

ANNUAL MEETING  
CITY MISSION

On Sunday morning meetings conducted by Mr. C. Elvins in which he makes up the regular Sunday School lessons, are a real spiritual uplift. We are pleased to know that he is improving and will soon be able to leave the hospital. For Sunday evenings we have efficient helpers: Rev. Mr. Adams, Mr. T. Willis, Mr. A. Vermilyea, Mrs. Clapsaddle, Mrs. G. Coulter, Mr. Miller, Mr. Nobes and Mr. Seeley. Five of these are from the Tabernacle. We wish to thank Mrs. Kerr, our organist for her services on Sunday evenings.

Receipts	
Feb. 21 to bal. on hand	\$ 5.58
Contributions	
H. Corby	\$25.00
A. Friend	25.00
Mr. Whiteside, Little Britain	15.00
Mrs. Sweetman	1.50
Mr. Clapsaddle	2.50
Mrs. McCauley	2.00
Mrs. Uglow, Little Britain	2.00
Mrs. Schuster	3.00
Mr. P. Murray	1.00
Mrs. (Capt.) Farrington	1.00
Miss Martin	.25
A. Friend	.50
Miss Edith Little, Tweed	1.00

Total	\$85.32
Expenditures	
Oct. 16, 18, taxes	\$ 3.54
Material for Xmas tree	1.50
Schuster Coal Co.	3.25
J. W. Walker, glass	1.60
Cash to a friend	3.00
J. W. McDonald, wood	3.75
Goods, Mrs. Galloway	1.00
Schuster Co., wood	2.75
Schuster Co., coal	4.50
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To bal. on hand \$31.94  
Receipts of Mission box \$25.50  
Total \$57.44  
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Mrs. J. Wallace, 20 doz buns during year and cake for Christmas tree festival.

Christmas Gifts	
Miss Galloway \$1, F. S. Deacon \$1, Mrs. (Capt.) Hunter \$1, Miss Bogart \$1, Mrs. J. McCarthy \$25, Miss J. Tickell \$50, Miss Tickell \$1, The Deacon Shirt Co., shirts, Mrs. Clapp, \$1, Mrs. Bone \$5, Mr. Clapp \$6.75, Miss Madden \$50, Miss Peake \$25, Miss Richards \$1, Mrs. A. Wray \$50.	
Receipts	
Bal. from last year	\$ 3.50
Coll. Mar. 5, 16 to Feb. 13, 17	27.28
Donations for Ann. supper	4.75
Donations	2.00
Don from a friend of the Mission for hymn books	5.00
Donation, Mr. Clapp	1.00
Don. for Xmas tree	14.25
Total receipts	\$57.47
Expenditures	
Caretaker	\$ 6.00
Sundries for Ann. supper	2.10
11 pkgs. of reward cards	1.65
Quarterlies	.30
Boat for picnic	3.70
Prizes	1.00
Song books	4.50
Express on books	.40
Gifts for Xmas tree	18.83
Adv. Xmas entertainment	.99
30 copies of "Dew Drops" Primary papers	4.50
Orders, postage, war tax	.62
Don. to S. S. Assoc.	1.00
Total Expenditure	\$46.19
Balance on hand	\$11.28

**Sewing School**  
The sewing school is conducted every Thursday afternoon from four to five-thirty. About 18 girls attend, from the ages of seven to fifteen, the older girls have learned to knit and are knitting wash cloths for father, brother, or some relative overseas. The little girls are dressing dolls, and all seem very interested in their work and anxious to learn.

## BELGIAN CHILDREN SOB AND SCREAM FOR FOOD

But are Dragged away from it, Because they are not Thin enough to Warrant their being Fed

Montréal, Feb. 24.—Mr. Hoover, chairman of the Belgian Relief Commission has just had an astounding experience in Belgium according to Mr. George Barr Baker, a member of the Commission now visiting this continent.

