

Local News Items

HOSPITAL BY-LAW.
The city council meets on Monday night when the by-law will be submitted to raise \$58,000 for the General Hospital.

A PRESENTATION.
Pte. Chas Dawson, of the 125th Brant Battalion was the recipient of a very fine wrist watch on Wednesday evening, when a large number of his friends gathered at his home, 58 Church street, to bid him a last farewell before he leaves for camp.

STREET OILING.
Street oiling commenced yesterday when two cars were set to work on the streets of the North Ward and Terrace Hill districts, the work being continued to-day. In the neighborhood of 17,000 gallons were used.

PLANTING TREES.
The work of planting on the Waterworks property trees recently purchased from the Parks Board has been carried on this week, nearly 1,000 trees having been planted, under the supervision of Mr. A. G. Montgomery.

MOTHER'S DAY.
Mother's Day will be fittingly observed at the First Baptist Church to-morrow at all the services. "Honouring our Mothers" will be the morning subject and "Some of the great mothers of the Bible" will be the evening subject. There will be

baptism at both services and special music in keeping with Mother's Day.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.
Routine business only was transacted at last night's meeting of the Finance committee, when matters were prepared for the council meeting on Monday night.

TENNIS COURTS OPEN.
The V. M. C. A. tennis courts will be officially opened this afternoon, when a very large attendance is expected. The courts are in fine shape, and will no doubt be in constant use during the coming season.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.
The board of water commissioners meets on Monday at 3 p.m. in order to meet the Turbine Equipment Company, with Chipman & Power, engineers, and Prof. Angus, who made the test, to try to arrive at an adjustment concerning the taking over of the new pumps.

WILL PRESENT COLORS.
An event of no small importance will take place in Brantford next week, when Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Hendrie, will come to the city for the purpose of presenting to the 125th Battalion their colors, both the Kings and the Regimental, which have been donated by Mrs. W. F. Cockshutt, wife of the honorary colonel of the battalion. The ceremony will be both interesting and impressive and, as the exact date of the Lieutenant-Governor's coming has not yet been determined, further particulars will be announced later.

ABOUT MAD DOGS.
The Provincial Board of Health is sending out its annual warning regarding the danger from rabies-infected dogs. The circular gives pointers upon how to detect rabies, and advises that where a person has been bitten the dog be chained up for ten days. In that time if the dog has rabies it will either be worse or will die. At the end of ten days, or before if the dog dies, the head should be sent to the Provincial Laboratory, Queen's Park, where an examination of the brain will be made. Where rabies is found to exist prompt steps will be taken to see that the person bitten is given proper treatment. Killing the dog before the disease has a chance to develop is not advisable, since it cannot be determined definitely then whether the animal is infected or not.

BRIEY VALLEY.
Paris, May 13.—Senator Berenger, writing in to-day's *Matin*, says that the key to the war lies in the possession of the Briey Valley between Verdun and Metz.

"Since the war began," says Senator Berenger, "France, having lost the Briey basin, has been obliged to import all the iron required from England and America, while Germany, having occupied the whole Briey Valley, is able to add 21,000,000 tons to her own annual output. This explains the assiduity of the Germans at Verdun. They want to capture the fortress so as to effectually prevent the French from attacking Metz."

"In a confidential memorandum addressed to Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg on conditions of future peace by German industrial agricultural associations on May 20, 1915, the following passage occurred: 'If the production of iron and steel had not doubled since August 1914, the continuation of the war would have been impossible. The Briey region now produces 60 to 80 per cent of our iron and steel, and if that production was tampered with the war would be practically lost.'"

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BONNY.—In Brantford, on Friday, May 12th, Harriet F. Gunn, beloved wife of Henry Bonny, aged 50 years. Funeral on Monday, May 15th, from her late residence, 114 Sheridan St., at 2.30 p.m., to Grace Church. Interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Kingston papers please copy.

FLOWER.—In Brantford, on Friday, May 12, Ethel Flower, widow of the late John Flower. Funeral from Trinity Anglican Church on Saturday, May 13th, at 3.30. Interment at Mount Hope Cemetery.

COMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETING Brant Chapter I. O. D. E. will be held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Turnbull, 38 Dufferin Avenue, Monday, May 15th, 3.30 p.m.

