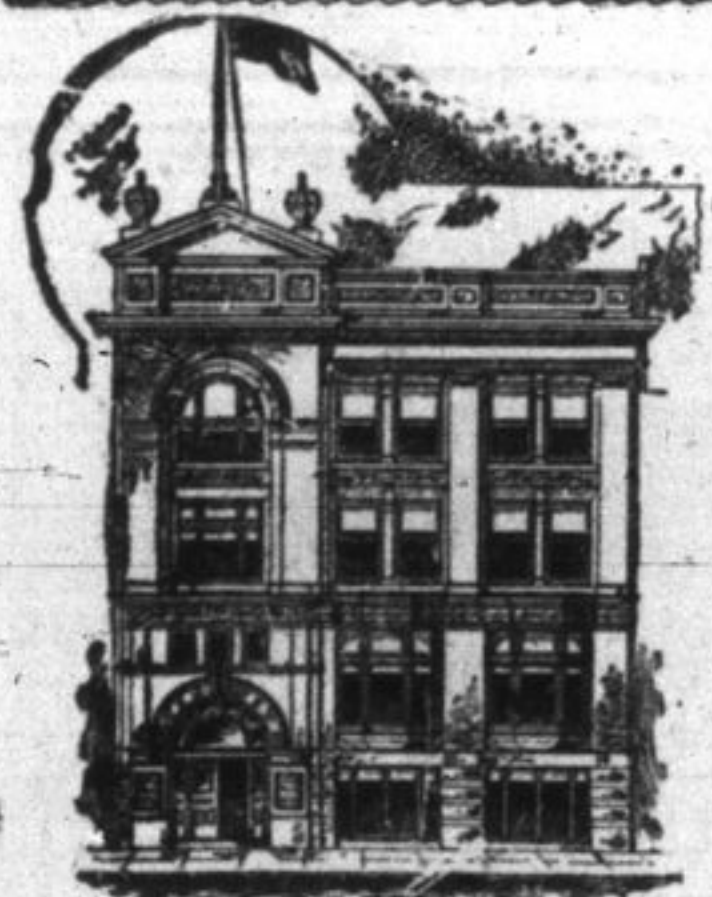


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POLICE MATRON.

Three months ago, at the expense of the Women's National Council, the Police Commissioners appointed a Police Matron, whose special duty was to look after the women who required the attention of the Police Department.

The scold story of a three months' experience is not contemplated very pleasantly. It reveals the temptations and waywardness of human nature. It shows how far down the incline one may slide when she lets evil influences have their way.

The erring ones generally have not belonged to this city. They have not come to it in an ostentatious way. They have drifted in, as they have drifted from home, without friendly or parental guidance, and become sad and unfortunate wrecks.

THE SMALLER COUNCIL. Notice has been given of a motion which aims at a reduction of the membership of the City Council to eight and the Mayor. A smaller body, of men who will give to the public business a reasonable attention, who will deal with public problems as the business man deals with them, who think more and talk less, will commend itself to the electors.

The smaller body is the more efficient, however, when composed of better men. The proposition reminds us of what the Whig has contended for again and again, namely, that a Commission of five men, able, honest, industrious, far-seeing, would serve the people to greater advantage than the Council of twenty-one. But a Commission is not possible under the Municipal Law at present, and an amendment can only be looked for when it is acknowledged that Municipal Government by Councils is a failure.

In numbers there is wisdom, it is said, and until the whole system is radically changed the larger Council is the safer in the public interests. The smaller body, unless composed of the very best men, will be unable to stand up against the public agitators that sometimes nearly sweep men off their feet.

There may be some strong reasons for a reduction in the membership of the Council and they will be heard and duly considered. But what the city needs is a more energetic Council, and one that will give the people a more efficient administration of public affairs. Of the fads and frolics of the Aldermen of the City has had enough.

