

COMING EVENTS

ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR MacKENZIE on "Thrift," and the Penny Bank Y. W. C. A. Hall, on Friday afternoon at four.

JOINT MEETING Equal Franchise Club and Campaign Committee, at Mrs. Secord's, 199 Brant Ave., on Thursday, 8th, at eight o'clock. All workers invited.

THE ECHO PLACE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION will hold an open meeting Thursday, Feb. 8th, in school house, at 8.00 p.m. for reorganization, and election of officers.

THE BRITISH CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT—the world's greatest business enterprise—will be the subject of a lantern lecture by George Keen, Honorary Secretary of the Co-operative Union of Canada, under the auspices of the Brantford Trades and Labor Council, in the Labor Hall, over the Bank of Hamilton, corner of Colborne and South Market Streets, on Wednesday, at 8 p.m. Numerous slides will illustrate the remarkable business genius shown by British working class co-operators. A cordial invitation is given to all citizens, and also the members of the Brant Farmers' Co-operative Society. Ladies specially invited. Admission free. No collection.

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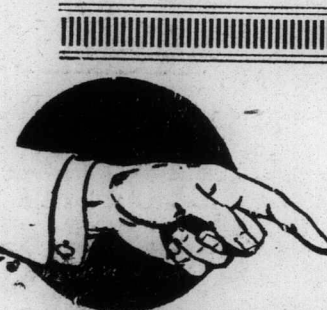
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NOTICE!

Patriotic Fund

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TEAM NO. 3

Dufferin Rifles Chapter I.O.D.E. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Dufferin Rifles Chapter I. O. D. E., was held last night in the armouries, Mrs. Palmer presiding.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and adopted, letters were read from several commanding officers at the front, thanking the chapter for socks sent to the Brantford men at Christmas. A vote of thanks was passed to the Tutela Women's Institute, United Cigar Store and Mr. C. Maxwell for contributions of socks, cigarettes and tobacco.

The annual report as appended was read and adopted. After a vote of thanks had been tendered the retiring officers, the meeting closed.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
Regent..... Mrs. Colquhoun
1st Vice..... Mrs. G. D. Watt
2nd Vice..... Mrs. Wm. Miller
Secretary..... Mrs. Boyce
Treasurer..... Mrs. Oxtoby
Standard Bearer..... Mrs. Newman

Councillors:
Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Coghill, Mrs. Cockshutt, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Emmons, Mrs. Sager, Mrs. Mutter, Mrs. Bole, Miss Ball.

The following report was submitted:

Brantford, Feb. 5, 1917.
At the annual meeting a year ago, we felt in a congratulatory mood that so much work had been accomplished in spite of the very disorganized state of the chapter. The Dufferin Rifles Chapter was practically nonexistent, so many of its officers and men having gone to the front—the chapter naturally suffered as many wives followed their husbands to England, or went on long visits to relatives. It was almost impossible to count definitely on whom to depend but it was decided (1) that rather than allow the chapter to disband, and thus forfeit its charter, only the four meetings held necessary by the constitution should be held during the ensuing year.

(2) That the executive of the past year should be reappointed, although many of its members were out of town.

(3) That a series of teas be given to raise money for necessary contributions to worthy causes.

(4) That the members of the Chapter help the Patriotic and Red Cross workers, rather than work independently.

This course was pursued until October, teas with sale of home made cooking and candy were held at the homes of Mrs. W. F. Cockshutt and Miss Secord. Then as talent tests were being overdone, and so many calls being made on everyone's time a collection was made in May of not less than a quarter from each member which was called a "tea fund."

From money thus donated for the equipment of two beds for the I. O. D. E. annex to King George and Queen Mary Hospital, called the Maple Leaf Club.

A grant of ten dollars (\$10.00) was voted to the Duchess of Connaught Fund for prisoners in Germany.

