

Letters to the Editor

Mr. Graham's Reply. Kingston, May 17.—(To the Editor): In answer to John Morris and the Imperial Oil Company regarding calling for tenders for asphalt cement, Mr. Morris intimates in his letter that I stated all cheques had been returned, knowing that the city treasurer still held the Imperial Oil Company's cheques. Now, Sir, at our board meeting on April 19th, Mr. Couper moved that all deposit cheques be returned to the owners except the U.S. Refining Company. Our city solicitor was asked for his opinion as to our liability with that company. This motion of Mr. Couper was carried in committee unanimously. The next morning, April 19th, when at the city buildings I asked the city clerk if he had instructed the treasurer to send the cheques back as requested by the committee. He said: "I will do it now." Later, I asked him if he had done so, and he said "Yes." I interviewed the city treasurer on the morning of May 15th, as to when he received notice to return the cheques. He turned to his books and had a record that on April 10th the city clerk had handed him all the cheques but the U.S. Refining Company's. When I asked him why he withheld the Imperial Oil Company's cheques when ordered by resolution of committee to return all cheques, he informed me that he and the city clerk had a conversation about the matter and decided to hold the Imperial Oil cheque. I interviewed the city clerk and told him what the city treasurer had told me regarding their conversation over the Imperial Oil Company's cheque, which he, the city clerk, absolutely denies, but told him to send all back as requested by the Board of Works committee. Now, Sir, this will prove to the public, and contrary to Mr. Morris' assertion, that I was not aware the city treasurer still held the cheque. I just wish to say here that our city officials are expected to do as they are told as requested by committee or council, as the case may be. The case in question did not have to be referred to the City Council. Our city clerk did his duty and delivered all cheques as requested by committee to O. V. Bartels, city treasurer. For some reason or other Mr. Bartels held the Imperial Oil Company's cheque. I do not know why, but it is up to Mr. Bartels to explain his position. As to the reduction of \$7 per ton in the U.S. Refining Company's asphalt owing to the drop in crude materials, that matters little to us, but Mr. Morris admits in his letter there has been a drop, but not to the extent I have stated. I still maintain if the U.S. Refining Company can reduce the price of their asphalt about \$7 per ton, the Imperial Oil Company can also reduce the price of their asphalt to some extent, although Mr. Morris says in his letter that the extent of \$7. Therefore I think if we get a reduction of \$4 or \$5 per

ton on the present tender of the Imperial Oil Company, we will save the city of Kingston between \$600 and \$800 through calling for new tenders, which I consider good business for the city. They also state that we will be saving \$355 by buying the Imperial Oil Company's asphalt at \$24.15, which is not true, as the most we will require this year will be 150 tons. The difference between \$27 per ton and \$24.15 is \$2.85 per ton, amounting to \$427.50, not \$355 as stated by the Imperial Oil Company. The policy of the chairman of the Board of Works has been wholly for the best interests of the city of Kingston, and if the Imperial Oil Company has seen fit to fill the columns of the daily papers at their expense in order to try and get such small contracts as the city has to offer, as they say, they must want business badly. Now the actual difference between the U.S. Refining asphalt and the Imperial asphalt on our requirement of 150 tons is \$427.50, and 4-1/2 tons being 18,000 gallons of road oil being \$60, in all \$487.50, instead of \$4,000 as stated by the Imperial Oil Company, and for the small difference I think we are safer to continue what we have proved to be first-class than to take something we know nothing about, and I think this is good business. —C. J. GRAHAM, Chairman of the Board of Works.

The City Council, a Philanthropic Undertaker and the Returned Soldier. Kingston, May 17.—(To the Editor): Will you be so good as to grant me the privilege of expressing, in the columns of your valued paper, my views on the proceedings witnessed in the council chamber last Monday night—particularly the attitude of the majority of the aldermen towards a returned soldier? I believe the judgment of all reasonable and patriotic citizens is that the city council as a body have lost considerably in prestige as a result of the vote cast at the last council meeting; also because of the accusations levelled at the G.W.V.A. by certain aldermen.

The letter from the G.W.V.A. addressed to the aldermen was characterized as "want of fair play by that organization." But is there an unbiased citizen in Kingston, who, having read the G.W.V.A. letter as printed in these columns, believes that the want of fair play rests with the body of returned soldiers?

