L. Holmes, one of the aldermanic candidates in Ward 1; Thomas Colebridge and George Wakefield, candidates for the board of education, addressed a meeting at the Simcoe street school last evening. Owing to the cold weather the attendance was light, but those who did attend listened with the closest attention to the addresses of the various aspirants for municipal honors.

Mayor Stevenson, in opening his address, stated that he had decided to stand for re-election at the general election. Referring to C. R. Somerville's platform, the mayor said he had made every effort to reduce city expenditures during the year. Reference was made to Consulting Engineer Chipman's contract with the city. The mayor announced that an arrangement had been made whereby the services of Mr. Chipman as consulting engineer, had been eliminated.

With regard to industrial expansion he said everything was being done even while the war was on to expand industrially. With reference to floating bonds in operation in this city was used by the largest corporations in America. The mayor said that the bonds had been sold direct to the citizens, thereby doing away with brokers' percentages and profits.

The workers of the city of London have supported me for three years, and I have rendered them satisfactory service, and I believe they will elect me again," said the mayor.

The city gardens and city fish stalls were given attention in the mayor's address. Both these had reduced in a considerable degree the high cost of living.

The market house had been cleaned up and instead of being an expense to the city a revenue was being derived from it.

In closing he made an appeal for support.

Philip Pocock of the public utilities commission, reviewed the part he had taken since he became a member of that body. Hydro today had 12,000 customers, who were receiving current at a considerable reduction each year.

GOING TO TEXAS TO TRAIN AS AVIATOR WITH FLYING CORPS



Cadet Clarence John Bell, Royal Flying Corps, who leaves Toronto today for Texas, where he will continue his training. Cadet Bell was a member of The advertising department of The London Advertiser before joining the R. F. C.

LET COMMISSION ACT LOCALLY AS FUEL CONTROLLER

Utilities Board Making This Suggestion to Ottawa Authorities.

The utilities commission will suggest to the Dominion fuel controller, C. A. Magrath, that the commission be named local fuel controllers.

It has been announced at Ottawa that it was the intention to name a fuel controller in each city, and Chairman Philip Pocock, and other commissioners are of the opinion that the commission can handle this work.

"I think it could be done through the commission with the least possible expense, and the greatest possible efficiency," said Mr. Pocock. "We are taking the matter up with the fuel controller, and hope to get a favorable reply. The details could be worked out later. We would handle all orders for coal, have them filled by the dealers, and direct the distribution. The idea is one that should commend itself to the powers that be. In this way all political or other pull would be eliminated."

A favorable reply is expected.

Experience in Civic Matters Great Asset

A candidate, however able and sincere, is greatly handicapped in the mayor's chair if he comes to it without previous close association with civic matters of recent occurrence.

As one man put it: "It takes a year or so to get into the groove." Dr. Shaw, as controller and in his other posts of service to the citizens, has most thoroughly got into the groove of those who would promote their own selfish interests at the city hall at the expense of the citizens, as many of the promoters know to their cost.

To elect Controller Shaw to the office of mayor is to elect a man armed at all points against the would-be grasping and extravagant spender, a man, moreover, who is not afraid of any self-seeker in the community, who has fought and beaten them in the arena, ready, able and willing to do so again.

Elect him.—Adv.

SCHOOLS REOPENING JAN. 3RD, NOT 7TH, AS WAS ANNOUNCED

Christmas Holidays Shortened This Year.

The schools of the city will open on Monday, January 3rd, and many quarters, it was stated, that they would not resume work until Monday, January 7th, but this is a mistake.

The holidays are quite long enough," said Inspector Edwards. "It takes a day or two to get matters adjusted, and by the week following everything will be running smoothly."

KEEPING THE QUALITY UP. LAXATIVE PROMOTION. The old-Famous Cure for Colds and Grip.

It is now 30c per box. On account of advance in the price of the six different medicinal, concentrated, extracts, and chemicals contained in LAXATIVE BROMO-QUININE, it was necessary to increase the price to the druggist. It has stood the test for a quarter of a century. It is used by every civilized nation.

BOARD OF EDUCATION HOLDS LAST MEETING AT BANQUET TABLES

Members Were the Guests of Chairman Rowe.

EULOGIZE DR. P. J. MUGAN

Passing of Popular Trustee Brings Sympathetic Reference.

The business of the 1917 board of education was brought to a close at a meeting Friday afternoon, which was followed by a banquet in Wong's Cafe, tendered by the chairman, Thomas Rowe, to the members of the board.

Only minor matters were discussed at the meeting and several appointments made. The chairman, in delivering his valedictory address, reviewed the work of the year.

"It is a matter of special satisfaction to me to be able to tell you that the entire program outlined in my inaugural address has been carried out, with one exception," he said. "The exception is changing the rules of the board, which we have been unable to take up on account of other work of greater importance. The most important items that we accomplished were the dental clinic, school and home gardens, initiation of social studies in the public schools, the board's effort to establish the policy of legislation in the super-annuation of teachers, securing the much-needed offices for the board and its officers."

Referring to the death of Dr. J. Mugan, representative of the separate school board on the board of education, the chairman said: "His intimate acquaintance with the affairs of education, his advice exceptionally valuable in the deliberations of the board, and the city has lost with an irreplaceable loss in his death. Those who knew him best loved him most, and we who had daily intercourse with him have a rich heritage of grateful memories calculated to stimulate us to increased public service."

No New Schools. "Unlike the past three years," he continued, "we cannot claim to our credit the erection of any new schools. Our labors in the interest of public schools have been one of unceasing activity. No. 1 committee has been formed in having capable chairmen, as Mr. Langford. The manner in which all business coming before his committee has been handled, has set the standard of excellence of the teachers reflects much credit on both the committee and Inspector Edwards."

"The total enrollment of the public schools for 1917 was 3,297, an increase of 100 over the preceding year. "Patriotic work done by the children, teachers and officers of the public schools consisted of \$2,423 cash contributions; 4,597 knitted articles and 2,100 quarts of fruit canned for convalescent hospitals, besides gifts of clothing, reading matter and vegetables."

Dr. Shoebat, who was chairman of No. 2 committee, acquired himself in a most creditable manner. The present excellent condition of our buildings and grounds is a testimonial of the good work performed by this committee in co-operation with our efficient superintendent of works, Mr. Clements.

Praises Collegiate Staff. "No. 3 committee, which had charge of the Collegiate Institute, is to be congratulated that its department has been so ably managed. Much credit is due to the staff of the Collegiate Institute today stands so high in the educational interests of our province and country that I feel unable to pay proper tribute to Principal Rogers and his efficient staff. The attendance for the largest school in the history of the school, approximately 1,500 day pupils are enrolled, an increase of 150 over the largest previous attendance. The interest in the evening classes is also worthy of mention. There are enrolled during the present term something over a hundred pupils. In competition with other schools the three schools for Middlesex County have won by London Collegiate. More than 1,000 pairs of socks have been knitted by the girls of the household science classes and turned over to the Red Cross. Twenty-five hospital tables have been made by the boys of the manual training classes. Five hundred Christmas parcels were sent overseas to ex-pupils of the L. C. I. who are serving in the Canadian Expeditionary Forces."

New Technical Era. "The work of the Technical School has been ably handled by the advisory industrial committee under the energetic chairmanship of A. E. Silverwood. The coming year should mark the beginning of a new era in the history of technical education. The work in present quarters has been ably carried on under Principal Reel and the energetic and capable staff of the school. The board was fortunate in being able to render very real and much-needed assistance to the Technical School to the Military Hospital's Commission in retraining returned soldiers."

Mr. Hayman, chairman of the audit committee, whose work, like himself, has been of the quiet order, deserves special mention.

Closing his address, Mr. Rowe said: "I desire a testimonial to the appreciation of the work done by our officers, each one performing his work with the greatest efficiency and especially I owe gratitude to the secretary, Mr. M. McElwaine. With reference to our Inspector, Mr. Edwards, I have seldom met a man who is more prompt and unswerving in his desire to bring our public schools to the highest standard of efficiency they have attained."

1918 CONTROLLERS MAY BE LAST IN LONDON'S HISTORY

Carrying of Abolition Bylaw Would Insure This.

The members of the board of control to be elected on Tuesday may be the last controllers the city will have. The vote on the abolition of the board of control will take place at the same time. If when electing the new board the voters decide that the board is a useless commodity, it will mean that the board will automatically cease to exist on business on December 31, 1918.

The bylaw abolishing the board will have to be approved by the Legislature, but it is not anticipated that this approval would be withheld with the majority of the people mostly content having declared in favor of the move.

