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KINGSTON, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1915

SECOND SECTION

CITY COUNCIL LAST MEETING

Civic Peace Intercession Service on Jan. 2nd.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

TO BE CABLED TO KINGSTON SOLDIERS OVERSEAS.

The United States Consul Thanked For His Efforts On Behalf of Kingstons Prisoners of War in Germany.

The City Council held its last regular meeting of the year on Monday night and adjourned at nine o'clock to finish the night around the festive board at the Frontenac Club as the Mayor's guests.

The Council acceded to the petition of the Kingston Ministerial Association and will arrange for the holding of a civic service of intercession for peace in the City Hall on Sunday afternoon, the 2nd of January, at which the mayor and the aldermen will attend in a body.

It decided, on motion of Ald. Newman, to instruct the City Solicitor, in the event of the people passing the by-laws for the reduction of the number of aldermen and the aldermanic term, to apply immediately afterwards to the Ontario Legislature to pass the necessary legislation so that the wish of the people may come into effect in 1917.

On motion of Ald. Richardson and White, the Council expressed its thanks to United States Consul F. S. S. Johnson for his untiring and self-sacrificing efforts in behalf of Kingston citizens who are prisoners of war in Germany and in forwarding them parcels and comforts.

On motion of Ald. McCann and O'Connor, it expressed sympathy with Ald. C. J. Graham in the great loss he had sustained by the death of his wife a week ago.

The Council's Christmas greetings were ordered to be sent to the Canadian authorities in England and at the front and to be by conveyed to Kingston's soldiers doing their part in the defence of the British

Empire. This resolution was moved by Ald. McCann.

The last resolution to be passed was introduced by Alds. Kent and Hughes, who moved that the Council express to Mayor Sutherland its appreciation over the efficient way he had governed the Council during the year. This resolution met with the warm approval of the aldermen who applauded vigorously when the City Clerk put the question.

In attendance at the meeting were Mayor Sutherland and Alds. Gardiner, Gillespie, Hughes, Kent, Litton, McCann, Newman, Nickle, O'Connor, Peters, Richardson, White, Wormuth, Wright.

Communications Read.

These communications were read, and most of them referred to committee.

George Y. Chown submitting statement of wages paid by the Wormuth Piano Company and of the Frontenac Floor and Wall Tile Company, Ltd.

City Auditor regarding pay roll Wormuth Piano Company.

Public Utilities Commission asking for \$313.89 for extension of electric lines across new Cataract causeway.

Public Utilities Commission asking for \$320 for placing fire hydrant at the corner of King street and St. Lawrence avenue.

Canadian Locomotive Company asking permission to construct and extend the wharf or pier in front of its property.

Tax Collector regarding local improvement charges on Patrick street.

A. Shaw, Chairman Kingston Relief Association, asking for use of Committee Room in the City Buildings.

Ald. J. S. R. McCann tendering his resignation as alderman for Frontenac Ward. Accepted to take effect on January 1st.

W. J. Gates regarding assessment for local improvement on Toronto street.

Ald. C. J. Graham returning thanks for flowers.

The Finance Report.

These recommendations of the Finance Committee were adopted: That the following unauthorized accounts be paid: Prof. W. Walker, analysis of tarvia, \$20; B. Blackhall, analysis of tarvia, \$10.

That the Collector of Taxes is hereby instructed not to collect taxes for the year 1914 as follows: Roll No. 143 on part lot 69 assessed to Kingston Realities, Ltd., \$21.18.

Roll No. 148 on part lot 69 assessed to Kingston Realities, Ltd., \$10.27.

Christmas

It comes this year as it has come for centuries, in spite of all the jarring voices that war against its gracious message. Its song of "peace on earth" rang out into a world that had little welcome for it; that denied even the right to live to Him who translated its music into a human life. It was a song of faith. Drowned a thousand times by the discordant shouts of hate and war, it has not faltered in the calm confidence of the truth it was given to proclaim. Again and again as the tumult and the shouting have died away, it has been heard still flooding the earth and sky with its holy melody.

It is the song of the world's great optimist. There were ears that heard it even amid the darkness which fell upon that "green hill far away without a city wall." Ears there are that will hear it this year despite the clash of hostile armies and the roar of a thousand cannon. Multitudes there are who will sing it with the same confident faith as in those days of peace when they trusted reason was soon to take the place of war. To doubt the final triumph of the truth sung to the world in the "Glad Tidings" of its first Christmas Day, is to sail a sea without a bottom or a shore, chart and compass lost.

We do not hesitate then to send out our Christmas greeting. The things that are seen are temporal. It is in the realm of the unseen that we must seek just now that which abides in the Christmas message and which no night of war, save for a time, can dim with its primeval darkness.

