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**BRANTFORD MAN
NEW MODERATOR**

Baptists Hold a Successful Convention at St. George

—The Proceedings.

ST. GEORGE, June 13.—Mr. H. Stenebaugh, Brantford, was appointed moderator of the Baptist churches of the Oxford-Brant Association yesterday.

The opening session of the Association was conducted by Rev. J. T. Priest of Jerseyville.

The auditors report was presented by Mr. S. J. Patten of St. George.

Rev. C. N. Simmons, Scotland, presented the report of the Sunday school work. He reported an increase in attendance in 18 schools. All of the Brantford schools showed a good increase. 163 scholars had become members of the churches during the year.

The Foreign Mission board report was given by Rev. L. Brown, Brantford. \$3,500 had been raised during the year. Mr. Brown made a strong appeal to the churches to increase their offerings next year.

The nominating committee brought in the following report: Moderator, Mr. H. Stenebaugh, Brantford; vice-moderator, Rev. Thos. Doolittle, Norwich; clerk, Rev. Thomas E. Richards, Brantford; assistant clerk, Rev. James Chapman, Brantford; annual sermon, Rev. H. C. Newcombe, St. George; alternate sermon, Rev. F. T. White, Onondaga; finance committee, Revs. Rose, Warner, Boyer; foreign mission secretary, Rev. L. Brown, Brantford; western mission secretary, Rev. W. Reid, Paris; Sunday school secretary, Rev. G. N. Simmons, home mission secretary, Rev. C. W. Rose; Grande Ligne secretary, Rev. C. J. Priest; educational secretary, Rev. J. M. Wainer; ministerial superannuation secretary, Mr. J. G. Gobles; nomination committee of convention, Rev. H. C. Newcombe; advisory board of ordination, Revs. Rose, Doolittle, Atkins, De Barber and M. Lindsay; Rev. Walter Daniel of Toronto gave a stirring address on western missions. He said that the great problem was that of immigration. He did not any longer look upon the non-English people as a menace but showed that they were a necessity, that they were making a real contribution to our country. Many are here and thirty Non-English people are making a contribution to the Baptist forces of Canada. There are 60 non-English Baptist churches with 3,000 members.

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**RIVER RATS ARE
ACTIVE AGAIN**

Thefts From Boat-Houses Are Reported Along the Canal and River.

There is evidently someone hereabouts who has a bug for stealing boat appurtenances such as cushions, ashlines, etc. There is probably more than one at the game. Fifteen gallons of gasoline were stolen from the tank of a motor boat which was tied up at Murray St. The party or parties who stole it may be, were so eager for gasoline, that they even drained the tank. The loss, to the credit of the convenience, amounted to \$4.50.

One of the small boat houses along the dyke near Agricultural park was entered and cushions, carpets, and even a small can of paint were taken.

Boys are not believed to have been responsible for the thefts. Someone who knows something of the mechanism of motor boats is blamed.

The police do not parole the banks of the canal and they parole the dyke only on days when there is something on at the park. The thefts were not reported to the police department.

**CORDAGE COMPANY
WANTS AGREEMENT**

Fixed Assessment and Improvements Are Being Sought.

The manufacturers committee meet this afternoon to discuss the matter of extending the sewerage system to connect with the Brantford Cordage Company, also to see what can be done to give the company better water connections and fire protection. The committee are contemplating enlarging their factory, and the decision of the committee on these two important questions will have a great bearing on the proposed plans of the Cordage Company. The matter of assessment will also be discussed, a fixed assessment having been asked for.

SILKS ON SATURDAY

Sixty new silk dresses, black and colors, regular \$12.50 to \$15.00. Sale Saturday \$4.95. Crompton's.

**Money Is Real Tight
Civic Work Affected**

City Treasurer Bunnell Finds a Unique Situation in the City of Victoria—Interesting Notes.

The announcement is not particularly a startling one in these days of the high cost of living, but unfortunately it has a bearing on municipal and commercial business, which some people in the know, say is astounding. Brantford bank managers daily are receiving head office instructions to call in their loans and let no money out for any protracted period. In fact the bank moguls are worrying, as it looks in the near future like another case of people withdrawing their money from circulation and putting it into their socks overnight. Some who are pessimistically inclined, predict that the rate of interest on commercial loans by the fall will be 10 per cent.

