

Local News

COLD SNAP

The mercury registered 7 degrees below zero at 5 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Joseph Houlding who used to be a member of Grace church has gone to the front as bandmaster with the 53rd battalion.

AT ST. JAMES.

Some of the Brant Battalion will attend St. James' Church on Sunday morning at 9.30 a.m.

ALL WELL.

Mrs. Colquhoun is in receipt of a cablegram from Colonel Colquhoun in France, saying, "all well," and that Major Nellie Ashton is with him.

PAY SHEET

The time lists of Mr. John Thresher for the month of December, amounted to \$40 for care of the cemeteries were received at the clerk's office this morning.

BACK FROM FRONT

Pte. Smith of the First Contingent, wounded and invalided home, received a letter from the city on the 4.19 T. H. & B. train this afternoon, and be given a civic welcome.

TOTAL PERMITS

The total number of building permits which have been issued this year is 241, and the total value amounts to \$235,600. Last year's total was 371 permits, at \$435,510 valuation. The total this year is divided into the following parts: Number of garages built, 40; dwellings, 150; stores and alterations, 14; factories and additions 20; public buildings erected 6; barns erected 6.

DONATED SOCKS

The officers and men of the 125th Battalion are indebted to the Brant Chapter I. O. D. E. and Patriotic League for supplying socks to the soldiers who have not yet received any government issues. The Brant Chapter donated 50 pairs and the Patriotic League 50 pairs.

PASSED AWAY.

A telegram was received in the city to-day conveying the sad intelligence of the death in Chicago of Mr. Geo. Baird, son of the late Mr. A. H. Baird of Paris. Deceased had been connected for many years with the Pullman Car Company of the city named and had a great many old friends in Paris and Brantford who will be sincerely sorry to hear of his demise. The funeral will take place in Paris on Saturday afternoon.

A Happy New Year To Everyone

IS THE WISH OF

Chas. A. Jarvis

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PURSELS

CASH or CREDIT

ALL TRANSFERRED

The County of Brant rates have all been met and transferred into the bank. Mr. A. E. Watts made the last transference this morning the last day of the year.

125TH ACTIVE

Up to date the full parade strength of the 125th Brant Battalion, including all ranks, is 514. Of this number, 78 are stationed in Paris. This is remarkable when it is considered that the recruiting has only been conducted for a little over a month.

SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

There was a happy event at Calvary Baptist church when a pleasing cantata "Santa's Secret Society" was presented by the school. The passwords for said society were, "giving, saving, enjoying." It was most successfully given under the direction of Miss Annie Howden and Mrs. Sage. Other items were—Recitation, Olive Stenebaugh; song, "Knitting" by four girls; wand and club drill, class of girls; soldiers' drill, class of boys; presentations—Bible, to C. J. Scott, retiring superintendent; umbrella, to Miss Annie Henderson; books to Mrs. Sage and Miss Howden; prizes for regular attendance and candies for the children. Rev. Mr. Bowyer was chairman; and Mrs. Sage accompanist. There was a full house and a large offering.

SWIMMING MEET

A swimming meet was held this morning at the Y. M. C. A. by the boys' department under the supervision of Mr. G. Mosley, boys' physical director. There was a good sized crowd of boys in attendance. This was the first meet of the season, and a preparation for the big New Year's swimming gala at 2 p.m., when the gallery will be reserved for ladies and their escorts. There will be no admission fee. The results of this morning were: 20 yards, speed, 1, R. Sweet; 2, E. Crumback; 3, S. Bray. 20 yards junior, 1, L. Verity; 2, G. Rodgers. Water polo game, G. Mosley's team lost to F. Wood's team by 4 to 1. Tomorrow, Mr. Frank Wood, the all round Canadian champion swimmer and diver will give an exhibition, and a water polo game will be staged, which promises to provide a good exhibition of this most popular sport.

Society Notes

Mr. Henry will spend the holiday in New York.

Mrs. Avery will leave the city to-day for Spokane, Washington.

Mrs. Woodruff left for Toronto, for New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kerr will leave to-day for their home in the holidays.

Mr. J. M. Grant, of the Expositor newspaper staff will spend New Year's Day in Toronto.