Christmas is Coming

Only 3 Days Left!

Shop Early!

THE advertisements of leading merchants appearing daily in the columns of THE BRITISH WHIG present unlimited offerings of an attractive and seasonable character suitable for Christmas, a careful perusal of which will facilitate and make Christmas shopping profitable and pleasant.

Roll No. 155 on lots 67 and 62 assessed to Mary A. O'Brien, \$26.45.

That in cases of manufacturers in this municipality who are given exemption taxes, providing they employ a certain number of hands and pay out a certain amount of money each year as wages, but on account of business depression brought on by the war, have not employed the number of hands and paid out the amount of money as was mentioned in the by-law, the corporation treats these cases as exceptional, and hereby instructs the tax collector not to collect the said taxes.

That the Public Utilities Commission be provided with \$313.89 for the purpose of extending electric lines across the new Cataract causeway.

That the Provincial Government be memorialized to amend the Act to authorize and confirm grants by municipal corporations for patriotic purposes, by striking words inserted in the third line hereof and inserting the word "twenty" instead, and that the City Clerk forward copies of this resolution to the different municipalities in Ontario and also the Ontario Municipal Association requesting them to do likewise.

That the account for two are lights in Macdonald Park amounting to \$30 be paid and charged to the general street lighting account.

That the unauthorized account amounting to \$5.80 for fuel for the superintendent's horse and cart and charged to the Parks Committee.

That the taxes on the property owned by the Realities Company on which the bathing houses belonging to the Corporation are situated be remitted.

That the taxes on the properties of Hugh Macpherson and H. W. Richardson be refunded for the proportion of the year 1915 they have been used as convalescent hospitals. After Dec. 31st, 1915 remission of taxes will be allowed on those properties only which are given free rent to the Dominion Government for purposes as named above.

That the market building be reconstructed and equipped in accordance with plans and specifications submitted by the Militia Department at an estimated cost of \$4,052.67, and plant free of charge for accommodation of troops for this winter, and that tenders be called for the work as soon as possible, authority be given Finance Committee to award said tenders.

That notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the city by-laws the City Treasurer be authorized to pay any outstanding accounts at the end of the year, when the same have been certified by the City Auditor and signed by the Chairman of the various Committees.

That a typewriter be procured for the Auditor's office.

Accounts Passed.

That the following accounts which are not provided for in the budget be paid: Board of Works—S. Anglin, \$2.21; Thomas B. Angrove, \$58.20; Booth & Co., \$1.50; Buffalo Steam Railway Co., \$1.50; Canadian Express Co., \$1.35; William Cockburn, \$31.46; Frontenac Lumber & Coal Co., \$17.38; The Jackson Press, \$4; Kingston Sand & Gravel Co., \$60.30; James Laturney Carriage Works, \$90; McKelvey & Birch, \$20; James McFadden, \$9; Thomas W. Milo, \$5; W. A. Mitchell, \$61.24; James Saward Coal Co., \$3.30; Thomas Vanhorn, \$12.65; Pay list to Dec. 12th, \$555.84; Hooper & Slater, \$13.74.

Incinerator—Board of Works, \$123.39.

Miscellaneous—R. D. Sutherland, expenses to Montreal, \$15; Australian Cadets—British Whig Publishing Co., \$53.50.

Contingencies—Canadian Pacific Railway Co., \$30; Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd., \$1.

That the following amounts be paid: Parks—Board of Works, \$9.10; Botford & Nicol, \$1.75; Canadian Pacific Ry., \$25; M. E. Flanagan, \$1; Registry Office—The Jackson Press, \$14.15.

Police Department—Dr. I. G. Bogart, \$2.

War Expense—Overseas pay list, \$109.48; light department, \$15.12; Printing—British Whig Publishing Co., \$64.15; Thomas McAuley, \$25.97; The Ontario Gazette, \$4; Standard Printing and Publishing Co., \$40.05.

Fire and Light—Anglin & Co., \$6.80; Corcoran Bros., \$11.53; Chown & Co., \$2.63; M. J. Dolan, \$7.10; Dominion Express Co., \$30; Fireman's Herald, \$2; extra help at fires, \$3.50; Hamilton Uniform Cap Co., \$13.45; Imperial Steam Laundry, \$6.64; Laturney Carriage Works, \$51.85; Light, Heat and Power Dept., \$2.81; I. Lessee, \$1.50; John Kelly & Son, Tax collector 123456 123456 -), \$2.25; McKelvey & Birch, \$5.10; J. W. Oldin, \$1; Partridge & Sons, \$3.50; Simmons Bros., \$18.67; James Tauger, \$12.15; Thomas Vanhorne, \$5.06; P. Walsh, \$68.20; M. Yampolsky, \$49.50; W. B. Dalton & Sons, Ltd., \$5c.