"Mr. Hoover went to Belgium" he said "and saw 1,200 children standing in line in a district near Brussels waiting for their food to be doled out to them. They were all school children, none of them being much over 14 years. All of them were happy, the poor little things, had their food tickets in their hands and were facing the pleasant prospect of getting something to eat.

Their mothers and others of the women relatives were standing by and watching them.

"Suddenly Mr. Hoover saw one of the Belgian women who was working with the commission step over to the line and drag a child out of it. The child screamed and fought to get back into the line but the woman kindly but firmly forced it to one side. This was followed by other women doing the same thing which was always accompanied by the screaming protests of the child.

"Puzzled by these extraordinary incidents Mr. Hoover questioned one of the women workers about it. 'They are of normal weight' she said, 'and cannot have a meal today. They must wait until their weight is reduced before we can supply them with food, this may be one or perhaps two or three days. Only those who are under weight and are actually starving to death under our eyes may have food. There is so little food compared with the need that only those in need of it most may have it.

"Mr. Hoover was astounded and overcome and asked the woman if it was possible that the children must be really starving before they could be allowed to have a meal. 'Yes it is so,' she said sadly, 'we cannot feed so many little mouths, with so little. If we have the food, we could give it to them, but what can we do? Those who do not show actual signs of starvation must stand aside for those who do.'

The scene thus described which is now being repeated all over Belgium explains why Mr. Hoover is making a special appeal to the people of this continent for increased subscriptions so that every child in Belgium may have enough food to keep it up to normal weight.

Subscriptions will be gladly welcomed on behalf of the commission by the Central Belgian Relief Committee, 59 St. Peter Street, Montreal or by any local Belgian Relief Committee. No subscription can be too small and none too large.

RIFLE CLUBS IN  
COMPETITION

Last evening the members of the Belleville Rifle Club and the Ladies' Rifle club held a competition, the former winning by 914 to 904. The ladies put up a silver engraved spoon for the gentlemen making the highest score, Mr. James C. Willis, won it by scoring 98 points. The shooting was as follows:

Ladies' Club	
Mrs. Hyman	91
Miss McCarthy	97
Miss Thompson	87
Mrs. Symons	84
Miss Vermilyea	84
Miss Falkner	94
Miss Jenkins	93
Miss Docter	87
Miss Laxier	91
Miss Milburn	86
Total	904

Gents' Club	
W. J. Andrews	91
J. Woodley	86
A. Edwards	89
H. Sneyd	92
J. Douch	93
A. R. Symons	86
G. B. Smith	85
H. Hall	89
C. J. Symons	96
C. J. Willis	98
Total	914

RECRUITING IS  
A LITTLE BETTER

Major Ferguson, 2nd in command of the 254th, reported for duty this morning.

Col. Allen returned from Northport where a very good recruiting meeting was held.

Recruiting is picking up in this district.

Capt. Monk of Napanee reported at 254th headquarters and proceeded to Kingston headquarters.

Gen. Hughes passed through Belleville yesterday afternoon on his way West. He was met at the C.P.R. depot at 2.18 by Mr. E. Guss Porter, Col. Allen, Capt. Sandford, Capt. Carman and Capt. Hyman. The Gen. was in mufti.

Lieut. Cooper and the N. C. O's at Madoc are coming in to the city for the recruiting meeting.

## A BOARDER'S TROUBLE

There was a police call last night to Station street, where the housekeeper claimed that a boarder was skipping out without paying for his board. No arrest was necessary in the case, so the officer who responded found.

LAID TO REST  
POULTRY WAS  
VERY HIGH

The funeral of the late Lemuel Roberts took place from his late residence on Friday afternoon at St. Thomas' church. Venerable Archdeacon Beamish conducted an impressive service after which the remains were taken to Belleville cemetery. Many floral tributes had been contributed by friends. The bearers were Messrs. Jesse Barlow, Harry Smith, Lewis Miles, William Caldwell, George Rowbotham and Thos. Walte.

