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BOUNDARY EXTENSION.

The Courier is not a convert to the extension of the city boundaries at this time. Already the area of the municipality is away beyond the per capita average and there is enough vacant land within our borders to accommodate many thousands more people. "A bigger Brantford" is the slogan in connection with the agitation. The cry has quite an attractive sound but that circumstance should not be allowed to obliterate consideration as to the probable cost to the municipality if the scheme becomes adopted. The main items would be the extension of, 1.—Police protection, 2.—Fire protection, 3.—School accommodation, 5.—Sewer extension. People who pay city taxes as a matter of course want these and other city privileges. All these things would involve a vast amount of capital expenditure and surely we have enough outlays now facing us without seeking to add to the burden.

As matters stand the "overflow" residents in the Terrace Hill, Eagle Place and other districts are citizens to all intents and purposes; most certainly so with regard to matters of trading and to encompass them within the civil circle would not add one jot, or tithe to that fact. The contention is advanced that they have gone to the outskirts because of cheaper land, lower assessment and smaller taxes. That is quite true but with an extended area many municipalities continue to have said outskirts no matter what is done.

Taking everything into consideration Brantford taxpayers at the present period would do well to tackle the municipal demands which are at present confronting them without seeking to add still further to those burdens.

Most people would regard that man as very short-sighted who would seek to add to his house when the existing structure stood in need of large and imperative outlays and the same thing holds true of a corporation.

Boundary extension will undoubtedly be worth while at a later period but not just now.

COMMUNITY FARMING

In the matter of getting returned soldiers to go on the land, the greatest difficulty to be faced is that men who have been so long and intimately linked with others, do not relish the isolation of agricultural life in new districts. In this respect, Mr. A. H. Hawkins, of Ottawa, forwards the suggestion that the first step of the Federal authorities should be to arrange for acquiring of certain properties in each province from Nova Scotia to British Columbia, say 8 or 10 tracts from 400 to 1,000 or more acres each with the distinct understanding that these tracts were to be exclusively set apart for the returning men.

Each of these allotments would be assigned to four or more returned soldiers, ten, desirous of working under the Co-operative Community plan, the number allowed on each tract to be in the ratio of 1 man to 100 acres in the provinces east of Manitoba and to 160 acres west and in Northern Ontario. One man cannot work either 100 acres and much less 160 acres, but 2 men can readily work 200 or 320 acres, and in the same proportion more men in the community conduce to more efficient work and more ease in performing the work in hand.

An experienced and successful farmer would, in order to ensure a proper and well organized start, be selected by the joint action of the soldiers and the Commission, and placed in charge. The farms would be Government property for two years or as long as was found to be necessary to thoroughly instruct the community owners, as well as to allow the dissatisfied ones to withdraw before final arrangements were entered into.

In order to ensure a proper carrying out of the enterprise, rules and regulations, such as found necessary in carrying on the affairs of any well organized co-operative concern, would be adopted and strictly lived up to. At the end of the probationary period, the members would assume the entire direction of their own affairs, subject to an annual or semi-annual visit from some official so long as the Government's claim had not been liquidated. During this probationary period

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all members of the Community would be paid by the Commission a fair living wage, and all proceeds of their industry during this time would be the property of the Government. The members of the Community would be the board of directors or if the numbers were too great, would choose the directors in accordance with their own rules.

The management would, as soon as possible, be placed entirely in the owners' hands, so that upon their efforts would depend the success of the venture.

The rules governing joint stock companies would guide the directorate, and wages, expenses and dividends, paid in accordance with these rules and as the members of the Community form their own board; they are in other words under their own direction.

Supposing such a scheme be adopted, it would mean the springing up all over the country of vigorous, thriving communities that would do more to settle our uncultivated fertile lands than the thousands of foreigners already located there would do in a century, and they would be our very own people, to whom we owe everything.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

John Bull is going to bar Germans and Austrians, and so should Johnny Canuck.

Ten more shopping days to Christmas. What have you done about it?

After Kaiser's fall, the Huns now have to shoulder the war bill, and it is a toss up as to which will prove the most expensive load.

Sir Henry Drayton has recorded the decision that Bell phone rates may be raised temporarily until costs become normal. It begins to look more and more as if state ownership is the real solution.

Members of the Hohenzollern outfit are busily explaining these days that they were not active in promoting the war. Nothing, of course, surprised them quite so much as when hostilities actually commenced.

The fact that a grand jury has reported the present police station to be in need of the attention of the health department, brings again to the fore the circumstance that the building is entirely inadequate, both in accommodation and equipment. The same can be said of the municipal hall. Some plan will ultimately have to be faced whereby suitable quarters will have to be erected for both, perhaps in a combined building.

