

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

ATTENDING CONVENTION
Messrs F. C. Harp, James Burns and W. J. Mellen are in London today attending the convention of the Retail Grocers.

COMMITTEE MEETS
A meeting of the management committee of the Board of Education will take place this evening in the city hall.

PERMIT ISSUED
A building permit was issued this morning to Thos. Quinlan, for the erection of brick walls adjacent to his home upon Dalhousie street, the building to cost some \$225.

PAY SHEET
During the week ending April 17, 20 men were employed on the streets, paying in wages \$3,771.12. Of this amount \$17.72 was expended on street improvements.

DECIDED TO CLOSE
The Butchers of Grocers of Eagle Place have decided to close their places of business on Wednesday afternoon during the month of May, June, July and August.

THE TEMPERATURE
After the early summer spurt it is a case of chilly weather now as compared with balminess this time last year. Record for the last 24 hours, lowest 39, highest 50. Same date last year, lowest 44, highest 68.

GOING OVER SCHOOL
The building and grounds committee of the Board of Education will meet this afternoon and evening. In the earlier session they will visit the Central school and inspect the building with reference to the plan of alterations which is proposed, and they will discuss the matter later at the evening session.

INTERESTING EVENING
A very interesting meeting was held last night at the Wellington St. Methodist church, when the senior Epworth League held their installation service. The pastor, Rev. R. D. Hamilton, took charge of the meeting. The new officers were called to the platform and each officer told of the work they were planning for the new year. The work promises to be very interesting and a successful year is looked forward to. The new term officers are: President, Mr. Joe Daniel; first vice-president, Mrs. Fred Smith; second vice-president, Mrs. R. J. Ryerson; third vice-president, Miss Lottie Ham; fourth vice-president, Mr. John Strong; fifth vice-president, Mr. Fred Coles; assistant, Miss Olive Ham; secretary, Miss Hazel Ryerson; recording secretary, Miss Pearl Kent; treasurer, Mr. Will Rose; musical representative, Mr. Townsend. A piano solo by Misses Grace Lake and Phyllis Thomas, and a vocal solo by Miss Lillie Hubbard were very much appreciated.



IT IS FOR YOU TO DECIDE

In the picture is one man wearing cased, bi-focals while the other is wearing invisible double vision lenses. Each kind enables you to read or look off with one pair of glasses. While I recommend the invisible kind, I supply the best cased lenses when desired.

Chas. A. Jarvis, Optician

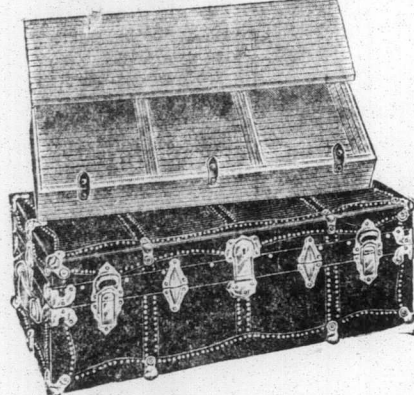
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FIRST GAME.
The first game of the Public School Basketball League was played yesterday between the Central and Alexandra teams. The score ended in favor of the centrals by 3-2. The game was a fast, clean one, and well played by the youngsters.

REPORTS PROGRESS.
The Boosters of the Y. M. C. A. membership campaign are holding another banquet this evening. They will report the progress they have made to the Master Booster. They have been working hard and their reports are almost sure to be favorable.

SPEEDILY SIGNED.
At the City Council last night Mayor Spence with a few commendatory words introduced a subscription list of the Great Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire for the purchase of two field kitchens for the 36th Battalion. It was speedily signed.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.
Confirmation of the rank of Lieutenant J. B. Stratford and Lieutenant G. G. Cockshutt of 25th Brant Dragoons is contained in the latest military gazette, containing a list of appointments, promotions and retirements.

OUTBREAK OF MEASLES.
Word from Hamilton is to the effect that there has been an outbreak of measles among the 36th Battalion. Five cases have thus far been reported. Lieut. McCullough, sanitation officer, has been sent there to take necessary measures to prevent the further spread of the complaint.

LINEN SHOWER.
At the home of Mrs. Jack Watson, 153 Brock street, a linen shower was given last evening in honor of Miss Maud Greene. About twenty guests were present and a most enjoyable time was spent. Dainty refreshments were served before the party broke up.