In October an enthusiastic meeting was held at the Armouries. The treasurer's report showed a fair balance in the bank. It was realized that workers often lost interest in the larger organizations when enthusiasm could be better stimulated

in the smaller ones, so the Chapter decided to give a sock shower and Talent Tea at the Armouries on Trafalgar Day, the object being to collect socks to send to the Brantford soldiers in France.

The tea realized one hundred pairs of socks and about seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). At the November meeting, the chapter decided to buy more wool in order to ship seventy-five pairs of socks a month to the front, also to purchase twenty dozen pairs of socks from the mills to send over for Christmas. An average of 85 pairs a month which has exceeded our estimate of 75 pairs a month, has been shipped for the months of October, November, December, January and February, and there are several pairs on hand for another shipment. Friends outside the Chapter have helped with the knitting—the Tutela Women's Institute presented seven pairs of beautifully knitted socks, which went with the last packet, and promises us some fifteen or more pairs this week and will be glad to knit regularly if supplied with wool, the socks they have so far done being made with their own wool. Other friends have contributed tobacco and smokes.

As the men at the front enjoy home news, it was decided to send scrap books of clippings of local interest, cartoons, etc., the first issue being compiled by Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Colquhoun and Miss Ball.

Letters have been received from the front thanking the chapter for socks and tobacco.

The old Dufferin Rifles has suffered many losses during the year, have been sent to the families of the brave officers and men who have fallen in the discharge of duty to King and Country.

ADDRESS TO CLERGYMEN

Ministerial Association
Heard Paper From Dean
McLay of McMaster

Professor W. S. McLay, Dean in Arts of McMaster University, yesterday afternoon read a paper before the Ministerial Alliance on "The Religious Influence of Tennyson and Browning," with special reference to their belief in the immortality of the soul. The attendance was large and the interest was intense and appreciative. The lecture was marked throughout by a fine Christian spirit, a comprehensive intellectual outlook and a philosophic and sympathetic interpretation of the poetry of these two poets. In general the lecture was strongly corroborative of the new testament teaching regarding the immortality of the soul, but the lecturer pointed out that the belief of these two poets rested more upon intuition than upon revelation. In every way they felt compelled to believe in the soul's immortality. The lecture was illustrated by a profusion of quotations, apt and beautiful, which enhanced its interest. Prof. McLay also made it clear that in time, when everywhere we were saying, which shall we accept, Christianity or evolution, Tennyson and Browning showed that these two teachings were not antagonistic but complementary and did much to harmonize what looked at first like two warring elements in life.

The deep debt under which Prof. McLay had placed the Ministerial Alliance and others who were in attendance was expressed in a hearty vote of thanks moved by Rev. J. W. Gordon and seconded by Prin. Burt, of the Collegiate Institute.

CAMPAIGN GOES ON IN THREE COUNTIES

215th Continue With Unabated Vigor Search for Recruits

The members of the 215th Battalion were turned loose today on the search for eligibles, as a further step in the enthusiastic campaign of the recruiting campaign now in progress. Meetings are being held throughout the three counties and others are being arranged for. Last night Captain McKegney addressed a meeting in York, Haldimand, while Private Sam Landers will speak at a meeting in the Presbyterian church, at Paris, on Friday night.

The transfer of Major Jackson to the 25th Railway Construction Battalion has been approved by headquarters.

The brass band of the battalion is to go to Simcoe on Thursday night to participate in a band concert to returned soldiers to be given there.

Captain Matheson and Lieut. Bevan were in the city today and lectured to the officers and N. C. O.'s of the battalion in the Y. M. C. A., on trench warfare.

Pte. C. E. Crandell, former member of the battalion, has been transferred to the division signalling training depot.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cass and Mrs. Cardinal Benard were entertained and two persons were, perhaps fatally injured by jumping when fire trapped eleven persons on the third and fourth floors of the Board of Trade Cafe, West St. Paul street, Montreal.

