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ALLIES SURE TO REJECT PEACE OFFER

CARVELL CALLS FOR 500 MILLIONS FOR WAR ENDS NEXT YEAR; CAN'T GET IT ABROAD

Unionist Minister Tells Us To Save and Invest In Govt. Bonds—Promises Something Startling and Drastic In Legislation Every Week.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 28.—In the next fiscal year, $500,000,000 must be raised by Canada for war purposes, in addition to the $150,000,000 or $175,000,000 necessary to carry on the ordinary business of the country, Hon. F. B. Carvell, minister of public works, announced at a reception tendered him here last night.

Can't Borrow It Abroad.

Mr. Carvell said Great Britain was persistently calling for munitions and foodstuffs, and Canada must answer the call. But she must do her own financing, for not a dollar could be borrowed in Great Britain or the United States.

The question, said the minister, all resolved itself into this: "The Union Government's duty was to see that the resources of the country were conserved, that the people save money and thereby have it to invest in Government bonds for the carrying on of the war. If the people's savings and profits were not to be available Canada could not carry on as she had done in the past. That was the real reason for the formation of the Union Government, and there must be government along business lines.

Speaking of the prohibition order-in-council, Mr. Carvell said his hearers need not be surprised about once a week to learn of something just as drastic being done.

DRASTIC ACTION WILL BE TAKEN WITH DESERTERS OF DRAFT ARMY

Govt. Issues Instructions For Dealing With "Absentee" Cases.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—With the calling up of the first draft next week, strong measures will be taken against men who have failed to register under the military service act. Announcement of a reward "to any civil police or peace officer for the apprehension and delivery into military custody of a deserter or absentee without leave" is the forerunner of further steps to insure that all members of class one comply with the law.

Who Are Deserters?

Instructions for dealing with deserters and absentees without leave have been issued and the general policy determined. Generally speaking, there are five different groups of men who, from a military point of view, who may be dealt with as absentees without leave. The groups and the penalties to which the men in each case are liable are as follows:

(1) Men who have failed to comply with the proclamation calling out class one—liable for any term of imprisonment not exceeding five years, with hard labor.

(2) Men who, having reported or claimed exemption under the military service act, have failed to attend for medical examination when ordered to do so—punishable by civil magistrates by a fine not exceeding $200 and not less than $25 and to not more than three months' imprisonment. If not fined, punishable by military law as absentees without leave or deserters.

Failing To Report.

(3) Men, who having been ordered to report for duty, fail to do so—punishable in the same way as absentees of the following group, group four. If, before they were required to report for duty, they were taken on the strength of the C. E. F. otherwise, punishable by military law.

(4) Men, who having been taken on the strength of a unit of the C. E. F. or of the active militia either as volunteers or as drafted men and either before or after the issue of the proclamation under the military service act or the passage of that act, are now, or hereafter become, absentees without leave—punishable by civil magistrates by two years' imprisonment with the consent of the general officer commanding the district in which the prosecution is brought, or by military law.

(5) Men, who having been granted leave of absence without pay, cease or fail to comply with the conditions upon which their leave was granted—punishable in the same way as men in group four.

Men in all the five groups mentioned, it is pointed out, are alike in that they are all soldiers absent without leave and subject to military as well as civil arrest for their absence.

CHINESE NOW CONTROL AT HARBIN, MANCHURIA

Peking, Dec. 28.—The Chinese commander-in-chief at Harbin, Manchuria, on December 25 presented at the Bolsheviki headquarters the demand that the two reserve Russian battalions, which were under its control, leave Harbin. The Bolsheviki authorities agreed, but during the night issued orders to resist.

On the morning of December 26 the 618th Regiment opened fire on the Chinese, who thereupon replied, killing the colonel and a number of men. The regiment then surendered. The 559th Regiment also surrendered and gave up its arms.

Rutin, the Bolsheviki chief, and Slavin and Lutski, his assistants, escaped. The Chinese now control the situation, and the lives of foreigners are being safeguarded.

NO PRICES SET BY FOOD BOSS

Hanna Tells Brantford Only Protection Where Maximum Figure Exceeded.

Brantford, Dec. 28.—The food controller protects only the people in case of maximum prices being exceeded and does not set a fair price for any food commodity. Such is the answer this city has received in response to an appeal to Food Controller Hanna to put an end to a "bread war" here by setting a fair price which would protect the small dealers against being squeezed out by the larger concerns. This bread war raged here for two weeks following a cut in bread to six cents a loaf by a firm with outside capital. The other bakers, in self-protection, decided to keep the price of bread at ten cents, after the war had continued for a week. The one firm since that time had advanced its price to eight cents, at which price it is now selling bread.

AMERICAN ROADS MERGED AT NOON

250,000 Miles of Railroad Become One for Winning of the War.

Washington, Dec. 28.—At noon today the approximately 250,000 miles of American railway systems silently merged into one great continental chain for the winning of the war.

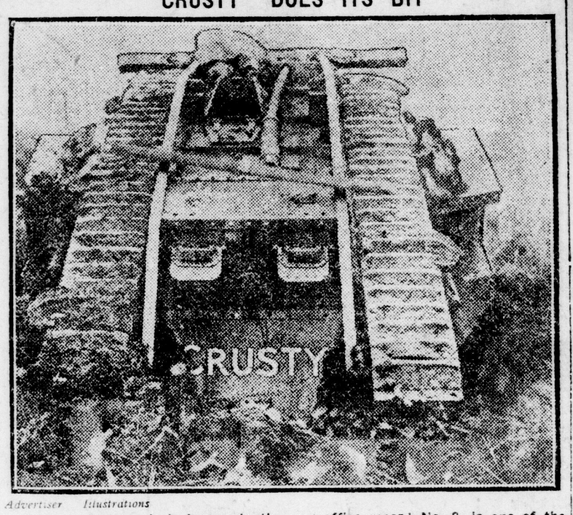
Under President Wilson's decision the great union, regarded by many as the opening of a new epoch in Government operation and control of public utilities, passed by without any formal ceremony.

GOVT. MAY TAKE OVER MUCH MORE TRACKAGE

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The Ottawa Citizen says: While the probability of nationalizing the railways of Canada along the United States plan is very remote, it is quite likely that about fifteen hundred miles of trackage will be added next year to what already is under Government ownership.

When the legislation respecting the Canadian Northern was to come down, it was expected that whatever was done in regard to that company would also be applied to the Grand Trunk Pacific.

"CRUSTY" DOES ITS BIT



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"Crusty," or as it is known in the war office record No. 8, is one of the "big brother" tanks. It was in the front rank of the squadron that charged on the German positions in the great drive and is here shown lying in soft ground after the first wave of the fighting forces had passed beyond it. The traveling links are loaded with soft earth, and show the strenuous time which "Crust" had in the earlier part of the day.

157,721 MARKS AT LEAST TO GO ON 1918 CIVIC BALLOTS, SO COUNT WILL BE SLOW ONE

Interesting Estimate, Based On 1917 Figures, Shows How Deputies Will Earn Money in Counting 12 Ballots in Three Wards, 11 in Fourth.

The municipal election returns on Tuesday night next will be later coming in than for some years past. The reason for this is that there will be so many ballots to count after the polls close. In other words, the deputy returning officers will earn their money this year.

That City Clerk Baker expects a rather bulky vote is evidenced by the fact that he is giving the deputies in charge of the polls two boxes, a large and small one. He believes that the two will be necessary to hold the ballots.

In three wards the electors will be called upon to mark twelve ballots, and in Ward 4, eleven. There will be no aldermanic ballots to mark in the latter ward, as the old aldermen were returned unopposed.

This means that in three wards the electors will have to make 23 marks on ballots, and in Ward 4 twenty. These are made up as follows:

Seven bylaws to be marked for or against.

Mayor, three candidates to choose from.

Utilities, two to be named out of three contestants.

Controllers, four to be named out of five running.

Board of education six to be named out of a list of fifteen.

Aldermen, three to be elected out of five in Ward 1, four in Ward 2, five in Ward 3.

In each poll in Wards 1 and 3 the returning officers will be obliged to count the vote for 38 different men or purposes. In Ward 2, 37, and in Ward 4, 33.

If on this basis an estimate is struck on the vote cast in the last municipal election, the returning officers will have a count something like this:

Ward 1, with 1,594 votes cast for mayor last year and 23 votes to be cast by each voter, would give a total of 36,662 votes to be counted.

Ward 2, 1,232 voters last year, or a total of 28,336 to be counted this year.

Ward 3, 2,141 voters, or a total of 49,243 votes this year.

Ward 4, 2,174 voters, or a total of 43,480 marks this year.

These figures are just an estimate, and are compiled on the assumption that there will be no plumping and that all electors will exercise their franchise to the fullest extent. Of course, the mayoralty vote will include separate school supporters, and they will have no vote for the board of education.

WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE SOMERVILLE FOR MAYOR

C. R. Somerville, mayoralty candidate, has announced his platform as follows:

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.

LLOYD GEORGE SAYS ALLIES ARE AS UNIT IN WAR AIMS

No Statement on Peace Terms Could Be Made By Britain Alone.

"FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM"

Premier's Letter to Labor Is Considered Rejection of Peace Offer.

London, December 28. — "Achievement of the purposes for which the Allies are fighting is essential to the future freedom and peace of mankind," said Premier Lloyd George in a letter which he sent today to the Labor conference.

The premier's statement is regarded as the British reply to the German peace offer.

London, Dec. 28.—Premier Lloyd George, in a letter which he has sent to the Labor conference, said that a statement on war aims could only be made in agreement with Great Britain's allies. The question of issuing a fresh joint declaration, he added, was being constantly kept in view by the Entente Allied Governments.

WINNIPEG UNIONISTS AIM AT PERMANENCY

Committee Is Appointed to Establish Party at the Manitoba Capital.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 28.—A movement is on foot to permanently establish the Union party here. A gathering of Union leaders met last night and appointed a permanent committee for Centre Winnipeg.

JACOB NOMINATED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Robert Jacob, barrister, last night was unanimously nominated as Union candidate for North Winnipeg, to fill the vacancy in the Provincial Legislature caused by the resignation of R. A. Rigg (Labor), who contested this constituency in the recent Federal election, and was defeated. The nominating convention was composed of delegates representing the Liberals, Conservatives, next of kin, Great War Veterans and Returned Soldiers' Association.

REGINA'S POLL.

Regina, Dec. 28.—Official returns for Regina constituency were made yesterday by J. W. Smith, returning officer, of 10,152 votes polled. Dr. Cowan, Unionist, had 7,674, just 5,196 more than A. MacBeth, Liberal Labor, who loses his deposit.

MONTREAL CLASS A MEN REPORTING FOR DUTY

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Not wishing to wait until the expiration of the time allowed under the military service act, quite a number of men reported for duty today and were taken on the strength of the 1st Quebec Regiment.

NOTED SPECIALIST DEAD.

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—Dr. Charles W. Mitchel, noted specialist in children's diseases, died today of pneumonia. He was born in Baltimore 59 years ago.

NO PEACE IS POSSIBLE WHILE FOE HAS ALSACE-LORRAINE, FRANCE'S ANSWER TO KAISER

Great World Moral Issue Is Involved, Declares Foreign Minister Pinchon — Reasserts Intention of All the Allies to Stick Together.

Paris, Thursday, Dec. 27 (delayed).—France will not accept a peace based on conditions before the... Foreign Minister Pichon declared, replying in the Chamber of Deputies today to the peace terms of the central powers outlined to Russia. He asserted that Germany was endeavoring to involve France in its negotiations with the Bolsheviki in order that the war would go on whether or not Russia made a separate peace.

Offer Is Not Direct.

The foreign minister said Germany was seeking to protract the negotiations with the Russians, re-establishing commercial relations in the meantime, believing that in this way the Bolsheviki might be checkmated later. Referring to the terms which the central powers offered to the Russians, as published today, he said:

"Germany is trying to involve us in her Maximalist negotiations. After suffering as we have, we cannot accept peace based on the status quo. By agreeing with our allies, we are ready to discuss direct propositions regarding peace, but this is indirect.

Lose and Gain Ally.

"Russia can treat for a separate peace with our enemies or not. In either case, the war for us will continue. An ally has failed us, an ally who in preceding years carried off great victories. It is a great success for our enemy, but another ally has come; from the other end of the world a democracy has risen against Germany's appetite for conquest.

"At the conference in Paris a program was drawn up, and in consequence unity of action on the part of the Allies will make itself felt, even to Macedonia. Germany and her allies have undertaken the impossible task of conquering the world. The world will conquer them.

"In this war France will have played a great role, for, as Roosevelt has said, she will have saved humanity."

M. Pichon declared that the secret treaties published by the Bolsheviki had not compromised France. He said the German diplomats who were pretending to show indignation were the very men who sought to negotiate a secret treaty with the old regime in Russia, who attempted to draw Mexico into war against the United States, and organized plots in Argentina.

Alsace-Lorraine.

After referring to the German declaration that Alsace and Lorraine would never be surrendered, M. Pichon said:

"The question of Alsace-Lorraine does not affect France alone. It is a world question. It is not a territorial problem, but a moral problem. On its solution depends whether or not the world shall have a durable peace." This statement was greeted with applause.

The occupation of Jerusalem, M. Pichon said, was a victory for the civilized world. He added that the city would be given an international status.

DISHONEST TRICK, POMPOUS FRAUD, MISERABLE TRAVESTY, COMMENTS U. S. PRESS ON THE KAISER'S TERMS

May Deceive Germans and Russians, But Not Allies, Is View.

New York, Dec. 28.—The following editorial comment appears in the New York newspapers this morning on the Teuton-Russian peace negotiations and proposals:

The Herald says: "Nobody but these callow Russians will take the proceedings at Brest-Litovsk seriously. Germany and Austria-Hungary cannot be blamed, however, for putting a serious face on them since they so clearly play into the hands of the Teutonic allies in three ways. They add to the confirmation of Russia, they serve the anxiety of kaiserism to find something, even if only camouflage, to appease the peace hunger of the peoples of the kaiser-ridden countries, and at the same time they provide kaiserism with the desired opportunity to transfer troops from the Russian to the French and Italian fronts. The only peace that can come out of Brest-Litovsk is the separate peace between Teutonism and Bolshevikism which would put the Russian neck under the Prussian heel forever."

Inadmissible.

The Tribune comments as follows: "The peace terms proposed by Count Czernin at the congress of Brest-Litovsk are inadmissible, because they make no provision for the restoration of Belgium and Northern France. A thousand other objections might be advanced, many of them equally rated, but they would only serve to complicate the discussion and obscure the issue. The purpose of the present gesture is plain. Germany is not proposing peace because she expects it, she is not making an offer in good faith. How could the German Government act in good faith? She is proposing terms known by her to be impossible,

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LENINE IS DRAFTING NEW PEACE PROPOSAL FOR ENTENTE ALLIES

Central Powers Have Agreed to a Ten Days' Armistice.

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 27.—6:30 p.m.—The delegates of the Central Powers to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk have agreed to a ten-day recess from the peace negotiation which will be resumed January 4 at a place not yet determined.

Leon Trotzky, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, is reported to be drafting a new note to the Entente Allied ambassies again asking them to participate in the peace conference. Trotzky is also said to be preparing a new message to the peoples of the world. The Russian delegates to the peace conference will return to Petrograd tomorrow or Saturday.

An armistice is reported to have been reached between the Bolsheviki forces and the troops of Gen. Kaledines at Rostov, with a neutral zone between the opposing lines.

ANOTHER CANADIAN FLIER KILLED AT TEXAS CAMP

FORT WORTH, Texas, Dec. 27.—Gordon Mott of the Royal Flying Corps of Canada was killed at Benbrook field in a fall this morning.

WILSON 61 TODAY.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Coincident with the taking over of the American railroads for the duration of the war, President Wilson today is celebrating his 61st birthday. No special ceremony is planned at the White House as the war-time rush of work makes impossible any deviation in the president's daily routine.

ANDRASSY BRAGS

Zurich, Dec. 28.—Count Julius Andrassy, ex-premier of Hungary, writing on the peace question, says:

"From the moment we were free in the east the whole situation fundamentally changed, and the Central Powers now also will gain supremacy in the west.

"It is no longer possible for America to give us the finishing stroke. She must save the Entente."

PLOT TO BURN ALL GRAIN AT CHICAGO CITY

Industrial Workers Planned Destruction of Elevators During the Holiday.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 28.—Some of the results of the recent raid on headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World here were made known by federal officials today. Among the tons of literature seized were 50,000 copies of "Sabotage," a book by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn of New York, now under indictment for conspiracy against the Government.

The Michigan Central Railroad today sent warnings to all points on its lines giving notice of an alleged I. W. W. plot to destroy grain elevators during the holidays. As a result, special police have been detailed to guard every grain elevator in Chicago.

HAMILTON, OHIO, IS TIED UP BY STRIKE

Men Walk Out Over Imprisonment of Thirty Fellow-Workers.

Hamilton, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Four thousand union workmen refused to go to work today, and as a result a general strike of union men has resulted from the imprisonment yesterday of thirty union leaders, who were charged with rioting in the recent disorders here. While it was at first thought the strike today was to be only of one day's duration as a protest against the imprisonment of their fellow-workers, it early became known that the strike leaders had decided the strike would last until the men are released from jail.

Practically every factory in the city is either closed down completely or seriously affected by the strike.

THIRTY TARS PERISH WHEN NORSE SHIPS ARE SUNK BY SUBS

Norwegian Foreign Office Records Loss of Five More Ships.

London, Dec. 28.—Thirty Norwegian sailors are believed to have been killed in the sinking of five Norwegian steamers by German submarines, according to a statement issued by the Norwegian foreign office, and forwarded by the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company. The steamers sunk were the Regin, of 1,845 tons; Start, of 729 tons; Ragna of 1,747 tons; the Noirdpol of 1,800 tons, and Spro.

ALL PRIVATE BANKS AT PETROGRAD WERE SEIZED BY BOLSHEVIKI RULERS

Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 27.—Soldiers, acting under the orders of Finance Commissioner Menshinsky, today surrounded and seized all private banks in Petrograd, including the branch of the National City Bank of New York. The manager, R. R. Stevens, was arrested and detained for a short time.

Many bank directors were arrested. Several surrendered the keys to the bank vaults, but Stevens refused.

RETAIL MERCHANTS TO CO-OPERATE WITH HANNA

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Large retail merchants throughout Canada will, beginning January 7, co-operate with the food controller in educating their customers to ask for substitutes for white flour, wheat products and beef and bacon.

TROOPS OF GERMANS CAUGHT UNDER FIRE OF THE FRENCH GUNS

Concentration of Force Dispersed by Petain's Batteries.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The French war office issued the following official statement last night:

"In the Argonne we repulsed an enemy surprise attack.

"On the right bank of the Meuse the activity of the artillery on both sides continued very lively in the region of Caurieres Wood and Bezonvaux. Northeast of Bezonvaux our batteries caught under their fire an enemy troop concentration which was dispersed with losses.

"Belgian communication: 'During the last 48 hours there has been little activity on the Belgian front. During the night of December 26-27 the artillery fighting was rather intense in the Dixmude sector.'

"Army of the East, Dec. 26.—Nothing of importance occurred. The bad weather continues."

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, 29; lowest, 10.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 30; lowest, 6.

TOMORROW—EXTREMELY COLD.

Toronto, Dec. 28—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Strong northwest winds; local snow flurires, but generally fair and extremely cold tonight and on Saturday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Calgary	—20	—28	Clear
Winnipeg	—22	—34	Clear
Port Arthur	2	—34	Clear
Parry Sound	18	—22	Fair
Port Stanley	32	8	Fair
Buffalo	36	16	Cloudy
Toronto	31	8	Fair
Kingston	22	14	Cloudy
Ottawa	0	0	Fair
Montreal	0	0	Snow
Quebec	0	—2	Snow
Father Point	—2	—14	Snow

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was over the lake regions yesterday morning has moved eastward to the lower St. Lawrence valley, accompanied by strong winds and snow, and the severe cold which has prevailed in the Western Provinces is now spreading into Ontario.

WHICH OF THESE WILL BE UNLUCKY ON JANUARY 1?



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C. H. MERRYFIELD. | E. S. LITTLE. | JOSHUA GARRATT. | J. M. MOORE. | J. H. SAUNDERS.

These are the five contestants for the board of control. Four places only are to be filled. The question is, who will be the unlucky fifth man?

Every contestant has served an apprenticeship in the council. Three of them are members of the 1917 board of control: E. S. Little, J. H. Saunders and J. M. Moore. The remaining two, C. H. Merryfield and Joshua Garratt, have the prefix "ex-ald." before their names. Ex-Ald. Merryfield served several terms and ex-Ald. Garratt is one of the old-time council veterans.

Is the Risk Worth While?

Even should a friend of your family agree to act as your executor without fee, one mistake, due to his inexperience, might prove costly to your estate.

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CIVIC EXPENDITURE SHOULD BE REDUCED, SOMERVILLE SLOGAN

Popular Candidate Has Economy Policy Vital to City.

WARTIME LUXURIES

Administration Is Badly Needed in London Now.

"I hold that civic expenditure should be reduced to the lowest limit until after the war. I am not making charges of graft or dishonesty, but I am convinced that more efficiency and better judgment in expenditures are required in carrying on the work of the city at the present time."

The foregoing statement, received with approving applause, was made yesterday afternoon by C. R. Somerville, mayoralty candidate, at the close of an address delivered by him before an audience of representative women of London gathered at his campaign headquarters in the former Victory Loan headquarters on Dundas street.

Economy Policy.

Stating his platform, Mr. Somerville clearly outlined his economy policy, which is opposed to the increasing of the city's liabilities through fresh expenditures, and expenditures on what he terms "wartime luxuries" at this time. Referring to the clash this year between the board of health, of which he has been chairman, and the mayor and council over estimates, the speaker declared that this was due to the fact that the council did not recognize the importance of the services of a field officer in running down the sources of communicable diseases and checking and eradicating epidemics, and that this means actual money in pocket for the citizens far beyond the comparatively small outlay required for such service.

Tells of Lawsuit.

Explaining the lawsuit involved by the refusal of Mayor H. A. Stevenson to sign the check for an overdraft of the board of health for $700, Mr. Somerville said:

"I entered office at the time a smallpox epidemic was being cleaned up, which cost the city some $5,000. In last year's estimates, an appropriation of $1,500 was made for the care of smallpox cases. This was not used, and instead of being set aside again for the original purpose was diverted to other purpose. I do not think this should have been done.

No Provision Made.

"In this year's appropriation there was no provision for looking after smallpox. The first case for which we had to open up the pesthouse was that of a traveler, who was taken ill in the city and his case diagnosed by a doctor as sore eyes. He was sent to the hospital for treatment and smallpox developed. It was impossible to trace the source of the disease in this case, or to fix the responsibility on another municipality. The next case was that of a woman in the hospital suffering from a broken hip, who contracted the disease from a 'carrier,' who, however, did not personally suffer."

Collect From Patients.

Explaining the expense of operation of the pesthouse, Mr. Somerville called attention to the fact that the view had been taken by the council that the amount should be collected from the patients. The eminent unfairness of this under the circumstances was recognized by the board of health. The smallpox bill was paid, but the result was the overdraft, the persistent refusal of the mayor to sign the check, making necessary the lawsuit, in which decision was given in favor of the board of health.

Continuing, Mr. Somerville declared that greater harmony among the officials of the various civic departments would make for greater efficiency in the administration of the city's affairs. His idea would be to treat the heads of departments with more consideration than has hitherto been shown, and give them their due as superintendents of departments. He expressed the conviction that this would promote efficiency and result in great advantage to the city.

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PRIZES BEING OFFERED FOR BABIES WHICH CONFORM TO STANDARDS OF PHYSICAL PERFECTION OF AGE

Welfare Exhibition Here Will Have Many Unusual Features of Interest to Mothers of City and District.

Preparations are progressing effectively, if quietly, to interest the citizenship of London and of the whole of Western Ontario, in the child welfare exhibition to be held in this city the first week in February. Early in the new year the house committee, of which Inspector Joseph Sanders is convener, will make arrangements for a building centrally located, large enough to accommodate the Provincial Government welfare exhibit, requiring a space about 60x10 feet and also for the moving pictures, the demonstrations, clinics, etc., which will be important features.

It is proposed to fit up a rest room for the accommodation of mothers, and a sub-committee of the publicity committee composed of Miss Rudd, convener, Mrs. Hardie and Miss Grant, has a plan in view for extending a welcome to the mothers of Western Ontario on "Western Ontario Day," and insuring their comfort and the comfort of the babies, while they are in the city. It is understood that a force of volunteer helpers will be at the exhibition headquarters throughout "Western Ontario Day" to take charge of visiting babies, while mothers are given a few hours' freedom to shop or attend to business.

Free Examinations Provided.

The clinics are to be an important feature arranged by a committee of which Dr. H. A. McCallum is convener. Any mother may bring her little one for a free examination, and can have the benefit of free advice regarding its diet and care. An accurate record will be kept of each babe brought to the clinics, and prizes will be awarded to those conforming most closely to the standard of physical perfection for infants of the age.

The original idea was to offer three prizes for the city and a couple for Western Ontario for babies under one year scoring the highest number of points in the clinic tests, but owing to the widespread interest it is probable the number of prizes will be increased.

In order to prevent crowding of clinics, arrangements will be made whereby babies of certain districts can be brought to the clinics on certain days of the week. This time-table is at present in course of preparation. One whole day will be left free for babies from outside the city.

Child Welfare Sunday.

At a recent meeting of the Ministerial Alliance it was unanimously decided to set apart Sunday, February 3rd, the beginning of child welfare week, as child welfare Sunday in the churches represented, and to refer to the patriotic, humanitarian, social and moral importance of conservation of child life. Capt. (Dr.) Hill, M. O. H., will supply the clergymen with data some days before.

The Mothers' Clubs have taken up the exhibition and welfare movement plan with enthusiasm. Mrs. A. E. Tutt, president of the Union Mothers' Club, and Mrs. Rose, secretary, are both members of welfare week committee. The first meeting of the new year of the Union Mothers' Club on Friday evening, January 4th, will be devoted entirely to consideration of child welfare, and an authority on the subject, W. J. Clarke, of Leamington, has been secured as the chief speaker.

Will Announce Prizes.

Dr. Clarke was a speaker who commanded much attention some four or five years ago at the International Congress of Farm Women held in Lethbridge, Alberta. On this occasion Mrs. W. H. Hill, who took an active part in arrangements of a grand child welfare exhibit in Minneapolis recently, will also speak, giving definite data in regard to the exhibit in London, and the part of the Mothers' Clubs in making the movement a success. She will also be in a position to make more definite announcement in regard to prizes for "standard efficiency" babies.

Practically all the leading men and women's organizations of the city are co-operating with the Children's Aid Society and the Provincial Government in making this exhibit in London a success and farreaching in its influence.

KITCHENER MAN FOUND FIT FOR A COMBATANT UNIT

Eligible Apprehended Under M. S. A. So Graded By Medical Board.

TWELVE RECRUITS OFFER

All But Two Placed In Service —Dozen More Sent By Registrar.

Another man apprehended under the military service act was examined by the medical board at the armories on Thursday. He was Edwin Oscar Miehm of Kitchener, who was placed in Category A, fit for service overseas, with a combatant unit, and was sent to the deputy registrar.

One man was examined by order of an exemption tribunal. He was placed in Category C, fit for service in Canada. George John Reu and Sidney Sloman reported for service, and were sent to the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R. A dozen men were sent by the deputy registrar for examination. Nine were placed in Category A, and three were declared unfit.

Twelve recruits were examined and all but two were accepted for some branch of the service. The men who passed the medical tests satisfactorily were: S. Hills, England, Detroit, W. O. R.; A. C. Betty, Jamaica, W. O. R.; E. Peterson, Finland, Detroit, W. O. R.; W. K. Coode, Scotland, Detroit, 7th Regiment Details, E. W. R. Reever, England, El Paso, W. O. R.; Thomas Thomas, England, Detroit, W. O. R.; D. E. Oberholtzer, Canada, Flint, 63rd Battery; L. Miles, Canada, Forestry, London; H. J. Crocke, England, London, W. O. R.; F. Kuswirok, Russia, Cleveland, W. O. R.

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FARMERS GETTING LABORERS NOW TO INSURE SPRING HELP

An Average of Six Daily Sent to Farms.

ARE TAKING NO CHANCES

Owners Keeping Men Over the Winter to Have Assistance in Seeding.

The attention of the local office of the Ontario Employment Bureau has been entirely devoted during the past week to the securing of farm help. In order that farmers of the district may not suffer from a shortage of labor during the period of spring sowing many men are being sent to the farms in preparation for the spring work. According to officials of the employment bureau, a large proportion of farmers of this vicinity are taking no chances of being short in labor for the spring, and are paying a good wage to hired men over the winter that they may be used for spring work.

Before being allotted to farms of this vicinity, laborers are given to understand that they are expected to remain on the farms until the end of the spring work. A number of young men who come under the provisions of the military service act have been sent to the country to help in agricultural work. These men for the most part understand that they cannot escape military service by working on a farm. They generally explain that when the time comes for their enrollment with the C. E. F. overseas forces they will be on hand. The employees of eligible men are required to guarantee the immediate release of the prospective soldiers when the time comes for their enlistment.

Although the work on farms during winter weather is of a light nature, numerous afrmers are pleased with the opportunity afforded them of securing help through the agency of the employment bureau for the spring. Everything possible is being done to insure adequate help for agriculturists in order that next year's crops may not fail through want of labor.

From six to a dozen men are being transported to farms daily from this city. Employment offices throughout Ontario have been advised to secure as much labor as possible for the farms in order that the predicted scarcity of help for the spring of 1918 may not occur.

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OLEO'S SUPREMACY CERTAIN, PREDICT DEALERS IN CITY

It Will Eclipse Butter Sales Soon, They Say.

That the demand for oleomargarine will eclipse the demand for butter in the near future is the belief of many dealers. Although oleo has been on the market but ten days a large proportion of the citizens of London have indicated their preference for it over butter by using it wholly in their households. The demand is greater than the supply, according to dealers, and in many instances it is necessary to refuse orders for the butter substitute.

Butter is due for a substantial slump in price, as the market for it has been of an extremely slow character during the past week.

Local grocers, while admitting the popularity of oleo with the mass of people, state that the public taste is a most uncertain thing.

"I sold margarine to one woman who returned it with the explanation that she could not eat candle wax," one dealer informed The Advertiser. "However, the majority of my customers declare that oleo is every bit as palatable as butter."

QUERIES REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE

Send In Your Problems and They Will Be Answered From Official Information by The Advertiser

Question—What is the next step toward endeavoring to secure exemption, after having been refused by the local tribunal and also by the appeal judge? MUNITIONS.

Answer—The court of last resort is the Hon. Mr. Justice Duff of the supreme court, Ottawa.

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RAISING OATMEAL PRICES BECAUSE OF BIG DEMANDS

Millers Trying To Regulate Trade In This Manner.

The following comment on the market situation as regards food stuffs will appear in Canadian Grocer this week:

Interest in the rolled oat and oatmeal situation has been keen during the week, following advances that have been made effective on the part of the mills. There is an insistent demand from the local trade in the face of the upward tendency in the market. One manufacturer advanced the price considerably in excess of other mills just by way of stopping the demand. There has been a heavy export movement in this class of cereal and milling oats are reported scarce. Corn products are also in firm market as a result of the situation in corn. While the embargo on shipments of corn into Canada has been raised by the United States Government, the quality of corn coming forward is very poor and millers have to consume larger quantities of corn in order to obtain a given amount of corn products. This is working out toward firm prices. No announcement has been made as yet with respect to a change in the price of flour, although millers are expecting that permission to charge higher prices will be granted by the department of food control.

