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WILL include in the above sale the valuable FREEHOLD GROUND RENT of £52 per annum, amply secured on a substantially erected MOTOR GARAGE, situate in Madock Terrace, Ealing Green, the superficial area of which is about 1,800 square feet. The premises are let on lease for 99 years from March 25th, 1912.

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WILL include in the above sale the valuable FREEHOLD RESIDENCE, known as No. 7, High-street, Ealing, situate in a good position and let on lease for 99 years, producing an excellent shop with living accommodation over, at a rental of £60 per annum, tenant paying rates and taxes, also the Commodious FREEHOLD RESIDENCE, known as No. 42, RANELAGH ROAD, EALING, which will be sold with the advantage of vacant possession on completion and is of a fine spacious rental value of £36 per annum, together with an Attractive FREEHOLD RESIDENCE, "SHAKESPEARE," KINGSBURY ROAD, SHAKESPEARE ROAD, HANWELL, W., which is a well-planned house, situate in a good position, and is let on agreement at the moderate rental of £40 per annum.

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4. Gavotte Gothique ... ... *Guillmant*
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6. Humoresque ... ... *Dvorák*
7. Dithyramb ... ... *Harwood*

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Entitled "HIGH EXPLOSIVES."
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On MONDAY, MARCH 20th, 1916,
At Eight p.m.,
In the VICTORIA HALL.

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The Rev. E. W. T. GREENSHIELD
(of the C.M.S. Arabic Mission),
The Rev C. J. SHARP (Vicar of Ealing),
AND OTHERS.

Mr. ALDERMAN BOX will preside.

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THE BRITISH NAVY.

It is not easy to imagine what the British people would feel like if anything went amiss with our navy with the British Navy. Fortunately, as they say at Westminster, "The question does not arise," but one has only to suggest it to realise how complete and absolute our reliance on the fleet. Mr. Churchill, with an eye, no doubt, to dramatic effect, asked us this week to consider what was happening behind the Dardanelles if we stand between us and German activities. We do not, of course, know what is happening, but we all have a conviction that "The Navy is all right," and that the Yard Lord said nothing to shake that conviction. He only told us that if we are to maintain our position it must be by continued vigilance—which the Navy is not in the least likely to forget. But we have, after all, been brought up on a tradition of party politics, and, feeling quite safe in the defence of our Fleet, we must have a little excitement to keep us going. Hence Colonel Churchill's little essay in the art of "singering up" the Government—which we all thought much better than the weightier matters that Mr. Balfour had to lay before us. "Our interest," as old Bishop Blougram said, "is in the dangerous edge of things." Vague rumours, suggestions that we may be too late—all these things place the palate of those who love sensations. They are much more stimulating than the stalwart vigilance of the North Sea and a placid waiting for a much-deferred Day of Reckoning. There is no need to censure this tendency on the part of the public. It is simply means that we have a taste for the picturesque, which is merely a development of the artistic temperament. The whole world is in a state of expansion than some superior persons would have us believe. Mr. Balfour and Mr. Churchill represent two very different types of personality. To those who prefer the quiet manner of the present First Lord the style of his predecessor may possibly appear to savour of that "Teutonic swagger" which Mr. Balfour anathematised. But Mr. Balfour will appear to Mr. Churchill's admirers to represent a slow-moving type which is not suited to our strenuous times. It all depends on the point of view, and the philosophic observer will reflect that it takes all sorts to make a world.

Whether or not Lord Fisher should be recalled as First Sea Lord is one of those questions which the non-technical mind is hardly competent to judge, and it is perhaps, not the most important of the issues raised. That a great deal of the language used by supporters of the recall is exaggerated is fairly obvious on the face of it. The British Navy does not stand in need of one indispensable superman. When Mr. Churchill sounds the note of "nearly too late," we know that he is only trying to keep us on the alert, and that he does not really hold the fantastic idea that we are in a hole from which only one man can pull us out. Lord Fisher, as we sometimes feel occasionally inclined to forget, is advanced in years. It is, therefore, rather strange to link up the demand for his recall with the talk about introducing the "young blood," and it would be a pity if the fact that he has become a sort of symbolic figure in a "liveliness" campaign were held to reflect adversely on Sir Henry Jackson. The Board of Admiralty is not sleeping peacefully at Whitehall, and "mental vigour" is hardly a quality in which Mr. Balfour can fairly be said to be lacking. The extravagances of popular oratory, whether it is delivered in Parliament or in the country, are well understood and discounted at home, and it will perhaps, do no great harm if our enemies mistake the meaning of things as usual. We have always managed to find time for these little diversions at home and to get on with the business as well. The Navy understands the situation, and knows that we are only amusing ourselves in a rather dull season. Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux, for example, uses language which will not be in the least misunderstood by sailors. There is no bitterness behind it, and Lord Fisher will not for a moment suppose that there is anything hard words is a way they have in the Navy, and it has not in the past proved incompatible with solid and useful work. These facts will, no doubt, be borne in mind by those who carry on the discussion which has been raised—if, indeed, it is to be carried on.

