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The Situation.

The capture of Varna by the Russians is not officially confirmed, and, lacking this, must be taken with caution. It is an important port on the Bulgarian coast about 180 miles north-west of Constantinople.

The speech of Lloyd-George has naturally led to talk of political upheavals in the Old Land. His address could not have been more direct even if made in connection with a vote of want of confidence. A general election does not now look to be among the impossibilities.

Premier Asquith, in his speech in the House of Commons, told in cogent terms of the marvellous growth of John Bull's military strength.

There is a growing disposition to discount the assertion that the Germans are bent upon a big offensive movement in the Western theatre of operations.

The Issue.

Certain men, who surely cannot have given the subject due consideration, are seeking to run the city into an expenditure on the Paris-to-Galt end of the Municipal Railway which will surely mean lost money and more taxes.

There can be no two ways about that. That a big expenditure will have to be made on the line if it is retained is admitted even by those who believe in keeping it.

That it has never paid, and will entail an even greater annual loss in view of the arrival of parallel and up-to-date competition, may be regarded as equally certain.

Certain individuals seem to have the idea that in some mysterious way Brantford can act as a dog in the manger and thwart the L. E. & N.

The Railway Board takes good care that no one railway holds up another at the expense of any community, and Grand Valley railway privileges are not rights above all others.

An improvement and extension of the city car service has already brought splendid results, both from convenience and financial standpoint.

Still further extensions are warranted and should be made, and the \$30,000 offered by the L. E. & N. would go a long way in this regard.

The straight issue is this: Shall more money, with an increase of taxation, be thrown into a losing proposition, or shall a sale be made to the upbuilding of the local system?

The Royal Bank.

Elsewhere in this issue there appears the annual statement of the Royal Bank, and it shows that it is the best report of the kind which this excellent institution has ever presented to its shareholders. It reveals not only a position of record strength, but even shows that it was possible for a Canadian bank, under the unprecedented conditions of the past year, to forge ahead in the matter of net profits. To a great extent we had come to believe that a position of exceptional strength naturally leads to a lower ratio of profits, so that the Royal's exhibit of a record position of strength and at the same time record profits brings forward a new condition for our larger Canadian banks.

During the past few years there was, from time to time, ample evidence of the way the Royal was steadily going ahead, but it remained for a statement such as is now being forwarded to shareholders to indicate the wonderfully strong organization the Royal has built up across Canada, and the important connections it has established in outside centres, perhaps more especially in Cuba and the West Indies.

Special mention should perhaps be made of such developments because they contribute very materially to the bank's position to-day and indicate the prominent part which the Royal is destined to take in the upbuilding of Canadian trade and commerce. Having in mind the very rapid progress which the Royal has made, it should be a matter of pride to every Canadian that the management, at the end of such an exceptional year, should be in a position to indicate a condition of such unusual strength and, at the same time, a satisfactory earning power.

The statement, which is for the fis-

cal year ending November 30th, 1915, shows net profits of \$1,905,576.57, equivalent to 16.48 per cent. on the paid-up capital, against \$1,886,142.67, or 16.31 per cent., in the previous year, a gain of \$19,433.

In view of the increased profits for the year, the Bank's liquid position attracts immediate attention, and, on this account, it is satisfactory to find substantial gains in the proportion of both the liquid assets and cash on hand.

The Brantford branch of the bank grows steadily each day in popular favor, under the management of Mr. F. W. Bain.

"THE KING OF EVERYDAY" WAS ENJOYABLE PLAY

Miss Reding and Miss Erma Coyne Score Combined Success.

A very good sized crowd attended Victoria Hall last night to see the little playlet "The King of Everyday," written and staged by Miss Vera Reding. The play was a sort of fairy tale or fantasy, and though short was very charming. It showed how a millionaire was induced to better the conditions of his tenants through the influence of fairies, and by doing so won back the love of his fiancée, who had decided he was too wealthy and selfish to marry him.

The action called for several songs from the heroine, taken by Miss Helen Oldham, which were rendered in exceptionally pleasing style. The music of the songs was composed by Miss Erma Coyne, and the tuneful nature of the selections showed she was capable of creating high class work. Mr. Arthur Dunstan as Frank Dane, the millionaire, also acted his part very creditably.

The following was the program: Cast of Characters—Miss Kathleen Grant, Miss Helen Oldham; Mr. Frank Dane, millionaire; Mr. Arthur Dunstan; Joyce, Queen of Poverty Court; Miss Mary Marquis; Dick, King of Poverty Court; Master Leslie Watt; Bob the Treasurer; Master Walter Brewster; Merry, Miss Annie Fair; Gay, Miss Phyllis Cockshutt; Betty, Miss Isabel Adams; Peggy, Miss Bertha Fair; Gladness, Miss Margaret Watt; Pat, Miss Margaret Byerson; Dream Flowers, Miss Jean Paterson; Miss Isabel Duncan, Miss Kathleen Garrett, Miss Anna Coyne.