One Canadian refiner obtained some supplies of Demerara raw sugar during the week, and this will help out toward relieving the sugar situation. Supplies of margarine from the United States came into the Canadian market during the week. Shortening is in light supply owing to the light arrival of cottonseed oil. Barrel pork was in firmer tone with higher prices recorded in some quarters. This condition has been induced through the possibility of an embargo on supplies coming into Canada from the United States. Turkeys and ducks were in fairly good supply during the week, while geese were plentiful. Chickens were also in good supply. Wholesalers are now engaged in taking stock for the balance of the year. Travelers will not make their rounds to country points during the week, although calls will still be made in some of the large centres. Trade for the holiday season has been very gratifying in view of the shortages in numerous lines.

Tribunal Mistake Caused Near Arrest Of Young Farmer

Constable Sent To Arrest Him Confronted by Exemption Report.

When County Constable Arthur Corsaut went to a farm near Melbourne Thursday afternoon to arrest a young man whom the military authorities claimed had defied the military service act, the young man in question calmly produced a certificate of exemption dated some weeks ago. It then dawned upon the constable that somebody had blundered, so he started out to ferret out the error. It was found that the tribunal members sitting at Coldstream had for some unknown reason failed to return to the deputy registrar the duplicate form of exemption certificate granted the young farmer.

When the deputy registrar's records revealed that there was no report concerning the young man, the military authorities were notified, and they in turn requested the county police to make the arrest.

CHARITABLE WORK OF ARMY EXTENDS OVER WHOLE WINTER

Distribution of Food and Clothing Continues.

More than two hundred kiddies were made happy on Christmas day, and as many more will be made happy during the winter through the work of the Salvation Army in supplying them with clothing and dinners. Some days before Christmas investigation was made of every applicant for a Yuletide dinner, and a full-course meal, from soup to nuts, was distributed among the deserving poor. But the winter work of the Salvation Army in respect to providing the poor children with winter necessities is not over. Although the proceeds from the Christmas dinner "pots" was not half of that of last year, owing to competition in the form of tag days and other charitable demands made on the citizens of London, there remains a substantial sum which will be spent during the winter months in providing the poor of London with clothing and food.

The procedure adopted by the Salvation Army with respect to the distribution of clothing and food to the poor has been changed this year. Formerly it was the custom to donate a certain amount of goods after hearing the evidence regarding the financial condition of the applicants. However, this season verbal evidence is not required, but each applicant for clothing etc., is subjected to an investigation of his home, and according to his requirements is supplied with food and clothing.

Many pathetic cases of misfortune come to light at the Clarence Street Citadel, where application for food and clothing is made. Soldiers' wives appear to be the greatest sufferers. Frequently it is found that soldiers' wives with large families fail to receive their separation allowance in time to meet their bills and to tide them over until the separation allowances are forthcoming and the Salvation Army takes the cases in hand.

NUXATED IRON



Dr. Ferdinand King, New York Physician and Medical Author, tells physicians that they should prescribe more organic iron—Nuxated Iron—for their patients—Says anaemia—iron deficiency—is the greatest curse to the health strength vitality and beauty of the modern American Woman.—Sounds warning against use of metallic iron which may injure the teeth, corrode the stomach and do far more harm than good; advises use of only nuxated iron, taken three times per day after meals. It will increase the strength and endurance of weak, nervous, run-down folks 100% in two weeks time in many instances. *Dispensed by all good druggists.*

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NUXATED IRON

TAKES JAIL TERM RATHER THAN TELL WHO SOLD WHISKEY

Clarence Street Man Refuses to "Squeal."

"I refuse to squeal and tell the name of the man who sold me the two bottles of whiskey, and I will take the three months in jail," said Hugh Logan, 105½ Clarence street, to Magistrate Graydon today, when the latter gave him the choice of divulging the name of the "bootlegger" who sold the whiskey or going to jail for three months.

Hughie had just nicely emerged from jail, and finding the wintry blasts a trifle too cool to suit him decided to attempt to counteract the chills with "bootlegger's" whiskey.

Constable Faircloth discovered Logan on the street with a load inside and outside, the external package being carried in his overcoat pockets.

As Logan had a room at a private dwelling he was informed by the magistrate that if he could prove that he secured the liquor in a legal manner that he would be liberated.

This information Logan stoutly refused to give up, although he confessed that he procured the liquor from a man he described as a "whiskey peddler."

Logan makes the fifth man now at the county jail serving a three months' term because of refusal to tell where they got the liquor.

"The bootlegger, who is the real criminal, escapes, while his unfortunate victim who buys goes to jail because the purchaser declines to give the peddler's name," said Inspector Birrell, as Logan started for the jail.

BIG ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED SATURDAY

Women's Canadian Club to Hear Major Niven.

Great interest has been aroused among members of the Women's Canadian Club over the announcement that Major Hugh Niven, D.S.O., one of the outstanding Canadian figures in the present war, will address the club on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

Probably no Canadian has received more favorable comment in articles and books written on the war than this hero of the Princess Pats, whom London is honored to claim as one of her own boys. On both occasions when Frederick Palmer, the distinguished war correspondent, lectured in London he referred to the courage and resourcefulness of Major Niven. It is expected that a large attendance of the membership will greet Major Niven when he appears before the club tomorrow to tell of active front and incidents in connection with the war.

BRANTFORD WANTS COAL

Tells Controller There Is Little on Hand and Most of That Dust.

Brantford, Dec. 28.—Mayor Bowlby has sent a wire to Fuel Controller McGrath, urging that action be taken to have coal dispatched to Brantford. He states that only coal dust, and very little of that is coming in, and that immediate action is necessary. The civic distributing centre is active in distributing what supplies are available in such a manner as to prevent stores of coal from being laid in by those who have sufficient on hand to keep them until more coal arrives, but they have little to work on.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

CORTESE ORCHESTRA—Saturday Afternoon—Balcony and Tea Room.

Many Half-Price Sales For Last 1917 Saturday



Our 1917 year-end-sales are of more significance than on any former occasion, owing to unusual conditions and the scarcity of many lines of merchandise. Some splendid clearings have been made this week which have, in many cases, doubled the purchasing power of your Christmas check, and tomorrow and Monday the climax will be reached. You'll find many lines throughout the store in quantities too small to advertise marked accordingly for quick clearance. DON'T OVERLOOK THESE OPPORTUNITIES.

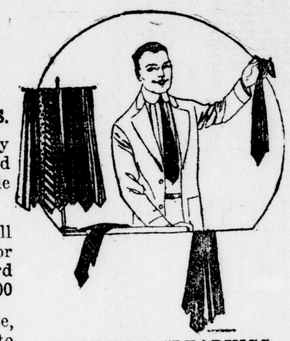
Flannelette

PLAIN WHITE STRIPES AND CHECKS.

The white is a beautiful quality, specially priced, for 25 yard bolts. The checks and stripes are in ends of 3 to 15 yards. On sale Saturday.

Pure White Flannelette, in plain or twill weave, nice weight and extra soft finish for nursery use. Price .....22c yard
Or 25-yard bolt for $5.00

Short ends of Check and Striped Flannelette, good quality, suitable for cold weather, 3 to 15 yards in end. Special .....20c yard



YEAR-END CLEARINGS.

Year-End Clearance For Men and Boys

In many cases the prices are just half; odds and ends together with regular stock; year-end clearings. The Mufflers, we might state, are much less than half-price.

Men's High-Grade Neckwear, 50c

A clearance of our better class of Men's Ties, all extra fine quality and worth double the sale price, many patterns and a large assortment to choose from, large flowing ends in all shades; an extra good quality tie at half regular price. Saturday special...50c each

Men's Mufflers, 49c

A wonderful bargain in Men's Mufflers for Saturday. These Mufflers are worth three times the sale price, and in some cases more; fine soft wool Mufflers in assorted shades, and also silk Mufflers in assorted stripe patterns; a clean-up of broken lines; a useful article. Come early for these. Saturday ..... 49c each

Boys' Wool Mitts and Gloves 35c Pair

Another clearing on Saturday will be Boys' Wool Mitts and Gloves at a big reduction, all sizes; good, warm, serviceable gloves and mitts. All one price Saturday.....35c pair

Boys' Knickers, $1.15 Pair

About 50 pairs Boys' Knickers, bloomer style, with buckle and governor fasteners, in shades of grey and brown, good quality tweed for boys aged 7 to 16 years; just the knickers for school, skating or hockey. Sale price Saturday ..... $1.15 pair

Last opportunity for special Designer subscriptions. List closes Monday. One year's subscription **59c**

Skirtmaking $1.89

A tweed plaid or stripe skirt for skating or winter sports.

A broadcloth or stripe silk to wear under your fur coat.

A plain black or navy for general utility.

Order Yours Saturday

Choose your own material—any kind, any price.

Four styles to choose from. See models in Dress Goods Section.

Made to your measure, trimmed and fitted, for $1.89



Taffeta Silk Petticoats Specially Priced, $4.75

These are worthy of your early inspection. Taffeta Silk Petticoats, good quality, made with deep flounce trimmed with tucks and fancy stitching, draw tape at waistline; in navy, Russian green, brown, sky, pink, also black. Special $4.75

Boudoir Slippers Half-Price

One table Boudoir Slippers in felt, suede or satin, an assortment of odd and broken lines; sizes from 3 to 6; splendid value. Special, half price .....42c to $1.00 pair



YEAR-END CLEARINGS.

Clearing of Children's Rubber Boots, $1.59 Pair

45 pairs only, in sizes 4 to 8, best quality rubber and fleece-lined High Rubber Boots. These will be cleared Saturday at ..... $1.59 pair

Infants' Wear, Second Floor.



China Teapots and Casseroles Half-Price Saturday

In the China Section for Saturday we have grouped a limited number of above articles to clear at just half price. These are beautiful lines, and you will appreciate them at the prices marked for tomorrow. 26 Best Quality White and Colored Teapots at half price

50c, 67c, 80c and 87c

42 Best Quality Casseroles, in different colors, with tile plates. Special, half price,

87c, $1.00, $1.42, $1.67



Boys' Trench Overcoats

Boys' Trench Overcoats, the boys' favorite, in shades of brown and heather, extra good tweed coats, in sizes for boys 11 to 17 years; a limited quantity only. These are good value and will interest any boy who needs an overcoat. Prices, each ..... $10.75 and $12.00

Sale of Tungsten Lamps at 35c and 39c

600 Tungsten Lamps to be sold Saturday at the above prices; none delivered or shipped by express or post only at purchaser's risk.

300 Best Quality Tungsten Lamps, 60 watts, at 39c

300 Best Quality Tungsten Lamps, 25 and 40 watts, at 35c

Saturday morning at 8:30. No phone or mail orders.

BASEMENT.

SALE OF LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR TODAY—Manufacturer's Seconds. Second Floor.

SALE OF SOILED HANDKERCHIEFS AND LADIES' NECKWEAR TODAY—About half-price.

52 APPEALING FROM JUDGES' WAR RULINGS

District Men Will Take Exemption Claims to Justice Duff.

Fifty-two men in this military district have entered notice with Deputy Registrar W. E. Wismer that they intend to appeal to the central appeal judge, Justice Duff of Ottawa, against the decisions of judges who disallowed their appeals.

The fifty-two men had their appeals disallowed by different judges in this district who supported the decisions of the tribunals who originally heard claims for exemption.

A surprisingly large number of men who appealed from the decisions of the tribunals have been ordered up for medical re-examination, and in many instances have been placed in categories below A.

These men as a result of their re-examination will not be called up until such time as their categories are required.

COUNTY DEFAULTERS UNDER M. S. A. TO BE ARRESTED BY POLICE

High Constable Is Advised of Military Requests.

High Constable Watterworth has been advised by the military authorities that he will be expected to make arrests of a number of young men in Middlesex County, who have up to the present disregarded the military service act requirements.

These men will be rounded up by the county constables as soon as their names are handed over.

After the arrest is made each man will be handed over to the military authorities.

FRENCH-CANADIANS DRAFTED INTO ARMY CAN GO TO QUEBEC

Will Be Permitted to Transfer to 2nd Quebec Regiment.

French-Canadians drafted in any military district other than Military Districts 4 and 5 will be ordered to report to the depot battalion of the district in which they live. Those who desire to serve in a French-Canadian unit may be subsequently transferred on their request to the 1st Depot Battalion, 2nd Quebec Regiment, at Quebec, camp orders state.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Thomson & McKinnon, brokers, Royal Bank Building, report fluctuations in New York stocks for The Advertiser as follows:

New York, Dec. 28.

	Open.	High.	Low.	1:30.
Pacifics and Southerns—				
Baltimore & Ohio.	52¾	53⅞	52¾	53½
Erie, com.	17⅛	17⅜	17⅛	17⅜
Erie, 1st pfd.	28⅜	...	...	...
Great Northern.	89	91¾	89	91
Illinois Central	91⅞	...	...	...
New Haven.	29½	33	29	32¼
New York Central	72¾	72⅞	72⅜	72¾
Rock Island.	21⅛	24⅞	21⅛	24⅞
St. Paul.	47⅛	47¾	47	47¾
Wabash, com.	21½	23¼	21½	23¼
Pacifics and Southerns—				
Atchison, com.	86⅜	86⅝	85¾	86½
Canadian Pacific.	134¾	139¼	134⅜	138½
Louis. & Nash.	111¾	112	111¾	112
Missouri Pacific.	24¾	25½	24	25
Northern Pacific.	85Z	89	85⅝	87¾
Southern Pacific.	84	85⅛	83¾	85
Southern Railway	23¾	25⅞	23¾	24⅛
Union Pacific.	112½	114¼	112	113⅝
Coalers—				
Ches. & Ohio.	48	51¾	48	50½
Lehigh Valley.	56⅞	58¾	56⅞	58¾
Norfolk & West.	105	105	104½	105
Pennsylvania	46⅝	47	46⅛	47
Reading Railway.	73	73½	73	73
Tractions—				
Brooklyn Transit.	39⅝	44	39⅝	44
Interboro, com.	7⅝	7⅞	7⅜	7⅞
Industrials—				
Allis-Chalmers	16¾	18¼	16¾	18¼
Am. Beet Sugar.	67	68¾	67	68¾
American Can.	35¼	36⅜	35	36¼
American Car.	67	70	67	69
Am. Locomotive.	53⅝	55⅛	53Z	55
American Sugar.	96⅝	98	96⅝	98
Am. Smelters.	73½	75¾	73¾	75¾
Am. Tel. & Tel.	102	105¾	102	105
American Wool.	42½	...	...	...
Baldwin Loco.	58½	59	58⅛	58⅞
Central eLather.	60½	62	60½	61⅜
Corn Products.	29⅛	29⅞	29⅛	29⅝
Col. Fuel & Iron.	34⅛	35	34⅛	35
Distillers	33¼	33⅞	33	33⅞
Dome Mines.	2⅛	...	...	...
General Electric.	125½	128	125½	128
General Motors.	96	99½	96	97½
Goodrich Rubber.	36¼	...	...	...
G. Northern Ore.	26	27⅛	26	27⅛
Inter Nickel.	26⅝	26¾	25⅞	26⅛
Maxwell Motor.	23¾	24¾	23¾	24
Marine, com.	19⅝	20⅜	19⅝	20
Marine, pfd.	80	81½	79⅜	80½
Studebaker	44½	46⅜	44⅛	45¼
U. S. Rubber.	50	51¾	50	51¾
Virginia Chemical	33	...	...	...
Western Union.	81¼	83	81¼	83
Westinghouse.	37⅝	39	31⅜	38⅜
Willys-Overland.	19¾	19⅜	19	19
Coppers—				
Anaconda Copper.	58½	59⅜	57¾	58⅞
Chino Copper.	39½	40⅜	39½	40⅜
Inspiration	43¼	43⅞	43⅛	43½
Miami Copper.	28	28¼	28	28¼
Nevada Con.	17¾	18½	17¾	18½
Ray Consolidated.	21⅝	22	21½	22
Utah Copper.	77½	79⅞	77¾	79
Oils—				
Am. Cotton Oil.	25¾	...	...	...
New Mexican.	74½	76½	74¼	76½
Texas 1O1.	130	135	130	133½
Steels—				
Bethlehem Steel.	73½	74⅜	73½	73⅞
Crucible Steel.	51¾	53	51¾	53
Lackawanna	74⅜	76¾	74⅞	76¾
Pressed Steel Car.	57	60¼	57	59¾
Republic Iron.	77⅞	79	77⅞	78¼
Railway Steel.	44¾	47⅜	44¾	47⅜
U. S. Steel, pfd.	104⅜	104⅜	103⅞	104⅜
U. S. Steel.	88½	89⅜	88⅜	88⅞
Bonds—				
Anglo-French 5's.	88	88⅜	87¾	88⅜

RECOVERY STARTS.—Mrs. Wallace, mother of Robert Wallace, 534 Dundas street, is beginning to recover consciousness, according to information given to The Advertiser today. She was almost asphyxiated by escaping gas on Sunday night, and has been unconscious since then. Liquid nourishment has been given her for the past few days, and she is resting easily.

'Dermaline Snow'

is a cleansing cream that penetrates and removes the dirt from the pores of the skin, and allows them to breathe in a healthy, normal manner, restores circulation to the face, soothes and softens.

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"LONDON'S OWN" MAN BURIED THIS WEEK WITH MILITARY HONORS



Advertiser Illustrations

PTE. B. ASKEY, 34 Josephine street, who died in Victoria Hospital from pneumonia. He enlisted with the 142nd Battalion and got to England with London's Own.

CITY RAZED BY EARTHQUAKE

Washington, Dec. 28.—At 6 o'clock last night the earthquake which destroyed part of Guatemala City was continuing; destruction of property was unabated, and thousands were without shelter. Americans and other foreigners were safe.

CITY BREVITIES

DIVISION COURT.—A brief session of the first division court was held before Judge Judd today. Several small claims for debt were adjusted or postponed.

ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.—The York Street Mission Hall will hold its annual Christmas tree and entertainment on December 31, followed by a watch-night service.

TAKING SPECIAL SERVICES.—M. Brumberg, a celebrated cantor of Petrograd, will be in charge of the services at the Wellington Street Jewish Synagogue this evening and on Saturday morning.

TRANSFERRED TO W. O. R.—Company Sergt.-Majors Harry Munroe and T. J. Ham and Company Quartermaster Sergt. Garfield Reddon of No. 1 Casualty Unit, and Sergt. Walter Bonser of No. 1 Special Service Company, have been transferred to the 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment.

LAST MEETINGS.—The last two meetings of municipal bodies will be held this afternoon at the city hall The board of health will convene at 4 o'clock, and the board of education a half hour later. Routine business only is scheduled to come before the two meetings.

ANOTHER POST-MORTEM.—Bay mare No. A-578, of the Canadian Army Service Corps, at Carling Heights Camp, has passed to the great beyond, and as a result a court of inquiry composed of Major N. K. Cameron (president), and Lieuts. D. Stewart and C. W. Thompson, will meet in the near future to inquire into and report upon her death, camp orders state.

GOOD SPRING OUTLOOK.—London reports to Bradstreet's say that the post-holiday quiet has descended on retail trade after a more than usually busy season both in the city and throughout the western part of the province. Wholesale business is experiencing a lull which is being used to prepare for the spring trade. The outlook appears satisfactory for the coming months.

TOO YOUNG FOR TRENCHES.—Mrs. Frank Orendorff, Dundas street east, has received word from her son Frank, who has been overseas well over a year, to the effect that he is being sent home because he is under age. He enlisted at the age of 15 with the 142nd (London's Own). He had two trips into the trenches, and then, on account of his youth, was sent back to England. He has been stationed there for some time, and finally the officers sent him home.

TRAINS HELD UP.—All trains arrived today from one to five hours late. Snowstorms in Michigan delayed trains from Chicago, while from the east Grand Trunk trains were delayed by the high west wind and the extremely low temperatures prevailing in New York State and in Eastern Ontario. The heat radiation from the boilers of the locomotives during low temperatures is so great that steam is kept up only with the greatest difficulty.

TWO SMALL FIRES.—Two alarms of fire were turned in this morning, the first from 62 Dundas street at 8:13 o'clock, and the second from the corner of St. George and Hyman streets. Slight damage resulted in both cases, both fires being extinguished by the aid of the hand chemical apparatus. The fire at 32 Dundas street was caused by the burning of some papers in an open grate, the flames igniting the surrounding woodwork. An overheated stove at the brick apartment at St. George and Hyman streets caused a chimney blaze. Fast runs were made in each instance.

FILL W. O. R. RANKS BEFORE BATTERIES CAN TAKE ON MEN

Orders Prohibit Recruits Going to Artillery.

No more recruits are to be sent to the 63rd and 64th Depot Batteries, C. F. A., until the authorized establishment of the 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment, is completed, camp orders announce today. In special cases exception may be made, but these will be few, it is understood.

A large number of men who would have been drafted on January 3 have presented themselves voluntarily for service in the batteries, but it is now felt that only confusion will result, if men expected to arrive at the depot battalion are allowed to go to the batteries. It is also the opinion of the authorities that most of those men who intended to choose the artillery branch of the service have already done so, and that in order to keep in shape the lists of men to be used when the men arrive, the remaining ones will of necessity report to the collecting depot at the armories, and from there to the Depot Battalion at Queen's Park.

DECISIONS NOT YET GIVEN OUT LOCALLY

Only one of the exemption appeal boards was in session today, that presided over by Judge Talbot Macbeth. Judge Judd was conducting the first division court.

No decisions have been made public by either board, and it is expected that they will not be given out for some days. None of them have yet reached the offices of the deputy registrar.

HECKLERS ATTEMPT TO BLOCK SOMERVILLE SPEAKERS WHEN ADDRESSING CAR SHOPS MEN

Interrupt Address in Favor of Business Administrator for Mayoralty, But Are Admonished by Older Men—Candidate Himself Given Respectful Hearing.

The issues of the forthcoming municipal election were placed before the employees of the G. T. R. carshops at noon today, when C. R. Somerville, candidate for the mayoralty, and Mayor H. A. Stevenson addressed the men on their respective platforms.

Mayor Stevenson had been speaking for some time before the arrival of Mr. Somerville, and when John Cottam addressed the men in support of Mr. Somerville, after Dr. Stevenson had finished, he was greeted by calls from four or five men, evidently specially organized to heckle Mr. Somerville's supporters.

When the hecklers had been admonished for their conduct by some of the older men, Mr. Cottam addressed the gathering. The speaker said that he was an admirer of both Mayor Stevenson and Controller Shaw, candidates for the mayoralty, but that he was going to vote for Mr. Somerville because the methods, or proposed methods of civic government adhered to by Mayor Stevenson and Controller Shaw were unbusinesslike and not in conformity with efficiency. Mr. Cottam asserted that the methods of civic government adopted by Mayor Stevenson, were on a par to the manner of governing the city of London when it had less than 3000 population.

Mr. Cottam cited some instances of incompetency. He compared the civic government of London with Mayor Stevshops being managed by a contractor or an artist.

More Heckling Attempted.

"It stands to reason," Mr. Cottam stated, "that the G. T. R. gets better management of these carshops from your superintendent, Thomas Treleaven than it would from a man unacquainted with the work—"

At this juncture yells of disapproval were sounded. The small band of organized hecklers seized the opportunity to "bawl" Mr. Cottam out, but Mr. Cottam would not be "bawled" out. He appealed for British fair play.

"Is this Berlin, or is it London?" he asked the men, who discontinued their noise at the question.

Continuing, Mr. Cottam admitted that Mayor Stevenson had made a desperate attempt to regulate and control the expenditure of the city, but had dismally failed

"We have got to have a change," the speaker declared. "If you put an archangel from heaven in as mayor for 1918 he could not efficiently govern London's expenditure in pursuance with the policy of the present mayor or the proposed methods of government of Controller Shaw. Mr. Somerville may not have a union card, but he has always worked in the interests of the workingman."

City Losing Money.

Responding to the request that he outline his platform himself, Mr. Somerville briefly addressed the men. Referring to the method of handling the city's finances, he asserted that the manner of issuing debentures by Mayor Stevenson was not in accordance with efficiency or good business, but that the city was losing money by his methods.

"I am not a speaker, but will outline my reason for seeking the mayoralty of the coming year. The principal question in the ratepayer's mind should be: who is the man best fitted to control the expenditure of the civic government?"

"A big question is that of the issuing and selling of debentures. The debentures of the city have not been sold. The rate of interest on money is increasng every month, and, therefore, so long as the city's debentures remain unsold the people are the losers. Just as soon as debentures are issued they should be sold. Financial men of the city council had to borrow money from New York. It is nothing else but speculation of the people's money.

Bad Judgment Exposed.

"When the conditions of the day are such, owing to the war, that every cent counts, the city goes on building sewers and unnecessary improvements. Just recently $100,000 was spent on sewers. I do not accuse the civic government of graft or dishonesty, but I do accuse it of bad judgment. I have not a union card, but I used to work very near these shops, and I was secretary of the committee which collected funds to supply tools to the workmen of this factory when it burnt down many years ago."

When Mr. Somerville finished, Mayor Stevenson sprang to the chair.

"I've listened to what he said. Listen to me for a minute now," his worship said. He proceeded to explain that he had saved this city one-quarter of one per cent of a million dollars by his financial methods.

"I know what I am talking about when I talk finance," he declared.

No More Money for Sewers.

Referring to Mr. Somerville's allegation regarding the laying of sewers, his worship stated that "they won't get a single, solitary cent for sewers again."

The mayor contended that any overdraft in the expenditure of boards or committees of the city should come out of the pockets of the members of the boards and committees. He added that the men responsible for an overdraft should go to jail.

"Where is the man who made an overdraft?" his worship said.

"There he is," the mayor continued, pointing to Mr. Somerville's desk.

One of Mr. Somerville's supporters attempted to explain to the men the reason which caused the board of halteh, of which Mr. Somerville is chairman, to have an overdraft. However the hecklers yelled so loudly that the speakers were compelled to disperse.

KILLED BY RADIAL CAR.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—John Bolahood of Toronto and Charles Resick, whose address is not known, died here this morning from injuries sustained when they were struck by a radial car at New Toronto shortly before midnight.

FUEL BOSS ADVISES CITIES TO NAME A LOCAL CONTROLLER IN ORDER TO MAKE COAL GO AROUND

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—With the object of insuring a fair distribution of coal amongst consumers, Mr. C. A. Magrath, Dominion Fuel controller, has written to the mayors of all cities and towns throughout the dominion, suggesting the appointment of an official to look after the interests of those who have been refused coal by dealers.

How to Get Coal.

"I would suggest," said Mr. Magrath, in his letter, "that you should appoint someone in your municipality, preferably one of your civic officials, whose business it will be to look into every application for coal by any householder which is refused by dealers, and if it appears to be a case of actual need and your office is aware that there is available a store of coal in the hands of any such dealer, such dealer shall forthwith be ordered to meet such emergency, irrespective of whether the applicant in question is a regular customer or not.

Gives Warning.

"This is the time when 'team work' is absolutely essential, and I am in hopes that if the situation is put squarely before the dealers in your town they will be willing voluntarily to co-operate with you in order to relieve any such cases of emergency that may arise. I shall be obliged if you will indicate the name of any dealer who shows a disposition to disregard the public interest, and I will communicate with him direct from here."

The policy suggested by the fuel controller has been in operation in London for some time with General-Manager Buchanan of the utilities commission in charge. The cases that have come to their attention have, for the most part, been people who arrived in the city during the past year. Some people classed as "coats" by the dealers also had difficulty in getting supplies. In all about fifty cases have been looked after. Speaking of the controller's suggestion of 'team work,' Mr. Buchanan says that he has found the dealers of London willing to co-operate in every way when they had the coal on hand. He had no trouble getting the coal for the needy if the dealers had it at all.

WHO'S WHO IN LONDON'S MUNICIPAL CONTEST OF 1918

This is the third in The Advertiser's series of brief sketches of the men who are appealing to the citizens of London for their votes on municipal election day—January 1. The sketches of contestants for mayoralty, board of control, utilities commission and aldermen in Ward 1 have already appeared. Those of the candidates for the six vacancies on the board of education will appear tomorrow.

ALDERMEN—WARD II.

MICHAEL JOSEPH DONOHUE, real estate, born in the city and educated here. Entered the real estate business about twenty years ago. Was elected alderman for the first time in 1915, and returned to office last year. A member of the London and Port Stanley Railway board of directors and of the Soldiers' Aid Commission. Member of the Woodmen of the World, I. O. F., and other fraternal societies.

FRANK EDWIN HARLEY, lumber merchant, born in London and educated here, and after leaving school entered the lumber business of his grandfather, Robert McLeod. Here he learned the business of which he subsequently became manager and proprietor. Ran for public office for the first time a year ago, when he was elected alderman. During his first year in the council he has been chairman of the reception committee of the Soldiers' Aid Commission. Is president of the Ryerson School Civic League, a progressive movement in the north end of the city. Identified with the Canadian Club and Rotary Club and other prominent public organizations. A past district deputy grand master of the Masons.

OLIVER GEORGE KEENE, furniture dealer, elected alderman in 1917, and was made chairman of the special committee to investigate and report upon the garbage situation. Member of the board of trade. Born and educated in London, and has been in the furniture business since leaving school. Belongs to the Masonic Order and Orange Lodge.

WILLIAM ARTHUR WILSON, merchant and salesman, has lived in London for the past 23 years and has been a member of the city council for four years. Born in Smith's Falls, near Ottawa, he removed at an early age to Petrolea, where he engaged for seventeen years in building, contracting and the oil business. Had three years' municipal experience as a member of the Petrolea council.

ALDERMEN—WARD III.

F. R. WATKINSON, carpenter and builder, is running on the Labor ticket, having been indorsed by both the Trades and Labor Council and by the Independent Labor party. He lives at 1082 York street, and has for the past fourteen years been a resident of this city. He is a member of the Great War Veterans' Association, having enlisted as a bandsman in the 142nd Battalion. He was rejected for overseas service by the medical board at Camp Borden. An Englishman by birth, Mr. Watkinson has taken a great interest in the Sons of England Society, of which he is a member. He is a warden of St. Matthew's Church. In fraternal circles he is well known, having for the past eight years been secretary of Chorazin Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is also a member of Union Lodge, 330, A., F. and A. M., and of Pine Grove Camp, No. 1, W. O. W. In Labor circles he is a member of the Carpenters' Union. Mr. Watkinson made a good run last year, being fourth in the ward three aldermanic race. This year he is the only candidate in that ward who resides east of Rectory street.

HARRY WINNETT, boilermaker, after leaving school, entered the boilermaking business of his father, R. Winnett, which has been established here about fifty years. He is a member of the firm. Harry Winnett ran for the office of alderman in 1916, losing by only half a dozen votes. Last year, he was a successful candidate, and has been a representative of the council on the London and Port Stanley board, and on the Western Fair board, and a member of No. 2 committee.

CORDON BART DRAKE, grocer, elected alderman for ward three a year ago, the first time of running for public office. Member of the board of works committee. Has lived in the city all his life. Associated with the Woodmen of the World, Foresters, and Canadian Order of Beavers.

MAXWELL LERNER came to Canada from Russia in 1895, and with the exception of three years has been engaged in business here since that time. Is at present in the coal business. Elected alderman for 1915. Author in 1915 of the amendment to the colonization act of Canada, to provide land settlers with seed, food, shelter and stock for the first year. Member of A. O. F.

WILLIAM DUNCAN YEO, salesman at R. C. Struthers & Co., running for the first time in London for a municipal office. Farmed in Westminster Township before coming to the city several years ago, and still owns a farm there. Engaged in the dairy business for some years before becoming identified with the firm for which he is at present a salesman.

10 CARS OF COAL HELP IN MEETING EXTRA DEMANDS

Bigger Shipment Yesterday Averts Famine of Fuel in London.

Ten carloads of hard coal arrived in the city via Grand Trunk late Thursday night. This shipment has relieved the coal situation today to a large extent.

