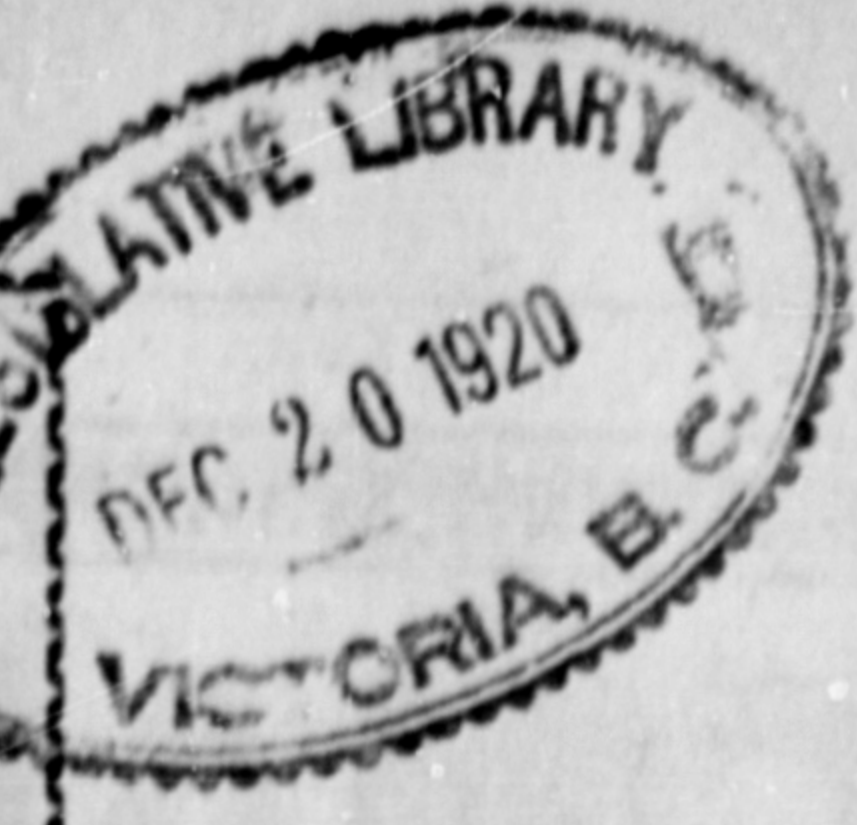


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## GETTING READY FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

## GRAND JURY ASKS PATROL BOATS TO PREVENT ILLICIT LIQUOR TRADE

### Names Suggested Mayor and Council

G. W. Nickerson asked to be Candidate for Chief Magistrate and Several Invited to Run for Aldermen

A small but representative gathering of businessmen was held in the Board of Trade rooms last evening and they asked G. W. Nickerson to agree to allow his name to be placed in nomination for the position of mayor. Other names were suggested for alderman, among them being C. H. Orme, M. P. McGaffery, S. E. Parker, Fred Dawson, J. H. Kelly, Tom Silversides, and Dave Thomson and John Dybhayn. W. E. Williams presided and there were representatives of most of the political parties present as well as the War Veterans. It was suggested that the Trades and Labor Council would probably put a couple of men in the field and these representatives would be welcomed and receive support from the businessmen.

Before adjournment a committee consisting of D. G. Stewart, Capt. Forney, Jas. Campbell and the chairman was appointed to follow up the requests and see that most of the men were nominated or call another meeting if necessary.

**Outlines Purpose.**  
When the meeting was called to order C. H. Orme reported on behalf of a committee that had been appointed last summer. He explained that they had been instructed to see that a proper number of suitable men were properly qualified to take the positions. Also a number of people had been registered who otherwise would not have been voters today. He had called that meeting for the purpose of seeing that suitable men were nominated.

S. E. Parker proposed that F. G. Dawson should be selected and urged that pressure be brought to bear to induce him to be a candidate for mayor. This Mr. Dawson absolutely refused.

D. G. Stewart moved that S. E. Parker be asked to run. This Mr. Parker declined.

**Urges Acceptance.**  
J. H. Kelly said the citizens would undoubtedly be behind either of these two men and it was their duty to accept. There was Mr. Orme of the Conservative party and Rose of the Independents present so there was no politics in it. He thought it was the fear that people might think it was a political move that troubled Mr. Dawson. He personally would like to see him use a little politics and get all he could from Victoria. He thought they should get over this "too busy" idea. It was his duty as citizens to make suggestions and give their time to civic work.

Mr. Dawson said he quite understood that municipal affairs were non-political. He would rather get behind someone else and give him moral support.

