London's Backward Suburb.
Wimbledon proved itself in one respect the most backward of London

suburbs. Until 1902 the streets of Wimbledon were still lit by oil, and the

lamplighter could be seen every even-ing making his rounds, with his ladder

on his shoulder. The Wimbledon lamp-

lighter used matches instead of tinder

and steel, but otherwise his methods

were the same as those pursued by his

predecessors in the days of Queen

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## **NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK**

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#### TUESDAY.

The territorial military system is recommended for Canada. Several British newspapers decided

in favor of increasing their price to the readers.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier spent his 75th

birthday busily in his office, and re-ceived many congratulations.

The Countess of Carlisle emptied

her wine cellar on the ground and caused a storm amongst the London newspapers.
Mr. Lawrence F. Abbott of New

York, speaking before the Canadian Club, said he wishes the United States would enter the war.

Sir John Hendrie cabled to Lord Lansdown £250,000, the first instal-ment of the Ontario contributions to

ment of the Ontario contributions to the British Red Cross Society. Ontario druggists, according to their President, find that, trouble feared by the operation of the Tem-perance Act had not materialized. Edward R. Glenn, of London, Ont., has been awarded the \$1,000 travel-ing scholarship at the Royal Cana-dian Academy Exhibition in Mont-real.

dian Academy Exhibition in Montreal.

J. J. Scott, K.C., a prominent lawyer and business man of Hamilton, died suddenly at Folkestone, England, on a visit to his son, Captain Douglas Scott.

The Farness-Witby Liner Rappahannock missing several weeks, was sunk by a submarine on her voyage from Halifax to Liverpool. She carried 20,006 barrels of apples as part of her cargo.

### WEDNESDAY.

Major-General Lessard inspected the Irish-Canadian Rungers at Mont-The Stratford Court of Revision lopped \$27,150 off the assessments

of nine hotels.

St. Thomas District Methodists de-clared in favor of conscription under proper safeguards. Brant County Council decided to make a registration of men through-

out the county.

The Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario met in fifth annual confer-

ence at Hamilton.

General Joffre sent a message of congratulation to the allied troops on the Macedonian front. The Fourth Battalion Association,

Toronto, was organized to secure po-sitions for returned soldiers. supplies before a court-martial will be investigated Friday in Toronto.

Simcoe Ministerial Association de-termined on an organization to cover Norfolk county to assist in recruit-The Duke of Devonshire made his

first public appearance to inspect the 202nd (Edmonton) Battalion in Ot-

Belleville Y.M.C.A. campaign to raise \$15,000 attained its aim except about \$300, which the directors have guaranteed. Lieut Guy Rutter told Red Cross workers at Toronto that German trenches were constructed for perm-

anent shelter.

C. P. R. freight handlers in Toron-to go back to work this morning, after which the company will consider their demands.

The Explosives Department of the

The Explosives Department of the Imperial Munitions Board requires workmen at once, and will give preference to returned soldiers.

The Police Board, Toronto, is investigating reports that money is being collected for soldiers overseas which does not reach them.

Mr. W. B. Graham, defeated candidate for the Presidency of Ward Five Conservatives, Toronto, said outspoken Conservatives were worse, than enemies.

John Lodge, a thresher, of Dutton, was fatally injured when his coat caught in a cog wheel of the engine and his body was drawn through a set of geans.

Seet of genre.

Seven young West Zorra farmers were fined in all \$51 and costs for tarring a neighbor in the presence of his bride, whom they also tied to a post in the barn.

### THURSDAY.

A new battalion for the county of Grey was authorized.

Jack London, the famous author and traveller, died suddenly.

Germany claimed the sinking of

322,000 tons of ships since the war

British troops inflicted heavy losson the enemy in German East A'harles Evans Hughes admitted

defeat by congratulating President

Wilson.
W. O. Fraser of Oxbow, was chosen Conservative candidate for the Legislature in Souris, Sask. Quebec Provincial Government has ordered that no stamp fees shall be charged for probating soldiers' wills.

The Independent Telephone Association protested against tolls imposed by the Bell Telephone Com-

The Ontario Hydro-electric Commission decided to proceed forthwith on the Chippewa Canal power

The Manitoba Municipalities Convention endorsed the rural credits bill of Hon. E. Brown, Provincial

Treasurer.

John Sebbin, a Dereham township pioneer, and late resident of Inger-soll, died at London in his ninetyseventh year.

Canada's exportable surplus of

wheat this year is estimated at 99,-493,700 bushels; last year it was 264.173.000 bushels. St. Catharines City Council will arrange for a series of lectures and

demonstrations for housewives who are unable to bake bread.

The Montreal Board of Control

will get statistics from produce houses as to cost of foodstuffs, stocks on hand, and selling prices. Norman Hawkin, lumberman, of Parry Sound, was nominated by the Liberals of Parry Sound as Federal candidate, at a convention at Ems-

The Dominion Railway Board has issued a statement respecting ear shortage in the prairie provinces, urging shippers and transportation companies to co-operate as far as possible.

FRIDAY.

Dr. Marshall Sutton, of Cooksville, was found dead in bed from apoplexy.
The British Red Cross Fund in Ontario has now reached a total of \$1,-

Lieut. Guyremer, the French aviator, brought down his 22nd German

Wilfrid Laurier paid a high tribute to the Canadian Engineers, was the guest whose guest he was at a banquet in Wiltse last week.

The Independent Telephone Asso ciation decided to seek legislation fixing the tolls for interchange of

The last quarterly dividend from the Guelph Junction Railway is \$11,-260.56, or 6 % per cent. on the city's investment. Hon. Arthur Meighen, addressing Ward Six Conservatives, Toronto, defended the Borden Government's

nickel policy. A conference decided to ask the Department of Health to undertake all medical inspection outside of the city schools.