Dealers are delivering with every available wagon and sleigh today, and although the demands for fuel are heavy, no actual famine is in sight.

The consumption of coal by all citizens last night and early today was the heaviest recorded so far this winter.

With almost zero temperature, intensified by a howling gale, which sought out every crevice and crack, householders found it necessary to keep their furnaces and stoves at full blast. Wood brought into the city in the past few days saved the situation to a certain extent, and many burn coal and wood together in their furnaces.

The Grand Trunk has assigned a large number of locomotives to points on the Niagara frontier to pick up the coal cars as soon as they are brought over the suspension bridge.

From present indications, if snowstorms do not prevent, London will receive a daily average of four to eight carloads of coal, which will supply immediate wants, although it will not permit of a surplus being acquired.

250 A. M. C. MEMBERS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL DINNER AT BARRACKS

Training Depot Enjoys Banquet and Concert.

About 250 members of Army Medical Corps Training Depot No. 1 sat down at their annual banquet, which took place Thursday evening in the men's mess at Wolseley Barracks.

The hall was decorated with flags, red, white and blue bunting, Christmas bells and holly, and the orchestra rendered selections from beneath a canopy of red, white and blue and flags.

When the turkey, plum pudding and other Christmas delicacies had been disposed of, Brig.-Gen. L. W. Shannon, general officer commanding the district, opened the proceedings with a brief address, in which he wished those present the compliments of the season, and expressed his pleasure at the success of the gathering.

Short addresses were also made by Major Smith, officer commanding the A. M. C. Training Depot, Sergt.-Major McDonald, and Capts. La Touzel and Leicester, during the banquet and the program which followed excellent selections were rendered by the A. M. C. Trio, Q.-M.-S. H. F. Willsher, Staff-Sergt. George Chrystal and Sergt. McVeigh.

Among those present were: Brig.-Gen. Shannon, Lieut.-Col. H. D. Smith, general staff officer; Major C. C. Bell, deputy assistant director of medical supplies; Major Smith, and Capts. Leicester and LaTouzel.

Great credit is given Capt. Leicester, the quartermaster, who took charge of the whole arrangements, and to whom the men are grateful for the success of the affair.

Previous to the banquet on Thursday noon the sergeants enjoyed a small banquet in their mess, which proved a most happy event. Sergt. Major McDonald was chairman, and Sergt. McVeigh, president of the mess, was toastmaster, while Quartermaster-Sergt. Willsher, Staff-Sergt. Chrystal and Sergt. McVeigh acted as the catering committee.

The following is the program that was put on at the evening banquet:

Opening remarks, Gen. Shannon; A. M. C., Staff Sergt. G. Chrystal, Quartermaster-Sergt. H. F. Willsher and Sergt. McVeigh; vocal solo, Pte. Bennett; comic solo, Corp. Reacy; clog dance (violin obligato), Ptes. Brock and McMillan; vocal solo, Lance-Corp. Phillips; solo, Pte. Tiernan; speech, Major David Smith, O. C.; speech, Capt. LeTouzel; speech, Capt. Leicester; speech, Sergt.-Major McDonald; recitation, Pte. McDougall (chairman); song, Corp. Shaw; the Jasbo quartet (vocal), Ptes. Bennett, Mogge, Phillips and Davis; violin solo, Sergt. McVeigh; bagpipe selections and highland fling, Piper McKellar and Pte. Baxter; bagpipe selection, Piper Walter Wilson.

G. T. TURNS DEAF EAR TO APPEALS TO KEEP TRAINS

Will Cancel Bruce Branch Service Despite Flood of Protest.

From present indications the two trains on the Huron and Bruce, scheduled for cancellation in the new time card of the G. T. R., effective January 6th, will be taken off as far as the railway company is concerned.

Despite protests and appeals from many sources the railway company regards it expedient in what it terms "national interest," to conserve coal and make available for freight hauling the locomotives on these two trains rather than provide the accommodation to the traveling public.

As a consequence there will be no north-bound morning train up the Bruce, or no southbound train arriving here in the evening on this branch line after Saturday, January 4th.

The new timetable becomes effective 12:01 a.m. on Monday, January 6th, when 41 trains in the province on the G. T. R. will be removed.

LIBERAL MEETING TO APPOINT LEADER FOR THE ONTARIO HOUSE

Opposition Members to Select Successor to Mr. Rowell On January 3.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Chas. M. Bowman, M. L. A., chief Opposition whip, has called a meeting of all the Liberal members of the Ontario Legislature to be held at the rooms of the Reform Association of Ontario, this city, on Thursday, January 3, for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a new Liberal leader in the Legislature to succeed Hon. N. W. Rowell, who resigned to join the Union Government. It is improbable a permanent leader will be appointed at present, but a temporary leader for the approaching session of the Legislature will be selected.

CHILDREN ESCAPE WHEN FIRE STARTS FROM LIVE COALS

Tots Started Blaze During the Mother's Absence.

Three children of Mrs. Tanner, 840 Van street, caused a fire in their home this afternoon while their mother was absent. They opened the stove door and some coals fell out. Some Christmas decorations which were near by caught fire. The children ran to a neighbors and the firemen were summoned. The fire was extinguished after $50 damage had been done. The three children were unhurt.

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1 lb. Blended Black (or G.)	60	50
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2 packages of Seeded Raisins	30	25
1 lb. Choice Coffee	50	40
½ lb. English Breakfast Cocoa	25	20
½ lb. Mustard	25	20
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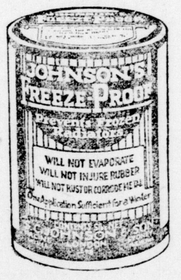
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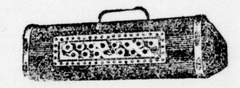
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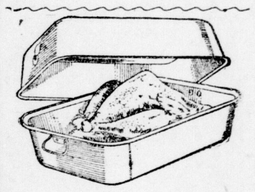
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LONDON PAPERS SEE HUN OFFER IN MANY WAYS

Daily Express Thinks Germany Fears the Bolsheviki Influence.

DAILY MAIL SEES A TRAP

All Agreed That as They Stand Central Powers' Terms Are Not Acceptable.

London, Dec. 28.—A statement purporting to give in broad outline the view taken in high British political circles of the German peace terms is printed by the Daily Express. It says that two things are known here: first, that Germany does not want a separate peace with Russia, but a general peace; and second, that Germany fears Bolsheviki influence, being afraid of its effect on the German working classes.

"A stiff upper lip is the attitude in this country at present," the statement declares. "The peace terms are not sufficient to lead us to lay down our arms. We must be watchful. It is up to Germany to show that she is sincere."

SINCERE OR TRAP.

London, Dec. 26.—Opinion here on the reply of the central powers to the Bolsheviki peace terms, so far as can be judged from the editorials in the morning newspapers, follows two main lines. On one hand, it seems to be felt that the central powers have made a perfectly sincere offer to end the war immediately, while on the other hand it is declared that they have set a cunning trap in which they hope, although vainly, to catch the Allies.

The former view is not confined to papers generally regarded as having pacifist leanings. It is supported strongly, for instance, by the Conservative Daily Express, which stands uncompromisingly for victory over the central powers and is an ardent apostle of anti-Prussianism. In all the papers taking this view the statement of the central powers is regarded as being addressed less to Russia than to the Allies collectively, and the offer made through Count Czernin is assumed to be an initial proposal which the central powers probably are prepared to modify in the course of bargaining, for nowhere are the terms of the central powers regarded as entirely acceptable in their present form. The Express says:

"The terms may be taken as Germany's first bid. The proposals are, of course, wholly inadequate, but it is significant that the idea of conquest has been abandoned completely. This is the first indication that Germany has begun to realize the true position with which she is confronted.

Must Be Reparation.

"Germany is pledged definitely to the principle of restitution, thereby bluntly repudiating von Tirpitz and the other pan-Germans, but while restitution is accepted, reparation is scouted. Reparation will be accepted as the price of the restoration of those economic relations without which Germany cannot live.

"An authoritative Allied reply to Count Czernin might be a demonstration to the German people that the Allies have no wish to contrive their destruction, hinder their development or threaten their independence. When they once understand what the Allies stand for and what really are their intentions, the German people themselves will complete the destruction of that militarism which has set out to conquer the world."

A Striking Fact.

The Daily Chronicle says it is a striking fact that the central powers have accepted the formula of no annexations, no indemnities, and continues:

"The new peace offensive of the central powers is meant, not primarily for Russia, but for the Allies at large, and especially the United States.

"If the Allies are appealed to by the Russians for their views they should seize without hesitation the opportunity of making a candid, reasonable statement of their war aims and their peace terms. On certain important questions, such as the repudiation of territorial ambitions and punitive indemnities, there is, in form at least, a common ground between the German professions and the declared principles of the Allies, and it should be borne in mind that when a statement of peace terms is framed under such circumstances as brought the present certain proposals to birth, its demands may be assumed to represent, not an irreducible minimum, but a skillful negotiator's stock in trade.

Highly Interesting.

A highly interesting situation, the Daily Telegraph thinks, has been created by the reply of the central powers, but it does not see in it the prospect of any secure settlement of the world's peace.

"With what looks like an absolute change of mind," it says, "Germany has thrown over her annexationists and pronounced for a status quo ante peace. If this is so, it means a definite abandonment of ambitions in Belgium and the western provinces of Russia.

Not Acceptable.

"The enemy powers, however, reject the absolutely fundamental point of the right of subject nationalities to self-determination which is vital to the cause for which the Allies are fighting. The Allies are required to give undertakings which would thrust back the liberated peoples of Palestine and Mesopotamia under the Turkish yoke, would insure Alsace-Lorraine remaining German, and unredeemed Italy remaining Austrian, and would exclude an attempt to place the whole question of the oppressed nationalities of south-eastern Europe upon a foundation of internationally-guaranteed security."

Such an outcome, the Telegraph adds, would be a virtual victory and a new lease of life for militarism.

Probably a Trap.

The Times and the Daily Mail are exponents of the view that the proposals constitute a trap for the Allies, and, if accepted, would leave the central powers victors. The Times says that Count Czernin's statement fully bears out President Wilson's judgment of last summer that the purpose of the German peace intrigue is the deceit of nations.

The Daily News, which warmly indorsed the recent letter of the Marquis of Lansdowne, and is regarded as being tinged with pacifism, contends that Germany had to choose between her extremists and her moderates, as no peace formula could possibly satisfy both Count Reventlow and Philipp Scheidemann.

"Nothing could be more ill-advised," it says, "than a general denunciation of the German offer by the press or politicians of the Entente Alliance, as such a reception is precisely what German diplomacy is playing for. That does not mean that the German proposals can be grasped at as a basis of immediate negotiations—their defects are self-evident."

After denouncing the terms as they would affect Belgium and other matters as being altogether unacceptable the Daily News adds:

"These deficiencies might seem for a moment to furnish sufficient ground for ignoring or summarily dismissing the German proposals. Reasons regarding that conclusion are short-sighted and impolitic as already has been suggested."

It is Germany's manifest policy, according to the Times, to secure while there is yet time, a peace which will preserve under her control her vassals in Central and Southeastern Europe, enabling her to boast truly that militarism has vindicated splendidly its claims. The Times concludes: "The whole pretense at negotiation is characteristically disingenuous."

"Even the blindest mole," declares the Mail, "could see through the smoke screen of verbal evasions with which the Germans try to conceal their real intentions. Seeming compliance with the Russian suggestion coupled with reservations that take all the meaning from the tentative agreement is clearly the German game.

"The Allies are not thinking of peace. They are thinking only of victory, and victory is what they mean to have."

INGERSOLL MILKMEN BOOST PRICE UP TO 11 CENTS PER QUART

Entries Pouring In For the Poultry Show Next Week.

INGERSOLL, Dec. 27.—The cost of living went up another notch today, when the milk dealers announced that in future the price would be eleven cents per quart. It has been selling at ten cents for some time.

The annual show of the Ingersoll and South Oxford Poultry Association will be held in the town hall next week, and already there has been a lively demand for prize lists. The officers have given careful attention to the prizes and made other arrangements, which, it is expected, will bring out a large number of exhibitors.

Speaking of his sojourn in England for over five months, George A. C. Herdman, who up to August 1 was chief examiner for the imperial ministry of munitions at the Morrow works, and who only reached Ingersoll last night, stated that there is a very optimistic feeling as to the final outcome of the war. The prices of foodstuffs, he stated, were high, but there was no scarcity, notwithstanding that they are under Government control. There is great confidence on the part of the people, he said, in the ability of General Haig and of the power that will be thrown into the war on the side of the Allies by the United States. There is the belief, Mr Herdman stated, that Haig's forces could defeat the Germans on the west front whenever it is desired. In Liverpool, alone, according to Mr. Herdman, there are 17,000 war widows.

At the annual meeting of the supporters of the separate school, the following were elected trustees by acclamation for two years: No. 1 Ward, N. P. Dunn; No. 2 Ward, M. J. Morrison; No. 3 Ward, A. H. McDermott.

A quiet wedding was solemnized by Rev. R. J. M. Perkins at the rectory, Oxford street, when he united in marriage Elizabeth May Jeffrey to William Smith, both of Ingersoll. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will reside in Ingersoll

Following is the schedule that has been adopted by the town hockey league: January 4, Handfords vs. Orients; Four Square vs. Collegiate; January 9, Collegiate vs. Handfords; January 16, Orients vs. Four Square; January 23, Orients vs. Collegiate, Handfords vs. Four Square; February 6, Orients vs. Handfords; February 13, Collegiate vs. Four Square; March 1, Handfords vs. Collegiate, Four Square vs. Orients; March 8, Collegiate vs. Orients, Four Square vs. Handfords.

HAD LEG FRACTURED BY BRANCH OF TREE

HENSALL, Dec. 27.—Andrew Dougall, son of Henry Dougall of the London road, had his leg fractured by a blow from a limb of a fallen tree. The branch was suddenly released, and struck the young man a heavy blow.

J. C. Robinson, who conducted a wholesale fruit business here, is returning to London with his family.

Keen interest is being shown in the nominations next Monday, and it is likely that the election will be warmly contested.

Large quantities of grain are being brought in by the farmers and local millers, and grain buyers are being kept very busy.

Local coal dealers have been fortunate to secure some supplies this week, and have been selling it in small quantities so that all who need fuel will be able to get some.

RETIRING ORGANIST IS HONORED BY FRIENDS

FOREST, Dec. 27.—A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clark, Fairview Farm, Ravenswood, Monday evening, when they entertained the Sunday school teachers and scholars of the Methodist Church and the young people of the neighborhood. The feature of the evening was the presentation of an appreciative address and clock to Miss Gibson, the organist, who has resigned on account of ill-health. The address was signed on behalf of the quarterly board by Rev. E. J. Harding, A. J. Clark and J. Clemens. Among the guests present were Pte. S. V. Clark of Toronto, and his friend, Pte. H. Clements of London, who were holiday visitors at A. J. Clark's.

LATIN-AMERICANS TALK POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27.—The Government announced today that the congress of the neutral Latin-American nations had been postponed until April. This congress, it was reported several weeks ago, was to have been convened in January.

LEATHER MERCHANT'S DEATH.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Frederick Geo. Clarke, 54, president of the firm of Clarke & Clarke, leather merchants of this city, died on Christmas Day in Baltimore, Md., while on the way south for the rest of the winter. He was born in Peterborough, Ontario. A widow, two sons overseas and a daughter survive. An elder brother, also of the same firm, died in London, England, as the result of exposure in the sinking of the Lusitania.

Your Vote and Influence

Respectfully Solicited For

J. J. Harding

Alderman

NO. 1 WARD.

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RE-ELECT

PHILIP POCOCK

—FOR—

Utilities Commission

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

INDORSED BY THE TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.

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YOUR VOTE

Respectfully Solicited for Re-Election of

JOHN M. MOORE

For Board of Control

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YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE FOR

JAMES GRAY

(of Gray's, Limited,)

for

BOARD OF EDUCATION 1918

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FRED W. DALY

Tea Merchant.

FOR UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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Controller E. S. Little



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

Stands on the platform of

BUSINESS METHODS

NO INFLUENCES

NO GRAFT

STRICT ECONOMY

VOTE FOR HIM. LONDON NEEDS HIM ON THE

Board of Control

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CITIZENS' MASS MEETING

TONIGHT at 8 O'CLOCK

MASONIC TEMPLE, QUEEN'S AVE.

CONTROLLER SHAW

Wants ALL the people to get ALL the facts. Therefore he has secured London's largest hall and welcomes all candidates, assuring them of a hearing. This is a real representative people's meeting. Ladies specially invited. Hear Controller Shaw, Mr. Geo. Colbert of the Street Railway Men's Association, and others, discuss live issues.

IN YOUR OWN INTERESTS, GET THE FACTS ON

Saving the market for the citizens.
The garbage question.
Keeping the city hall out of the hands of selfish interests.
Over-expenditure on schools.
How to solve London's assessment problem.
The only way to reduce taxation.
The Technical School muddle.

COME TO THE TEMPLE TONIGHT!

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WHISKEY PRICES SOAR.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—The city liquor vendors under the Nova Scotia temperance act were today notified by wire from Montreal that the price of whiskey had increased $5 a case, the first jump as a result of the announcement of prohibition of importation of liquor.

DIES OF BURNS.

SHERBROOKE, Dec. 27.—Elizabeth Hawkins, 19 years old, died today as a result of burns received when her clothing was set afire by a lamp explosion. He father, William Hawkins, was badly burned when attempting to save his daughter.

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR

E. H. Russell

FOR

School Trustee

FOR 1918

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Again the Workingman Must Fight the Interests.

MAYOR STEVENSON

Is the Man To Do It. He has demonstrated for Three Years Where He Stands.

Three Continued Years of Surpluses.

The Reduction in the High Cost of Living.

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Water Question Solved (2,000,000 gallons daily added).

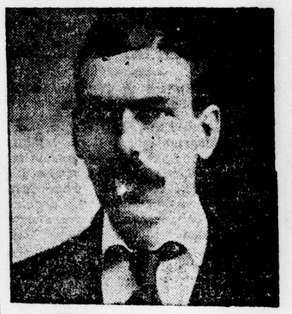
All Public Utilities Paying.

The Paving Plant Has Paid Itself This Year.

Public Market Improved.

WHY CHANGE?

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Your Vote and Influence to Re-Elect

J. H. SAUNDERS

For Controller, 1918

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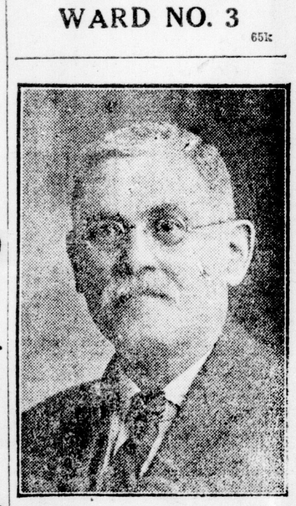
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F. R. Watkinson

FOR ALDERMAN

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YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR

EX-ALD.

C. H. Merryfield

FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL, 1918.

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VOTE FOR JARED

VINING

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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Will You Vote for

C. R. SOMERVILLE

For Mayor for 1918?

His Business Success Insures Safe City Management and Not a Dollar of Unnecessary Expenditure.

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RE-ELECT

ALDERMAN

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THE HIGH COST OF LIVING
MAY BE REDUCED BY FOLLOWING
THE HOUSEKEEPERS' BUYING GUIDE

That the Hydro-Electric Range Saves Fuel, Food, Time and Money
Has Been Proven by 500 London Housewives

Read what this one says:

"Since using a Hydro-Electric Range, our bills are less than half the cost of gas. Cooking by electricity has no superior for efficiency and economy. Meats especially are more juicy and tender and brown much more evenly. The flavor of all foods cooked by electricity is much more delicious than when cooked by other fuels."

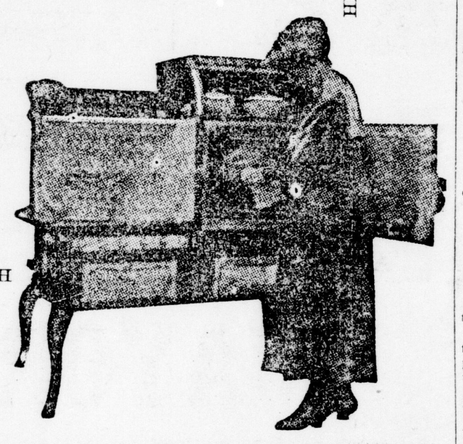
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SAVES FOOD
The use of an Electric Range prevents waste of food because there is 20 per cent less shrinkage in roasting by this method than by any other. Then, too, the rich flavors are not lost nor the food tainted by gases.

SAVES FUEL
Hydro-Electric Power is generated from Niagara. When you use an Electric Range no coal or wood or other fuel is used up in its production. You Save that fuel for other necessary work of production.

SAVES TIME
Constant watching is not necessary—the busy housewife can prepare her meal, place it in the electric range, turn the switch and forget about it until meal time. This leaves more time for rest, Red Cross work and other duties.

SAVES MONEY
The saving on meat bills alone in a year's time amounts to a considerable dollars-and-cents item. And the average bill for electric current is only $1.65.



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APPLES—The finest grown from either British Columbia or Nova Scotia.
ORANGES—All sizes from California, Florida and Jamaica.
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Prime Rib Roasts	28c	Choice Leg Lamb	33c
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Best Rump Roasts	25c	Loin Roasts Pork	38c
Round Shoulder Roasts	24c	Fresh and Pickled Shoulders	30c
Tender Chuck Roasts	22c	Round and Sirloin Steak	30c

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"THE CASH AND CARRY STORE"

H. P. Sauce	23c	TEA SPECIALS.		Corn Syrup, 10-lb. pail	$1.00
Campbell's Soups	16c	Salada Tea, per lb.	50c	Domestic Shortening, 3-lb. pail	78c
Seal Brand Coffee	45c	Ridgway's Tea, per lb.	50c	Special Crisco, per tin	44c
Seeded Raisins	25c	Red Rose Tea, per lb.	50c	Redpath's Sugar, 5-lb. Carton	52c
Seeded Raisins	10c	Grand Mogul Tea, lb.	48c	Redpath's Sugar, 10-lb. bag	$1.00
Dromedary Dates	35c			Granulated, bulk, 5-lb. bag	49c
Corn Syrup, 5-lb. pail	53c			Granulated, bulk, 10-lb. bag	95c

BAKING POWDER, MYRTLE BRAND, IN SEALED PINT AND QUART TINS, 20c AND 30c.
FRANK SMITH, MARKET LANE

HOUSEKEEPING IS A BUSINESS. ECONOMICAL COOKING IS A SCIENCE.

Our Consumers' League
BY ISOBEL C. ARMSTRONG.

FOR TWELVE AND A HALF CENTS.

Notwithstanding the fact so much has been said about giving up gift-giving at home in order to shower all possible comforts upon the men who have been willing to give up life itself in the service of King and country, there has been much Christmas-gift giving right in London and among readers of this page all over the country. But it has been giving with a difference, unselfish giving, discriminate giving, the giving that really blesses the one who gives and the one who takes.

Probably never before has there been such a desire evidenced to remember the destitute, the dependent, the suffering, and to bring to them the love and goodwill and perchance, something of the joy of the Christmas season. Getting back to that word, "discriminate," the 1917 Christmas slogan seems to have been, "fewer gifts and more appropriate." This means that the giver has been given with each gift. No more of this sausage-machine distribution, this seizing upon job lots or anything, be it ever so inappropriate, so long as it is a "token of remembrance!" Thought has been involved as well as money, and that involves heart interest. There was one little gift which came under the attention of the editor of this department which offers a valuable suggestion for another year to whoever is wise enough to take it and store it away among "Useful Hints."

The gift in question was a tiny hamper of sweet-scented grass, lid and all, really not much bigger than a thimble case of the sweet grass. But the amazing number of things this wonderful little hamper contained! A few hooks and eyes in white on a bit of cardboard; another bit of cardboard with black hooks and eyes, a white thimble (just as good as ivory), a yard or so of narrow white elastic; ditto of black; a couple of bunches of narrow white tape; three or four small black safety pins; three or four white safety pins (small size); half a dozen white pearl buttons, and, oh, other things, too numerous to remember. How they could be packed in so snugly was a thing to marvel at. After all, it wasn't so much of a trick, considering the wonderful possibilities of the tiny hamper.

Just think of how useful such a well-stocked little basket would be for the person who does a good deal of traveling! The little repair kit would be a welcome "staying guest" on any dressing table or in any top drawer. And the girl who planned this clever little thrift gift tells with triumph that she packed several such hampers for her friends (small enough to carry about in an average handbag or pocketbook), and the average cost of each was just TWELVE AND A HALF CENTS.

HOMING PIGEONS

Talking about chickens coming home to roost, the writer the other day received a nice long Christmasy letter from a friend in the west country, who has always been in the habit of sending a Christmas present as well as a letter in the past. And this is what that friend had to say:

"This year I abandon Christmas-giving ruthlessly, because I think your Christmas advices in your page is so very much to the point. So this year all I am sending to my very dear friends is my love, and that is what I send to you. This does not seem like Christmas to me. Christmas seems nearest in November, when one is packing boxes for the front. Aren't you glad your Christmas box from me is going overseas?"

Should one feel, under the circumstances, like a successful reformer, and experience a glow of satisfaction?

WANTED—A CLEARING HOUSE

If any institution has been neglected in the matter of Christmas cheer this year or any home or individual has suffered for lack of necessities; if any child has sorrowed because of the failure of dear old Santa Claus to appear, it is not because the citizens of London are lacking in generosity. It is for lack of a charity clearing house or public welfare bureau to keep accurate tab on the distribution of Christmas cheer.

While Christmas giving has been most unselfish and generous this year, to the dependent, the neglected, the suffering, the needy, the shut-in, and while probably exceptional discrimination has been exercised in the choice of gifts, at the same time there is still much room for improvement in London in the matter of seeing that Santa Claus pays a visit to every institution and home in the city and preventing overlapping. More organizations than could be counted on the fingers of both hands were engaged in distributing of Christmas cheer on a large scale, the Great War Veterans' Association, the Mocha Temple Shriners, Salvation Army, to mention just a few of the outstanding "Santa Clauses." There were church organizations and secular organizations, and individuals by the score intent upon making less fortunate people happy. One institution was given half a dozen or so fetes and showered with presents; another had practically none. Yet both organizations make a strong appeal to public sympathy, and the situation arose from a lack of knowledge on the part of one organization in regard to what other organizations of the city were doing; the lack of a bureau where such information could be filed and obtained.

While the term, "organized charity," has a kind of heartless, bloodless, machine-like sound, at the same time, common sense demands intelligence in the distribution of Christmas gifts just as well as in the choice of them. With all the education there has been along the lines of thrift in the past year or so, with all the talk about efficient giving, there has been much of the distribution of Christmas cheer this year that has been overlapping, pure and simple, and consequently unnecessary. For the amount of expenditure on the part of organizations and individuals of the city on Christmas gifts for the "neighbor" in the Scriptural sense, much better results might have been achieved if directed from one centre. The organizations and individuals could do their giving in just as personal a way and with more genuine satisfaction, knowing their gifts were going where they were really needed, and that no child or adult would find the cupboard bare on December 25th, or Christmas entirely cheerless.

MRS. G. F. R. SAYS "SEE WHAT YOU BUY."

Here is something that Mrs. G. F. R., who lives in the country, told the editor of this department over the telephone the other day:

"I have been so much interested in what you had in the Consumers' League column about saving money by paying cash for goods and also saving delivery charges. I was in a grocery store in the city not long ago, and the grocer himself was waiting on me. The telephone rang and was answered by a young boy. He turned from the telephone, picked up a finnan haddie, weighed it, then came over to where the proprietor was talking to me. 'It is Mrs. S——,' he said, adding, 'She wanted a good-sized finnan haddie. This one weighs two pounds. How much will I charge her?' Imagine my surprise when the grocer said promptly, 'Thirty-five cents.' I also had bought two pounds of finnan haddie just two minutes before. Looking at it, I had asked the price, and learned it was FIFTEEN cents a pound. I was being charged THIRTY cents for the two pounds. If the woman who ordered by telephone had come down to see for herself and taken the fish away with her as I did, she would probably have saved five cents, or nearly 17 per cent of the value of her purchase. The grocer's answer surprised me in more ways than one. I thought I would tell you this little incident. You can use it if you think it will awaken women to the fact that they are liable to get better value and save money if they see for themselves what they are buying."

YOUR BABY A PRIZE BABY.

Is your baby a prize baby, the kind of a baby that would command a first place in a baby welfare competition? By this is emphatically NOT meant a beautiful baby, a perfect-featured baby, or an abnormally fat baby, but a baby that would come with flying colors through a scientific test of development according to age, heart action and general conditions. Clinics will take place every day to determine these very things at the Baby Welfare Exhibit. The points scored by any individual baby will depend largely upon the care it has received. There will be no possible chance in a competition of this kind for a baby to carry off a prize because it has a particularly ingratiating smile or eyes of the color preferred by the judge. The judge will be a doctor, a baby specialist, who can't be goo-gooed into doing anything he doesn't believe. He has had too much experience with the genus infant to be taken in like that. He is, first of all on this occasion a scientist, and it is on purely scientific principles his judgment will be based. If the baby in such a competition gets first place, it certainly deserves it.

An opportunity is going to be given at the Baby Welfare Exhibition to discover if your baby is a first prize baby, and how it measures up to a "standard efficiency" test. Much has been heard in the last few years about efficiency and standard efficiency. Efficiency for a baby means simply being properly nourished and developed, a healthy little animal. If it is a healthy little animal it has all the better chance to grow into a sturdy boy or girl, and eventually into a fine citizen.

At the Baby Welfare Exhibition it is proposed to offer prizes to the babies brought into the clinics who measure up most nearly to the standard of perfection at a certain age. A strict record will be kept of each. Separate prizes will be given for the Western Ontario babies, outside of the city, possibly a couple of these prizes, and three or more for the city. The original idea was to offer a prize for the baby under four months; the baby between four and eight months, and the baby between eight and twelve months, found to be nearest the standard of what a healthy baby should be physically between these ages. It is possible that more prizes will be offered owing to the keen interest being manifested in this feature. There will be no "displaying" of the prize babies beyond the publishing of their names. Further announcement in regard to prizes will be made later.

Is your baby having the food that is proper for a little one of its age, and is it clothed as it should be? Is it getting enough fresh air? Is it going to be in better condition by child welfare week than it is now? Is it going to take a high place in the examination which will be given free at the clinic?



A Choice Roast for New Year's

Dairy Butter ... 46c
Breakfast Sausage .. 18c
Shoulder Pork Chops 35c

TURKEY, GEESE, DUCKS, CHICKENS, ETC.

We are now cutting the meats we showed at Christmas time. Such quality and tenderness as was never before exhibited, and flavor, well, we can hardly find words to express the goodness of this choice meat. Every slice and every roast cut from a prize winner at the Toronto Fat Stock Show. Specials for all day Friday, Saturday and next week.

Prime Rib Roasts Christmas Beef, pound	35c
Choicest Chuck Roasts Christmas Beef, pound	28c
Finest Rump Roast Christmas Beef, pound	28c
Jellied Hocks, pound	35c
Cooked Ham, pound	50c
Jellied Beef Tongue, pound	50c
Fresh Lake Herring, pound	10c
Steak Salmon, pound	20c
Smoked Hams, pound	32c
Rolled Shoulder, pound	28c
Cottage Rolls, pound	33c
Pure Lard, pound	34c
5-Pound Carton Redpath Sugar	55c

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And use the ideal food—Kellogg's Toasted Corn Flakes. Most economical because a thousand calories (food units) in Kellogg's Toasted Corn Flakes cost less than a thousand calories in butter, or a third of the cost in lamb chops and chicken, or a quarter of the cost in eggs, beefsteak and haddock.—Report made by the chemist of the Russell Sage Institute of Pathology. Stock carried by all grocers. Get the Genuine-Original.

