

LESS CRIME SHOWN BY POLICE REPORT

Large Decrease in Number of Persons Arrested and Summoned.

PROHIBITION HELPS

Good Work of Department Proved by Annual Figures.

During 1915 the local police arrested and summoned 36,486 persons, as against 39,993 in 1914, making a decrease of 4,496. Of the total in 1915, 27,122 were males and 2,271 females, while in 1914 there were 39,918 males against 2,771 females. Since Sept. 16, when the Ontario Temperance Act came into being, the decrease in arrests for drunkenness is noticeable, being in a ratio of 3:47 in 1915 to 1914 between 1st date and the end of the year, respectively.

The reported value of property stolen or lost in 1915 was \$381,788, of which \$257,959 was recovered by the police. The serious offences committed in 1915 and 1916 respectively are as follows: 1915—Murder, 1; burglary, 13; house and shopbreaking, 272; robbing with violence, 23; picking pockets, 90; thefts, 4,472. In 1916—Burglary, 3; house and shopbreaking, 430; robbing with violence, 23; picking pockets, 42; thefts, 2,397.

The total value of stolen property amounted to \$58,385.

Two hundred and seventy-seven motor cars, approximately \$110,000, were stolen and 273 were recovered. Upwards of \$10,000 was collected from husbands outside of Toronto who had left their wives and families destitute.

In January the strength of the police force was 698 of all ranks, of which there was a loss of 99, due to death, dismissals and resignations. There were 149 prosecutions under the Ontario Temperance Act.

The estimates for the department for 1916 totalled \$337,837.31 and the amount spent \$374,837.31, leaving a balance of \$37,000. Salaries amounted to \$275,335.31. This year the estimates, due to the increase in police pay, will be \$314,600. The total receipts from licenses was \$98,552, or \$264 in excess of 1915.

According to the report of Dr. Edmund Sprague, of the 41 members who enlisted and went overseas eight were killed in action and the same number have returned, all of whom have resumed duty. The Motor Vehicles Act was infringed by 3205 men and 197 women.

CONTROLLERS DEAL WITH CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC

Pass Two Resolutions in Connection With Present Coal Situation.

Two resolutions were passed by the board of control yesterday calling for government action in regard to traffic congestion between Toronto and the border. One resolution asked the government to take over and operate temporarily the right-of-way of the G.T.R. from Toronto to Niagara Falls. The second resolution was that a summary application be made to the Dominion Railway Commission for an order to regulate the carrying of coal from the border.

H. A. Harrington, secretary of the local section of the Retail Merchants' Association, was on hand to protest against any partial measures of government operation. What should be done, he said, was to take over all the lines in Ontario. If we take over the section of the railway between Toronto, Brock and Suspension Bridge we are running our heads into the noose the railway is preparing for us, he said. If we haul into Toronto 7000 and 8000 carsloads we simply transfer the congestion here, he declared.

Mayor Church: "The government will not take over the railways during the war. The Dominion Railway Board will straighten this thing out if they get time."

Mr. Harrington: "There isn't a practical man on the board."

CONFERENCE SUCCESSFUL.

Great success has attended the conference which have been closed at Ottawa and Whitby. They were held under the auspices of the national council of the Y.M.C.A., and were for the purpose of raising funds for the military work in connection with the national council. It is now announced that the handsome sum of \$6,000 was raised at Ottawa, and at Whitby \$1,700.