**Nickerson Chosen.**  
Mr. Dawson then moved that G. W. Nickerson be asked to allow his name to be placed in nomination. He was a live wire.

In seconding this, M. P. McGaffery said Mr. Nickerson was one of the public spirited men of the town. The fact that he had never been in the council did not mean anything. He was young and ambitious. He had great pleasure in seconding his motion.

Mr. Nickerson said he was in the same position as the others. Being elected might mean running into a lot of trouble. The slump came rather suddenly and caught a good many people short and it would take all their time to pull through. His business was not such as he could get someone

#### NICKERSON IS VERY LIKELY TO BE CANDIDATE

While G. W. Nickerson has not officially accepted the suggestion that he allow his name to go in nomination for the mayoralty, it is understood he is likely to do so. The committee is meeting this afternoon and a lineup should be reported tomorrow.

M. P. McGaffery stated definitely to the Daily News today that he would not be a candidate.

else to do. He said that he could not afford to work for \$1,500 a year. His time was worth \$3,000 to him in his business and he thought any man who was elected mayor should get that much. He suggested that a number should put their names in a hat and draw for who should run. He was willing to do it if McGaffery and Orme and Dawson and some others would do the same.

**Orme for Council.**  
Mr. Orme was asked if he would allow his name to go in nomination and he said he was not qualified, but if Nickerson would run for mayor he would try for alderman, a position for which he had the proper qualifications.

The motion asking Nickerson to allow himself to be nominated was passed unanimously and with enthusiasm.

C. O. Rowe then took part in the proceedings. He said he thought this too small a meeting to nominate a man for the position. They should call a public meeting. He urged his point with great force.

It was pointed out to Mr. Rowe that this was not an election. It was simply a meeting to try to arrange that suitable men should be in the running. There doubtless would be other meetings of other groups who would nominate others. The War Veterans were talking of putting up one or two men and the Trades and Labor Council also.

Mr. Williams said that any man had a right to be a candidate if he had the necessary qualifications. This meeting was held to give expression to an opinion.

**A Live Wire.**  
Mr. Brynolson said they wanted a young live man who was a live wire. They had such a man in Mr. Nickerson. He was one of the most honest men he had had dealings with. Personally he would like to see Mr. Nickerson a candidate.

It was then decided to leave the

### Ketchikan Grand Jury Urges Stop Canadian Liquor Import

Asks Government to Put on at Least Two Fast Patrol Boats Immediately and Appoint More Deputies to Enforce Law

KETCHIKAN, December 16.—The Grand Jury here before adjourning made a number of indictments of minor importance and urged better patrol in order to stop the liquor traffic now going on, the reference being particularly to the illicit import trade from Prince Rupert. The report of the Grand Jury said in part:

"We find no contradiction to the general belief that large quantities of illicit liquor are being brought into Ketchikan. We believe that this is mainly due to three causes: absolute lack of patrol boats on the Canadian-Alaskan boundary; insufficient number of officers to enforce the law in Ketchikan; and seeming popularity of the illicit traffic."

"We recommend that the government put at least two fast boats on the above mentioned boundary immediately, and create additional deputies in Ketchikan for the suppression of the liquor traffic."

"We have investigated the charges made by the Civic League regarding Federal frustration of their efforts to enforce the law in Ketchikan. We find no evidence of anything of this kind and deplore ill-advised remarks by well-meaning organizations."