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GERMANY'S TERMS.

GERMANY has made a strenuous effort in her declaration of peace terms, to separate Russia definitely from the Entente Allies. Appearing to have given deep consideration to Russia's terms, and to have decided to indorse most of them in the hope that the Allies will join in the movement, Germany has really done no such thing; she has read Russia's suggestions, laughed, and said to herself: "We will pretend to agree to most of these, the other Entente Allies will refuse to consider them seriously, and we will then direct Russia's attention to our willingness to make peace and our enemies' unwillingness and invite her to attach herself to our peace-loving selves. The Russians may be deceived into believing us." There is a danger that Germany may succeed in her scheme.

Russia is very willing to have Germany get back her colonies, since Russia has none of them. She cares nothing for the fact that the people of these colonies may object strongly to being placed again under the Prussian regime. The Teutons, of course, say that such an idea is absurd in view of the fact that these natives have fought so well against the Allies, but they make no mention of the pressure brought to bear to force this attitude, and they are unwilling to have any expression taken of the popular will in these colonies.

Even in declaring against annexations, the Huns are careful to stipulate that they speak only of "forcible" annexations. They do not promise to clear out of all invaded territory and restore absolute independence to the smaller nations; they are ready to give "political" independence where it existed before, but what of military independence?

President Wilson, ex-Premier Asquith, Premier Lloyd George and a dozen other Allied statesmen, have announced that restoration and reparation by Germany were indispensable terms. No attempt has been made to meet these demands.

They have declared that no definite and satisfactory arrangements can be made with the present German Government. No change has been made to improve the trustworthiness of that Government.

Finally, all the Allies are united in demanding that the Prussian militarism, which caused this awful war, be stamped out, so that it may never have the power or opportunity to repeat its action. Germany wants to preserve it intact in order that it may get to work speedily in preparation for another great attack on the world's democracies.

Germany's terms constitute no peace offer, but only a lure for the misguided Russians. They are merely diplomatic overtures to a nation which has been fighting against Germany, made to induce it to throw down its arms and yield up its supplies of necessaries to its erstwhile foe, thus helping the latter to continue the struggle. By the other peoples concerned they may be dismissed without a second thought.

SUPER-VILENESS.

GERMANS in the United States have the distinction of being the only creatures on earth who have challenged the right of the Huns in Germany to be known to history as the vilest of people. By infecting with poison the bandages destined to be used on wounded men in France, they have almost surpassed the achievements of their fellow-countrymen at home.

After this expose, is it possible to continue separating the German people from the German Government, and declaring that the war is not against the former? It has been urged that the atrocities committed by the Teutons in Europe were ordered by the officers and authorities, and that to refuse obedience meant death to the soldier or civilian, but this excuse is not valid when used on behalf of Germans in the United States. They are not under officers who can enforce obedience or punish those who defy them. They are acting largely on their own initiative and exhibiting a readiness to sink to any depths in order to work harm to the Allies.

It may be that fiendishness has been drilled into the Teutons, and encouraged by their ruling military classes, but they have been wonderfully apt pupils; the soil has been peculiarly adapted to the fertilization of the seed. The German people have killed out any sympathy that might have been felt for them. It would cause sorrow to read of the people of any other capital than Brlin wandering the cold streets on Christmas day begging for food, but when this happens to the Germans there is only a feeling among other peoples that it is no worse than they deserve.

Britain has, by the aerial raid on Mannheim, announced that she is fighting the German nation, and is ready to make it suffer in order that more suffering, in the future, for all nations, may be averted. The German Government is the directing force, but the people are its instruments, and these instruments must be broken before the Government can be reached.

LIBERALS.

THE Ottawa Citizen has an editorial, claiming that the opposition to the Union Government is not entitled to use the name Liberal. The Citizen claims that the Liberals who joined the so-called union government have the right to a monopoly of the term Liberal.

The Citizen overlooks the fact that, from ocean to ocean, the Liberal leader, Canada's first citizen, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has behind him more than half of the citizens of Canada. The Liberal members in the present Government forsook Liberal principles. They denounced the franchise act, and later took their places under it in the House. Doubtless they feel now the pangs of remorse, and can only say, "blame thy foolish self," of which Burns says:

"O, burning hell! in all thy store of torments
there's not a keener lash."

It is not hard to imagine a conscientious Liberal in the Union Government thinking the matter over, and feeling himself a usurper. What other conclusion could he come to? The franchise is the basis, the cornerstone of liberty. The late Government chopped down the tree of liberty when it introduced the franchise act, designed to hold the government of the people against the will of the people. The only defence ever offered in its behalf was "the end justifies the means," or "let us do evil that good may come."

Liberalism does not belong to a few men who happen to be in Parliament. Liberal and Reformer are synonymous terms. There may be men who are Reformers and who call themselves Conservatives, and there may be Conservatives who call themselves Reformers. There is no truer or grander example of the Liberal or the Reformer, by whichever name he is called, than the chieftain of the Liberal party in Canada, who has done more than any living man in Canada to make of Canadians a united people. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the true Liberal, gave Canada its most prosperous period. He is recognized as the greatest statesman in the British Empire outside of Great Britain, and when the history of the world war is written it will be seen that his great influence was not exerted in Canada alone, but extended to other colonies of Greater Britain as well, and that the respect for him in Great Britain itself is greater than for any other statesman in Greater Britain. Those who seized the government of Canada through an unjust franchise act will in time know:

"God works in all things; all obey
His first propulsion from the night;
Wake, thou, and watch! the world is grey
With morning light."

GIVING INCREASES.

ONE of the most remarkable facts about Canada during the war is that, in spite of the numberless calls upon the purse of the individual and the nation, financial support of churches and missions has increased considerably, instead of decreasing, as might have been expected. It shows how dear to the people as a whole is the religious work carried on by these agencies.

During this year the nation has handed over a tremendous amount of money in war loans, it has paid the increased cost of all commodities, it has given generously to the Red Cross, the patriotic fund and other branches of patriotic endeavor, and yet it has been able and willing to donate $100,000 more than in 1916 for missionary work.

It is true that there was never before so much money in circulation, but it is equally true that there have seldom been so many safe and attractive ways offered for the investment of money. Interest has been high, which is supposed to be a deterrent to giving, by influencing those who have the cash to invest rather than to donate, but this selfish viewpoint has, apparently, not been entertained.

In the United States there has been much greater influx of money than in Canada, even when the populations are considered, but there giving to missions has decreased by $100,000. The comparison is decidedly in Canada's favor.

LONDON'S GREATEST NEED IN A MAYOR.

THERE are few men in any community who are entitled to be considered financiers, and they are rather born than made. London has been expanding for quite a few years back in its expenditures. A good little city, it is spending money as if it were a good big city. Look back a few years, and decide if the expenditure has been justified by necessity, or by the growth of the city.

Take the expenditure on school buildings and on education. A splendid cause, but have all the expenditures made been justified? Take the courthouse. Would any man if he owned the courthouse have spent so much and got so little? Take sidewalks, pavements and sewers. Miles have been laid, and London covers a large area of ground for its population. Could a general plan not have been decided on and built to from year to year as taxes would justify? Take the Picnic Hill and flats below at Port Stanley. Do we need a level lawn on the hill, a diamond on the beach, and a bath house, as much as we need a public hall in the city itself?

There are many expenditures that no mayor today can avoid. The liabilities have been incurred, and the debt must be met. The taxes are mounting as high as huge Olympus. We do need, and we can get, a man capable of examining the whole financial situation and making the best of it. He can direct an audit, and obtain a report, showing the situation that has been created, and advise the best course to be taken. Toronto saved money by securing the services of Mr. Bradshaw.

Mr. Somerville is an experienced expert accountant and financier. The city will do well to secure his services as mayor. Financial ability in a mayor is the most important requisite in the present financial position of the city. What's done cannot be undone in all probability, but let the best be made of the situation, whatever it is, and there is no better man in the city to do it than Mr. Somerville.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This Union cabinet shows unity in desire to get away from work at present.

Bright thought for some on New Year's day—only two days more until we get into khaki.

Wilhelm seems to have a faculty for dodging sudden death by an hour, a minute or a few feet, but his time will come.

Sir Robert Borden has gone to Hot Springs for a few weeks. Most people would have thought he had been in enough hot water recently.

Australian soldiers show as great an aversion to conscription as do the people at home. Would the Borden newspapers call them slackers and do-nothings?

The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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HOW JOSEPH MET FLORENCE.

By J. H. Le Roy.

Joseph was a very conscientious young man. As a boy, he had been known at baseball to dispute the decision of an umpire in his favor. Even the ordinary social lines were repellant to him. He never traveled in a class superior to that for which he had taken his ticket. He never did anything which was not extremely careful and conspicuously honest.

With such character, there was only one thing that the young man could ultimately become.

Shortly after he became a reviewer of fiction for the Sun, it happened that he met Florence. Florence was a jolly southern girl, and had at comparatively early age been left an orphan. As her education was defective and as she did not like children, there was only one thing that Florence could become.

It was shortly after Florence had become a governness that she and Joseph met. Her face was wholesome and practical, rather than beautiful. For some weeks he never told her his love. Then one afternoon he took her to hear an oratorio. It may have been the effect of the music, or of the tea and toast at the Eastman Cafe afterwards, or of the long ride to Baltimore over the Washington Pike.

The fact remains that when they climbed into the touring car he called her Miss Bordeaux, and when they parted at the end of the journey he called her Florence. He treasured the oratorio program and met her frequently. One night there was an air of mystery about her.

"Shortly," she said, "you will see me in a new light, Joseph."

"I would not have you different," said Joseph. This was quite the right thing to say, and he had seen it in a book.

"East side of Mount Vernon bridge about 6 tomorrow," said Florence.

"Right," said Joseph. "He would then have kissed her, but refrained from the publicity which would have attended the act.

The next morning there was brought to his room a large parcel of novels from the Sun. He groaned, because they meant work, and even the reading of novels is not pleasant if you are paid for it. He would have groaned still more if the books had not come, because that would have meant no work, and want of work would have made Sunday romantic possibilities more remote. As it was, they had arranged to be married next year in the sweet springtome. Quite quietly. Bride in brown cloth. Honeymoon of seven days at Annapolis.

He tore his mind away from romance in real life and settled down to romance as it is written, and the very first volume that he picked up was entitled "My Love of Bygone Days," by Florence Bordeaux. This, then, was the new light in which Florence was to appear. She had written a novel and he was to review it.

He wondered if the editor of the Sun would stand an entire column about an unknown genius. Joseph almost regretted that he had discovered three unknown geniuses the week before; it was likely to spoil the market.

He noticed the name of the publishers with regret. Florence would have done better to have consulted him. Then he read the book, and buried his face in his hands, for that novel by Florence Bordeaux was about the most putrid thing in fiction that had polluted his chambers for the last eighteen months. It was wrong everywhere; it was wrong all through. There is no worse thing on earth than a bad historical novel, and this was a very bad historical novel.

Here, then, was conflict between love and duty. Duty was scratched and love walked in. By the evening he had written a column hailing Florence Bordeaux as the greatest genius that the century had yet seen. But his heart was broken. For once he had not been conscientious. He could not live with that stain upon his soul. So he determined to meet Florence on Mount Vernon bridge, take one long, last farewell, then send off the review and then leave town and his growing reputation as a literary critic forever.

Florence was a little late for her appointment and looked very pleased with herself.

"Well," he said, "why did you not confide in me?" Why did you not tell me you had written a book? Possibly my practical judgment might——"

"What on earth are you talking about? I have not written any book. I shouldn't be so silly."

"Then someone else with your name has."

"Has she? What cheek." She still laughed at Joseph, somewhat inquiringly. She had an uneasy sense that she was expecting him to say something and that he was not saying it.

"Well," he said, "what do you mean, then, by saying you were going to appear in a new light?"

"If you happen to be blind," she answered rather snappishly, "I can't give you new eyes."

"Don't be cross, dear. Let's see—it's the same jacket you always wear, and the same skirt."

"Oh, don't bother. I've got my hair done differently, and I've got a new hat. I don't want to talk about it. If you take no interest in my appearance, there's no more to be said."

The rest of his interview with Florence was far more pleasant. But Joseph's column review of the novel by her namesake was reduced to two lines on the subject of literary rubbish.

And he was still conscientious.

Bits of Byplay by Luke McLuke

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Correct.

"Through a hole in your pocket," said Rocket,
"A few of your coins you may drop;
But the dangerous hole in your pocket,
You'll find, is the one at the top."

Oh, Joy!

"Hell must be a terrible place," said the New Arrival, as he glanced around Hades in a fearsome way.

"Oh, it isn't so bad," said the Old Timer. "Down here a ball game is never called off on account of rain or wet grounds."

The Reason.

"Man always falls for woman," said old Blawa,
"You'll find that this is true in every land;
The reason for his weakness is because
Man worships what he cannot understand."

Cruel and Unusual.

"And why did the Lord punish Nebuchadnezzar by making him eat grass like an ox?" asked the Sunday School Teacher.

"My Paw says it was because when Shar Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were in the fiery furnace Nebuchadnezzar said to them: 'Is it hot enough for you?'" replied the red-headed boy at the end of the row.

Keep Plugging.

The men who quit when they're in bad
Are spineless dubs;
The brightest men are those who've had
The hardest rubs.

Like the Best of the Remedies.

"Do you guarantee your remedy to relieve people of anything?" asked the Druggist.

"Yes," replied the honest patent medicine salesman. "We guarantee it to relieve them of their coin."

No Joke.

"Life would be filled with scowls and frowns."
Said Mr. Pella,
"Had we as many ups and downs
As an umbrella."

Oh!

Some fellows are out of luck. But what we started to say was that Fortunate Mann lives in New York City.

More Thrilling Information.

It costs the United States Government $9 to print one thousand $10,000 bills.

Signs Is Signs.

Sign on a building in North Philadelphia, Penn.:

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More Power To Her.

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He Must Have Taken It To Heart.

[For Sale Ad. in Denver News.]

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Ouch!

Will Willcut is a barber in Carthage, Indiana.

Correct.

"There is one thing that I well know,"
Observed old Mr. Hutch;
"Man wants but little here below,
And seldom gets that much."

—Luke McLuke.

"Well, Mr. Hutch, you are a mutt."
Replied Beriah Hitt;
"I want but little trouble, but
I get a lot of it."

—Newark Advocate

Names Is Names.

Adam Sinn lives at Newark, N. J.

Our Daily Special.

Too Many Appetizers Spoil the Appetite.

Luke McLuke Says.

When a man has a new fountain pen he doesn't have to have anything to write about in order to write a lot of letters.

It doesn't take a married man long to acquire the ability to read a newspaper and listen to a woman at the same time.

When she is first married she has to have a maid to help with the housework, although the housework consists of caring for a flock of goldfish and a fern. But later on, when she has a few children and some real housework to do, she can't afford a maid.

A man has to hustle some nowadays in order to get enough coin to bring home the bacon.

When one man hears another talking about owning a bulldog that is worth $1,000 he always places the accent on the "bull."

There were censors of the drama even in Shakespeare's time. You may have noticed how often old Bill used the phrase "Go to," and didn't get to finish it.

Still Working For Furlough For Men of First Contingent

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The parents, relatives and friends of our boys, who have been following the movement which I inaugurated a year ago to have the remnant of our first contingent furloughed, must not think that the movement has completely failed, for the Daughters of the Empire, as promised me by the respected head of the organization, Mrs. Gooderham, are at this moment circulating petitions at every Chapter in Canada on behalf of our noble boys; and the minister of militia, in recent letters, has as good as promised that relief for the boys may come when the new men are gathered in the new year. Cheer up, everybody!

Ships Were Lacking.

It will be seen by the attached letter and pamphlet, which I have just received from Premier Hughes of Australia, that the number of Australian veterans (some ten thousand) could not be brought from the front for want of ships; but, it will be remembered that, as Mr. Stewart Lyon said, on his return from the battlefront, and in his appeal for rest for our superheroes, our veterans are less than quarter the number of the Australian heroes, and we are better off for ships than Australia, so it should not be so difficult to relieve them—it must be positively said to their great credit that no complaint has been made by our gallant lads who are now forty months under arms. With fresh men forthcoming to relieve our boys, spring may see them once more at home in Canada—God grant it!

GARRETT O'CONNOR.

Bridgeburg, Niagara River, Dec. 26, 1917.

Melbourne, 26th November, 1917.

Garrett O'Connor, Bridgeburg, Ontario, Canada.

Dear Madam,—I am desired by Mr. Hughes to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24th instant asking that particulars of proposed scheme to grant furlough to the veterans of the Australian Imperial forces be forwarded you.

In reply thereto, I am requested to forward you copy of an announcement made by Senator Honorable G. F. Pearce, minister for defence, in this connection. Yours faithfully,

H. R. SPARKS,
Private Secretary.

The announcement made by Senator G. F. Pearce, minister for defence, was as follows:

Relief For Anzacs.

The Commonwealth Government has been for some time in communication with the Imperial Government in order to ascertain whether it would be possible to come to some arrangement by which the original members of the Australian Imperial force who first landed in Gallipoli might have a short period of leave in Australia by the end of this year. It seems from the replies now received that other Dominions have been negotiating with the same object in view, and, from the replies received from the British Government and General Sir William Birdwood, reasons are given which show that the proposal is impracticable of realization at the present time. The reasons given by the Imperial authorities bear intimate relationship to the European military situation and cannot, at the present time be fully disclosed, but amongst them is the urgency of shipping requirements for conveying reinforcements to England, for bringing invalids back to the various Dominions, and for the transport of foodstuffs, munitions and materials that are urgently required. In view of these requirements that must have first claim in order to carry on the war the British Government has been unable to meet the request of the Dominions; the outstanding fact being that sufficient ships are not available. In regard to the Australian position particularly shipping has been seriously delayed by our recent industrial troubles. Reinforcements have been awaiting ships to take them to England have been awaiting ships to bring them to Australia. It is obvious that these must have first consideration. Another factor that has been pointed out is the submarine risk to which these troops would be exposed on the homeward and return voyages, which is only a little less than the risks of the battlefield.

10,000 Still In Field.

It would seem that there are about 10,000 Australians still in the field who can claim the honor of being associated with the first Commonwealth force. Probably half of this number are officers or non-commissioned officers. There are probably an equal number from the other Dominions. Not one of our men at the front would ask leave if he thought that his absence would weaken his regiment, cause greater risk to and increase the labors of his comrades left behind, or delay the return of the sick and wounded to their homes.

In common with the Governments of the other Dominions, therefore, the Government of the Commonwealth has been compelled to acknowledge the strength of the reasons disclosed, and feels sure that on consideration the parents, wives and friends of our brave men will exercise the same noble virtues of patience and self-sacrifice that have distinguished their soldier relatives, and that in their letters to the front they will show the same cheery spirit that is a point of honor in the Australian Imperial force.

There is one thing that the friends of those at the front can do and that is to assist in securing recruits, and thus help to lighten the labors and reduce the risks of those who have been so long at the war.

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STOCK COLLARS, new stylish shape, good full models, 50c value. Clear-away price ..... 39c each

MEN'S KNITTED SILK MUFFLERS, navy, grey, black, pearl and white, $2.00 and $2.25. Clear-away price $1.69

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CHILDREN'S SWEATERS, three dozen to clear, grey, red, blue, khaki and brown, sizes up to 2 years, $1.00 and $1.25 values. Clear-away price ..... 69c each

BOYS' SWEATERS, 22 to 34 sizes, grey and blue, grey and red, and khaki, two dozen to clear, $2.50 values. For.... $1.75

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ZENITH BRAND LADIES' VESTS, wool mixtures, long and short sleeves, low and high neck. Special ..... $1.00 garment

LADIES' HEAVY WOOL VESTS, long sleeves, high neck, cream and natural, drawers to match ..... $1.25 each

FLEECE-FINISH VESTS AND DRAWERS, long and short sleeves, ankle length ..... 79c each

CORSETS, good coutil, steel filled, long hip, medium bust, hose supporters. Special clear-away price ..... 98c pair

HEAVY CORSET, strong English coutil, double-steel filled, elastic section in back, reinforced fronts, four supporters. Special ..... $2.50 pair

New shipment of Velour Bath Robes, all new shades, girdle-trimmed. Special $6.00 each.

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SHEPHERD CHECK DRESS GOODS, 36 inches wide, serviceable and attractive, good for waists and dresses; present value 40c yard. Sale price ..... 25c yard

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SERGE, navy blue or black, 54 inches wide, all pure wool, old permanent dye, two pieces only, $2.50 value. Clear-away price ..... $1.50 yard

CORDUROY VELVETS, 27 inches wide, navy, brown, dark grey, green, ivory, suitable for boys' and girls' suits, ladies' skirts, 85c value. Sale price ..... 65c yard

PLAIN VELVETS, heavy twill back, 27 inches wide, extra quality, old dye, silver grey, old rose, green and black; rich, soft, silk finish, adapted for suits and skirts; present value $3.00 yard. Clear-away price ..... $2.00 yard

SILK SEAL PLUSH, 50 inches wide, beautiful deep, rich quality, specially adapted for a new, stylish coat; a great bargain; value, $10.00 yard. On sale at ..... $5.89 yard

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PETER RABBIT'S RACE FOR HIS L IFE.

Mr. Hungry Red-Fox was sure he could catch Peter Rabbit, in their race around Mirror Pond. And little Peter tore around that Pond, as if he had the wings of a Marsh Hawk. And all the little people were poking their heads out of their doors or windows.

And Jimmy Coon rushed down to the Pond to see the wild race; and he climbed a tree, as nimbly as a cat. It was a race for life. For no one could now save Peter from death, but his fast legs and his brave heart.

But it was one of the funniest races you ever saw, because little Peter's clothes seemed to be all coming off! You see when little Peter gave that awful spurt of speed, at the start, the seams in his new pants burst! And the new pants flew behind like streamers. And it was awfully funny to see little Peter flying like mad, while all colors of the rainbow seemed to be chasing him, like a whirlwind.



Sammy Muskrat was on the roof of his little house in Mirror Pond; and he yelled encouragement to Little Peter.

There was one streamer flying, which was bright green; and another streamer was black as ink. On the other side was a streamer of stripes, and on the other side a streamer of brown, yellow and red! You never saw in your life such a race for life! Why, it looked as if little Peter Rabbit was decorated with the flags of all nations. Mr. Fox didn't know what to make of little Peter's colored banners!

But Mr. Fox was awfully hungry, and he set his heart on having Peter Rabbit for his supper. But little Peter had set his heart on saving his skin!

And as the two racers tore around Mirror Pond, the little people were all on the side of little Peter Rabbit. The little Folk of the Great Forest and of Mirror Pond all loved little Peter Rabbit; but they all hated Mr. Red-Fox, who was their bitter enemy.

Sammy Muskrat was on the roof of his little house in Mirror Pond; and he yelled encouragement to little Peter, "Little Peter, keep up your courage! You're gaining on that red scamp! Keep it up, little Peter!"

And Teddy Possum swung out over the racers, as he wound his wonderful tail around an overhanging limb, and yelled, "Little Peter, jump for your life into Mirror Pond, opposite Tom Beaver's house, and he'll save you!"

And just as Mr. Red-Fox, with his red mouth wide open, and all his sharp teeth glistening within a foot of Peter, gave a sudden leap to finish little Peter —all were amazed to see Peter give a sudden leap to one side, and bound into Mirror Pond! And Tom Beaver helped Peter climb up on the roof of his little house.

Tomorrow—Great Prank Played on Jimmy Coon.

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The extension of time to January the 11th is given for the convenience of subscribers and Banks so that subscribers will not be unduly detained waiting their turn at a Receiving Teller's wicket, as would most likely be the case if all payments had to be made on one day only. Subscribers should not wait until January the 11th, or a day or so before and thus create the situation sought to be avoided. In every case, interest at the rate of five and one half per cent per annum from January the 2nd must be paid if payment is not made on or before the 11th.

For the convenience of subscribers, by arrangement of the Canadian Bankers' Association, Banks will remain open on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, and on the afternoon of Saturday, January the 5th. Evening hours 7.30 to 9.30. Saturday afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock.

It has been brought to the attention of the Finance Department that a considerable number of subscribers, who have deposits with Banks, are under the impression that their Banks will take care of their January payments by automatically debiting their accounts with the necessary payments. This is incorrect. Each and every subscriber must personally arrange for these payments.

T. C. BOVILLE,
Deputy Minister of Finance.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
Ottawa, Dec. 24th, 1917.

Dec.27-28-29

A PAGE OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Our readers are invited to phone all news of this kind to the society editor. Phone 3670.

Miss Minnie Runians of this city is leaving on New Year's Day for Bracebridge, where she will teach in the high school for the coming year.

W. L. Pearson of Dundas street east, who had been confined for some time suffering from paralytic stroke, is reported to be improving slowly.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Hamilton Road Presbyterian manse on Wednesday, when Cora Blanche, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doan of King street, was united to Pte. Henry B. Scott of the 70th Battery, C.E.F. Rev. Dr. McCrae officiated.

A wedding was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips on Wednesday, when their eldest daughter, Ada May, and Dr. Duncan A. Fletcher, son of Archie Fletcher of Strathroy were united in marriage. Rev. D. C. McGregor officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of ivory crepe and a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies, wearing the gift of the groom, a diamond lavaliere. Miss Ethel McPhillips, sister of the bride, looked pretty as bridesmaid in yellow taffetta and black picture hat, carrying a bouquet of sunburst roses. The groom was supported by his brother, Hector Fletcher. The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a gold wrist watch; to the best man, a pearl tie pin; to the pianist, Miss E. McAndless, a cousin of the bride, a cameo brooch. After the ceremony a dainty wedding luncheon was served. Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher left on an extended trip to New York.

Mrs. Niven and Mrs. J. M. Dillon were conveners of the canteen committee in connection with the Christmas treat given at the Soldiers' Club on Tuesday last. Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. R. Reed and Miss Dillon were in charge of the concert.

Miss Norah Cook of Toronto is spending a few days with Canon and Mrs. Tucker, St. Paul's Rectory.

The wedding of Miss Cecelia Breen and Mr. John Morkin was held at the residence of Mrs. Patrick Breen, the bride's mother Wednesday. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father J. A. Hanlon of St. Michael's Church. The bride was very becomingly dressed in a suit of dark green velour, trimmed with Hudson seal and ermine and a white hat to match. Miss Lucy Breen, the bride's sister, acted as bridesmaid while Thomas Morkin, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Miss Josie Breen and Mr. and Mrs George Breen of Salvadore, Sask., attended the wedding. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Morkin left for Alberta, stopping at Winnipeg and Claresholm, at which places they visited James, the brother of the bridegroom, and other friends.

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

Must Ask Direct.

"Gibbonsite."—You will have to inquire at the Patriotic Society's office, as each case is investigated and attended to the committee in charge. It is impossible for me to say whether or not your mother is entitled to an allowance from the fund.

For Belgian Relief.

Dear Miss Grey,—Please find inclosed $1 for Belgian fund. R. E.

Ans.—The dollar inclosed has been handed to Mrs. A. T. Edwards, local treasurer of the Belgian relief fund.

Has Tried Both.

Dear Miss Grey,—May I visit your page for a few minutes? I enjoy some of the letters immensely; some are so amusing, especially when the farmers' wives and city women get after each other. I was a resident of the city until a very short time ago, so know something of both sides. If some city ladies don't believe all the country women say, I would advise them to spend two weeks on a farm next summer. I noticed politics were also discussed in the column and bade fair to become interesting, only the 17th came too soon. As I am only a "Yank," it did not bother me very much, but I must say I congratulate the "Tizer" on their stand for the right.

I noticed some time ago where someone wanted to know what would clean white kid shoes. I always use camphorated chalk; it is fine.

Could I have Twenty-One's address, please, Miss Grey? Also can anyone supply the song, "Tosti's Last Good-Bye"? I have quite a collection of old songs and recitations, so may be able to help some time.

The best of the season's wishes to you, Miss Grey, also pageists.

What has become of Curley Head? She was from Detroit, was she not?

LUX VERITAS.

Ans.—So you're "only a Yank"?—but fast becoming Canadianized, I hope. Anyway, we'll welcome you to our friendly corner. Has anybody a copy of "Good-bye" to lend?

"Curly Head I have voted a deserter from our ranks, as it is so very long since she paid a visit. Maybe even now she'll see your inquiry and pen us a line.

Poor "Gentleman John."

Dear Miss Grey,—I thought I would write you once again, this time to know if I have to pay anything to visit the Mail-Box, or may I come freely? What do you think of the Union Government now? I had a vote, but did not use it. I left that to the man. I had a paper brought me to read, where it asked all Christian women to pray for the Union Government.

I was reading where someone wanted to know how to have a poverty party. It put me in mind of an old song, "Gentleman John." Some of the words were:

"I'm hard up, I'm hard up! My precious inside
Is a-grumbling for victuals, and won't be denied;
I am too proud to beg, too honest to steal,
And know what it is to be wanting a meal."

Does any reader know the remainder of the song? Also, I wonder if any of the readers or Miss Grey could supply a song where these words are:

"We see the trees with hoary spray,
That sparkle in the beam of day."

It is so long since I heard the words but seeing the beautiful trees this morning brought back old memories of the long ago.

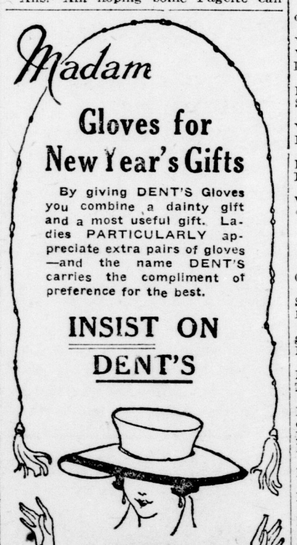
ONE OF THE FLOWERS.

Ans.—Am hoping some Pageite can bring us a copy of the old-time pieces you ask for "Gentleman John" sounds rather interesting. What a pity some of the war profiteers did not possess more of his scruples! There is absolutely no charge connected with writing to our Mail-Box.

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BRIGDEN GIRLS TO ADOPT A PRISONER, ALSO AID HALIFAX

Much Good Work To Be Undertaken by the Helpers.

BRIGDEN, Dec. 27.—At a meeting of the Girl Helpers held at the home of Miss Margaret McBean of the sixth concession, Moore Township, the "Girls" passed a motion to adopt a prisoner of war, also to make up a bale of clothing for the Halifax sufferers. The proceeds from the bazaar held in the Presbyterian Church added $165.12 to the treasury. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Armstrong, president.

The funeral of Mrs. Varnum of Edmonton was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dougal B. Campbell. Mrs. Varnum had come from the west to spend Christmas with her daughter and succumbed to heart failure a few days after arriving. One son also survives.

The entertainment held in the opera house on Christmas night under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday school was very largely attended. Miss Capes, elocutionist, was directress of the entire program, which consisted of drills, dialogues, readings and a cantata entitled "Santa Claus' Parcel Post." The proceeds amounted to nearly $100.

Miss Geraldine Regan, one of the little girls taking part in the program, had her arm broken by falling from a teeter while taking her part at the rehearsal a few nights previous.

SPARTA WOMAN FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN ROAD WITH SERIOUS WOUNDS

Mrs. Charles Rundle Was Victim of Runaway Accident.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Charles Rundle, of Sparta, is in the hospital here as a result of injuries sustained in a runaway accident on Christmas night. She was returning from Aylmer when the horse she was driving became frightened and ran away. Mrs. Rundle was thrown out and was found lying on the road in an unconscious condition near her home by a man who was driving along the road, his attention was attracted by hearing moans. One leg was broken, one ankle sprained and there was a large gash in her head. She is also injured internally. The woman is in a dangerous condition.

