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BRANTFORD'S NEW GENERAL ---SUNSHINE FAVORS EVENT--- POST OFFICE OPENED TO-DAY

Brilliant Gathering Marked Historic Occasion in City's History — Union Jack Provided Dominant Note of Loyalty — Stirring Speeches by W. F. Cockshutt M. P., Postmaster-General Casgrain, Mayor Spence and Mr. Fisher.

To-day has witnessed with fitting ceremony the formal opening of Brantford's fine new Public Building by common consent the most notable structure in this city, and one of the best of its kind in the entire Province of Ontario.

The contract was awarded to P. H. Beard and Sons, on March 24th, 1913 and they had it finished within the specified time. In every detail they carried the work to completion in a manner which has resulted in a building which is not only a monument for the city, but also to the contractors and to all who were connected in any way with its construction. In all essentials every item has been carried out with the best of workmanship and material, under the strict supervision of Mr. Geo. W. Hall, supervising architect, with Mr. John Graham as clerk of the work.

The building consists of four floors, basement, ground, first and second floors. The cost was approximately \$300,000.

The basement contains a long corridor, which is reached by the elevator or an iron stairway. To the front of the corridor is one large store room and private cellar for the caretaker. To the rear of the corridor is situated the boiler room with four hot water boilers and a jacket heater to supply hot water in summer to the various departments. In line with the boiler room is situated the electrical machinery for power and light. A large coal room opens off the boiler room. These parts are all separated by masonry walls and fireproof doors for the employees lavatories are situated in the basement, all comprising the most modern fixtures. There is also a smoking room for the mail carriers when off duty.

The ground floor contains a spacious public lobby, working space for the post office sorters, stamp lobby, money order and registered mail department, customs examining room, weights and measures office, gas inspectors' office, a mail receiving room. The Postmaster's and Assistant Postmaster's offices are situated conveniently to the entrance, with the inspectors gallery just above. This floor is finished through in marble, marble mosaic, Keen's cement and quartered oak fittings, with brass and beveled chipped glass trimmings.

The elevator, which is situated close to the east entrance and surrounded by a marble stair case, runs from the basement floor to the top of the building.

The first floor is mainly intended for the customs department, which will occupy six rooms. This department is furnished with a dumb waiter for carrying large parcels from and to the ground floor. All rooms on this floor are fitted with the latest details. The record room has a vault for the Customs department. This room is reached from the examining room below by a separate stairway. The Indian offices are situated on the floor in the north-west corner of the building and also make everything, stairway leading to Queen street.

The second floor is occupied by the Inland Revenue Department and the Caretaker's quarters all being fitted up in the most modern style. The building is constructed throughout with the best materials that could be purchased and the work in every particular has been carried out in a first class manner from foundations to roof. The heating, plumbing, lighting and ventilating have been carefully looked after and will mean great comfort and convenience to the working staff in the building and also making every pleasant for the public.

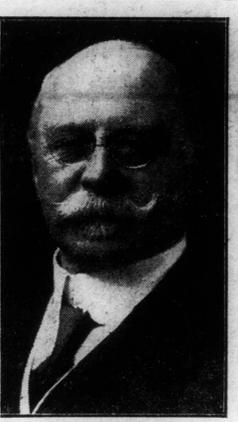
DEDICATION PROCEEDINGS.

Hon. Mr. Casgrain and Mrs. Casgrain, accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Fowler, arrived on the morning train from Toronto and were met by Mayor and Mrs. Spence, and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cockshutt. At 12 o'clock the dedicatory proceedings took place. Caretaker, Charles Vanlicet, had the magnificent building in splendid order. There was a flag bedecked platform with a large Union Jack in the rear and the chair was occupied by Mayor Spence. He first of all called

upon the goodly crowd present to join in the National Anthem and then gave expression to the delight and the satisfaction which all experienced upon the auspicious occasion. It was indeed a beautiful building and one of which there was every cause to feel just pride. The Government, through Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, had certainly most generously recognized the needs of Brantford citizens.

