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## The New Deputy Chief

There are the usual disappointing rumors about the successor said to be selected to follow the late Deputy Chief Stark. It is even seriously suggested that Assistant Deputy Chief Archibald may get the position. Surely the police commissioners can discover a younger and more useful man?

## Common Sense in Snow Cleaning

There is much common sense in the petition of merchants to the works committee asking that sufficient snow be left on the streets to give a footing to horses. In steady cold weather an inch or two of snow is a most desirable aid to locomotion, not only for sleighs, but for pedestrians. The practice of scraping every speck of snow off a concrete sidewalk, leaving a polished surface upon which it is impossible to walk with ease and safety, is a red tape absurdity. Everybody knows it is easier and safer to walk on a coating of snow than on such a surface. But the bylaw says the snow must be cleaned off and citizens are frequently fined for taking this precaution against slipping. When a thaw begins this thin coating should be cleared away to prevent slush, but the police ought to be instructed to use a little common sense in these matters.

## Reading a Million Books

What can be done by intelligent handling in getting the most and the best out of any public activity is splendidly illustrated by the latest report of the Toronto Public Library. A library which is not read, as too many busy people know too well, is an intangible asset. To make a library worth while it must have readers, and a good librarian in the public sense is not one who keeps his books locked up in cases and preserves them for future generations, but one who sets them into the hands, the heads and the hearts of as many readers as possible.

Evidently this is the view which the tall and eloquent Dr. Locke takes of his duties. The increase in patronage is something enormous since he took charge of the libraries and began to increase the branches. There has lately been a controversy about the central library, many having had the idea that it was neglected. It is not closed up, in favor of the new reference library and branch on College street. It was news to some that the central library on Church street was better stocked with books than ever, and that there were more facilities for getting new books and referring to old ones, than in the public library.

One of the improvements of the last year is the withdrawal of over 13,000 books from the fiction department. These are volumes out of date, going back to 1883, no longer read, but valuable for circulation elsewhere. Over 30,000 have been added by purchase and presentation. In all 1,156,012 books have been used during the year, and the intelligence of the citizens has no doubt gone up several degrees in consequence. No fewer than 18,777 borrowers were added during the year, and this is probably the best tribute to the library that can be produced.

In connection with the library the very valuable historical collection of drawings and paintings made by Mr. John Rose Robertson, which is on exhibition free to visitors on the main floor of the reference library, attracted 12,642 persons. In times that are as historic as any the British race has seen, a collection of this kind will kindle the finest instincts and the highest patriotism in those who visit it and give it study.

The library has also done valuable co-operation work in sending volumes withdrawn from the circulating shelves to Dr. Grenfell's mission in Labrador, to the House of Industry, the House of Providence, the Jail Farm, the Y.M.C.A. camp reading room, and other camp reading rooms, and to various missions, sanitaria and settlements.

Still another activity of wide-spread interest is the children's story telling movement. Those who have not become acquainted with this work should try to make themselves familiar with it, for no other reason than to be

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able to direct their child friends to one of the most delightful pastimes in the city.

Whatever may be said about taxes the citizens have the satisfaction of knowing that in what they are paying for public library service, and it says more laudably, they are getting unlimited value.

## The Invasion of Egypt

Altho a Turkish force is reported to be within striking distance of Egypt it can scarcely be in strength sufficient for that purpose. Nor is it probable that an army of anything like 120,000 can cross the hundred and fifty miles of desert that lie between the Suez Canal and the fertile district of southern Palestine. Wells are few and far apart in that wilderness of loose sand and burning skies, where a cooling breeze becomes an additional evil because of the parching clouds of fine dust that irritate the throat and eyes. So slender is the flow of water at the wells, says a special correspondent of The London Daily Chronicle, who recently visited the desert, that after a caravan of a dozen camels has slaked its thirst the greater part of a day must pass before an equal supply oozes again out of the arid soil.

The problem of transporting any considerable number of troops over an almost waterless desert is too formidable to be easily overcome. But if it is solved and the invading army comes within fighting distance of the canal its situation will be critical in the extreme. On the eastern side of the waterway the water is undrinkable. The only water lies in front and between the invaders and that water stand the imperial forces assigned to the defence of Egypt. To save itself from the agonies of thirst the Turkish army, says Mr. Rowland, must effect a crossing within twenty-four hours. If it fails its awful fate will be to retreat over the desert with water ten days' march away. That knowledge may incite to the most desperate of attacks, but no doubt exists that the imperial forces will prove competent for their work. They will be aided too by the powerful guns of the warships patrolling the canal.