MILITARY LIFE IN OLD COUNTRY

Interesting Letter From Pte. Roy Carter, Formerly of 36th Battalion

The following letter has been received by Pte. Carter of the Welland Canal Force, now stationed at Queenston, from his son, Pte. Roy Carter. Pte. Carter is now only 18 years of age, yet he enlisted two years ago with the 36th battalion. His home is at 189 Eagle Avenue.

Dear Dad:—
As you see by my address, I am at the casualty training Batt. at St. Helen's Park, Hastings. I am a bugler and also in Vellito for the winter. I have a nice staff job now so I won't have to go to France for a little while. I am on for 24 hours and the next 24 hours I can do as I like. I go to Hastings. It is a big seaside, and have a good time. Am on again the next 24 hours and then off again, so I have every afternoon to myself and do not have to go on any parades. I was going to wait until I came back to Brantford to tell you the time I had in France, but as you ask me I will tell you now. I was warned for the draft on Sunday, June the 4th and left England June 6th and landed in Le Havre, and stayed one day then took the train for Poperinghe which took two days, then we were to a camp about 6 miles behind the lines and stayed there till Sunday the 11th and then joined the 58th battalion at the Belgian Chateau about Sunday noon. I met Major Ballachev and Col. Genet there and then we moved up at dark to Sanctuary Woods in Ypres Salient in the reserve trench. We got there about midnight. We were told we could go to sleep, so I stuck my head in a little hole and went to sleep. About two hours after or 2 o'clock in the morning I woke up and the shells were coming over fast, so I pulled my legs up and I had no more than done so when—well, I can't explain, but it was a terrible noise and I felt warm blood running down my legs. My God, what a sensation. So I gets up and tries to stand on my legs when I heard another shell coming, so I flops down and about five minutes after my back started to burn and then I knew I was hit again. Then they brought three fellows in the part I was in, one with a broken leg, another with a shrapnel through the muscle of his leg, one with pretty near every bone in his body broken. He was dead and he had been foaming at the mouth. The three of them had been buried by the same shell that got me. Then I laid there till midnight the same day in mud and water and this fellow lying dead beside me. They were pretty near all my clothes off me, to dress my wounds. From two in the morning until midnight was the longest 22 hours I ever spent. I could not smoke or eat or couldn't get anything to drink. Oh it was terrible. I would doze off to sleep and then wake up and find I was still there. My chum and another fellow helped me out. They sent me to Bologne and then to Reading Hospital. I have a scar on my back. It is still in red and have a scar on the inside and on the outside of my left thigh. I am sending you my massage papers. It is a description of the wound in my thigh. Keep it till I come home, when I think this is all for now. Your loving son,
Roy.

Washington Awaits Still

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The idea has been favorably received by President Wilson there is no definite indication that the plan will mature.

May Break With Austria.
Relations with Austria are not on sound foundation, owing to the known adherence of the dual monarchy to Germany's submarine war program, but certain differences in her announced intentions make it uncertain just what the United States Government may decide to do.

