

## COMING EVENTS

CHRISTADELPHIAN LECTURES.  
See church notices.

EX-MEMBERS OF THE ALEXANDRA Presbyterian Church Young Men's Bible Class (Mrs. McFarland's Class) are reminded that the class has been reorganized and meets every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All young men will receive a welcome.

## TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

BRANT CHAPTER, I.O.O.F. December meeting Monday, the 16th, in Y.W.C.A., at 3.

WANTED—Housemaid by Jan. 1st. Apply House of Refuge, or phone 220. F24/11

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REMEMBER THE AUCTION sale of drygoods, hardware, dishes, shoes and smallware at No. 27 George street, Saturday afternoon and night at 2 and 3 o'clock, and continuing every afternoon and night until stuff is sold. A. E. Burk, proprietor. A122

## DIED

OXFORD—In Syracuse, N.Y., Frank Oxtoby, Funeral from Mrs. M. Beney's, 52 Duke street, Monday, 3 p.m., to Greenwood Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

BATEMAN—In Brantford on Saturday, Dec. 14th, Elizabeth Jane Walden, wife of the late John Bateman, Oshawa Township. Funeral from her late residence, 231 Brock street, on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 1:30 p.m. Interment at Lakeside Springs.

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## NORFOLK NEWS

SIMCOE WANTS A  
CANADIAN CLUB

Formation of Such an Organization Discussed Last Night

From our own Correspondent  
Simcoe, Dec. 14.—The council chamber was last night occupied by a number of citizens met to discuss the formation of a Canadian Club of something of the sort. The moving spirit was Rev. H. C. Newcombe, Mayor Simcoe, occupied the chair. Others present were Judge Bole, Frank Reid, H. S. Falls, W. G. Jackson, Rev. M. S. Fulton, Dr. W. J. Dey, Frank Curtis, W. L. Innes, C. E. Innes, A. Ryerse, W. N. McKay, Col. T. R. Atkinson, Henry Crabb.

Judge Bole, W. L. Innes, Rev. H. C. Newcombe and H. S. Falls were chosen as a committee to make further inquiry and report at a meeting to be held in the near future.

Up to the present Simcoe has no organization which affords an opportunity for the open discussion of questions of the day concerning civic matters or problems of the province or Dominion.

Odd Ends of News  
M. Terhune, it is stated, will move his boot and shoe business to the premises soon to be vacated by Balle and Co.

The steel super structure for the Marburg bridge is being put in place. The concrete roadway cannot be laid till spring, planking may be used temporarily for the winter.

Press Photographs  
Mrs. H. C. Graham and son Arthur, and Master Arthur Pegg of Toronto and Mrs. McArthur and two sons of Dutton were in town yesterday attending the funeral of the late Mrs. Philip Pegg.

Mr. J. C. Winter returned from Brantford on Wednesday after convalescence from a very serious operation.

Rev. M. S. Fulton has received from Ireland advice of the death of a brother-in-law. The obituary notice in a Belfast paper reads as follows: "Among the numerous deaths in the locality attributable to the influenza, none will cause more general regret than that of Mr. Hugh Curry, Clonfin, one of our most progressive farmers. Mr. Curry, who was in the prime of life, successfully farmed an extensive holding, and was one of the most obliging of men. To his widow and family and a wide circle of friends, much sympathy is extended."

SIMCOE'S  
Christmas Market  
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MONDAY, DEC. 23rd  
MARKET HOUSE

Poultry, Eggs, Butter, Lard, Native Nuts, Apples. Exhibits in place at 9 a.m.

J. C. KAYSER, Chairman.

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For return of the Ford Car stolen on the night of November 29th. License No. 64560; 1918 model, new 5-passenger touring, plain tires, chains on the rear, engine No. 153327, and \$25.00 reward for the arrest and conviction of the thief. Address all information to

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## O'Connor Forecloses \$1,500.

"Within and without the court room," reads the law and during the sessions of the Ontario Court of Appeal, Judge O'Connor, while the audience, jury men, legal fraternity almost broke into convulsions and even the court saw the humor. But William J. O'Connor, who appeared in answer to a charge of attempted pickpocketing, failed to answer. The case stood till yesterday morning. His Honor, Acting Crown Attorney Agar and Mr. W. E. Kelly and one or two of the officials were left alone for the final winding up of the sessions. And the court proceeded through the criminal corridors calling William J. O'Connor in vain. Satisfactory documentary evidence of the innocence of the accused was not to be found. In fact it was said that upon enquiry the court was informed that the absent respondent had been in Buffalo this week. Be that as it may an order for arrest was recorded and it is now up to Mr. O'Connor. The funds unless redeemed to the satisfaction of the court will find their way to the Government treasury.

