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COUNCIL REGAINS CAUTIOUSLY.

The new council took office to-day, and under what may be termed favourable circumstances. The political aspect of things was not conspicuous, and for good and sufficient reasons.

In setting out for a new year's record the council should take the position that until the budget has been struck, and until it reveals the revenue and probable expenditure, no serious contracts should be undertaken.

The ideal position for the new council—the only safe position indeed—is to avoid every financial obligation until the finance committee has reported upon the financial position of the city.

KINGSTON'S POWER OFFER.

The Hydro-Electric Commission should have been impressed with the action of the people in approving of the conveyance of power by Mr. Campbell to his flour mills.

An alderman in Guelph, who was defeated in the election, rejoiced that the loss of time and money was at an end. He claimed that his business had fallen off \$10,000 or \$12,000 while he was attending to the people's business.

Judge Middleton, in an appeal from the Ottawa Journal, has elaborated the rights of a reporter to accommodation and public information at the City Hall.

WHAT RUSSIA WANTS.

H. Hamilton Fyfe, of the staff of the London Chronicle, writing from Petrograd, (St. Petersburg's new name), says this century, as well as the nineteenth, belongs to Britain.

cession, and that is why," says Mr. Fyfe, "the world is at war to-day." To Russia will belong the twenty-first century.

Russia is backward in many respects. But against the drawback Mr. Fyfe sets the comforts of strong nerves, few cities, no "rush from the land, no industrial weakening of the greater part of the population.

Britain is warned that it will not do to perpetuate her old policy of suspicion. Russia cannot longer be thwarted in her plans. If Britain, her ally, stands aside, well and good.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The balance of trade is turning in favour of the United States, and its finances are very good. They have not to raise the \$200,000,000 which they owed Britain and a while ago could not pay her.

The revenue of the dominion for the last year went behind over \$44,000,000. The national debt was swelled by \$73,000,000. New sources of taxation must be found, and once found will never be forgotten.

The shooting of the American by Canadian soldiers, at Fort Erie, was doubtless "accidental." But the family of the man who lost his life are entitled to compensation, and the Canadian government should hasten to pay it.

Britain has answered the protest of the United States against the search for contraband goods. The cases of serious delay appear to be very few, and in the interest of Germany and her need of cotton, oil and copper, Britain is not going to stop her vigilance.

The "gunmen" we read about are simply the youths who are neglected in their home training and schooling, and drift into vagabondism and crime. The cure for this is the enforcement of law against truancy and the sale of firearms to incompetent persons.

The Windsor Record is against industrial bonuses. Most municipalities are. Ontario legislated against this once but a fire burned a mill in the premier's constituency and he found a way of circumventing the law.

Mr. McNichol, the vice-president of the C.P.E., is not worn out, but he has retired. He knew better than to wait until failing health or vision forced action. So many fail to discover their own defects, and have to be reminded of them in an unpleasant way.

Some one has been reviving the unkind things that were said of G. H. Ferguson, M.P.P., when he acted as chairman of the Public Accounts Committee. They will keep in mind until they are wanted. Meanwhile they will leave, as one conservative paper puts it, "a bad taste in the mouth."

Thomas Hardy, one of Victoria county's oldest men, is dead, aged eighty-three years. He had been visiting a neighbor and died almost immediately upon returning home.

The British secretary for war desires it known that no replies to telegraphic enquiries regarding the condition of men in hospital will be sent unless they are prepaid.

Canadian Wins Apple Prize. Rochester, N.Y., Jan. 11.—For the second consecutive time, a Canadian captured the Grand Sweep-stake prize of \$50, offered by the New York State Fruit Growers' Association for the best three boxes of apples entered in the annual exhibition, when the judges awarded the prize to-day to W. L. Hamilton, of Collingwood, Ontario.

Public Opinion

Quite Sure Of It.

Windsor Record. Elbert Hubbard writing in the recent Philistine says: "Hell was made in Germany."

Forget It.

London Advertiser. The crown prince of Germany has dropped out of the fight as completely as some of the defeated candidates in the recent municipal elections.

They Surely Ought.

Montreal Mail. An Ontario woman went to sleep with her pipe alight, and was burned to death. The ladies ought to be more careful.

So It Seems.

Montreal News. New Zealand has more recruits coming forward than are needed. Evidently the holding of a general election didn't disturb that country.

Peace In Danger.

Toronto World. A despatch says that the artist who painted the "Peace" picture, which is in The Hague, is dead. Peace itself is somewhat buried these days.

Good News.

Windsor Mercury. A Rembrandt painting has been sold in New York for \$250,000. This is encouraging, as it looked for a time as though America had gone Mutt and Jeff crazy.

Kingston Events Twenty-five Years Ago

The work of constructing the second track at Kingston Mills was commenced to-day.

The roads were never in better shape for wheeling than at present.