Probably nowhere within the fields of war is there presented so striking a picture of the extent and might of the British Empire as is given in Egypt. From the motherland are officers and men of the regular army and of the yeomanry and territorials, of whom a whole division from Lancashire is at the front. There are Sikhs, Gurkhas, and Punjabs from India, as well as several Imperial Service Corps, the fine soldiers of many of the states whose rajahs have sent them to fight in the battles for the empire. Aligned with them are the contingents from Australia and New Zealand, described as men of magnificent physique, and lastly there are the native Egyptian and Sudanese troops. Most of these soldiers are accustomed to the climatic conditions they find in Egypt and their presence has completely reassured the people who seem to have been little, if at all, affected by the efforts of the German agents to create a panic and foment disloyalty.

## Ontario Safety League

During the first year of its existence the Ontario Safety League has done much excellent work in furtherance of the objects it was constituted to accomplish. That work has been almost entirely educational, for the matter of protecting the public from itself is of course very different from that of dealing with an organized body of workmen who can be compelled to adopt safety devices and observe rules for safety. In its plan of campaign, the committee of the league employed

various methods, including the extensive circulation of instructive literature, the printing of safety rules in schoolbooks and talks to children and public bodies.

A moving picture film called "The Price of Thoughtlessness" and other films and slides were shown, depicting the accidents to which children are exposed and dealing with the prevention of traffic and industrial accidents. Notices and signs reminding the public to care for safety were placed in street cars and throughout the city, and the committee also assisted other Canadian cities to inaugurate safety campaigns. Early in September the largest and most important effort was commenced by visiting all city schools and briefly instructing the children on the value of safety. The committee asks that the campaign be continued for another year and for the necessary funds to carry on the crusade.

## RE TREASON CHARGES

Editor World: Our judges of the supreme court of Ontario do not agree on the question of bail.

Mr. Justice Lennox on the 17th of December, 1914, refused bail in Rex v. Rowens, as the offence is not extraditable if party charged leaves the country.

Mr. Justice Middleton evidently thinks bail should be granted in such cases, as he has allowed bail in Rex v. Emil Nerlich.

The considered judgment of Mr. Justice Lennox in Rex v. Rowens is reported in the Ontario Weekly Notes of December 26, 1914, Volume 5, No. 16 at page 487, and his judgment reads as follows:

High Court Division.  
Lennox, J., in Chambers. Dec. 17, 1914. Rex v. Rowens. Criminal law. Application for bail, state of war. Charges of treason. Application on behalf of the prisoner for bail. T. H. Lennox, K.C., for the prisoner. Edward Bayly, K.C., for the crown.  
The prisoner is a Russian, said to be well educated and of good antecedents and character. He is awaiting his trial on charges of treason, founded, it is alleged, upon his aiding and abetting the King's enemies in an attempt to leave Canada. It is argued that he is clearly not guilty, but he having been committed, I must assume that there is at least a prima facie case, and he is charged with the commission of a capital offence of the gravest character known to the law. It is not an extraditable offence, and if it should turn out that he is guilty—an enemy of the crown—there is no money compensation which could be regarded as the equivalent of the public injury resulting from his escape. He is of the nationality of one of our great allies. Substantial bail has been offered, and I am inclined to believe that the application is made in good faith, and that he would await his trial. But this is a time of war, a time of great national stress and peril, when no chances should be taken; and, upon the whole, I do not think it prudent to accede to the application. The case can be brought to trial in January. The application is refused. I make no order as to costs.  
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## SEVENTEEN ENLISTED IN THIRD CONTINGENT

Recruiting at Cornwall Progresses—More Money for Belgian Relief Fund.

CORNWALL, Ont., Jan. 29.—Seventeen men this week enlisted and were accepted as medically fit for the third Canadian overseas contingent in the Cornwall district. The company from this district is divided into two sections, section A being located at Cornwall, where the men are instructed in squad and company drill by Lieut. Campbell, while section B is located at Alexandria, under the command of Capt. Thompson.

The council of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry here today passed a bylaw authorizing the payment of an additional \$1000 to the Belgian Relief Fund. This makes a contribution of \$2000 from these counties, as last year's council also voted \$1000. A committee, composed of James W. McLeod (chairman), Wm. G. Timmins (warden), and George E. Clark (reeve of Charlottenburgh Township), was named as a board of management for the house of industry and refuge for these counties.

The Dominion riding of Glengarry and Stormont will be held in Macpherson's Hall, Williamsburg, on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 2 o'clock, to complete the organization for the new constituency.

STEWART GORDON APPOINTED.