GOOD DIGESTION

To be able to eat what you want and to digest it properly is a priceless blessing, one that is not appreciated until you lose it. Then you can't afford to experiment, for strong medicines are hard on weak stomachs. If you have indigestion do not be persuaded into believing you can cure yourself by the use of pre-digested foods or so-called stomach tonics. There is no tonic for the stomach that is not a tonic for every part of the body. It is through the blood that the stomach gets its power to assimilate and digest food, and as the blood goes to every part of the body any improvement in its condition not only results in strengthening the stomach, but every organ in the body. Rich, red blood is absolutely necessary to good digestion. If your stomach is weak and you are troubled with sour risings in the throat, a feeling of pressure about the heart, or nausea after eating, try the tonic treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. So many dyspepsias have been cured by this medicine that every sufferer from stomach trouble should try it. You will soon know the joy of good digestion and enjoy better health in other ways if you give this medicine a fair trial. You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

RAILWAY QUESTIONS BRADSHAW'S FIGURES

J. W. Bain is Denied Right to Cross-Examine Board's Officer.

J.W. Bain, K.C., continued strenuously to oppose before the railway board yesterday the city's appeal for an order compelling the Toronto Railway Company to put 200 more cars on its tracks in two years. Previously D. M. McIntyre, chairman of the board, had limited evidence produced by the company confuting the figures produced by the city as to the profits procured for the board by one of its officers. Yesterday Mr. Bain refused to accept the city's figures unless they were technically proved to the hilt. Further, he demanded to cross-examine Mr. Crossman, who made the counts as to passengers carried by the company. This the board refused on the ground that the figures were collected on the order of the board and for the board's use, and so were not proper subjects for cross-examination.

Mr. McIntyre protested against the stand taken by Mr. Bain regarding the financial figures. The company must know whether they were correct or not. Mountains of figures had been accepted as correct and placed before the board. Mr. Bain said he had had the opportunity to check them over and could not accept them. He had no further evidence to submit with the new car barns to build. Mr. Bain said the cost to the company of the cars demanded by the city would be between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000.

"It's a perfect outrage to be asked to expend that amount of money at such a time," said Mr. Bain. Judgment by the board was reserved.

WILLS PROBATED

The National Trust Co. and L. C. Laidlaw applied for probate yesterday of the will executed March 29, 1916, and codicils written Oct. 20 and Nov. 2, of Mrs. Eliza Ellen Croft, wife of the late Anthony W. Croft, who died leaving an estate valued at \$177,566. The estate is likely to be the subject of litigation because an affidavit was filed yesterday in the surrogate court by the trustees named in the will, who maintained that the assets of the estate are in the possession of William Croft. The latter claims to be an executor under the will of Nov. 15, 1916, written two days before the death of Mrs. Croft.

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Tate, a sister-in-law, and John Croft, a brother-in-law, of the testatrix, have filed caveats against the probating of the will of Nov. 15 on the grounds that undue influence was exerted over Mrs. Croft and that she was incapable of executing a will. The will which is the subject of disagreement has been filed in the surrogate court, and was written by hand on eight pages of foolscap paper and contains the names of William Croft and Dr. O. A. McNicholl as executors.

Under the terms of this will the personal property is distributed among nephews and nieces and Dr. McNicholl, who is heir to her late husband's Masonic ring. The following nephews and nieces receive fifty shares of stock in William Croft & Sons' concern: Blanche Martin, Marguerite Martin, Rose and Marguerite Taylor and Yolanda Croft. Emily Martin, a sister-in-law, is bequeathed 200 shares, and Mrs. John Tate, Mrs. W. B. Tate and Mrs. W. Croft, all sisters-in-law, are each bequeathed ten shares. The children of Christian Kohler, a farmer of Huron county, Michigan, who died recently, will receive \$4,500, representing proceeds from an investment made by Kohler in oil leases, according to a judgment yesterday. Kohler invested \$3,000 and received \$4,500 income. His executor received \$4,500, and then sold for \$5,500.

MUCH OPPOSITION.

Suggestion to Amend Truancy Act is Not Given Much Support.

Trustee Houston's motion to amend the Truancy Act and make it applicable to children above six years of age, is not received generously among the educational men of the city. Trustee Dr. Noble referred to it as "truancy officers hounding children of six," and is absolutely opposed to any such movement. Principal McKay of the technical school is of the opinion that six seems too young. Dr. James L. Hughes, former chief inspector, stated decidedly that he would not let a child of his go to school at six years of age. C. D. Fraser, president of the Toronto Teachers' Institute, and principal of Manning Avenue School, however, is heartily in sympathy with it.