Yesterday, Ald. J. H. Spence, who has to preside over city finance, received a clipping from City Treasurer Bunnell at Victoria, which referred to a demand by the Bank of British North America on the City of Victoria for immediate payment of a one million dollar loan, which was due that institution. Another illustration of the tightness of the money market is found in London, where a loan of \$200,000, carrying five per cent interest, had to be made.

Just what is causing all the depression is difficult to say. The European situation is bad, but there has been some reaction from the real estate gambling boom in the Canadian West. The more careful financiers say that the crisis has not been reached. In fact they don't want a crisis at all, and the present tendency to tighten up is due to the desire to avoid anything in the nature of a panic, which would be ruinous.

GO AHEAD AT ONCE

COL. H. LAMB of Windsor, District Engineer, has been authorized by the Public Works Department at Ottawa to go ahead at once with the desampaning of Port Dover Harbor.

**DUFFERINS WILL
RETURN HOME
THIS EVENING**

News of the Camp at Niagara-On-The-Lake This Week.

(Special to the Courier.)

Niagara-on-the-Lake, June 12.—The Dufferin Rifles arrived safely in camp on Monday afternoon, and headed by their splendid bands, marched to their lines, the strongest regiment in five brigades of infantry. The advance party arrived on the preceding Saturday afternoon, and by nightfall had all of its canvas up and everything practically shipshape for the coming regiment on Monday.

General conditions were never better than at the present camp. There is an abundant supply of water, cool and of sparkling purity. Shower baths for officers and men, regiment by regiment are provided for in all parts of the grounds. All of the sanitary arrangements show a marked improvement over last year.

In the matter of rations the Duffs are fairing fairly well. Fresh meat of the highest quality, all bearing the stamp of government inspection, is served up in steaks and roasts and lots of it. Bacon and eggs, an abundance of potatoes and other eatables, creamery butter, pies, fancy biscuits, jams, fresh fruit, the best bread, tea and coffee make up the bill of fare. The bread is baked at the rate of three thousand loaves per day in the clay ovens on the grounds and would make one hungry to see it as it is turned out.

On Wednesday morning the regiment was inspected by General Ian McLaren, to whom the officers were individually introduced.

Wednesday afternoon saw the camp grounds practically deserted, cavalry and infantry, with a long convoy of supply wagons, having moved out for the big sham battle. Both of the contending forces, the Red and the Blue, were off for the fray by 12.30. Each man was provided with one blanket, a rubber sheet between two and rations for two meals. These operations will prove more or less trying, and no doubt the work the most arduous the Dufferins have ever encountered. The march to their objective point will cover a distance, there and back of some 30 miles. The troops engaged will bivouac in the open all of Wednesday night the engagement to open about dawn. The boys will gather around the little camp fires, cooking their rations, exchanging stories and singing songs in real warlike style.

The return to camp will be made Thursday morning and the general review is planned for the afternoon. Special excursions have been arranged for the day, and thousands of visitors will no doubt be in evidence. At night the grandest sight of the camp—the great military tattoo—will take place.

All ranks of the 38th are enjoying the outing. There is no sickness, no casualties so far, and everyone is happy.

A number of Brantford ladies visited the regiment on Tuesday. Mail matter addressed to Niagara Falls, much belated, occasionally comes in. The camp grounds are just outside Niagara-on-the-Lake, some fourteen miles below Niagara Falls, just at the foot where the Niagara

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**MINISTERS ARE
ALL ABSOLVED**

Report of Parliamentary Committee of British Commons To-Day.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

LONDON, June 13.—British Cabinet ministers were to-day absolved by the parliamentary committee from all blame in connection with the scandals alleged to have surrounded the currency and the Marconi Wireless Co. The report of the Parliamentary committee which investigated the affair was issued to-day and declares that there is no foundation for any of the charges made against Attorney-General Sir Rufus Isaacs; Chancellor of Exchequer David Lloyd-George or Postmaster General Herbert L. Samuel. The committee finds that all the ministers concerned acted throughout in the sincere belief that there was nothing in their action which would conflict with their duty as ministers of the crown.