Mayor Robinson of Paris did a meritorious thing when he initiated a public banquet in honor of Mr. Thomas McCosh, who after twenty years of valuable service as clerk and treasurer is retiring from that dual position. Leading residents of the town joined in the occasion, and all were able to pay high tributes to the guest of honor. It could not be otherwise, for Mr. McCosh has throughout proved himself a most exemplary and upright official, one whose faithfulness and ability have earned for him the deepest respect and confidence of all. The Courier unites with hosts of others in wishing him many happy years of well earned ease.

CONTINUE RAILWAY CONTROL

By Courier Leased Wire. Philadelphia, Dec. 12.—Recommendation by Director-General McCosh that Government control of railroads continue until January, 1924, was no surprise to the railroad executives of the country. The railroad executives' advisory committee, which is in conference here on problems relating to the return of the roads to private operation had intimations from Washington that the administration was considering the advisability of recommending an extension of Government control.

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The Armories are nearly ready for the Midway Thursday night.

Your Problems Solved

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D. (All rights reserved.)

Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems, religious, marital, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required, enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only, or use a pseudonym.

"How Shall I Choose a Vocation?" asks Richard. Get a number of character readings from the best available readers. Compose and classify these and meditate. Consult your own predilections. Ask yourself, "Into what calling can I enter with greatest zest? How do I feel inwardly moved?" There is a spirit in man and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth him understanding. Do not decide hastily; ask God and consult some recognized authority on Vocational Training.

Good, Better and Best: "I fear I made a mistake some years ago in choosing my calling; I am now 25 years old, would you advise me to make a change?" writes B.M.O. Every honest calling is good, but some callings might have been better for you and there doubtless is a calling which would have been best. It may be too late in life for you to change your calling, but I am not in a position to advise you. There is One who knows and if you will ask Him, listen intently, and patiently for the answer you will get it. In the meantime do what you are now doing with all your might. If you are to change the opportunity will come.

"Sweet Sixteen" I first thought of printing your letter in full and then giving you as good an answer as I could, but I am in doubt whether the best people who read this column would think such a letter ought to be printed. I am therefore holding it for a while for more light. Your tragic and sad story greatly stirs my sympathy, and I will help you all I can. If you will give me your address I will write you privately and I trust shed some light upon the dark and thorny path in which, through your sin and folly, you have to walk. In the meantime give your heart to God; become a follower of Jesus. God the Holy Spirit can transform you into one of the best and purest of women that ever lived and make even that event, the coming of the Holy Spirit, result in great blessedness to you and to all concerned. "The blood of Jesus Christ God's son cleanseth us from all sin."

To The Editor of The Courier

To Editor Courier: As a rate payer and citizen of this fair city of Brantford, and having the interest of the city at heart and also knowing no matter who sits at the Council Board that mistakes are made and misunderstandings occur in regard to how our City Fathers are spending the hard earned money of the citizen in general, and also knowing there is none perfect and no matter who gets elected to control the civic purse there will still be mistakes made.

It is with regret I notice in the press of to-day that there is to be formed in our city another so-called society for the betterment of us all. (I might say and a little better for themselves). I am sorry to see this done at the present time, had it been done in July or August I could and would have looked at it in a different light, but to me it is similar to the "Citizens League" formed a few years ago and which proved itself to be nothing more or less than a political organization.

I trust there will be other women voters besides myself who will recognize how often men in a way knock each other in a quiet yet sure way.

I trust the ladies will look after this matter and vote, not for some man who heads a so-called society, but for one who is honest in his convictions. Thanking you for this space,

Yours truly, BARBERRY.

THE MAYOR'S EXPLANATION

Sir:—While I have no desire to take issue with the young reporter who reported the Victoria Hall meeting, in justice to the public it is my duty to correct erroneous statements. In the first place, I did not

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say the Y.M.C.A. had been turned into a political organization. I have too much respect for this institution to make any such statement. What I said was that I feared a few men had so far forgotten the fitness of things, as to attempt to turn it into a political headquarters. Neither did I refer to any group as "lying hypocrites." I mentioned openly the names of four men and said that many excellent citizens were unaware of the actual facts connected with the origin of the Municipal League, and when they were made aware of the original secret meeting they would refuse to ally themselves with the hypocrites, who were conducting a secret campaign of lies.

Further, I did not make any such comparison as reported, to Mr. Lyle's strength of character. I read extracts from his speech, and said we did not think Brantford wanted a mayor who stated that he wanted an advisory committee from outside the council. That was the very worst thing connected with municipal life in this city. There had always been too much interference from outside the council.

