

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

SOCER All players and admirers of the game of soccer football are requested to be present at a meeting to be held in the Y. M. C. A. to-morrow night, when business of importance will be discussed and matters in connection with the coming season will be considered.

G. W. V. CLUBHOUSE. The executive of the Great War Veterans' Association have for some time been looking over several likely places that would provide a satisfactory headquarters. Yesterday members of the executive visited the Grand Valley Hotel on Dalhousie Street, which has been vacant for several months, and after examining the building, are favorably impressed, and will recommend to a general meeting on Saturday night that the building be leased. The figure is said to be reasonable and well within the finances at the disposal of the organization.

CONTRACT SECURED. The firm of P. H. Secord & Son of this city, which has been in charge of the construction of so many schools and other new public buildings in various districts of Northern Ontario, has been awarded the contract for the erection of a new brick school at Dome Mines, Porcupine.

WINS SCHOLARSHIP. In the scholarship examination results for the University of Toronto, made known this morning, appears the name of Lewis V. Smith of this city, winner of a general proficiency scholarship. He is a son of Mr. H. Judson Smith, and has been for six years past a pupil at the Collegiate Institute.

IS A COUSIN. In connection with the death of Sir Richard MacBride, ex-premier of British Columbia, it is worthy of note that Mr. John McLeod of Darling Street is a cousin of Lady MacBride, who is an old Ontario girl raised near Kincardine.

CIVIC PAYSHEETS. The cemeteries' pay sheet from the 23rd of July to the 6th of AUG. amounted to \$122. For the two weeks ending August the 4th, \$80.70 was paid out in wages to three men by the street watering and oiling department, and the sewers department's pay sheet for this time amounted to \$656.04. The expense account of the streets department was the largest of all, amounting to \$1,484.55.

ARRIVED SAFELY. A cable from London, England, announces the safe arrival last week of Flight Lieutenant J. A. Baker.

BUILDING PERMIT. A building permit was issued at the office of the city engineer this morning to Charles Coulson, for the erection of a brick dwelling at 73 St. Paul's Avenue the work to cost about \$1500.00.

ENGINEER RESIGNS. The resignation of Alexander Gillespie, who for the past twelve years has been the resident engineer at the waterworks has been tendered to the water commissioners. Mr. Gillespie has been a valued employee of this department and had always rendered satisfactory service. His resignation is to take effect on the 1st of September.

DRUG STORES' CLOSING. Thirteen druggists of the city have petitioned the Mayor and City Council to pass a by-law providing for the closing of shops and stores conducting business in the sale of retail drugs and medicines between the hours of eight o'clock in the afternoon and five o'clock in forenoon of the following day, on each day of the week with the exception of Saturdays and the days throughout the year that precede public holidays and the ten days before Christmas.

DOLLAR DAY SHOPPERS SHOULD CAREFULLY CHECK OVER THEIR COUPONS.

The results of the drawing for the Dollar Day Merchants' Treasure Box were announced this morning. The names of the winning coupons should call at Boles' Drug Store for their prizes. The numbers are: \$10.00—11,916. \$5.00—3391, 23549. \$2.00—19654, 268, 17653, 21,573 18,380. \$1.00—16433, 2072, 10653, 3687, 17151, 2456, 25906, 22166, 5769, 21400, 10565, 296, 22320, 19567, 27234, 29733, 27423, 11604, 23989, 25774, 23121, 17989, 2876, 22205, 5785, 11013, 3254, 22833, 3344, 10414, 26354, 22294, 29429, 25379, 9854, 26408, 19043, 16278, 14498, 10799, 18679, 11244, 8563, 17396, 10219, 19702, 4725, 21291, 29399, 17168, 29981, 23693, 4404, 14744, 3226, 11212, 22702, 20293, 11123, 4915, 3062, 15861, 8425, 24028, 18357, 5920, 20985, 11362, 27004, 3162, 24590, 17677, 26209, 18131, 444, 22482, 3760, 14531, 19469, 2621, 22001, 22419, 34794, 16376, 1021, 13929, 27033, 26272, 29236, 19502, 3819, 29258.

NO DEFICIT IN FUNDS OF POTATO DEAL

"I Will Reply In Cold Figures To Charges Made," Says Ald. MacBride

HAS REPORT READY Detailed Statement To Be Submitted To The City Council Tonight

When interviewed this morning, and questioned regarding the alleged shortage in the potato deal, Ald. MacBride replied, "On the 21st day of August I notified Mayor Bowby that my report on the potato deal was ready for presentation to the city council. The mayor intimated that possibly if I would supply him with the financial statement, it might not be necessary to have a council meeting. While there has been no friction whatever between the Mayor and myself, I felt that the report should be presented to the council as a whole, and not to the Mayor individually. "When reference was made to the rumors regarding the shortage, that have been current, Ald. MacBride stated, "I believe that it is only fair that the men who have been circulating false reports should be compelled to face the music at the council board. The report, which will be presented to-night will most assuredly demonstrate to the public that there is no shortage whatever in the potato business. I have let those who wanted to criticize, talk for the past month. My reply will be in cold figures and hard facts. All the reports have been made by the treasurer with the exception of \$89.34. This amount was held back in order to meet any outstanding accounts, in the event of a council meeting not being held. However, now that a special meeting has been called for to-night, I shall turn over that balance to City Treasurer Bunnell to-day."