The report further says that no evidence was given showing that any member of the British government exercised any influence in order to procure the contract for the English Marconi company, or in any way affected the public interest in its behalf, or that the company or used knowledge acquired in their official capacity for their private profit or were in any wise concerned in any dealings in the shares of the company.

The report in conclusion strongly commends the publication of charges which were absolutely untrue and which those responsible for their circulation had no reason to believe to be true.

The foregoing extracts from the majority report. The majority was composed of Liberal and Radical members of parliament.

It is understood that there will be minority reports, but these have not yet been made public.

The proceedings of the parliamentary committee published in detail in a parliamentary white book and they include a draft report proposed by Lord Robert Cecil, a Unionist member and the leader of the anti-governmental members of the committee.

The draft report submitted that while no minister or government official had been influenced in the public duties by any interest in the Marconi undertakings, the ministers concerned had acted with grave impropriety in making an advantageous purchase of shares of the American Co. on advice received by them from a director of the English Marconi Co., which was then negotiating a contract with the British Government. The draft was negatived by 8 votes against 6.

Unionist public opinion describes the committee's report as "white-wash" and the Unionist press and its are showing great resentment against Sir Edward Carson and Frederick E. Smith, two of the Unionist leaders, for having associated themselves with the exonerations of the cabinet ministers by acting as counsel for Godfrey Isaacs, managing director of the Marconi Company, and brother of Sir Rufus Isaacs, in the recent libel case against Cecil Chatterton, who was found guilty and fined \$500 and costs at the Central Criminal court.

**TRAGIC TALE
OF BAD WRECK**

New York Man Had His Wife Snatched From Him in Trap.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

STAMFORD, Conn., June 13.—The woman's body which was not identified last evening, after the wreck of the Springfield express is that of Mrs. W. H. Sealey, wife of the manager of the Industrial bureau of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at Boston. The Stamford hospital reports the condition of the seven wrecked patients' there as comfortable.

Edward J. Kelly, C. P. R. land commissioner at Winthrop, Mass., recounted his experiences in the wreck in which his wife, occupying the next seat to his, was almost instantly killed. He said:

"One minute I was joking with my wife; the next instant without the slightest warning came the crash; my wife was killed and I escaped, but I am so dazed by it all that I find it hard to realize what has happened."

"My wife and I occupied seats No. 17 and 19 at the rear of the pullman car 'Skylark' near the extreme end of the train. I remember the train's stopping in Stamford to change engines. My wife had gotten up to get a drink of water and brought me a glass. Then we noticed that a young fellow seated in seat No. 20, was flirting with a pretty girl in seat No. 21, and I turned to my wife and laughed and quoted a couple of lines of verse:

"Youthful romance is never dead,
"The flowers are ever blooming."
"We laughed and I swung my seat away for a moment so that my back was turned towards my wife and just at that instant I heard the most terrific grinding crash. The whole roof of the car seemed to come on me and a great weight crushed me down. I heard frightful shrieks and screams. My first thought was for my wife. I seemed to be pinned down by an immense weight, but I managed to twist around and called 'Ada, where are you?' and tried to reach for my wife. My hand and face came in contact with the boiler of the locomotive, which had ploughed its way through to where I sat. I was scalded by the steam pipes and the escaping steam. Next thing I heard people shouting and some one took hold of me from behind and pulled me out in the open."

"I begged them to get my wife. They told me she was not in the car. I said I knew she was and implored them to look for her. Then I suddenly caught a glimpse of my wife, her body hanging half way out of a window in the wreckage. 'For God's sake get a ladder' I shouted. People came with the ladder and they lifted her down. When we took her out of the window her pulse was beating. 'We carried her to a little shanty and it seemed an age before a doctor could be found. Just before the doctor came I felt my wife's pulse again and it had stopped beating. Her eyes were open and I implored her to speak to me, but she was dead."

Gregory Hume, a newspaper man, employed on The New York World injured in the train wreck here, died this morning. His makes the sixth death.

Hume retained about all else his sense of new when terribly crushed in the wreck. He was returning from a visit to his mother at Fine Orchard, Conn., and was a passenger in the pullman car which was telescoped by the engine of a train behind.

