PAVING OF STREETS LEADING TO ROADS IS NOT NECESSARY

Engineer Talbot Explains the Suburban Roads Question.

In connection with the impression that is apparently abroad that all streets leading to the roads which have been accepted by the suburban roads commission must be paved, County Engineer Charles Talbot says that this is entirely erroneous. "There is no law or any statute that will compel the city to pave the streets in question," he says. "Nor is there anything in the suburban roads act that will compel any such action on the part of the city or any council."

Mr. Talbot points out that it is not the intention of the Government to pave the provincial highway. In the annual report of the department of public highways of Ontario for 1917 it is stated that "One type of pavement throughout is not contemplated. An effort will be made to construct in proportion to the traffic, making the best possible use of local materials." The general idea has been that the provincial highway would be paved for its entire length. It will, however, be paved in any places that cannot be made durable by any other method of construction. Adjacent to the cities, that is in the suburban roads zone, the cost of the provincial highway will be met by the city and county, each paying 30 per cent and the Government paying the remaining 40 per cent. This is the same basis on which the suburban roads are constructed.

In any event, the city will not be compelled to pave its streets leading out to the suburban roads or the provincial highways. All that is necessary is that the streets be maintained in good condition for the traffic which they will bear, says Mr. Talbot.

H. D. S. A. WILL HOLD EUCHRE DRIVE IN ROOMS

Secretary Announces That City Grant Will Be Paid Soon.

At a meeting of the Honorably Discharged Soldiers' Association held in its club rooms, 428 Park avenue, Friday evening, arrangements were completed for a euchre drive to be held Friday evening, October 11, for the members of the association and their friends.

Secretary J. F. Hicks-Lyne reported that he received communications from City Clerk S. Baker regarding the $100 grant made by the city council to the association some months ago, and that this grant will be payable next Wednesday.

The secretary also reported that Geo. E. Fellows of the provincial headquarters of the association was in the city Tuesday, and interviewed him regarding the work of the local branch. He added that Mr. Fellows will come to this city to address a meeting of the local members within a short time.

A resolution was passed authorizing the secretary to write to headquarters for the purpose of receiving information regarding members in uniform holding offices in the association.

CERTIFICATE OF HONOR FOR PTE. R. WHITEHEAD

Brantford Issues Them and London May Follow Suit.

Pte. Roy Ralph Whitehead of this city has just received a certificate of honor from the city of Brantford, where he resided before joining the 4th Battalion. The certificates are being issued to all men who enlisted from Brantford, and express in tangible form the gratitude of the city for the services rendered to Canada by the men as members of the C. E. F.

Londoners have approved of the idea, and it is probable that the city council here may take the matter into consideration, as the certificates are greatly treasured by the men.

G. W. V. A. IS PLANNING WINTER ENTERTAINMENTS

At a meeting of the house committee of the local command of the Great War Veterans' Association, held on Friday evening, it was decided to hold an "at home" for the members of the association and their friends on Thursday, October 24.

A special committee was elected to raise funds for the prisoners of war fund.

A band concert will be held in the Patricia Theatre on Sunday evening, November 3, for the purpose of raising funds for the G. W. V. A. Band.

Other entertainments will be held during the winter months for the members of the G. W. V. A.

COMMANDER OF STORK ESCADRILLE IS DEAD

Paris, Oct. 5.—Captain Raymond, commander of the famous Stork Escadrille, has died in a hospital at Chalons-sur-Marne of injuries received in an accidental fall. He had the reputation of being one of the best group leaders on the western front.

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LOCAL NEWS

AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.—Rev. W. J. Thompson of Brantford will preach at both morning and evening services in the First Presbyterian Church tomorrow.

REGULAR MEETING. — Regular monthly meeting of the trustees of the Protestant Orphans' Home will be held in the home Monday at 3 o'clock. A large attendance is requested.

TO SPEAK ON "PRAYER."—Rev. Dr. Peever will preach on "Prayer" next Sunday morning in First Methodist Church. At night "Saul and Paul" will be his theme.

DEFAULTERS EXAMINED.—Only two defaulters were examined by the medical board at the local mobilization centre on Friday. The men were placed in categories A2 and E and attached to the W. O. R.

MORE SOLDIERS COMING.—A party of returned soldiers is expected to arrive in this city tonight or some time Sunday. No definite word has been received what time these men will arrive or how many are in the party.

TEACHERS TO MEET.—East Middlesex Teachers' Institute will hold its annual meeting in the county council chambers on Thursday and Friday, October 10 and 11. A program has been prepared and a profitable as well as pleasant time is anticipated.

PTE. STEWART IMPROVING.—According to information received, Pte. R. E. Stewart, who was reported to be seriously ill with pneumonia in the Gironde Hospital, France, is improving. He is a son of R. B. Stewart, Highland Park.