RECEIVED A CALL.

Rev. Wesley Megaw, B.A., invited to Take the Pulpit of an Ottawa Presbyterian Church.

The congregation of Stewerton Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, has decided to extend a call to the Rev. Wesley Megaw, B.A., assistant pastor of Cooke's Church, Toronto, and while considering the matter favorably, Mr. Megaw refuses to make any statement until he has been officially notified. Mr. Megaw holds the distinction of being the youngest ordained man in the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and is a native of Ireland, and a graduate of Belfast University. He had a brilliant college career, carrying off several scholarships with first class honors. He won the gold medal for oratory, both in the University and in the seminary. He is an enthusiastic follower of outdoor sports and was a member of the Belfast College football team.

MUCH MILK WASTED.

Horse Took Fright and Milk Sleigh Was Overturned.

Much milk was wasted yesterday morning when a horse attached to a sleigh, driven by James Dingwall, 47 Gore Vale avenue, took fright while he was delivering milk to a customer at the corner of Avenue road and Bowell avenue, struck the sidewalk and rolled over. The horse was hurled to the pavement, breaking one of its forelegs at the shoulder. It was later killed by Inspector David Ballingall, of the Toronto Humane Society. Two hundred bottles of milk and the sleigh were smashed.

SERGEANT BROOKS KILLED BY MINE

Flight Lieut. White is Wounded and a Prisoner of the Enemy.

NINE CASUALTIES

Toronto Casualty List is Lighter, But Names Are Still Coming.

Nine new names of Toronto soldiers appear among the casualties since yesterday's issue. Sergt. B. H. Brooks is now believed to have been killed; Lieut. R. W. White is given as wounded and captive, and seven are reported as wounded.

Sergt. Bruce Howard Brooks, who formerly lived in Helena avenue, has been missing since last April, and is now believed to have been killed in action on that date. According to a letter from Capt. P. Vandeweyer, it appears certain that he was buried beneath earth thrown up by a mine explosion. Sergt. Brooks went overseas with the first contingent, and had been a car builder at the time he enlisted, and had been in Cobourg. He won his rank on the field.

Lieut. R. W. White, of the Royal Flying Corps, younger brother of Peter White, K.C., and son of Mrs. A. T. White, 440 Avenue road, was reported missing some time ago, and is now listed as having been wounded and is held captive by the enemy. He went overseas as a machine-gun officer with the 21st Battalion in May, 1915, and later joined the Flying Corps. He is Canadian born and a graduate of Upper Canada College. He is 22 years old.

Corp. John Smith, according to information received by his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gibson, 759 Manning avenue, is now believed to have been killed from gunshot wounds in the eye and neck. He is 28 years old and enlisted in February, 1915, with a third contingent battalion. He was born in Scotland and had been in the employ of the town of Cobalt when he enlisted.

Corp. Vincent Murphy, whose relatives live at 1297 Dundas street west, is reported wounded for the second time. He went overseas as a member of the 12th York Rangers.

Pte. Robt. J. Cooke, formerly of 159 Winton avenue, is listed with the wounded. He enlisted with a year ago last September with the 35th Battalion. Before enlisting he was employed by the Bell Telephone Company. He is a married man and has one child. His wife has learned that his wounds consist of injuries to his leg and arm, caused by a high explosive bullet.

Pte. C. A. Inerson, who lived at South Porcupine before enlisting in Toronto with the 97th (American Legion) Battalion, is reported as having been wounded.

Pte. William Alfred Twoocock, formerly living at 49 Denison avenue, is reported wounded. He enlisted with the 75th Battalion. He was born in England and is 19 years old. His mother lives in Toronto.

