

NEWS OF NORFOLK

Board of Education Must Raise \$20,000 For School Buildings

(Courier Agency, Box 311 Simcoe, Phone 356-3)

Simcoe, Dec. 5.—Lynville and Forestville ladies continue to send in boxes of soap and other supplies to I. O. D. E. headquarters here, and a deputation from the Ladies' Aid Society of Silver Hill Methodist church attended yesterday's meeting here with a view to receiving better attention from the board of education. The chapter's cash disbursements for the month past totalled \$620.23. The total shipments had a value of \$316.20.

Soldier's Wife Bereaved.

Mrs. Wm. Rigg, wife of Pte. Wm. Rigg, formerly a signaller in the 133rd, received yesterday a cable announcing the death of her mother in Payport, Scotland. Mrs. Rigg, being left without relatives here, intended to go over home shortly to live with her mother. To-night for the first time, two new street lights dispel the darkness about the Skewee bridge.

E. R. Company Delays Street Work

L. E. and N. Manager Todd, of the L. E. and N. has run against another snag in the matter of getting the approach to the depot improved. Mr. Todd was in their city today, but did not wish to encroach on the mill dam by widening the approach to the bridge—and the matter stands.

Police Have Six Wheels

It is expected that overhauling will be put on the front of the L. E. and N. depot in the near future. The educational train on tour by the department of agriculture will visit Simcoe on Feb. 14th.

Will Ask for Saliors

Amelius Jarvis has requested an audience here on Wednesday to solicit for recruits for the navy. Police have six wheels.

The Magistrate's Court Will Deal

This morning with some of the cycle thieves. Four or five of the wheels have been secured.

To Raise \$20,000 in One Year

By the refusal of the council to provide the necessary funds for school buildings, the Board of Education feels compelled to ask for the total levy in 1917, as the only way out of the trouble. It will mean an increase of taxes by one half this year's total. A motion brought in by Messrs. Slater and Cropp, to provide the money, was killed by the votes of Reeve McKie and Councilor Misner.

L. Arthur Combs is Expected

Home this evening. He has done his bit and has been discharged as unfit for further service.

John Sutton received a cable

yesterday, requesting information as to what price he placed on his instruments taken overseas with the band of the 133rd.

The December sitting of the

County Council begins this afternoon.

Children's Aid Work

The Children's Aid Society will have a fund-raising meeting in the town hall to-night. It developed recently that the agent of the society receives \$480 from the government annually to supplement the \$300 received from the County Council. The other expenditures for the year are:

Board of Works	\$625.88
Shoes and Clothing	\$8.41
Agency Phone	10.00
Medical Attendance	15.00
Livery	57.50
Or a total of \$1096.38, and apart from the members of the society, there are but three private contributions to the fund. Mayor Williamson is not at all satisfied with the amount of work accomplished by the society, though considerable has been done from year to year.	

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



Two Recruits For the 215th

The expectations of Lt.-Col. W. O. Morris for recruits have more than been equalled for the first day of this week. The daily average of last week was one recruit which was surpassed yesterday by two men being attested.

James Fillo, an Italian, who has been residing at 35 Greenwell St., but who originally came from San George Morgese, in the Province of Reggio Calabria, Italy, was one of the men, while William Dixon, aged eighteen years, six months, a farmer of Simcoe, was also sworn in.

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OVER 9 PHONES TO 100 POPULATION

In Ontario, According to J. L. Dixon—Interesting Lecture at Congregational Church.

The Congregational Young People's Society held its regular weekly meeting last night, Mr. F. Alway, President in the chair. The meeting was of a social nature, the program consisting of an illustrated talk on "The Telephone," by Mr. J. L. Dixon, manager of the Bell Co., and musical numbers by Miss and Mr. Crooke, Sgt. Oidham and Mr. Will Millard.

A very good crowd was present and all spent a very enjoyable evening. The chairman said Mr. Dixon needed no introduction, being Supt. of the Sunday School and always willing to help the young people.

His lecture was a revelation, unfolding as he did, through his subject, the views, the intricacies of the telephone system. He reiterated Brantford's rightful claim to being the birthplace of the telephone, having personally met Prof. Bell, and hearing him declare, "The telephone was invented in Brantford." Views were shown of pole lines, cable trays, underground systems, switchboards, rack-rooms and all the paraphernalia that goes to make up a complete telephone system. In the early days the operating was done by boys, but they became unbearable and had to give way to the girls who are particularly well suited to the needs of the telephone.

The speaker pointed out the great amount of damage done by storms, a sleet storm in March, 1913, costing the Bell Co. \$135,000 in repairs. Another in January of 1915 cost \$106,000, so the telephone companies have to provide for such emergencies, and don't like the approach of the storm King.

Pictures were also exhibited showing girls at work in exchanges at Montreal, London, England; Berlin, Germany; Budapest, Hungary; Amsterdam, Holland, and others. Ontario stands well up in the use of telephones there being 9.21 in every 100 of population.

