

### GAMBLING WITH THE WEATHER

In Regard to Securing a Further Coal Supply For Kingston.

### MORE COAL IS EXPECTED

IN TWO WEEKS IF THERE IS NO SNOWSTORM.

If There is a Further Freight Tie-up the People Will Have to Borrow Coal From One Another.

"We're gambling with the weather," said Mayor Hughes to the City Council last night in speaking of the possibility of getting a supply of coal by the first of March. "If there is not a tie-up of freight traffic through a snowstorm, we'll get coal in two weeks," said His Worship, who added that the supply expected by that time would greatly relieve the situation. The mayor told Council that if it had not stepped in two weeks ago and appointed a fuel controller for Kingston, there would not have been a ton of coal in the coal dealers' sheds last week.

Fuel Controller Nickle's report on what had been done since he was appointed was read by the mayor, who then called upon Mr. Nickle to address Council. When he assumed office, Mr. Nickle said that there were 1,500 tons of hard coal in the hands of the dealers. Since then 240 tons had arrived, making 1,740 tons in all. Possibly 1,200 tons had been piled out in small quantities during the past two weeks, so there was not very much left. Relief was expected within two weeks, if a snowstorm did not tie up traffic. If a storm came, then the people would have to get along as best they could and borrow from one another, as is being done in Peterboro and other places, Kingston was, perhaps, the best off place in this district, Mr. Nickle said. A fuel famine could only be averted by the most rigid conservation and he solicited the fur-

ther co-operation of the citizens in making the small supply on hand go to the furthest limit. He told of what had been done in the way of co-operation by the merchants and others in closing their places of business, etc., but he regretted that some merchants refused to co-operate and kept their stores open when those of their neighbors were closed in order to save fuel. If it came to the point of borrowing coal, he was in a position to tell where to borrow, as he had the police reports as to the quantities of coal in 500 or 700 cellars.

Ald. Litton and Hewitt moved that, owing to the serious coal shortage, it is the wish of Council that the citizens put forth every effort to conserve fuel; that the merchants carry out the suggestions of the fuel controller with regard to early closing and that the people do their shopping so as to aid the merchants. This resolution was adopted.

Ald. Newman, in moving that Ald. J. W. Smith be added to the committee appointed at last Council meeting with regard to wood supply, reported that steps were being taken to locate wood and the committee might ask for power to make purchases shortly.

### A HEAVY RAIN STORM

Made Things Very Disagreeable Around the City on Tuesday.

The Weather Man has certainly excelled himself this winter in more ways than one. He has not only given the city weather experienced in many years, but he has also handed out a record supply of snow and some nice rain storms.

The rain storm on Tuesday morning made things very disagreeable. It was a cold rain, and as it fell it froze, and as a result the walking was made most disagreeable. People making their way to work found the walking not only disagreeable but dangerous. It was impossible to walk on the sidewalk, and about the only place one could navigate at all was in the middle of the road. The downtown streets presented quite a parade of people, the majority of whom carried umbrellas.

Mrs. (Rev.) J. A. Waddell, of Seew's Bay, left on Monday to visit relatives in Montreal. Rev. Mr. Waddell, who came to the city to conduct anniversary services at Brook street Methodist church, returned to Seew's Bay on Tuesday.

### ALD. HEWITT CHALLENGES OPENING OF G.W.V.A. HOME

THE UNDERWRITERS REPORT ON THE WATERWORKS.

Inspector Makes Wrong Statements With Regard to the Size and Capacity of the Pumps—Ald. Hewitt Defends the Waterworks.

Ald. Hewitt made a vigorous attack on the Canadian Underwriters' report of 1917, regarding the Kingston waterworks, at the City Council meeting last night. For many years Ald. Hewitt was superintendent of the local waterworks and he knows everything there is to be known about the plant and its ability to supply the city with water. He read the statement of the Underwriters' inspector regarding the plant, and showed where it was wrong from beginning to end. The report misrepresented the size of the pumps and their capacity. Ald. Hewitt declared, and the inspector made other statements that were not correct.

The report stated that the suction pipe is not large enough to serve Kingston. This Ald. Hewitt denied. The pipe was sufficient to serve both engines at the plant. The inspector gave the pumping capacity of the plant at 6,575,000 gallons a day, whereas it was 7,500,000 gallons. He also reported the new electrical pump being installed as having a capacity of 3,500,000 gallons, whereas its capacity will be 4,750,000 gallons. If the present pump will not supply the city, as the inspector alleged, then where is the water coming from, for the city is being supplied, Ald. Hewitt asked.