CAPT. W. H. CORRIS KILLED.—Mrs. Fred Lewis of 397 Salisbury street has received news that her cousin, Capt. William Henry Corris, Rifle Brigade, has died of wounds received in action, somewhere in France, August 31. He left a widow and little baby 9 days old.

SPEEDING COSTS ONLY $2.—Sam Collins of Mitchell, Edwin Harrington of Brantford and R. Maudson of Cromarty paid two dollars and costs in Squire Chittick's court this morning for exceeding the speed limit on the county roads in the vicinity of London.

ACKNOWLEDGE FERNS.—The London Military Convalescent Hospital wishes to acknowledge the receipt of ferns from the following citizens: J. C. Merton, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. C. Morris, Mrs. Ashplant, Miss Emery, Mrs. J. B. Allen and Mrs. Geo. C. Green.

VICTORY LOAN MEETING. — In connection with the Victory Loan campaign, a meeting of the representatives from the various county municipalities in Middlesex is being held in the county council chamber this afternoon. It has been called by Chairman L. H. Dampier of Strathroy.

WILL ADDRESS BROTHERHOOD.—Rev. Leslie Armitage, of St. James' Church, South London, will address the Men's Brotherhood of Askin Street Church Sunday morning at 10, on the subject, "Spiritual Gains From the War."

FAREWELL SERVICES.—Rev. J. Stewart, who spent nine years in the Argentine as a missionary, and is leaving next week for California, is preaching farewell sermons in the Christian Workers' Church tomorrow.

WHIST DRIVE ARRANGED.—At a meeting of the 142nd (London's own) Comrades' Club, held on Friday evening, arrangements were completed for the big whist drive to be held on Friday evening next. Among those present was Mrs. C. M. R. Graham, wife of the former commanding officer of the battalion.

"GOLDIE' PRODGERS WOUNDED.—Company Sergt.-Major C. (Goldie) Prodgers of 576 Oxford street, is reported in today's official casualty list as being wounded. He enlisted with the 216th Battalion and played hockey in Toronto with a team from this battalion for some time. He is well-known in this city.

FIRST AID CLASSES.—Classes in first aid are being formed within the next ten days by the St. John Ambulance Association, so that women who wish to prepare themselves for V. A. D. work in the Canadian hospitals may qualify for certificates. Applications should be sent to W. Loveday, local honorary secretary of the association, 74 Princess street.

AFTER THE JUICE.—The high cost of grapes, plus a longing for grape wine, has led parties unknown to pay nocturnal visits to the vineyards in the vicinity of Springbank. Several of the fruit growers report serious losses, and, needless to say, a warm reception is awaiting the wine bibbers if they have the courage to emulate James J. Jeffries, ex-champion pugilist, and try to "come back."

MONUMENT OF LOVE—The following reference is made to the Ronald Gray Memorial Home in a recent issue of the Hamilton Times: The London parents of a son who made the supreme sacrifice at the front have commemorated his death by the presentation to the Salvation Army of a building adapted for the purpose of a children's home. A monument of love to an honored son.

PROF. WRIGHT TAKES CHARGE.—Rev. Prof. Wright of Huron College has recently been appointed to the charge of Trinity Anglican Church, Chelsea Green. On Sunday he will preach Thanksgiving services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., with Sunday school at 3 p.m. For some time the church has been in need of a regular minister, and all members, old and new, will no doubt be more than willing to support such an able man as Prof. Wright.

EPWORTH LEAGUE SERVICE.—Epworth League rally service will be conducted in Wellington Street Methodist Church tomorrow evening. The members of the junior and senior leagues will attend the service in a body. The Rev. W. J. Ashton, pastor, who is in Hamilton at the general conference, willre turn home on Saturday evening and occupy his own pulpit both morning and evening. His evening subject will be "The Call of Christ to the Young People of Today."

T. A. FAUST ILL.—Thomas A. Faust of Yokum-Faust, Limited, this city, is seriously ill at his home, 880 Hellmuth avenue. According to the doctor attending him he has bronchitis and a heavy cold on his chest. It was at first thought to be Spanish influenza, but when the doctor had diagnosed the case it proved to be a heavy cold. He took sick some three days ago, and no change was noticed in his condition until last night, when he began to get worse. The doctor holds every hope for his recovery.

TENTS TO GO.—It is expected shortly that the tents on the farther end of Carling Heights will be taken down. When the men return from camp at the end of this month, in all probability the winter quarters will be near completion, and the men will be moved into them without delay. The huts in which the men will spend the winter are being built with all the speed possible, and the fourth hut is nearly complete. In these four huts 1,000 men will be housed the coming winter, and a rumor is afoot to the effect that these same huts will be used for demobilization after the war.