The Legislature, however, has turned some peculiar corners in dealing with different municipal bills. If the measure to abolish tax exemptions carries, it will undoubtedly bring up some interesting discussions when submitted to Premier Hearst and his colleagues for approval.

JOLLY INFORMAL DANCE HELD BY CATHOLIC CLUB

Novelty Dances Took Well at Christ-mas Eve Entertainment.

The members of the London Catholic Club and their friends enjoyed a jolly informal dance in the St. Peter's Hall Friday night, and a large crowd was present.

The holly and red decorations gave the hall a distinctive holiday atmosphere, and after the grand march, small favors from a large Christmas tree on the stage were distributed by a real live Santa Claus to all the guests.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

CANDY SPECIAL—MONDAY—200 boxes assorted chocolates, choice variety, while they last, 21c box.

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Monday---Last Day of Year-End Clearings

Monday's list of year-end sales will eclipse any previously announced, and the last day of 1917 looks the best of all the opportunities from the standpoint of economy. The quality of the merchandise is what will appeal to every buyer Monday, every line in these sales is of high standard quality, and when you consider such at a quarter, one-third and half off under present conditions you will agree that these sales are of very unusual significance.



Special Skirtmaking
TO MEASURE AND FITTED \$1.89
Four new styles to choose from. See models in Dress Goods Section. Order yours today for early delivery.

Rag Rugs at \$1.35 and \$1.50 Each

We have a few Rag Rugs, very suitable for bedrooms or bathrooms, in two sizes only—Size 24x48 inches. Price\$1.35 | Size 27x54 inches. Price\$1.50

COCOA DOOR MATS OF THE BETTER QUALITY, IN FANCY PATTERNS, MONDAY, ONE-THIRD OFF.

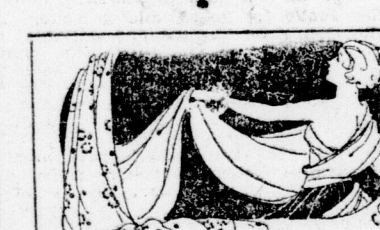
Fifteen only of these Mats at one-third off the old prices, which means more than one-half less than present values. Monday sale prices: \$.235, \$.267, \$.300, \$.335 and \$.400

130 yards (nine patterns) Carpet Borders, in tapestry, Brussels and Axminster. Monday Half Price

ANOTHER LOT OF WASTE PAPER BASKETS, MONDAY HALF PRICE.

These are made of English willow, fumed brown, and are slightly discolored. Monday half price \$1.39

SEVEN ONLY SMOKERS, mahogany finish, each one fitted with very heavy glass ash tray. Monday one-third off \$1.00 each



100 Yards Ivory Georgette Crepes, Monday \$1.19 yd.

This is our regular stock of Pure Silk French-made Georgette Crepe, 40 inches wide, a quality sold by this store for the past year and one of the very best lines on the market at the regular price. An opportunity (for one day only) to lay in one or two waist lengths for spring at a greatly reduced price. Kindly note that there is one color only, ivory, and just 100 yards to be sold at this reduced price. Come at 8:30 a.m. Monday and you'll not be disappointed; 40-inch Pure Silk Ivory Georgette Crepe \$1.19 yard

Men's Handkerchiefs for Monday

Handkerchiefs have greatly advanced in price, but we have a very special offer for Monday's selling. Men's Lawn Handkerchiefs, neatly boxed, four in a box, full-sized and of good quality; sold only by the box 25c per box
Another good line of Men's Handkerchiefs, boxed two in a box. Sale price 15c per box

ARTICLES LOST. Muffs, mitts and small parcels lost on counters. At Transfer Office.

PERMITTED TO RESIGN

C. O. T. C. Officers Allowed to Leave Service.
Lieut. S. F. Maine of the Western University Contingent, Canadian Officers' Training Corps, has been permitted to resign his commission, according to an announcement in district orders.

The examination of two more men apprehended under the military service act marked the work of the medical board at the armories Friday.

Special Sale of Sample Pairs in Window Curtains

33 Sample Pairs One-Third Off

These are sample pairs only—one of which has been used for displaying and perhaps a little soiled, while many are perfectly clean. This lot is composed of handsome Duchesse Curtains, Marie Antoinette, Rideaux, Geneva Points, Alexandrian, also Voile and Marquisette, with handsome lace edges and insertions, both in ivory and eern. These are goods sold by us regularly at \$5.00 to \$20.00 a pair, and in most cases are away below present regular prices and should prove an extra inducement at one-third off our regular price. Sale price, Monday, One-Third Off

35 Pairs at One-Quarter Off

35 pairs Voile and Marquisette Curtains, a few Swiss Net Curtains and also a few Nottingham Net Curtains, in both one and two pair lots, some of our season's best sellers, and sold regularly at \$2.00 to \$4.50 pair. Now on sale at one-quarter off our regular prices. Be on hand early. While they are here, sale prices Monday One-Quarter Off

Sale of Men's Overcoats \$15.00

Men who need an Overcoat, or will acquire one later on, will do well to see these early on Monday. They include meltons and tweeds, with velvet or self collar, and you can have them in either knee length or full length styles, belted back, trench, form-fitting or loose back coats; extra good quality, well made and worth much more than we are asking on Monday. The shades are browns and greys, in medium or dark; sizes from 36 to 44. Sale price Monday, \$15.00

Men's Winter Caps

A great assortment of Men's Winter Caps in a good warm winter-weight tweed, assorted colors, with fur or cloth bands to turn down, some plain black. These caps are well made and will give every service. Prices \$1.25 to \$2.75 each

MEN'S ARMBANDS AND GARTERS, HALF PRICE.

Men's Armbands and Garters, neatly boxed, one pair of bands and one pair of garters in a box. On sale Monday at half price; extra good quality, assorted colors. Price Monday 25c per set

Sale of Toilet Paper Monday

4 Rolls for 25c
2,000 rolls Crepe Toilet Paper, "Lake Champlain" brand. This is very special and won't last the day. While it lasts, 4 ROLLS FOR 25c.
No phone or mail orders. Sold at Toilet Counter only.

Clearing of Men's Silk Mufflers

Monday we will place on sale all Men's Fancy Silk Mufflers. The lines are very beautiful and of excellent quality, many shades in neat stripe effects and plain weave; a rare opportunity to get a real neck scarf at about one-half the regular price. These are worth coming early for. Monday sale price \$1.95

APPREHENDED MEN BOTH PASS AS FIT FOR FIGHTING LINE

Seven Voluntary Recruits Accepted at Armories.

The examination of two more men apprehended under the military service act marked the work of the medical board at the armories Friday.

Seven recruits were accepted: E. J. Garrett, England, London, Engineers; F. C. MacNabb, Canada, Detroit, W. O. R.; W. J. Kinchella, Canada, Grand Rapids, W. O. R.; O. A. Gillett, Canada, London, A. M. C. T. D. No. 1; W. R. Mann, England, Grand Rapids, Turnerville, and Philip Norwak of Petersburg. Both proved to be in Category A, fit for service overseas with

a combatant unit, and were sent to the 1st Depot Battalion of the Western Ontario Regiment. John James Killingsworth of St. Thomas surrendered, admitting that he had not complied with the act. Charles Wesley Logan of St. Marys reported for immediate service, and was sent to the 63rd Battery.

Ten men were sent by the deputy registrar to be examined. Five were in Category A; the status of one was doubtful; one was fit for service in Canada, and three were unfit for service in any branch of the army.

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IN TOYTOWN. Toys left will be grouped into lots and greatly reduced to clear this week.—Bassett.

COUPON

Soldiers-Sailors DIARY and ENGLISH-FRENCH DICTIONARY
Distributed by the THE LONDON ADVERTISER
ONE COUPON AND 75c SECURES THE BOOK
PRESENT THIS COUPON together with purchase price and a small card to the publisher. MAIL add for postage and handling within 30 days. ORDERS distances ten cents.

Send One to the Boy—Keep One at Home!
THE DIARY for recording individual war experiences is the most valuable book in existence and always will be a most cherished possession.

Bound in Textile Leather, Gold Edges, Gold Stamped, Pocket Size

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AUTOINTOXICATION OR SELF-POISONING

The Dangerous Condition
Which Produces Many Well
Known Diseases.

HOW TO GUARD AGAINST THIS TROUBLE

"FRUIT-A-LIVES" — The
Wonderful Fruit Medicine
Will Protect You.