MR. W. F. COCKSHUTT said he took very great pleasure indeed in having assigned to him the introducing of one of the distinguished men of Canada in the person of Hon. Mr. Casgrain, Postmaster-General. He believed that this was one of the first if not the first occasion upon which that gentleman had performed a public duty of the kind since he had entered the Ministry, and that added to the honor of the incident of his visit. The structure was a credit alike to the department and the city. He had heard very little criticism regarding it except perhaps that it was a little too extravagant. As to that, when the opportunity came he thought it the best plan to secure the best possible, not only for the present but for the future needs. He might say that the government had not been in power two weeks before he secured their ear and the promise of the structure. Moreover he might say, he hoped without egotism, that the government had trusted in his judgment with regard to the location and the nature of the building, and its contents. The site had been purchased from the city for \$43,000, a fair figure at the time for the second most important public street. It was now worth probably double that. The building itself had cost between \$244,000 and \$245,000 and they could all see that good value had been obtained for the money. In addition there had been other expenses, for an elevator, heating and so on. The extras on the structure had been very slight so that \$300,000 probably represented the entire figure. Four or five government departments would be housed and the revenue from them for the last recorded year totalled \$80,000. Thus the revenue for one year would meet a third of the cost, whereas he had sat in the House and seen the revenue of ten years devoted to a public building for some other place. Mr. Casgrain, although only a short time a minister, had already shown marked ability in his

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HON. MR. CASGRAIN
Postmaster-General.

Definite Answer Awaited

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Washington, June 17.—Considerable speculation was being indulged in here to-day as to whether General Carranza would continue his course and fight on or modify his attitude in view of overtures for peace in Mexico by General Villa. Some definite word from the constitutionalist chief as to whether or not he will accept Villa's proposals was awaited here with much interest, as upon his answer probably hinges the next move in the situation.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, June 17.—The British steamer Tafford, of 234 gross tons and owned in Liverpool, has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. The crew was saved. WITH THE SAPPEES.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Florence, Italy, June 17.—William Marconi, has asked that he be enrolled as a lieutenant of engineers and assigned to duty with the telegraph brigade here.



RUSSIANS ARE FEELING PRESSURE OF OVERWHELMING NUMBERS

New Attack Develops in Russian Poland and a Series of Retreats are Recorded in Baltic Province as Well as Galicia.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, June 17.—The campaign against the Russians, on which the Germans are now concentrating their offensive efforts, is developing another phase, in a violent attack in Russian Poland. At the same time the Germans are pushing back the Russians in the Baltic provinces and, with the help of the Austrians, in Galicia.

An official communication from Petrograd contains the admission that the Galician campaign has reached a critical stage, in view of the continued successes of the Austrians and Germans. The Petrograd communication says little of the battle along the San, but states the Russians have won some advantages in the fighting further south in the Dniester region.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Petrograd, via London, June 17.—Occupation by the Germans of additional villages in the Shavil district and further south in the region east of Miraimpol is admitted by the Russians, in a statement issued last night at the war office. It is claimed, however, that the invaders suffered heavily in futile attacks beyond the Niemen, and that ground lost north of Przasnysz has been regained. The great battle along the San in west Galicia, is reported to be continuing fiercely with fresh Austro-German forces constantly entering the combat. The statement follows:

COL. RYERSON IS RETURNING WITH REPORT ON RED CROSS

London, June 17.—Col. Dr. Ryerson, president of the Canadian Red Cross Society, who came over to make an official inspection of the society's work at the front, has now completed his tour and sails for Canada on the 6th of this month on board the Espagne.

In company with M. Gabriel Anzole, the French Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Col. Ryerson last week covered the whole battle front in France and Flanders, and made a thorough enquiry into hospital conditions, particularly as affecting the Canadian wounded.

With one or two startling exceptions connected with the ambulance organization during the fierce engagement at Ypres, in which the Canadians lost so heavily, the official report which will be handed to Premier Borden and published on Dr. Ryerson's return will be found quite satisfactory. The Canadians both in hospital and in the field, he said, are being well cared for in every particular.

BATTERY BOYS LEFT TO-DAY FOR HAMILTON

Quiet Departure With Only a Few to See Them Go.

The following gallant soldiers have enlisted for service with the 31st Battery and left to-day. Very few turned out to say farewell, but that few were close relatives, as several little scenes showed at the Grand Trunk at 9:30 this morning:

JOHN L. FRASER, 18 single, 247 Nelson street. Canadian. Baptist.

ROY TYRELL, 18, single, 81 Grey street. Born in Brantford. Baptist. Telegraphist.

ROBERT JOHN HUGHES, 19, single, Belmont Hotel. Born in Liverpool. Eng. Anglican.

GEORGE JUBBER, 42, married, Grandview P.O. Born London. Eng. Anglican.

JAMES TREBBLE, 21, single, Starch Works. Born in England. Roman Catholic.

JOHN WATSON, 25, single, Herbert St. Born in England. Baptist.