Ald. Hewitt also ridiculed the report on the waterworks made some years ago by Prof. Willhoff, the German officer in Queen's Mining School, who skipped out from Kingston shortly after the war broke out. Prof. Willhoff reported that the suction pipe was too small. According to Mr. Hewitt the professor did not know anything about the pipe and had no ground for making such a statement.

The Underwriters' reports were printed and sent out without any consideration, Ald. Hewitt said. The report of 1917, with its false figures and statements, stands, and the Utilities Commission has done nothing to refute them. Ald. Hewitt intimated that he had prepared a written statement regarding the report, and Mayor Hughes said he would be glad to place it before the Utilities Commission at its next meeting.

Ald. Hewitt then got after the Utilities Commission for the statements made in 1915 that as the result of repairs made to the Killey pump at the water works the city had been saved \$30,000 and that \$9 a day was being saved in pumping; also that the pump had been put into such condition that it would suffice till the city's population was 40,000. He had made personal examination into this matter and found that its efficiency had only been increased five gallons on 372. He claimed that no economy had been produced by the transaction.

Mayor Hughes asked Ald. Hewitt if the electrical pump would relieve the situation when it was installed.

Ald. Hewitt replied that it would for the present. It would pump 4,750,000 gallons a day. One of the steam pumps could be coupled on to it.

To Ald. Couper, Ald. Hewitt stated that the impurity in the water last week was caused by a leak in the connection of the new pump being installed.

Ald. Hewitt wound up an interesting discussion by going after the report made two years ago by Prof. Burrows. "His report is like Willhoff's," declared the ex-superintendent, "it is not a straight or an honest report."

"Farmers say that the roads are in a terrible condition as a result of the rain storm."

The police wish to return thanks to F. A. Conway for his kind contribution of magazines.

There was no session of the police court on Tuesday morning.

### Pains in the Small of the Back

Headaches, Dryness of the Skin and Loss of Weight Warn You That Kidneys Are Diseased.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 19.—"Pains in the small of the back" is the way hosts of people describe their sufferings, not knowing that the pains are in reality in the kidneys. Pains in the back, weak back, lame back, headache—these are the first indications of kidney trouble. They are the warning which nature gives you. If you heed at once you can be cured. Neglect will soon put you at the mercy of the most painful and fatal of diseases.

Women as well as men have kidney disease, and may well feel anxious when the kidney pains make themselves felt in the small of the back.

Because Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills give you prompt relief from backache, it is well worth your while to take them. But they do more than this. They regulate and invigorate the action of the kidneys, and insure a return to health of these important organs.

Mr. James Malley, 488 Crawford street, Toronto, Ont., writes: "I had been troubled with lame back for nine or ten years, and although I had tried other remedies, they were of no benefit to me whatever. Through reading the advertisements in your booklets for Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, I commenced taking these, and found that they were the best I ever used. I took about a dozen boxes in all, and am now completely cured. I can highly recommend Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills."

"This is to certify that I am personally acquainted with Mr. James Malley, 488 Crawford street, and believe his statement with regard to Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to be true and correct."—John Dunn, J.P.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25c a box, 5 for \$1.00, at all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto. Do not be talked into accepting a substitute. Imitations only disappoint.

Doing Good Work.

The report of Milk Inspector G. W. Bell was read in the City Council meeting Monday night and the aldermen expressed the opinion that Dr. Bell was doing good work and endeavoring to give the citizens the best milk supply possible.

His Pig Got Away.

Last Saturday an Amherst Island farmer drove down the ice to Kingston and in a box on his sledge he had a nice fat pig for market. But when this farmer reached the city the box was empty. Mr. Pig had made his escape while on route.

A SPLENDID APPOINTED BUILDING AT 67 PRINCESS STREET.

The Workmen Are Now Fitting up Ideal Home for the Returned Soldiers of Kingston.

What is popularly known as the old News building at 67 Princess street is being prepared as the Kingston home of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada. In it is a big reception room, a canteen and rooms for executive meetings, a big pool parlor, lavatories and cloak rooms, as well as sleeping apartments for the caretaker. It is indeed an ideal place for the returned men and should be well patronized.