Mrs. and the Misses Causland, left to-day for Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls.

Mrs. M. R. Muir and Miss Helen Muir, returned to-day from Burford, after a vacation visit.

Mrs. Stratford and Miss Mayden Stratford, Messrs. Reg. and David Stratford, returned last night from Toronto, where they have been spending the Christmas holidays.

For Alderman, Ward 5—Vote for Geo. A. Ward, the people's candidate.

ELECTION RETURNS MONDAY

The Courier has made very complete arrangements for election returns on Monday.

The outcome of the various contests will be issued from this office as soon as possible after the polls close.

COMING EVENTS.

UNION INTERCESSORY PRAYER service to-night in Congregational Lecture Room in the interests of Local Option, instead of Zion Church. Come at 8 o'clock.

A GRAND TIME at the Alfred St. Skating Rink to-night. Skating the old year out and the New Year in. I also wish to state that the rink will be open for skating in the afternoon on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and every evening, weather permitting. Wishing the people of Brantford a Happy New Year. H. A. Beardsall, Manager.

THE SECOND ANNUAL live bird shoot at the Eagle Gun Club grounds will take place on Saturday (New Year's) morning at 9.30. A hearty invitation is extended to all shooters wishing to take part in this shoot, but shooting on the outside is strictly prohibited by the club.

THE PROBS

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Pressure is low over Alberta and in Lower California, elsewhere for the most part decidedly high. Fair, cold weather prevails generally except in Manitoba where light snow is falling locally.

FORECASTS:

Fair and cold, Saturday, east and south winds, generally with stationary or a little higher temperature. Saturday, fair, higher temperature.

TO THE EDITOR

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\$2800 per annum on this end of the road. We can sell for \$2000. The interest on this \$30,000 at 5 1/2 per cent is \$1650, and the interest on \$50,000 at 1-2 per cent, to put the road in FAIR shape, will involve a sure loss of \$1000 per annum. In addition, we have the C.P.R. as a competitor, to take at least one half of the present traffic. If we do not sell NOW, the taxes of 200 more \$1000 cottages will be worse than what we have now.

On Monday next the ratepayers can prevent this last outrage by voting for the sale of the road and pocketing the \$30,000, and getting rid of a sure loser by supporting the cause in last night's recent Railway Commission, who favored the one, who have managed the road so well in the past and who can safely be trusted for the future. Let this \$30,000 cash and the \$5,000 of taxes per annum, which would be lost if this sale was not effected, go into the extension of the Brantford Street Railway system in Brantford for the benefit of our own citizens, and for those in the County of Waterloo.

Yours truly, C. B. HEYD.

MR. KILGOUR'S REPLY.

To the Editor of the Courier: Dear Sir,—In answer to a query by Mr. John H. Howling in last night's press, I would be pleased to be allowed space for reply.

He evidently has misconstrued my intent as expressed in my election card, and to make the matter clear, I would say that when I stated I would be "against any measure that would make for increased taxation," I did so knowing what every ratepayer knows. In past years the city council have passed a number of by-laws calling for heavy expenditure, and I consider now we have arrived at a time when we must call a halt. That this is so is substantiated by a report of our city treasurer, A. K. Bowers, in an address on December 18, on the Street Railway by-law, stated that if the Galt end was retained and put in proper shape it would cost the city \$100,000. He also told the ratepayers that if they continued to sanction such large expenditures, we, as a city, would be paying our taxes to keep up interest and debentures, and that we would not have any money for local improvements. Trusting this will relieve the doubt in Mr. Howling's mind, I am

William Kilgour, HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Brantford, Dec. 30, 1915.

To the Editor of the Courier: Dear Sir—Re the matter of Hotel Accommodation, I desire to say: 1. Travellers come here to sell goods to our merchants. 80 per cent of the Travellers prefer Local Option towns. 2. Because business is better, they sell more goods. 3. Because hotel accommodation is better. 4. Our merchants who buy from travellers are not worrying. They still have to buy all the goods they can sell. They know a good thing when they see it, and nearly all of them are supporting Local Option. They know that they will get their share of the \$300,000 now worse than wasted over this bad city.