Formed Fire  
Prevention  
Association

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habit upon the rising generation. Education in these habits might be profitable accompanied by discipline and reasonable coercion. Fire insurance companies, who are not careless of their property, as well as squandering the sources of the commonwealth, and when the offence is brought home, the culprit should be punished. No longer should carelessness and slovenliness be permitted to endanger the property and health of the city with impunity.

This involves more drastic laws and the enforcement of them through reasonable but effective inspection of premises, the punishment of offenders, but of course the better way is to seek the co-operation of all citizens in behalf of the good cause of fire prevention and cleanliness. A systematic means to remove sources of danger. In Japan, there are said to be semi-annual house-cleanings under police supervision.

Now, if we can largely reduce fire loss, there will be a great national triumph of thrift, and a most acceptable saving of expense to every household.

The present fire loss is largely paid by insurance companies to the losers in the first instance—but the companies are but the agents who collect the full amount of the losses, with the addition of a large percentage for expenses and profits, from all other property insurers, and then transfer the money to the immediate losers. All the people pay the national fire losses practically as a tax. If we can reduce the fire loss we will reduce the insurance premiums and get a very much appreciated relief for the overburdened property owners. In addition this shall add to the financial strength of the nation.

Let us strive to effect this saving by making a great effort to improve conditions in our own community and insist on the same improvement being pressed throughout the country, so that the gain may be appreciable.

We rely upon the Fire Marshal making the provincial propaganda pronounced success, and trust he will not fail us. Determined perseverance are necessary for this salutary campaign. To-night we are met to take the first steps in Brantford towards this end. The main purpose of our meeting is to form a chapter of earnest determined men and women to devise and promote all reasonable measures to reduce the present deplorable loss through fire.

Fire Marshal Lewis was asked to speak. He stated that Canada's fire loss is greater than any country on the face of the earth according to statistics. He congratulated Brantford on its excellent fighting equipment. The speaker then recommended a salvage committee or corps to be there as soon as the fire is out and help to save goods in the building.

By this method thousands of dollars worth of goods would be saved annually. The different interests of the city should be carried on uniformly. Perhaps a match or cigarette will be thrown down on the floor and smoulder for hours perhaps in some debris and a fire will be started without known cause. Thereby it is shown that by cooperation of the police, fire and health departments many fires could be prevented. The fire prevention league in Oshawa reports great satisfaction of the work done there by the league. Only one fire broke out there since August 19th, and this was due to a man running stove pipes through bare wood and the loss amounted to only about \$25.

The best methods of fire prevention are education, cleanliness and



## CHINESE WOMAN A SURGEON.

Dr. Pang Yuen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ling H. Tseo, of Nanchang, China, has started work as an ambulance surgeon on the medical staff of Bellevue Hospital, New York. Dr. Tseo was sent to America by the Chinese Educational Commission in 1909. Although a young girl, she has been through the North-Western University at Evanston, Ill., and in June of this year she had completed a three-year course in medicine at the Chicago University.

Mr. Marshall Lewis is now preparing a text book which he hopes will be distributed throughout our different provinces in the schools, by this method our school children will have a Canadian text book.

In this work we must have co-operation. If it is taught in the schools the children will all learn it. They will grasp fire prevention methods better than adults and will very often unconsciously teach the subject to the parents.

Legislation is sometimes unpopular with the people. Legislation of a very sweeping character is enacted in Europe and especially in France where fire loss is at a minimum. There the person who starts a fire or through whom a fire is started in neighboring premises that person is held responsible for all loss.

Two out of every three fires in the first six months of this year started in the home. 10 per cent of the fires were started by matches. Electric irons left with current on, gas explosions and careless use of matches cause fire, practically daily.

Under the heading of faulty construction, the case of a fire in Ottawa, where no sprinkler system was in existence; a large beam directly in front of the only window which the fire could be reached. A hole in the beam was made through which the fire reached, destroyed the adjoining building. In the farm, if lightning rods are properly installed on their buildings, the loss of fire would be comparatively nil.

A great many farm fires are also caused by gasoline being exploded through careless use of matches near it, as the flame will often carry through the vapor 30 or 40 feet. We in Canada, are just about twice as wasteful in our use of matches as the people of the United States.