SOLDIERS' DANCE. Friday evening, May 18, Tickets 50 cents. Obtainable from company officers or Miss VanNorman, Room 4, Commercial Chambers.

PROF. JOHN DUXBURY, the peerless elocutionist of Manchester, England, Wellington St. Methodist Church, Thursday, May 25th, afternoon and evening.

"COMING EVENTS IN THE EAST," is the subject for Sunday, at 7 p.m., in C. O. F. Hall, 136 Dalhousie St., opp. the Market, by Mr. Jos. Brasley of London, Ont. All welcome. Seats free. No collection.

THURSDAY, MAY 18, in aid of Chaplain's Fund, Brant Baptist Church, concert, Brant Avenue Church. Irene Symons of Toronto will sing. There will be violin and cornet solos and other attractive numbers. Admission, 25 cents.

THE PROBS

Toronto, May 13.—The barometer is highest over the Great Lakes and Middle Atlantic States, while an extensive area of low pressure is moving slowly northward from the southwestern states. The weather is fine throughout the Dominion.

FORECASTS.
Light winds, fine. Sunday, easterly winds and a little warmer.

FAREWELL BY 125TH SERGEANTS

Fine Concert Given Last Night in Victoria Hall.

One more evidence of the high esteem in which the 125th battalion, collectively and individually, is held by the entire city of Brantford, was shown last night at the enormous crowds which gathered at Victoria Hall to attend the Farewell concert given by the Sergeants of the battalion here. So large indeed, was the turnout that boys and girls were packed almost to overflowing, and there was scarcely an empty seat obtainable by the time the concert commenced, with the entire band of the battalion upon the platform. The band then rendered most acceptably "O Canada," by way of opening, and Viviani's "The Silver Trumpets." A vocal solo, "Follow Us Along," sung by Major McLean, elicited salvos of applause, as did also Mrs. Hay's rendering of "Laddie in Khaki," while Bandeman Cliff Todd, in his comic song made a grand hit. The "Canadian Patrol Song" was then very pleasingly rendered by the band, followed by vocal solos by Lt. Fred Grob and Miss Campbell, both of whom being loudly applauded. These numbers brought to a close the first half of the program.

Following an overture, Suppe's "Light Cavalry" by the band, Capt. H. K. Jordan delighted all with that ever popular patriotic song, "The King Needs You," written by the singer himself. Miss Irene Hart provided one of the features of the evening in her vocal solo "The Awakening of Spring," comic songs by Pte. Unsworth were thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and a solo "A Perfect Day" by Q.M. Sergt. Mears then followed, both receiving a good hand of applause. Another feature of the entertainment was the next number upon the program which consisted of a number of bugle calls faultlessly and admirably rendered by the battalion bugle band, under Bugle Major Mellor. A patriotic song by Sergt. Major Hart won the favor and applause of all, and a number of Irish selections by the band, together with the National Anthem then brought to a conclusion a most successful event.

Capt. Jordan was the accompanist of the evening and the chair was occupied by B. S. M. Shaw.

ON MONDAY WILL COMMENCE WAR TAX TICKETS

The Provincial war tax goes into force on Monday in all the local theatres.

In connection with each ticket a cent war tax ticket has to be purchased; in connection with each 25c, and 50c ticket and so on, a 2 cent war ticket.

Those entering a theatre door with out a war tax ticket are liable to a fine of from \$10 to \$200, and any one at the door letting them in without said ticket, is liable also to whack up from \$10 to \$200. This applies to any persons who get there by the complimentary route as well as to all others.

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—Basement Selling Floor.

Summer Floor Coverings at Your Service

The "Buy and Save" movement, which is in full swing in our Housefurnishing Store, finds us wonderfully well prepared to meet all our customers' needs in the matter of floor coverings of the most desirable kinds. The showing is most abundant and comprehensive, affording full choice of rag, fibre, grass and rush rugs; but ample as is the collection, early selection is advisable, because in some cases there is no positive assurance of prompt deliveries on future orders.

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—Second Floor.



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BANKS WILL NOT OPEN IN FUTURE SATURDAY NIGHT

Back to Old Hours on and After June the 10th.