#### VERY BAD WEATHER IN NEAR INTERIOR

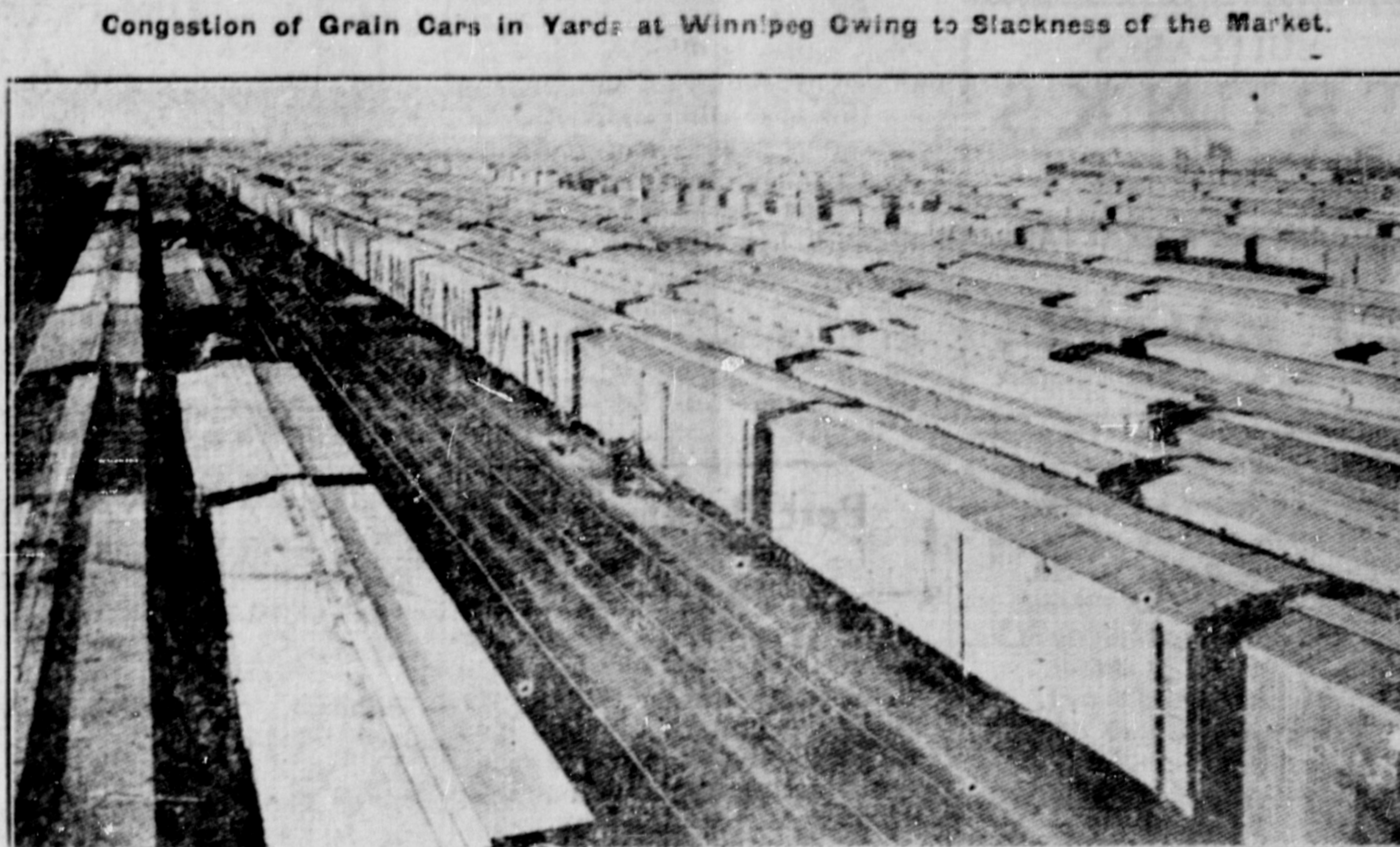
Seventeen Breaks in Telegraph Lines Reported Along Railway.

Further particulars of the bad condition of the telegraph lines was brought in last evening. It seems that both G. T. P. and the Government lines were broken in many places, one system having seventeen breaks.

From here to Smithers the gale was terrific and a number of trees were thrown across the wires. Workmen were out yesterday and this morning with good results.

matter in Mr. Nickerson's hands for an answer at an early date, and a committee was appointed to receive that answer and if necessary to call another meeting.

By resolution J. H. Kelly and Tom Silversides were then asked to be candidates and the possible advent of two members of the Trades and Labor Council into the field was spoken of appreciatively. The meeting then adjourned.



Congestion of Grain Cars in Yard at Winnipeg Owing to Slackness of the Market.

### All Fisheries Open to White British Subjects

That is Set Forth in New Regulations Recently Issued by Department of Fisheries and Being Promulgated

Last year the fisheries of northern British Columbia were opened to all British subjects, with a few minor reservations. This year even those reservations have been removed and the fisheries are now open to all white citizens of the country. That seems to be the intent of the new regulations recently issued from Ottawa.

Last year the reservations were in a few areas where drag seines were allowed. This year drag seines are restricted to Area 6, including Lowe Inlet, and may be further restricted to the Chucks in Principe Channel, the west coast of Banks Island and possibly a few in Granville Channel. The licenses will be issued to any white man who is a British subject, but the licensee will be obliged to engage an Indian crew to operate the seine.

No motor boats are to be allowed to operate in the fisheries during the coming season. The license fee for captains of seining boats will not be refunded. No refunds of any kind are provided for in the regulations.

**CARPENTERS  
START FUND  
FOR RELIEF**  
Drydock Situation Discussed, with Particular Reference to Repair Department.

The Carpenters Local No. 1735 last night started a fund for the assistance of cases of distress in the city. There was a movement toward the treasurer's table of the members and as a result a goodly sum was raised which will be used for the benefit of the kiddies.