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**American Paper Sees
Big Boom For Brantford**

Improvement of Pt. Dover Harbor is Being Watched With Interest By Marine Men on the Border.

(Detroit News).

That the Canadian Government is realizing more and more each day the inestimable value of its waterways and ports is evidenced in the fact that it has appropriated \$50,000 for the dredging of a harbor at Port Dover. In addition to the dredging \$300,000 will be spent by the Government and private corporations in contemplated improvements. The harbor, which is at present very shallow, yet in a protected position, will be dredged to a depth of eighteen feet.

Canadian marine men predict a great future for Port Dover, which at the present is not much more than a fishing port, and claim that in a few years it will be a Canadian Buffalo, with all of the boat lines making it a regular stop on their routes. The port is to be fitted out with the most modern loading devices and will be fully equipped for the handling of cargoes, both unloading and loading.

Already a boat line is being planned to cross Lake Erie to Port Dover as soon as the harbor is completed. The Lake Erie and Northern Railroad

**TENDERS FOR
NEW BANK**

TENDERS closed to-day for the proposed new building of the Bank of Montreal in this city. The specifications call for a stone structure of two stories, with handsome bank premises in the lower portion and rooms above, presumably for the clerks.

The probable outline is, of course, unknown, but it will possibly be in the neighborhood of \$200,000. Three local engineers are among those tendering figures.

**RULES DRAWN
FOR PLAY-GROUNDS**

Parks Board Takes Steps to Avoid Differences Between Clubs.

Chief Slemin is in receipt of a communication from the secretary of the Parks Board giving a list of the rules that have been drawn up for enforcement at local parks.

1. That the use of foul or profane language be forbidden and anyone using the same to be denied the privilege of the playgrounds on park.

2. That no person or clubs be allowed to monopolize the playgrounds to the exclusion of others.

3. That the players first on the ground be allowed a reasonable time to finish their game.

4. That application be made to the Police Commissioners, that Albert Abbott, the caretaker of Agricultural Park, be sworn in as a special constable for the purpose of maintaining order in Agricultural Park.

**Ottawa Races
Open Saturday**

OTTAWA, June 13.—Entries for the first day of the inaugural meeting, Connaught Park Jockey Club, Saturday, June 14, were in full force. First race, one mile, Canadian-inaugural, purse \$500, Canadian-bred, 3 year-olds and up—Calumny, 111; Maggie, 106; a Floral Crown, 108; a Lindetta, 99; Rustling, 106; a C. S. Campbell entry.

Second race, purse \$500, two-year-olds, 5 furlongs—Lady Bryan, 99; a Corn Broome, 99; a Supreme, 99; Peacock, 92; F. A. Stone, 91; X. Louise, 95; Traverser, 90; John P. Dixon, 106; and a X coupled.

Third race, purse \$400 for 3-year-olds and upwards, five and half furlongs—Blanche Frances 106; Uncle Obie 95; Jean Grey 95; Fushia, 95; Minnie Bright, 104; Shreve, 110; Planter, 106; Capt. S. Davis, 108; Black River 107; Shawnee 106; Florida's Beauty, 105; Rosemary, 95; Marie T., 95; Tom Sayers, 108; Jonquin 107; Heretic, 103.

Fourth race, president plate, \$1500, for 3-year-olds and up, 1 1/4 miles: Bawn Tumbo 112, xAlroy 103, Edda 104, Paton 104, Colston 97.

Fifth race, Aylmer purse, \$500, 3-year-olds and up, six furlongs: Afterdog 104; Oliver Lodge 97; Burnt Candle 96; Flex 103. The Rump 105; Gold Cap 108, Astrologer 108, Upright 109, Ymir 112.

Sixth race, purse \$400 for 3-year-olds and up, selling, 5/8 furlongs: Billy Collins 99, Russell McGill 114, Orbed Lad 113, Incision, 115, Faustina 85, Fanchette 108, Marna Johnson 95, Ben Prior 110, Jack Nunally 115, Clem Beachy 110, Carrillon 106, Sully Re 104, Cherry Seed 109.