The local banks have announced that, as a War Measure, on and after the 10th of June next, all the Banking offices in the city will observe the following office hours: Week days, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The banks in Brantford have for a number of years been keeping open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday evenings but owing to the fact that so many of their men have enlisted for active service, and many are still enlisting, it has been found almost impossible to keep up the ordinary office work, much less to remain open at special hours. The office hours in England have been shortened on this account, and in Canada, one by one the banks in various cities have given up keeping open on Saturday evenings, Hamilton being the latest Canadian city to fall in line. There are undoubtedly certain risks about keeping banking offices open in the evening, especially in war times, and the action the banks are taking should meet with the approval of their customers. We are quite sure that the general public will appreciate the necessities of war times and endeavor to comply with the request of the banks that banking business be done, as far as possible, in the forenoon.

Preparations for handling one of the armies held in the United States since the Spanish-American war were completed yesterday by army officers at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

TURKISH FORCES STRENGTHENED

Are Now Fighting Desperately Against Russians at Erzingan.

New York, May 13.—A Journal despatch from Petrograd yesterday says: "Turkish troops defending Erzingan have been heavily reinforced, according to despatches from Tiflis, and are offering desperate resistance to the army of Grand Duke Nicholas. The reinforcements are believed to be a portion of the Ottoman army relieved from field service at Kut-el-Amara."

"The Turks are assailing the advancing Russians fiercely, but are suffering heavy losses from the machine gun fire of the Grand Duke's troops."

"One despatch states that at least 80,000 Ottoman soldiers, offered by Germans, have reached the Erzingan front within the last week, increasing to 200,000, total of Turkish forces in that region. Turkish prisoners have informed Russian officers that Field Marshal Von Mackensen is understood to have taken command of the Turco-German armies in Asia Minor."

Becoming Reconciled.

Quebec, May 13.—An exchange of compliments has taken place between the Liberal party in Quebec and the Nationalists, formerly bitterly opposed to one another, Henri Bourassa and Armand Lavergne, leaders of the Nationalists have both expressed approval of the provincial Liberal government and last night Hon. L. A. Taschereau, referring to the endorsement by Messrs. Bourassa and Lavergne styled them as "sturdy Canadians."

AUSTRIA IN FAVOR OF LOAN

Greek Government's Project to Raise Money Countenanced in Vienna.

Athens, Thursday, May 13.—Via Paris.—The Austrian member of the International Financial Commission has been instructed by his government to support the Greek Government's project for a new internal loan. The government expects to issue the loan at 88 1-2 with interest at 5 per cent.

The Greek Government has become involved in serious financial difficulties owing to the situation brought about by the war and the expense of keeping its army in the field. The Entente allies advanced \$8,000,000 last year, but efforts of Greece to obtain a further sum from them have been unsuccessful. The finances of Greece are supervised by an international commission, representing Germany, Austria-Hungary, France, Great Britain, Italy and Russia. A despatch from Athens yesterday said the commission had disapproved a project for an internal loan of 80,000,000 drachmas.

LABEL SUIT IN HAMILTON

Hamilton, Ont., May 13.—Yesterday morning the United Gas and Fuel Company launched an action against The Herald Printing Company, the Dominion Natural Gas Company and the Manufacturers' Gas Company for \$250,000 damages for alleged libel. The action arises out of the publication in the paper of a letter signed by the two companies in which it was claimed that the gas shortage in Hamilton was due to the fact that United's distributing system was not large enough to handle the supply.

Too Late to Classify
WANTED—Maid; must be good cook. Mrs. Thomas Watt, 70 Alfred St.

MEN wanted for John Mann Brick Co. See George Ireland, Supt. m26

WANTED—Shoe case and counter scales. 57 Duke St. mw28

TO LET—An eight-room bungalow on Lyons Ave. Apply 190 Wilham St.

FOR SALE—Lawn mowers at all prices; will allow something for your old mower in exchange for a new one; store open until 7 p.m. W. G. Hawthorne, 73 Dalhousie. a34

FOR SALE—Invalid's wheeled chair, new; cost thirty dollars; will sell for fifteen. H. S. Pearce, 75 Colborne. a28

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