GIVE USE OF GYM.—The board of education has granted permission to the Y. W. C. A. to use the collegiate gymnasium. This enables Miss Mona Fitzgerald to hold two business girls' classes on Monday and Friday of each week. A school teachers' class for folk dancing has also been arranged to be held in the collegiate gym every Monday at 5:15. The children's gymnasium classes will be held, as before the holidays, every Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Those wishing to join any of the classes should apply to Miss Fitzgerald at the King Street Y. W. C. A. In addition to the Y. W. C. A. physical work in London, Miss Fitzgerald has charge of the same work in the St. Thomas Y. W. C. A.

BRANTFORD SPECIALIST DIES FROM INFLUENZA

Brantford, Oct. 5.—The first death from Spanish influenza took place here this morning, when Dr. L. G. Pearce, a specialist on eye, ear, nose and throat, died suddenly. There are many cases here, and the hospital, with 125 patients, is so full that no more can be admitted.

OVER 130 SPANISH INFLUENZA CASES REPORTED BY DOCTORS; SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE CLOSED

Medical Authorities Believe This Would Be a Mistake — Health Board Empowered To Provide Help For Families With No One To Nurse Them.

The chairman of the board of health and the acting medical officer of health were empowered by the board of health at a meeting held this forenoon to use their discretion in obtaining extra help in coping with the Spanish influenza epidemic, in the way of procuring help where whole families are ill with the malady, and there is no one to take care of the sufferers. This was the only definite step decided upon for the present by the meeting called for the purpose of discussing the subject of the epidemic and the most effective measures for dealing with it.

Miss Fidlar, compiler of statistics at the Institute of Public Health, stated that 132 cases of Spanish influenza have been reported since Wednesday, 10 of which have developed pneumonia. Sixteen doctors had reported these cases. One more death was reported today. One doctor stated he had 50 cases, but did not have the names and would report them.

Oppose Closing School.

Col. H. A. McCallum and Dr. W. J. Tillmann, who were present to give the benefit of their advice, were of the opinion that the closing of the schools would not help in checking the spread of the disease, but, rather the contrary. Children let loose from schools, playing on the streets, exposed for a greater part of the day to wet and probably cold would be in greater danger of contracting and spreading the epidemic than in warm, dry class rooms. The importance was touched upon of securing the co-operation of teachers in watching cases of colds among the pupils.

Mayor C. R. Somerville stated that in view of the serious complications which in a number of cases develop from the form of influenza raging on this continent at present, the city should be prepared to take any steps that would meet the situation, even to closing schools, theatres, etc.

The Danger.

The view was strongly expressed by Lieut.-Col. McCallum, Dr. Tillmann and Dr. Downham that complete isolation is out of the question, owing to the number of light cases which neither see a doctor, nor are reported, nor say away from their regular duties. Lieut.-Col. McCallum declared that these so-called light cases are even more dangerous than the serious ones to public health for the reason they go about in public, coughing, sneezing and distributing germs in the air.

"Good, stiff coughing will send the culture twelve or fourteen feet away. Don't get too close to people," said Dr. W. J. Tillmann, adding to this the advice: "Keep away from theatres and crowded street cars and other crowded places."

"Infection gets to you by your hands," was a further statement made by Lieut.-Col. McCallum. "Keep the hands clean. It is the whole secret of defence. Teach people to keep their hands clean.

Must Keep Warm.

"There is a strong campaign to save coal. This should be tempered by common sense at this juncture. With this malady, the home MUST be kept comfortable, or there is danger of the developing of the secondary organism that leads to pneumonia. It is the bronchial pneumonia developing from the influenza which kills. Bronchial pneumonia further is contagious and patients suffering from pneumonia should not be admitted into wards in the hospital with other patients. Visitors should be forbidden to go to the hospitals. People suffering from coughs, go to see patients, and while there go spraying sputum and spreading contagion among sick people, whose vitality is lowered, and who therefore have not the resisting power to successfully combat infection."

Isolation Impossible.

The impossibility of effecting complete isolation of cases was illustrated by the statement that many of the cases: in fact, the vast majority of them, appear so mild that sickness can scarcely be detected in the faces of those affected. "In the camp, for example," said Col. McCallum, "a slow, persistent fever is the only evidence that the patient is ill. In the camp, all cases are isolated, and carefully watched. A rise of temperature occurs on the fourth day."

The doctors present were unanimous in their verdict that the epidemic which appeared in London is the genuine, bona fide influenza.

"What relation does it bear to the Russian influenza which was so prevalent here 29 or 30 years ago?" was a question asked.

Old Enemy, New Dress.