Pte. Leonard Sands, who was a member of the machine gun section of the 12th York Rangers, is reported as wounded, but is now able to return to duty. He formerly lived at Niagara-on-the-Lake.

George Wells, formerly of 58 Shudell avenue, is reported wounded. He enlisted with the 92nd Highlanders and went to England last May. He is 23 years old and had previously been a member of the 48th. His relatives live in London, England.

Club for Returned Soldiers Opened on College Street

A Maple Leaf Club has been opened at No. 7 College street, to which all soldiers will be welcome, in keeping with the character of the Maple Leaf clubs in England. From 9.30 in the morning until 11 at night, the doors will be open, and Mrs. Elizabeth Croft, of St. Augustine's band of patriotic workers, to whose initiative and energy the house owes its existence, is on duty in the library for a good part of the day, and Sergeant-Major Middleton, who will be in residence, is in charge.

Find Old Thoroughbred Mare in Starving Condition in Shed

In the rear of a house on Royce avenue yesterday morning the police of Keele street police station found an old thoroughbred mare in a shed in a starving condition. The animal was without bedding or blanket, and according to the Humane Society officers, who were summoned, it had stood there for some days during the zero weather without food or water. The beast was so weak that it was found impossible to remove it to the society's headquarters, and it was temporarily housed in a nearby stable. The owner cannot be found.

GERMANY'S WAR COST.

London, Feb. 14.—German's war costs to date have reached the total of sixty billion marks (about \$15,000,000,000), says a telegram from Berlin, forwarded by the correspondent at Amsterdam of Reuters' Telegram Company, Limited.

DR. VOGT RESIGNS HIS LEADERSHIP

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work until a conductor of appropriate gifts and reputation could be found to succeed him.

Leeds Chormaster Appointed. Dr. Vogt himself nominated for the appointment Mr. H. A. Fricker, of Leeds, England, one of the greatest chormasters in the world, one whose triumphs in the concerts of the Leeds triennial festivals and in the appearances of his chorus at Queen's Hall, London, and the Trocadero, Paris, have in the opinion of many of the most eminent English critics won for him a position unequalled by any chorus master in the British Isles. Besides being chorus master of the Leeds festival, Mr. Fricker is an outstanding figure as one of the greatest of living organists and as one of the most gifted of masters of orchestration and orchestral conducting in northern England. On his arrival in Toronto, during the coming summer, Mr. Fricker also takes over the duties of organist and chormaster of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which appointment has been offered to and accepted by him under the terms of the bequest of the late Mrs. Massey-Treble.

Permanent Orchestra Foreshadowed. In withdrawing from choral work, Dr. Vogt has been influenced largely by a firm conviction that the musical life of Toronto had reached a point which demands concentration on the part of some of the city's prominent musicians along special lines of activity, rather than by a weakening of their influence thru attention to a number of sometimes conflicting spheres of work. The remarkable recent growth of the Toronto Conservatory of Music, with the marked expansion of its examinations throughout the Dominion, and the plans adopted by the musical director governing the public recitals of the institution will, for their proper development, require Dr. Vogt's undivided attention. It is his intention to take an active part in any serious movement which may be promoted to interest the citizens of Toronto in the local orchestral situation. In the opinion of many patrons of music of this city, an effort worthy of the importance of the cause should result in the establishment of a permanent symphony orchestra in Toronto on a scale inviting comparison with the great orchestras of New York, Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis, rendering it unnecessary to seek outside orchestral assistance for any of our most important concerts. The splendid work of the specially organized orchestra of seventy pieces which played under Mr. Welsman and Dr. Vogt last week proved that the nucleus for a really first-class organization already exists in Toronto.