On Tuesday evening the official opening is to be held, with several prominent men present. In the meantime every effort is being made to complete as much as possible of the building, so that the visitors will have a good idea of what the place will look like when finished.

As one enters the main door (which, by the way, is being replaced by one more suitable as the entrance to a home of returned soldiers) the canteen appears prominently to the left. Here in front of a big mirrored cabinet that holds an attractive display of tobacco, soft drinks, etc., is an attendant who will serve these to the soldiers. In this connection it might be stated that there is no Government stamp on the cigarettes, tobacco, etc., and therefore these articles are sold to soldiers at much reduced prices. Returned soldiers, however, who are in civilian clothing, even though they are members of the association, will not be able to buy goods from this canteen.

Behind a big glass partition on this floor will be the pool parlor. There is sufficient room for six tables and with a complete renovation the former sit-down newspaper press will soon become the rendezvous of billiard-loving soldiers.

The second floor is also well planned and will be fitted up as soon as possible. Facing the street are two rooms, one of which will be devoted to meetings of the officers of the association. The other will be used as a reading-room and will be fitted with lounges, chairs, tables, etc., some of which were donated by the Daughters of the Empire. In the rear of these rooms are lavatories and cloak rooms.

From the rear of the building to the landing of the stairs has been arranged a very fine auditorium. With long walls, bearing Union Jacks, many sky-lights in the ceiling and hardwood floor, the room is bright and airy. In one end is a piano and chairs for speakers and others at meetings, which will be held, the first, of course, being the big opening-to-night (Tuesday).

The electrical arrangements deserve special mention. With well-chosen lights the place should be splendidly illuminated in the evenings. The front will be lighted by a huge sign bearing the official crest of the Great War Veterans' Association.

The Whig and its readers extend to the returned heroes earnest hopes for great enjoyment of their fine club quarters.

### SYDENHAM STREET BOARD

Voted on Questions Presented by the General Conference.

Two questions presented by the general conference of the Methodist church were voted on, at a meeting of the quarterly board of Sydenham Street Methodist church on Monday night. The first question was that of the period of service of the pastor, and the question was this: "Are you in favor of the present time limit?"

A vote was taken by ballot and to this question there was practically a unanimous verdict of "no." One member voted "yes."

The second question voted on was this: "If you are not in favor, what would you suggest?"

The majority of the members suggested extending the term limit from five to seven years, while a number voted to dispense with the time limit altogether.

These questions were asked to secure an expression of opinion of the board for presentation at a meeting of the general conference, to be held next September. These questions are being asked the quarterly board of each church in the conference.

### FAIR BANQUET TO-NIGHT.

The Public Invited to Hear Greater Production Speeches.

R. J. Bushell announces that the addresses at the banquet to-night of the Kingston Fair Association in the Frontenac hotel are to begin at 9.30 o'clock, and all citizens interested in greater production are invited to be present in the rotunda of the hotel to hear them. Dr. Creelman, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, will have an important message to deliver. Among the outside guests will be the mayor of Belleville and the president of the Belleville Board of Trade. The banquet starts at eight o'clock and there will be a large company in attendance.

Great Clearing Sale.

Prevost, Brock street, has made a great reduction in ready-made clothing and gent's furnishings to make room for his spring goods. Special value in boys' overcoats from 5 to 10 years, in blue and gray, at \$3.50 each—could not be bought wholesale for the above price.

Doing Good Work.

The report of Milk Inspector G. W. Bell was read in the City Council meeting Monday night and the aldermen expressed the opinion that Dr. Bell was doing good work and endeavoring to give the citizens the best milk supply possible.

His Pig Got Away.

Last Saturday an Amherst Island farmer drove down the ice to Kingston and in a box on his sledge he had a nice fat pig for market. But when this farmer reached the city the box was empty. Mr. Pig had made his escape while on route.

# More Shoe Bargains For Tuesday

In Men's and Ladies' Footwear.

## Abernethy's Shoe Store

# Buy Furs Now

At the recent large sales of Raw Furs, the prices have advanced materially on practically all furs, and this means that all furs for next season will be advanced in price.

Take advantage of our present low prices.

## Campbell Bros

Kingston's Oldest Fur Store.

# Use Coconut Oil For Washing Hair

If you want to keep your hair in good condition, be careful what you wash it with.

Don't use prepared shampoos or anything else, that contains too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and is very harmful. Just plain mulsified coconut oil (which is pure and entirely greaseless), is much better than anything else you can use for shampooing, as this can't possibly injure the hair.