Synopsis of Scenes: Scene 1, Poverty Court; scene 2, Kathleen's home; scene 3, Kathleen's Court; scene 4, The Dream Court. Special artists: Miss Margaret Fraser, Highland Fling; Miss Fern Thompson, Dance Erotique, arranged by Vera Reding, music; Miss Erma Coyne, Miss Alice Brooks, Interpret Dance, "Summer"; Miss Erma Coyne, piano solo, "The Scottish Legend"; by Beech; Mrs. Galbraith, Bag Pipes; Mr. Arthur Harp, song by special request of the children.

Why is it that Toronto, Hamilton, London, Ottawa and other large cities have never adopted Local Option? The answer is obvious—it's not workable in large cities and not conducive to their growth. Is Brantford going to continue in the big city or drop back into the village class?—Adv.

Business boomed in Preston when Galt adopted Local Option.—Adv.

LOCAL OPTION NOTES

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To the Editor

Brantford, Dec. 19, 1915. Editor Courier.

Dear Sir,—How is it that in spite of the call for volunteers from King's country and statesmen, for recruits for the 125th Battalion of Brant County, that there are practically none of the local Greeks, Chinese, Jews, etc., offering their services. Is it fair that our own kith and kin should leave their homes and little ones to go to fight the battles of the Empire, while these able-bodied stay here in Brantford, taking trade which rightfully belongs to the natives of this country. I think not. I believe, as Capt. Nurse said at the meeting in the Brant Theatre Sunday night, that he didn't mind going to fight for the women and children, but he hated to fight for the young men who stayed at home. And Sir, it wouldn't be so bad, only some of these foreigners have been brought here just lately. What right have they to come here and expect to do business when conditions are none too good. And then I think it is up to the loyal citizens of Brantford to patronize their own people first. What kind of a chance would a Canadian have in Greece today? None. Then why should Greeks have any show here.

Yours truly, R. Simon.

HIGH GRADE CHOCOLATES. Willard's and Nylo's, at Brander's Drug Store, Market and Dalhousie Streets.

Mr. Frank Potter, general manager of the G.W.R., was elected chairman of the managers' conference for 1916 at the Railway Clearing House, London.

Mr. Wiles said that Terrace Hill should be looked after. They had prior claims to anything outside the city and Brantford Municipal Railway of an overhead bridge. A line up there would not only pay well, but would increase land values. The people paid their share of the taxes and deserved due consideration. The busses were a good make shift, but not what was wanted.

Mr. Turnbull said the commissioners proposed to go to the Hill by way of the new Dundas Street Hill which had been graded so as to make the run comparatively easy of access and go down past the General Hospital on St. Paul's avenue. This extension should be made next year. They had almost enough material on hand now to go ahead with the work.

Then the report of the Transportation committee was put to the vote and carried by a large majority. A letter was read by Secretary Geo. Hately from the Executive committee of the Belgian Relief fund of Montreal. It stated last winter many carloads of relief goods had been shipped to Belgium. About three times as much money was needed this year, however, as was obtainable then. Therefore they requested local subscriptions. The meeting was then adjourned.

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Although 20 passengers were in a tramway car which got out of control at Chatham and dashed into a wall, no one was injured but the driver.

Avery Quits.—See bargain Bulletin on Page 4.

SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

Rheumatism depends on an acid which flows in the blood, affecting the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive processes, and remains there because the liver, kidneys and skin are too torpid to carry it off.

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An Unimpeachable Authority.

The "Canada Year Book" issued by the Dominion government for 1913 shows that prohibition has been accompanied in every instance by an amazingly great sale and consumption of hard liquor. This is an authority the Local Optionists cannot repudiate.—Adv.

It is stated in Huddersfield that the new dye works there will require a staff of 10,000 men, which means an addition to the population of the town of about 40,000 persons.

The total number of Indians from the Reserve in Battalion, Haldimand County. This is a splendid record. The band will also be formed from the Reserve. It makes an excellent band very quick at picking up the HEALTH GOOD.

The death of Pte. Duns second in the 84th Battalion has been formed. The men in this unit is exceptional. The hospital rate is average, being less than 2 and is also the lowest average battalion in the second military.

Reading matter for soldier Y. M. C. A. is running again. There was a general response to the call for old magazines when the 84th was formed. The Y. M. C. A. has more donations, particularly Christmas season. Old magazines very acceptable, the soldier great delight in reading matter.

SOLDIERS' WIVES MEET. The regular meeting of the wives and mothers was held afternoon in the school room Park Baptist Church. The very good attendance of Study was given by Mrs. S. and the topic "The Song of the" was very beautifully explained the prophesy in connection with was shown very clearly. Kavanagh favored the mee solo, which was enjoyed by all. At the close of the meeting, ren were treated to a Sam Bag of nuts and candy, and ers to a neat calendar. The no meeting until Jan. 4th, ing to the holiday season.

RIVERDALE XMAS TRE. The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Riverdale Sunday School was held in the school room. The entire programme was by the children of the school well received by the audience was a large attendance of parents, it being necessary to chairs to accommodate the Mr. H. Pettit made a very chairman and kept the au good humor by his remarks from the well laden Christmas were distributed to the ear. The growth of the school the past year is very gratifying, teachers and officers.

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