## MRS. NANCY FOX

The funeral of the late Mrs. Nancy Fox took place on Thursday afternoon from her late residence, Ameliasburg, Rev. R. L. Edward officiated. Interment was in Albany cemetery. The bearers were immediate relatives.

## MRS. SARAH CROSS

The obsequies of the late Mrs. Sarah Cross were held on Friday from her late residence in the 8th of Tyendinaga to Roslin Presbyterian church where Rev. Mr. McLeod officiated. The funeral was very large and many beautiful floral tributes bore evidence of the high esteem in which the deceased was held. Interment was in Roslin Presbyterian cemetery, the bearers being Messrs. J. Hamilton, R. Larkins, T. Lufman, B. Copeland, H. Campbell and John Chisholm.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Phippen, widow of the late John Phippen, took place Thursday from her residence 208 Bridge Street Rev. A.S. Kerr officiating. Interment took place in Belleville Cemetery, the bearers being Messrs. E. B. Frazer, S. Masson, C. Bogart, A. Gillen, A. I. Bird and A. McGie.

## REV. R. A' COURT SIMMONDS INDUCED AT OLBODNE

The Colborne Express says: One of the most impressive and inspiring services was held in Trinity Church on Friday, Feb. 16th, 1917, when the Rev. R. A' Court Simmonds was instituted and inducted as the 12th Rector of the parish. After the induction ceremony, evensong was taken by the late Rector, Rev. T. J. O'Connor-Pentton; the sermon being preached by the Rev. W. L. Armitage, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Toronto who chose for his text, "The promise to you and to your children." At the outset he spoke very highly of Mr. Simmonds and his work at St. Mark's and in the unfolding of the text, emphasized the need of co-operation on the part of the congregation with the minister in the work of the church. The Bishop, at the close of the sermon in a few well chosen words spoke also of the need of co-operation, laying great stress on the necessity of prayer. Rev. Mr. Sawers, Rector of Colborne and Rural Dean, and Rev. Mr. Pickford, of Brighton, took part in the services.

The reception for the Bishops, visiting clergy, and the new Rector, held in the Parish Hall after the services, proved to be one of the most successful social events of the season. The ladies are to be congratulated upon the splendid manner in which everything was carried out and to them was largely due the success of the evening.

## "CLEARING" THE MILITARY SITUATION.

At last the military situation of Belleville—that of having two overseas battalions recruiting in the one area—has been cleared by the order issued on Friday that the 254th Battalion go immediately to Ottawa and take over the quarters vacated by the 207th Battalion. To those acquainted with the Belleville situation it seems that both units will now have a fair opportunity of getting up to strength, and the move will eliminate the ill-feeling that has been aroused between the two big recruiting parties.

The 254th was authorized last August to be recruited in Durham and Northumberland Counties. When quarters were available in Belleville, before the 254th was authorized, the headquarters of the battalion were moved that far east and the recruiting area extended. With the authorization of the 254th Battalion at Belleville it rapidly developed into a "free-for-all" for recruits from the district, but an ill-feeling between the men of the two units made progress for either very difficult. It has been felt for some time that a move would clear away the trouble and Brockville was suggested.

The Cobourg company of the 254th is also to be transferred to Ottawa. They were to go this week but owing to an epidemic of mumps, their departure may be delayed.

The 254th battalion expect to go overseas in about two months.—Cobourg Sentinel-Star.

POULTRY WAS  
VERY HIGH

Potatoes Sold By Bag on Market—Eggs and butter Unchanged

Poultry and potatoes were today's market features. The former is reaching an unprecedented price of \$1.15 to \$1.50 per fowl. There seemed a good quantity offered but buying was slow at these figures of \$2.25 to \$3.00 per pair. The birds were well fed.

Potatoes sold at \$3.25 to \$3.50 a bag. Wholesalers claimed that it is impossible to buy outside potatoes at such low figures. Importation from the East is impossible now and purchase in Toronto means \$5 per bag. Belleville growers who have "spuds" sell at 60c per peck and upwards. One grower with a quantity of 35 bags on hand sells only by the peck now.