5. Only four or five of our hotels make any serious attempt to cater to the commercial travellers. If the present hotelkeepers do not want to keep hotels under Local Option, others will. We are assured by men of means in Brantford that should it be necessary, a company will be formed to look after Brantford's needs in this particular, even to the building of an up-to-date hotel, as was done in Renfrew.

FRED MANN.

Leaving for England

FURNITURE AUCTION SALE

W. J. Bragg, auctioneer, will sell by Public auction on Tuesday next, January 4th, at 21 Waterloo street, corner of Brant avenue, at 1.30 p.m. the following goods: 1 extension table, 1 Souvenir coal range, high shelf and reservoir, 12 yards linoleum, 1 sideboard, 6 chairs, 1 organ, 1 pair chenille curtains, 1 bed couch, 1 gas heater, 2 oak rockers, 1 child's chair, 1 rug, 1 folding buggy, 2 pair lace curtains, 6 yards linoleum, 1 wringer, 1 child's rocking horse, 2 jars choice fruit, glassware, dishes, tinware, bedding, bedroom suit, toilet set, tubs, tools, and many other articles. Terms—Cash. On Tuesday next, January 4 at 1.30 p.m. No reserve. Mrs. Wade, W. J. Bragg, Proprietress, 333 Colborne street.

WITH THE SOLDIERS

TEN SIGNED UP.

Ten capable men were added to the strength of the 125th Brant Battalion this morning. Their records are as follows:

Wm H. McNamara, Irish, 26, cook, single, 188 Sydenham street.

Walter F. Hinton, English, 27, tin-smith, married, 3 weeks, 38th D.R.C., 110 Elgin street.

Robert F. C. Mellor, English, 33, driver, married, 3 years 38th, D.R.C., 55 Charlotte street.

William S. Pettis, English, 38, tin-smith, married, 3 months 38th, D.R.C., 122 Alice street.

William R. Gullen, Canadian, 34, farmer, married, Echo Place.

Henry E. Simpson, Canadian, 22, bank clerk, single, 108 Park Avenue.

Robert J. Whita, Irish, 32, painter, married, 42 Colborne street.

George R. Smith, Canadian, 18, farmer, single, Mt. Pleasant.

Clements J. Brown, Canadian, 34, laborer, married, 3 years Norfolk Rifles, 21 Charlotte street.

John J. Stinchcombe, English, 33, bricklayer, married, 3 years 38th, 3 years 25th, 55 Balfour street.

2 men were rejected yesterday, one for slight build and the other for defective vision.

COMMITTEES FORMED.

Several committees have been formed in the 125th Brant Battalion staff of officers as follows:

Mess Committee—President, Capt. A. Vansomeren; members, Capt. Wallace, Lt. Livingston.

Regimental Institute—President, Major Newman; members, Capt. Sagar, Lt. Seago.

Band committee—President, Major McLean; members, Capt. Jordan and Capt. Cockshutt.

Finance committee—President, Major McLean; members, Major Newman, Capt. Vansomeren, C. C. companies.

Sports committee—President, Lieut. Slemm; members, Lt. Preston, Lt. Verity, Lt. Orr; one N.C.O. or man from each unit.

Local Option and Self-Control

Bar-rooms are claimed to help men to be manly and self-controlled. By putting booze under a man's nose you test his manhood. Yes, and how does he stand the test? How manly does it make him?

One of these manly men was being "disturbed" down Tuesday noon. His eyes were sticking out of his head. He could scarcely walk. His companion was half carrying him. His clothes which had been soot and torn, his face was wild. The delirium tremens did not seem far away. He was a sight to provoke pity and to make a mother shriek and a wife go insane. In all fairness, did the bar-room make this man manly? No, but some bar-room made probably five dollars or fifty dollars out of this poor wretch.

Does it make a man manly to turn a mad-dog loose against a man? The man may put up a good fight but the position will do its work and the man dies. Ask any drunkard if the bar-room has made him manly and self-controlled. How manly and self-controlled the 677 drunks and disorderlies looked as they were fished out of the gutter and loaded into the police patrol.—Adv't.