COMPANY SMOKER
The officers and men of C Company are going to hold a smoker on Thursday evening in the city hall. Progressive games and light refreshments will be a feature of the evening, and every one of the men are looking forward to spending a good time.

TRIED EXAMS.
The Bible Study classes at the Y. W. C. A. held the closing meeting of the winter term. They were divided into two groups, Misses M. Peigh and Best. After enjoying the religious supper provided by the Religious committee of the association, the students tried the examinations from Toronto. The results will be published in a few days.

DUFFS HELD DRILL
The Dufferin Rifles held their weekly parade last night, owing to the inclemency of the weather, their activities were confined to the armory. Col. Genet and staff therefore had the evening to devote to the new platform training, which seems to develop increased terrors for all ranks, somewhat less than has been during the season.

SOCIAL EVENING.
A pleasant affair eventuated in the schoolroom of the P. A. Baptist Church last night when the Young People held a social evening. Games and contests took place, interspersed with contributions by the Alexandra quartette, Will Carpenter, Norton Buck and Misses Annabel Ryerson and Evelyn Hext. Later refreshments were served and the affair came to a conclusion, much to the regret of all.

ORGANIZERS IN STRATFORD.
The Brantford Life Underwriters' Association represented by Mr. Frank Reid, President, Mr. Thomas Hendry, Vice-President, Mr. Schmidt, Secretary and K. V. Bunnell visited Stratford yesterday when they re-organized the Stratford association. They were met by the Life Insurance men of that city and had luncheon, after which a very successful meeting was held. Later, as the guests of the Stratford Association, a pleasant motor trip around the city was taken, the party returning having concluded a very good trip, both from the standpoint of business and hospitality.

ITALY NOW STRAINING AT LEASH

Dogs of War May Soon be Let Loose—Cabinet Meeting To-day.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Rome, May 4.—"In view of the international situation the king and his ministers cannot leave the capital to be present at the unveiling of the Garibaldi monument at Quarto Sant'Elana," was the text of a note issued after the meeting of the cabinet yesterday. Its publication produced a profound effect upon public opinion.

Abandonment of the plan for the participation of King Victor Emmanuel and high government officials in the ceremony of attending upon the unveiling, is believed to have been the result of the call made by Prince Von Buelow, the German Ambassador, upon Foreign Minister Sonnino Sunday night. The details of this conference are supposed to have been presented at the meeting of the cabinet, the call for which was not issued until yesterday morning. The ministers assembled two hours later and the council lasted two hours. All the ministers arrived promptly at 11 o'clock except Minister of Justice Orlando, who was absent from Rome, and he returned to the city in time to take part in some of the deliberations.

Immediately after the council closed, Baron Sonnino, who had called upon the king before the session opened, went to the consulate where the first secretary of the German embassy awaited him. After receiving a verbal communication from the Baron the secretary hastened to the Villa Malta, the private residence of Prince Von Buelow, while Foreign Minister Sonnino called upon the king for a second time.

These events are interpreted in many ways in political circles, but the censors have forbidden the transmission of all comment. Correspondents are permitted to say, however, that Prince Von Buelow made new proposals Sunday night to Baron Sonnino. These proposals were submitted to the cabinet ministers who will hold another council to-day.

The press is unanimous in declaring the abandonment of the king's trip to Quarto has in no way altered the government's decisions. A semi-official note couched in vague general terms, says:

"Italy's attitude cannot undergo any change from the king's not going to Quarto."

It is recalled that when committees arranging for the dedication of the monument called upon his majesty to invite him to be present at the ceremonies, he answered, "I shall go if reasons of state do not prevent me."

An official of the foreign office is reported to have stated that the government's decision was due entirely to the situation in Tripoli, where "Italy might be forced to extreme measures to protect our colony where German agents are fomenting rebellion."

Six Months For Perjury Was Given

When Frank Atfield answered a charge of being drunk while billed yesterday he swore he had not touched any liquor. To-day he answered a charge of perjury, was found guilty and sentenced to six months imprisonment.

Leonard Maracle and James McNaughton mixed it up freely on Sunday, with damage to each charged with being disorderly to-day they paid the piper to the extent of three dollars each.

Thomas Rowlands found it expensive to supply a billed man when he was fined \$25 for the doubtful pleasure at the police court this morning.

At last Alex McNicholl has vacated the house of Morgan Harris and he to-day said he had a house of his own. On account of his poor financial state he was not burdened with the costs of his action in defying the law.