Some of the tall buildings were shown, among them the Royal Bank, Toronto, the highest building in the British Empire. The Woolworth building in New York, 750 feet high in which there are over 230 miles of telephone wire. Also a

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Allies Draw Near Bapaume

Paris, Dec. 5.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The Allies are creeping closer to Bapaume every day and bringing nearer the eventuality of another great battle there where French heroes of nearly all the ages have fought. The town has seen almost as much war as Peronne.

General Faidherbe gained there January 3, 1871, one of the few French victories of the Franco-Prussian war, defeating General von Goeben.

The possession of the town had previously been disputed a half dozen times, besieged two or three and sacked once. Louis XI. besieged it, took it and destroyed it. It fell later into the hands of the Spaniards from whom it was taken and made French by de la Meilleraye, Marshall of France in 1645, with the aid of the musketeers of d'Artaignan and the Gascony cadets of Cyrano de Bergerac.

For the Germanic coalition to-day as for the Prussians in 1870 and the Spaniards in 1641, Bapaume is a position of vital importance; it marks the limit of the last ridge of the Artois hills, to which an army pressed from the south and west can cling; after Bapaume come the plains of Flanders with Cambrai, Valenciennes and Douai in plain sight. Bapaume taken, Peronne becomes untenable and Saint Quentin an unsafe shelter for the German

The Germans certainly appreciate the value of the position no less than did Charles Quint and the Spaniards, and they have organized it accordingly, but the Allies are now almost within range of the town.

It was at a critical period of the 30 years war that Bapaume became French. M. de la Meilleraye had previously more to do with the conquest than either d'Artaignan or Cyrano, but there was less romance in his role.

De la Meilleraye had taken Arras after the famous siege, then turned to Bapaume, called the "key to Flanders." There are many analogies between his campaign and that of the Allies to-day. To-day, as then, the people are finding the war long. Then, as to-day, parlor military critics picked out the flaws in the plans and complained of slowness and lack of energy in executing them.

The army of the Hapsburgs had dug itself in around Bapaume as the Germans are dug in there to-day.

Then, as now, mettlesome soldiers of France climbed in the trenches. Like the polars of 1916, they waded in the mud when the open and waded waist deep when underground. Marshal de la Meilleraye was the hero of the day. He was in the present war, criticised for dilatory tactics, and his laurels gained at Arras, had begun to fade, he saw the shadow of disgrace falling upon him. Cardinal Richelieu, impatient and imperious, insisted upon greater activity and energy. Then, as today, the reply was "more cannon, more ammunition"; Richelieu sent more cannon, more ammunition, with an order to attack.

De la Meilleraye assembled his lieutenant general, de Lorgueil, and Harcourt in council of war to decide whether they should risk the assault.

"I know in the regiment of the Guard," said M. de Lorgueil, "I most capable officer and a man of spirit and resources. He came to me lately, returning from duty, and told me something that impressed me. Call him in, Marshal; he will repeat better than I what he observed."

The officer of cadets came in, and with the accept of Armagnac told how he had noticed a portion of the town wall of the suburb of Saint-Pierre that was not so well defended as the rest. "Simulate an attack in force upon another part of the ramparts," he said, "and give me a company of my comrades from Gascony; I promise you I'll get into the place."

"Well, sir," said the Marshal, "I will send your commission to be signed, but you shall answer for the success of this audacious venture with your head."

The following day, January 13, 1645, Bapaume was taken by assault and the officer who planned and organized the attack and led it to success earned there one of his titles to the haton of marshal himself. It was d'Artaignan.



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Shop Early

With December at hand and the glad some Twenty-fifth is within sight the all absorbing thought with us all is Christmas Shopping and, in connection therewith, we urge the advisability of following the old adage — SHOP EARLY. Why not start To-morrow. Every department in the store is ready to give you the best of service.

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Not a Bite of Breakfast Until You Drink Water

Says a glass of hot water-phosphate prevents illness and keeps us fit.

Just as coal when it burns, behind a cold, biliousness, indigestible material in the form of so the food and drink taken at a certain amount of indigestible material, which if not eliminated from the system becomes food for the millions of bacteria which infest the bowels. This mass of left-over waste, and ptomain-like poisons are feeding right must begin to take side baths. Before eating bread and sucked into the blood.

Men and women who can each morning drink a glass of hot water with a tablespoon limestone phosphate in it out of the thirty feet of bow previous day's accumulation of one and toxins and to keep the alimentary canal clean, pure fresh.

Those who are subject to headache, a cold, biliousness, indigestion, others who wake up bad taste, foul breath, rheumatic stiffness, or have a gassy stomach after meals, are to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphate from the drug store begin practicing internal san.

This will cost very little, but efficient to make anyone an expert on the subject.

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