The Council adopted the recommendation of the Fire and Light Committee to permit the Fire Chief for the present at least of engaging new firemen who are over thirty years of age. Owing to the lack of men under that age, through recruiting, the chief finds difficulty in getting men when required.

The Board of Works, on motion of Alds. Wright and Richardson, was instructed to give the Garbage Committee the wood from tree trimming for the incinerator.

On motion of Alds. Nickle and Kent, the Council asked that the Utilities Commission furnish detailed report of the receipts and expenditures in connection with the street lighting for the year 1914, and that the Commission be notified that the city desires to make a contract for street lighting, and that the rate per lamp to be paid in 1916 will be the rate set out in the contract.

WHAT OFFICER MUST KNOW

In Order to Secure An Army Commission.

EXPECTED TO COMBINE

A VARIED KNOWLEDGE IN HIS PERSON.

Must Possess Qualities Of Policeman, Magistrate, Doctor, Lawyer, Caterer and Father-Confessor.

That mere ability to shoot crisp commands does not complete an officer is shown by the requirements just issued by the War Office, and which are shortly to be promulgated for general information in the Militia General Orders. Not only must the aspirant to commissioned rank in the overseas contingents have an adequate knowledge of squad and platoon drill, a familiarity with the use and care of rifles, and an ability to handle a platoon in field warfare, but he must combine in his person the qualities of policeman, magistrate, doctor, lawyer, caterer, and father-confessor. The comprehensive list of subjects which a young officer must know or have some knowledge of before he can be selected for service in the field is as follows:

Drill And Musketry.

He must know squad drill, extended order drill, platoon commander's duties in company drill, bayonet fighting drill, and must have attained sufficient self-confidence to drill a squad, drill a platoon, explain on parade simple movements to a squad.

He must know and be able to explain to a platoon the service rifle, the musketry exercises, the care of arms, the reporting of messages, the judging of distance, and should have a knowledge of the theory of rifle fire, the supply of ammunition in the field, range duties. He must also have a severe test in the control and direction of fire, the indication of targets, the instruction of a recruit, and be able to carry out tests laid down in musketry regulations.

Tactics And Field Warfare.

Every officer should be able to handle a platoon in the field, and must be able to tell off and post sentries and arrange posts and reliefs. He must also know the duties of a commander of an outpost company, a picket commander, a sentry and sentry groups, a patrol.

He should have a knowledge of a company in attack and defence, protection at rest and on the move, telling off an advance guard, telling off a rear guard, telling off a flank guard, telling off an outpost company, composition of a brigade, battery, squadron, and battalion. He must be thoroughly acquainted with march discipline, use of cover, control of men in extended order and in night operations, and must be able to write a field message, and should have thorough training in writing clear and concise reports of happenings in his vicinity.

He must have a good knowledge of map reading, drawing plan of his and adjoining trench, the construction of a range card, use of compass.

Trench Warfare.

In trench warfare a knowledge is required of the handling of the commonest bombs and explosives, telling off a working party and allotting a task, loop-holing and rivetting, common types of trenches and dug-outs, entanglements, obstacles, the relief of a platoon in the trenches by day and night, construction, repair, holding, and capture of trenches, and a knowledge is necessary of duties of a leader of a grenade party, formation of a grenade party, methods of training and employment of grenades.

Billeting And Machine Guns.

He must have a general knowledge of arrangements for billeting, how a platoon is fed in billets, sanitary arrangements, orders for sentries in billets, and alarm posts.

If possible, have a knowledge of how to fire a machine gun in case of emergency and how to disable a gun without explosives.

Interior Economy And Military Law.

The necessary subjects under this head are: 1. Powers of an O. C. company. 2. Forfeiture of pay. 3. Fines for drunkenness. 4. How to make a summary of evidence. 5. Definitions and differences be-

tween various crimes that may come before an O. C. company before taken to C. O.

7. Powers of an officer when on detachment.

7. Procedure when a man reports sick, asks for an advance of pay, asks for extension of leave, or asks for pass at unauthorized times—i.e., when the O.C. company is away.

8. Duties of the orderly officer, orderly sergeant, and N.C.O.'s of his platoon.

9. How a soldier is paid—at home or on active service; how and to whom to make a requisition for cash; quitance rolls.

10. Regimental orders, part I. and part II., as far as affects the pay of the men of the company.

11. Procedure when a man requires new kit—(a) a free issue; (b) on payment. Where the payments appear in the company pay list.