"It's the old enemy in a new dress," replied the doctor. "It is exactly the same thing. Every thirty years in the history of the world, there is an epidemic of influenza. The last started in Hong Kong in May, 1889, reached St. Petersburg by October, was in Berlin by November, in London, England, the beginning of December, in New York December 17, and in London by the next day. Pretty nearly the whole city of London was down with it in a day or so.

"The outstanding feature is the extreme contagiousness of the disease, and the rapidity with which it spreads, largely owing to the fact that mild cases escape recognition."

Dr. Tillmann stated that if people would go to bed immediately on taking ill and stay there, at least five days, in the majority of cases they would come out all right. Most of the cases that lose their lives are those who consult a doctor, then go out within 47 hours, contracting bronchial trouble. Only about five to ten per cent develop bronchial trouble.

Came From Chicago.

"The first case that came under my observation," said Dr. Tillmann, "was that of a boy who came here from Chicago to visit, a couple of weeks ago. The whole household where he was visiting was taken ill with influenza."

Miss Friend, public health nurse, stated that the trouble is that there are so many families ill who have neither a nurse nor a doctor. Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock, she called at a house where she had been asked to go by a family formerly attended by her. She found the mother and five children had all been ill in bed since last Tuesday with not a person to do a thing for them. The father is overseas. So far as care was concerned, they hadn't even had their hands washed in that time.

Baker Gave Warning.

The baker had gone in a couple of times with bread and it was through him a doctor was called on Thursday. The prescription given by the doctor on Thursday was still unfilled. A little boy, not so sick as the rest, was able to get up and get a cup of tea for the others. The nurse stayed for some hours and has secured a woman to go out today as she herself is obliged to attend to her other duties. One small child showed symptoms of developing croup and before leaving last evening the nurse showed how to prepare a mustard paste to be put on the little one's chest in case coughing became more severe.

It was the citing of such cases as this that led the board of health to decide to empower the chairman of the board and M. O. H. to secure help where families are not receiving proper attention, in order to save life.

Official Suggestions.

The Institute of Public Health made the following suggestions, only one of which was acted upon:

Co-operation plan with school nurses:

1. Divide the city into districts, giving the district to the nurse who lives in it.

2. Have lists of cases furnished each morning at the Institute of Public Health, to follow up for complications, and for immediate care if necessary.

3. Have the list of cases requiring the attention of a physician at once brought in daily, physicians to be telephoned from the office to save time.

Outline of symptoms and complications to be watched for to be given each nurse by the M. O. H.

To Provide Nurses.

Alternative No. 1.—Secure services of eight nurses who are available, to be paid for their work by the board of health.

Alternative No. 2: Provide the one health nurse with a taxi to enable her to increase her visits.

The definite number of nurses, the special committee consisting of the chairman of the board of health and M. O. H. may secure, was not limited as the No. 1 alternative suggested. Other suggestions made are also being taken into consideration. The chairman of the school board, Inspector C. B. Edwards, and the school nurses will be approached in regard to co-operation in fighting the epidemic. Immediately after the meeting, Dr. Downham conferred with Miss Hanson and Miss Barons, the tuberculosis nurses, with a view to obtaining their assistance.

NO INSURANCE FOR BUILDINGS DAMAGED IN HEAVY EXPLOSION

Only Policies On Plate Glass Payable, Say Agents.

Owners of buildings damaged by the explosion at Mitchell's gas plant on Rectory street today, will not be able to collect insurance for damage other than the loss on plate glass.

The policies covering fire loss do not make provision for compensation from losses of this nature, The Advertiser was informed by D. Campbell & Sons, insurance agents.

Mr. Campbell stated that his firm carried the risk on some of the damaged buildings, but the policies in force did not cover loss other than to plate glass.

Page's hardware placed the insurance on plate glass windows with Mr. Campbell, and this claim will be paid.

Information gleaned was that the same condition would apply to all policies, and only the owners of damaged windows will be able to collect insurance.

AUSTRIAN PEACE ADVOCATES LIKELY TO OUST PREMIER

Turmoil Reigns in Political Circles in Enemy Country.

London, Oct. 5.—Reports from Swiss and German papers indicate that a great political disturbance is going on in Austria-Hungary. It is stated that the position of Baron von Hussarek, the Austrian premier, is shaken, and that he is likely to be succeeded by Heinrich Lammasch, who is one of Austria's foremost peace advocates. According to the Vossische Zeitung's Vienna correspondent, the German parties in the Reichsrath are sending their leaders to the emperor to urge drastic changes in the constitution in the direction of federalization with self-determination for the German races in Austria. The correspondent adds that Count Czernin and representatives of the constitution parties in the Upper House are going to urge the emperor to adopt a similar course of action.