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Ealing and Hanwell Post.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, 1916.

FIVEPENCE OFF THE RATE

There is good reason to hope that the very low Ealing rate of 6s. 10d. in the £ will be further reduced. The Town Council wants only 2s. 6d., instead of 3s., for purposes of the rate, and it will be misleading to call the "Poor Rate" of 3s. 10d. is not likely to go up more than a penny, which will mean a soft gain of the ratepayers' burden. The statement which Alderman Menzies presented to the Town Council on Thursday was a very satisfactory. Taking the actual balance at March 31st, 1915, being larger than was expected, and partly to an all-round and intelligent economy, and partly to the present sacrifice of efficiency, the Council expects to find itself at the end of this month with a surplus of £11,354, which is nearly equal to a five-penny rate. The amount required for the service of the coming year (after deducting the estimated income) is £74,146. This is to be met by the application of the surplus, £11,354 and by the rate of 2s. 6d. in the £, which will produce £62,310. That leaves the Council with an estimated deficit at March 31st, 1917, of £482, but from what we know of the spirit of the Council and of Ealing finance and of the whole-hearted way in which the officials are co-operating with the Council to carry on economy, we have no doubt that the position a year hence will be better than the present Budget suggests. The Town Council has our hearty congratulations, and sincere thanks. Whatever its faults, the Council has not lost the capacity to serve Ealing well. It works better than it talks. Indeed, that is praise not high enough, for at present it is talking more and worse than ever.

THE BRITISH NAVY.

BROADWAY CINEMA.

Everybody has read or heard the story of "Jane Shore." Messrs. Barker's, the Ealing firm of film producers, have filmed the splendid story in a fine manner, and it will be shown at the Broadway Cinema on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next.

On Thursday next, the change of programme will also be shown another Charlie Chaplin cartoon, entitled "The Perfect Lady," a picture that guarantees ever thirty minutes of unremittable laughter.

NOTES OF THE WEEK.

In West Middlesex, and we believe, in the country generally, the response to the first "calls" under the Military Service Act has been almost disappointing. Either there is no "residuum" or it is in hiding.

The Ladies Needlework Association is organising an Ealing flag day on behalf of its work for the Belgian Refugees. It will be held, in Ealing, May 20th, which fits in well between St. George's Day in April and Queen Alexandra's Day in June. April, May, June—flag day a month is enough, though, judging by past experience, it just misses being too much.

The new Lighting Order is bringing business to the drapers and furnishers, and it will probably benefit the gas and electric traders too, also, for it appears from reports in our columns to-day that the old Ealing tradition has been broken by and accepted upon. Whether we shall be any safer from Zeppelin attack remains to be seen, but, if the difficulties and difficulties of the streets, already great, will certainly be much increased.

In consequence of the Government limitation of the importation of paper and paper making materials, it will be necessary to reduce considerably the size of our paper after this week. We hope to be able to give what remains, and we shall be very much helped if contributors and correspondents will keep this in mind.

It is to the officials rather than to the Town Council that we owe the economies which have made a substantial reduction in the rate practicable, and notably to the Borough Surveyor, who is the administrative head of the Council's departments. There has been no drastic cutting down of the public services—indeed, there all has been maintained at a high level of efficiency—but all the year through there has been a wise ordering of matters so that we get more for a pound and there is a penny has been saved, and now there is a £10,000 reduction in the call upon the ratepayers.