Prof. Prince, speaking at the Empire Club, Toronto, made a plea to members of Parliament to stop the criminal waste in connection with Hamilton Controllers sent eight

by-laws to the Cit. Council for consideration as to submission to the ratepayers in January, involving expenditures totalling \$1,23,000.

Premier Sir Lomer Gouin of Quebes, each his Courser Gouin of Quebes and his Courser Gouin of Quebes and his Courser Gouin of Quebes and his Course Gouin of Quebes and August Gouing Gouing

bec said his Government had been asked to make a grant for the French-Canadian minority in On-tario, and did not intend to make

An Oxford farmer is said to have An Oxford farmer is said to have found the hay in his barn sprayed with a peculiar chemical and in-tensely moist; suspicion is aroused also by the actions of a German SATURDAY.

Mr. J. M. Walton of Aurora was elected head of the Sons of Temper-Fire destroyed Linoilou parish church, at Quebec, valued at \$180,-

Another British hospital ship was sunk in the Aegean Sea, this time without loss of life.

Robert Simpson, a former Alderman and President of the Board of Trade of Guelph, is dead.

Mr. J. C. Allan, the new President of Ward One Liberals, Toronto, made a plea for more independence

of action by ward associations.
Dollard Lepine, alias Renaud, was hanged at St. John's, Que., for the murder of a farmer of St. Luc, Albert Wing, an infuriated crank, having to

be kept back by soldiers with fixed bayonets.

A leading physician in Barbadoes has offered to entertain for two or three months three or four invalided Canadian officers, and the Royal Mail

Packet Company offers free passage there and back.

The writs issued by Mr. Speaker Sevigny for the by-election in East Toronto, made necessary by Hon. A. E. Kemp's appointment as Minister

of Militia, call for nomination De-cember 14 and polling December 21. Brant Recruiting League is to conduct a complete registration of Brantford; and Simcoe County Re-cruiting League is putting into oper-

ation a new plan, dividing the county into districts to be asked to furnish from 10 to 75 men each.

It became known that reports had reached the offices of the British, French, and Italian steamship lines in New York that two German subin New York that two German sub-marines had eluded the patrols on the other side of the Atlantic and might arrive off Nantucket Light-ship at any time. They belong to the U-53 class, and the reports said have been sent over by the German-Admiralty to raid the commerce off the American coast.

MONDAY.

Mrs. Bolissevain, the noted American suffragist, is dead.

Five Buffalo newspapers have doubled the price of their issues. David McNicoll, former Vice-President of the C. P. R., died at Gueiph. France warns the United States pacifists against the Teuton propagandists.

The American Federation of Labor adopted a strong resolution against military courses in the schools.

Six fires within an hour and a half threw the population of Leamington into a state of great apprehension. Rev. Dr. Gustavus Munro, one-time Moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of Hemilton and London died at

#### LOCAL ITEMS

This is Indian Summer

Mr. J. W. Russell, of Delta, was in town last week.

guest of Mrs. Harry Stevens.

Wiltse street house is being renovated.

Born, Nov. 14, to Mr. and Mrs Charles Howard, a son.

the C. N. R. station.

The Pentecostal Mission has been renovated and services will commence again. The new front on the building

Skating on the brickvard has been a favorite pastime of school students during the past week.

Mr. A. E. Donovon, M. P. P., of Toronto paid a short visit to friends here on Monday.

Arnold's. Mr. J. Hagerman, of Mallorytown,

was a recent guest at the home of Mr.

was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. 1.

"Egypt" at Williamsburg Wednesday evening last. Mr. Harry Webster has turned in

is Ford car on a new one this week. The transfer was made by Percival

seas to the soldiers who went from

Herb Stephenson. After an absence of thirty-five years, Thomas Holmes, Vancouver, BC., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Laying.

Y After spending the summer with ber ut cle at Elgin, Miss Mary Sheldon has returned to her home here.

moving her household effects to her

more extensively than ever before; it is going on creating desires in a good honest, legitimate way.

third of the net proceeds of the Methodist S.S. Christmas entertainment to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Lieut. H. R. Kincaid, Brockville, who left with a draft of officers from the 156th Battalion last summer, is now in France attached to the 21st

manager of the American LaFrance Fire Engine Co., a former resident of this district, was in the village this week renewing old acquantances a guest of his orother-in-law Mr. C. W.

All the deserters who have been for training them will not be lost.

Mrs. Geo. B. Marshall and little daughter, Madeline, of Oak Orchard Harbor, N.Y, are guests at G. D. McLean's. Mrs. Geo. Wiltse and eldest son, Boyce, and Mr. Frank Harris, of Picton, are also guests of Mr. and Mrs McLean, Miss Miriam Brown spent the week-end in Brockville, the guest of her sister, Mrs.

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Public service will be held in St. Paul's Presbyterian church Sunday,

Y Rev. Wm. Usher lectured on

XFifty-two soda-biscuit pails were

Mis. Charles Robeson and Miss Elizabeth Besley, Hammond, N.Y., have been guests at the home of Mr.

Mrs. Sarah Lillie, Plum Hollow, is

Church street residence, which is occupied by the Misses Cowan. People are reading advertisements

JIt has been decided to donate one-

Mr. G. E. Thomas, of Toronto, sales

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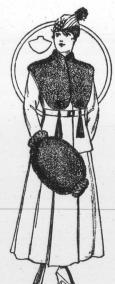
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