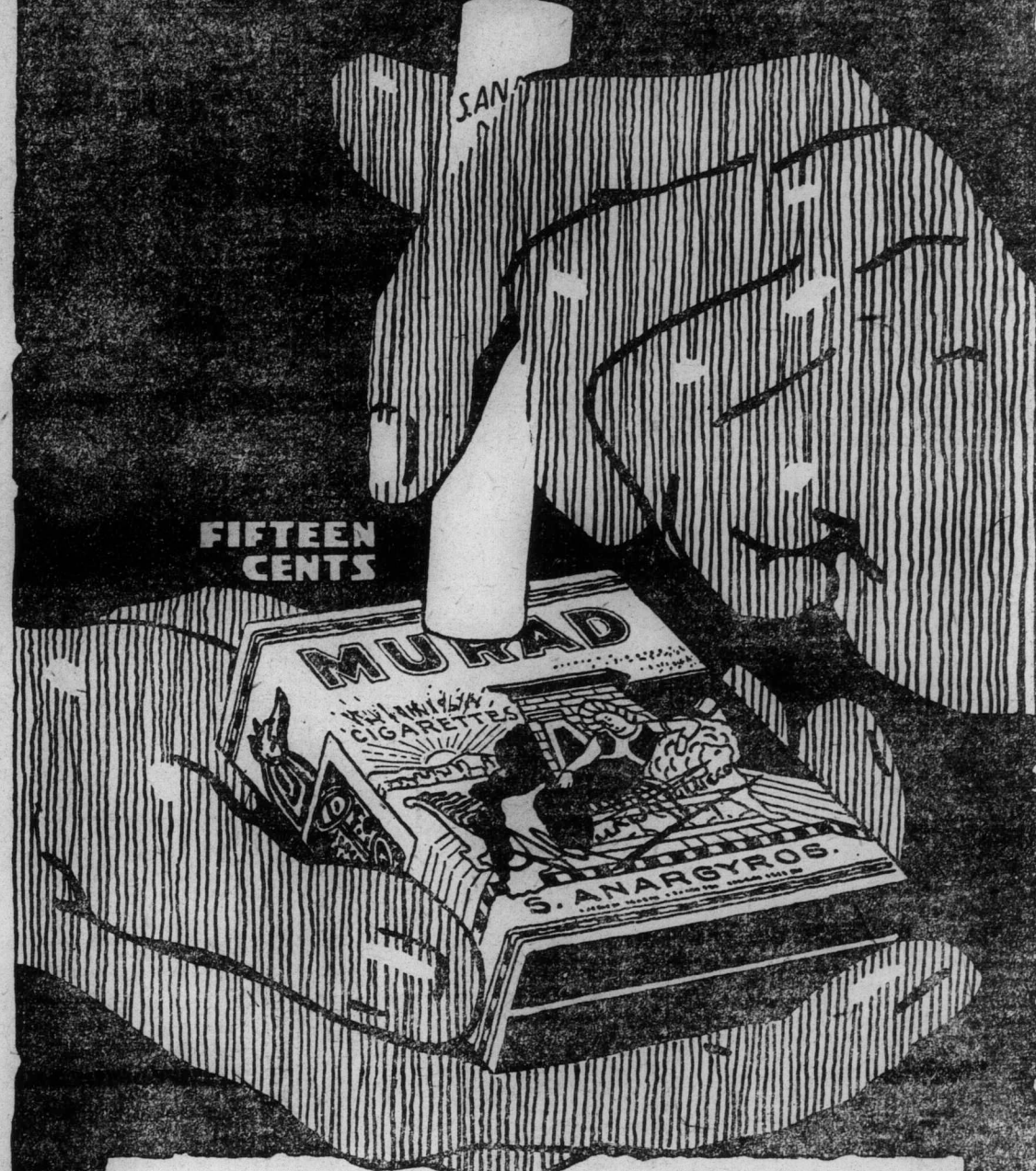
The Senate to-day was ready to adopt a resolution endorsing the president's action in breaking relations with Germany, and the House is expected to place itself on record in a similar way.

Preparations Continue
The War and Navy departments continue to formulate plans for mobilization of industrial and commercial forces, as well as military, so that these might be placed in operation under government direction on short orders. The navy department issued a list of manufacturing companies, which have offered their services in case of war. Appropriation measures and bills to clear a legal path for freer and speedier action by army and navy agencies were given close attention in both houses of Congress.

Huns Leave
Count von Bernstorff, his staff and all German consuls in this country, composing a party of more than 200, will sail next Tuesday from New York on the Scandinavian Liner Frederik VIII for Christiania, and the State Dept. feels assured of guarantees of safe conduct for them from the Allies.

President Wilson's proclamation forbidding transfer of American ships to foreign registry, although recommended by the shipping board before present international crisis developed, is expected to have a highly important effect in the retention of tonnage which would be

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needed in case of war. Indications in official circles are that the government will not undertake to convey merchantmen through the prescribed war zone, nor to arm them for defense, although no intensive consideration of these subjects is believed to have been undertaken by government agencies. A statement on the shipping problem was being prepared to-day.