Ealing is fortunate in the prospect of having a visit from Principal Lloyd, of Saskatoon, and those who are interested in the present and future of Canada would do well not to miss the opportunity of hearing him when he speaks at the Victoria Hall, Ealing, next Tuesday evening. Principal Lloyd has already, with splendid courage and energy, done a great work in and for the Dominion, and in conjunction with the chief men of Canada, he is convinced that very many of our men, now serving their country in the Navy and the Army, will turn to Canada as their future home when the war is over. He is anxious that we should be too late in preparing for them, but should arrange beforehand for the welfare of the British Navy does not stand in need of one indispensable superman. When Mr. Churchill sounds the note of "nearly too late," we know that he is only trying to keep us on the alert, and that he does not really hold the fantastic idea that we are in a hole from which only one man can pull us out. Lord Fisher, as we sometimes feel occasionally inclined to forget, is advanced in years. It is, therefore, rather strange to link up the demand for his recall with the talk about introducing the "young blood," and it would be a pity if the fact that he has become a sort of symbolic figure in a "liveliness" campaign were held to reflect adversely on Sir Henry Jackson. The Board of Admiralty is not sleeping peacefully at Whitehall, and "mental vigour" is hardly a quality in which Mr. Balfour can fairly be said to be lacking. The extravagances of popular oratory, whether it is delivered in Parliament or in the country, are well understood and discounted at home, and it will perhaps, do no great harm if our enemies mistake the meaning of things as usual. We have always managed to find time for these little diversions at home and to get on with the business as well. The Navy understands the situation, and knows that we are only amusing ourselves in a rather dull season. Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux, for example, uses language which will not be in the least misunderstood by sailors. There is no bitterness behind it, and Lord Fisher will not for a moment suppose that there is anything hard words is a way they have in the Navy, and it has not in the past proved incompatible with solid and useful work. These facts will, no doubt, be borne in mind by those who carry on the discussion which has been raised—if, indeed, it is to be carried on.

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THE EALING RATE.

"GENERAL DISTRICT" DOWN 6d.

"POOR" RATE GOING UP.

The estimates for the financial year commencing on April 1st next, were considered by the Town Council at its meeting on Thursday, the Mayor (Councillor Bean) presiding.

Cutting down the Library.

The Council dealt first with the Borough Fund, which forms part of what is called the "Poor" Rate.

The Finance Committee had considered the expenditure payable out of the Borough Fund to March 31st, 1917, and recommended that a precept on the Overseers of the Parish of Ealing be issued for £29,983, to include the expenditure of the Education Committee under Part II and III of the Education Act, 1902.

The Library Committee's estimate of expenditure was £2,443. As, however, this was in excess of the amount provided by a 1d. rate, the Finance Committee had amended the estimate and had reduced it to £1,860.

Councillor Parr said the Library Committee had to bring up a report, which showed that the Library Committee had reduced the estimate from £2,443 7s. 3d., which was obviously more than could be borne, to £1,860, which was the amount that the Council had agreed upon. The Committee had set themselves the task of reducing the estimate to £200. Members of the Library Committee would be as economical as the other committees, but in reducing the estimate they had amongst others:—£200 for new books, £100 for contingencies, £1,301 for salaries, war allowances, National Insurance and National Health Insurance, and £100 for replacements. Having regard to the pressure on the pressure being put upon all classes to economise, he thought the sum estimated for new books might well be retained in the pockets of the ratepayers. At least £100 of it should be deducted. The amount estimated for salaries, included £350 for the librarian's salary, but as the new librarian's salary was only £200, there was a clear saving of £150. The £100 estimated for replacements was cut down to almost nothing. The amount for contingencies should be reduced by half. The estimate did not take that a revenue of about £120 would result from fines. He moved that the estimate be reduced by a further £300, in addition to the amount taken off by the Finance Committee, which would leave the estimate at £1,560.

Councillor Piper said the estimate was an extravagant one and should go back to the committee for further consideration. It had drastically reduced.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the Library Committee asking that a library rate of not less than 1d. might be allowed.

Councillor Wright said that Councillor Parr was rather "skinning the plum." The sum of £1,860 was a reasonable one, and if the Council would not be able to get on with the amount Councillor Parr proposed.

Councillor Marshall strongly criticised the Library Committee's estimate and remarked that some libraries had managed with the war. The new books, he expected, would consist mostly of trash which did no one any good to read.

Councillor King remarked that the Library Committee had considered the question of economy as far back as August last, when the lowest estimate they could make was an amount equal to that produced by 1d. rate. Since then circumstances had altered a little and the committee had hoped to be enabled to do more than it could get on without the full penny rate. The committee would not be able to carry on with less.

Councillor Bradford supported Councillor Parr's proposal. He was sorry to hear Alderman Clark that the wings in this quarter were clipped and the library affairs taken in hand by the Council.

Councillor Sayers said this was the first time the Council had actually taken up the Library Committee's estimate, and he did not quite agree with Councillor King it to be proposed to be done. He thought it would be better for the Council to let the committee have the matter back to the Library Committee.

Councillor Parr's amendment was carried, the minority voting in favour.

The recommendation with reference to the Council's Sinking Fund, by which the substitution of £29,693 for £29,993, the alteration being necessitated by the adoption of Councillor Parr's amendment.