Auto-intoxication means self-poisoning, caused by continuous or partial constipation, or insufficient action of the bowels.

Instead of the refuse matter passing daily from the body, it is absorbed by the blood. As a result, the kidneys and skin are overworked in their efforts to rid the blood of this poisoning.

Poisoning of the blood in this way often causes indigestion, loss of appetite and disturbed stomach. It may produce Headaches and Sleeplessness. It may irritate the kidneys and bring on Pain in the Back, Rheumatism, Gout and Rheumatic Pains. It is the chief cause of Eczema and keeps the whole system unhealthy by the constant absorption into the blood of this refuse matter.

"Fruit-a-lives" will always cure Auto-intoxication or self-poisoning — as "Fruit-a-lives" act gently on bowels, kidneys and skin, strengthen the bowels and tones up the nervous system.

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SOME STRAY SHOTS FROM CAMPAIGN ON FOR CIVIC HONORS

Dr. R. W. Shaw was the first speaker Thursday night at the East End hall. Perhaps this is a fore-runner of the election result when one remembers the old adage that "the first shall be last and the last shall be first."

Is the move to abolish the board of control one to get rid of a number of prominent men from the city hall?

Objection is taken to the fact that Mr. Somerville qualified just seven minutes before the time for so doing. As has been said before, "the first may be last and the last may be first." Perhaps fear of this old adage explains the attempt to throw dust in the eyes of the electors.

Certain candidates seem to believe that the Technical School is a "whiff of roses." It might have been better for the ratepayers if they had not delayed their discovery until election time.

Some of the majority candidates do not seem to think the city needs a financier for mayor. Yet the poorest household in the city to the financier is keeping going. Is the city any different?

One hears but little of the fuel situation during the contest. Yet it is a burning question.

London has thirteen different spending bodies. Is it any wonder the tax rate is high when they vie with each other to spend the most. The odds are on the board of education.

C. B. Edwards spoke on "How to Secure the Best Men to Govern the City." On suggestion is to get the poor ones to stay at home.

Mr. Somerville "will cut out all foolish expenditures." Down with the tax rate.

C. R. Somerville is the big interest candidate for mayor, according to Controller Shaw. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." Did not a member of the audience at Thursday night's meeting accuse Mr. Shaw of supporting the big interests' candidate in the Federal contest, and he did not deny it. Seemingly he has big interests and big interests.

If there is anyone who has not some hidden motive for trying to keep Dr. Shaw out of the majority chair, please step forward.

"Are you going to stay by me," asked Mayor Stevenson of his late night's audience. Some had the temerity to answer "No."

The Federal Government owes not a little to London for legislative ideas. Mayor Stevenson suggests that the Board Government got the idea of selling Victory Bonds to the people from the city's scheme of selling debentures at home. He graciously admits that he got his idea from the British.

The fuel controller will take the utilities committee's idea of abolishing the claims of the needy are looked after by coal dealers who have supplied them. Are there some who would condemn some of London's municipal government methods.

A ratepayer asked today: "Is Controller Shaw flatterer or kidding himself when he thinks that everyone is trying to keep him out of the majority chair?" He was asked to suggest that he would find on Tuesday that there were even more who would not want him wielding the gavel.

"You cannot compare a gum and popcorn business with an iron business for experience. This is one of Controller Shaw's starry arguments as to why he should be elected over Mr. Somerville.

"I think Mr. Somerville is easy," declared Controller Shaw last night. Perhaps, but the doctor does not stop there. He seems to hold the same idea of the electorate. Tuesday is night.

Dr. Shaw waved a couple of copies of his paper before his audience last night. The large articles on the front page, he said, were bottled for him by the controller. He left the impression that he believed the headlines in question. The fact that they are not the one point in the opinion of the controller is not explained by recounting some unfair motive.

Mr. Somerville's opponents have been somewhat perturbed because the candidate has chosen to follow their lead in conducting his campaign. Why, is he not here?

Controller Shaw of his partially packed meeting last night. Seemingly he has a corner on municipal campaign methods, and all must fall in line.

"I am a dangerous man," declared Controller Shaw last night. No one disagreed.

"Be patriotic, if you are not you are a friend of the Kaiser," declared Controller Shaw. Where did we ever hear that before?

"The tax rate this year was 33 not 34 mills, as the papers state," said Controller Shaw. "Why did the papers print this?" he asked.

Here are the figures: Mills. School and municipal council..... 29
Discounts..... 1
Soldier insurance..... 3
War tax..... 1

Total..... 34

The Labor candidates for the school board declare that other schools should have the same facilities as the London school. It has a swimming pool, but they have pointed out, though Mr. Shaw was silent in building it, it is not being used. This is not a startling fact in London.

Last year's council authorized the utilities commission to pay \$25,000 for the Hunt's mill. It is a wonder that the commissioners have not been criticised because they purchased it for \$10,000 less.

Voting For a "Kicker"

Good, Provided He Kicks to Some Purpose.

"Give me a kicker every time in public life, and I'll vote for him. He'll stick up for the people's interests. So said a well-known citizen the other day in discussing with a group of friends the coming municipal elections.

Let a man be known as a "kicker" among the hangers-on and heelers of the city hall, and it is a sure sign he has buckled some profiteering schemes and pet grafts of those same gentry.

Controller Shaw is considered a "kicker" by some, but he kicks the grafters in the interests of the people who have trusted him with their confidence. London will be sure that some more grafters will be calling the fearless candidate a "kicker" if they make him Mayor Shaw on Tuesday next.

OLEO IS POPULAR.

SARNIA, Dec. 28.—Oleomargarine is almost as popular as butter. This is due to the great difference in price, but the advent of oleo has considerably lessened the chance for butter taking another jump in price. One concern in this city is receiving his oleo by the ton, having received a ton shipment yesterday.

POCOCK'S RECORD INSURES RETURN TO BOARD AGAIN

Chairman of Commission Certain To Go Back.

HAS AN ENVIABLE RECORD Achievements for the People's Cause Bring Support of Public.

Philip Pocock, chairman of the utilities commission, who is seeking reelection, will have no fears when polling day comes, if a man's record stands for anything, and it is quite certain that it does.

For eight years Mr. Pocock has been a member of the commission. He was elected with such men as Adam T. McMahon, John H. Chapman, William Wyatt and others, and has shown during this tenure of office, a business ability, straightforwardness, and enthusiasm for the work that has caused the public to respond in a most remarkable degree. His decision on every occasion was assured the moment he consented to allow his name to go on the ballot paper. This year will be no different. The public admires honest, businesslike administration of its utilities, and Mr. Pocock has given this without fear, favor or affection, looking only to the good of the citizen.

The hydro enterprise, the pride of London, is one of the outstanding features of the city. It has a name that is Dominion wide, and to its success Mr. Pocock has in a great measure contributed. He has given it a great deal of attention, with the result that huge surpluses have been made, and the ratepayers annually with an annual reduction in the power rate to the consumers.

Electric power in Ontario is due to the efficient businesslike administration of the hydro enterprise. Mr. Pocock has spent his time and money in the kitchen, and has made a single appropriation of a single cent more, made not a hint of wrongdoing made. The public knows when expended by Mr. Pocock. The surplus in the hydro department is \$75,000 and the city is a remarkable showing in view of the fact that a 15 per cent reduction was made in the price of power at the beginning of the year.

The water supply was well enhanced at the beginning of the year. Mr. Pocock refused to pay an exorbitant price for water, but started investigations of his own source. The result was that he and the staff secured a three million gallon supply of the purest water, at a very low rate, provided means for future development, and solved the water problem for many years. He has been successful in securing the cheapest and most satisfactory supply of water ever secured by the city.

The gas supply is another of the advantages secured by Mr. Pocock. He has secured in recent years, at a cost much lower than almost any city in the North American continent, a city of gas at a cost of only one cent per cubic foot.

The water supply has been increased from 3,000,000 to 9,000,000 gallons, and the operating expense has been reduced only from \$54,000 to \$69,000. That's efficiency plus.

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CONCEDED PLACE ON UTILITIES COMMISSION ON HIS FIRST ATTEMPT

George Marelo, Alias Stanton, Who Pleaded Guilty to Eight Robberies, Makes Sensational and Successful Dash For Freedom From County Jail, Where He Was Awaiting Sentence.

TOOK A HEAD-START IN A POKER; MAKES HIS ESCAPE

George Marelo, alias Stanton, who pleaded guilty to eight robberies, makes a sensational and successful dash for freedom from county jail, where he was awaiting sentence.