Does the municipality of Kingston wish to isolate itself from all other municipalities in the dominion, and treat the men who have returned as if there had been no war? Further, does not the council realize, quite apart from the policy of the dominion or provincial governments—that all the citizens (including the city council) of Kingston—have been pledged time and time again in the public utterances of the ex-mayor and the present mayor, that the returned soldiers who have fought so gloriously for this great dominion shall be given preference in the matter of employment and the like? I, personally, have heard Mayor New-



At the Strand on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

man as the representative of the citizens, in an ecstasy of patriotic enthusiasm and with a wave of the hand present a body of returned soldiers at the depot—with that much coveted honor—"The Freedom of this ancient Limestone City of Kingston." And if the returned soldier takes it for granted, on the strength of such public receptions that he will receive "preference" he is told by the mayor in council that he is under a "misapprehension."

Whatever public statements and promises have been made to the returned soldier on arrival in Kingston by an official representing the city, the citizens certainly endorsed them, and I have no doubt that the patriotic public are now amazed at the fulfilment of the promises uttered in their name, as revealed in the thirteen to seven vote against the returned soldier at the last council meeting.

Yet the most humiliating action of all, from the citizen's point of view, lay in the attitude of certain aldermen, who, in order to excuse or palliate their pusillity broken faith—their obvious and lamentable want of "fair play"—make the returned soldier, through the G.W.V.A. the object of their derogatory criticism, and accuse them of endeavoring to "take the council by the throat."

This has its humorous side, for surely it seems funny to charge the very men with being guilty of the very thing, to prevent which they have been through such hardship in this war. However, the accuser, Alderman Corbett, a philanthropic undertaker according to himself, takes on the virtuous mantle and, possibly suffering from a disturbed conscience, relates the risks he has run to his health during the flu epidemic, and further protesting the "taking by the throat" attitude of the G.W.V.A. flings in the teeth of the returned soldier his "charity" in burying members of soldiers' families without cost. Whatever Alderman Corbett has, or has not done in the past, at the risk of his "health" or his "pocket," it is certain that in respect to the matter dealt with by the council last Monday night—he failed in his duty towards the returned soldier for whom he expressed such sympathy. Nor was he alone, for strange as it may seem to some that among the majority vote recorded against the returned soldier are to be found the names of aldermen who have worn the king's uniform during this war—it is really not so surprising. Military experiences gained in the vicinity of Kingston, and at the "movies" are not calculated to enlighten one as to the constant hardship, as well as "risk of health," to say nothing of imminent death in its most horrible form, that have accompanied the returned soldier in the "fighting areas."

Hence you have the middle of aldermen with "khaki traditions" voting against the returned soldier. In conclusion, I think that the City Council of Kingston stands alone throughout the dominion shamed by its most unworthy attitude towards the returned soldier, and while they may "plume themselves" as having "trimmed the G.W.V.A. on the point at issue, they have done so very much at the expense of their reputation. Forgetting "broken faith" they talked much about their pledged word; but the honors rest easily with the veterans. Yours truly, —H. L. HOWE, 165 Stuart street.

THE WORLD'S NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pointed and Pithy Way.

The Berlin Vorwaert and Lokal Anzeiger urges that a nation-wide referendum be held on signing of the peace treaty.

The Montreux commissioners refused a socialist organization a permit to discuss the right of free speech on Fletcher's Field, Saturday.

The death at Atlantic City took place Thursday of C. E. Dewey, freight traffic manager of the Grand Trunk Railway. Mr. Dewey had been indisposed for the past two weeks.

Printing presses of two more alleged Bolshevik newspapers have been found in basements of North Winglock houses, W. A. Shepard, of the Army and Navy Veterans Association states.

Brief News From Napanee. Napanee, May 17.—Miss Violet Perry, Guelph, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. Rudd Perry, Napanee. Mrs. G. W. Gibbard entertained a number of lady friends on Tuesday evening. Driver G. W. Scott returned from overseas on Friday after fifteen months' service overseas.

The Napanee Co-educative Institute gave a splendid concert in the armories on Friday evening. The entertainment consisted of drills, choruses, physical culture exhibits and plays. The pupils showed much talent and originality in the evening's entertainment. The proceeds are to be used for a collegiate war memorial.

Layman Chosen for Moderator. St. Louis, May 17.—J. Willis Raer, a banker of Pasadena, California, was elected moderator at the Episcopal general assembly of the Presbytery church in the United States, in session here. This is the first time in the history of the church a layman was chosen to the highest office of the church.

For a Wet Sunday. Provide yourself with a good book from the popular copyright. Regular price 75. Special to signal, 50c, at the College-Book Store.

Peterborough, Cobourg and Belleville are after the next annual convention of the Ontario branch of the G.W.V.A.

Pieton Methodist gave \$1,200 on the anniversary occasion and raised \$250 at a tea the following night.

GANANOQUE

(From Our Own Correspondent.) May 17.—David Serson, an aged and highly esteemed resident of the Front of Leeds and Lansdowne township passed away at his home near Marble Rock on Tuesday after an illness of some duration. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the home of Mrs. George Perry to the Marble Rock burying ground.