General District Rate.

The Finance Committee further recommended that the Borough Treasurer be instructed to prepare a rate of 2s. 6d. in the £, for sealing at the next meeting of the Council, to be paid on April 12th, and that it be payable by two equal instalments.

The Finance Committee's statement by Alderman Menzies (Chairman of the Finance Committee) was in the hands of members and was taken as read.

"In presenting the estimate for 1916-1917, I need say very little regarding it. The estimate is exceptional and I am glad to say meets in every way the needs of the times. It is essentially a war estimate and contains little that could be avoided without serious figures which we trust will not occur again.

"Owing to the nature of the estimate of last year which necessitated the making of a 3d. rate, the rateable value was estimated at £514,000, the actual rateable valuable at the present time is £519,164 (an increase of £5,164), but the rate will produce very little more than the amount estimated, viz., £74,146.

"Owing to the various circumstances, the actual expenditure is likely to be over £3,000 less than was estimated last year, the reduction in the Library Committee are mainly responsible, owing to enforced economy in various directions, the amount of labour, together with the reduced street lighting in order to comply with the defence of the Realm Act. In addition a number of economies have been effected, notably in the expenditure on the parks and open spaces, planting of trees, and the carrying out of street works and improvements.

"The Baths and Fire Brigade committees were able to reduce their expenditure slightly. The former committee proposed to the falling out of the original loan for the swimming baths. Reductions are also made in their estimate for the coming year.

"The Works Committee's expenditure is considerably in excess of the estimate, but this is largely caused by the destructors having to be worked day and night continuously, and the erection of the additional cells sanctioned in 1914, and for which the consent of the Local Government Board has been obtained, has not been started owing to the war.

"In this connection the Borough Surveyor has pointed out that savings might be effected if the public authorities would allow the sewer to burn in their own kitcheners and fires would be saved, and thus save the collection and disposal of some hundreds of tons of rubbish during the twelve months.

"The sales of material such as clinker, ash, paper, etc., from the Sewage Works, have been more than maintained during the last year. The charge made during the past year of the various services show a slight increase of £365.

"This year we estimated a surplus of £4,465, the whole of which was appropriated in the estimates. The actual surplus on the 31st March, 1916, as compared with the estimated surplus resulted in a sum of £2,000 being carried forward, which, together with the increased income and savings on the estimate during the year, account for the surplus shown.

"Included in the last estimate was a war bonus to workmen amounting to £1,300, and £1,200 will be expended. This has now been increased to £2,800 for the coming year, giving a further bonus to the men.

"The net wages to men on active service was estimated last year to be £3,055 (including office staff and workmen). The actual net expenditure was £1,839. As a result of the recent resolution of the Council to deduct separation allowances, as well as pay, this amount is estimated to cost £2,052 during the coming year.

"The increase of payment of loans and interest for the year 1916-1917, included in the estimates, is equal to a rate of nearly 2d. on the rateable assessable value as compared with 6.6d. last year. This slight increase is due to the fact that provision has been made in the estimates for the increased interest payable on the Debenture Loans.

"As all our loans, with a few exceptions, are on the annuity and sinking fund basis, the amount required for annual repayments continues the same and is only relieved by loans falling out.

"In recommending a rate at 2/6 in the pound, the Finance Committee have included every available asset, but it is hoped that considerable further economies will be effected in the estimates presented by the various committees so that the end of the year a balance will again be created.

"Borough Fund.—With regard to the Borough Fund, in the precept to be made on the Overseers the usual items are included. With reference to the Education Estimates, these show an increase of £1,654 on the net requirements as compared with the estimate of 1915-16. The Finance Committee are recommending that the precept to the Overseers be for £29,993, which includes £25,476 required by the Education Committee and £4,517 for the general rate, which is the same as the previous year. The assessable value for Poor Rate purposes is estimated at £539,969 and a penny rate is estimated to produce net £2,170. Based on these figures the "call" on the Overseers works out at 13.84 in the pound as against 13.4d. last year.

"Education Rate.—The surplus at March 31st next was likely to be £11,354. The expenditure in the coming year is estimated at £79,256. Deducting from this the estimated surplus of £11,354 and also £3,120 of income expected in 1916-17, leaves £62,782, and the rate of 2.6 in the £ is estimated to produce £62,310, thus leaving an estimated deficit at March 31st, 1917, of £482.

Sinking Fund for the War Fund?