12. What to do in case of a military disturbance outside barracks.

13. When he is on leave, how to deal with men asking for passes and advances of pay.

14. Compliments to be paid to senior officers—(a) when in command of men; (b) when off duty.

15. Restrictions of an officer on the staff list and how to report sick.

16. How to write an official letter and the proper channels for it to pass through.

17. What to do when sick on leave.

18. How to keep a trench store-book and the procedure on handling any store or handling over completely.

19. How to take over a platoon from another officer.

20. Procedure when a soldier is brought up on a crime.

Physical Drill And Signalling.

Must have sufficient knowledge to take his platoon for physical drill parades in billets and take his platoon for bayonet exercises.

In signalling slight knowledge is required of field telephones and how to mend a broken line, the form of telephone message used, in the service, and how to read, take, and write down a verbal message.

VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON.

Budget Of News From This Busy Little Port.

Wellington, Dec. 18.—John Lang and daughter Beatrice, of Lincoln, Ont., spent a few days with his sister here. Samuel Hill and C. F. Alexander, Hamilton, were in town last week. The "At Home" of Mrs. B. A. Fanning was largely attended on Monday afternoon. Benjamin Bishop's fine mare ran away one day last week and was badly injured.

"Sandy" Martin has returned to his home at Ormsby after visiting his sister, Mrs. Robert West. Mrs. Wannamaker has returned to her home at Mountain View after a few days' visit with Mrs. Henry Benson, her sister. A fine big baby boy arrived on Friday last to gladden the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Greer.

Mrs. P. J. Borabeck has gone to Picton to spend the winter with Dr. and Mrs. Phillips. Rev. Mr. Lambert, Bloomfield, preached two fine sermons in the Methodist Church here last Sunday. Miss Cobb has returned from a visit at Owen Sound. Mrs. D. W. Robinson, Consec, spent a few days in East Wellington, the guest of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackson, who have been near death's door.

Mrs. Hubert McDonald and son dined with Mrs. H. E. Pettigill this week. Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Demill and daughter Thelma spent a few days at Trenton, Brighton and Welland. Mrs. Alexander Garthurs, Kingston, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Backs, Moscow, visited near here last week. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bentley, Owen Sound, visited here last week. Miss Alice and Marguerite Black and Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Norman, Buffalo, N.Y., visited here last week.

Eugene Taylor, A. M. Osborne and Maor McCullough went to Belleville to see "The Birth of a Nation" as also did Mr. and Mrs. Greg Haight and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Niles; all were guests at the Hotel Quinte. Mrs. Maria Courtland, Portland, Ore., who spent last week here with friends, has gone to Ottawa to spend Christmas with her sister, Arthur and Bertha Taylor, Guelph, are visiting here. Gilbert Hutchison is confined to his home through illness.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Knight a son, Mrs. Weeks, Garrying Place, returned home this week after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. William Insley. Gerald Noxon went to North Bay last week on a business trip. Mrs. S. A. Linn, who visited at her son's and daughter's, J. E. Linn, and Mrs. Percy Roark, and returned to her home last week, was taken ill and is still confined to her bed. The new recruits here are Norman and Sherman Foster, Carl White, Alexander Dunn, Barney Ricketts, Stanley Walker and Howard Alexander.

Miss Pearl Spriggs, Consec, was in town last week visiting her young school chums, Miss Margaret Green, Bloomfield, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Gilbert, Gerald Banson had the misfortune to fracture his knee. Mrs. Gilbert and daughter Melina spent Sunday at Mrs. W. J. Green's, Bloomfield. Miss Trixy Beattie, is the guest of Mrs. G. C. Blakely, Gilead. Mrs. Bee Wilson is here from Toronto and will spend the winter here. Tom Coles of the 90th Battalion, Picton, was visiting Arch McCollough on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Banaway spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Tate.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Henry Post. Mrs. D. Jackson spent Saturday at Picton. Miss Alice Mutton spent a few days at Milford last week. Mr. and Mrs. Hascott, Shannonville, visited Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cornell, for a few days last

week. Mr. and Mrs. John Striker and daughters Florence and Celia were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cronk on Sunday last. Mrs. Gerard G. Minard, Frankford, visited at Mr. and Mrs. George F. Green this week. Dr. Johnson, Trenton, was called by Dr. J. B. Rutlan for consultation. William McFaul is confined to his bed. Miss Sprong continues poorly and confined to the house.

J. E. Clarke received a post card from Dr. Edward Kidd, who is now in Cairo, Egypt. The latter has charge of a hospital containing 1,000 beds. He was one of the first who offered his services at the beginning of the war.