SCHOOL REPORTS

HARRIETSVILLE.

Primer C.—Nelson White, Edna Eaton.

Primer B.—Fred Barr, Martha Prudum, Edna Andrews, Doris Finch, Bert Cornwall.

Part Second—Wesley Saddler (honors), Mildred Prudum.

Second Class.—Annie Barr (honors), Wilbert Barr (honors), Gertrude MacVicar, Goldie Cole, Allen Prudum, Pearl Lapham, George Ellwood, Thomas Finch.

Junior III.—Irene Venning, Helen Doan, Mary Ellwood, Wilson White, Stillman Prudum, Gordon Lapham.

Senior III.—Lewella White, Olive MacVicar, Orville Law, George Barr, Edith Eaton, Camby Robbins.

Junior IV.—Mary Boyer, Merle Law, Irene Sharpe, Jim Ferguson, Kathleen Poste, Morran Sharpe.

Senior IV.—Alice Saddler, Bruce MacVicar, Rofton Finch.

P. Westcott, assistant.
Anna C. Hare, principal.

S. S. 4 AND 12, CLANDEBOYE.

December report of S. S. No. 4 and 12, Clandeboye. Names in order of merit:

Class IV.—Gayle McIlhargey, Helen Seale, Jean Hodgson, Alvin Smith, Leslie Walpole, Robert Hodgson.

Class III.—Meredith Bice, Myrtle Hodgins, Burton Hodgson, Edsell Lewis, Mae Abbott, Kenneth Carter.

Class II., Senior.—Gladys McRann, Nyle Seale, Rupert Williams, Florence McRann, Florence Brook, Fred Hodgson.

Class II., Junior.—Kathleen Hodgson, Francis Abbott, Murray Collins, Clarence Neil, Olive Flynn, Malcolm McNaughton, Jean Hodgins, Cecil Flynn, Myrtle Cunningham.

Part II.—Grant Brook, Rea Neil, Harold Cobleigh.

Senior Primer.—Alfa Seale, Myrtle Flynn, Ruby Cobleigh.

Junior Primer—Alton Neil, Murray Hodgins, Madeline Lewis.

Average attendance 35. Number on roll 36.

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Senior Fourth—Clara Jelly 87, Jean Spence 84.

Junior Fourth—Clara Lane 69, Cassie Dewar 53, Howard Demary 50.

Senior Third—Winnie Bankes 78, Tom Cornish 75, Marion Spence 72, Edna Skinner 67, Earl Johnson 65.

Junior Third—Elsie Armes 67, Ettie Skinner 46, Elmer Armes 44, Norman McLarty 28.

Senior Second—Ethel Spence 75, Ula Vicker 65, Will Northmore 60, Harry Gee 57, Jean McLarty 50.

Junior Second—Celia Thompson, Ralph Venning.

First—Verne Bankes, Edward Armes, Violet Braunton, Bert Thompson, Rosie Northmore.

Primer B—Myrton Vickers, George Skinner.

Primer A—Byron Barr, Hazel Johnson, Kenneth Archer.

D. Barr, teacher.

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MAJESTIC

Kitty Gordon, the Famous British Beauty, at the Majestic.

Miss Kitty Gordon in "The Beloved Adventuress," will be the attraction at the Majestic Theatre today and Saturday, matinee only, and this production shows Miss Gordon in one of her most dramatic and effective roles. The story moves speedily to a logical and gripping climax.

Sessue Hayakawa, the famous Japanese screen star, a favorite with Majestic patrons, will be seen at the Majestic today and Saturday in "The Secret Game," a powerful photoplay, which gives great scope for Hayakawa to display his marvellous ability as a character impersonator.

Sessue Hayakawa is a recognized authority, both in this country and his own, on matters dramatic. He has had a thorough grounding in dramatic technique, both in school in Japan, at the University of Chicago in this country, and in his long years of experience as an actor. A company of Japanese actors, composed of some of the most famous members of the profession in Japan, came to America with the material for a dramatic sketch that is said to be extremely powerful. The original request to Hayakawa was that he whip the thing into shape, but in this he was so successful that they have demanded that he rehearse them as well. One of the oddest characters ever shown on the screen is to be found among the "extras" appearing in "The Secret Game."

An old Japanese man, bent and withered, was secured to furnish "atmosphere." Needing a few dollars for the purchase of sundry eatables, the old man consented to appear. All was well until after the finishing of the production, it was run off at the studios for the members of the cast to view. On seeing himself moving, smiling and walking across the strange white screen the old Jap nearly fainted. On being revived he made a mad rush for a Japanese idol, which had been one of the "props" and was standing nearby, and prostrated himself at its feet, mumbling prayers that probably had not crossed his lips for lo these many years.



In "The Yankee Way" at the Patricia Theatre today and Saturday.



At the Majestic Today and Saturday.

PATRICIA

Mary Pickford, Charlie Chaplin and George Walsh, a trio of motion picture stars, is the offering again for today and Saturday at the Patricia. Mary Pickford will be seen, matinee only, today and Saturday, with Charlie Chaplin and George Walsh at all performances.

Charlie Chaplin in "The Adventurer" is a scream from start to finish, and George Walsh in "The Yankee Way" provides five reels of solid fun and enjoyment.

William Farnum in "When a Man Sees Red."

"When a Man Sees Red," a special super-de-luxe William Fox photodrama on the Larry Evans story of "The Painted Lady," which was in the Saturday Evening Post, with the pre-eminent William Farnum in a stirring role, will be shown at the Patricia Theatre on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

As Luther Smith, William Farnum gives a forceful and virile impersonation of a rough and ready sailor, rises above his surroundings and always keeps in mind the boyhood teachings of his mother.

Arriving home from a long voyage he finds that his mother had died of a broken heart, caused by her being jilted by a brutal sea captain, and that his mother, broken in health, confides to her son the tragedy that had happened in his absence. Soon after his mother dies, and Smith re-embarks on a voyage for the South Sea Isles on board a vessel, the captain of which is the one responsible for his sister's death.

During the voyage, Smith, while reading a family Bible, is berated by the captain and in a fight that ensues worsts the master of the ship. Smith then leaves the ship at one of the South Sea Isles. With him is left another sailor, who confides to Smith that the master of the ship they had just left was the man who was responsible for his sister's death. Smith vows to bring the captain to justice.

Smith sets sail to search for the sea captain, but is unable to locate the ship. He returns to the island just before a terrific storm comes up. This storm drives the yacht, on which is "The Painted Lady," on the rocks, wrecking it, and casting the girl on shore.

She is rescued by the captain of the vessel, which Smith had left. He tries to make love to her, but she repulses him. Mad with rage, he sets sail for the port where he had left Smith, and, taking the girl ashore, tries to sell her to the highest bidder among the natives.

Smith, hearing the commotion, arrives in time to save the girl, and in a fight that follows kills the captain. He then takes "The Painted Lady" as his bride.

DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.

Review—"God's Redeeming Love." Psalms, cxxiii. and cxxiv.

Golden Text—"With Jehovah There Is Loving Kindness, and With Him Is Plenteous Redemption." Psalms, cxxx., 7.

The questions for this week may be used as an original lesson, or as a review of the twelve preceding lessons. The date, and title of each lesson, Golden Text, and one question from each lesson follow.

Dec. 2—"Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall of Jerusalem." Nehemiah, iv. "Golden Text: "The Lord Is My Helper. I Will Not Fear: What Shall Man Do Unto Me?" Heb., xiii., 6.

9. Verses 10-12—Which, as a rule, does us more injury, the opposition of enemies, or the pessimistic discouragement of friends?

Dec. 9—"Ezra and Nehemiah Teach the Law." Nehemiah, viii. Golden Text: "Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet, and a Light Unto My Path." Psalms, cxix., 105.

10. Verses 6-7—Which is the more becoming and natural in public worship, and why, the hushed silence which generally prevails with us, or the hearty and glad responses as in this case?

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Celery, fine, bunch 5c, 10c,	15c
Lettuce, fine, leaf, bunch	5c
Green Onions, bunch	5c
Parsley, Watercress, Radish, Herbs	5c
Potatoes, peck	50c
Carrots, peck	40c
Beets, peck	30c
Onions, peck	80c
Turnips, peck	20c
Cabbages, 5c, 10c. Red, 10c,	15c
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MUTT AND JEFF.—Jeff Wasn't So Wrong at That.

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THE SPORT-LIGHT

By Grantland Rice.

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BEYOND THE MIST.

We may not see beyond the Gate—
The mounded portal of the sod;
Nor know what phantom dreams await
Beyond the final fall of clod.

No footfall comes—no given sign,
No beckoning—no backward glance—
Where love's red roses guard the line
Beyond which life may not advance.

We may not look into the sleep
Where lilies lean across the day—
Joy broken there—how long or deep
Where life's lost winds kneel down to pray.

For knowing, we might find the sting
To take all heart from brave, true life,
Or Death to be too dear a thing
To give one other day to life.

Yes, the lure is strong. An Englishman now in this country, after service in the front line trenches, reports that he saw a pal one afternoon under shell-fire deeply engrossed in a volume entitled, "How to Putt."

AS FOR 1918—

1917 managed to maintain a fair share of its sport under the red shadow of war.

How about 1918?

This is the year that will be the big test. Sport, through war's mighty preparation, could move along.

But how sport will hold up when the long casualty lists begin to arrive is another affair.

It will keep going, but at what speed is not to be estimated this far in advance of the spring drive.

KELLEY'S PICK.

Some time ago at a baseball gathering a heated debate arose as to who might be the greatest outfielder—Ty Cobb or Tris Speaker.

But Joe Kelley, who had no axes to grind, finally spoke out bluntly and to the point.

"The greatest player I have ever known (and I've seen most all of them) sits here." He slapped Willie Keeler on the shoulder.

"You may have your Cobbs and your Wagners and your Lajoies. I grant them all wonderfully great. But Willie Keeler in his heyday for mine. There was a man who knew what to do with a bat. He could make a base runner out of a truck horse. He always protected the runner. And scientific? Say, there wasn't anything he couldn't do with the stick. He'd bluff the infield in, then tap the ball somewhere over their heads. He could hit to any field on any kind of ball pitched within reach. And when the outfield played back in their regular positions he could drop a bunt and beat it ninety-nine times in a hundred. He had the swinging bunt down to a science and could pull the ball past the pitcher toward the second baseman every clip.

"There has been only one Keeler. He was the greatest of them all."

Not one other of the old Orioles, save Keeler himself, denied the bold statement. And the Orioles are nobody's "yes" men. If they had not agreed with Kelley the presence of Keeler would not have deterred them from expressing dissent.

JACOBSON GIVEN POST IN NORFOLK

Outfielder Bill Jacobson of the St. Louis Browns, who last summer enlisted as a navy yeoman, with permission to delay reporting until the close of the baseball season, has been assigned to duty at the Norfolk navy yard.

Yale Cloan, another outfielder of the Browns, who enlisted with Jacobson, has not been assigned to duty so far as announced.

Perhaps the navy has more yeomen and yeowomen than it can use just now. The Browns will not miss either player greatly if Williams and Tobin, along with Smith, come through as expected.

CANINE ASSOCIATION HOLD SHOW TONIGHT

The London Canine Association dog show will be held tonight at 351 Richmond street, judging to commence at 7.30. Much interest has been shown in the show by local dog fanciers, and a good turnout is assured. A special prize will be given for the best puppy under six months, while other winners will get cups and ribbons. The judges will be Mrs. Waters of St. Thomas, Police Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon and Fred Hessel of London and J. Meadows of Oakville.

AURA LEES WILL PLAY IN DETROIT

DETROIT, Dec. 27.—Manager Brown of the Arena announced tonight he had been able to arrange a two-bill contest with the Aura Lees of Toronto the games to be played here on New Year's evening and the night following. Last year the Auras forced Detroit to look to its laurels, and the locals believe they will face two hard games with the Canadians this year.

Yale and Harvard On Wrong Track About Training

All-Around Work Is What Counts, Says Dr. Sargent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, director of physical education at Harvard, in discussing the Athletic Research Society here today, said that Yale and Harvard had been on the wrong track in athletics and physical education for the last 25 years, but that now, as a result of the war, they were coming round, and were beginning to see that athletics should be for the many and not for the few specialized stars.

KITCHENER PLAYS STRATFORD TONIGHT

KITCHENER, Dec. 27. — Considerable interest is being shown in the game between the local Union Jacks and the Stratford juniors, which will be played here Tuesday night. It will be the first O. H. A. game of the season, and, if past history is any criterion, the game will be perhaps the most fiercely contested of the entire season, because of the keen rivalry that has for long existed between the two teams. The Kitchener line-up is as strong as it can possibly be.

A new candidate in the person of Kelteborn glided out onto the ice last night for a tryout with the Union Jacks, and he showed up so well in practice for the first time on the ice that great things are expected of him. It is stated that he will be given a place on the team and will prove a surprise package for Union Jack rivals. The Jackies are slated for a game in Detroit for New Year's.

JUNIOR O. H. A. GROUP OPENS SCHEDULE AT WOODSTOCK TONIGHT

Paris and Woodstock Squads Hook Up for Opener.

FIRST GAME HERE JAN. 4

Sarnia Collection Comes to Play Hermits Next Thursday Night.

The local junior group of the O. H. A. will open its season tonight, when the Woodstock Kids connect with the Paris squad at home. A speedy game is expected. The Hermits will play their first game on January 4, meeting the Sarnia team at the Jubilee Rink.

The extra few days' grace the locals get by their late opening is a decided advantage to them. The work-out held on Wednesday night showed that they have plenty of material, and if they can secure the ice should be able to round into shape in plenty of time for their first game. It is likely that an exhibition game will be played out of town with some team not in this group if arrangements can be made.

Ask Ballplayers To Enlist To Be Grenade Hurlers

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The British-Canadian recruiting mission today issued an official appeal to baseball players to enlist because of their natural adaptability to grenade throwing.

"Baseball players can do better at grenade throwing than any other men," says a bulletin, issued by recruiting officers. "We can train ordinary men for this service, but this is an age of specialization and ball players are better fitted to become grenade throwers than any other class of men."

ERNE FINDS GOLF GREAT TONIC FOR BUSINESS WORRIES

Former Lightweight Champ Is Strong for Link Game Now.

Frank Erne, who held the lightweight title when Benny Leonard was in his teens, is the latest convert to golf.

Every Monday like clockwork he is to be found on the links trying to negotiate the 18-hole course.

He says he finds as much pleasure swinging the old mashie as he did boxing rings around his opponents in his palmiest ring days. Erne was one of the most scientific boxers that ever put on a glove.

Erne has been playing the ancient Scotch game a little less than six months. In that time he has defeated but one man.

"I thought golf was a joke until I took it up seriously," declared Erne. "It's the first game I ever tackled, and I am sorry I didn't take it up sooner. It gives the man the proper exercise, and I believe it is the best outdoor tonic for the tired businessman. Tennis is a strenuous sport as compared to golf.

"I'm crazy about golf, so much so that I'd rather play it every day if I could get the time. A man may be playing it for a lifetime, when all of a sudden a newcomer comes along and beats him. How a champion ever holds his title in golf longer than a few weeks is more than I can understand."

HERMITS TO PLAY SPEEDY ST. MARYS INTERMEDIATE SQUAD

The London Hermits will play their first game of the season on New Year's night, when they meet the St. Marys intermediate squad at St. Marys. The Saints are reported to be a speedy aggregation, and will have something on the locals in weight, but despite this handicap, Manager Taylor expects his boys will make a good showing.

It is too early yet to say what London's fine-up will be. Another practice will be held on Monday night at the Jubilee Rink, when it is expected that the men will be placed. All those desirous of trying for the team are urged to turn out.

SPORT NOTES

Lovers of dogs should attend the London Canine Association show tonight. There will be a fine turnout of well-bred dogs.

The special prize for the best puppy under six months should bring out some fine young dogs.

The management of the Sarnia hockey team is reported to have received offers from Chicago and New York to play exhibition games in those cities. This, if correct, is surely some compliment of the Canadian team.

The Detroit Tigers will start on the training trip somewhat later than usual this spring. After giving the players a chance to get into shape the Tigers will tour Texas with the Cincinnati Reds.

The harness race meet of the Hillcrest Driving Club of Toronto scheduled for Saturday, Monday and New Year's Day has been cancelled owing to lack of entries. The club will stage some racing on New Year's Day.

In his stables at Dover, N. H. Walter Cox has fifteen yearlings that can do a quarter in 40 seconds.

The Trotter and Pacer says: Nat Ray, the Canadian trainer and driver, has been expelled by the American Trotting Association because of some trouble over unpaid entrance fees. He raced a couple of horses and they became indebted to various associations for entrance fees. He always claimed that he was only an agent, but had failed to sign the entry blanks as agent, and the owners argued that he was racing the horses on shares, which was evidently the view the association took of the controversy.

There is a good chance that Flint will be on the Michigan short ship next season. There is a strong move on foot in that place to build a track there since Saginaw has disposed of its ring.

Clarence (Pants) Rowland, manager of the world champion Chicago White Sox, is doing a monologue in vaudeville.

The other night "Pants" must have had a stage fright or something, for while telling about Eddie Collins causing Heine Zimmerman to chase him over the plate with a run in the final game, "Pants" remarked that "Zim chased Eddie a distance of 65 or 70 yards." Since the distance between bases is but 90 feet, Zimmerman and Collins must have staged their act afterwards for the benefit of some movie company that wanted a one-reel comedy.

Seventy-nine goals have been scored so far in the N. H. L. The boys must have been on the ranges all summer.

Bill Lang knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons in the twelfth round in Australia on December 27, 1909. This was Robert's last battle, his defeat by the third-rate fighter, Lang, finally convincing him that he was "all in" as a boxer. Bob was 47 when he returned to the land where he had first won fame as a pugilist to make his inglorious exit from the game in which he had so long been supreme. Prior to that he had been whipped by Jack O'Brien, as well as by Jeffries. Bob fought his first professional ring battle in 1881, in New Zealand, and a few years later went to Australia. He came to America in 1890. He was the world's middleweight title a year later by defeating Dempsey and annexed the heavyweight championship in 1897 by whipping Corbett.

Because he wears spectacles, writes classic messages to congress, and has been president of a university, many people imagine that President Wilson is a hopeless highbrow and without "red gore" in his veins or sporting instincts. Such persons will have to guess again. The eminent occupant of the White House, who will celebrate his sixty-first birthday tomorrow, is a "fan" in regard to all manly outdoor sports. Anybody who labors under the misconception that the president is what one of his eminent predecessors would call a "molly-coddle" had better revise his opinion. In his youth, when he was assimilating learning and lore at Davidson College, Princeton, and the University of Virginia, "Tommy" Wilson was to be found right out there flinging the pill over the pan and indulging in other sports popular among college undergradiates. It was in baseball, however, that the future president of the United States was most proficient. As an athlete he was stronger on brains than on brawn, and the diamond pastime, in which rapidity of action of mind and muscle is more important than mere strength, naturally appealed to him. He is now a golf enthusiast. He is still an ardent fan, and attends every ball game in Washington when the affairs of state permit. Naturally a little reserved in his demeanor, on the ball field he proceeds to "gorge it," and roots as heartily as the next man. The president has declared that he will not consider his administration an entire success unless Washington wins a pennant and a world's flag before he quits the White House." It looks as though he were due for a very long stay in the capital.

WOODSTOCK READY FOR PARIS GAME TONIGHT

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 27. — Tomorrow night's game between Paris and Woodstock O. H. A. Juniors promises to be a fine exhibition of hockey if the Paris boys play up to expectations. The local team picked tonight after a hard practice is a very promising one. It contains some of last year's material, including Harry King, who was almost a team in himself, and who is showing even better form now. The two Reid boys who played mighty good hockey last year have improved and Maple Reid, whose advantage of weight was somewhat counterbalanced by lack of speed, has become much faster, while Norman Douglas, who was fast, but a little on the light side, has gained fourten pounds and has lost none of his speed. The lineup:

Goal, Beach Reid; defence, Maple Reid and Dutch Trump; left wing, Harry King; right wing, Ralph Kirk; centre, Norman Douglas; reserve, D Archy Mulkern.

SARNIA PLAYERS BLAME DETROIT MEN FOR TROUBLE

Say Michigan Team Started the Rough Stuff.

SARNIA, Dec. 27.—The boys of the Sarnia hockey club are up in arms over the statements emanating from Detroit regarding the alleged rough playing of the local boys. The blue and white puck chasers claim that Detroit started the rough stuff, which is given credence considering the past performances of the Detroit team. The last time Detroit visited this city they started at the sound of gong and continued right to the end of the game handing out rough stuff. The reports coming from Detroit do not say anything of Montgomery getting his head cut open or the other injuries received by the team which left them in such condition that they were unable to turn out to practice. Sarnia has always treated visiting teams well when they came here and the Sarnia boys enjoy a reputation in the O. H. A. of being clean players. The Detroit management should have something to think over on the cancellation by Hamilton of the series in Detroit next week.

Six Well-Known Thoroughbreds Prove To Be Real Gold Mines

When Cudgel, the 3-year-old son of Broomstick—Eugenia Burch, was sold by John W. Schorr to Capt. J. K. L. Ross for $30,000, the demand for high-class thoroughbreds once again was emphasized.

Another illustration also was furnished of what a litle gold mine a good horse may be. Cudgel was sold as a 2-year-old at Saratoga Springs in 1916 for a price said to be $1,500. He was a cast-off of the H. P. Whitney stable, and such a good judge as Jimmy Rowe let him escape for a song, to the great profit of Mr. Schorr.

Other examples were not lacking this racing year of bargain horses selling for fancy prices.

Six thoroughbreds which cost in the aggregate $13,000 were sold for an aggregate of $142,600 a clear profit of $129,600.

Pays Purchase Price.

Omar Khayyam was bought as a yearling in England by Frederick Johnson and C. W. G. Billings for $1,500, and was sold at auction last spring to Wilfred Viau for $26,600. He was a bargain even at the latter price. Since that time he has won more than his purchase price in stakes and purses.

Liberty Loan, a $5,000 2-year-old, was sold last June to A. K Macomber for $20,000 and an interest in the Latonia Derby purse, amounting probably to $5,000 more.

Tippity Witchet, a 2-year-old cast-off by the H. P. Whitney stable last spring, and sold at a price under $3,000, was boughgt at auction three or four weeks ago by John Sanford for $21,000, even though a gelding.

Kashmir, a 2-year-old, was purchased early this season at a weeding sale of the Wickliffe stable by W. C. Clancy for $800. The colt was sold at Saratoga Springs to H. C. Hallenback for $20,000.

Westy Hogan, bought as a yearling by J. O. Whitlow, a blacksmith, at one of the western tracks, for a sum said to be $1,200, was purchased by Wilfred Viau late this season for $20,000.

Not All Good Ones.

Herein lie some of the fascinations of owning and developing race horses, but "all is not gold that glitters." There is another side. Many a yearling of royal breeding and high promise commands a fancy price only to be a disappointment, and sometimes even a horse which proves his quality is sold for a small fortune only to disappoint or break down.

One striking example of the latter case may be mentioned because it is still fresh in memory. A. KK. Macomber paid $50,000 to J. B. Joel in England for North Star III., the leading 2-year-old of 1916 in Great Britain. But North Star III. never raced under Mr. Macomber's colors in this country. He broke down while being trained for the Kentucky Derby last spring, and finally was sold to A. B. Hancock, the well-known breeder, for $20,000.

One other interesting fact may be mentioned. Of the six horses which changed hands this year for $20,000 or more, four were 3-year-olds—Omar Khayyam, Westy Hogan, Liberty Loan and Cudgel.

20 HORSES BRING $22,300.

New York, Dec. 28.—Twenty show horses from James Cox Brady's stable were auctioned off here last night for the benefit of the Red Cross for an aggregate of $22,265, of which $18,750 was paid for eight hackneys. Fifteen of the animals were prize-winners, and the highest price was paid for the English hackney team, Pireon and Hamilton Regal, purchased by John R. Thompson of Chicago for $13,100.

WINNIPEG B. OF T. IS PROTESTING ADVANCE IN RAILWAY RATES

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—An appeal direct to the Dominion cabinet against the decision of the Dominion Railway Commission granting increases in freight and passenger rates will be taken by the Winnipeg Board of Trade, Secretary A. E. Boyle announced today.

In a formal statement issued to the press, the board of trade states that it wired a protest to acting Premier Rowell, Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. J. A. Calder, last evening, as soon as it received newspaper reports that the commission had decided to grant the railways' demands.

SHOULD COPY WILSON.

REGINA, Dec. 27.—At a meeting of the shippers' section of the board of trade this afternoon, when the increase in freight rates was under discussion, it was decided to wire the Winnipeg Board of Trade, suggesting that pressure be brought to bear on the Dominion Government to take over the railways, as has been done in the United States.

WOODEN SHIPBUILDING FAILURE, SAYS ADMIRAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The wooden shipbuilding program was pictured as an almost complete failure today by Rear Admiral F. A. Bowles, assistant general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, testifying at the Senate commerce committee's investigation of shipbuilding.

"The wooden ship program," said Admiral Bowles, "was launched on a scale entirely beyond the country's production. Mills in the south have not delivered lumber one-half as fast as was necessary, and the western mills have been almost as slow. Even if the timber supply had been plentiful wooden ships could not have been built as fast as steel."

USED AXE ON WIFE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Joseph Martel, of Buckingham Township, was arraigned today in the Hull police court, before Magistrate Gerette charged with the attempted murder of his wife yesterday by striking her with an axe. The accused was remanded for one week, without pleading, to await the outcome of the woman's injuries. Mrs. Martel, who is suffering from a fractured skull, caused by a blow on the back of the head, struck by her husband with an axe at their home yesterday, has regained consciousness.

Dr. Cumming of Buckingham, who is attending her, believes she has a chance for recovery, unless complications set in.

Fighting Over the Empty Sugar-Bowl

Blaming the food administration itself for the sugar shortage, and charging that its sugar committee is a "mere adjunct of the American Sugar Refining Company, the sugar trust," Mr. Claus A. Spreckels, called "the leading independent sugar-refiner of the country," started the U. S. Senate committee's inquiry into fuel and sugar conditions with somewhat of an explosion. In reply to Mr. Spreckels' charges, Food Administrator Hoover issued a statement in which he said that "it required no proof from me to establish that Mr. Spreckels, the leading sugar refiner, is sore at the food administration, and would like to see it destroyed. I realize that Mr. Spreckels' balance sheet will not look so good next year as last, for refiners' profits have been regulated."

In THE LITERARY DIGEST for December 29th, there is a very enlightening article dealing with the sugar situation from various viewpoints, showing what has caused the shortage and what the U. S. food administration has done to curtail the cost of sugar to the people.

Other articles that will awaken unusual interest in this number are:

Jews Look Askance At Restored Palestine

The Gift of Jerusalem to the Jews Does Not Imply Unconditional Acceptance, and Many of Them Do Not Show a Feverish Haste to Emigrate.

Canada Pledges Her Sons
Battle Is On To Make U. S. Dry
Ex-Premier of France Facing Treason Trial.
The Church and Sinn Fein
"Fabricated" Ships
To Dole Out Niagara Power
What Makes Us Tall or Short
Remedy for Food Transportation Evils
(Specially Prepared by U. S. Food Administration)
Troubling the Baptist Waters
An Urgent Duty and a Glorious Privilege
A War of Self-Defence (By U. S. Secretary of State Lansing)
Canada's Ambassador at Washington
Four Bites of Our War-Cherry
Austrian Sheep and German Goats
Russia Under the Terror
A Drug-Controller Needed
Soap From a Tree
Psychology of the Woman Shopper
Our Literary President
Art a Martyr in War
Doubling the Army Chaplains
News of Finance and Investment

Many Striking Illustrations, Including a Reproduction of a Lithograph by the American Artist, Joseph Pennell.

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Motor car, truck, tractor and motor accessory buyers will save time and money by consulting this week's Digest. It is The Digest's annual automobile issue and contains announcements of the leading manufacturers in these lines. This number of The Digest will give its readers throughout the nation information as to the latest models and newest accessories, and they will get a wealth of information as to how manufacturers are meeting the transportation problems brought about by the war.

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THIRTY PROMINENT JEWS EXECUTED BY TURKS IN HOLY CITY

In Retreat Through Galilee 12,000 Jews Were Driven Northward.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Thirty Jewish men and women were executed by the Turkish army that surrendered Jerusalem to Gen. Allenby December 10, according to an announcement made here today by the provisional executive committee for Zionist affairs. Included in the number massacred were some of the most prominent residents of the Holy City and its suburbs, it is stated. A brother and sister of Aaron Aronsohn were among the victims of the atrocity, according to the announcement. Mr. Aronsohn is now in Washington.

In the retreat through Galilee the Turks drove 12,000 Jewish survivors northward, where they are in dire need. The committee has undertaken to furnish $30,000 monthly for their relief, it was stated.

DUCHESS IS SENDING CHOCOLATES TO HALIFAX

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Her Excellency the Duchess of Devonshire, who has taken a deeply sympathetic interest in the welfare of the victims of Halifax disaster, has shown still further evidence of it by placing an order for 2,000 boxes of specially prepared chocolates, each bearing her portrait and a message of good wishes for the New Year.

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Plunderer and Murderer Comes Before World With Request for Clemency, So He May Collect His Energies for New Attack to Subdue World.

[By Frank H. Simonds.]
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NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The peace terms proposed by Count Czernin at the congress of Brest-Litovsk are inadmissible because they make no provision for the restoration of Belgium and northern France. A thousand other objections might be advanced, many of them equally rated, but they would only serve to complicate the discussion and obscure the issue.

The German assault upon Belgium was an attack upon all international law. The German method applied to Belgium was a violation of all the doctrines of civiliztion and common humanity. Exactly the same is to be said of German methods in France.

Today, having plundered France and Belgium, murdered the helpless and dishonored the weak, having taken every detail of national wealth that could be transported, from the machinery of the factories to the bells of the churches, having even evicted the dead from their tombs to make room for German corpses, Germany comes before the world seeking a peace without annexation and without indemnity.

Purpose Is Plain.

The purpose of the present gesture is plain. Germany is not proposing peace because she expects it; she is not making an offer in good faith. How could the German Government act in good faith? She is proposing terms known by her to be impossible terms. She makes such an offer solely to satisfy the peace cries of her own public and corrupt the allegiance of the war-weary in enemy nations.

The Imperial German Government has commissioned the Bolsheviki, the red-handed anarchists, who have demolished Russia to German profit, to become her agents in Allied countries and persuade them to make a peace of betrayal, a peace of dishonor, a peace carrying with it the seeds of new wars.

And while the German delegates at Brest-Litovsk utter fair words covering foul purposes, the kaiser thunders forth the old familiar language: "The German sword and the German iron, backed by the 'old German God,' await those who longer resist German might."

At Her Old Tricks.

There you have it all; an epitome of Germany in the world of today. On the one hand the soft words which beguiled us all for years, and behind them the sword of the conqueror and the torch of the essential Huns. They threaten us with slaughter if we do not meet their false professions with supine humility. They, who burned Louvain, massacred Belgium, spread ruin, wanton ruin in France from Rheims to Arras, they who connived at Armenian massacres and Serbian atrocities, would make a peace of justice with their victims, a peace of justice by which they would graciously spare those they have not slain—against the next time.

No, with the Germany of the lying tongue and the brutal sword this world cannot make peace, will not make peace. Such peace would betray humanity, abandon those who have died fighting for liberty, for civilization, and justify all the German has said of the character of his foes. We should be the decadents and the degenerates he has charged us with being.

Shaking Hands With Judas.