Simply moisten your hair with water and rub it in. One or two teaspoons will make an abundance of rich, creamy lather, and cleanses the hair and scalp thoroughly. The lather rinses out easily and removes every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves it fine and silky, bright, fluffy and easy to manage.

You can get mulsified coconut oil at most any drug store. It is very cheap, and a few ounces is enough to last everyone in the family for months.

# KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

William Hutton, of Barriefield, has been awarded the contract for building city plank walks.

A. F. Newlands, writing master, has taken two first prizes at New York for designing.

Farmers on the islands say that by the appearance of the fields, they will be sowing grain before the ice leaves the bay.

W. J. Morgan has graduated at the Ontario Veterinary College.

# Another R.M.C. Boy Killed.

Word was received from England by his parents, Judge T. A. and Mrs. McGillivray, of Whitby, that Lieut. Allister McGillivray has been accidentally killed. He was a student at the Royal Military College, Kingston, when he joined the Royal Flying Corps last year. He left for England in November and was in final training at Salisbury before going to the front. He was the second son, and but eighteen.

# GET RID OF HUMORS AND AVOID SICKNESS

Humors in the blood cause internal derangements that affect the whole system, as well as pimples, boils and other eruptions, and are responsible for the readiness with which many people contract disease.

For forty years Hood's Sarsaparilla has been more successful than any other medicine in expelling humors and removing their inward and outward effects. Get Hood's. No other medicine acts like it.

# OUR BIG FURNITURE SALE

## THIS DINING ROOM SET IN SOLID BLACK WALNUT OR FUMED OAK

In William and Mary Style in nine pieces, in dull or polished finish. Also odd pieces to fill out your sett at manufacturer's prices.

## James Reid

The Busy Store with Large Stock. Phone 147 — The Leading Undertaker.

# KLIM

Use it regularly in place of fresh milk. IT IS PURE, GENUINE separated milk in powder form. A pound makes four quarts. 35 cents. Reduce your milk bill.

## H.C. Merriman

Successor to J. A. BOYD  
611 Princess Street  
Phone 847.

# You'll Friend Overseas

will be looking for another box. We have lots of the best boxes in two sizes; also chocolates, gums, tooth paste and brushes, soaps and safety razors at 75c each.

## Prouse's Drug Store.

Close at 9 p.m.

# CUNARD LINE

Passenger Service BETWEEN Halifax and Bristol

Money remittances made by mail or cable. Apply to Local Agents or The Robert Reford Co., Limited, General Agents, 55 King St. East, Toronto, Ont.

# Have You Tried Oleomargarine Yet?

If not, we carry the best grade, along with a full stock of choice groceries, at

## Thompson's Grocery

224 Princess St., Phone 357.

# A Piano of Merit & Quality

This beautiful Williams Master Touch player is very different from the Melodina made 65 years ago, but the quality of the Williams product — the durability that has proven itself by a 65 years' test, is still maintained through the efforts of Canada's brains and expert workmanship.

Call and see the many models at our showroom. We will arrange terms to suit your pocketbook.

## J.M. Greene Music Co., Ltd.

Cor. Sydenham & Princess Sts., Kingston

# MARY GARDEN

FACE POWDER, TALCUM, ROUGE AND PERFUME, AT

## SARGENT'S DRUG STORE

Corner Princess and Montreal Sts. Telephone 41.

# EXCELSIOR

INSURANCE LIFE COMPANY

Head Office: Toronto, Can.

EXCELSIOR FACTS—NO. 3  
An increase of over four hundred thousand dollars in assets.

# OUR BEST

Advertisement comes from our hundreds of satisfied patrons. "ASK ONE" and "YOU" will come to us for your EYE GLASSES.

We examine your eyes and make your glasses.

## J.J. Stewart, Opt. D.

Opposite Post Office. Clarence and Wellington Sts. Kingston

© TORIC LENSES

# Government Standard Flour

Made by

## Kingston Milling Co. Limited

Is Eminently Satisfactory To All Users.  
HUNGARIAN—For Bread.  
WHITE ROSE—For Bread and Cake.  
CROWN—Winter Wheat Pastry.  
For Sale by All Dealers.

# IMPORTANT

## Demonstration of KLIM (Milk Powder)

All this week, everyone welcome.

## Crawford's Grocery,

"Good Things to Eat" Phone 26