The Budapest correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung reports that Premier Wekerle had invited Count Julius Andrassy to enter his cabinet with Count Albert Apponi and Count Stephen Tisza. Count Andrassy, however, will only consent to enter a coalition cabinet on the understanding that Count Tisza is excluded, and wants the participation on the Karolyn party and the social democrats. No common platform yet exists, and it seems that there is much opposition to a coalition government.

FRENCH THREATEN AUSTRIANS WITH HARSH REPRISALS

Enemy Prisoners Must Suffer If French Aviators Are Executed.

Paris, Oct. 5.—Threats by Austria that allied aviators dropping or carrying proclamations would be punished with death has brought a threat of reprisals from the French Government. The Austro-Hungarian Government has been informed that if French aviators are executed the French authorities will retaliate by inflicting the same penalty in double proportion upon Austrian officers who are prisoners.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DEATH OF MRS. SUTHERLAND.

The death of Mrs. Barbara Sutherland, aged 87 years, widow of the late William Sutherland, occurred Friday evening at the residence of her son-in-law, Alfred Parker, 969 Waterloo street. Mrs. Sutherland resided in Blanchard Township for many years. She is survived by four daughters, Miss Annie Sutherland and Mrs. David Reath, both of Vancouver, Miss J. Sutherland and Mrs. Alfred Parker, both of this city, and by two sons, James of Regina and William A. of Saskatchewan.

The funeral (motor) will be held Monday afternoon. The services will be conducted at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. James MacKay of New St. James' Presbyterian Church. Interment will be made at North Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 3rd concession of West Nissouri.

DEATH OF MRS. PARROTT.

The death of Mrs. Marian Parrott, widow of George Baker Parrott, occurred at her late residence, Byron, on Friday. Mrs. Parrott was 76 years of age, and had lived in Byron for many years, having made a large circle of friends in that vicinity, to whom her death comes as a great shock. The funeral will take place on Monday to Woodland Cemetery, and the services will be conducted at the home at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Durnford of Hyde Park.

DEATH OF WILLIAM DOYLE.

William Doyle, an old and respected resident of this city, died this morning at his home, 91 Wharncliffe road, in his 79th year. Mr. Doyle was a former resident of Delaware Township, but has resided in the city some time. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mr. F. Hancott of Sarnia and Mrs. Fred Tonger of Delaware, and by one bother, B. Doyle, at home. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

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TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

There Only Few Minutes.

Snider was at work at the bill-posting office as usual. He worked for a time with his brother, Sam, and William Jenkins, and when they were about ready to start out posting bills, he informed them that he wished to run up to the gas plant for a few minutes, and asked them to call for him there.

Mr. Jenkins says that he was not gone more than ten minutes when he heard the deafening explosion.

Snider was lying near what would have been the north wall of the plant when found. He was badly burned and singed. When the firemen arrived on the scene they found that part of the place was on fire.

Thinks Fire Caused It.

Commissioner Mitchell said it would never be known what caused the explosion. However, when informed by Fire Chief Aitken that there was fire when the department arrived, he unhesitatingly declared that fire caused the explosion. Whether it was from a spark from an electric wire or spontaneous combustion he did not know.

James Park's House Wrecked.

The gas plant is located directly behind the residence of James Park, 430 Rectory street. It is perhaps fortunate that Mr. and Mrs. Park left the city about 6 o'clock on an auto trip. It is said that they have gone to Wingham, but so far efforts to locate them have been unavailing.

The Park home suffered more than any of the residences nearby. It is practically wrecked. It seems certain that had the family been home at the time there would have been other casualties. Practically all the furniture in the home is destroyed. Their house is more or less of a wreck. Nothing but the foundation of their back kitchen remains. It is scattered far and wide over the immediate vicinity. There is not a speck of glass intact in the windows and doors, and bricks are torn out of the side walls and the roof is damaged.

Another House Damaged.

The home of Moses Fishbein, 428 Rectory street, next door to the Park home, was more fortunate, but only slightly so. It is badly wrecked.

Every home in the neighborhood for blocks around felt severely the concussion from the explosion, and at least two-thirds of them have souvenirs in the form of broken windows. This damage reached as far as Ontario street and Queen's avenue, which must be at least 400 yards away.

The force of the explosion is best shown by the manner in which it scattered the remnants of other buildings about, including the heavy cement blocks, used in the construction of the gas plant.

Debris Covers Lawns.

Along in front of the "840" numbers on Dundas street, large pieces of the tar roof of the gas plant are lying on the lawns. Large pieces of board from a shed next to the gas plant, owned by Page's hardware, followed in the wake of the pieces of roofing and shared their resting place on the lawns.

The force of the explosion is well evidenced by the mangled and torn cement blocks and the distance which these heavy pieces of material were carried.