William Calvin, who has been confined to the house for some weeks, has recovered. A number of the villagers attended the funeral of Thomas Baird, at Hillier. Mrs. Socie, Wlarton, was in town over Sunday. Mrs. Wilson, Toronto, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Toronto, returned this week and is now the guest of her aunt, Mrs. F. R. Burlington, Lt. Shourds has for the past two weeks been on an extended business trip through Western Canada.

There is talk of the C.N.R. Railway Company purchasing the Shourds Couper lot on the corner of Station and Consec streets, and erecting a new station.

OF ENEMY'S SHIPS IS ANOTHER REASON

Rise In Cost Of Sea Carriage Has Been Factor—British Board Of Trade Deals With The Trading Question.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Some interesting facts regarding the shortage in merchant ships are furnished in a report to the Department of Trade and Commerce by Canadian Trade Commissioner Bickerdike of Manchester. The success of the British fleet in sweeping enemy ships from the sea is proving embarrassing to British trade. Great Britain captured or drove off the seas three thousand Austrian, German and Turkish ships, with an aggregate tonnage of 5,000,000. The shipping available for the carrying trade of the world was reduced by that amount.

The mercantile marine of Russia, embracing 1,254 ships, of something over 1,000,000 tons, has been imprisoned for the most part in the Baltic and Black Seas. The French Admiralty and the Italian and Greek Governments have requisitioned a considerable portion of their mercantile marine for naval and military uses. The British Admiralty has under its orders to-day more than 2,000 vessels for carrying troops and stores and for meeting the requirements of the Grand Fleet. In addition, there are 2,300 auxiliary craft, including scores of merchant vessels, which are engaged on the patrol services.

The volume of imports in Great Britain has grown, while the tonnage of shipping is restricted as never before. Consequently the rise in the cost of sea carriage has been fabulous. Special committees of the British Board of Trade have been appointed to deal with the licensing of British vessels to trade between foreign ports, and for the requisitioning of steamers for carriage of foodstuffs to Britain.

Col. W. H. Cole's Funeral.

Brockville, Dec. 18.—In the presence of two companies of the 59th Battalion, Grand Master Cooper of the Oddfellows, many members of that order here and elsewhere, Mayor Donaldson and members of the Town Council and many representative citizens, the remains of Col. W. H. Cole were laid to rest on Thursday afternoon. Service was conducted at Wall Street Methodist Church by Rev. A. E. Runnels.

Khaki Club Opened.

Cobourg, Dec. 18.—A Khaki Club was organized here to look after the comfort of the soldiers quartered here for the winter. A reading and recreation room has been opened. The officers of the club are: President, the mayor of Cobourg; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. G. Hagerman and Mrs. J. G. Nicholls; secretary, J. E. Skidmore; treasurer, E. H. Osler.

Farmer's Institutes.

Picton, Dec. 20.—The Farmers' Institute held a successful meeting at Bloomfield Town Hall Thursday afternoon and evening. Addresses were delivered by G. G. Pablow, Provincial Dairy Inspector and John Clark, Thamesville, on poultry husbandry. They addressed a similar meeting at Rednersville.

Ottawa Aberdeens have completed arrangements for games at Pittsburg on January 7th and 8th, against Art Sixsmith's team. According to advices from Buckingham, Quebec, Bert McAndrew and Patsy Paquer have been offered good positions at Pittsburg to play hockey, and have accepted.

The O. H. A. has discovered that there is a team in Pittsburg that is clean enough, from a standpoint of amateurism, to play teams from Ontario. There are a few players there who have not inhaled the deadly professional germs that lurk in the smoke, and it is likely that the Hamilton team will make the trip there after all.

Reports that Frank Gotch will emerge from retirement to wrestle Joe Stecher, the western wonder, are probably pure buncombe. Gotch knows too well the significance of the comeback attempt of Jim Jeffries to attempt anything similar himself. The Humbolt grappler has been living a comparative easy life for the past few years, and Stecher's scissors, that can split a sack of wheat, would cause Frank some distress across the midsection.

Hambly Shore states positively he was never tendered a contract by the Ottawa Hockey Club or anyone connected therewith and it is on this point he has carried his case to the N. H. A. He further states that President Quinn will insist on the Ottawa either tendering him a contract or letting him outright.

The St. Nicholas team of New York and the Stars of Montreal played a two-all tie at Gotham on Saturday night in the second game of the Art Ross Cup. As the St. Nicholas team won the first game of the series at Montreal a week ago, a third game is now necessary and will be played at New York to-night.

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