I do not charge that any wrong was intended by your report. I quite realize that in the rush of daily newspaper work it is not necessary to make the real purport is sometimes confused. Many of my friends who were present were incensed by the report and in due time a complete verbatim record of the speech will be printed.

In the meantime, I ask the public to believe that we did not indulge in any such "invektives" as the report would indicate. M. MacBRIDE.

OBITUARY

ALBERT WILSON.

There passed away at the General Hospital early Tuesday morning Albert Wilson. Before his illness he resided at 148 Pearl Street. The deceased leaves besides a sorrowing wife, one daughter in Edmonton, Alta. The funeral arrangements are not yet completed.

THOS. BIRSKIOKI.

The death occurred early this morning of Thomas Birsikioki at his late residence, 130 Pearl Street. The funeral will take place Saturday morning in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

RED TRIANGLE

WORKER SPOKE

Last night at the Y. M. C. A. allied service club, Captain Will Pierce, one of Brantford's own Red Triangle men, was the first to serve the soldiers after the winning of Vimy Ridge, gave an interesting account of the work with the Canadians, both at the front and in England. He paid a high tribute to the character and conduct of our fighting forces, and said they were coming back to Canada better men than when they went away. He complimented the club on their plans to help the men as they returned home to again enter civil life.

The attendance at the club was the largest yet held. President McFadden occupied the chair. The co-operative service committee reported plans for Christmas at the Widows' Home and House of Refuge. E. J. Barnes is chairman.

Chairman S. S. H. Jones of the visiting committee outlined plans for that department. Messrs. Alex. Lockington and J. L. Axford were elected club delegates to the Y. M. C. A. conference in Toronto tomorrow. They take up the questions relating to demobilization.

WANT FREE INSPECTION.

By Courier Leased Wire. Regina, Sask., Dec. 12.—Labor will ask the Saskatchewan Legislature to pass legislation for free dental and medical inspection in the schools, the expense to be raised by the levying of a tax similar to the Patriotic Fund tax. The conference between Labor and the Government will take place tomorrow. Questions of interest to be discussed include demobilization, the attitude of labor being, it is stated, against the dumping of too many men seeking employment.

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OPEN NIGHT AT Y. M. C. A.

Accommodation was at a premium and seating room was on the floor only in the Boys' Department of the Y.M.C.A. last night when "Open Night" was celebrated by about one hundred and seventy-five boys.

The evening was the fourth of the regular social nights and brought out the biggest crowd yet. Group games occupied the first part of the program and picked groups successively played ostrich tag, three deep, hopping relay and catch and pull, tug of war, the latter two being the favorites.

Swimming parties followed and it was a debatable point whether there was more of water or boy in the pool. The big pool was nearly too large for the occasion, but the period was thoroughly enjoyed. When the swimmers returned Mr. D. F. Thomson captured the piano and under the leadership of Mr. E. H. Barnes, the boys put on a good old-time singing with plenty of enthusiasm and volume.

This was followed by a few announcements, particularly regarding next week's "Service Night" plans, by A. W. Geddes, the boys' work secretary, who afterwards in the capacity of head chef, started the circulation of the cocoa. Cakes, biscuits, cookies and cocoa disappeared as rapidly as German trenches under Allied artillery fire and the seniors, G. Rogers, L. Bier, L. Chapman, E. Fielden and E. Preston, who acted in the capacity of police, door guards and waiters were kept busy. The singing of "God Save the King" brought a happy evening to a close about 9.30 p.m.

BOLSHEVIKI REPULSED.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Archangel, Dec. 10.—(Delayed).—(By the Associated Press).—The Bolsheviki forces were repulsed with considerable losses when they launched strong attacks against the Russo-Allied positions on the sector between the Dvina and the railroad near Narasovo Saturday. The Anglo-Russian troops captured considerable booty in a counter-attack. On the Pinez sector the Russo-Americans have withdrawn to more tenable positions than the villages far up the river which they recently captured.

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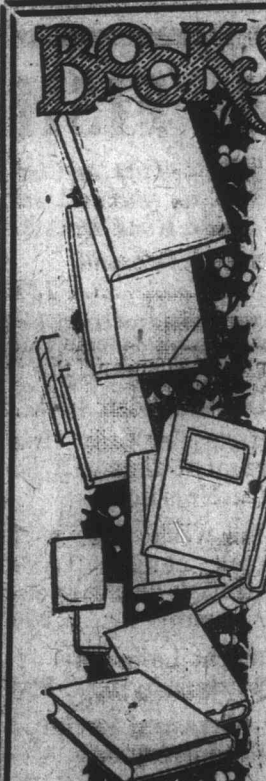
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