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BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

FORTY-FOURTH YEAR

BRANTFORD, CANADA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1913

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CIVIC FINANCES OF YEAR SHOW GOOD WORK

An Overdraft of \$11,000 Last Year Cut Down to \$4,400—Had Street Railway Paid Taxes A Surplus Would Have Resulted—Treasurer's Re- port.

City Treasurer Bunnell has just issued the annual financial statement for the year, showing that the civic treasury would be able to declare a surplus this year, were it not for the fact that taxes amounting to over \$7,000 have been unpaid by the street railway. Mr. Bunnell further points out that besides taxes due this year, the street railway owes the city some \$26,000 in round figures. His report, addressed to Ald. Spence, chairman of the finance committee, is as follows:

As the session of council on Monday evening last was probably the final meeting for 1913, I am now in a position to report as to the outcome of the finances for the year closing on the 31st instant.

The actual expenditures for current requirements, as per the detailed statement herewith, was \$477,756.19. The Estimate was \$472,579. To which must be added interest and sinking fund for Waterworks Debentures, raised during the year and repaid to the city by the Water Commission, \$3,375. Total \$481,131.19.

The outgoing being less than the Estimate by \$5,448. The Receipts, including certain sums which were not estimated, but which were received by the city, were \$472,579. To which must be added interest and sinking fund for Waterworks Debentures, as above \$3,375. Total \$475,954.00.

The result is an overdraft on current account of \$4,400.87.

arising from various sums remaining unpaid on the Tax Roll, for 1913. In any consideration of the financial position of the city, it must be remembered that the Street Railway owes for taxes now past due, \$20,357.03, in addition to other claims for proportion of cost of bridge, and work done by the City Engineer, and aggregating about \$6,000.00.

The debt of the city has increased by:

Debentures issued for Waterworks purposes	\$100,000
Debentures issued for Local Improvements	96,881
Debentures issued for Road Machinery	8,000
Total	\$204,881

Debentures will require to be issued for works under construction:

Hydro-Electric	\$104,911.24
Flood Prevention, etc.	18,229.52
Total	\$123,140.76

Debentures have been paid to the amount of \$13,730.70 and the Sinking Fund, on account of previously incurred, increased by \$1,138.26 \$14,868.96

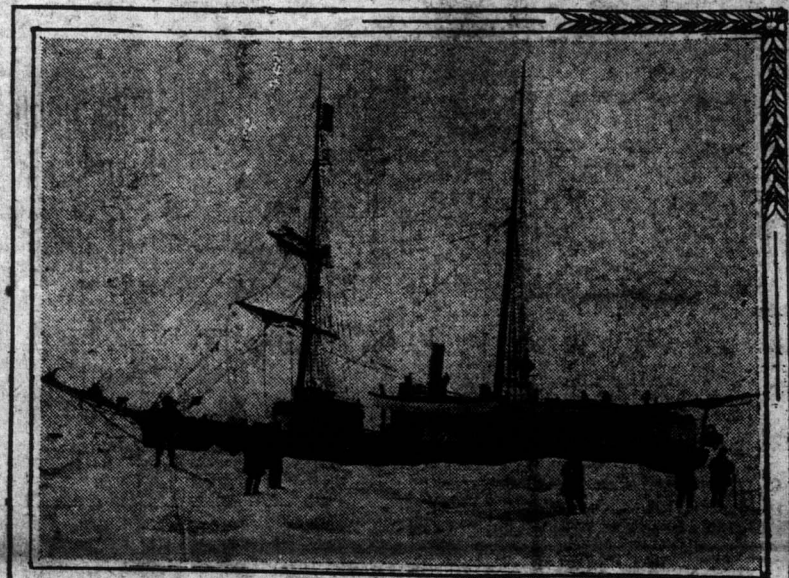
A. K. BUNNELL,
Treasurer.

Cut Down Overdraft

Last year there was an overdraft of \$11,448 at the bank, and this year's finance committee had to assume this. It was wiped out. An overdraft still remains of \$4,400.87. This year's unpaid taxes of the Street Railway would more than have covered it. The report is of a most gratifying nature, and the finance committee is deserving of all kinds of credit.

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EXPLORING VESSEL WHICH HAS DISAPPEARED IN ARCTIC REGIONS



THE KARLUK, FROZEN IN THE ICE WITH SOME OF HER CREW IN FOREGROUND.

The Canadian exploring vessel Karluk, with Captain Robert Bartlett, Peary's North Pole navigator, has disappeared in the Arctic Ocean. Snared in the grinding ice that is ever drifting into the unknown region, the Karluk, it is believed, is wandering through the ancient graveyard of the north, and it is feared will never be seen again. She is provisioned for three years and has on board the largest scientific staff ever taken on an Arctic expedition.