LOCAL OPTION

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further showed that not a single representative business man could be said to appear on the circular issued condemning local option in Meaford. Lawyers, school teachers, merchants, manufacturers, even the hotels themselves refused to sign. Another party claimed flatly that he signed the circular under a misapprehension, and he believed in local option.

A SUGGESTION.

If some of these strapping bar-tenders would get out and shoulder a gun they would be doing much better for their country than they are doing now," added Mr. Kent amid applause.

"I have the greatest respect for some hotel-keepers but they are in a bad business," said Mr. Kent. Meaford conditions, as a lake port, had become very bad, because adjoining lake ports had gone dry. In fact so bad did things become that freight owners threatened to disallow their boats to call at Meaford. Two deaths, as a direct result of liquor occurred within two days of each other. Another death occurred a little later. That sort of thing had not happened since Meaford had now law and order. Meaford had more convictions under local option than under license. That was because the license inspector had not done his duty during the last days of license.

Speaking of his own business, Mr. Kent stated that he did not know of a single employee of his firm who had gone home drunk under local option. On Saturday night no intoxicated persons were seen. Mr. Kent also threw out a few hints as to campaign management learned from experience. He organized the necessity of getting out the vote early and of organizing the factory vote.

No local relief committee was needed in Meaford under local option, in spite of the industrial depression. In reply to a question Mr. Kent declared that hotel accommodation was quite as good now as ever. Ontario could not afford to spend so much money for liquor. The dollars and cents cost was too much.

WELCOME 1916! Standing at the threshold of the New Year, with the memory of the highly satisfactory business which the year that is just closing has brought us, we announce that the liberal policies which have actuated our store in the past shall continue in force. It is an agreeable duty for us to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation for the patronage which has been given us in the past year, and to assure our customers that we shall endeavor to meet their requirements just as satisfactorily in the future as we have done in the past. E. B. Crompton & Co., Ltd.

Economy a pleasure when you buy N.P. SOAP at 15¢ a bar and find you have more soap for 15¢ than you can buy of cake soaps for 25¢ you are economizing, and the pleasure is added to when you find it is better soap—It's Made in Canada too

Notice of Importance! The Women's Patriotic League have asked for 1,000 pairs of Blankets for the French refugees. We have received a large shipment of Blankets in grey and white, all marked at special prices. White from \$2.98 up to \$5.00, and Grey from \$1.98. Secure a pair now at J. M. Young & Co.

New Year Greeting FOR ALL! May the New Year be a prosperous and happy one, may joy and recompense come to you and may it be our privilege to add to your success. Grafton & Co., Ltd. H. L. CONWAY, Manager



Ald. Pitcher has a fine record for good service on behalf of the city as a whole, and also for the ward which he has so ably represented for three years.—Ward 2. For two years chairman of the Buildings and Grounds committee, under which the new Smallpox Hospital was built, equipped with all modern conveniences. One cementing of the floors in the Central fire station making them perfectly sanitary and saving many floors every year or two. Assisting in the purchase of Mo-

hawk Park which will be an acquisition to Brantford for years to come. Assisted in the purchase of the Brantford Street Railway. Has always favored extension to Terrace Hill. Assisted in the solution of the gas question and was specially mentioned by the City Solicitor for his services in this regard. Having the city water put into Mt. Hope cemetery. Through his committee purchasing the old post office for ultimate use as a City Hall. Establishment of a lavatory on the Market Square which is now under construction. The committee of which he is chairman ended the year 1915 with a surplus of \$1,200 from the amount allotted, after taking \$500 less than the usual appropriation in the first place. In all these matters Ald. Pitcher has shown a clear grasp of public necessities and he is entitled to retain a seat on the council board which he has filled so well. Every elector voting for Mayor and Aldermen is privileged to vote for Railway Commissioner. Vote for Calbeck.

Too Late for Classification WANTED—To buy, good general purpose horse. Apply Adams Wagon Co. LOST—Snowshoe on William St. Finder kindly return to 128 West St. WANTED—First-class waist hand. Apply to Miss Warne at J. M. Young & Co's. LOST—Wednesday, on Colborne or East Ward, silver purse containing money, etc. Reward Courier. LOST—A black purse containing over ten, between Colborne and Sheridan Sts. Reward 245 Brock. 14

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