Eggs and butter reflected no change, the former bringing 50c per doz and the latter 45c per pound. Hay was a little weaker. The markets this week have been a little better stocked owing to good road conditions now prevailing. The price runs from \$9 to \$10 per ton. Apples and meats were the outstanding offerings on the market square. Beef hindquarters wholesale at 14c per pound and lamb at 23c. Mutton is quoted at 19c. Pork is offered at \$18 per cwt. Live hogs today bring \$14.

## S. S. HAD SLEIGHING PARTY

The "On We Go" boys' class, taught by Mr. F. H. Henry of the Bridge St. Methodist Sunday school had a most enjoyable sleighing party last night. Mr. Henry and eleven boys made up the load and two hours were spent driving about the town. At nine o'clock they all repaired to Wallace's restaurant where Mr. Henry provided them with light refreshments. Addresses were then made by some of the youthful orators, songs and choruses were sung and a generally delightful time was spent until the party separated to go to their various homes.

## CARPET BALL MATCH

A very exciting game of Carpet ball took place on Friday night, between teams representing the S.O.E. and the Alpha Club, on the Alpha Club carpet, the S.O.E. finally winning by the score of 40 to 38. The line-up was as follows:

## SONGS OF AL H. WILSON DELIGHTED THE AUDIENCE

The songs of Al H. Wilson charmed and delighted a large audience last night at Griffin's. In addition to the vocal numbers the play presented "My Killarney Rose" was a most pleasing and interesting Irish comedy. Mr. Wilson was supported by a most capable cast.

Al H. Wilson invites comparison with Fiske O'Hara, who has also won a reputation in the same class of play and who is to visit Belleville next week. After having heard both artists a number of times we should say that O'Hara exceeds purely as a vocalist, but as an actor and a comedian he is far outclassed by Wilson.

Wilson's mastery of the Irish dialect is perfect. There is nothing artificial or forced, his manner and speech seem to come to him as naturally as though he had been born in the Emerald Isle.

The lyrics of "My Killarney Rose" were composed by Mr. Wilson himself, several of them have very tuneful, catchy airs and should become popular. The one that gives the name to the comedy was perhaps the best of all.

The leading lady of the piece, Rose Langley, "The Killarney Rose," was admirably portrayed by Miss Laura Lemmers. The minor parts of the cast were very capably filled throughout.

The scenic effects stage setting and costumes were elaborately appropriate and beautiful.

## DIED

VERMILYEA — At Corbyville, on Sunday, Feb. 25th, Charles Edgar Vermilyea in his 83rd year.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, Corbyville (tomorrow) Tuesday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock to Canitton Methodist Church for service at 2 p.m. Interment in Stone Church burying ground, 4th Sidney.

235TH RECRUITS  
IN OTTAWA

Will Hold Farewell Meeting in Belleville on March 4th.

Sergt. Vandyke of the 235th left yesterday for Ottawa to assist in recruiting. He is one of the best recruiters of the battalion.

A farewell recruiting meeting will be held in the Opera House Belleville on Sunday March 4th.

Mr. Stewart Moore, a Nephew of Judge Huycke of Peterborough enlisted with the 235th at Picton a couple of days ago. Judge Huycke's four sons, his brother and all his Nephews are in Khaki.

Capt. James of the 235th reports satisfactory arrangements having been made in Ottawa for the battalion.

Capt. Lane went to Toronto yesterday to take a musketry course and will be followed by Lieut. Rickard.

BIG DOINGS AT  
BUSY TRENTON

The Church-Ross Company of Montreal, have taken over the contract of the Gaylor Engineering & Construction Co. The work in the different departments is fast reaching completion and a tryout in a few days will be made in two or three departments.

The Pratt Engineering Co., which has a very large contract, are getting on fine with their work. It will be some time before this contract will be completed.

Messrs. Fraser, Brace & Co. of Montreal, have a contract for the smokeless powder plant, and commenced operations last week on the Patricia Park, just east of the main works.