In 1918 the fire loss amounted to \$3,408,486 for the first 10 months of the year. Our efforts must be used for our own protection. They are properly installed in civilian and peaceful occupations. For this reason, if for no other, we should keep the fire loss at a minimum to supply them with their needs.

The committee on nominations reported as follows: President, E. C. Trench; Vice-President, Mrs. Livingston; Secretary-Treasurer, K. Y. Russell. Executive committee: Chairman, of fire and light committee, Chief Lewis, chairman Board of Health, S. Percy Davies, Esq., M.P. It is advocated that the executive committee be permitted to complete or add to this as needed.

It was moved by J. S. Dowling and seconded by T. J. Minnes, that the above be accepted as officers of the league.

This motion carried.  
Moved by W. N. Andrews seconded by M. MacPherson. That in order to carry out practical methods for the prevention of fire, this meeting strongly advocates the corded co-operation of the executive of the fire chapter just formed, with the city council, board of education, board of health, sanitary department, fire department, police department, together they may carry on a well-devised and determined campaign, especially by educating the public in habits of greater care and by encouraging and enforcing greater cleanliness and order in the homes and places of business. The executive committee were authorized to draft rules and regulations.

Sporting  
Comment

## INDOOR BASEBALL

Indoor baseball at "Y" last night. First Game—Cocksbut's 3; Watson's 12. Batteries, Bissett and Vansickler; Carpenter and Byres. Umpires, Wright and Stuart.

Second Game—Motor Trucks 0; Ham & Nott, 10. Batteries, Whittaker and Whittaker; Bond and Wright. Umpires, Stuart and Byres. Home Straight Wins for Ham and Nott.

The league is now running along smoothly.

Motor Trucks are first team to fall to score in a league game.

## BOLSHEVIKS ON MARCH

By Courier Leased Wire  
Paris, Dec. 14.—(Havas Agency)—Bolshevik troops, consisting of eleven infantry divisions and cavalry and artillery are marching toward Central Europe on a front of nearly 400 miles from the Gulf of Finland to Danzig. Elsewhere according to dispatches from Berlin, the

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Dainty Cape, made of Georgette, Crepe-de-Chine and Net, Lace and Ribbon trimmed. Elegant range of styles. The prices range from \$3.00 to ..... **29c**

## Housefurnishings Dept.

In this department we are showing some very useful gifts for the home, such as Hearth Rugs, Rag Rugs for the Bath Room, Carpet Sweepers, Vacuum Sweepers, Pan Lace Curtains, Pillows, Etc. All at moderate prices.

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Ladies' Bath Robes, made of eiderdown and padded silks. Comes in elegant range of colors, finished with girdle. The prices range from \$15.00, \$12.00, \$10.00 to ..... **\$5.50**

## Dress Sacques

Dainty Dressing Sacques, made of Silk Crepe-de-Chine, Satin, Habutai Silk, in pretty shades of sky, pink, maize, etc. Nicely trimmed with ribbon and lace. Many styles to choose from. Prices, \$10.00, \$8.00, \$5.00 to ..... **\$3.50**

## J. M. Young &amp; Co.

## Ambassador Gerard Says:

"The German Armies were held only a few days, yet the delay of those few days changed the fortunes of the whole world."

The Belgian soldiers who held on those few days, died fighting. Their children are dying of slow starvation. It would be well to digest these two statements.

If we grasp what this situation means, we can SAVE Belgium—not by the sword, but by paying our debt in part.

A contribution of a few dollars, administered by the Canadian Bureau in Brussels, will restore health and strength to a little Belgian, now in the grip of pitiless starvation. Oh, it is hard to write calmly and sanely about a horror that is positively ghastly...

Growing children struggling along on a bowl of soup and two pieces of bread a day, furnished by United States loans to the Belgian Government. . . . . Poor little mites, what hope is there in such a ration of building flesh and bone? No wonder Consumption and Rickets stalk through the stricken land.

Through the Belgian Relief Fund, YOU can help to alleviate this horror for at least one little sufferer. You needn't forego your three good meals a day to do it. Send in your contribution. Mark it "For the Belgian Children". And whatever you give, give quickly!

Make cheques payable and send contributions to

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MILK COSTS  
TO MUCH LOAD

While hauling a milk wagon in Guelph last Tuesday a horse dropped dead, holding up street car traffic for half an hour.