GRAND VIEW RATEPAYERS AT LIVELY MEETING LAST NIGHT DISCUSS AFFAIRS

Candidates for Municipal Offices Are Endorsed— Councillor Scace Given Rousing Reception—Hy- dro Electric for Township is the Slogan.

"What we have to hold," Councillor Scace has been unanimously chosen by the ratepayers of Grand View as the aspirant for the position of township councillor whom they will support. All this happened at a good deal more than a representative gathering of ratepayers of Grand View held last night in the school. It all happened this way: after Reeve Kendrick and the other members of the township council, who were all present and Mr. John Symington, whom the Parkdale ratepayers have pledged to support had spoken, as also a number of the ratepayers, Mr. David Tattersall moved the nomination and Mr. E. W. P. Jones seconded the nomination and the ratepayers showed their approval by very hearty applause.

His Reply.

Mr. Scace, in replying, made it plain that his whole desire was to be a councillor who would be a benefit to the electors. When he came into the council Grand View was quite neglected and he had set to work to right many wrongs in the township. Mr. Symington had stated, the Parkdale residents had supported Mr. Scace at the last election upon the understanding that when the district brought out a representative, the Grand View residents would respond, he therefore urged upon the ratepayers to realize. Although Echo Place had been approached, he felt sure that he could look to Echo Place as a district which would support him.

Costing Over \$50 a Week

It is costing considerably over \$50 per week to keep nearly 100 foreign-speaking residents who are practically destitute in the city. This announcement was made by a worker of the Evangelical Union this morning, who said that the work was being done largely by the Union. Only the bare necessities of life are distributed, including bread, tea and sugar. The cases are distributed through the city, but the Devon Hall, on Dalhousie street, is headquarters for the work.

Boxing Day In Old Land

A Wonderful Variety of Entertainment Offer- ed Yesterday.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: Boxing day in London was characterized yesterday by a wonderful variety of outdoor and indoor entertainments. Cold dry weather prevailed, and the crowds in the open air were larger than ever. Perhaps never before have so many amusements been organized for boxing day.

Close to fifty distinct programmes with many novelties in them all, were presented in the west end theatres alone. These, together with the pantomimes and the moving picture theatres in the suburbs, attracted many hundreds of thousands of people. Long before the opening hour at the theatres, there were waiting queues, and a revival of the "sleeping beauty" the first pantomime revival in the history of Drury Lane, was attended with complete success.

Pipes Frozen

Because of the extreme cold, many water pipes have been frozen. At the city hall this morning, it was stated that many people do not replace broken cellar windows, evidently not anticipating cold weather, with the result that the pipes are frozen. Of course, this is not the only cause, there are divers reasons for the pipes freezing.

ANOTHER SLAP AT STREET RAILWAY IN COURTS YESTERDAY

It Is Believed That Controlling Interests Are Down And Out—Seizure May Be Effected by City After A Consultation With Solicitor—Legal Phases of the Situation Are Interesting.

Brantford lands on top in the latest decision of the courts in the street railway litigation. The Grand Valley Railway Company has so violated the terms of its contracts with the municipality that its rights are forfeited under agreement.

This is the judgment of the Appellate Court, handed out at Osgoode Hall yesterday, and upholding that of Chief Justice R. M. Meredith on September 17.

Company's Contention.

The defendant company argued that the Courts of Ontario had no jurisdiction to declare forfeiture of properties under contracts of this nature, claiming that jurisdiction rested with the Ontario Railway Board and the Dominion Railway Commissioners. The City of Brantford, therefore, asked the Appellate Court to declare that the company had forfeited all their rights to operate under the agreements and that the city had a right to grant another franchise to anyone.

Seizure Next Step.

Whether seizure will be the next step or not remains to be seen. Acting Mayor Spence said this morning that the city had the company so badly up a tree that immediate seizure might be deferred. At any rate it will not be decided upon until a consultation is held with Mr. Henderson on his return from Toronto.

From the judgment delivered yesterday it looks as if the appointment of a new receiver will be ratified by the court over which Chief Justice Mulock presides. This is put down for hearing on February 2. The trial judges at the trial just previous to yesterday's action gave City Solicitor Henderson leave to have the appeal of the company thrown out even although the appeal had been heard. This pro-

cess in the lower courts was necessary before the motion could be proceeded with on February 2 before the Chief Justice to have a new receiver appointed. Having been successful yesterday, the City Solicitor now has the way clear for the removal of Mr. E. B. Stockdale.

What Next?