It may be long before we can deal with the Germans. The road to a just peace may be filled with great obstacles and demand of those who follow it still heavier and more terrible sacrifices. But there is no choice. All else would be madness, all else would be ultimate cowardice. To condone that murder which we took arms, not to avenge, but to make impossible of repetition, to make peace with the murderer, still in possession of his blood-stained profits, this would be to reject Christ—not for Barrabas, but for Judas Iscariot himself.

The beginning of just peace is reparation, restoration, restitution. There is no other way—while the Belgian crime stands, while the criminal remains, his gains still unrestored, there can be no peace. If we now make a new covenant it will not be a covenant of peace.

The Doctrine of Force.

We shall, in fact, agree to and accept as final the doctrine of force, the gospel of blood and iron. We shall have been conquered, and the German, in full recognition of the truth, will resume his preparations, collect his energies for the new assault, which shall complete the task of making the German will supreme in a world subdued by the German method.

The civilized world is not yet prepared to play Little Red Riding Hood to the German wolf—not even at Bolsheviki invitation—and that is the sum total of what is now proposed.

Time Given on Victory Loan Subscriptions

Date for Payment Is Extended Until January 11th.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27. — For the convenience of subscribers to the Victory Loan and of the banks handling the huge transaction, the finance department is today advertising that payments due on January 2 may be made at any time up to and including January 11.

The extension of time is given in order that subscribers may not be unduly detained waiting their turn in making their payments. It is particularly requested that subscribers will not wait until January 11 or a day or so before, and thus create the situation sought to be avoided.

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ROULERS TOWN LAID WASTE BY BRITISH AIRMEN

Bomb Explodes Ammunition Train—Many Germans Killed.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—The town of Roussellaere (Roulers) in Belgium was almost laid waste recently by the terrific explosion of an ammunition train caused by bombs dropped by a British airman, according to the frontier correspondent of the Telegraaf. The airplane itself was brought down by the aerial pressure. Many Germans and a few Belgians, the latter engaged in forced labor, were killed.

GOLDEN BRIDGE FOR ENTENTE, IS VIEW OF VIENNA NEWSPAPER

Austrian Comment on Peace Terms Are Full of Hope.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27.—The tenor of the Austrian comment on the Brest-Litovsk negotiations is that the Entente powers have no longer any excuse for the continued flourishing of the sword, and that nobody can deny the sincerity of the central powers' peace desire for peace.

The Fremdenblatt (Vienna) says that it now depends entirely upon the western powers whether humanity is freed from the evils of the world war.

The Neue Frie Presse (Vienna) declares that all pretexts for prolonging the war have become untenable, adding: "The outline of peace by agreement formulated at Brest-Litovsk constitutes a golden bridge for the Entente."

ELEVEN FOE PLANES DROPPED IN BATTLE OVER ITALIAN LINES

Allies Smash Up Two Enemy Squadrons Without Losing a Machine.

ROME, Dec. 27.—Eleven Austro-German aeroplanes have been brought down by the British and Italian forces in a big aerial battle which developed when the Teutons made an unsuccessful attempt to bomb Treviso, sixteen miles north of Venice. Announcement to this effect was made officially today by the Italian war office. Intense artillery battles are reported on the Asiago plateau."

C. R. Somerville Will Cut Out All Foolish Civic Expenditures

Wartime Thrift Is Vital to the City Under Present Conditions.

KEEP DOWN LIABILITIES

London Must See That Its Financial Standing Is Not Impaired.

"A city that spends money on improvements in wartime, and increases its indebtedness by expenditures that are in no way absolutely essential, is in exactly the same position as the man who in wartime purchases a dress suit because he will possibly have occasion to wear it three or four times during the year. Take a storm sewer for example. It fulfills its mission say three or four times a year when there are big storms. A new storm sewer would be as much a luxury in wartime as a new dress suit. New buildings, new sidewalks and pavements come in the dress suit class at present, and are not justified."

The foregoing bit of "dress suit" philosophy as applied to civic administration is the expression of opinion of Charles R. Somerville, candidate for mayor of the city of London for 1918.

"We are all called upon at the present time," continued Mr. Somerville, "to exercise thrift in every possible way, thrift in the administration of our households, in the use of food, in the spending of money. Both patriotism and common-sense demand this in the case of individuals and families. Common-sense and patriotism and good citizenship equally demand exercise of care and economy in the administration of the affairs of the city. Common-sense and good citizenship demand that a city keep down its liabilities to be prepared for after the war conditions, when money will be much more difficult to borrow, and cost more to meet interest liabilities than at the present time. "Looking to the future, it is absolutely necessary to place the city in a sounder financial position than it is at the present time, and to avoid incurring further indebtedness. The bigger the indebtedness the higher will the taxes require to be. A high tax rate is an argument against locating in a city on the part of a promising industry. This isn't the time to invest in "dress suits" for the city. —Advt.

SUGGESTS THAT QUEBEC NOW BOYCOTT ONTARIO

Le Canada Says Ontario Can Be Brought to Senses.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—Le Canada suggests that the province of Quebec boycott Ontario. "No, Quebec will not go out of the confederation," says Le Canada. "On the contrary, when troubles come our salvation will come from Quebec. Quebec is not isolated in the confederation, as she has the lower provinces with her, and after Ontario has been a whole year without seeing the color of French money she will speak a little less arrogantly of French domination."

Le Soleil of Quebec, says to the other provinces: "If you wish the confederation to last you will have to change your manners, as we are no longer disposed to endure your impertinence, your political conspiracies, and much less, your persecutions. Now that you know our sentiment, it is for you to decide."

2-Day Year-End Special Sale



SATURDAY--R. H. and J. Dowler--MONDAY

LIMITED

Outsiders should take a holiday trip to the city, whether by train, auto or carriage, and take advantage of our extraordinary offerings for these two days. It's a double saving this year. Yes, trebly, as in many cases of broken lines we are offering merchandise at twenty to twenty-five per cent below the present factory prices. Particular snaps in high grade clothes, fur and fur-collar overcoats in every required style, in suits and thousands of pairs of trousers, underwear, sweater coats, shirts and socks.

EVERY DOLLAR YOU SPEND MEANS A BIG CHUNK OF A DOLLAR SAVED.

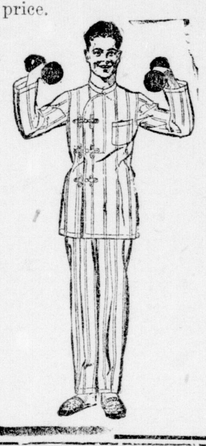
BOYS' DEPARTMENT SPECIALS.

Boys' Belter Overcoats in short skater styles $4.90

Boys' Long Coats at $5.50

Children's Overcoats ..... $3.50 to $7.50

Boys' Suits, that do not bear the high cost of living prices. Mothers find that they get suited best at Dowler's for quality, make and price.



Another Lot of These $16.50 Ulsters, $9.65

This is the greatest Overcoat Bargain offered in London in many years. Big double-breasted, two-way collar, solid wool coats.

YOUNG MEN'S OVERCOATS $17.75.

Belters all round, in swagger full-back Slip-ons, Semi-Fitted and Chesterfields. Values worth up to $25.00.

BRITISH MELTON OVERCOATS, $19.50.

In handsome, dressy Chesterfields, with or without fur collar; standard $24.00 values. They are in black, clerical and Oxford greys, overlapped seams, raw or regular edge; very handsomely tailored.

GREAT TROUSER SALE

1,284 pairs of first-class English Worsteds and Worsted-Finished Tweeds; well tailored; every pair guaranteed wear, at less than present regular factory prices. It will pay well to buy two or three pairs. **$2.50 Trousers, $1.75; $3.50 Trousers $2.89, $5.00 English Hairline Trousers, $3.75, $5.00 and $5.50; English Worsted Trousers, $4.50 and $4.00.**

Blue Serge Trousers, Very Special.

PYJAMA SUITS

Standard $2.50 garments, made of heavy English Flannelette. Special $1.65

MEN'S ROOMY NIGHTGOWNS

Of heavy English Flannelette; long enough to cuddle your feet in. Special $1.19

A splendid assortment of 50c Pure Silk Neckwear. Now 39c

Fur Coats, Fur Collar Coats

In prices that cannot be repeated. The best ranges we have ever shown. Positively at 20 to 25 per cent less than you can buy them in any supposed wholesale in London.

English Beaver Fur Collar Coats $10.80

$20.00 Black English Meltons, Fur Collars $16.50

Canada's Best $35 English Melton, rubber interlined, best curl lined, fur collar Overcoat; splendid fitters $25.00

Arctic Beaver Fur Overcoats $28.00

Philadelphia Dog, absolutely guaranteed; fine black short hair. Special $38.00

Handsome Black, extra full fur Coats, $45.00 quality; wholesales here would ask you $50.00 for such coats. Our price Saturday $38.00

SOCKS BY THE WAGONLOAD

Penman's .....3 pairs 50c

Penman's, Rib 25c

Fine Cashmere .....50c, 60c, 75c to $1.00

Dowler Footwarmer, in heavy rib, pure wool, wear guaranteed .....75c, 60c and 50c

Boys' Stockings, rib .....29c, 35c, 50c to $1.25

Boys' School and Skater Overcoats in heavy overcheck, mackinaw cloth; ages 10 to 16 years, $4.90, and better ones to $12.50

Holiday Specials in Men's Furnishings

For a final clean-up see our 75c and $1.00 Neckwear for, now 59c

25 PER CENT OFF

Our entire stock of Men's Silk and Silk Knit Mufflers.

R. H. & J. DOWLER, LIMITED

ST. THOMAS. LONDON. WINDSOR.

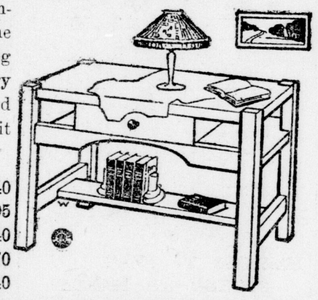
Stock-Taking Sale of Housefurnishings

You are reading now the most astonishing house-furnishing offer that any store could make. Never was there such a value-giving event stirred up in this city. Every article in this magnificent stock is reduced to rock bottom prices. This is our last great drive to clear the decks before stock-taking. Remember that though the prices are reduced to such an astonishingly low figure that the same guarantee of satisfaction goes behind every sale that has marked this store for 40 years.

SALE STARTS SATURDAY MORNING AT 9 O'CLOCK.

LIBRARY TABLES AT CLEARING PRICES

Here's your opportunity to get a handsome Library Table at a big saving. Every Library Table now in stock reduced to clear. A small deposit puts yours away.



Regular $21.50, now $19.40
Regular $18.75, now $16.95
Regular $16.00, now $14.40
Regular $13.00, now $11.70
Regular $11.00, now $9.40

DINING-ROOM SPECIALS

Beautiful suites in solid black walnut, either William and Mary or Jacobean designs. Suites include buffet, china cabinet, six chairs and extension table.

ON SALE FOR $179.

SATURDAY BEDROOM SPECIAL

Solid Black Walnut Suite, dresser, chiffonier, ladies' dresser and bed. This is without a doubt one of the most attractive bargains we have ever offered.

ON SALE FOR $154.

NOTICE Our upholstering department is under the supervision of one of the cleverest upholsterers in Western Ontario. Our range of beautiful coverings is worthy of your inspection. May we send a man to estimate on re-upholstering your furniture; it costs you nothing for this service.

Manufacturer's Bankrupt Stock of

Mattresses

On Sale Tomorrow

Here's the sale you've been looking for.

If you want a good Mattress at a bargain price, be here tomorrow. They're filled with sea grass, with wool both sides and art tick covering. Sell regularly at $5.75. See window display tomorrow.

$4.25

Linoleums and Oilcloths Specially Priced

We advise you to buy now, while low prices prevail. Many designs to choose from, in inlaid and printed designs.

Mandel Phonographs

$45 to $150

Special inducements for the balance of the year.



Trafford's

129 Dundas St.—11 Market Sq.
London - Ont.

Japanese Emperor Behind the Allies to Nation's Limit

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—Co-operation of Japan with her allies in the war to the fullest extent of her ability was pledged by Emperor Yoshihito in the speech from the throne at the opening of Parliament today. The emperor said Japan's relations with the Entente powers were extremely close.

KENNEDY'S MAJORITY ONLY REDUCED 14

WINDSOR, Dec. 27.—Official cognizance has been taken by the Government regarding alleged irregularities declared to have been committed by certain enumerators and deputy returning officers during parliamentary elections in North Essex. These "irregularities," it is asserted, were responsible for the defeat of Lieut.-Col. E. S. Wigle, the Union candidate, by William C. Kennedy, who ran as a straight Laurier Liberal.

The official count now in progress will be finished tomorrow, it is is expected. The figures so far show a reduction of fourteen votes in Mr. Kennedy's majority.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS WEST; TRAINS ARE TIED UP

CALGARY, Dec. 27. — The extreme cold weather of the last few days is having a marked effect upon the railway traffic of the prairie provinces. There is a strong wind over almost the entire westerly section, causing delays to passenger and freight traffic by reason of drifting snow. The thermometers at Calgary registered from 25 below to 18 below, with a temperature of 12 below about noon on Thursday.

A blizzard is reported in the Columbia Valley and in the Field locality.

SALES MANAGER MUST DON KHAKI MARCH 1

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 27.—John Moody, sales-manager of the Great West Saddlery Company for whom the president, E. F. Hutchings, desired exemption from military service, will don khaki on March 1, according to a decision of Judge Haggart today.

Judge Haggart said he recognized the value of the services of Mr. Moody to the firm, but that this was a time when the national exigencies had to be considered first.

No decision has yet been given by Judge Haggart as to whether H. F. Hutchings, recently drafted, can appeal to Ottawa.

LABOR MAN SAVES DEPOSIT.

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 27. — The official count of the home votes for the constituency of Port Arthur-Kenora stands: Keefer, Unionist, 4,545; Dunbar, Labor, 2,406. This leaves the Labor candidate only 133 to spare above the number required to save his deposit.

1,500 CONVICTIONS FOR BREAKING LIQUOR LAWS

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—The annual report of Superintendent Joseph E. Rogers of the provincial police, indicates that his department handled 1,939 cases this year, as against 1,198 cases last year. Most of the increase, says Mr. Rogers, is attributed to cases brought about in the enforcement of the Ontario temperance act. Under this heading there were 1,543 convictions this year, including 165 sentences to imprisonment.

EMPTY HOSPITAL BURNED.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—Fire today destroyed the Clayton Military Convalescent Home, in the north end of the city. There were no patients in the building. The matron, cook and orderly escaped without injury.

Some time ago the building was handed over to the military commission by W. J. Clayton to be used as a convalescent home for returned soldiers.

AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES

PATRICIA

TODAY AND SATURDAY.

3---BIG FEATURES---3

GEORGE WALSH IN "THE YANKEE WAY."

CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN "THE ADVENTURER."

MARY PICKFORD IN "THE LITTLE PRINCESS."

ONE BIG SHOW --- 2:15 to 5. 7 to 10:45. b

MAJESTIC
·THE THEATRE·
·THE SHOW·THE ORCHESTRA·

TODAY AND SATURDAY.

SESSUE HAYAKAWA

IN "THE SECRET GAME."

Matinee Only.

Kitty Gordon in "The Beloved Adventuress." b

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Next Monday Night

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SOLOISTS:
EILLEEN MILLETT LOW.
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CHORUS 150 VOICES.

Tickets $1. On sale at music stores. b

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Purchased. Offers wanted for one hundred or any part Huron & Erie, also Ontario Loan & Debenture.

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SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE — PALACE Academy. Dance to the orchestra with the pep. Next week four dances —Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday nights. Lessons any time. Phone. Dayton & McCormick.

MUSIC FURNISHED FOR PARTIES, balls, banquets. Phone 1265. Tony Vita's Italian Harpers. 122 Queen's avenue.

ROBERT HANNAH, ELOCUTIONIST, entertainer, concert engagements. 367 Princess avenue. Telephone 3735.

GEORGE A. STEER, ELOCUTIONIST and soloist—Concert engagements accepted. Care The Purdom Hardware Company, London.

MRS. ALICE HENDERSON'S SCHOOL —National and fancy dancing. Open for season. Reasonable terms. 91 Wellington. Phone 2670.

FIRST - CLASS ORCHESTRA FOR garden parties, entertainments, dances. Part or whole program provided, songs, recitations, comis, serious. Ask for terms. Lombardo Bros. Phone 5796.

GLADYS COMBER, PIPER AND dancer, pupil Pipe-Major James Hamilton. 102 Wellington. Phone 4397.

SCHOOL — MODERN BALLROOM dances. 214 Dundas. Jack Cortese, instructor. Phone 1570.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND IN WILLIS' CONFECTIONERY, sum of money. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for advertisement. b

WILL PARTY WHO PICKED UP flat black purse on Dundas or West London breakwater return to 135 Wilson avenue or this office? Reward. 66u

LOST — CHRISTMAS EVE — ON Richmond street, white paper parcel containing brocaded knitting bag, satin lined. Please leave at Dominion Bank or telephone 353. Mrs. Bowker. 65u

LEFT ON DUNDAS CAR, WEDNESDAY—Small suitcase. Reward at this office. 65c

STRAYED FROM LOT 7, CON. 13, Lobo, two ewe lambs, last week in November. Please notify Isaac Zavitz, R. 3, or Marsh telephone. 65c

LOST — BROWN WATER SPANIEL —Answers to Peter. Reward at 477 Dundas street. 65c

LOST.—OPEN-FACED GOLD WATCH in South London. Reward B. Gillett, Postoffice. 64c

LOST.—MONDAY NIGHT ON RICHMOND street, between Central and Queen's avenue, purse containing sum of money. Reward, if returned to 569 Richmond street. 64c

LEGAL CARDS.

CRONYN & BETTS & COLERIDGE—Frederick P. Betts, K.C.; Thomas Coleridge.

J. M. McEVOY, BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, Robinson Hall Chambers. Money to loan.

GIBBONS, HARPER & GIBBONS—Barristers, etc., Imperial Bank Building. Sir George Gibbons, K.C.; Fred F. Harper; George S. Gibbons.

T. W. SCANDRETT, BARRISTER solicitor, notary. Money to loan. 98 Dundas street.

JOHN F. FAULDS, BARRISTER. Money to loan. 59 Dundas street. Phone 907.

McKILLOP, MURPHY & GUNN— —OAK HALL BUILDING

PURDOM & PURDOM— —DOMINION SAVINGS BUILDING First Floor, Corner of Richmond and King Streets.

MACPHERSON & PERRIN, BARRISTERS, solicitors. Money to loan. Robinson Hall Chambers.

TENNENT & TENNENT, BARRISTERS, solicitors, notaries public. Money to loan. 78 Dundas. D. H. Tennent: Gordon H. Tennent.

GRAYDON & GRAYDON, BARRISTERS, Bank British North America, 2 Market Square.

U. A. BUCHNER, BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, corner Talbot and Carling. Phone 99. Money to loan.

W. G. R. BARTRAM, BARRISTER, notary, etc., 59 Dundas street.

HORSES, CATTLE, ETC.
For Sale or Wanted.

WANTED.—TWO CARLOADS OF good heavy work mares, suitable for the Northwest. Apply 342 Colborne street, or Phone 3335. 64c

WANTED — DEAD HORSES AND cattle. Will pay $2 to $5 for live animals. London Fertilizer Company, Phone 638.

ADVERTISING RATES.

Amusements—Fifteen cents per line each insertion.

Meetings—One cent per word each insertion.

Births, Marriages and Deaths—One insertion, 50 cents. Each subsequent insertion, 25 cents.

Cards of Thanks—Fifty cents each insertion.

Articles For Sale, To Let, Help Wanted, Situations Vacant, Board and Lodgings, Lost and Found, Rooms To Let and all similar condensed advertisements—First insertion, one cent per word; each subsequent insertion, one-half cent per word. No advertisement less than fifteen cents.

An extra charge of ten cents is made for all transient advertisements that are charged.

BORN, MARRIED, DIED.

BORN.

FEWINGS—At 162 Mount Pleasant avenue, St. John, N. B., on Christmas Day, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fewings, a daughter (Mary Constance). b

MORRISON—To Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morrison, 456 Adelaide street, on Dec. 24, a son. 65u

PARKER—To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Parker, Dec. 21, a daughter (stillborn). 65u

MARRIED.

COOK—FRANKLIN—At the residence of the bride's parents, Clear Creek, Ont., on Dec. 25, 1917, Miss Nellie Franklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Franklin, to S. Roy Cook, of Port Rowan, Ont., son of S. B. Cook, Long Point. Rev. Wm. Freed of Clear Creek officiated. b

DEATHS.

CATTERMOLE—In London, on Dec. 27, 1917, Mrs. Elizabeth Cattermole, formerly of Windsor, aged 80 years.
Funeral (private) from the undertaking parlors of George Logan, 418 Richmond street, Saturday, Dec. 29. Services at 2:30 p.m. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. b

DE GEX—At Military Hospital, London, on Dec. 27, 1917, Gunner Fred G. de Gex, dearly beloved and only son of Edward and Edith de Gex, of Kerwood, Ont., aged 22 years.
Funeral from Smith, Son & Clarke's undertaking parlors on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, to G. T. R. depot. Interment at Strathroy upon arrival of train. Funeral in charge of military. b

DICKENS—At the residence of her son-in-law, Henry Ferns, 715 William street, on Thursday, Dec. 27, Mary, relict of the late Roland Dickens, in her 85th year.
Funeral (private) from the above address on Saturday morning. b

LEONARD—At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. Joyes, 518 Elizabeth street, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1917, George Leonard, aged 72 years.
Funeral from above address on Saturday 3 p.m. Services 2:30 p.m. Interment at Woodland Cemetery. 65u

PARKER—On Dec. 26, at Victoria Hospital, Zella Kew, beloved wife of Herbert E. Parker, in her 23rd year.
Funeral from her late residence, 1197 Florence street, Saturday, Dec. 29, at 2:30 p.m. (private). 65u

PORTEOUS—In this city, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1917, James Porteous, in his 68th year.
Funeral (private) from his late residence, 374 York street, on Sunday, Dec. 30. Services at 2:30. Funeral at 3 o'clock. Kindly omit flowers. 65c

MEETINGS.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

Friday, December 28, at Simcoe Street Public School.

Friday, December 28, at Chesley Avenue Public School.

Saturday, December 29, at the City Hall.

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

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

S. BAKER,
City Clerk.

Dec.8,11,13,18,20,26,27,28,29

LONDON COUNCIL, NO. 233, ROYAL Arcanum, meets tonight, 8 o'clock, K. of P. Hall, corner Dundas and Clarence streets. Samuel M. Jepson, secretary. P

THE KING NEEDS YOU AND YOU need Him in this great war on sin and the devil. No physical test required. Recruiting office, 357 Richmond street. City Mission, nightly.

WANTED.

WE PAY HIGHEST PRICES FOR HIDES OF ALL KINDS
Horse Hides, Beef Hides, Calf and Sheep Skins, Wool and Furs.
T. W. WRIGHTON & SONS.
York and Talbot Streets. Phone 4008. Consignments solicited. zxv

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

WANTED — ¾ OR ⅛ HORSEPOWER motor for hydro power. Apply Bicycle and Motor Sales, Wellington street. 66c

MELODEONS WANTED AT KEENE'S Antique Store. 342 Talbot street.

POULTRY AND EGGS.

WHITE WYANDOTTE BREEDING cockerel and pullets. Regal strain. Fred Gracey, 120 Thompson avenue. 65c

DERMATOLOGY.

MARINELLA SYSTEM FOR FACE, scalp, chiropody. Removal of superfluous hair permanently. Miss Beattie, corner Talbot and Fullarton. Phone 3027.

PERSONAL.

PHONE 2198 REGARDING MINERAL baths and massage treatments for various ailments. Experienced attendants.

CANCERS CURED BY PLASTER method—Established 40 years. Henry Edwards' Concer Hospital, 388½ Ridout street. Phone 2666.

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LISTEN! — MASSAGE IS ONE OF the best remedies known to science. Try Mrs. Robinson. She is an expert. She will come to your home. Make appointments by phone 1425. Women only.

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GLENWOOD PRIVATE HOSPITAL—Nervous cases a specialty. 435 Ridout street. Phone 1705

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IS THE RIGHT PLACE TO HAVE YOUR CAR LOOKED AFTER DURING THE COLD WEATHER FOR SPRING USE.

131-133 QUEEN'S AVENUE, LONDON.

BEEMER & CO., LIMITED

PHONES 5670 and 5671.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED — IMMEDIATELY, COOK-GENERAL, housemaid, nurse, and a competent nurse; references required. Apply the Beeches, Grand avenue. 66c

YOUNG LADY FOR CASHIER'S DESK. Apply Peters Tea Room, Dundas street. 65c

WANTED — A GOOD GENERAL servant. Apply Mrs. R. E. Davis, 113 Wortley road. Phone 216. 65c

WANTED BY OFFICER'S WIFE — Girl to look after small boy, aged 4, in daytime; central locality. Box 231, Advertiser. 65c

WANTED — GOOD RELIABLE WOMAN to keep house for two (mother and son). Work light. Apply Mrs. E. Phillips, Strathroy, Ont. 65c

WANTED.—YOUNG WOMAN BOOKKEEPER; also one as stenographer. Both must have experience. Box 230, Advertiser. 64c

GIRL TO FEED PRINTING PRESS. Experienced one preferred, but will consider one who desires to learn. Highest wages. Sam Charlton, Printer, 123 King street. 64c

WANTED.—GENERAL FOR HOUSEWORK. Apply Mrs. Lerner, 502 Hill street. 64c

WANTED — GOOD GENERAL MAID —Apply Mrs. John Purdom, 429 King street. 61tf

TEACHERS WANTED.

WANTED—SCHOOL TEACHER, FOR No. 6, Adelaide; duties to commence at once. Apply, stating salary and experience. W. J. McChesney, secretary-treasurer, Kerwood, Ont., R. R. No. 3. Phone Adelaide Central. 66bu

TEACHER WANTED FOR S. S. NO. 1 and 2, Adelaide, duties to commence Jan. 3, 1918. State qualifications and experience. Salary $650. J. T. Murray, Arkona, Middlesex County, Ontario. 65n

WANTED — TEACHER FOR UNION S. S. No. 11, Harwich; duties to commence Jan. 3. Apply, stating salary and experience, to L. A. Galbraith, secretary-treasurer, R. R. 2, Northwood, Ont. 54tf

BUSINESS CHANCES.

PARTNER WANTED IN GOOD SUBSTANTIAL business, wholesale and retail; advertiser has the business, but requires more capital. Box 233, Advertiser. 65g

FOR SALE — MILK DAIRY BUSINESS IN CHATHAM

having good trade, also sure of ample supply of milk; good reasons for selling. Apply Box 135, London Advertiser; London. 66c

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OPPORTUNITY OFFERED TO SECURE paying grocery store, residential part of London. Sydney Smythe, Talbot street.

FOR SALE—EGG AND POULTRY business, in thriving village Western Ontario. For particulars, apply Box 200, Advertiser, London. 61a

AGENTS WANTED.

HIGH-PRICED FRUIT HAS CREATED a splendid demand for nursery stock. Our trees are known to be the best in the trade. We want reliable salesmen to sell in every unrepresented district, and pay well for services rendered. Exclusive selling rights for allotted territory. Write Pelham Nursery Company, Toronto, Ont. Feb. 5.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

RETURNED SOLDIER, FIRST-CLASS mechanic, also licensed chauffeur, wishes to secure steady position, seven years' experience. Box 237, Advertiser. 66c

Lady bookkeeper (soldier's wife), with experience as telegraph operator, wants immediate position. Has had business college training.

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BUSINESS CARDS.

MORREN FOR DRY CLEANING, pressing, repairing. 423 Wellington street. Phone 2698. Heavy overcoat for sale.

LEFF, JUNK DEALER, PAYS BEST prices. 316 Grey. Phone 4626.

McLEOD & GREY, REAR ADVERTISER—First-class livery and boarding. Bus parties our specialty. Phone 1277.

FOR GENUINE PLUMBING REPAIRS phone 5778. S. H. Hammond, 765 King street.

ALLIES DRY CLEANING, PRESSING, expert work, experienced tailors. 342 Dundas. Phone 5444. wvt

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CARLING STREET.
NICKEL-PLATING zxv

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DELIVERY WAGONS BUILT TO order. See our second-hand wagons. Abbott's Carriage Factory.

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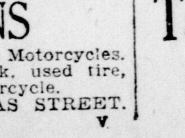
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The Allies, they said, must again depend upon the western hemisphere next year for their sugar supplies, as lack of shipping makes it impossible to obtain sugar from the east. Plans are for the Allies to go through the year on half their normal consumption, as they realize that they have had supplies in the last few months only through the sacrifice of the American people.

Control of available supplies by the international committee, the Englishmen said, will keep down prices to the consumers everywhere, and will guarantee an equitable distribution among the nations fighting Germany. Sugar exports from the United States last October showed an increase of nearly ten million pounds over the same month last year. France and England received the bulk of the shipments of 113,241,000 pounds, the former getting 73,000,000 pounds to relieve a virtual famine there, and the latter 22,000,000 pounds. Six million pounds went to the Netherlands, 5,000,000 to Argentina and almost as large a quantity to Mexico.

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It Will Be Interesting to Note Attitude of "Unionist" Liberals on Subject.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Evidence of irregularities committed by virtue of the Government's war-time franchise act is coming to hand at Ottawa.

From the west comes news that in many constituencies there were entire polls where the great majority of the electors had been left off the lists altogether. Such polls, needless to relate, had been traditionally Liberal. From all parts of the Dominion come charges, on the other hand, that hundreds of people were allowed to vote who had no right, even under the franchise act, to do so. Stepmothers, women under age, women whose soldier kin were not overseas, voted without hindrance in many polls.

Irregularities of a similar nature were practiced in connection with the male vote.

Demand Repeal of Act.

The question arises as to what attitude will be taken towards this nefarious measure by Liberal-Unionists who opposed its passage last session, but who, by coming into the Government since, have placed their seal of approval upon it and who have benefitted by it in the election. In the manifesto issued on behalf of Union before the election, Premier Martin of Saskatchewan, where apparently the act was worked to its full limit, declared that one of the first duties of the new Parliament should be to rescind the franchise act. The Regina Leader in a recent issue declared that it must be repealed at the earliest opportunity.

The act is supposed to stand until a year after the war ends. If western Liberal-Unionists are sincere in their professed dislike to it, however, and if Hon. F. B. Carvell still retains the feeling of abhorrence of the measure which he expressed last session, when it was being closured through, it should not stand longer than a month after the session closes.

Will Apply Axe Further.

Meanwhile, the Government is frankly and unashamedly expressing confidence that when the soldiers' votes are counted and allocated, the few Liberals who survived the workings of the franchise act will be wiped off the slate.

Hon. Frank Oliver, who has a son dead in Flanders, is to be one of the first so defeated. Dr. J. P. Malloy, who has a comfortable majority in Provencher and who had one brother killed in action and whose brother raised two regiments, is another. Even now, it is stated 500 soldiers' votes polled in Winnipeg have been registered against him, though not one of these came from Provencher. In Ontario it is the Government's hope that Weichel will be returned in North Waterloo by the same means; Martin in South Renfrew, and others elsewhere, while the Government hopes to turn a minority into a majority in the Maritime Provinces by the same means.

Intend to Save Rainville.

In Quebec it is hoped even that the life of the Nationalist Rainville will be saved in Chambly-Vercheres, where he went down to defeat on December 17. Rainville's voice was seldom raised in that county to secure recruits, so that if the big majority now against him is turned to a majority for him, it will be through manipulation of the soldiers' vote. However, that is to be expected.

Government members even boast that they will overthrow Lieut. Power in West Quebec, though Lieut. Power earned the military cross at the front (where his two brothers are) and is now home.

For all the above purposes, much reliance is placed in the votes taken promiscuously in every part of the United States, on trains in Canada and on ships in Halifax harbor. In the polling of these it was almost impossible for the Opposition to have a scrutineer present at all.