Alex. Prince should have appeared to give a reason for riding on the sidewalk. He will be given the opportunity of consultation to-morrow. Four little fellows during the spell of hot weather found Montgomery's Mineral Water Works too alluring and made off with some of the quencher. To-day they were warned and allowed to go.

Four little foreign boys, average age seven, were charged with the theft of a wheel, but the charge was dismissed as the machine had been recovered and the case was not pressed.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, May 4.—(By wireless to Sayville)—The German admiralty has issued an announcement setting forth that on May 1, at noon, a German submarine sunk the British torpedo boat destroyer Recruit in the neighborhood of the Gallipoli lightship.

CLOSED ITS DOORS
Winnipeg, May 4.—The fine new Olympia Hotel, completed last fall at a cost of approximately nine hundred thousand dollars, has closed its doors, the directors having made an assignment in favor of C. H. Newton, representing the creditors. Efforts by the creditors to raise money to carry on the business failed and they decided to suspend operations. Creditors meet Monday, May 10th.

MR. MOULE

Thinks the Brant Should Not Suffer for Others.

Mr. E. Moule, manager of the Brant Theatre in seeking to a Courier man to-day said:
"I cannot understand why the Brant Theatre in the matter of license fees should be made the goat for others, who are not spending the money I am on a first class theatre. The public want the best and the Brant is sparing no expense to give them that."

To meet the statements used in the Council that the Brant is doing the business so should pay the high license, it might be stated that Brant expenses are \$150 a day as against a third of that for the other two combined. This plainly shows that we have to do a great deal more business just to pay the extra expense. We do not feel that the City Council should seek to penalize us for our enterprise on behalf of public entertainment. A high license is bound in the end to come out of the people.

"The Brant Theatre gives what is recognized throughout Western Ontario as the biggest and best ten cent matinee performance of any other show of the kind and their bill is better for twenty-five cents at night than is given in either London or Hamilton."

To the above it may be added that Mr. Moule has always given of his best efforts on behalf of clean and up-to-date theatrical performances as well as seeking locally in any calls made upon him.

BRANTFORD SOLDIERS

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Monday by his sister, Mrs. R. Jennings, 33 Palace street. No further particulars were given, but were promised on their arrival at Ottawa. Private White resided at the time of his enlistment at a George street, and left here with the first contingent of Dufferin Rifles for service at the front. Since coming to the city ten years ago from his home in Russia, where his parents had previously died, Pte. White was employed as a machinist at the Massey-Harris works, where he gained many lasting friendships. Prior to the outbreak of hostilities, he served two and a half years with the Dufferin Rifles, but had no previous military experience.

His sister, Mrs. R. Jennings, who resides at 33 Palace street, is his only relative in Brantford, she having accompanied her brother from Russia ten years ago.

COLONEL HOWARD

Mrs. Howard is inclined to believe that the mentioning by Sir Max Aitken, of the name of Lt. Colonel Frank Howard as one of those in command of the 2nd Battalion during the severe fighting at Ypres, is a mistake. Her husband was in that position with the 2nd, but the last letter she received on Saturday confirmed the information in the papers of some days previously that he had been appointed D. O. C. of the Canadian troops at West Saling, Belgium.

She stated that she had a staff of 12. Mrs. Howard feels certain that the Colonel would have cabled her had he been transferred to the front.

PTE. C. BRIMMER
Word was received in the city to-day that Pte. C. Brimmer, No. 11331, "G" Co., 4th Battalion, 85 Port St., had been wounded in action. No details are available, of this casualty, and at the moment of going to press it was impossible to verify it.

PTE. COPPIN
No further word is to hand of Pte. Coppin, who was reported as wounded yesterday, and it is hoped that he is progressing favorably. Much sympathy is felt for this gallant ex-lancer as he is well known in Eagle Place, where he had a painting and paper-hanging business of his own. Mrs. Coppin, talking to the Courier to-day, said her husband had not been actively connected with the Trinity Scouts before his departure, but was a keen member of the 38th.

PTE. CHAS. ROWCLIFFE
Though unofficially reported as wounded, is now reported from Ottawa as such. The wire reads as follows:

Mrs. Sarah Rowcliffe, 185 West Mill St.:
We regret to inform you that N. 11614 Pte. Charles Rowcliffe, 4th Battalion, officially reported wounded. Further particulars when received will be sent to you.