Pte. Gordon Davis, son of Hugh Davis, King street west arrived in town on Thursday and was met by Mayor W. J. Wilson and a goodly concourse of residents who gave him a rousing welcome.

Lieut. W. C. Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Gordon, King street west, arrived in town yesterday afternoon and was met at the pavilion by a large crowd who gave him a hearty reception.

Mayor W. J. Wilson and Reeve T. L. Ellis were in Brockville this week in attendance at a Hydro-Electric meeting.

Under the auspices of the Catholic Literary and Athletic club a lecture was given in the assembly hall of the Oddfellows Temple on Thursday evening by Dr. Thos. O'Hagan, M.A., L.L.D., Ph.D. on the subject, "Catholicism in Literature."

Past Grand Elzie Andrew, Joseph Case, Geo. A. Baker, W. G. Bates, Gilbert Orser and Jobie Lloyd were in Kingston on Wednesday evening in attendance at the district meeting of the L.O.O.F. as representatives of Gananoque Lodge No. 114 of that order. P. G. Geo. A. Baker was elected as D.D.G.M. for this district for the ensuing year.

The Thousand Islands Gun Club held a very well attended trap shoot at their traps at Grasshopper Park on Wednesday as a practice for the big registered tournament scheduled here for May 26th.

W. W. Stafford of Kingston, a former resident of this town, was here yesterday on business. Under the auspices of Gananoque Lodge No. 4 of Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of North America, George Keen, of Brantford, General Secretary of the Co-operative Union of Canada, addressed a mass meeting of the officers and members of that organization and their wives in the assembly hall at the Oddfellows Temple on Wednesday evening. Mr. Keen gave a thorough exposition of the Co-operative work from its inception up to date, and at the close assisted in the organization of the Gananoque Co-operative store with a capital stock of \$25,000.

Advertising 100 Years Ago

A curious and interesting advertisement for Kingston real estate, printed nearly one hundred years ago, is reprinted in a book entitled "Ten Thousand Wonderful Things." This book was produced in England, and contains a collection of rare and curious things. The advertisement is written in the poetical style which was popular in those days, and is signed by "Thomas Dalton, Kingston Brewery." It reads as follows: "Notice to the public, and especially to emigrants, who wish to settle on lands. The subscriber offers for sale several thousand acres of land, situated in well-settled front townships, in lots to suit purchasers. Particulars about location may be known on application. For quality of soil and so forth buyers to see, on nag must go forth. This much I'll tell ye plainly. Of big trees ye'll see mainly. 'Bout butternut and beech. A whole week I could preach: But what the plague's the use of that. The land are high, low, round and flat. There's rocks and stumps no doubt enough. And hogs and swamps, and 'quaintam-suffice.' To bred the finest of mosquitoes; As in the sea are bred bonitos; No lack of fever or ofague; And many other things to plague you. In short, they're just like other people's. 'Sans' houses, pigsties, barns and steeples. What most it imports you to know, 'S the terms on which I'll let them go. So now I offer to the buyer A credit to his own desire, Fur butter, bacon, bread and cheese, Lean bullocks, calves or ducks or geese, Corn, tates, flour, barley, rye, Or anything but punkin-pie. In three, four years, aye, five or six, If that won't do, why, let him fix. But once when fixed, if payment's slack, As sure as fate, I'll take 'em back." Thomas Dalton, Kingston, (Canada) Brewery, November 2nd, 1831.

While this kind of advertising would perhaps hardly do for modern times, it has at least the virtue of being truthful.

FOR CHEMICAL SCHOOL

British Company Gives Two Hundred Thousand Guineas. London, May 17.—It is definitely announced that the British Oil Company has agreed to contribute two hundred thousand guineas for the endowment of a chemical school at Cambridge University. The intention of the directors is that the new generation of British chemists should be educated and trained for the great part which British industry is expected to play in the near future.

Municipal Plant Pays

Retiree, May 17.—At the last meeting of the town council, Councilor W. E. Smallfield, chairman of power and light, was able to state that as a result of the recent cut in domestic rates, both the consumption and the revenue had materially increased, and it was hoped soon to be able to declare a further reduction. It was also decided to enforce the dog by-law prohibiting dogs from running at large unless under the charge of a responsible person.

10,000 Pounds Ceylon and Indian Tea Worth from 80c to \$1.00. On Sale at 50c, 55c, and 60c per pound. This sale offers an opportunity to housepeakers to buy the best tea at a saving of 25 per cent. The Thompson Bottling Co. GEO. THOMPSON, Prop. Phone 204 292 Princess Street

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