The most sensational escape from custody since the time "Texas" Burdell fought his way to liberty from the county jail 14 years ago, was staged at the jail at 10 o'clock this morning when George Marelo, alias Stanton, pleaded guilty to eight robberies, and was sentenced to two years in the Ontario Reformatory, one of two years and another of twelve months for burglary.

The escaped prisoner is 20 years of age, of dark complexion, height 5 feet 7 inches, and weighs 150 pounds. He was dressed in a dark brown suit, with a light pink stripe in the goods. That Marelo is a desperate character, is proven by the fact that he has been in the Ontario Reformatory, one of two years and another of twelve months for burglary.

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An Appeal to Reason

To the Citizens of London

London has suffered and the taxpayers' burdens have been increased because bad judgment, or no judgment, has been used in the direction of civic finances.

City of London debentures should be sold as they are issued. That removes any element of speculation.

But debentures have been held over and used as security to borrow money, when the advice of any financial man would have brought the definite knowledge that money rates were certain to advance.

Three years ago debentures could have been marketed at 4% per cent.; two years ago the rate was 5 per cent. One year ago it climbed to five and one-half per cent and today debentures cannot be marketed in competition with the bond issues of warring nations, at less than 6 per cent. And the rate is still climbing.

Yet London's representatives have allowed two and a half million dollars of bonds to accumulate unsold.

London Must Economize

London has been building pavements and spending recklessly in the face of the strained conditions brought about by the war, and London is still spending as recklessly as ever.

The most recent act of the Council was the authorization of an expenditure of \$100,000.00 more of the people's money on storm sewers.

Remember, Mr. Taxpayer, that whether the people pay for pavements, curbs and sewers now, in cash or wait until the mortgage falls due, every such expenditure adds to the load of London's liabilities. When that happens our financial position is weakened.

All municipal debentures in other times were sold in Scotland and England. But those markets have been closed to us by the war. We are dependent upon New York for our borrowed money.

We owe MILLIONS of dollars there now on short-term loans.

Of this amount ONE MILLION DOLLAR MORTGAGE FALLS DUE IN 1918, for which we have pledged these unsold debentures, which stand as a mortgage against every home in London.

Where will the policy we have been following land us if New York demands the money? Will it be possible to sell our five per cent debentures on a market that is now offering securities yielding abnormal rates of interest?

The taxpayer's money lost on one such transaction means TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

This Is No Time For Extravagant Spending!

While the British Government is calling for more food; while the Canadian Food Controller calls upon us to save even on our tables at home, is it not the height of folly to spend tax money for additional sewers and pavements, that London has done without for fifty years?

Are these men who spend your money, expending their own in the face of conditions that have multiplied the cost of such work? These things can and should wait till after the war.

If we heap up liabilities, and recklessly advance the tax rate from year to year, will London be an attractive place from an industrial viewpoint? Is it not rather our duty to place London on a solid financial basis, that we may enter into the competition for new factories after the war, at no disadvantage as compared with rival cities?

Co-ordinate Departments

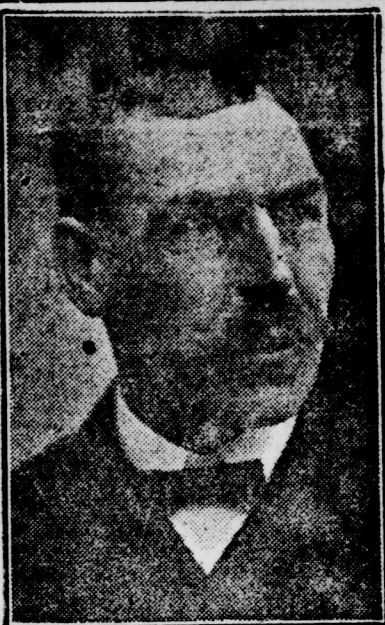
All city business is your business. For that reason every department should work in harmony with each other. With their activities dovetailing, as it is possible for them to do, the people will get value for every dollar expended.

The City Hall needs proper management to eliminate the serious results that are directly due to mismanagement. I am prepared to give the people of London the benefit of my business experience. I stand as a supporter of the principle of public ownership where that principle may be applied to the advantage of the people; I am not concerned for any factional influences. My policy is to transact the business of the people as I did my own business, and on that platform I respectfully solicit your vote and influence, on New Year's Day.

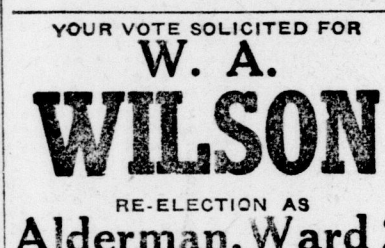
My Platform

- 1 To intelligently direct the tremendously important work of civic financing. "Muddling" has cost London taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars.
- 2 To exercise rigid economy and to eliminate all needless expenditures during the war.
- 3 To place London on a sound footing, and to control the tax rate that London may be ready to strike out for industrial expansion after the war.
- 4 To effect a co-ordination of all civic departments. This means efficiency. All civic business is your business. Lack of harmony between departments has wasted your money.

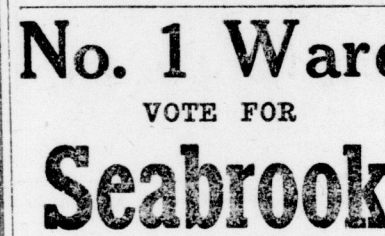
C. R. SOMERVILLE



Your Vote and Influence to Re-Elect
J. H. SAUNDERS
For Controller, 1918



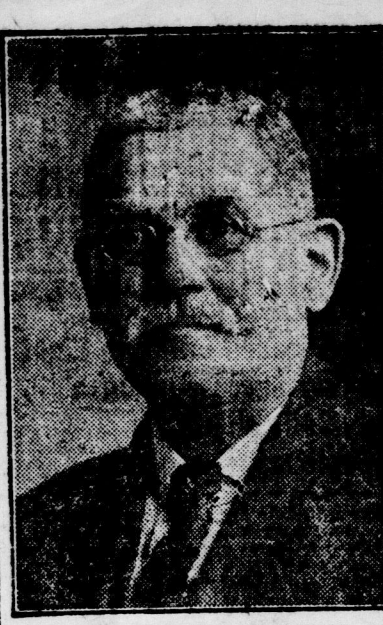
YOUR VOTE SOLICITED FOR
W. A. WILSON
RE-ELECTION AS
Alderman, Ward 2



No. 1 Ward
Seabrook
As Alderman.

WATCHWORD: ECONOMY.

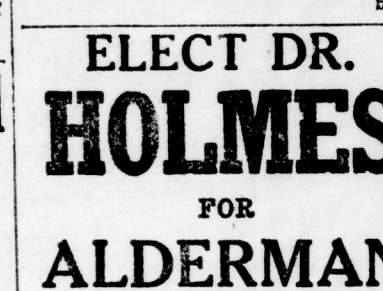
My interests are your interests.



YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR
C. H. Merryfield
FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL, 1918.



F. G. WAIDE
(Formerly teacher, and writer on educational questions.)
THE BEST SCHOOLS,
BUT NO EXTRAVAGANCE
DURING THE WAR.
Bd. of Education



ELECT DR.
HOLMES
FOR
ALDERMAN
FOR WARD 1.

And efficient business administration of civic affairs will be my endeavor.

My interests are your interests.



Controller **E. S. LITTLE**
(Robinson, Little & Co., Limited)

Serves the People With
HONESTY
EFFICIENCY

Send Little to the Board of Control and be sure there will be

NO GRAFT!

No Extravagance!

LITTLE SERVES THE PEOPLE. RE-ELECT HIM.



YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED

EDWIN SMITH

(City Traveler and Director
T. B. Escott Co., Limited)

for
Board of
Education, 1918

J. S. BARNARD

(Jeweler.)

FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1918

VOTE FOR
GEORGE A. WAKELING
(Sign Painter)
Board of Education
FREE TEXT BOOKS AND
SUPPLIES.
THANK YOU.

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE FOR

P. J. Watt
FOR
Alderman
WARD NO. 1.
THANKS!
Dec. 27, 1917

Your Vote and Influence
Respectfully Solicited For
J. J. Harding
Alderman
NO. 1 WARD.



ALDERMAN FRANK E.
Harley
Is again out for election as
Alderman
for
WARD NO. 2
Economy with Efficient Administration.

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR

E. H. Russell
FOR
School Trustee
FOR 1918

VOTE FOR
Joshua Garratt
For BOARD OF CONTROL
FOR 1918

Look! Experience Counts!