Messrs. Harvey & Allen have just completed on a thirty day limit, a club-house, 76 x 36, two and a half storeys high. It is beautifully finished in cyprus wood in city style with all modern conveniences. The same contractors are building the main office of the plant, 80 x 42 and two and a half storeys high.

Final plan has been forwarded to Ottawa for approval for a Y. M. C. A. building to be erected under the supervision of the Imperial Munitions Board to cost \$12,000. This contract will likely be awarded to one or the other of the large contracting firms now engaged on the munition plants.

Mr. Barclay, representing the Munitions Board, has proved himself to be an energetic representative of the Imperial Government. At present about sixteen hundred persons are employed on the works.—The Courrier.

## EXPENSIVE FUN

The present system of recruiting does not appeal to some of the young men who have enlisted with the 254th Battalion, and they have sprung a new one, which, while it does not cost the government at Ottawa anything, is rather expensive for the individuals who undertake to put it in practice, and the results hardly warrant them in continuing it.

Three young men from Highland Grove were in town on Friday last, and the usual argument were presented to them as to why they should put aside their glad rags and attire themselves in a more befitting costume of a sombre brown shade. They failed to see the force of the arguments, however, and four young soldiers forthwith procured a dozen eggs and proceeded to apply them in their raw state to the persons of the unresponsive ones. It was splendid target practice, and the boys are credited with making twelve bulls-eyes.

If they score as well when they get to the trenches, the Huns will have to keep dodging. However, as a sequel to the little escapade, there was a police court case, and the egg-throwers paid for their fun to the tune of \$4.25 each; and hen-fruits is worth forty cents a dozen just now.

Mr. I. A. Eby, J. P., was the adjudicator.—Bancroft Times.

BELLEVILLE BRANCH OF THE  
CANADIAN PATRIOTIC  
FUND.

The treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following payments received between 6th Feb. and 20th of February:

Miss Maude Campbell	\$ 5.00
Dr. A. E. MacColl, 3 mons.	15.00
H. A. Morgan	8.00
C. S. Clapp	8.00
Misph Lodge No. 127 I.O.	
O.F. Nav. and Dec.	10.00
R. W. Adams, Feb.	1.00
Belleville Lodge No. 81 I.O.	
O.F. Feb.	5.00

## Sinclair's

READY FOR  
SPRING  
BUSINESS

We think there is every indication of early Spring Business, and what is more we are fully prepared for it. Never before have we shown at such an early date as this, such a complete range of Ladies' and Misses' Spring Suits, Coats, Dress Skirts, Silk and Cotton Waists, etc., as we are now showing in the Ladies' Wear Department of our store—and it's because we're already selling Ladies' Spring Suits very freely, that we predict Early Spring Business. We will be very pleased to show you the smartest collection of Spring Suits and Coats that we have ever shown.

Prints For 1917  
We have over Sixteen Thousand Yards of Dress Prints carried over from last year and now placed in Stock for the Spring Season of 1917. Our Stock includes Crum's Standard Cloths, which very few Stores show, Crum's Dreadnaught and Challenger Prints also the Best Canadian Prints in sight, Medium and dark colors, to sell at 15c, 17c, and 20c yard. See our Prints before buying.

Red Cross Special  
We have in stock over six Thousand Yards of White Cheese Cloth that we will sell to Red Cross Societies for Five and One Half Cents per yard. This price is less than White Cheese Cloth can be purchased from any Wholesale House in Canada at the present time. We simply have the Goods, bought by us two years ago. This special price is for full pieces of 120 yards ea.

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Belleville Ont.

charge and Mr. Pope was discharged.

W. Garnew for the Crown; E. J. Butler for the G. T. R.; W. C. Mikel, K. G. for the accused.

Jonas Pope was brought up before His Honour Judge Willis today on a charge of taking lumber from a building belonging to the G. T. R. Upon hearing the explanation of accused, the Company decided to offer no evidence and drop the case.

Col. Brown, G.S.O. is in the city

offer no evidence and drop the case.