THE TRAVAIL OF RUSSIA. Travellers through Russia tell us that the falling of so many officials is their love of graft. Go where one will and the itching palm presents itself. The touch of gold is necessary to expedite business. This manifest falling must have penetrated to the core of every department of the public service. The evidence of this appears in connection with the war and under circumstances that have been viewed with the greatest alarm. The retirement of the Russians from the front, step by step, dogged-

ly and resistantly, under German pressure, has now been understood. The Russian army, strong, active, and aggressive, made great headway in its invasion of the enemy's land, up to a certain point. Then it wavered, and, later, began its retreat. The explanation is this, that there was first a shortage of munitions, and secondly, a misfit of shells, as if there had been somewhere a tampering with the Allies' munitions. The purpose of it becomes plain when it is said that the shells would not fit the Russian guns, but they would fit the Germans guns. They were used when captured for the destruction of the Allied forces.

It was with regret that the Russians permitted this information to reach the press. Perhaps it escaped the censor. It was the truth, however, and it accounts for the boldness of the Germans in their repeated attacks and successes for a time. It accounts, too, for the retirement of Grand Duke Nicholas, that grand old soldier, whose strategy was applied by the defaults and dishonesty of the Russian Ordnance Department. It was a revolt of the army which finally awoke the Russians, and one result of the change will be an end to the incapacity and iniquity of the Russian officials. Oily, in the "Ordeal by Battle," speaks of the "tragedy of errors in Britain." But these errors, unfortunate as some of them were, could not be compared with the errors in Russia, and leading up to almost the defeat of its army.

A nation suffers when it is not prepared for a war that is suddenly forced upon it. It suffers the more from the deceit and dishonesty of the men upon whom it has leaned or trusted in vain.

EDITORIAL NOTES. One who does not regard himself as a prophet, but as a close observer of the times, says Ontario will have prohibition within five years. He sees it coming, and nothing can change the trend of events.

One who uses the hotels in the country a good deal says they have never been so good as during the period of local option. A great and valuable testimony, and one which can be safely passed along for use elsewhere.

The war is just beginning. That is the idea one gathers from the speeches of Lloyd-George and the admissions of Kitchener. Credit, comfort, life itself, all at stake. Everything in the melting pot in order to gratify the ambitions of one crazy man.

The plea of the men in the Manitoba case is that they cannot be prosecuted for offences committed while they were acting as ministers. As representatives of the Crown, as it were, they could do no wrong. A dangerous and destructive doctrine, to say the least of it.

So the postmasters are deputy censors, and are empowered to open newspapers and detain or destroy them according to their judgment. For the land's sake! The Whig had some respect for censorship so long as it was clothed in a kind of mystery, but this dispels the illusion.

Nelson Spencer, M.P.P., of Medicine Hat, passing through Montreal, threw out a prediction. It was to the effect that a sweep of the Northwest would be made by the Canadian Government, and he advised an election. One of the political agitators who will sooner or later come to his own.

A Vancouver paper, endorsed by the Toronto News, demands that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, hat in hand, must see the Premier and sue for peace; if there is not to be an election very soon. Oh, that's it. A question of routine, not of public policy or expediency. The mountain must go to the mouse.

Australia has been referred to as one of the colonies that has had an election during the war. And it may have another, but the Government that orders it will demonstrate its fatuous policy and give the people a chance to say what they think about it. The Round Table predicts serious trouble in Australia.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

Police Constable Timmerman today found forty pigs on the premises of a resident in Williamsville, and summoned the owner with an infringement of the nuisance law.

Work has been commenced on the water tower on the penitentiary farm.

An organ to cost \$5,000 will be placed in Spynham Street Methodist Church. Use Canadian Snowshoes. London, Sept. 16.—A neutral just returned from Galicia, in a call at Sir George Perley's office, stated that the Hungarian troops were using Canadian snowshoes to cross the wood-grown dogs of the Polish marshes. The troops are very inept, and sometimes laughingly express the wish that the Canadians were their Allies instead of their enemies, as then the marshes might be crossed at a better rate of speed than one mile in three hours, as at present.

MORE COUNTY GRANTS

ARE MADE TO THE VARIOUS PATRIOTIC FUNDS.

In All \$3,000 Was Passed By The Frontenac Council — Arrangements For Holding Patriotic Meetings.

The Frontenac County Council on Wednesday afternoon made these patriotic grants: To the Canadian Patriotic Fund, \$500 a month for five months, leaving next year's council the privilege of continuing or increasing this amount; \$250 to the Red Cross Fund, and \$250 to the Ross Horse Ambulance.