C. R. SOMERVILLE, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF HEALTH—OVERDRAFT.
CONTROLLER SHAW SUPPORTED OVERDRAFT IN VICTORIA HOSPITAL AND BOARD OF HEALTH, AND YOU, MR. VOTER, HAD TO PAY THE BILL.

MAYOR STEVENSON AND COUNCIL SURPLUS FOR THREE YEARS. THIS MONEY IS IN YOUR POCKETS.

LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE!
WHY CHANGE?

ELECT
Controller SHAW

FOR MAYOR FOR 1918

Economy, Public Ownership,
Stand Behind the Soldiers,
Keep Speculators Off Market



RE-ELECT
PHILIP POCOCK

FOR
Utilities Commission

EMPLOYMENT OF DAY LABOR.

Hydro Surpluses and Waterworks Cash Balances Have Been Due to His Good Management.

INDORSED BY THE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.

YOUR VOTE

Respectfully Solicited for Re-Election of

JOHN M. MOORE

For Board of Control

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE FOR
JAMES GRAY
(of Gray's, Limited.)
for
BOARD OF
EDUCATION
1918



FRED W. DALY
Tea Merchant.
FOR UTILITIES COMMISSION.
Indorsed by Trades and Labor Councils.

VOTE FOR
Dr. M. A.
Ross Thomas
DENTIST
For School Trustee
1918



YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE SOLICITED FOR
F. R.
Watkinson
FOR ALDERMAN
WARD NO. 3

RE-ELECT
THOS. ROWE
FOR
Board of Education
1918

RE-ELECT
ALDERMAN
KEENE
WARD 2



VOTE FOR JARED
VINING
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

"Muddling" Has Cost Taxpayers of London Thousands of Dollars

C. R. Somerville Is Out to Protect Ratepayers' Pocketbook
and Put London in More Secure Financial
Position.

Four reasons why C. R. Somerville has allowed himself to stand as a candidate in the present mayoralty contest should appeal to you, Mr. Ratepayer. They should appeal to you because they concern your pocketbook and your future prospects in London. Mr. Somerville has a definite financial policy for the administration of the city in the midst of the fourth-year-of-war conditions. He is firmly convinced that he is given an opportunity to carry out his policy it will:

1. Protect your pocketbook and your best interests.
2. Place the city of London in a more secure financial position.
3. Insure great industrial expansion after the war.
4. Insure the future prosperity and wellbeing of London and her citizens, of whom you are one, Mr. Taxpayer.

Taxes Doubled.
Why are taxes so high in London? Why are you paying exactly double the taxes for that house of yours that you did five or six years ago? Why are you kept poor paying your taxes?

Because "Muddling" has cost London taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars. This loss might have been saved the city through disposal of debentures at the right time.

C. R. Somerville is in the majority contest because he believes, and his level-headed supporters believe, that his policy of city administration will substitute efficient business methods for muddling.

In face of the strained conditions brought about by the war, London has been building pavements and spending recklessly.

London is still spending money as recklessly as ever.

Whether the people pay for pavements, curbs and sewers now or wait until the mortgage falls due, every such expenditure adds to the load of London's liabilities.

The financial position of London has been further weakened by large increase of liabilities in 1917.

All municipal debentures in previous times were sold in Scotland and England.

These markets have been closed to us by the war.

We are dependent upon New York for our borrowed money.

We owe millions of dollars there now on short term loans.

A one-million-dollar mortgage of this amount falls due in 1918. For this there have been pledged for us unsold debentures which stand as a mortgage against every home in London.

Means Your Home.
That means YOUR home, Mr. Ratepayer.

The MIDDLING policy of our administration, instead of selling our debentures, has held them as security on which to borrow money. The advice of any financial man would have brought the definite knowledge that money rates were certain to advance.

Supposing New York demands the money.

Will we be able to sell our five per cent debentures on a market that is now opening securities yielding abnormal rates of interest?

And what about the security of your pocket book and home if such muddling methods are allowed to continue?

ARE DISASTROUS.
Muddling and bad judgment may be less heinous sins from a moral standpoint than dishonesty and grafting, but from a financial standpoint they are just as disastrous in their results.

C. R. Somerville is in the majority contest to endeavor to pull London out of its present financial muddle.

He proposes to do this, first of all, by putting a stop to waste and extravagance.

He proposes to do this in the second place by cutting out all unnecessary expenditure of public funds in wartime.

He proposes to do this by the application of sound business principles and good judgment, acquired by experience, in administration of the city's financial affairs.

Because he thus proposes to protect your interests, Mr. Ratepayer, he asks your vote on January 1—Advt.

**STEAMER BERWICK LAW
SUNK BY SUBMARINE**

HALIFAX, Dec. 28.—The steamer Berwick Law has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean Sea. She was commanded by Capt. Oscar Henderson, son-in-law of the late William Muir of this city. Capt. Henderson was made a prisoner.

Capt. Henderson was in command of the steamer Comoranthine when some years ago she collided with the large French steamship La Bourgoine and many passengers were lost.

The second shell exploded and debris from the submarine was seen flying in the air. Afterward no trace of the submarine was visible. The convoy signalled to the liner, "A direct hit."

**CANDYMAKERS IN
U. S. ARE ALLOWED
TO INCREASE OUTPUT**

CLOSE APPROACH OF NEW SUGAR CROP
Relieves Restrictions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—So greatly has the close approach of new crops relieved the sugar situation that refiners and manufacturers were authorized today to allow refiners and makers of non-essential products 50 per cent of their requirements. These instructions, issued here by the United States food administration, rescind the order issued in October limiting the candy men to 50 per cent of their needs.

It is hoped that as soon as definite information is obtained as to the probable outcome of new crops all limitations will be removed," the notice said. Food Administrator Hoover, who visited this city today to view traffic and food congestion, worked over a plan to bring food products to this city via coastwise vessels and canals, thus relieving freight trains. Congestion, he said, is to blame for food shortage in this city.

**GOOD PRICES REALIZED
AT CRAIG STOCK SALE**

ALISA CRAIG, Dec. 28.—A sale of cows and yearlings by Mr. Clifford of Deschêre at the Munn House stable this week was well attended. Prices ran as high as \$125 for the cows.

Cadet Percy Harris is spending the holidays with friends here. He is at present training at Camp Borden for the Royal Flying Corps. He was the first from Alisa Craig to enlist in the flying corps.

Local nominations will be held on Monday in the town hall. The council lost one of its members recently in the removal of Mr. Cousin, manager of the Standard Bank, to the Newmarket branch.

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YET ANOTHER PEACE OFFER IS EXPECTED

Direct Proposal to Allies, Perhaps Through Vatican.

GERMANY REALLY SERIOUS

Neither London Nor Paris
Papers Deride Offer
as Spurious.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—That the Austro-German peace proposals to Russia are only the opening gun in an elaborate peace campaign by the central powers is the belief here. It is likely that the next step by Germany, according to well-informed London opinion, will be a direct proposal to the Allies either through the Vatican or a neutral power.

The Russian Government, in the course of the next few days, is expected to endeavor to get the German offer officially before the Entente Allies, but as a formal reply to it would involve a recognition of the Bolshevik Government it is doubtful whether any Entente government will make a reply. Informal, but sufficiently definite replies to Germany were made in London today by Premier Lloyd George and in Paris by Foreign Minister Pichon. Both reject the German offer on the ground that the great principles for which the Allies are fighting would be utterly lost in the status quo peace proposed by Germany.

Neither in London nor Paris is there a disposition to deride the German offer as spurious. On the other hand, it is regarded as a serious step by the Teutonic group, which regards an early peace as the surest and perhaps the only method of avoiding disaster.

The terms offered, however, are so clearly unacceptable that the only consideration as to a reply is whether the Entente Allies' position will be improved by making again a clear statement of their war aims.

There is nothing new in Germany's terms. In fact they are rather less comprehensive than the offer of last July.

**4,930 in Alberta
Ordered To Report
From 28 710 Total**

CALGARY, Dec. 28.—In Alberta 15,912 men have been granted total exemption and 12,798 partial exemption. The men ordered to report for military service number 4,930.

SCHOOL REPORTS

S. S. 10, CARADOC.

Class IV.—Douglas Wilton, Harold Wilton, Nellie Jarman, Edna Elmer, Beatrice Erskine, Howard Runnalls, Doris Sexton (Winnie Wilton and Lilian Graham), Ellen Sexton, Ida Buchanan, Alma Bond, Douglas McEvoy, Clarence Snegrove, Blanche Snegrove, Edna Brown, Lily Winter.