Rev. W. B. Carey, addressed missionary services in Ottawa.

URNS HUNDREDS OUT.

Highway and Canal Engineers Lose Their Jobs.

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 11.—Plans for dispensing with the services of more than 400 employees in the offices of the state engineer and the secretary of state are announced.

Forteen employees of the secretary of state office, including Paul Delaney, a nephew of former Governor Glynn, already have been suspended.

Under Williams' plan the departments of barge canal and terminals will be consolidated and the positions of division engineers of terminals abolished.

The lay-off of employees in the secretary of state's office, it was explained was occasioned by Mr. Hugo's investigation of his office records during which he found that of the \$3,000 appropriated last October for temporary employees for the fiscal year, only \$283 remained.

FIVE VICARS ARRESTED.

Printer of Pastoral Having His Choice of Jail or Fine.

Amsterdam, Holland, Jan. 11.—In a despatch from Rosendaal the correspondent of the Amsterdam Tjld says that M. Dessain, who printed Cardinal Mercier's pastoral letter, has been fined 500 marks (\$125) with an alternate threat of fifty days' imprisonment.

Continuing, the correspondent declares that the Vicar of Hembeek was kept a prisoner in the fort at Hoboken from Saturday noon until Sunday morning. The vicars of Duffel, Contich, Brasschaet and Schooten also were imprisoned.

EAT MORE BREAD.

American Chemistry Authority Says It Is Best Food.

Washington, Jan. 11.—"Eat more bread, even if wheat and bread costs more, it will be cheaper than other food, even though dearer."

This was the advice given to-day by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief of the bureau of chemistry.

"There is a popular fallacy in favor of meat," said the doctor. "Meat contains sixty per cent. water and costs twenty-five cents a pound. Bread is only forty per cent. water and costs five cents a pound. There's more energy in a pound of bread than in a pound of meat."

Mrs. John Bennington died in Prospect on January 9th. She was born near Kingston and is survived by her husband and five children. John H. Johnson and Mrs. Ramsey Johnson, Kingston, are brother and sister of deceased.

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

OF MAYOR SUTHERLAND BEFORE CITY COUNCIL.

His Worship Made Some Good Suggestions—He Advocates Economy During This Year.

In his inaugural address to the City Council on Monday morning, Mayor Sutherland said that conditions existing to-day necessitate a programme based on economy, and economy, consistent with efficiency, must be our watchword this year.

It is encouraging to note the feeling of optimism which prevails, and while we have no fear of the outcome of the issues involved, yet we have to govern ourselves consistently with good business principles.

The demands to be made upon us will be many, and it is only by an economical policy that these different issues can be met when they present themselves.

That a special rate be made for window lighting and that porch lighting in the residential section be furnished at a special, if not a fixed, rate.

That the question of dividing the city into zones be considered, location to determine the assessment value.

That the finance committee look well into the question of a tax commission and see where we can improve matters.

That all future extensions of telephone or other wiring be done underground.

That the Board of Works hold its meetings in the evenings, when the business demands of its members are not so imperative, and thereby enabling the members to give more time and thought to this important committee.

That some scheme be devised whereby modified milk for infants could be dispensed at cost.

That the city cannot have a police patrol this year, see that its offenders are not paraded through the streets.

That the sale of the present fair grounds and the purchase of another property for exhibition purposes.

That in the opening of new sections, provisions be made for a lane way up the center of each block, and in this lane all drains, mains, telephone and other wires, etc., be installed.

That steps be taken to relieve garbage conditions, and provide for its proper collection and disposal.

WAR BULLETINS.

The allied forces have regained the outskirts of Lille, and the Germans are evacuated.

The Germans dropped bombs on Dunkirk and Paris on Sunday, but no serious damage was done.

Captain Denzil Newton, of the Princess Pats regiment, was killed in France, but it is not known whether he was with the 1st or 2nd British regiment.

The allies' artillery is gaining on the Germans at all points now.

Two Turkish cruisers were disabled in a fight with the Russians in the Black Sea.

GOOD TO BE BRITON NOW.

Sir John Jellicoe Speaks of Splendid Patience of Men.

London, Jan. 11.—An interesting letter from Admiral Sir John Jellicoe was read at an entertainment for the soldiers' and sailors' wives Saturday night.

"The men," he wrote, "are an example of cheery patience that is splendid. If they had the excitement of action the trial of patience would not be so severe, but they are content just to keep wait and watch, and it is good to see how well they stick to the rather monotonous work."

Peterboro, Jan. 11.—At the conclusion here of the business year of the Eastern Dairymen's Association the following officers were elected: Hon. presidents—Hon. Senator Derbyshire, Brockville; John R. Darvell, M.L.A., Elgin; President—J. A. Sanderson, Oxford Station; First vice-president—J. N. Stone, Norham; Second vice-president—H. C. Leggett, Newboro.

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