

GRAND JURY'S
PRESENTMENTVisited Jail, Refuge, Hospital
Shelter and O. S. D.

TO His Honor, Judge Deroche:—
We, the Grand Jurors, for the
sittings of the General Sessions of
the peace for the County of Hastings,
do hereby report as follows:—

We desire to thank Your Honor
for so ably and clearly defining to
us, our duty, also for your explana-
tion of the law governing the dif-
ferent cases which came before us.

We desire to thank Sheriff
Morrison for his kindness and as-
sistance to us, and his attention to
our comfort in the performance of
our duties.

We desire to thank Mr. W.
Carnow, County Crown Attorney for
his direction and explanation of the
law in connection with the cases
brought before us.

We visited the County of Hastings
House of Refuge, and found the in-
mates contented and well provided
for, everything neat and clean, and
we congratulate the County of
Hastings on this well conducted
Home. Great credit is due Mr. and
Mrs. Wilson, supt and matron, also
the staff under them which consists
of the cook, maid and nurse for the
excellent condition in which every-
thing is kept as there are in the
Home at present thirty nine women
and fifty-seven men. The women
are industrious as they have knitted
thirty-two pairs of socks for the
Home and one hundred and thirty-
six for the soldiers, also have made
twenty shirts. The farm produces
all the vegetables, poultry, pork and
milk necessary for the inmates. En-
ough of these vegetables and fruits
are canned for the winter months.
The inmates assist the farmer in all
the labor on the farm.

We also visited the Belleville
Hospital and found everything in a
very clean and sanitary condition.
Much credit is due Miss Green, the
lady supt, and her excellent staff
for the way the Hospital is conduct-
ed as every ward is full which
necessarily means extra work for the
staff.

We visited the Children's Shelter
and desire to say that this in-
stitution is doing excellent work in
caring for the little unfortunate
children of Hastings County. The
new building on Dundas St., which
they occupy, now is made suitable
for the purpose and everything is in
excellent condition. The children
are clean and happy and Mr. Ruston,
who is in charge, takes a great in-
terest in the welfare of the children.
There are thirty-one inmates. The
older ones attend the St. school.
Great credit is due those who made
it possible to have these children
properly cared for. The supt. is
hampered for the want of money to
travel through the County in search
of homeless children.

We visited the jail and found
everything in a neat and clean con-
dition showing the care and interest
taken by the jailors. Mr. T. Ketch-
eson and turnkey, Mr. R. Colling.
There are only seven prisoners in the
jail at the present time and none of
these are women. The jailor in-
formed us that this state of affairs
is due to the passing of the pro-
hibition act in the Province of On-
tario. If the prohibition continues
the officers claim there will be very
little for them to do.

We also visited the Ontario school
for the Deaf and were cordially re-
ceived by Dr. Coughlin, the supt.
and conducted to the different de-
partments which are presided over
by his efficient staff of teachers. It
is wonderful the progress made by
these deaf children after they have
been at the institution for a short
time. The education received here
fits them to earn their own living if
they so desire.

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CAUGHT IN ICEIt is reported that the two grain
boats on their way to Ogdensburg

to unload cargoes of grain at the
Rutland elevator for the use of the
four mills here have been caught
in the ice in the Welland canal and
that with the continued cold weather
there is likelihood that they will not
be able to get any further until
spring. The coal cargoes coming
from Oswego are reported to be all
right and the boats which left Og-
densburg for Montreal are reported
to be making good headway.

DEFAULTERS
SURRENDER

Norwood.—Three local young men
Joseph Curtis, Alfred Gratton and
James Logan went up to Peterboro
last Thursday morning and surren-
dered themselves to Sergt. Major
Quinn in charge of the temporary
military depot at the armories, they
not having reported under the mili-
tary service act.

Sergt. Major Quinn delivered the
boys to the civil authorities, who
again after recording them handed
them over to the military officer.
They will be sent to Kingston, where
they will be enrolled under the
colors.—Register.

PRESERVATION OF
BREEDING STOCK

Farmers, we have it on the author-
ity of men who have broad vision of
the world's needs and present sup-
ply, making a tremendous mistake by
marketing brood sows and under-
sizing pigs, too. A similar mistake is be-
ing made in the marketing of cattle.
Too many beef cows are being sacri-
ficed, and too many young cattle and
beef steers. To the average farmer
the world war is still a far off event.

He has been too busy since this coun-
try entered in to be fully aware of
the meaning of that fact, or to clear-
ly realize its tremendous bearing
upon agriculture and stock breeding.
He should see that the preservation
of breeding stock on farms is one of
the most vital factors to all the peo-
ple of every nation, in order that the
world's rapidly disappearing supply
of meats, wool and leather may be
replenished.

A serious fire
Brockville.—Yesterday morning
at 12.40 o'clock a serious fire took
place at the residence of Mr. and
Mrs. Elmer Seeler, 54 Pearl street.

The fire originated in the kitchen
apparently from a gas stove and
made rapid headway. Fire alarm
box 16 at the corner of Park and
Charles streets was pulled and the
firemen responded promptly. By this
time the kitchen of the house
was doomed to destruction. Lines of
hose were attached to a nearby hy-
drant and soon played on the build-
ing. Mr. and Mrs. Seeler and two
children, all of whom were asleep in
the building when the fire broke out
barely escaped in their night clothes.
The residence, a brick structure was
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For the present and immediate
future, shelter and maintenance is
being found for them in public build-
ings and private homes, but the se-
riousness of the years renders it impera-
tive that immediate steps should be
taken to begin the work of re-con-
struction. For that purpose we es-
timate that from twenty to twenty-
five million dollars will be required
and in the names of these stricken
communities we send out this urgent
appeal to the general public of Can-
ada for immediate help.

We have confidence that the citi-
zens of our city and province will
not fail us in our hour of distress,
and we are sustained by an equally
confident hope that our appeal to
the other portions of the Dominion
will meet with a prompt and gener-
ous response so that it will be found
that these sore affected people shall
be provided with dwellings, clothing

and food.

The numerous dead are beyond
our help.

"It will be of great assistance to
us if, when offers of goods or build-
ing materials are made, descriptions
and quantities should be mentioned,
so