Class III.—Willie Fox, Katie Veale, Alice Veale, Laverne Fox, Cecil Snegrove and Mary Elbert, Winifred Cassidy, Willie Regan, Helen Wilton, Helen McEvoy and Orville Snegrove, Luella Wilton, Gladys Erskine, Irma Snegrove, Pearl Snegrove, Leone Graham and Arthur Brown, May Humphrey, Clarence Mote, Marie Humphrey.

Class II.—Alice Runnalls, Vernon Fox, Willie Bond, James Graham, Louise Snegrove (Margaret Snegrove and Cecil Jarman), Olive Snegrove, Margaret Brown, Oswald Bond, Morley Snegrove, Vera Gardiner, George Winter, Jennie Donkersvoort, Mabel Davidson.

Class I.—Melvin Snegrove, Helen Brennan, Eric Graham, Murray Brown, Johnny Dempsey, Casey Donkersvoort, Robbie Erskine, Orville Humphrey.

ADA E. MARSH,
ELLA COLLINS, Teachers.

LA FOLETTE EXPELLED.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 28.—Robert A. LaFollette, United States senator from Wisconsin, was expelled from membership in the Madison Club tonight because of his unpatriotic conduct and giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

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PAN-GERMANS ARE ANGRY
Want Egypt Returned To Turkey
In Exchange For Belgium's Evacuation.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The advance guard of the German peace delegation arrived in Petrograd Thursday evening. It consisted of Baron Admiral Keyserling, who was formerly military attaché to the German embassy in Petrograd; Capt. Herhan and Lieut. Vents, also a naval officer. They wore civilian clothes and were received by representatives of the Russian admiralty and entertained in the admiralty barracks. Thirty additional representatives of the Central Powers are coming to Petrograd shortly from Bruchsal, among them Count Mirbach, former counselor of the German embassy in Petrograd. Admiral Keyserling said the naval delegation had come to Petrograd particularly to discuss the cessation of naval warfare. He said that prices were higher in Petrograd than in Berlin, and that the food situation in Germany was not good. "There is certain tiredness with war in Germany," said the admiral. "We want peace, but we have wanted peace since the beginning. We will not agree to an unfavorable peace. We are prepared to fight for a long time and have the means to do so. If we make a separate peace, we will Russia war with Russia's allies cannot expect us to us in America, but we are not afraid of her. If we had feared the American fleet we would have begun our submarine warfare."

LIST TO KRUPPS.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—The Rhenish Westphalische Zeitung, organ of the Krupp, declares that the Entente Allies will regret the principles set forth at Brest-Litovsk, and argues that the political abandonment of Belgium by Germany must be conditional on the British evacuation of Egypt, which should extend to Turkey in accordance with the desire of its population.

PASSPORTS FOR COURIERS.

Petrograd, Friday, Dec. 28.—The British embassy authorizes the announcement that an agreement has been reached with the Bolshevik government to issue passports to couriers going to England, on condition that they perform only courier duty and return immediately.

The Moscow Bolshevik authorities have followed the example of those in Petrograd and have taken over all the private banks in Moscow.

PAN-GERMANS ANGRY.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—Pan-German newspapers angrily condemn the peace terms of the Central Powers. The Deutsche Rundschau of Berlin says: "Never before have we given up so completely everything we so dearly bought with the blood of hundreds of thousands, with the sweat of millions, with the deprivations of our children, with our own hunger."

The Deutsche Zeitung says that the Entente has won the greatest victory of the war, and that diplomats have destroyed all that has been fought for. The Koelnische Zeitung on the other hand, regards the conditions as opening the road to a peace advantageous to all sides. The Lokal Anzeiger thinks that the German answer to Russia will not be much to the taste of people with military leanings, but adds: "The outlines, however, are drawn wide enough to give scope for demands of justice. Definite judgment upon the peace work by the Bolsheviks depends on how far this possibility is utilized in later negotiations."

NORTH RUSSIA APATHETIC.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Special dispatches from Petrograd indicate that, Thursday, aim to give an impression of how the German peace reply was received there, but the state of mind is unplicable, and seem to be based partly on surmise. The reply, according to the correspondent of the Daily News, created a favorable impression generally, and he believes that if the Bolsheviks have the constituent assembly they will have Russia almost solidly behind them.

Representing the people as dispirited and indifferent owing to the miserable conditions of life, including the food shortage, the correspondent of the Morning Post says that as far as Northern Russia is concerned it will accept peace on any terms the Germans may like to impose. How the remainder of Russia will act is another question. The correspondent of the Times is of the opinion that the Bolsheviks are disheartened over the Ger-

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RELIEF WORK STOPPED.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Information coming today stated that water mains in Guatemala city were broken and the sanitary condition of the city

was becoming bad. Relief work already had been started. Red Cross headquarters here today telegraphed President Calles and the head of the Red Cross chapter in the Guatemalan capital offering any aid they might ask.

**GERMAN GUNS ARE
POUNDING LENS AND
YPRES VICINITIES**

Polygon Wood, Passchendaele
and Langemarck Especially Marked.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The war official communication, issued tonight, says: "Hostile artillery was active during the day at a number of points south of the Arras-Cambrai road and in the neighborhood of Lens. Increased activity also was shown in the Ypres sector, particularly in the neighborhood of Polygon Wood, Passchendaele and Langemarck."

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ONE INQUIRY; MANY CHARGES.

IN WESTERN CANADA, it is charged, hundreds if not thousands of people who had the right to vote were deliberately left off the lists by enumerators, and in every instance this occurred in districts known to be strongly Liberal. Complaints have been made, but if they have reached the ears of the Government they have caused only a well-satisfied smile, not an investigation.

North Essex, however, has a complaint which brings an officer of the Canadian Government there on the run. It is charged that Liberal enumerators did what the Conservative enumerators did in the West, left off some names, and also that some deputy returning officers attempted to influence voters at the polls.

If one complaint is worthy of investigation, all are. It was charged in this city that some enumerators went to any lengths to obtain votes for the Government. There is room for a strict inquiry here if probes are in order.

SALARY CHANGES.

THERE is room for speculation as to the future effects of President Wilson's action in ordering that the operation of United States railways be taken over by the Government during the war. Washington dispatches state that one of the first results will be a great reduction of the salaries paid to presidents and other high officials, and an increase of the wages paid to the workers. The sum of \$10,000 a year is mentioned, unofficially, as the probable maximum allowed, in place of the \$100,000, or \$150,000 now paid.

If this scheme is carried out and endures during the war, what will be the result after peace is declared?

It will be no easy matter for men who have acted as presidents or vice-presidents at \$10,000 or \$5,000 a year to obtain suddenly an increase to the old pre-war levels. The feeling of the populace will mitigate against such a movement.

It may be taken as certain that the workers will not be inclined to accept a cut in wages, especially if they suspect that the money they lose is to go towards paying huge salaries to those at the head of affairs. It is more likely that just as soon as any attempt is made to re-establish the high officials on their financial pedestal, the workers will declare that it shows the companies' ability to spend more money, and if there is any to spend they will declare it must go to those who are struggling along on small annual incomes.

Once the change predicted by Washington is made, it is altogether likely that it will attain some degree of permanence.

Certain it is that if the executive heads of railways are to suffer so severely in their incomes, heads of other industries, both state and privately-owned, will not escape. The tendency will be to follow the example set by the Government, and popular sentiment will be strongly in favor of more profits going to swell the envelopes of the wage-earners. It may be that the day of immense salaries is passing in the United States, and, if it is, Canada will have to fall in line.

There is a decided contrast between the way the United States Government and the Canadian Government have looked upon the war-salary question. To the south of the line, big men have been invited to undertake big tasks for small remuneration; sometimes for nothing but nominal salaries. They have responded, and are willing to do their bit without making money out of it. In the Dominion, fuel controllers and assistant food controllers (some of them imported from the United States) are getting from \$25,000 a year downwards. It appears that Canada considers herself able to pay more for such work than the United States will spend on it.

War has caused many changes, and not all of them are for the worse. Salaries of \$100,000 and up to two or three times that sum are not rarities in the United States, and their existence is one of the causes of discontent among workers who earn perhaps, \$1,000. If there is a substantial reduction, bringing remuneration to a more reasonable basis, the effect on the nation may be very beneficial.

NO POLITICS IN THE MAYORALTY ELECTION.