Situated to the south of the gas plant was Mr. Fishbein's metal garage. His car was not in it at the time. He had removed it but a short time before. When the explosion occurred the heavy cement blocks overwhelmed the metal garage and lifted the roof, two sides and one end with them and hurled them across a lane and through a high board fence on the other side of the lane. Perhaps one of the strangest things is that not a pane of glass, and there were about ten, in the window of the garage was broken. The frame with the glass intact is now within ten feet of the wrecked gas plant.

Many Tales Told.

The residents in the vicinity of the wrecked gas plant have some great tales to tell. Many of them declare that their houses fairly rocked with the concussion.

The noise was terrific. It was heard for blocks and blocks away. It brought hundreds rushing to the street.

One woman, who lives on King street, three blocks from the explosion, declared that it blew open every door in her home. It also shifted her piano, is her belief. All the chandeliers in the house are cracked and the lights are out of line.

J. J. Robinson lives at 421 Rectory street, which is across the street and about 100 feet south of the gas plant. He said that the concussion got in between his house and the next door and rocked his home, a large, substantial red brick. He said he was sure the chimneys of his home were gone, and they were the first things he looked for. The experience in his home was the same as that of dozens of others in the immediate vicinity. They have not a whole dish left. Every one was broken by the force of the blow. It is needless to say they have not a pane of glass left.

Simpson's home, next to Fishbein's, was also damaged considerably.

An Emphatic Call.

The firemen of the east end hall received a call to this trouble such as they never received before. The station is located in the east end hall just across the street and a little north of the scene of the explosion. The firemen's call came with the explosion. It consisted of the complete shattering of every window in the east side of the three-story structure. The glass flew far and wide throughout the fire hall and the large auditorium of the hall. The front windows were also for the most part wrecked.

The Dominion Store on the corner of Rectory and Dundas had many drafts of a different variety to that usually handled by a bank. There were about eight large plate glass windows in the bank. They were scattered far and wide by the explosion. The heavy breeze that was blowing from the west had a clean sweep through the bank offices.

Situated next to the bank is the Page hardware, and an empty store formerly Gammage's east end flower store. These places are directly north of where the gas plant was located. They also present ample evidence of the explosion in broken windows and other minor damage.

Directly to the north of the gas plant Page's had a large red barn. It is a complete wreck.

Bunnies Survived.

An interesting feature of the wrecking of this barn is that Hanse Page had three white rabbits in two boxes in this barn. After the explosion the lad's first thoughts were for his rabbits. He found the bunnies unhurt and none the worse of their experience by being buried under the fallen timbers.

To the east of the plant and in the rear of 821 Dundas street, was a brick born. There were a number of chickens in it. Some time after the explosion a young lad was seen searching for his chickens. He found one of them trapped in the ruins. He soon liberated it and found it to be unhurt.

All the houses on Ontario street, a good long block from the explosion, suffered from broken windows. McEachern's, 386 Ontario, and along this block, all the houses on the both sides had broken front windows.

One woman, who resides on this block, states that she was eating breakfast at the time. The force of the explosion knocked dishes off the table.

Mahon's grocery was the heaviest loser among what might be termed the long distance suffers. It is located on the corner of Dundas and Ontario streets, and an extra large plate glass window was shattered. Every house in this block suffered, although a couple of stores nearby escaped.

Halton's tobacco store, Allan's drug store and Crocker's butcher shop, all nearby were damaged.

Housewives Lamenting.

The housewives of the vicinity are lamenting the explosion. Many of the houses have been practically ruined. Several of them were heard discussing the explosion. "Poor Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Page, their homes are simply spoiled," they declared.

The material results of the accident may be compared to those of a German air raid in England, declared a veteran this morning, as he viewed the scene of destruction. Another said it served to give the people of the city some idea of what happened at Halifax, when the large shipload of munitions blew up.

Thousands of people were attracted to the scene of the explosion. The streets and lanes in the vicinity were dense with humans and autos.

The gas plant wherein the explosion occurred has been situated on the present site for some five years. The Park residence is the former home of Commissioner F. G. Mitchell. He sold the property to Mr. Park, but continued to conduct the gas plant in the building in the rear. Mr. Snider, the victim of the explosion, looked after the charging of the tanks, and was considered most competent to handle the work. William Jenkins, with whom he worked, stated that Snider was most careful when he went into the gas plant. He never smoked, and would not allow anyone near the building who did.

Ingredients of Gas.

The gas with which the Presto lights were charged is made of carbide, acetone and water. Snider put these in a large tank and mixed them and then charged the small lighting tanks for the autos. He used electricity and there was also considerable machinery in the plant.

Snider's face, hair and hands are burned and singed as a result of the explosion and fire. He was lying face downward on the floor when he was found. His feet were towards the tank wherein the explosion occurred. There was considerable debris lying around the body, but none directly on it.