Regret was expressed at the resignation of President Gillis as head of the Trades and Labor Council and it was decided to use every means to induce him to reconsider his position.

The present drydock situation was discussed and the feeling was made evident that at this time of year in particular things ought to be humming in the repair department thus helping out in the present period of stagnation.

In commenting upon the forthcoming municipal election President Gillis said that the labor vote would undoubtedly decide the choice of aldermen for the coming year.

Bylaws were passed and left in the hands of the executive committee for final drafting.

Rod McLeod, a genuine old timer, was elected recording secretary by acclamation, the choice being a most popular one as it was felt that Mr. McLeod was very capable.

#### HODGES IS AT THE DRY DOCK

Is Established on Behalf of the Creditors—Saunders Represents Government.

W. E. Hodges, liquidator of the Prince Rupert Dry Dock and Engineering Co., has established himself in the offices at the administration building. The general situation still remains the same and there are no new developments.

At the pay office at the gate Captain F. T. Saunders and his staff are paying off the men on behalf of the Dominion Government and Captain Saunders is representing the government's interests in the yards.

The pay office was not open this morning but commenced again this afternoon. Over 200 men have been paid off since Captain Saunders started on Tuesday morning.

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First Canadian Appointed to Fellowship at Oxford University

Percy E. Corbett, son of Rev. Thomas Corbett, Ft. Saskatchewan, Alta., has the distinction of being first Canadian appointed to fellowship at Oxford University. He is at present occupying the position of translator and interpreter for the League of Nations which is now in session at Geneva.

#### WHO GUILTY INHERITING A MILLION

That is Question Worrying People of Victoria Today Following Announcement.

VICTORIA, Dec. 16.—The talk of the city for the past few days has been a report appearing in the local press to the effect that a young Victoria returned soldier had fallen heir to a million dollars and had gone to England to cash in on his legacy.

According to the story the young officer had been made the heir of a man whose guest he was during the war. He pledged his friends not to tell his name and now every young returned man of about thirty years of age is being bombarded with questions and all sorts of complications are following.

#### NEW LADY FOSTER LIVED AT VANCOUVER AND WORKED IN SHOP

The new Lady Foster, whose marriage to Sir George Foster, K.C.M.G., D.C.L., LL.D., took place last week at Geneva, and who is the only child of the late Sir William Allan, M.P., is well known to many persons in Vancouver, having at one time been employed as a sales lady in the mantle department at Gordon Drysdale's, which position she occupied for six months. During the war Miss Allan spent much time in Paris

and in Northern France.

A despatch, speaking of the late Sir William Allan, former Liberal member for Gateshead, one of the most picturesque figures in the north country, says he was marine engine builder and justice of the peace for Durham. A lifelong friend says "I remember well old Wully Allan of genial memory. He had the heart of a child and appearance of a buccaneer. Engineer, blockade runner, inventor, radical, politician and poet, he was equally at home at his own engineering works, in Commons, in duchesses' drawing-rooms or of bar or parlor of public house."

"He often related glorious days of old when he had, perforce, to burn his ship's fittings to pack on extra steam to elude federal cruisers and run his contraband cargo into southern port. His great height, beard almost prophetic, rich voice of rough lowland Scotch accent came back even now, for romance in Geneva has evoked many memories."

#### DUMPING BY GERMAN FIRMS

Grave Complaints Being Made by British Firms at Invasion of Market.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The invasion of the British market by German firms is being discussed a great deal and strong protests are being made at the dumping of goods to the detriment of home manufacturers.

German toys are being sent to this country in large numbers and electrical goods are also being sold at much lower prices than they can be made here with the present rate of wages. The result is that either wages must come down, German goods be kept out, or the local factories must close.

Wallace's Xmas drawing, three prizes, tickets with every dollar purchase. 300



#### MUNICIPAL MATTERS AND RETURNED MEN

Special Meeting of G. W. V. A. Next Week to Discuss Forthcoming Election.

The Great War Veterans' Association will hold a special meeting next Wednesday to consider the question of putting up candidates for the forthcoming municipal election. The matter was suggested at last night's meeting and the motion for a special meeting was then put through.

A committee has been named by the association to provide Christmas cheer for returned soldiers' families and associates. The committee is headed by Ray Macdonald and \$500 is provided.

The city bylaw in regard to memorial affairs has been referred to B. O. Oughton, the association's solicitor, for his inspection.

The matter of 17 dock time checks which the association has expended a large fund in cashing was taken up. Action in regard to the failure of the government to cash these is being delayed until Colonel Pack is heard from.