PARTY politicians are often unjust to their opponents. The best men rise above party politics. It will be well for Canada when the voters reason for themselves, and do not slavishly follow their party leaders, and jump at the crack of the party whip. It is a matter of history how all Reformers might have become moderate protectionists, and all Conservatives free traders. The late Hon. Alexander Mackenzie was requested to raise the tariff by his supporters. It was believed that he would do so, and Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper had free trade speeches prepared in opposition to the rise in the tariff, which Mr. Mackenzie was expected to bring down in the House. Mackenzie, however, after reflection, decided that it would be wrong to raise the tariff. He refused to do so, and went to the country under his old tariff. As soon as Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper found out that Alexander Mackenzie refused to raise the tariff, they introduced their protective tariff, afterwards known as the national policy. Their free trade speeches never saw daylight, but their party got back into power, and the Mackenzie government was defeated.

There is a lesson of much importance in this story. Had Mackenzie yielded to the request of

his followers in the House, all his followers in the country would have followed him, too; and had Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper delivered their free trade speeches, all their followers in the country would have followed them, too. Why should this be so. It is clearly wrong. The voter who fails to use his own judgment fails to do his duty as a citizen and as a voter. It is one of the greatest faults the elector in Canada possesses, slavery to party.

Let there be an examination of the qualifications of the candidates for the mayor's chair. C. R. Somerville has been an independent voter, following the dictates of his conscience and his best judgment. The financial problems of London need him to solve them. The high taxation in London needs a competent, experienced man to ascertain the cause and apply the cure.

ALWAYS SUSPICIOUS.

IT IS TO BE REGRETTED that one of the mayoralty candidates attributes unfair motives to all who oppose him, even to the information-seeking elector. "Why do you ask me that?" is his reply when faced with a question he does not like to answer. This attitude of suspicion for all is rather a new and low plane for a candidate to adopt in seeking the high office of mayor. It would not be surprising if the great majority of the electors also got the suspicion fever on election day and left the suspicious candidate at home.

A GREAT MOVEMENT.

AN EDUCATIONAL health movement of great importance to the city and surrounding district is included in the program arranged for the child welfare exhibition which is to take place here in February, when clinics will be held, at which mothers will be given expert advice free of cost regarding the condition of their children, the diet best suited to them and the care that they should have.

This is the beginning of what should become a permanently established bureau of medical advice, open to all mothers free of charge, and financially aided by the state and city. Today children who are fretful, weakly, and hard to rear to manhood and womanhood have to thank their chance without medical assistance in a great many cases, so long as their illness does not appear to parents as acute or serious. The expense of seeking medical advice deters the parents unless as a last resort. The result of this is that ailments which, in their incipient stages, might be treated quickly and most successfully, are allowed to take root and develop until the cure is difficult, if not impossible, and the whole constitution has been weakened terribly. In other cases the wrong food is given children, in ignorance, and at the time when the nutriment ought to be building up the constitution it is really placing a tax upon it and weakening it for all time.

It may be that few mothers will be inclined to take advantage of the opportunity offered in February, fearing that some stigma may attach to accepting the free advice. Such a view is entirely mistaken and wrong, and those who cannot afford to have private medical attention for what seems a slight derangement of the babies' health owe it to the little ones to attend the clinics and take them along. If the response does not, at first, meet the expectations of those who are fathering the movement, no discouragement should be felt; the response will come in time, and the nation will benefit more than seems possible. Those who learn will spread their knowledge among their friends and neighbors, and it is to be anticipated that child mortality will decrease considerably because of the clinical work.

The city owes it to itself and to Canada to help along child welfare activity by every means in its power. It is one of the undertakings that is worth spending money on, even in wartime.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Texas camps seem to be as deadly for Canadian fliers as the western front.

A reprieve! Nine days more allowed to collect that 10 per cent installment on your Victory bond.

Sir Donald Mann talks more freely about G. T. R. problems than he has ever talked about the C. N. R.

Another British idol has gone, in the person of Sir John Jellicoe. If Sir Rosslyn Wemyss is the better man, there can be no complaint.

Germany says the rights of minorities must be safeguarded, and then proceeds to arrest 300 of the minority Socialist party. Consistent!

One of the striking characteristics of the German peace proposals is the intricacy and clumsiness of the language used in its translation.

The Government is to pay \$10 each for the arrest of men who are trying to escape obedience to the military service act, but are they worth all that?

London and Toronto each have bachelor mayors seeking a fourth term. Of course the woman vote does not figure strongly in municipal contests.

The press of Allied countries holds many different views regarding Germany's so-called peace terms, but in one thing all are agreed—they are unacceptable.

It hardly seemed necessary for Bonar Law to deny the rumor that Britain would repudiate war debts. The idea was so apparently ridiculous that no one in his sane senses would credit it.

No one will quarrel with the idea that the city's expenditure should be reduced. The man for the mayor's chair is the one who will cut out all non-essentials, and see that nothing suffers which is necessary to the life and health of the populace.

The Dominion fuel controller comes across with a real live suggestion. It is that all cities appoint an official to look after those in need of fuel, and whose orders have been rejected by the dealers. London's utility commission has been doing this for months. Next.

When it is noted how frequently cabinet ministers and other wealthy people find it necessary to "go south" in order to preserve or regain health, one must marvel at the wonderful constitutions of other people who work just as hard and live just as long without ever seeing the south.

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THE VOICE OVER THE WIRE.

By Vincent G. Perry.

It was a responsible position young Dr. Reynolds had, as head surgeon of the General Hospital, and the responsibility at times became wearisome. It had been a long, tiresome day, a day when almost all the nurses had gone off duty complaining of headaches and some of the probationers had fainted at their work, which made it all the harder for the young doctor. As the hour reached midnight he could see lots of work still to do before he could retire. It was no wonder, then, that he was in an unpleasant frame of mind when he found himself at the telephone to make a promised report to a relative of one of the patients.

"What's the matter with you, Central? That's the second time you've given me the wrong number. He dialed the number correctly the first time, but he called crossly through the telephone after being told twice that he had the wrong number."

"I am sure I gave you the number you asked for," came the reply. "Wait till I see you," he muttered, and he reached his apartment. He unlocked the door, and he found a note pinned to it. It was from the girl without the least trace of duplicity.

It was early morning before Dr. Reynolds was able to go to bed, and then he was too tired to sleep. He lay in bed he tried to forget the events of the day, but they kept crossing his mind. The conversation with the telephone operator seemed to have impressed him, and it was not so unpleasant to think of as some of the other things. How sweet her voice sounded, how clear and ringing, how different to any other woman's, perhaps most like his mother's. He remembered what sort of girl she was, a very fine girl, but she was anything like her voice. It seemed as though she had been there, that to be slaving away at a switchboard, it wasn't any worse than a nurse's life, though she thought of the third floor he had seen that day. His mind kept wandering, but always returned to the telephone operator. Her voice and polite words had certainly made more than an ordinary impression on him. He thought of some day to meet her. There wasn't much chance to do so. She might not come up to his expectations, if he did so it was better to picture her as some fairy-like creature. He wore all manner of pictures in his mind. He thought of her, and he fell asleep with his mind on her. He had very wonderful dreams, in which the girl with the clear voice was the central figure, and awoke with his mind on her.

The hospital was filled and accommodations had to be taxed to the limit, so for days Dr. Reynolds was not able to think of anything but his work. But the rush subsided as quickly as it had begun, and the hospital was restored to normal routine. He hoped he was able to find time for relaxation, and his thoughts went back to the girl. After thinking it over for a few nights he decided on a plan. It was not difficult to think of someone to call up who he knew would answer the phone and answer the telephone. When the voice that had impressed itself so firmly on his memory rang for the number his heart beat faster.

After a number of unanswered rings the girl opened the door for him to start a conversation by saying, "This party doesn't answer the telephone." "Do you know if the girl has been answering the phone for a number of days?" an particularly anxious to know if they were getting the girl's cheeks burned at the consciousness of the lie.

"I am almost sure they are," she replied. "It is weeks since I have had a call for that number. I have noticed it particularly."

"If so, you must have been on this board for some time. Have you?" He hoped his one word would open the door. That gave the conversation a good start and it was many minutes before Reynolds hung up the receiver. She was a very fine girl, he was more than convinced then, and he wished he had found out her name. She seemed to be a girl who would be offended if he got personal, he thought, and although he called her by telephone every evening for a week he had never courage to ask her.

The next week was a busy one and it was the middle of it before he was able to get near the telephone in the evening. It was a different operator who answered his call and he was disappointed. The girl he wanted was not busy that night. Night after night he called, but without success. Finally one night he asked the girl who answered the phone if she knew where he could find the girl who had been on duty at switchboard the previous month. "She is ill and is not expected to get well," was the startling answer.