An interesting sight are the trees, which mark the boundary line between the property on which the plant was located and the Wright property which extends to the rear. The explosion tore leaves, branches and bark off the trees. High up in these large maples the bark is broken and limbs show where they were hit by flying debris.

PTE. CHARLES PHILLIPS WOUNDED SECOND TIME

Pte. Charles Phillips has been wounded and admitted to No. 54 General Hospital, France, suffering from wounds in the right foot and left leg. This information has been received by his wife, Mrs. Florence Phillips, 771 York street. Pte. Phillips left London with the 142nd Battalion. Previous to enlisting he had worked for several years at the Grand Trunk car shops. He was wounded once before, about two years ago.

Pte. C. Phillips.

SUDDEN DEATH IS DUE TO PNEUMONIA

Mrs. William Costello Dies at Home.

After an illness lasting only from Monday, Mrs. Costello, wife of William Costello, 497 Quebec street, died this morning from pneumonia. Her illness is believed to have been brought on by an attack of Spanish influenza, which rapidly developed into pneumonia.

Mrs. Costello has resided here for 45 years, and is survived by her husband, two daughters, Louise at home and Mrs. J. T. Ryan, Quebec street, and one son, Walter, at home.

The funeral will be held on Tuesday morning to St. Mary's Church. Mass will be at 9 o'clock.

DEATH OF SON FOLLOWS LIST OF TROUBLES IN LIFE OF MRS. SNIDER

The fatality which struck the Snider home, 550 Horton street, this morning, when Stephen Snider, the sole remaining support of his aged mother, met his death in the gas explosion, follows a list that has visited the 77-year-old mother.

Mrs. Snider has not been in the best of health for some considerable time, and of late troubles have not tended to improve this.

Perhaps her greatest worry until today was that of her son, Ben, who is lying in a hospital in England seriously wounded. In Brussels, Ont., his family reside and these have been the cause for no little worry to this aged mother. Her daughter-in-law is an invalid and entirely unable to care for herself or her five children. The Women's Patriotic Association for the families of her several sons, has worried not a little over the plight of her daughter-in-law and nieces and nephews. Will, another son, is in France and is believed to be taking a part in the Allies' big drive. It is said that this weighs heavily on the aged mother, who daily scans the casualty lists.

A few days ago her troubles were added to when her daughter was taken ill, and Stephen's death this morning, it is feared, may prove too much for her. She was in a hysterical condition at noon, and has been so ever since she received the news of her son's death.

NO Y. M. C. A. WORK FOR REV. D. C. MACGREGOR SO FAR AS HE IS AWARE

Various rumors coming from Montreal in regard to the capacity in which Rev. D. C. MacGregor of this city is going overseas, would indicate that he is a man greatly in demand for work in France. Some time ago Mr. MacGregor was asked by the military service department of the Presbyterian Church of Canada if he would consent to going overseas as a chaplain, and shortly afterwards the official appointment came from the Canadian Government.

Another Invitation.

Some time later the national council of the Y. M. C. A. invited him to be one of six leading social service workers of Canada and the United States to go on a six months' campaign on "Canadian Citizenship" among the Canadian soldiers in Great Britain and France. Mr. MacGregor informed them of his previous appointment as chaplain, saying that the matter was no longer in his hands. The Y. M. C. A. approached Dr. Grant, head of the military service board of the Presbyterian Church, who refused to give up Mr. MacGregor to the Y. M. C. A., maintaining that he would accomplish more as chaplain.

A Muddle.

This seemed to settle the matter for a time, but apparently the Y. M. C. A. has again tried to secure Mr. MacGregor's services, and one rumor says that this association has been successful. However, a special dispatch to The Advertiser, received this morning, states that Rev. D. C. MacGregor is unable to accept the invitation of the national council, Y. M. C. A.

Mr. MacGregor has as yet received no word about this matter and will, as far as he knows at present, go overseas in the capacity of chaplain.

NEARLY 500 RESIDENTS OF CITY EAGERLY SEEK SOME COAL FOR WINTER

The Advertiser has now close to 500 coupons from residents of the city who are seeking coal. The Advertiser's campaign has served to arouse the people to a realization that they must get busy to secure a supply.

The Great War Veterans have taken hold of the situation, and being solicitious of the welfare of wives and families of men overseas will discuss the matter with Mayor Somerville and Fuel Controller J. W. McCallum this afternoon.

It is likely that Mr. McCallum will hold the coal now in the cellars of the city hall to be used to relieve families of soldiers and others who are from time to time in dire want of fuel.

CARD OF THANKS.