In its effort to combat the high cost of living, when the city fathers decided some time ago to venture into a municipal trading enterprise and purchase potatoes to resell to the public at cost price, much interest was centered on the first movement in the campaign against the general advance of prices of the necessities. Two carloads of potatoes were purchased by Ald. MacBride, who was placed in charge of the transaction, one consignment from the Western provinces, and the other from New Brunswick. A lot of \$3,753.33 of the latter cash of the city was the outlay in the venture, and since the sale first commenced, rumors of a shortage were circulating on the streets, and the city has been steadily growing in popularity. Ald. MacBride, at the last regular meeting of the city council, held on July the 3rd, Ald. Mellen and Bragg brought these charges into the light, and asked if there were any truth or foundation for them. They were assured by Ald. MacBride that when the returns were all in, there would be no shortage. Since that time Ald. MacBride has repeatedly averred that there was no deficit, and on one occasion stated "the potato shortage is a myth." After some delay a special meeting of the council has been summoned for to-night at half-past seven, for the principal purpose of considering the report of Ald. MacBride.

The financial statement. Just how far justified was Ald. MacBride when he so positively and distinctly declared that there was no shortage, may be judged from the financial statement, a synopsis of which appears below.

Western Potatoes Sales, including charges for delivery \$1933.15 Paid out for potatoes 1875.00 Leaving a credit balance of 58.15 New Brunswick Potatoes Sales for Eastern potatoes, including delivery \$1900.40 Paid out for potatoes 1878.80 Credit balance 21.60 From the foregoing figures, it will be seen that there is a total cash credit balance of \$79.75. In addition there are about \$25 worth of sacks which were used in delivering the potatoes, which will be sold to market gardeners, farmers and others who wish to secure them. When the arrangements have been complete for the sale of the sacks there will be a balance of \$104.75. The total expenses for delivering the orders, advertising and other incidentals amounted to \$99.90.

POLICE COURT. There was a lively battle of repartee in the Police Court this morning over a theft case which was dismissed. Mrs. M. Boyce a resident of the county who is the owner of a vicious canine was ordered to pay \$5.00 and costs to purchase a new pair of trousers for Edward Steves whose attire was badly damaged by the dog. The offender will also wear a muzzle in the future. A number were fined for riding bicycles on the walks.

KILLED IN ACTION. Pte. W. E. Hewson of this city was killed in the official afternoon casualty list as killed in action. Pte. Hewson, went overseas with a draft from the C. M. R., enlisting here in the autumn of 1915.

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MANY PROPHECIES OF THE WAR'S END

August 28th of This Year One of the Dates Set By Prediction

BIBLE STUDY POPULAR Habit of Prognostication Now Cultivated And Encouraged

Italians are now much interested in the prophecy concerning the end of the war, which has recently been resurrected by the director of the civic museum at Como. The prophecy is one of number made by an astronomer and prophet of the seventeenth century who was famous for his uncanny perception and accuracy. A great deal of recent official prophecies unfortunately seen to indicate that both Lord Kitchener and the seventeenth century astronomer were poor prophets in the German Reichstag. Baron von Bethmann-Hollweg optimistically declared that Germany is capable of maintaining the war for years to come, and in Paris the French Government has said: "To obtain final victory, it is sufficient that France and her allies know how to wait for it with inexhaustible patience."

Prophecies Numerous. Since the war began prophecies have been numerous. Utterances made by people ten and twenty years ago have suddenly been remembered and brought forward as evidence of their pre-knowledge of the war. In fact, the prognosticating habit, which is merely tolerated in times of peace, has during the past two years, been cultivated and encouraged. Any little thing concerning the end of the war has been hopelessly accepted. Moreover, never was Bible study so popular. Nearly everybody is now familiar with the Book of Daniel and Revelation. From this book several quotations have already been presented to the public as referring to the present war. Among these is one which, properly interpreted, fixes the date of the end of the war as January 27, 1918. The meaning was first discovered by a southern clergyman, who, after finding many verses which clearly related to the war, came to Verse No. 13 of Revelation, Chapter 13: "There is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred three score and six."

The clergyman figured that six hundred three score and six could not mean years, because that was not the age of a man, nor could it mean weeks, for that was the age of a boy; therefore, it must mean months. Reducing this to years, he got fifty-five and a half years old. Believing that the beast referred to represented the Kaiser, his next step was to find out how old the Kaiser was. The coincidence is interesting, for the clergyman found that the Kaiser was born on the 27th of January, 1859, and was therefore exactly fifty-five and a half years old on the day the war began.

Now, verse No. 5 of the same chapter says: "And power was given unto him to continue forty and two months." Thus, the clergyman concludes, the war will end on January 27, 1918—which is the Kaiser's birthday.

War Was Foretold. The prophecies concerning the ending of the war, while numerous are not so numerous as those predicting its occurrence. These, and a number of the more popular, have been created considerable astonishment by their forecasts. The fact that Count Tolstoy was practically dying when he made his prediction has caused many people to regard it with superstitious awe, but we are still patiently waiting for the "Napoleon from the north," the Mongolian-Slav religious leader, and the Latin hero of art and literature. Tolstoy's remarkable manuscript was not discovered by the public until the war was far advanced, however, and in the meantime hundreds of better prophecies had been issued. In the Fall of 1914 and the early part of 1915, in fact, it became the literary

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276. Mr. Thos. Wiskin, Palmerston and Mr. Frank Wiskin, Gananoque are spending a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Steedman, 127 Arthur Street. Miss Lillian M. Wilson, Sarah street, has returned after a four weeks holiday with friends in Lis-towel and Atwood. Rev. G. E. Gullen, B.A., the popular pastor of West Grand Boulevard M. E. Church, Detroit, and Mrs. Gullen, are spending their vacation at the home of Mrs. Gullen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Scruton, 28 Dundas street, Terrace Hill. Mrs. Buck and daughters have returned from the Wa Wa Hotel, Muskoka. Mrs. W. F. Paterson, Miss Paterson and Gordon Paterson are home from Muskoka. Mr. Creasser, of the Street Railway has returned from a trip to the West.

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