Seventh race, purse \$500, 3 year olds and up, selling, 1-1/8 miles—Miss Jonah 107, Jacquelina 110; Pass On 109; Star 105; Love Day 106; Bizzy Dipper 96; Howdy Howdy 101; Merry Lad 113; Gerrard 90; Apiaater 114; Husky Lad 105; Golden Treasury 110; L. M. Ebert 106; Mollie's S., 110; E. M. Grane 7; Urula Emma 90.

HOSPITAL AID

At a meeting of the executive of the Women's Hospital Aid, four life members were added, Mrs. W. F. Cocksbutt, Mrs. Livingston, Mrs. Frank Cocksbutt and Mrs. F. D. Revill (nominated by George Watt and Sons, with cheque inclosed). The sum of \$25 constitutes said membership. Total receipts for flag day are now \$2,300 with all returns not yet in.

STRAW HATS

Largest selection of traveller's samples ever offered. Prices from 50 cents to \$2—the wholesale prices of the hats range as high as \$42 per dozen. The Estate of Geo. Glasco.

**GETS HEARING
NEXT MONDAY**

Mrs. Grace Beemer Charged With Poisoning Her Husband.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

DRUMBO, June 13.—Drumbo and Blenheim Township people are keenly interested in the hearing of Mrs. Grace Beemer, who comes up at Woodstock on Monday, on a charge of poisoning her husband. Sympathy for her is a negligible quantity. But there is one quarter where she is sincerely missed. Down at his grandparents home, on a side street of Drumbo, Leslie Beemer, aged four, cried for his mother, nearly all of last night.

Mr and Mrs. Grace Beemer, parents of the young woman now under arrest, are taking care of seven of their daughter's children. Sylvester, the eldest boy, aged 14, is working on the Martin farm out in Blenheim; Isabelle, aged 22 months, was asleep on a sofa when a reporter called yesterday afternoon. There is a raft of more or less uncomplimentary stories afloat about the Beemer children, and their attractive appearance was a pleasant surprise. Teresa, the eldest, a bright little girl of 16, has been "mother to them all," Mrs. Grace Beemer said, and she herself has taken no end of trouble to keep them presentable and comfort them since their mother was taken by the officers of the law last Friday.

A Big Task

"I wouldn't take the seven again for \$20 a week," she said. They are technically in charge of Mr. George Law, agent of the Children's Aid Society, and are to be taken to Woodstock Shelter at once, by Rev. C. S. Pedley, Oxford County agent. He has been in Toronto attending the Congregationalist convention.

"That woman is innocent," was Mrs. Geo. Beemer's emphatic statement concerning her daughter. "If I thought she were not I would let her go, but I want to be at the trial on Monday if I can. We have been greatly worried. I do not know all about the affair; strangers know more than I do. My husband has actually turned grey in the last few days; you wouldn't have known him. He lay on the sofa there all day Sunday fretting about it."

"I did not go out to the farm very much; I did not like Fred Beemer. He came here, a man of 32, and took my girl only 15 years of age. Grace was welcome here at any time, but we did not think so much of Fred."

But there was never any trouble between them.

"They couldn't go so far as the gate even without one another," said Terest, of her parents.

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**BRANTFORD MEN
ARE RE-ELECTED**

Successful Meeting of Canadian Foresters is Held in London.

(Canadian Press Despatch)

LONDON, Ont., June 13.—The Canadian Order of Foresters brought the 34th annual session of their High Court to a close last evening. All the officers were re-elected by acclamation: High Chief Ranger, J. A. Stewart, Perth, re-elected for the 11th time; High Vice-Chief Ranger, J. A. A. Brodett, Montreal; High Secretary, A. P. Vansomer, Brantford; High Treasurer, Robert Elliott, Brantford; Chairman of Medical Board, Dr. U. M. Stanley, Brantford; auditors, W. L. Roberts and J. A. Shultis, Brantford; Chaplain, Rev. W. J. West, Port Perry; High Chief Registrar, W. Walker, Montreal.

The members of the executive committee were all re-elected, as follows: W. M. Couper, Montreal; N. J. Stevenson, Toronto; R. T. Kemp, Listowel; A. R. Galpin, London, and P. H. Davidson, Winnipeg.

It was decided by acclamation to hold the next meeting of the order in the city of Quebec.