The family of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Curnoe wish to convey their sincere thanks to their friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy extended to them in their recent sad bereavement and for the many beautiful floral tokens. Also to thank the nurses of Victoria Hospital. b

ENEMY TRYING TO PUT ARMY INTO BULGARIA

Germans and Austrians Making Efforts to Hold Railroad to Constantinople.

London, Oct. 5.—The Germans and Austrians, the Daily Mail says, are making great efforts to place a new army in Bulgaria in order to hold the railroad to Constantinople. Men are being drawn from thirty-four German and twelve Austrian divisions in Russia, but the divisions generally are poor in quality and weak in numbers. Germany can use railroads and the Black Sea to throw troops quickly into Constantinople, their chief aim, the paper adds, being to maintain land communications with Constantinople and to prevent the Allies from getting in touch with Rumania. Constantinople is at the mercy of the guns of the battleship Goeben and the forts at the Dardanelles are manned by picked Germans.

The Turkish attitude, concludes the Daily Mail, is one of helpless expectation and Turkey will be the prize of the army which wins the race for the railroad.

INFLUENZA AT THE NIAGARA CAMP IS NOW UNDER CONTROL

Precautionary Measures Have Resulted in Reducing Cases Considerably.

Niagara Camp, Oct. 5.—The epidemic of Spanish influenza which has been running through the Polish camp here, and has resulted in fifteen deaths, has now been so well controlled as a result of precautionary measures taken that the average admissions of new cases to hospitals during the past week has been only three per day, while the discharges have averaged twelve. The epidemic in the Polish camp has, however, been followed by a slight outbreak in the lines of the Canadian camp, with the result that at present there are 80 patients suffering from some form of influenza in the Canadian camp hospital.

Col. John I. McLaren, camp commandant, has adopted the same precautions in connection with the Canadian camp as were installed in the Polish camp when the influenza first made its appearance there.

388,210 PERSONS IN THE DOMINION ARE METHODISTS

Value of Property and Membership Has Greatly Increased.

Hamilton, Oct. 5.—Rev. C. D. aBldwin, the official statistician, presented his report to the General Conference of the Methodist Church this morning. The total value of all of the properties under the control of the Methodist Church of Canada is $44,178,371, an increase during the quadrennium of $2,338,791. Of this $31,090,276 represents the aggregate value of churches, against this there is indebtedness of about $5,000,000. During the quadrennium there was raised for all purposes the sum of $24,624,518. In 1915 the deficiencies reported in the payments of ministers' salaries was $68,586. In 1918 this had decreased to $20,777.

The membership of the church in 1914 was 368,992; in 1918 it was 388,210, an increase over the preceding year of 5,168, and of 19,218, for the quadrennium. During the four years 83,664 persons were received into the church. The number of ministers and probationers is 2,759, a decrease during the quadrennium of 110. The number of ministers who died during the same period was 190. There were 142 churches and 129 new parsonages.

MAY CLOSE SCHOOLS IN HAMILTON DUE TO SPANISH INFLUENZA

Hamilton, Oct. 5.—So serious has the epidemic of Spanish influenza become in Hamilton that there is a possibility of the schools and other places of public gathering being closed. Nine deaths have been recorded in the last two days, including Dr. C. W. Graham, who died this morning after one day's illness. The board of health this afternoon decided to abide by whatever decision was reached at an emergency meeting of the Hamilton medical council called for tonight.

STEAMER SAN SABIA HITS MINE AND SINKS

American Cargo Boat GoGes Down Off New Jersey Coast.

Washington, Oct. 5.—The American cargo steamer San Sabia of the Mallory line was sunk yesterday 15 miles southeast of Barnegat, N.J., the navy department was informed today. It is supposed the ship struck a mine. How many of the crew were rescued is not yet known.

A steamer, proceeding to New York, reported that she picked up four men and one dead body from the wreckage. Naval vessels were immediately sent to the scene to search for possible survivors and to sweep the vicinity for mines. The San Sabia was of 2,458 gross tons.

NO SPANISH INFLUENZA AT CAMP, IS REPORT OF A. D. M. S. AT HEIGHTS

According to the A. D. M. S. in charge of the military hospitals at Carling Heights, no sign of Spanish influenza has been encountered. Many cases of heavy colds are in the camp, but strictest care is being taken by the medical branch to see that the heavy colds do not develop into the much-dreaded disease. Several cases of epidemic influenza have occurred in the camp and garrison, and the attention of all ranks has been drawn to the manner in which the disease is contracted. The common method of propagation is by "droplet" infection, that is, the germs are spread from the nose and throat of the infected person, in tiny drops. For instance, when a man coughs, sneezes or shouts. Close contact with other persons should be avoided, and it is very necessary to avoid inhaling the spray from the nose and throats of others. Anyone sneezing or coughing should turn away from others in his vicinity, and, if possible, cover the mouth with a handkerchief.