The question naturally arises if a new receiver is appointed what will happen. The receiver will act for the protection of the city's interests and it might be expected that litigation will cease. The franchise rights will be forfeited and if seizure is effected, the city will practically be in possession of the road. Then the city will have to deal with the Canadian General Electric Company, first mortgage bondholders to the extent of \$725,000. What will happen to the other bondholders is hard to say, although it is believed some sort of a settlement will have to be made with them. It is believed, however, among all authorities that the results of the present legal fight will mean public ownership of the street railway in Brantford in a short time. Moreover, it is believed that the present controlling interests are down and out.

The Thames Valley road, between Woodstock and Ingersoll, is indirectly affected. Both Woodstock and Brantford have moved to have the receiver of the Grand Valley, Mr. E. Stockdale, of Toronto, replaced, and this phase of the litigation has been adjourned. Brantford Street Railway owes the city over \$7,000 in taxes.

WORK ON RAILWAY LIKELY TO BE TIED UP UNTIL THE SPRING

The following despatch was received from Ottawa to-day:

"The Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company is seeking power to increase its issue of securities from \$30,000 to \$45,000 per mile, and power to borrow money and issue securities for the acquisition, construction and extension or development of any properties, assets or works other than the railway."

Mr. John Muir when phoned by The Courier as to the above despatch, remarked, "Quite correct." Anything further he refused to say.

It is understood that before any of the proposed steps can be taken the consent of Brantford and all other municipalities along the line which hold stock will first have to be obtained.

From other sources it was learned that in view of the fact that the company was seeking to increase its bond issue, it might be some little time before the work of construction is resumed. Before the necessary consent is obtained to increase the issue it will require time, although there seems little reason to doubt

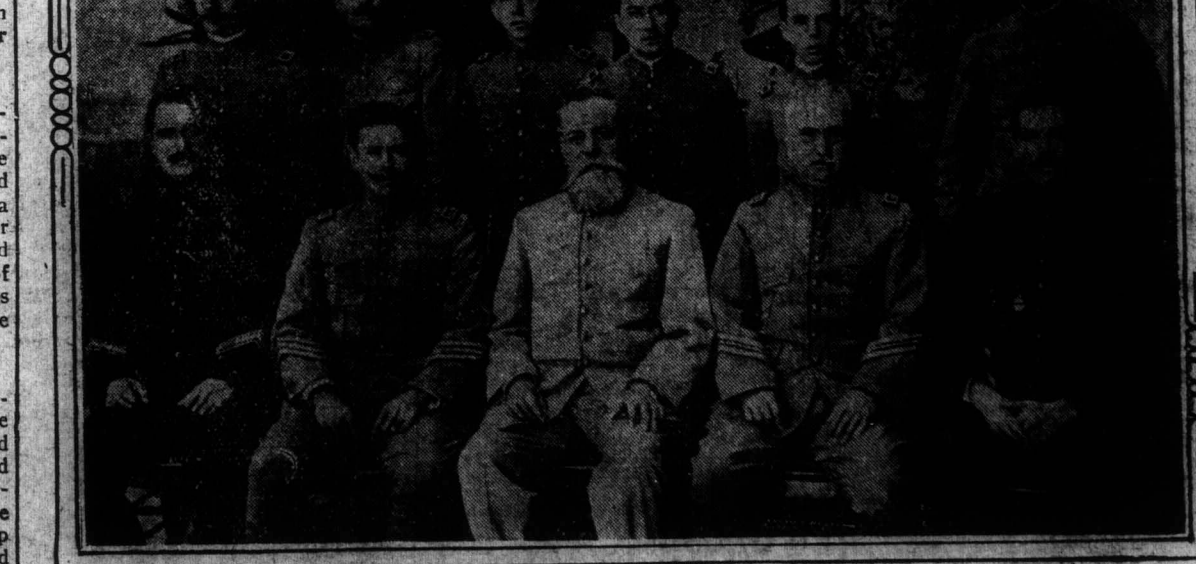
Go! Money Back

Last evening a large audience gathered at Congregational church to listen to a lecture and entertainment to be given by Miss Lottie Tholston of Hawaii, but were greatly disappointed as the lecturer did not put in an appearance and the only thing the officials of the church could do was to refund the money to those in attendance.

An Error

The basket of provisions for James Taylor, which included a roast chicken, did not come from Relief Officer Eddy, but from the Colborne Street Brotherhood.

REBEL LEADER WHO CONTROLS NORTHERN MEXICO AND HIS AID



From Left to Right, Bottom Row—Major Aragon, Colonel Trevino, General Carranza, Surgeon in Chief Suarez Gamba and Lieutenant Colonel Dominguez. Top Row—Captain Valdez, Captain Lucio Davilla, Captain Gustavo Salinas Carranza (aviator), Captain Julio Madero (brother of President Madero), Captain Alberto Salinas Carranza (aviator) and Captain Juan Davilla.

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