Great Choir's Standing. In giving up his connection with the Mendelssohn Choir, Dr. Vogt withdraws from a creation of his own which has brought honor to himself and his native province. As a practical indication of the high artistic standing of the choir in Boston and New York, it may be mentioned that when the organization was perfecting its plans for the 1916-17 European tour of 1915, which was abandoned because of the war, amongst the propositions then laid before the choir was one from the Boston Symphony Orchestra for the co-operation en route of the choir in two concerts, for a performing fee of \$6,000, and from the New York Symphony Orchestra, for the festival of three concerts for a fee of \$7,500. As it had been intended to sail from Boston for London, the former proposition was accepted, probably the highest fee ever offered to a choral society under similar conditions, although for the choir's Chicago engagement of three concerts in 1909 the choir was rewarded its hotel and rail expenses, which amounted to nearly \$11,000. Other out-of-town concerts of the society were under the choir's own management, the most notable of which were the series of 1912 in Buffalo, New York and Boston, when the chorus sang to capacity houses everywhere, and was accompanied in the entire series by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at its full strength of ninety men. The works it had been proposed to sing in Boston, en route to England, in the series of eight-part unaccompanied motette, "Sing Ye to the Lord," the choral part of Mahler's Second Symphony, selections from Bach's B Minor Mass, and Verdi's Requiem, and several smaller unaccompanied works.

The reorganization of the choir will be taken up during the coming summer by Mr. Fricker.

MILLIONS IN GOLD AND SILVER.

Splendid Fortune Passes the Union Station on the Way to New York and England.

The average citizen of Toronto was not aware of the fact \$3,102,000 in specie passed through the Union Station during the last 24 hours. The consignment was packed in boxes, was handled by the Canadian Express Company, and was destined for New York. The first amount to leave the city was three millions dollars in gold, followed by 85 silver bricks, weighing 70 pounds each. The latter came from Cobalt and was en route to England. Each of the silver bricks was worth \$1,200.

BANK ENTERS ACTION.

The Royal Bank of Canada has entered an action at Osgoode Hall against John B. Kay to recover \$10,347.31 alleged due under a contract. The contract is alleged to have been made May 12, 1912, between the defendants and L. M. and J. Wood for the purchase of 100 shares of the Guardian Realty Co. at \$92.50 a share with interest.

The CANADIAN ARMY in Action and the Advance of THE TANKS!

The Official Moving Pictures Of The Battle Of
COURCELETTE



The Cheer of Victory After Courcelette

THESE pictures are Canadian made. The soldiers of Canada made them, the men who are making Canadian history in France right now.

The battle shown in the film this week at the Regent Theatre is Canada's greatest battle—the Battle of Courcelette, which engaged the largest number of Canadians ever assembled for an operation on the battlefield—an army larger than Napoleon's at historic Waterloo.

There was little about this battle in the newspapers, but history will record it. Meantime, you have these wonderful battle pictures.

From the Toronto Mail & Empire

In addition to showing the Canadians in action at Courcelette, the war pictures that are being presented at the Regent Theatre this week show several other features of warfare that have not yet been pictured by official photographers. The chief of these is, of course, the tanks, which are shown working behind the lines and also lumbering into action and breaking their way through barbed wire and other entanglements. The tank pictures are undoubtedly the most novel in these particular films, but sentiment wins the chief interest for the incidents of Courcelette in which the Canadians took part. Many scenes are shown, in the preparation for the battle, the charge across No Man's Land, and the aftermath of the struggle, and the Canadians in them can always be plainly distinguished. The wounded are shown after the fight, and there is one tragic picture of the burial of the brave dead. To show the other side of the conflict, glimpses are given of broken trenches filled with mangled Germans, and many of the Prussians captured by our boys pass across the screen. There are several other interesting items in these films besides the battle of Courcelette and the tanks. The British Columbia soldiers are shown voting behind the battle lines of France to help upset a government thousands of miles away. A splendid idea is given of the mud of Flanders and France, about which all the men at the front write so much. The use of carrier pigeons to send messages, the methods of signaling and the work of the artillery are also illustrated. The films close with a number of striking silhouetted scenes that could not have been more graphic and beautiful if posed by a Griffiths.

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