Councillor Piper moved as an amendment that the Sinking Fund be not disturbed, and that the surplus be invested in Government Stock, in order to pay for the cost of the war. He contended that the money that had been saved was in reality only deferred and would have to be spent in the future, as good many public works had been postponed until the end of the war. He thought that there were three objections to his proposition, namely, that it was illegal, unfair, and that the local authority had no right to raise money for the Government, but he thought those objections could be waived in times like these. His intention was that they should try to do something to bring the war to an end if a little earlier than they might otherwise be the case. The money would form a "nest egg" for the future and it was hoped would have some readily convertible Government Stock, which would be carrying money at 4.5.

Councillor Marshall seconded and remarked that the poor people would not get any rest from the reduced rate. It would be the landlords who would profit.

Only Councillors Piper and Marshall voted for the amendment, and the recommendation of the Finance Committee was adopted.

BRENTHAM BREVITIES.

Under the auspices of the Golf Club a successful whist drive was held at the Institute on Saturday last. The competitors were over 50 in number. Messrs Cobbett, Champion and F. H. Hender, and the ladies by Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Marshall Mr. A. C. Smith, chairman of the club, acted as M.C.

Notice that pressure of business will compel Mr. F. J. Milner to resign the hon. secretaryship of the Brentham Club. The club are holding their annual general meeting on the 14th, when his successor will be appointed.

The international Bible Students' Association have quite a number of members in the Brentham District, and on Sunday evening next, they have arranged a lecture, which will be illustrated by the scriptural coloured lantern slides. The Great Pyramid in Egypt. Mr. Morton Edgar is the lecturer. He will show that nothing in the written, and the scriptural plan of salvation is corroborated by the symbolisms of the Pyramid.

A prominent item in the programme of the Choral Society's concert next Saturday will be the special setting of "The Sands of Dee," by Dr. Charles Harriss, the Canadian composer. The simple pathos of Kingsley's poem lose nothing in the setting, which is most effective. This will be the first performance of the work in Ealing.

Amongst other items of the programme are the prologue from "I Pagliacci," "Lend me your Aid" ("La Reine de Saba"), "Softly sighs the Voice of Evening" (Her Prize Song), and Percy Fletcher's "Imperial Chorus, "For Empire and For King." The proceeds of the concert will be devoted to the Ealing King Edward Memorial Hospital.

A most exciting game in the billiard hall on Ealing Green on Tuesday, Mr. C. B. Askew (scratch) defeating Mr. Millard by one point. The semi-finalists are Messrs. Askew, McKenzie, Bartholomew and Line or Hand.

"To-night at 8 p.m., the Ladies' Club will be entertained by the dramatic and tennis sections will be held. There will be a full house.

The club year closes on the 31st inst. and taking all things into consideration, it has been a most successful one. A good deal has been done to provide innocent recreation for members of Brentham. In the coming year, the Derby scheme will no doubt further deplete the membership, but some sort of recreation is necessary, and I hope that the various activities will be kept in motion.

Mrs. Lamy Mr. Folker's recital from Dickens' works on Thursday evening was excellent. Mr. Folker opened with "Bob Sawyer's Party, from the "Pickwick Papers," and he conveyed the atmosphere of the old coaching inn in Great Street from the entrance to the somewhat ignominious retreat taken by the revellers.

Arrayed in a costume of the time of Isaac Copperfield, Mr. Folker then, in a graphic way, told the story of the story of the betrayal of Little Emily, starting with the introduction of Mauldin and closing with his death and that of Ham.

In the third item, assisted by Mrs. Folker who made an ideal Mercy Pecksniff, Mr. Folker showed us Jonas Chuzzlewit's treatment of Mercy before and after marriage. After a short interval, the celebrated parting scene between Betsy Prig Mrs. Folker and Mrs. Gamp Mr. Folker was played. Mr. Folker's interpretation of the character of the old midwife, nurse and undertaker, and is succeeded in bringing out the humour of the situation in a quiet and unobtrusive way, while the humour was a splendid Betsy.

Mr. Folker was seen at her best in a recital of Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol" at the hall written, but picturesque and waywardly Barnaby, as the Spirit of Christmas.

The programme concluded with a recital of Mr. Winkle's Misadventure at Bath which Mr. Folker gave with genuine humour.

Mr. P. D. Patrichd had painted a charming scene for the interval between the Mercy Mr. Before marriage and Mr. Peter Driver provided some good incidental music.

A committee has recently been formed in South Africa to collect for a Scripture Fund to provide Scripture Lessons for African children of the Scat and Garter Home for Soldiers' Orphans, which is at Pretoria. The Viscountess Buxton is president, and the Government of each of the four provinces vice-presidents.

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