The statement stunned him. He hung up the receiver without saying anything further. He could not imagine his girl of the beautiful voice, the girl who haunted his dreams, and who he had thought of as being dead, and it took him hours to realize that he might be of some assistance to her. When at length he was able to communicate with the telephone office and securing the girl's name and address. Her name was Violet Bloom, a fitting name for a girl like her, he thought, and she lived in a very modest section of the city.

Because of his profession it was not out of place for Dr. Reynolds to call at the address given him. It was a boarding-house. She was a girl very much as he had dreamed of, and she was wasted cruelly by her illness. He looked about her and saw it could hardly be otherwise with conditions such as they were.

"Your voice is so familiar," she breathed weakly, and he looked at her and spoke kindly to her. "Haven't I heard it some place before?"

"I talked to you over the telephone. Don't you remember I called you from the hospital?" he said, forgetting it was unwise unnecessary to excite a patient in her condition.

"I remember," she tried to smile. "You are the doctor who came to see me when I was so much in need of the sick. I have dreamed of you often and your voice is so familiar. She slipped into unconsciousness, but Reynolds had heard enough. She had dreamed of him, too; that was more than he had hoped for.

The boarding-house mistress did not object to having Violet Bloom in the hospital. It was a relief to be lessened of her care. She would have sent her long before had not the girl, afraid of incurring an expense she could not meet, pleaded to stay.

It required a skillful operation to bring her back to health. The trouble was in her throat and the thought that her power of speech depended on his skill, nerve, Dr. Reynolds to Keener effort. Careful care for days rewarded him at length by signs of improvement, and once on the right road, Violet's recovery was a speedy one.

She was sitting in the sunroom, convalescent, when Dr. Reynolds one day entered. "Tell me, doctor," she asked, "why were you so kind to me? The nurses tell me your operation saved my life." "He tried to smile his way out of an explanation. "It would never have been done to have told you how your voice helped me. You don't realize what comfort I got from it on many a tired night."

"Oh!" she exclaimed. "I was thinking of training for a nurse and giving up the telephone, but if my voice helps you, I'll go back to the telephone office."

"You don't need to do either to please me most," he said, wheeling her chair over among the palms. "I am going to tell you how your voice helped me. You can be with me all my life, God willing."

Bits of Byplay by Luke McLuke

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Betcha!
While this small rhyme won't make you smile,
It's a fact, I'll tell you that:
I'd rather hold a rat-tailed rat
Than hold a five-tailed rat.

Oh!
"Didn't I see you come out of Mrs. Gadder's residence this morning?" asked the M. D.
"Yes," replied the V. S., "I am the family physician."
"Family physician!" exclaimed the M. D. "Why, I thought you were a veterinary surgeon."
"I am," replied the V. S., "Her family consists of a French poodle."

The Wise Fool.
"What you don't know don't hurt you," observed the Sage.
"How about your appendix?" demanded the Fool.

Lit Up.
He is in love with little Kerr,
I speak of my friend Claude;
His face lights up when he sees her,
For he is lantern-jawed and bald.

But Why Let the Soot Accumulate?
[Wilmington Journal-Republic.]
Joe McLuke argues that most of us would live longer if we took as good care of our stomachs as we do of our automobiles, but when a fellow gets a little "mash" in his stomach he can't take a wrench and unscrew it and

brush off the soot, put it back and go right to head—he has to call a doctor, who comes in an automobile and charges him enough to buy gasoline for a month.

No Joke.
"Life would be tame," said Benny Blaz, "And tiresome, you'll agree, if all men were as perfect as their wives think they should be."

Well, Well!
D. Cline, who had a barber shop at Sixteenth and Madison avenue, Covington, Ky., has declined and has closed up.

More Thrilling Information.
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It will come right back to you.
Pass it on.

—Luke McLuke.

If you have a plunk on you,
Pass it on.
Buy you a war stamp or two,
Pass it on.
Other men are in the drive,
Leaving children, leaving wives,
Offering their precious lives;
Pass it on.

—Houston Tost.

The Eternal Triangle.
A cat.
A dog.
A fight.

—Ed-Jay-El.

Our Joe Miller Contest.
Joe Brewster claims that the oldest joke is the one about the pretty girl teacher who was trying to explain to the class that children should be ambidextrous and that they could learn to use each hand equally well. "Whatever one hand can do the other can do if properly trained."

Major C. O. Fairbank of the headquarters staff, formerly junior major of the 70th Battalion, has received from the president of Columbia University the inspiring Christmas greeting which appears below. To all students and graduates of this university, of which Major Fairbank is a proud alumnus, in the Allied war service, the message has been sent. It reads:

To Each Columbia Man in Service:
To each Columbia man in service, when the good cheer and good will that should mark it is the one about the pretty girl teacher who was trying to explain to the class that children should be ambidextrous and that they could learn to use each hand equally well. "Whatever one hand can do the other can do if properly trained."

Keep a stout heart, no matter how long the waiting, how severe the trials, or how nearly the danger. Life will not be worth living for any of us unless you win the war. Be assured you are to win, for the whole moral and patriotic force of America is behind you. In the struggle and of her notable contribution of men and service to its successful conduct, send you this word of cheer and encouragement. When this war shall have been righteously won there will be peace on earth for all men of good-will.

NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER,
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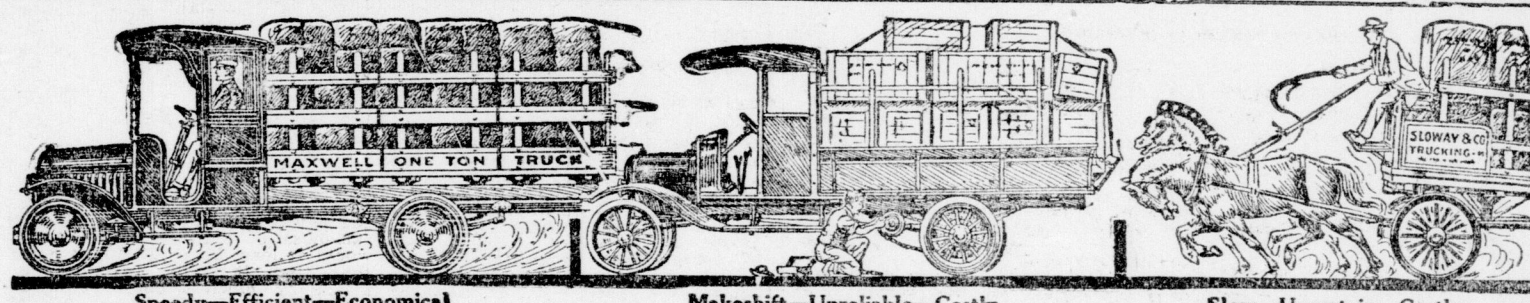
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MEETINGS.

ALL CITIZENS INTERESTED IN THE

Election of Mayor H. A. Stevenson

Are requested to attend a meeting to be held at his committee rooms this Saturday, evening, at No. 265 Dundas street, south side, near Wellington. Persons wishing to volunteer rigs for election day will please make the same known to man in charge of the room.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

will be held for the discussion of municipal questions at the following places, viz.:

Saturday, December 29, at the City Hall.

Addresses will be given by members of the council and others in explanation of the bylaws submitted and the work of the year.

The meetings will be held at 8 o'clock each evening. All ratepayers are invited to attend.

S. BAKER, City Clerk.

Dec. 11, 13, 15, 20, 26, 27, 28, 29

COURT BRIGHTON, 6507, A. O. F. - Owing to our regular meeting falling on New Year's Night, no meeting will be held until Tuesday, January 2. Installation of officers will take place at this meeting. C. Fincham, secretary.

ROYAL ARCH MASON'S INSTALLATION services this (Saturday) evening. Officers-elect of all chapters requested to be present. Will Lancaster, grand superintendent, installing officer.

WALDEN - F. J. JACKSON, Dec. 29, by the late John Flynn and Mrs. Flynn. William S. Walden, born, daughter of John and Mrs. Walden, both of this city.

HAWKEN - At the family residence, 18 Redan street, on Saturday, Dec. 29, 1917, George J. Hawken, formerly of this city.

PORTUEN - In this city, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1917, James Portuén, in his 63th year, died from his late residence, 374 York street, on Sunday, Dec. 26, 1917. Burial on Monday, Dec. 27, 1917. Kindly omit flowers.

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