Stewart Gordon, formerly of the Canadian Pacific Railway hotel department and well known to many Canadian golfers, has been appointed secretary and treasurer to a 100-bed hospital being organized by the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, for service on the continent. Col. Sir James H. A. Clark, B.Sc., F.R.C.S., chief commissioner of St. John's Ambulance, will have general charge. This surgical, medical, nursing and general staff will number over 200.

NEW OBJIBWAY COMPANY.

The official notice of the forming of the Objibway Township Company, Ltd., which appears in the current Ontario Gazette, indicates that real estate activity in this Essex property is likely to begin in the spring. The town of Objibway was incorporated by special act of the legislature two years ago as a site for industrial employment, and municipal government has been organized. The head office of the new company will be in Windsor, and Detroit capitalists stand behind the enterprise.

Major Bickford and practically all the staff officers at the Exhibition Camp went for a 156th Thru Dundas Valley yesterday. They left early in the morning and the major, who is acting as chief instructor, gave illustrations of the movement of troops on uneven ground.

Officers training classes are shortly to be opened at St. Catharines, Cayuga, Simcoe and Whitby. There are now three officers for every vacancy in the third contingent.

Over a hundred Austrian prisoners of war will be taken north of Kapauskasing Sunday evening. They will be in charge of one officer and twenty men from the Governor-General's Body Guards who will remain at the camp as additional guard. The German prisoners now at Stanley Barracks will be transferred to Kingston. There are now 110 men in the camp hospital suffering largely from influenza. There are three cases of diphtheria. Thirty beds have been sent to the hospital by the ordnance department.

According to reports from nine rural regiments in the second military division, out of 23 officers and 970 men required for the third contingent, all the officers and 895 men have been recruited.

The 10 officers who are being trained by Major W. P. Butler for military instructors are as follows: Major W. R. Turnbull, Major J. H. Porter, Capt. G. D. McLaughlin, Capt. W. Andrews, Lieut. W. H. Hedges, Stewart, Gzowski, Gibson, Boyce and Carey.

Lieut. A. E. Duncanson of the Governor-General's Body Guard has been promoted to acting adjutant; Lieut. G. C. Nixon to assistant adjutant, Lieut. A. Moss to assistant paymaster, Lieut. A. M. Allan to assistant quartermaster.

There appears likely to be a little trouble in the ranks of the Home Guards owing to the calling off of the parade and drill which was to have been held at their armories on Wednesday. Lieut.-Col. W. T. Stewart is highly indignant at the statement which appeared in the evening papers stating that the parade was canceled, which resulted in only 500 being present.

Object to Vaccination.  
The National Anti-Vaccination League of London, England, have sent circulars to Toronto warning people of the serious effect of vaccination, declaring that a soldier died after inoculation. The circular states that Lord Haldane said that "there are no regulations compelling officers and men of the territorial forces to be vaccinated."

Lieut.-Col. J. T. Potheringham, medical director at the camp, declared that the statements were pernicious falsehoods and that the statement of Lord Haldane only refers to times of peace. Lance-Corporal Philip Bentinck Boyd, of 35 Elgin avenue, has been given a commission in the Gordon Highlanders and Lance-Corporal William E. Wyatt of a Company, 48th Highlanders, has received a commission in the same regiment. Lance-Corporal Sweet and Private Wilkinson have also received commissions in the Gordon Highlanders.

According to despatches from Salisbury, there is a bad outbreak of pneumonia in the 48th Highlanders. Capt. K. F. Marshall, Lieut. P. J. Smith, W. E. Lawrence, R. E. Davidson and J. Kay are all suffering from it.

Vaccination is now in full swing at the camp. Yesterday the Mounted Rifles and C.A.S.C. were inoculated and today the artillery and A.M.C. will be done. Only six have refused the vaccination and these will be discharged.

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## PROGRESSIVES TRY TO UPSET LIBERALS

Literary Society Has Lively Time When Plot is Discovered by Party in Power.

Attempting to secure a snap vote and to get into power as a result of their surprise, the Progressive party of the University College Literary Society tried to put the Liberals out of office last night. The attempt failed and the Liberals were retained in power, largely thru the work of the members on the Conservative benches.

agreed to pass a vote of censure on the party in power in connection with certain graft charges. The Progressives decided in caucus that they would put the government out of power and secure the reins themselves. They had their party out to a man but the Conservatives, by an taking of the change in plans and were able to forestall the move.

LAD DIES OF APPENDICITIS.

COBBOURG, Jan. 28.—Maxwell Robertson, the eight-year-old son of Dr. D. G. Robertson, Cobourg, died in Bellevue Hospital of septic peritonitis, following an attack of appendicitis.

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