Adjutant-General.
PTE. I. F. SCOTT
Yesterday unofficially reported to this office as wounded, was, it is now known, confused with the name of Lieut. Scott, brother of Mr. G. G. Scott, of the Cockshutt Plow Co. So far as known, Pte. I. F. Scott is well.

LT. ASHTON COCKSHUTT
A cablegram has been received from the Bank of Montreal, who enquired in France through their London office regarding Lt. Ashton Cockshutt: "Inform W. F. Cockshutt Ashton alive and well."

BRITISH STEAMSHIP SUNK
London, May 4.—1.33 p.m.—The British steamship Maudslayi, of the River Plate, with 6,000 tons of coal, was torpedoed off the Sicily Islands Monday. Two firemen were killed and the second engineer was injured. The wounded man was taken to the hospital at Penzance. The striking of the torpedo was the first intimation that a submarine was in the neighborhood. The force of the explosion hurled the engine and the aperture made in the ship's deck and saved his life. The crew took to their boats and finally were rescued by fishing vessels.

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Child's Dress of white lawn, the front is daintily trimmed with Swiss embroidery and val lace, plain skirt finished with hemstitched hem, sizes 3 to 12 years. Price.....\$1.25 to **\$1.75**

Smart Dress of sheer white voile, waist beautifully trimmed with lace and embroidered sprays, neck and sleeves edged with lace, sizes 4 to 12 years. Price.....\$2.25 to **\$2.75**

Dainty, Well-made Dress of fine embroidery, entire front is of embroidery varied by insertion of val lace, back has clusters of pin tucks, short sleeves of embroidery edged with lace, skirt is gathered and made of embroidery flouncing, sizes 2 to 14 years. Price.....**\$3.25**



—Main Store—Second Floor—Take Elevator.

New Little Collars for Blouses and Suits

Different, daintier, more attractive.

The New "Chin-Chin" Collar, made of fine Brussels lace, white only. Price.....65c to **85c**

Very Sheer Organdie Collar, pleated back, wired, finished with narrow hemstitching and dainty border of black dots design. Price.....**85c**

Fine Voile Collar, with picot edge and pleated back of fine silk lace, suitable for coat or dress. Price.....**85c**

Oriental Lace Collar and Jabot Collar, made Victorian style, wired, finished with narrow black velvet ribbon, white only. Price.....**\$1.25**

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The Sailor Hat in its Latest Interpretation

This model in millinery is more favored than for many seasons and the word "sailor" in hats has come to stand for an infinite variety of particularly smart fashions.

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Ladies' Rain Coats, full loose style with belt, set-in or raglan sleeves. Special at.....**\$4.95**

Girl's Outfit, waterproof, colors fawns, olive and greys, full swaggar style of coat with belt, set-in sleeve, hat to match, sizes 8 to 14 years. Special at.....**\$4.50**

Girls' Rain Capes with large hoods, colors fawn and olive, ideal for school wear, sizes 6 to 14 years. Special at.....**\$3.00**

—Take Elevator, Main Store—Second Floor

E. B. CROMPTON & CO., Empire Building, Colborne Street

LONG DESPATCH

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After the general cheerfulness, also, the outcome of the fight at Neuve Chapelle, as has been pointed out, has a most encouraging effect on the troops, who are inspired by confidence as to the accomplishment of the task ahead of us, however formidable it may be. The beneficial influence of this offensive action indeed has been shown in directly by a fact which would at first sight seem to be totally unconnected with it—and the marked drop in the sick rate took place after the battle, which is only attributable to the success gained.

BETTER WEATHER.

"Amongst other things contributing to the general cheerfulness, also, is the good news which is continually received of the progress of our Allies and the improvement in the weather. The cumulative effect of all this has been to inspire our men with a sense of superiority over the enemy. They are now animated with only one desire—to get on."

There are also minor and less obvious factors, beyond the general sense of growing strength and the consciousness of efficiency derived from small local successes, which have assisted towards building up the condition of a healthy mind in a healthy body, which is so marked in the British troops at the present stage of the campaign. Every advantage has been taken of advantageous aids to counteract the depressing influence of the monotony and hardship of the trench warfare through the long-drawn winter and to ameliorate the results of the continuous strain to which all ranks have been subjected.

BATHS IMPORTANT.