These grants were made after the council had held three sessions and deliberated upon what it should do, and after it had heard four members of the Speakers' Patriotic League. The grants were made on resolution of Councillor William Spankie.

Councillor James Halliday's motion to give \$5,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, \$500 to the Red Cross Fund, \$400 to the Horse Ambulance Fund, and \$100 to the Tobacco Fund, was defeated, the mover and the seconder, Councillor Redden, alone supporting the larger grants.

At the Wednesday afternoon session a delegation from the Speakers' Patriotic League, including W. F. Nickle, M.P., Prof. E. Martin, J. W. Edwards, M.P., and Prof. L. W. Mulloy, addressed the council with regard to the patriotic funds that it might assist.

Mr. Nickle made an eloquent appeal for the co-operation of the council in helping the Empire's cause by liberal contributions. He instanced what would occur if the Teutons gained the upper hand. There would be no longer the municipal government that Canada now enjoyed.

Prof. Martin said that each reeve could organize in his township, and help in getting both money contributions and recruits.

Dr. Edwards stated that patriotic meetings should be held at various points throughout the county. He remarked that the fact of the ablest financiers of the Allied nations now being in New York to raise a big loan was proof enough that the great cause behind which Canada stood was in need of money. Another thing Dr. Edwards suggested was that Frontenac should honor her sons who had gone to the front, and those who had fallen by erecting tablets to their memory in the Court House, where all could see their names.

In the discussion upon the grants, Councillor Stoeness said that Kingston as a corporation had not given a grant to the Patriotic Fund. Councillor Kennedy corrected him by saying that the Kingston Council had voted \$5,000 last September to that fund, while the Frontenac Council gave \$2,000.

Councillor Halliday stated that all the municipalities would soon be called upon to give money. Frontenac was doing its share now. There was some discussion as to recruiting meetings, and the matter was left over until Thursday morning for decision.

At the Council's concluding session on Thursday morning, Councillors Calvin, Spankie and Halliday were appointed to confer with the Speakers' Patriotic League regarding the holding of recruiting meetings throughout the county. A grant of \$100 was made to the Speakers' Patriotic League towards the expenses of the recruiting meetings.

Helping The Disabled.

The French plan includes schools, and workshops of various kinds, and the support of the particularly disabled men while they are acquiring skill in their new vocations. In Great Britain a fund, known as the Lord Roberts Memorial Fund, is being raised for this purpose. The relatives of the late Field Marshal approve the object as one which would have been dear to the fine old patriot himself, and they consider it that the Fund will assist many a disabled British soldier to a happier existence than could otherwise have been his. Canadian conditions may require a modification of the Old Country plan, but the thing to be insisted upon is that a grave problem already faces the Dominion — a problem that calls for all the gratitude and generosity of which our people are capable.

A Successful R.M.G. Man.

Capt. J. K. G. Magee, Toronto, a brother of Major Boyd Magee, while at the Dardanelles in command of a company of the 4th Australians, was recently wounded for the second time during the present struggle on the Gallipoli Peninsula. He is now making satisfactory progress in hospital and has been awarded the military cross for gallantry and ability in leading his men.

Capt. Magee was a cadet at the Royal Military College, Kingston, when the South African war commenced, and served throughout that campaign, with "C" Company of the Canadians.

SHOW MUCH ADMIRER

DISPLAY OF THE KINGSTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Band Of The R. C. H. A. Rendered a Choice Programme Of Music — A Fine Exhibit Of Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables.

The display at the show of the Kingston Horticultural Society, in the Armouries on Wednesday night was much admired.

The attendance was rather small, due no doubt, to the rain, but everybody present had a good word to say about the exhibits. The show was on all day to-day and will be open again to-night.

The members of the Society are looking for a record crowd to-night. There will be another concert by the band of the R.C.H.A. Never in the history of the Society, and it has conducted many shows, has there been such a good display of vegetables.

"Just as fine a lot as you would see at any show," remarked a vegetable man to the Whig on Wednesday night. "This display alone is well worth the price of admission. It is not only a good display, as to quality but in addition it has been well arranged and this counts at a show."

And then the beautiful flowers, plants and ferns must not be overlooked. Kingston and district has a great many flower growers, and they take great pride in turning out the very best, for it is only the best that they do turn out. There is also a very choice fruit exhibit, showing that while we have not what might be termed a fruit garden in this district, still we have something that is well worth while.