Obituary

Infant Fletcher.

There passed away last Friday afternoon, the infant spirit of Irene Nellie, the young child of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fletcher, 81 Erie Ave. On Saturday afternoon a few friends gathered at the home, and the Rev. Alexander conducted the funeral service. The tokens of loving sympathy were beautiful. Wrath by the family: sprays, Mrs. Mockford, Mrs. Brooks, Miss Viola Weaver, Mrs. J. Edwards, Mrs. Wilkenson, Packing Dept. of Massey-Harris, Miss Stella Woods. The interment was

Infant Gamble.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Gamble, 173 Bruce Street, mourn the loss of their infant son, Bert, aged two months, who passed away this morning. The funeral will take place on Wednesday morning to Mt. Hope cemetery.

NO COURT

Tranquility reigned in the city over night and as a result there were no cases up for settlement in the police court this morning.

FRENCH EDITOR DEAD

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Feb. 5.—Edouard Adolphe Drumont, the well known editor of Libre Parole, is dead. M. Drumont was 75 years old and was the author of a large number of books and plays. He published in 1879 a volume of historical memories of Paris which was crowned by the French Academy.

M. Drumont was best known on the side of France for the sensational anti-Semitic campaign which waged for many years, and which involved him in several law suits and duels.

EARL OF HARRINGTON DEAD

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Feb. 6.—Charles Augustus Stanhope, eighth Earl of Harrington, died at Elveston Castle, Derby, this morning.

ANNUAL SUBMITT

City's Total Small Damage
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For Mr. S.

Following is the annual report of the Central Fire Department to the city council by Chief Lewis:

Brantford, January, To His Worship the Mayor, members of the City Council.

Gentlemen—I have the honor to submit the 23rd report of the fire department year ending December 31st.

Fire Loss Small
In presenting this report greatly pleased to state the number of alarms, greater than in any previous year, the total loss has been small for a city of the size of Brantford. The number was 105, while the total for the year, on both buildings and contents, was \$17,151.39.

Summary.
The summary of the work of the department is as follows:
Number of alarms 105; 123; telephone alarms 77; loss on buildings, \$6,740.50; contents \$10,410.89; total fire \$17,151.39; insurance risks by fire \$5,550; on contents \$249,900; total \$1,616,450; average alarm \$163.35; number of hose laid 15,150 feet; number of ladders raised, 884; gallons of chemicals used, 1,000; number of fires extinguished, 20; number of vehicles and from fires, worked at fires 77 hours.

Causes of Fires
The following were the causes of fires and alarms, as ascertained: Hot ashes 2; gas grate 2; sprinkler heating system 1; incendiary matches 1; coal overheated furnace 1; building combustion 4; electric stoves 3; cigarette gas stoves 4; cupalo 1; oil coal oil stoves 2; stove pilot boat 3; grass 17; gasoline 3; fire crackers 1; C. T. R. 1; electric lamp known 1; burning rubbish less use of matches 3; iron 1; lamp explosion 1; wire of transformer 2; building 1; sparks from gas heater 2; gas furnace gas pipe 1; garbage barrel smoke oven 1; hot test 1.

The Staff
I am glad to report that discipline of the personnel department have been good, fortunately been free from accidents. There has been a number of changes in the department during the year, the vacancies have been filled by first class men, the standard of the department in this regard up to the mark.

The new combination chemical auto truck, which was purchased from the Waterbury Company last year, was delivered on June 7th, giving splendid satisfaction to a credit both to the city and the firm which built it. The truck has proved itself all kinds of weather, and enabled the department to while in their incipient state in a large measure according to the remarkably low fire loss for the year. Since being in the truck has travelled about 1,000 miles, this includes training of men to drive the machine, answering alarms. The cost amounted to \$27,084 of seven months. This is lower than the average cost of a team of horses for

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