SIR DON MANN SAYS UNION GOVERNMENT WILL COPY WILSON

Canadian Railways Will Be Placed Under Government Control.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—"It is naturally to be expected that the Union Government will follow the example of the United States and place all the railways under Government control for the period of the war," said Sir Donald Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway, when interviewed regarding the action of President Wilson in taking over the United States railroads.

"It is the natural assumption. As conditions are at present, the railway companies, other than the Canadian Pacific Railway, have no moneys to provide for keeping up their lines to a high standard of efficiency. No moneys received by the Canadian Northern Railway from the Government in recent years have been for utilization in such work. The Grand Trunk lines are similarly situated, though to a less extent."

PRIVY COUNCIL TO RULE ON PROVINCIAL LICENSES

Decide Whether Federally Incorporated Firms Must Bow.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The Dominion Government has decided to refer to the privy council for final decision the question of the power of the province of Ontario to force federally incorporated companies to take out licenses before operating in the province.

The provincial act requiring such licenses was declared ultra vires by Judge Masten, but the superior court later reversed his decision. It is now intended to secure a final decision from the privy council.

KILLED IN MACHINERY.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Dec. 27. — John G. Bowers, aged 42, foreman at the Canadian Northern Railroad loading docks here, was instantly killed this morning when he became entangled in the mechanism of a gasoline engine used in operating the loaded machinery.

LIBERAL'S MAJORITY GROWS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—D. A. Lafortune's majority over the Unionist candidate, Mr. Jasfin, in Jacques Cartier Division in the recent election was 3,200. This gives the Liberal M.P. elect twenty more votes than was at first reported.



ENO'S FRUIT SALT

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Wholesale Arrest of Armed Germans In Brazilian City

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27.—Dispatches received here from Florianopolis, Brazil, say a large number of German conspirators have been arrested, following the discovery of a plot to overthrow the local authorities. All the Germans were armed. They had been meeting at various times under the pretext that they were members of a German society.

Florianopolis is on the coast of Southern Brazil in the State of Santa Catharina. The town has a population of 20,000.

GERMAN HAND IN MEXICO.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 27.—Federal officials tonight began investigation of reports that the Mexican bandit raids into the Big Bend district of Texas were being inspired by Germans now operating south of the border in conjunction with American draft evaders.

BEGIN TO WONDER IF REPORT WAS CORRECT

Members of Reception Committee Hear Nothing of Soldiers.

Members of the reception committee of the Soldiers' Aid Commission are beginning to doubt the veracity of a report from New York last week, which stated that a number of wounded Canadian soldiers were on a boat which arrived at that port, as no further word has been heard of them. Military authorities here, the commission states, have not been notified that the boat docked, and have not been instructed to make preparations for receiving the men.

BANDIT QUARTET PLEADS GUILTY IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—Paul Serrati, Joseph Lebreque, A. Julien and Alfred Laberge, four bandits, who robbed a teller of the Bank of Hochelaga of about $10,000 last spring at the Vina Terrace branch of the Bank, today pleaded before Judge St. Cyr. They will be sentenced next week.



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NATHANIEL MILLS,
Managing Director.

London, December 14, 1917.

MR. EULER DEFENDS KITCHENER PEOPLE

Points Out That They Are as Loyal as Any.

ARE WRONGLY ACCUSED

Citizens Refuse To Be Frightened by Threat of Boycott on City.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

So many unfair reports have gone out regarding the city of Kitchener that a review of conditions as they are is in order. I trust the sense of fair play inherent in the Canadian people will enable them to consider it with an open mind, notwithstanding any prejudices which may have been created.

Both Kitchener newspapers as well as the press in general supported the Union Government, and the avenues of publicity were practically closed to opponents. As a result, impressions have been formed of the people of this riding which are the product of exaggeration, invention, and I regret to say, malice and personal disappointment. For example, the press report that the election parade bore a banner with the inscription, "Here Lies the Canadian Army," was false in every particular. Nothing took place here that might not have occurred in any other Canadian city.

Before the war, the Canadian people believed, and rightly so, that the Dominion possessed no more loyal and worthy citizens than those of Waterloo County, though many of these citizens were, as is well-known, of German origin. Fair-minded men will admit that the war placed these people in a painful position; not because they had any inclination to pro-Germanism, but because, as the passions and prejudices bred by the events of the war increased, a sort of undefined suspicion as to the loyalty of our people developed among those of British descent. This led to an equally strong resentment, quiet but unmistakable, among those of German descent, that such suspicion should exist. The letter felt that they had always been loyal Canadians, that they were still so, and that they should not be expected to proclaim it in season and out of season.

Perhaps, from the very nature of the conditions, this state of affairs was inevitable. Yet many men felt that something more of a feeling of sympathy would have been infinitely better than suspicion and accusations. A feeling of sensitiveness and reserve was created which no doubt will disappear in due course. The exercise of a little generous tolerance on the part of all concerned will do much to restore the old happy conditions.

True to Canada.

Let me say, however, with all emphasis and sincerity that the factional contests in this city left our people as loyal as ever they had been. Deep down in the hearts of the people of German origin living here, the ideals of duty are firmly rooted. They view Canada as their own land, the home of freedom and opportunity. From this they have never swerved, and while many of them retain a sentimental attachment to their fatherland, they realize that duty demands undivided fealty to Canada, the land which is their own in every real sense. Mr. Weichel knows that to be true. He, as well as I, is of German origin and knows the people. My only eligible son is voluntarily in the ranks of the Allies, and Mr. Weichel's statement, therefore, on the evening of election day that "You can't beat the kaiser in North Waterloo," and that he would make everyone who opposed him "face the music," was at once an insult to decent citizens and a childish threat characteristic of the poor loser.

The people of N. Waterloo were honestly opposed to conscription. Many of them had fled from Germany to escape militarism and looked with horror upon the prospect of compulsory military service in Canada. They were intensely indignant at the provisions of the franchise act, which struck them with peculiar force. I shared their views and became a candidate, advocating openly and fairly the policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier on conscription and condemning most strongly the franchise act. There was on our part no appeal to passion, race or creed. We had no campaign fund such as our opponents had, and no newspapers. And the people, half-muzzled as they were by the franchise act, pronounced against Mr. Weichel by a vote of nearly two to one.

The Borden Incident.

Incidentally, the disturbance took place at the Borden meeting. It was regrettable and was seized upon with suspicious and significant eagerness as a pretext for the making of political capital throughout Canada, as well as locally, although Kitchener, as is well known, was not by any means the only place where disturbances occurred. In itself, it was an unfortunate campaign incident, not signifying disloyalty in the slightest degree, but emphasizing by an ill-chosen method the dissatisfaction of the people with the legislation of last session. But from that time on the campaign of patriotism was gradually abandoned locally, until finally but one appeal remained, "Don't vote your job away." Our workmen were told that a boycott would close our factories unless Mr. Weichel were elected. The people were not misled. They kept the real issues in mind and voted according to their convictions.

To say, as Mr. Weichel does in the Star, that North Waterloo has arrayed itself against the whole British people, is sheer nonsense. Australia has just voted strongly against conscription, and her people are almost entirely of British origin. Will Australia be boycotted by the remainder of the British Empire? Who dare say that the people of that country are disloyal because they did what North Waterloo did? And why discriminate against Kitchener when other Canadian towns voted exactly as did this city? North Waterloo exercised her democratic privilege of choosing for herself, wisely or unwisely, as is her undoubted right. Talk of boycott and pro-Germanism is as unfair in the one case as it is unfounded in the other. Kitchener asks no favors, but expects a square deal from the people of Canada.

Mr. Weichel's Complaint.

In his interview with the Star last Saturday, Mr. Weichel states that our industries are faced with ruin because of his defeat. Modesty is apparently not one of his faults. Kitchener's industries flourished long before they enjoyed his paternal care. They are prosperous now, and will continue to be so long after many a disappointed politician is gone and forgotten. North Waterloo has spoken in a fair, straightforward, unmistakable manner. Let Mr. Weichel accept the verdict manfully, without attempting to pose as a martyr looking for public sympathy.

Let me say to those who still have doubts as to the loyalty of our people: "Come to Kitchener and see." You will find here a city so progressive industrially as to have aroused the envy of our Brantford, Guelph and Stratford neighbors, whose efforts to entice away our manufacturers will be just as fruitless as they are unworthy, unneighborly and un-British. You will also find here an industrious, honest and loyal people, typical of all that is truly Canadian.

Yours truly,
W. D. EULER.

Kitchener, Dec. 26, 1917.

A QUESTION FOR MERCHANTS.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Now that the Government is returned to power, aided by the big interests and indorsed by all the manufacturers' associations, it is time that the retail merchants consider their position. Throughout the country all the retail merchants have placed their season's orders for delivery in the spring as usual. In the meantime the elections take place, and the very men who having secured their orders deliberately plan and work to clear the country of young men and see that they are dressed in khaki. No doubt their plans are laid accordingly. Mr. Merchant, have you been caught between the devil and the deep sea, or have you acted according to the change of the times and canceled the delivery of such orders that will be a drug on the market?

MEN'S FURNISHER.

200 Bottles of Booze Seized By Officers During Past Year

Hospitals Get Benefit of Confiscations Made by Police.

Since the first of the year more than 200 bottles of whiskey and "camouflage booze" have been confiscated in the London police court. The whiskey, jamaica ginger and other forms of intoxicants were taken from men brought in an intoxicated condition or seized from men convicted of illegal selling or having it in an illegal place.

The liquor is kept at the police court for some time until a certain portion is acquired and then the police motor truck makes a quiet run to the hospitals and these institutions are presented with the liquor.

The liquor when given to the hospitals is classified under two heads, one for internal and the other for external use. The sealed bottles are used for medicinal purposes, and those on which the seal has been broken are utilized for external or rubbing purposes.

These bottles sometimes consist of portions of partly consumed bottles, or in police phrasesology what is known as "liquor heels."

As the whiskey is taken from the glass containers the bottles are consigned to the "booze graveyard," an opening in the wall in the cellar of the police station. Piled high, like used shells on the battlefield, these reminders remain until some day when a junk dealer gets a load.

WILL WAIT TO SEE MONEY BEFORE ANY HOPE OF GETTING IT

Chief Williams Not Wildly Enthused Over Deserters Reward.

"If the reward of $10 for the arrest of every deserter under the military service act works out as so many other rewards have, I am not the least bit alarmed that the policemen will be rolling in wealth," said Chief Williams today in discussing the recent order-in-council, which provides a $10 reward to every police officer who arrests and hands a deserter over to the military authorities.

"There have been many rewards offered for various purposes, but in about 99 cases out of a 100 we never see the money.

"The reward looks good in print, but I don't think the policemen will figure too much on this money until we see some of it," continued the chief.

Chief Williams has received no official notice yet of such a reward, and will not expect any claims to be made by city policemen for rewards until such notice is received.

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terms she would not offer were there any chance that they would be accepted, solely to satisfy the peace cries of her own public and corrupt the allegiance of the war-weary in enemy nations."

A Miserable Travesty.

The World says:

"The solemn words addressed to the Prussian war lords and the German people by President Wilson and Prime Minister Lloyd George have no response as yet. The western allies are fighting for a guaranteed peace. There can be no such peace unless it is undertaken by governments responsible to the people. The despotism that craftily offers this miserable travesty of a truce peace does not have the courage or the honesty to propose it in its own name. It stands behind a vassal in Vienna and a mob in Petrograd."

It Will Fail.

The Chicago Herald says:

"Germany's latest peace drive, reinforced as it was intended to be by the kaiser's threats of what the mailed fist and the shining sword would do if it were not successful, will fail. Speciously fair as some of the terms may appear on a cursory reading, the fact remains that peace now would mean the realization of the autocracy's dream of power, it is still true that the world cannot trust the word of the present rulers of Germany. It is still true that there is no evidence of the power of the German people themselves to make effective a covenanted peace. The latest offer may mislead the Teutonic peoples, whom it is intended to fortify in the belief that their rulers are peace-loving and moderate. But it will be a pointless shaft against the Allied peoples."

A Pompous Fraud.

The Cleveland Plaindealer says:

"Out of the lair of Russian anarchy are to issue the angels to carry Berlin's Christmas message into all the world. To the anarchists masquerading at Brest-Litovsk as spokesmen of the Russian people, the kaiser intrusts this mission. 'Go,' says he, 'to the nations that have been your allies, and tell them that Prussia magnanimously accepts the terms that Russia has proposed.' Such is the pompous fraud of kaiserism's latest play for favor. The voice is the voice of Czernin, an Austrian. The odor of hypocrisy emanates too rankly from Berlin. So Czernin does the vocal work while Prussia, garbed in robes of righteousness to hide the hoofs and horns, supplies the pomp."

A Proposal of Fools.

The Providence Journal says:

"A proposal put forward by fools for consumption by children."

The Buffalo Express says:

"The terms of peace must include a definite recognition by the Germans that the invasion and devastation of Belgium was wrong; that the treatment of the people of occupied territory in Belgium and elsewhere has been wrong; that submarine ruthlessness and all other forms of ruthlessness have been wrong; that the conquest of Alsace-Lorraine and the method of administering the conquered provinces have been wrong. Until the Germans accept the world's standard of ethics and recognize the deep wrongfulness of such policies as these, any peace that could be negotiated with them would be simply the triumph of evil and would mean merely that the whole fight would have to be waged again from the beginning."

An Interesting Offer.

The Pittsburg Dispatch says:

"The newest offer is interesting only as proof of increasing German perception of what the terms of peace must be. They have yet a long way to go before formulating a peace offer that can be accepted by the world's democracy. But they are making progress, slowly but surely, under a compelling force which America's full entrance into the war will make irresistible."

Indianapolis Star:

"The thought is very carefully presented to the simple Bolshevist mind that the only thing standing in the way of peace is the fact that the Allies insist on fighting. If the war continues it will be the fault of Great Britain, France, Italy and the United States, according to the wily argument the Teutons are pouring into the ears of their Russian dupes. The central powers, not only have rendered Russia impotent, but are craftily trying to poison the minds of the Russian people against us and our allies for the purpose, of course, of making what use they can of Russian resources to strengthen the hand of Prussian militarism."

SIR GEORGE E. GOING SOUTH.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—It is reported here that Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, will not be able to resume his duties within a couple of months. It will be some weeks before he leaves the hospital at Toronto, after which it will be necessary for him to go South to fuly recuperate.

Financial, Market and Commercial Section

November Bank Deposits In Canada Go Over $1,000,000,000 Mark

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—A big increase in both demand and notice deposits is the outstanding feature of the bank statement for November, issued by the finance department tonight. Demand deposits have increased by approximately $33,000,000 over those for October, and notice deposits by $23,000,000. The latter for probably the first time on record exceed $1,000,000,000. Detailed figures of the monthly statement and comparisons with October, 1917, and November, 1916, follow:

	November 1917.	October 1917.	November 1916.
Reserve fund	$ 114,046,754	$ 113,518,213	$ 113,293,018
Note circulation	196,135,810	819,852,907	148,197,971
Demand deposits	538,869,362	495,058,449	459,277,454
Notice deposits	1,008,657,874	985,790,850	836,593,289
Deposits out of Canada	175,645,013	181,799,457	162,207,247
Current coin	83,179,731	74,950,907	82,563,864
Dominion notes	165,515,137	137,650,486	118,842,892
Central gold reserve	91,120,000	80,770,000	43,300,000
Call loans in Canada	72,178,345	71,653,719	89,395,370
Call loans outside of Canada	139,832,552	151,018,747	183,250,389
Current loans in Canada	868,973,714	883,986,860	813,791,947
Current loans outside of Canada	95,954,520	93,821,865	76,087,370
Total liabilities	2,078,181,230	1,995,488,958	1,716,214,920
Total assets	2,320,270,985	2,244,878,054	1,957,511,502

STORM BLOCKS SALES ON LONDON MARKET

Nothing But Hay Offered on Square Today.

This morning's storm deterred farmers from bringing in their accustomed produce on the local market, with a consequence that the square was as desolate looking as an abandoned farm. Marketers were not to be seen and with the exception of a few loads of hay little produce of any kind was offered. The demand for fodder exceeded the supply, loads having been purchased previous to their appearance on the square. Other grains were not to be secured throughout the day.

A substantial decrease in the price of hides and calf skins was registered locally on Thursday, and represents the fourth straight drop in hide values in the past six months. No. 1, 2 and 3 hides sold Thursday at 16c, 15c and 14c, respectively, while calf skins went at 22c to 23c per pound. With the drop of hide prices, the figures of 1915 again prevail. For the past three years the ascent of hides and leather has been only equalled by advances in other war materials, and the present slump in prices is the re-action which has been looked for for many months.

The demand for potatoes is distinctly slow. A number of bags of spuds appear on the local market from day to day, but the offering is generally larger than the demand. Market officials express the belief that the majority of citizens have stored their winter supply of potatoes, and that a normal demand will not be enjoyed until the early spring. Present indications are that the price of potatoes will not ascend in the spring.

With the brisk Christmas demand for poultry over farmers are finding the path of poultry disposing extremely difficult to follow. A poultry vendor on Thursday exhibited many dozen birds in the expectation of a good sale for the new year's dinner, but the man was compelled to return home accompanied by the larger portion of his poultry.

Butter is slower from day to day. No change in price has occurred, but a decline is expected shortly.

Grain, Cwt.—			
Oats, per cwt.	$2 10	to	$2 20
Grain, Bushel—			
Wheat, per bu.	2 12	to	2 12
Oats, per bu.	68	to	72
Vegetables—			
Celery, per doz.	30	to	50
Cabbage, dozen	40	to	60
Home-grown potatoes, per bag	2 00	to	2 25
Hay and Straw—			
Hay, ton	12 00	to	14 50
Straw, per ton	7 50	to	8 50
Fruit—			
Apples, per bu.	1 50	to	2 00
Dairy Products, Retail—			
Butter, creamery, lb.	48	to	50
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	48	to	50
Butter, crocks, lb.	48	to	50
Butter, store lots, lb.	48	to	52
Eggs, per doz.	50	to	60
Dairy Produce, Wholesale—			
Butter, creamery lb.	46	to	50
Butter, dairy, lb rolls	47	to	50
Butter, crocks, lb.	48	to	52
Eggs, crate lots, doz.	45	to	46
Eggs, basket lots, doz	40	to	52
Poultry, dressed, Retail—			
Spring chicken, lb.	22	to	22
Ducks, pound	23	to	26
Geese, pound	23	to	26
Turkey, pound	30	to	32
Live Stock—			
Hogs, per cwt.	17 00	to	17 25
Small pigs, pair	12 00	to	16 00
Butchers' Meats—			
Dressed hogs, cwt.	22 00	to	22 00
Fat sows, cwt.	13 50	to	13 50
Beef, per cwt.	13 00	to	16 50
Veal, per cwt.	20 00	to	22 00
Heifer beef, cwt.	16 00	to	16 00
Lambs, per cwt.	20 00	to	22 00
Hides and Wool—			
Wool, unwashed, lb.	50	to	50
Wool, washed, lb.	60	to	62
Calfskins, per lb.	22	to	23
Cow hides, No. 1	16	to	16
Cow hides, No. 2	15	to	15
Cow hides, No. 3	14	to	14

GRAIN.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Oats opened ¼c lower for December at 83c, and May ¼c to ⅛c down at 84¾@84½c.

Barley opened ½c lower for December at $1 37½.

Flax for May delivery opened ⅜c lower at $3 11½.

Inspections on Thursday were 133 cars, as compared with 115 last year.

The weather has been very cold throughout the west, with snow in Southern Saskatchewan and Alberta, temperatures ranging as follows: Manitoba, 18 to 40 below; Saskatchewan, 18 to 48 below; Alberta, 14 to 30 below.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Opening: Corn—January, $1 26⅛; May, $1 24⅝.

Oats—December, 77c; May, 75⅝c.

Chicago, Dec 28.—Corn prices had a downward tendency today, influenced more or less by notice that the directors of the exchange had prohibited further trading in the December option. Present shortage of supplies to enable deliveries to be made on December contracts had been exercising a bullish sway over other months. Removal of this factor helped to ease the market.

Opening prices, which ranged from ¼c to ⅜c off to a shade advance, with January at $1 26@1 26¼, and May at $1 24½@1 25¾, were followed by a moderate general setback.

Liquidating sales by holders of December contracts weakened the oats market as a whole. Most of the selling, however, was in small lots.

LIVE STOCK.

East Buffalo, N.Y., Dec 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 750; steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,500; unsteady; heavy, $17 30@17 35; mixed, $17 25@17 30; yorkers, $17 10@17 30; light yorkers, $6 50@17; pigs, $16 25@16 50; rough, $16@16 25; stags, $13 50@14 50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 4,000; strong; lambs, $13@17 45; yearlings, $12@15 50; others unchanged.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,000; market firm; beeves, $7 35@14 25; stockers and feeders, $6 60@10 20; calves, $8 50@15 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 36,000; market slow; light, $16@16 90; mixed, $16 40@16 95; heavy, $16 40@16 95; rough, $16 40@16 55; pigs, $11 75@15 50; bulk of sales at $16 65@16 90.

Sheep—Receipts, 7,000; market was strong; lambs, $12 75@16 70; wethers, $9 10@13 10.

COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec 28.—Cotton—Futures closed steady. New contracts: January, 22.77d; February, 22.72d; March, 22.56d; April, 22.52d; May, 22.47d. Old contracts (fixed prices): January, 21.51d; January and February, 21.41d; February and March, 21.32d; March and April, 21.23d; April and May, 21.15d; May and June, 21.07d; June and July, 20.99d.

PROVISIONS.

Liverpool, Dec. 28.—Beef—Extra India mess, 360s.

Pork—Prime mess western, 330s.

Hams—Short cut, 137s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 152s; Wiltshire cut, 152s; clear bellies, 160s; long clear middles, light, 160s; do, heavy, 159s; short clear backs, 157s; shoulders, square, 128s.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, 133s; American refined, in pails, 136s 6d; do, in boxes, 135s.

OILS.

Liverpool, Dec. 28.—Tallow—Australian (in London), 72s.

Turpentine Spirits—125s 6d

Rosin—Common, 60s.

Petroleum—Refined, 1s 6⅝d.

Linseed Oil—61s 6d.

Cottonseed Oil—68s 6d.

War Kerosene—No. 2, 1s 2¾d.

FLOUR

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Listed quotations at Toronto are:

Flour—Manitoba: First patents, $11.50, bags; second patents, $11; strong bakers, $10.60; Ontario winter, 90 per cent patents, $9 70, bulk, seaboard.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $35 per ton; shorts, $40 per ton on track, Toronto.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—There was no change in flour, millfeed, rolled oats or baled hay, and the quotations remained unchanged.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, $11.60; seconds, $11.10; strong bakers, $10.90; straight rollers, bags, $5.20@5.37½.

Rolled Oats—Bags, 90 lbs., $5.30

Bran—$38.

Shorts—$40.

Middlings—$48@50.

Moullie—$56@58

Minneapolis, Dec. 27.—Flour—In carlots, quoted at $9.75 for 98-lb. cotton sacks.

HAY

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Hay—No. 2, per ton, carlots, $14.50@15.50.

WALL STREET.

New York, Dec. 28.—While trading on the stock exchange today lacked yesterday's exciting features, railroad shares continued to advance on a further general inquiry resulting from the decision of the Government to take over railroad properties.

The gains in the active issues ranged from 1 to 2 points. A number of less prominent shares advanced still higher, Chicago and Alton, for example, rising 5½ points to 13 on a few sales. Rock Islands also were strong in anticipation of forthcoming dividend action.

With the progress of the session there came a renewed inquiry for industrials and equipments of the war division at average gains of a point. Copper also reflected favorable trade developments at Washington. The undertaking denoted additional investment buying and short covering.

New York, Dec. 28—Wall Street, 10:30 a.m.—Few noteworthy changes were recorded at the opening of today's stock market, but the demand for rails was soon resumed at average gains of 1 to 2 points in the first half hour for grangers, coalers, New York Central and some of the Pacifics. Chicago and Alton featured the low-priced rails at an advance of 5½ points. Equipments and coppers also rose 1 to 2 points with a few specialties, such as oils and sugars. United States Steel increased its early fractional gain to a point, and related stocks were firm to strong.

Noon.—Extensive buying of secondary rails whose status is likely to be strengthened by Government control, marked the late forenoon. In addition to Rock Island issues, in which advances ran from 2½ to 4 points, gains of 2 to 5 points were made by Eries, Wabash, St Louis-Southwestern, Colorado Southern, Minneapolis and St. Louis, Denver and Rio Grande, Seaboard Air Line and Western Maryland. Standard rails also strengthened with steels, shippings and motors. Railroad bonds gained 1 to 5 points.

1:30 p.m.—The buying movement assumed wider proportions in the afternoon. Rails increased their advantage by 1 to 3 points, New Haven gaining 5. Utilities also rose 3 to 5 points on the theory that dividends are to be maintained, and active specialties made further noteworthy improvement.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.]
Toronto, Dec. 28.

	Asked.	Bid.
Am Cy.	20	15
do pfd.	..	52
Ames, c.	14½	..
do pfd.	50	..
Barcel.	9¼	8¾
Brazilian	32	..
Burt, c.	68¼	..
do pfd.	84¼	..
C Bread	18	..
C Car.	18½	..
do pfd.	50	..
Cement.	57	..
C S L.	39¼	..
do pfd.	72½	..
C G Elec	99½	..
C Loco.	56½	..
do pfd.	82¾	..
C P R.	135¼	134¼
C Dairy.	30	..
do pfd.	60	..
ConLife	375	..
C Smelt.	24⅜	..
Con Gas.	150½	..
Cr Nest.	50	..
Dome	850	800
D Steel.	53	52½
Mackay.	..	73
do pfd.	60	..
MLeaf,p	93	..
Monarch	..	30
do pfd.	75	..
N S Car.	7½	6
do pfd.	..	18
Nipis'g.	875	850
NSSteel.	66	..
P Paper	..	41
do pfd.	81	..
Russell.	..	50
do pfd.	70	..
Sawyer.	11	..

	Asked.	Bid.
do pfd.	41	..
Spanish.	14	..
do pfd.	50	..
St Ch. p.	57	..
Stl Can.	49½	..
do pfd.	85	..
T Paper.	..	72
Tor Ry.	58	..
Tucketts	19	..
Tw City.	64	63
Win Ry.	48	..
Banks—		
Com'rce	185	..
Dom	199	..
Hamil'n	184	..
Imperial	185	..
Merch	167	..
NScotia	244½	..
Royal	..	205
Stand	200	..
Loans, etc.—		
C Land	149	..
C Perm.	162½	..
C Invest.	74	..
H Prov.	..	134
H & E.	207	..
20% pd	..	196
L Bank.	..	139
L & C.	126½	..
Bonds—		
M L & P	40	30
Penmans	..	80
Rio Jan.	..	81
Stl Can.	89¼	..
War Loan, 1925	95½	95
War Loan, 1931	92½	92
War Loan, 1937	92	91¾

MONEY.

London, Dec. 28.—Bar silver, 43⅛d per ounce.

New York, Dec. 28.—Bar silver, 86⅛c per ounce.

STANDARD STOCK AND MINING EXCHANGE.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Morning Mining Sales: Apex, 500 at 6½, 500 at 6¼; Dome Mines, 40 at 825, 10 at 800; Eldorado, 10,000 at 2¾, 2,000 at 3; Holly, 60 at 500; Kirkland Lake, 3,500 at 31, 4,500 at 30, 6,000 at 29, 1,000 at 28; Lake Shore, 1,200 at 39; McIntyre, 1,150 at 141; New Ray, 500 at 44¼, 10,500 at 45; Preston, 400 at 3; Schumacher, 1,000 at 40, 1,500 at 39; Teck-Hughes, 1,300 at 29; Krist, 100 at 7; Wasapika, 1,500 at 25¾; Bailey, 3,000 at 5½; Crown Reserve, 1,000 at 2[illegible]; Hargraves, 100 at 10½, 10,500 at 10¼, 1,000 at 10; Kennebeck, 4,000 at 6, 2,000 at 7, 2,000 at 6½; Lorrain, 200 at 3; McKinley, 100 at 59, 100 at 58½, 500 at 57½; Provincial, 200 at 44, 1,500 at 44¼, 500 at 44¾, 500 at 44½, 500 at 45; Ophir, 1,000 at 12½, 1,000 at 12¾; Peterson Lake, 1,000 at 11, 1,500 at 11¼; Temiskaming, 500 at 28½.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Dec. 28.—Closing prices today were:

British 5 per cent loan	93¾
British 4½ per cent loan	99½
Consols, for money	54¼
Anaconda Copper	£14 5s
Baltimore & Ohio	55
Canadian Pacific	159½
Chesapeake & Ohio	52
Chicago Great Western	8½
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	53
De Beers	12⅞
Denver & Rio Grande	9
Erie, com.	22
Erie, 1st pfd.	32
Grand Trunk	10
Illinois Central	97
Louisville & Nashville	115
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	6½
New York Central	74
Norfolk & Western	108
Ontario & Western	23
Pennsylvania Railway	48
Rand Mines	3
Reading Railway	76
Southern Railway	25½
Southern Pacific	88
Union Pacific	116
United States Steel	95

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—There was a stronger tone in the local market for oats today because of the higher prices in the markets at Winnipeg and Chicago, but the amount of business done was small. Local traders state they find it difficult to get supplies. Sales of No. 3 Canadian western oats were made at 91c to 91½c per bushel, and No. 1 extra feed at the same price.

Corn—American, No. 2 yellow, $2.15@2.30

Oats—Canadian western, No. 3, 91@91½c; extra No. 1 feed, 91@91½c; No. 2 local white, 86@88c; No. 3 local white, 86c

CASH TRADING IN GRAIN WAS LIGHT

Offerings at Winnipeg Were Light Yesterday.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Cash trading was light on the grain exchange today, with offerings light. There was good inquiry for barley, with prices firm. The Wheat Export Company was the only buyer of wheat.

Oats closed ⅞c higher for December; May ⅝c lower, and July ¼c lower.

Barley closed ½c higher for December; May closed ½c lower.

Flax closed ¼c lower for December; May closed ½c lower; January 1½c off.

Oats—No. 2 C.W., 84¼c; No. 3 C.W., 80¼c; extra No. 1 feed, 80¼c; No. 1 feed, 77¼c; No. 2 feed, 74¼c.

Barley—No. 3 C.W., $1.37½; No. 4 C.W., $1.32½; rejected, $1.17; feed, $1.17.

Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., $3.09; No. 2 C.W., $3.06; No. 3 C.W., $2.89.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Grain quotations are as follows:

Wheat—Ontario, No. 2 winter, $2.22, in store, Montreal; Manitoba, No. 1 northern, $2.28½, in store, Fort William; No. 2 northern, $2.20½; No. 3 northern, $2.17½.

Oats—Canada western, No. 2, 84¼c; No. 3 Canada western, 80¼c, at lake ports for immediate shipment; Ontario, No. 2 white, 79@80c, outside; No. 3 white, 78@79c, outside.

Peas—No. 2, $3.70@3.80.

Rye—No. 2, $1.78.

Barley—$1.30@1.31, outside for malting.

Buckwheat—$1.55; shipping points, $1.60.

FREIGHT INCREASE WILL PUT PRICES OF HARDWARE UP

Wholesalers Looking for Higher Quotations at Once.

Hardware and Metal of December 29, will say: Question of increased freight rates authorized for Canadian railways has been one of absorbing interest to the hardware trade during the week. Opinion is quite generally expressed by wholesalers that this increase in rates will mean an increase in prices of many lines to the retailer. Opinion is divided as to whether it will apply immediately to shipments from warehouse to retailer. There is unity, however, in the opinion that where new goods are brought forward and increased rates apply to both incoming and outgoing freights an increased price must obtain for the goods. There is one exception, however, in the case of scrap metals. Wholesalers of scrap metals are of the opinion the difference will cause a decline in price paid to those having these materials for sale to the extent of the increased freight rates.