"Of these perhaps the provision of the bathing establishments and rest depots already described has been the most important. But the immense value of any sort of entertainment which can change the current of thought and divert the men's minds temporarily, from their immediate wretched surroundings has played an important part. To this end, concerts, cinematograph shows, variety entertainments, boxing and football matches have been organized where circumstances have allowed. The physiological value of music, to which allusion has already been made, is no new thing. Its effects can at present be witnessed at some of the villages behind our front line, where regimental bands perform, to the delight of the inhabitants as well as of the soldiers, and also on the roads, where the pipes of certain Scotch territorial units, the penny whistle and the mouth organ instil fresh life into tired legs. Some thousands of the whistlers and mouth organs have now reached the front and been distributed.

REGIONS DIFFER MUCH.

"An account has already been given

of the British front, showing how the various localities differ; but stronger and perhaps more interesting comparisons are presented by the area to the north of us near the coast. This country is of three different kinds. There is the district immediately north of Ypres, then the neighborhood of Dixmude, now held by the Germans. South of it the Belgian line runs along the canalized portion of the river; to the north it follows the line of the railway to Nieuport.

VERY IMPRESSIVE.

"When the story of the past few months is recalled, and the actual situation of the Belgian nation is borne in mind, the aspect of this part of the line is strangely impressive. Here in its entrenchments looking out over the country, once the richest soil in Flanders, but now willingly surrendered to the sea, is the Belgian army, still unvanquished after eight months of war. Behind it stretches only a narrow strip, some ten miles in extent, of Belgian soil still left to defend, and even in that strip there are few villages or towns which have escaped the enemy's fire."

ONE AFTER ANOTHER.

"A visitor approaching the Belgian trenches from the west passes through one battered village after another, and sees here and there among the ruins a few women and children still clinging to what is left of their homes. In front of the line is a waste of water melting into the sky, and the further bank is obscured in mist. The grey expanse is here and there intersected by a road running for some distance on an embankment, and broken by a few trees and hedgerows or the remains of a farm rising up out of the flood, on which islands the advanced posts of each side are established. The corpses of long-dead German soldiers and the swollen carcasses of cattle and sheep, with legs sticking stiffly into the air, drift aimlessly about, while large flocks of wild fowl give the one visible touch of life to the desolate scene. The rifle shots ringing out from the front, the occasional reports of distant guns and the noise of the shells rumbling overhead and bursting with a dull thud far behind, accentuate the prevailing silence."

CONTINUALLY ALTERING.

"Nothing could present a stronger contrast to this comparative inaction than the nature of the fighting in progress along the sand dunes farther to the north. Here a desperate struggle at short range continues from day to day, the opposing trenches being situated within a few yards of one another. Here, instead of men and war, the troops have to endure the wind which blows the sand about in stinging clouds so trying to the eyes as to necessitate the wearing of motor goggles. Under the restless drifting

the configuration of the landscape is continually altering, fresh dunes being formed at one point, while they melt away at another. Perhaps the best description of this area of soft-looking, shapeless white mounds is that given by a French officer, who compared it to a land of whipped cream."

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS FIELD KITCHENS

Previously acknowledged	\$291 00
Mrs. W. T. Henderson	5 00
Ald. C. Gress	5 00
Ald. T. E. Ryerson	10 00
Ald. Second	5 00
Ald. F. J. Calbeck	5 00
Ald. W. J. Bragg	2 00
Ald. J. C. Woodhouse	2 00
Ald. J. H. Minshall	5 00
F. W. Frank	5 00
Ald. S. P. Pitcher	2 00
I. O. W. (Toronto)	5 00
Mrs. J. S. Hamilton	10 00
Total	\$344 00

HARRISBURG

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Mr. George Lynden of Nobar is spending a few days with friends in the village.

Master Fred McNabb of Tillsonburg was the guest of his father here a few days this week.

The Ontario Portland Cement Co. of Brantford, have opened up their works here with Mr. W. Macdonald as foreman.

A number from here attended the funeral of the late Mr. Sullivan, which took place in Hamilton. The deceased was well known here and had many friends, having spent his childhood days here.

Mr. R. Butler of Brantford was the guest of his parents here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Near spent a few days last week with friends in Brantford.

The Gas Company have a large number of teams and men at work here hauling and laying pipe just south of the village.

Mr. and Mrs. George Strouger who have been visiting with friends in and around the village for the last week, left for their home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker of Northfield Centre, was the guests of their son here a few days last week.