CHARLES F. READ—40, married, 68 Brunswick street. Born, Norfolk, England. Anglican.

FREDERICK N. KELLY—24, widower, Marlboro street. Born, Brantford, Canada. Anglican.

WATER RICHARDSON—19, single, Wilsonville. Born, England. Methodist.

ARTHUR EDWARD PHILLIPS—19, single, 303 Dalhousie St. Born, England. Anglican.

JAMES MCSHANE, Born, Scotland. Presbyterian.

FAREWELL VISIT TO OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS

Brantford Civic Heads Visited Niagara Yesterday.

Yesterday morning, the Mayor and several Aldermen journeyed down to Niagara-on-the-Lake, to give a last farewell to the Brantford officers and men. Mayor Spence presented Col. Ashton, Captains Miller and Fraser, Lieutenants H. Walsh and J. Genet and Sergeant Major Oxtoby, with fine automatic revolvers. Colonel Ashton and S. M. Oxtoby made very appropriate replies.

The visitors were received at the headquarters by the Colonel, and after the presentation was over, he formed his battalion up and called for three cheers for the Mayor and aldermen.

Those who took the trip by motor car were Mayor Spence, Aldermen Ryerson, Pitcher, Dowling, Minshall, Freeborn Bragg, Gress and Millen. The party had a splendid time while there and a stop was made at Grimsby for lunch.

Big Labor Conference in Chicago

Chicago, June 17.—With the strike of Chicago's 14,000 street car men ended by the acceptance of arbitration Mayor Thompson laid plans today to settle four building trade strikes which have forced 15,000 workers into idleness since April.

The Mayor opened negotiations to bring the 16,000 carpenters back to work by asking James Kirkby of Indianapolis, president of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners to come to Chicago for a conference.

Leaders of the local unions had planned to meet Mayor Thompson today to discuss the situation.

In addition to the carpenters there are 10,000 painters, 200 structural iron workers, and 900 lathers on a strike.

MIX-UP IN SCORES.

Chicago, June 17.—The result of the competition in the Tom Morris golf cup for the best score by a team of eight against par was undecided last night on account of a mix-up in the scoring. The Sioux City boat club of Sioux City, Iowa, turned in a score of 19 down to par, but later it was asserted that an error had been made which could not be corrected until an official ruling had been obtained.



MRS. CASGRAIN

Late Wires

NEW "FEDS." CLUB.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, June 17.—President Jas. A. Gilmore of the Federal League, announced here to-night that in company with several of the league's club owners he would go to Boston on Saturday next to meet a group of Boston men who wish to establish a Federal League club in that city for next season.

OIL TANKER SUNK.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
San Francisco, June 17.—The oil tank steamer Desaba, under charter to the British Government, was sunk by a German submarine off the coast of North Scotland on Monday, according to a cablegram received today by Robert Mitchell, treasurer of the General Petroleum Company, from Andrew Weir, a British oil financier.

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Dublin Fusiliers In a Brilliant Charge on Turks

LONDON, June 17.—Turkish troops in the Dardanelles have been repulsed in their attempt to recapture the trenches lost by them to the British on June 12, according to an official statement on the situation in the Dardanelles made public here to-day.

"On the night of June 15 a party of the enemy, led by a German officer, made a gallant attack on the trenches occupied by one of the British brigades. A few of the enemy were killed on the parapet, but a majority of them fell before reaching our trenches. Fifty dead were counted, including the German leader and his Turkish subordinate.

"These trenches were captured by us on the night of June 12. After a strong attack the Turkish positions were enfladed by our machine guns from right to left. The Dublin Fusiliers attacked with the bayonet. When the trenches were occupied they were found to contain 200 dead Turks. Twelve prisoners also were taken. Our casualties were very slight."

COMPULSORY LEVY FROM ALL CLASSES FOR LOAN

London June 17.—That the new war loan will be issued early in July is anticipated by the Stock Exchange, and it is believed that it will be more popular in its terms than was the first one, the expectation being that it will appeal to even the smallest investors.

The Manchester Guardian, although opposing obligatory military service,

is discussing the practicability of a compulsory levy from all classes to the war loan.

Although the New South Wales loan has left the underwriters with 62 per cent of the issue on their hands, the result was better than their expectations and the demand to-day indicates that the underwriters will be relieved of their present holdings.

JUST RECEIVED

Another shipment of white corduroy velvet, 27 inches wide, for suits, shorts coats and separate skirts, at 75c. yard. J. M. Young & Co.