Numerous changes have been recorded in bicycle accessories during the week, the majority of which have been in the upward direction. Wholesale dealers in bicycles are looking forward to a good season so far as sales are concerned. War-time activities have resulted in a greatly increased sale of bicycles to munition workers who require them as a means of night transportation. Revision in prices for spring selling have embodied advances in vulcanizers, roller chains, handle bars, handle grips, mudguards, spokes and nipples, saddles, tool bags, separate wheels and rims, repair frames, coaster brakes, pedals, rubber tires. Changes have again been made in a number of automobile accessory lines. Certain grades of brushes have advanced approximately 10 per cent. An important change in the downward direction was that of a decline in cut nails amounting to 15c per hundred pounds. Ingot metals held in a steady market during the week. Wholesalers are engaged in stocktaking for the balance of the year. Travelers are now off the road and conditions will in all probability remain quiet until after the holiday season.

CUTTING OUT OF TRAINS MEANS SAVING OF FUEL

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The Canadian Railway War Board calculates that in the measures it is taking for the elimination of passenger trains, it will be able to save 100,000 tons of coal. Without discommoding the public, there will be elimination wherever possible. The railway war board has gone carefully into the matter of passenger service with the thought of conservation in mind—conservation of fuel and man power. The crews liberated from passenger trains that are cut off may be used on freight trains.

ADDED DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO SOLDIERS' KIDDIES

150 More Made Happy by Great War Veterans.

Santa Claus may have been so busy that he overlooked several scores of kiddies at the Great War Veterans' Christmas tree in the Armories last Saturday, but he made up for it today by taking parcels to the homes of 150 London children whose relatives are overseas. An automobile was loaned Capt. E. H. Shuttleworth, and with this at their disposal members of the association quickly carried out the work of making happy the boys and girls who were overlooked last week.

Only the Christmas tree was missing, for candies and oranges were also distributed. Many of the children failed to send in coupons, saying that they would be at the Christmas tree, but the association decided to overlook this fact and deliver the presents to all of them.

SUNDAY CARS STOP AFTER JANUARY 7

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 27.—W. N. Warburton, general manager of the London and Lake Erie Railway, has issued a notice that all Sunday cars on that line will be discontinued on and after January 7, 1918, until further notice.

Efficient Service, Outstanding Feature of Somerville's Work

Mayoralty Candidate Put in Three Good Years on the Board of Health.

BIG JOB WAS WELL DONE

Estimates Were Cut, But the Citizens' Interests Were Always Carefully Guarded.

Few citizens probably fully realize the extent of the service rendered to the city and the citizenship by the board of health, and the efficiency of this service, notwithstanding handicaps, in the three years during which Charles Ross Somerville has been chairman of the board. Many people no doubt have held the opinion that the mission of the board has ended with inspecting backyards and alleyways, and seeing that these were kept reasonably tidy and clean. Nothing could be much farther from the actual facts of the case. The board of health has rendered inestimable service in heading off epidemics, running down communicable diseases to their sources and eradicating these.

Much Money Saved.

Through application of soundest scientific and common-sense methods to tracing of germs and quarantine, money alone has been saved to families which would over and over again pay the salary of the medical officer of health, and assistants, and, indeed, the cost of maintenance of the whole department. When a field officer was permanently employed, if a case of diphtheria was suspected or reported, after the victim was duly isolated, cultures were taken from the throats of other members of the family. Within a week the whole family was "cleaned up." That is, those who had contracted the disease were safely isolated in the hospital, and the other members of the family free to go about their duties without danger to themselves or endangering others.

Extended Research.

The field officer extended his research to others in the community with whom the first victim had been associated for some time previous, in order to discover the source of the trouble. In this way epidemics were checked at the earliest possible stage, and much money saved the city, families and individuals. In addition to a field officer the need was recognized the beginning of last year of a welfare nurse to take continuous supervision of the contagious ward in the city hospital and follow up cases afterwards in their homes, owing to the fact that many evil after-effects of communicable diseases are due to improper care after all danger of contagion to others has passed.

Ignored Estimates.

The estimates for the board of health for 1917 covered the expense of the welfare nurse, an item deleted by the board of control. The council practically ignored the estimates of the board of health, with the result that owing to the inadequacy of the appropriation made, the services were lost to the city of the field officer, and much consequent difficulty was experienced in keeping epidemics under control. Valuable time and money were also lost that would have been saved had the estimates been more adequate. From his experience as chairman of the board of health Mr. Somerville knows, as probably few physicians, even, know the vast importance of uncovering the sources of communicable diseases and keeping them in check, and the real economy in the end of making provision for so doing. He realizes that it is dollars in the pockets, and the best kind of business, from the standpoint of efficiency upon the part of the citizenship.

Improving the standard of health of the citizenship of London, and thereby promoting the efficiency of the citizenship and saving time and money, have been the aims of Mr. Somerville in his office as chairman of the board of health. He holds still the same aims in entering the mayoralty contest.—Advt.

SIX DETROIT OFFICIALS FACING INDICTMENTS

Fifteen Other Persons Under Municipal Searchlight.

DETROIT, Dec. 27.—Judge Connolly of the recorder's court announced today that the recorder's court grand jury which has been investigating municipal affairs for several weeks, has returned indictments against six city officials and fifteen other persons. The names were not made public. Judge Connolly said that arrests would be made tomorrow or Saturday.

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HALIFAX WANTS A LOAN.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—The city board of control today decided to ask the Dominion finance minister for consent to a loan, the money thus raised to be devoted to repairing civic property damaged by the explosion of December 6.



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EAST END MEETING DECIDEDLY FROSTY, FEW CITIZENS OUT

Mayoralty Candidates Had First Chance at Small Crowd.

NO THREATS WERE MADE

Citizens Ask Few Questions of Candidates Now Running.

Last night's municipal meeting in the East End Hall was a frost. The nice, cold street cars were a palace to the hall. The one little stove doing duty would hardly have heated a bandbox. With this absence of fire, how could the candidates be expected to get up any heat? The meeting was decidedly chilly. The speakers were the same, minus the thrills. The audience was of the same disinterested size, possibly it ran two or three to a candidate. No threats were made. There were a few exchanges between the speakers, and the audience, and a little dust thrown. It did not reach the mud stage.

The mayoralty candidate stepped to the footlights first. Dr. Shaw led off. He was a little more generous to Jr. Stevenson, one of his opponents, than he was on Wednesday night. He said that he believed that Dr. Stevenson had done his best. It was up to the electors to say what that best was and if it was good enough.

Is a Gentleman.

C. R. Somerville was likewise the recipient of a better introduction from the retiring controller. He said that Mr. Somerville was a gentleman, a quiet, retired man. He did not know his platform. He believed that he had been forced into the contest by an organized ring and against his own wishes. There were three reasons, he thought, why Somerville was not attending meetings—either he was afraid, ashamed, or indifferent. He was willing to give him the benefit of the doubt, and believe that it was the latter.

The doctor took objection to the last-minute qualification of Mr. Somerville. They waited until he and Mayor Stevenson were in the field. They knew that they had done all possible for the workingmen, and wanted them to split the Labor vote. They wanted to break the workingman. Had they known what was afoot, he said, they would not have found he and the mayor in the field. Dr. Shaw said that he did not want to say anything desparaging about Mr. Somerville. He reiterated his pledge that the campaign should be clean. But he thought that he should have some municipal experience. He then proceeded to line up the men who are opposing him, again referring to Controller Little, Mr. Silverwood and Col. Gartshore. He expressed the belief that Mr. Somerville was being made a catspaw by these men, and he was worthy of better treatment.

Wants to Know.

Mr. Thompson, one of the audience, supplied the only lively moment, when he asked the controller if it was not a fact that during the federal contest he had gone hand-and-glove with the gentlemen he had named. If so, he wanted to know when they had fallen out.

The controller admitted that he might have changed since then. He wanted to know what politics had to do with municipal affairs. There were a few other exchanges along these lines, but they were harmless and aside from the issue. Mr. Thompson got in the final crack by remarking that it was kind of funny that one time Dr. Shaw was with 'em and now you're not.

Helped Workingmen.

Mayor Stevenson confined himself largely to outlining what he considered he had done for the workingmen. He touched on the fish market and the public market. There were yet many things that could be done and he wanted an opportunity to do them. He declared that since he had taken office he has changed deficits into surpluses. He had not wasted a dollar. He had not turned a single sharp corner. He had refused to stand for overdrafts, as he feared the precedent would lead to a flock of others. Speaking of financing, the mayor declared himself in favor of selling the city debentures in the city. He had proved it a success. It would keep the money and the interest right at home.

Chairman Pocock of the utilities board was accorded a good reception. He said that this was his fourth time to face the electors. He had completed eight years' service and had no apologies to make for having increased rates. Instead, the water rates had been cut fifteen per cent, and the electric rates every year but one during his term of office. The latter during the past year had shown the handsome net surplus of $42,000, while this year the water showed a surplus of $14,000.

Mr. Pocock's statement that during his time in office the commission had spent over $1,000,000, of which the city paid $660,000 in debentures and the balance out of surplus earnings, was well applauded, as was also his statement of what had been done in conserving the city's money by the employment of day labor and the abolishment of contract work.

About the Passes.

A rather boisterous young man, who wanted to see how he looked from a platform, mounted the stage to ask Mr. Pocock and the mayor a question, but instead confined himself to casting a few slurs about the commissioners carrying their friends free on the L. and P. S. R. He persisted, and was frowned upon by the audience, who told him to sit down. Mr. Pocock, in answer, said that the only passes issued to the commissioners were singles, and if they took their women-folks along they paid for them.

Jared Vining, candidate for the commission, had no criticisms to offer. He did not think that he was in a position to do so. However, he promised the best service in his power if elected, and made the one promise that he would tell the people all about the commission, and how their money was spent and invested at the end of his term of office.

F. Daly, another candidate for the commission, declared that the electors should pick none other than a public ownership man to handle their utilities. He had been a strong advocate of public ownership for years. He also urged that all expenditures be kept down to the last cent until the war was over.

The Independent Labor candidates for the board of education were out again in force, and presented their platform. Their main plank is free textbooks for the schools. To this is added swimming baths and equal wages for male and female teachers. Their candidates are Messrs. Scoyne, Collier, Wakling and Thorne.

Edwin Smith, Mr. Walde, Mr. Taylor and J. S. Barnard, four other candidates for the board, also appealed to the electors present for their support.

Ald. Charles Moorhead was the chairman.

Engineer Blamed For Crash Which Killed Sarnia Man

Witnesses Declares Semaphore Was Set Against Passenger Train.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 27.—That the accident which caused the death of Engineer Walsh and Fireman Ramsay, both of Sarnia, at Stoney Creek, on December 18 was the fault of Engineer Walsh, was the verdict of a jury which sat tonight at the police station. The evidence of several witnesses was to the effect that the semaphore was set against the passenger train, and that Walsh, apparently, did not see it nor check his train which ran into the freight train.

OFFICIAL MAJORITY OF MAJOR CRONYN SLIGHTLY INCREASED

Returns of Recent Election Give Him Lead of 1692.

The Cronyn majority in the recent federal contest was 1,692, a slight increase over the unofficial returns. The total vote polled was 14,788, as shown by the following official returns issued by Returning Officer R. A. Bayly:

	Cronyn.	Gibbons.
Subdivision 1	41	38
Subdivision 2	33	34
Subdivision 3	80	62
Subdivision 4	66	37
Subdivision 5	98	96
Subdivision 6	126	102
Subdivision 7	107	113
Subdivision 8	114	87
Subdivision 9a	87	73
Subdivision 9b	106	60
Subdivision 10	139	67
Subdivision 11	149	91
Subdivision 12	125	93
Subdivision 13	148	96
Subdivision 14	140	71
Subdivision 15	102	87
Subdivision 16	139	111
Subdivision 17	117	99
Subdivision 18	133	123
Subdivision 19	58	67
Subdivision 20	110	81
Subdivision 21	101	90
Subdivision 22	127	81
Subdivision 23	104	85
Subdivision 24	82	76
Subdivision 25	119	75
Subdivision 26	114	94
Subdivision 27	102	106
Subdivision 28	129	80
Subdivision 29	91	125
Subdivision 30	124	99
Subdivision 31	116	95
Subdivision 32	105	83
Subdivision 33	102	108
Subdivision 34	110	109
Subdivision 35	137	112
Subdivision 36	111	95
Subdivision 37	103	97
Subdivision 38	138	103
Subdivision 41	112	112
Subdivision 42	134	105
Subdivision 43	145	79
Subdivision 44	119	126
Subdivision 45	126	85
Subdivision 46	84	108
Subdivision 47	121	88
Subdivision 48	112	107
Subdivision 49	130	76
Subdivision 50	157	84
Subdivision 51	122	110
Subdivision 52	114	82
Subdivision 56	93	82
Subdivision 57	91	99
Subdivision 58	127	81
Subdivision 59	109	111
Subdivision 60	136	104
Subdivision 61	133	108
Subdivision 62	154	111
Subdivision 63	117	44
Subdivision 64A	94	76
Subdivision 64B	67	101
Subdivision 65	135	98
Subdivision 66	123	88
Subdivision 67	115	79
Subdivision 68	151	94
Subdivision 69	103	91
Subdivision 70	117	73
Subdivision 71	117	83
Subdivision 72	151	99
Subdivision 73	139	94
Subdivision 74	71	120
Subdivision 75	106	52
Subdivision 76	8,240	6,548
Totals		

Cronyn majority, 1,692.

FINE REHEARSAL WAS HELD LAST EVENING

The choir of the Musical Art Society under the guidance of Albert D. Jordan had a fine rehearsal last night on the music of "Messiah," which they will present next Monday evening at the First Methodist Church. This monumental work, with its melodious ensembles and its fugal climaxes, is always welcome and performances of it in many of the larger cities "across the line" have come to be an important part of the religious observance of the Christmas season.

The society is indeed fortunate in securing the services of Arthur Middleton, who sings the solo music at this production. At a recent recital at Aeolian Hall, New York, the "American" of that city said:

"Habitues of the Metropolitan Opera House, especially those who attend the Sunday night concerts, know what splendid vocal means Arthur Middleton has at his command. Yet the genial American surprised even his most ardent admirers last night, so full, vibrant and mellow was the resonance of his voice, and so much skill did the singer disclose in carrying the volume, quality and color of his tone over a range that spanned more than two octaves. One marvelled at the extraordinary elasticity ing mezza voice, which he can reduce to his mezza voice, whe he can reduce to the finest pianissimo. A deep D, natural at the close of Schubert's "Der Wanderer" sounded full and vibrant, yet the high F, natural repeatedly given was never forced and strident. More than a few times he reminded his listener of John McCormack, for, despite the difference in the calibre of the two singers' voices, there is an evident similarity in the timbre of their tones. Indeed, Mr. Middleton might quite appropriately be described as the McCormack among bass baritones."

IMPRESSIVE ORDINATION IS HELD IN ST. PAUL'S

A large representation of the local clergy and numbers of friends of the candidates witnessed an impressive ordination conducted in the chancel of St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday morning conducted by Bishop Williams. The candidates, who were ordained to the diaconate, were Rev. William Westell, formerly of Sparta, a former Baptist minister, and Rev. Austin DuPlan of Ilderton.

The bishop was assisted by Very Rev. Dean Davis, Rev. Principal Waller and Venerable Archdeacons Young and Richardson.

An able sermon, most appropriate to the occasion, was preached by Rev. G. Q. Warner, rector of the Cronyn Memorial Church. Rev. Mr. Westell has been appointed to Christ Church, Dresden, and Rev. Mr. DuPlan to St. John's Church, Alvinston and Napier.

CARD OF THANKS.

Miss Fisher Lambeth wishes to thank all the friends for their kind assistance, floral tributes and many expressions of sympathy during her late bereavement in the death of her mother. b

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DEAD BRAKEMAN WAS TO BLAME, DECLARES JURY

Tillsonburg Jury Finds That London Man Was Negligent.

NO SIGNALS WERE PLACED

Recent Fatality on C. P. R. Was Probed Last Night.

TILLSONBURG, Dec. 27. — After hearing evidence for nearly six hours the jury which investigated the accident on the C. P. R. here in which Brakeman Charles Pring of London lost his life on the morning of December 17, brought in a verdict to the effect that Pring was responsible for the fatality, and that no blame attached to any of the other railwaymen. The evidence showed that the rear-end crash occurred on a sharp curve, when the train on which Brakeman Pring was working had stopped while the locomotive tank was being filled with water. No signals, either flags or torpedoes, had been placed to warn any trains which might be following.

Engineer Johnson, whose train crashed into that of Pring's stated that his orders showed that he had a clear track from Ostrander to Port Burwell. The boiler of his locomotive was leaking badly, so badly that the steam was coming out in such quantities that he could not see ahead more than a boiler's length. At the time of the crash his train was going about eight miles an hour. He heard no warning signals of any kind.

The inquest was conducted by Coroner W. J. Bennett, and evidence was given by Engineer John Little, Tower Watchman George Pitter, Fireman B. McDermitt, Engineer A. Johnson and many others.

T. A. Buchner of London represented the widow of the dead brakeman, W. R. Meredith of London the Brotherhood of Trainmen and W. C. Brown of Tillsonburg, Engineer Johnson. The company's claims agents and representatives were also present.

A. B. Richardson was foreman of the jury.

Unwritten Law Says No Fourth Term For Any Mayor of London

Stevenson Made Strong Point of This in His First Campaign.

The unwritten law of London decrees that no man shall hold the honor and responsibility of the office of mayor of the city four terms in succession. It was largely on the strength of this universally recognized, if unwritten, law of London that Dr. Stevenson swept Lieut.-Col. C. M. R. Graham down to defeat in the mayoralty contest of 1914.

"Shall a man seek office as mayor four times in succession and get away with it?" was the cry of Dr. Stevenson's supporters. And the answer given was an emphatic "No." The ballot box count on the night of the election was still more emphatic "No." And C. M. R. Graham, who had three previous elections, was snowed under by Stevenson's overwhelming majority.

In face of this fact, Mayor H. A. Stevenson has stepped forth into the civic arena for re-election after holding the office of chief executive of the city three times in succession, as did his predecessor. While the cleanness of his record as mayor is fully admitted, and the fact that he has done his best, nevertheless in seeking a fourth term, he is running full in and with eyes wide open into the "unwritten law" concerning the fourth term, which proved the undoing of his opponent three years ago.—Advt.

DIES IN HOSPITAL.

Gunner Fred de Gex, aged 22, son of Edward de Gex of Kerwood, died at the military hospital here yesterday after a short illness. The funeral will be held on Saturday morning to the G. T. R. station, and a military burial will take place at Strathroy.

COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE CITY TAXES

Controller Moore Outlines His Plan to Ratepayers.

RYERSON SCHOOL MEETING

Inspector Edwards Speaks on How To Get the Best Representatives.

At a public meeting last night at the Ryerson public school, Controller J. M. Moore outlined his scheme of civic commission government. Public School Inspector C. B. Edwards spoke on "How to secure the best men to govern the city." Although the attendance was light due to the stormy weather both addresses were listened to with much attention.

Ald. Harley acted as chairman. In opening the meeting he expressed regret that more interest is not shown in municipal politics.

The meeting was held under the Ryerson Civic League.

In opening his address Controller Moore stated as the question of the abolition of the board of controllers was now under consideration, he had formulated a scheme that would replace that body if the latter was done away with.

Thirteen Bodies.

"We now have thirteen different spending bodies in this city, each spending a certain amount of money," he said. "Under a commission form of city government this could be regulated in a much more satisfactory degree."

The scheme outlined by Controller Moore would mean the abolition of all present spending bodies, and their consolidation under one commission, whose duties it would be to elect members for the various departments. Thirty members would constitute this board of civic commissioners.

Under the present system there are 63 members of the various city departments. The estimated expenditure for 1917 under the present form of government would be $2,340,837. This amount was spent by thirteen bodies, whereas the civic commission form of government would reduce the spending bodies to six.

A Big Saving.

If a saving of 1 per cent annually was effected by the civic commission form of government the amount saved to the taxpayers would be 23,408.37.

The plan outlined by Controller Moore was divided under twelve heads, as follows:

1. The ratepayers will elect one civic body; six by the city, 24 by the wards. The members elected will have equal importance, and equal responsibility.

2. The commissioners will elect a mayor from its members, the best person qualified for the position.

3. The commissioners will elect six administrative boards from its members; one civic commissioner, four ward commissioners on each board, and also appoint two advising members for each board.

4. The executive board will be composed the mayor and the chairman of the six boards.

5. The civic commission will legislate. The six boards will administrate the different departments. The executive will advise the civic commission.

6. The civic commission will have absolute control of all civic activities and all direct the policies and expenditures of all departments.

Direct Supervise.

7. The administrative board will direct and supervise the carrying out of the actions and work of the different departments.

8. The executive board will receive the reports of the different administrative boards on all new work and expenditures, and will transmit reports and their recommendations to the civic commissions.

9. The commissioners will be elected to office for a term of three years, and thus give a continuity of representation. Two of the civic commissioners and eight of the ward commissioners will retire each year, so that thus there will be an election for both civic and ward commissioners each year.

Ten new members each year.

10 The best citizens will be brought forward, at all elections as all members when elected will be of equal importance and responsibility.

11. The appointment to the board of persons especially qualified to give expert advice may be used by the different boards.

12. The officials in the present different departments or boards will be returned to administer the works and activities, and no confusion or disorganization will result from the change from the present elective system to commission government as outlined above.

Would Be Abolished.

One of the features of this scheme is the abolition of all present spending bodies, such as the utilities commission, hospital trust, board of education, library board, and so on, and their consolidation under one head. The fact that the city, as represented by the council, has little control over the tax rate, as only a comparatively small portion of the money raised by taxation is controlled by the council, has been one of the big arguments in favor of the centralized commission plan.

Inspector C. B. Edwards outlined the history of city government. Athens, he said, had the best form of city government of ancient times. The Romans had a different system of government from the Athenians.

"The men who are elected to represent the ratepayers in municipal affairs should be honest, moral, intelligent and unselfish. Get these characteristics in a man and you get the right man for your municipal representative," said Inspector Edwards.

FARMERS ARE WARNED AGAINST SELLING ANY SHORT-WEIGHT SPUDS

Magistrate Imposes Minimum Fine on First Two Offenders.

Convicted of selling short weight potatoes on the market last Saturday two farmers were fined $5 and costs, when they appeared in police court on Thursday on charges laid on information furnished by Inspector McCallum. Reuben Watters of Mount Brydges and John Rhindress of Westminster Township were approached on the market last Saturday by Inspector McCallum and Ald. S. R. Manness, and forced to weigh certain bags of potatoes that the city officials suspected were short. The result of the weighing showed that the bags of potatoes instead of weighing 90 pounds, the standard required by law, fell short from 9 to 11 pounds.

Under the act each man could have been fined as high as $25 and cost, but the magistrate stated he would impose a minimum fine in the convictions, hoping it would act as a deterrent to others who might be inclined to give short weight. If this fails to have the desired effect heavier fines will be imposed. Both men attributed the shortage to the fact that their scales could not be correct.

JOINT INSTALLATION LARGELY ATTENDED

In spite of stormy weather there was a large attendance at the annual joint installation of the masters and officers-elect of the Masonic Lodges in the city at the Masonic Hall last night.

The masters-elect installed were: E. Gerry, St. John's, 20; Charles T. Ross, St. George's, 42; N. P. Walsh, Kilwinning, 64; B. N. Campbell, Tuscan, 195; F. S. Campbell, St. John's, 209; W. Busch, Corinthian, 330; J. W. Holliday, King Solomon, 378; W. D. McGregor, Union, 380.

Rt. Wor. Bro. C. H. Ziegler, P.D. D.G.M., and V. Wor. Bro. O. Bridle were installing officers.

RETURNED OFFICER MARRIED TO NURSE

Lieut. Oliver Malsonville, of Ford City, who was wounded in France, and Miss Valerie Ashwell, of this city, graduate nurse of Victoria Hospital, were married last evening at the rectory of St. Mark's Church by Rev. A. L. Beverly. Lieut. Malsonville has been in London for some time convalescing. The bride is a daughter of David Ashwell, of this city. Lieut. and Mrs. Malsonville will reside at Ford City.

K. OF P. ELECTION

Myrtle Lodge Holds Its Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of Myrtle Lodge, No. 21, K. of P., the following officers were elected for the year 1918: Chancellor Commander, Alex. McCabe; V. C., William Mottashed; prelate, Geo. Grisman; K. of R. and S., W. McLean, M. of Finance, J. G. Greason; M. of E., R. Cadwallader; M.-at-Arms, T. D. Sanders; I. Guard, J. D. Ross; physician, Dr. J. D. Wilson; grand lodge representative, William Mottashed; board of control, Messrs. Cadwallader, Mottashed and Grisman.

During the meeting a letter was read from Bro. Southern, a member of the original Princess Pats, who after being at the front three years, was recently wounded, and is now in Orpington Hospital, England

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY U.S. RECRUITS

New Regulations Issued for C. E. F. Recruiting Across Border.

New regulations have been issued governing the enlistment of men in the United States by the British-Canadian Recruiting Mission, which provide that men in Category A who are accepted must be for the infantry units, unless they are specially qualfied as foresters, and are willing to serve as such. Men in Category A may also be enlisted for work as skilled railway employees and as skilled mechanics.

Men in Category B who are qualified especially for forestry work may also be enlisted, and the same rule applies to men for the railway construction corps, and to men for work as skilled railway employees and skilled mechanics.

WINGHAM SOLDIER WAS BADLY HURT IN AUTO COLLISION

Wingham, Dec. 27. — H. Hinchcliffe has received a letter from his son William, stating he is in a hospital in England with his ribs and one leg broken. While riding a bicycle he was struck by an auto. His brother, Harold, is also in the hospital recovering from "gas" he got in France.

The new skating rink was opened last night with the Citizens' Band in attendance. There were about three hundred people on the ice at one time.

Coal and wood is slowly coming in, and the dealers are dividing it so that as many citizens as possible get fuel.

Election talk at present is very quiet. Ald. L. F. Binkley and ex-Reeve Mitchell are expected to run for the mayoralty. The other alderman may be given an acclamation.

Miss Ella Rogers eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rogers, is very low in the hospital.

SOLDIERS' BANQUETS WERE MOST ENJOYABLE

Two jolly Christmas banquets were held in the soldiers' quarters on Carling Heights last evening, one by the Service Company of the Canadian Engineers and one by the A. M. C. Training Depot. The banquets were planned for Christmas but so many of the men were home on leave that it was decided to hold them after the holiday. A most enjoyable time was spent by the soldiers last evening.

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We cater to particular people, those who want the very choicest quality. The prices listed here show you the way to an economical Sunday or New Year's dinner.

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Sit down before a tempting plate of INGERSOLL PORK SAUSAGES.

WE ARE NOW CUTTING OUR PRIME CHRISTMAS BEEF.

Prime Rib Roasts Beef, lb.	30c	Fresh Pork Tenderloins, lb.	40c
Deep Cut Sirloin Beef, lb.	30c	Fresh Spareribs, lb.	20c
Boneless Rolled Roasts, lb.	25c	Special—Fresh Ham Roasts, lb.	32c
Extra Choice Pot Roasts, lb.	22c	Ingersoll Sugar-Cured Hams, whole or half, lb.	35c
Choice Chuck Roasts, lb.	20c	Choice Lake Erie Herring, lb.	10c
Tender Round Steak, lb.	30c	Whitefish, Salmon Trout, Halibut,	
Hamburg Steak, fresh ground, lb	20c	Solid Meat Oysters and Shrimps.	
Extra Choice Lean Beef Cut-tings, lb.	20c		

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A Clean Sweep of Ladies' Collars

Broken lines from Christmas rush:

Five dozen Crepe and Organdy Collars. Don't miss this sale. To clear at 29c

Four doz. Ladies' Fine Crepe Collars, special designs, worth up to $1.25. To clear.... 69c

Ready-to-Wear Department

24 only Girls' Winter Coats, sizes 10, 12 and 14 years, in brown, navy, dark green and grey, full lined, high-button collar; regular $8.50. For $5.95

27 only Ladies' Winter Coats, with large collars, belted and half-belt styles, in diagonal, cheviot and tweed, colors of grey, navy, dark brown, green and black; regular $15.00 and $18.50. To clear $12.50

Ladies' Cashmere Hose

20 dozen Black Cashmere Hose, fine quality, all sizes. Special 50c

15 dozen Fine Quality Black Cashmere Hose, all sizes. Very special, per pair 75c

MEN'S NECKWEAR SALE

Balance of our 35c Boxed Ties, in splendid patterns and colors. Clearing at 19c

Balance of our 50c Neckwear, in many handsome colors and designs. Not boxed at this price 35c

Entire stock of 75c Neckwear in big full shapes and new and smart colors, not boxed 45c

Choice of all high-grade Neckwear, in pure heavyweight Swiss Silks. Regular $1.25 to $2.00, for 95c

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Clearance of entire stock of fine ... Silk Reefers and Knitted Mufflers at ba... es. Regular 75c, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $2.5... ..... 50c, 75c, $1.20, $1.3...

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Of Interest to Every Lady

LINENS! LINENS! LINENS!

Full range of regular lines, also clearing specials.

15 only Tablecloths, 54x54, loom damask, hemmed $1.00

10 only 72x72 Full-Bleached Pure Linen Tablecloths, slightly crushed. To clear at..... $2.19

One piece Half-Bleached Table Damask, soiled. To clear, per yard 39c

Marseilles Quilts

25 only White Marseilles Quilts, splendid quality, slightly crushed in laundering. Extra special, each $1.98

Doilies, Centrepieces, Scarfs and Square. White and linen To clear ... One-third off regular price

Bath Towels

15 dozen Cream Bath Towels, free from dressing, wash elegantly; less than wholesale price. To clear, per dozen $1.00

Odd Soiled Underwear

Clearance of odd garments in Fine Wool Underwear, in medium and heavy makes, from the best makers. Some of these are soiled more or less badly and will need washing before using. Regular $1.25 to $2.50 per garment. Clearing at 90c

Soft Hats, worth up to $3.00. All colors to clear $1.30

Balance of all Soft Hats in stock (except Borsalinos) in browns, greens, tans, greys, etc. All sizes in the lot; 6 5-8 to 7 3-8 at this bargain price.

On table Men's Caps in odd lines, that sold up to $2.00 ..... 99c

Dress Goods Department

Tweed Dress Goods in fine pepper and salt and diagonal stripe, 49 inches. Special, yard.... 49c

One table of Remnants of Dress Goods and Velvets, one to five yards ..... Half Price

White Habutai Wash Silk, medium weight, 36 inches 48c

Black Paillette Silk, heavy quality, old dye, 36 inches wide; a clearing line. Per yard only $1.25

Cotton and Sheeting Remnants

One table of ends of Cottons and Sheeting, length of two to five yards. To clear.... 25% discount

Five pieces Special Unbleached Cotton, 36 inches wide. At 12½c

White Saxony Flannelette, 36 inches wide, fine quality, extra value. Per yard 25c

Young Men's Smart Overcoats, Worth to $16.50, at $10

Form-Fitting and Pinch-Back styles, in smart tweeds, in browns, greys, etc. Odd garments, every one of this year's make and regular at $15.00 and $16.50. Sizes 35 to 39.

Clearing All-Wool Trench and Motor Style Overcoats $15

Splendid Heavy All Wool, Soft Finish Frieze Overcoats, double-breasted, with two-way collar; all around or half-belt models. Also splendid tweeds in browns, tans and greys. Real value $20

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