A. W. McLean, the energetic secretary of the Society, who has done much to make this show such a great success from year to year, and to whom much credit is due, was a very busy man all day Wednesday, looking after the exhibits. Members of the Society also worked hard to get everything in good shape. And now it is up to the general public to patronize the show.

Citizens should remember that the net proceeds are being given to the Red Cross funds, so the show is for a most worthy cause, and this alone should bring the crowds.

Special mention is also the very fine display of ferns by J. W. Marsh. It was very much admired.

The doors are opened at 2 p.m. and closed at 6 and 11 p.m., so this will give every citizen ample opportunity to pay a visit to the exhibition, and make an inspection of all that is to be seen. The admission fee is 25 cents, children 10 cents.

Wednesday night the band of the R.C.H.A. gave a fine concert between 8 and 10 o'clock.

The following is a list of the officers and directors of the Kingston Horticultural Society, and to whom great credit is due for the show: President, Lt.-Col. R. E. Kent; first vice-president, J. B. Walkem; second vice-president, R. J. Balden; Board of Directors, W. H. Macnee, George Nicol, George W. Bell, E. J. Longden, A. P. Chown, Thomas England, Archibald Knight, M. J. McNeil, H. J. Simpson, R. J. Bushell.

No Responsible Officer.

Toronto Globe. The Ordnance Department, which is responsible for clothing recruits, has only power to deal with regimental and battalion quartermasters. Generally speaking, till they join their battalion, recruits for overseas are properly neither regimental recruits nor battalion recruits, and no one has authority to issue uniforms to them. In some instances recruits have been supplied with regimental uniforms to wear till they joined their battalions. Recruits for a particular battalion, of course, would only be able, at the very earliest, to get uniforms after the appointment of a quartermaster. As the battalion to which yesterday's draft of recruits will be attached were uncertain, no uniforms could, under present conditions, be issued to them.

It is the consensus of opinion that recruits should be outfitted on attestation, and there seems no reason why this should not be done, in the case of Toronto, by appointing a Recruiting Depot Quartermaster. The battalion insignia could be affixed to the uniforms afterwards.

No Time For Elections.

Toronto Telegram. "Canadians should not be asked to go to the polls in the crisis of a war, when their hearts are anxious and their minds are troubled." The Borden Government is being hurried to the country by smart politicians who imagine that they can make Conservatives swallow their objections to a general election in 1915.

"If Sir Robert Borden's ear is to the ground, Sir Robert Borden should know that from Halifax Vancouver Conservatives are protesting that they do not want an election, and vow that they will either vote Liberal or not vote at all if an election is brought on."

Rippling Rhymes by Walt Mason. Illustration of a man and a woman.

THE CONQUEROR. Who is this man of stately mien, who gains applause where'er he wanders, who has a hill in every scene, who has all people for his friends? The rich and poor, the high and low, behold his coming with glad smiles, the women say he is a joy, the merchant princes lift their eyes. He is no soldier, who in vain a million quarts of blood has shed; he has not clutched up the plains with ricks and windrows of his dead. He is no statesman, who has held a senate and yelled throughout the broad Chautauqua field. He is no author who has made a book with fire in every line, that made Gene Stratton Porter fade, and E. Bell Wright take in his sign. Who is this man of lordly air, whom all the people thus applaud, and greet with fervor everywhere, whenever he may walk abroad? Why does he cut such seeds of ice? What has he done that is sublime? He is the man who has the price—the man who pays his bills on time.

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WOMAN SICK FOR YEARS. Wants Other Women to Know How She was Finally Restored to Health. Hammond, Ont. — "I am passing through the Change of Life and for two years had hot flushes very bad, headaches, soreness in the back of head, was constipated, and had weak, nervous feelings. The doctor who attended me for a number of years did not help me, but I have been entirely relieved of the above symptoms by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, Blood Purifier and Liver Pills, and give you permission to publish my testimonial." — Mrs. LOUIS BRUCAUGE, Sr., Hammond, Ont., Canada.

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Word has been received that the Mgr. Racicot, Bishop of Pogia, died at Ste. Therese, Que., aged about seventy.