WESTERN FAIR OPENING DAY REAL ECLIPSE

Surpasses All Others in History of Exhibitions of Past.

PREPAREDNESS TYPIFIED

More Exhibits in Place Today Than on Previous Opening Days.

ONLY NEED FINE WEATHER

That Will Make 1916 Show Greatest on Record for London.

Somebody is knocking every second out at Queen's Park today. In fact, there are hundreds of people knocking all the time. But this isn't due to the fact that anybody is in any way dissatisfied or discontented. Far from it. fit is opening day of the greatest Western Fair in history-provided the weather behaves. Under the droumstances, whole battalions of cheerful exhibitors and their assistants are busy every second hammering in nails, getting their sections in shape, their decorations up according to their fancy, and their exhibits in place. More than nails, however, are being driven in the vicinity of the exhibition grounds. Processions of motor trucks,

gate, each bearing its contribution to This year there appears to be a big concerted movement on the part of "That this council desires to everyone in any way associated with the to get everything in running order be times. It may all have started with the secretary, A. M. Hunt, who set a good example by shutting up the down town offices and transferring his whole staff to the Exhibition offices on the grounds four or five days earlier than any previous year. Whatever the rea son may be, today at the Exhibition grounds looks like Saturday did lass year and previous years. According to the way everything has been getting shaped up during the forenoon and early part of the afternoon, it looks as f Saturday will be more of a "finishing touches" than a good, old-fashioned "preparation day." By the time vispreparation day."

of vans, of drays and vehicles of every

early morning through the King street

itors pay their admission fee tomorrow it will be well worth their money to Order Out of Chaos. A genuine whirlwind campaign is in progress to bring order out of chaos in the Main Building, Assistants move quietly and rapidly about placing to the best advantage the fancywork, in the Women's Building. Judging of this will begin early Saturday morning, and the judges will also be at work i where the turnips, cabbages potatoes, beets, and grains and things, mammoth squash, will all be in company array by this evening.

will be an exceptionally large and diversified one. A good deal of the stock is arriving today. By this evening to criving today. By this evening, the Dairy Building will be in exhibition or-

Owing to the perishable nature of the fruit and flower exhibits, these will not be placed in the Horticultural Hall unti

In the Art Gallery, the order of the our is unpacking and hanging pictures. Staff Works Under Pressure.

But the driving of nails, of horses and motor transports fades into insignificance before the driving which f the lot of the office staff. With all their forehandedness and their system, the members are being driven to about the mit of their endurance by the neces sity for doing a dozen things in the tin equired for one. Duty calls in half lozen different directions at once, and pecially is this so in the case of th ecretary, who no sooner answers must turn round and answer another.

The Exhibition has more to offer than ever before in the way of education and amusement. All that is wanted now is the allied effort of the citizens to boost the allied effort of the citizens to boost the morning, and on their request the fremen dragged the river for several the Western Fair, and a big daily drive

Petrolea Council Praises Action of

Commends His Sacrifice in Resigning Majority to Go to Front.

Petrolea, Sept. 7 .- At the regular meeting of the town council this week description have been passing since talion, and now with the 18th Battalion in France, was passed. The reso-

> place on record its profound admiration of the conduct of Major C. O. Fairbank, who in his high conlinguished his rank of major and in order to join his comrades on the firing line in Flanders.

"We feel proud and honored in remembering that he is associated with us as a member of this counto inspire us all by its noble, brave and unselfish devotion in upholding the best traditions of the Empire. It appeals to all that Is highest in man. We trust that under God's grace he will be spared to return to his family and his native town.

order that Major Fairbank may know that we, his fellow-councillos and citizens, thoroughly ap-preciate the noble example he has set the men of this country, we direct that the clerk be instructed to forward forthwith the greetings of this council, together with a copy the above resolution, to the

66 REALTY TRANSFERS RECORDED IN MONTH

e of the Dominion Government ex- Real Estate Transactions in London

ment Building at the Canadian National ing value.

Exhibition, will be placed in the process For the same month last year, there \$141,240, and the consideration \$198,317. their duties, but are bound to put a

BELIEVED TO HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE

William Bailey of 127 St. James Street Missing.

WIFE REPORTS THE CASE

Firemen Drag River Near Oxford Street Bridge, But Fail to Locate Body.

Telling his wife that he was tired of life and intended to drown himself at meone entreating for space at the the earliest opportunity, William Bailey of 127 St. James street, left his The secretary slept last night at his home at the above address at noon the secretary slept last night at his home at the above address at noon the secretary slept last night at his home at the above address at noon the secretary slept last night at his home at the above address at noon the secretary slept last night at his home at the above address at noon the secretary slept last night at his home at the above address at noon the secretary slept last night at his home at the above address at noon the secretary slept last night at his home at the above address at noon the secretary slept last night at his home at the above address at noon the secretary slept last night at his highlight at highlight at his highlight at his highlight at his highlight at hig yesterday and no trace has been found

> firemen dragged the river for several hours at the point near the Oxford street bridge, where has was last seen,

Major Fairbanks oridge by a teamster, who said that he near appeared to be pulling his hair and city, boring under great mental stress. attack of sickness, and according to his family had been suffering for some weeks from melancholia and despondency. He had just returned a few days ago from Detroit, where he had been on a short visit.

Arranging his clothes on the bed yesterday afternoon, he told his wife that he intended to do away with himself by drowning. A careful watch was kept to avoid him going out, but he aged to evade his wife and was out of sight before she missed him.

No trace has been found of him since,

four small children. Relatives intend continue the search in an effort to ocate the body, as it is believed he car ried out his threat to commit suicide. In his weakened condition it is be lieved he could not have wandered very far from home.

SPEEDERS ON COUNTRY HIGHWAYS PAY FINES

Quartet of Autoists Appear Before Squire Chittick and Plead Guilty.

Four autoists appeared before Squire arated from it. Chittick at the court house this morning and pleaded guilty to speeding on the country roads leading into the city. Each donated \$2 and costs for their "bursts of speed," with a promise to discontinue "scorching" in the future. John Weber,

than go any further. don; John, of Ottawa; Tred, of Wiar-alles an hour, as I was supposed to do, to this '1912 model tin Lizzie' that can't ass a milk cart," said the farmer, as J. Yarger, of Southampton; Mrs. Fa-large number of imm extracted a five-dollar bill from a tum and Mrs. George Allen, of Wiar-'rell large enough to choke a cow.'

The others declined to admit that ton.

The county police do not wish to apwere 69 transfers. The assessment was pear over-zealous in the discharge of J Representatives of various automobile The assessment was 71.7 per cent of stop to a constantly recurring practice firms are doing their decorating in the the selling price.

SMALLEST BANTAM WAS ENLISTED HERE FOR 216TH COMMAND



PTE. THOMAS BARNES.

Thomas Barnes is the smallest ma in the 216th (Bantam) Battalion. He is Parties searched the river banks belongs to the bugle band of that batamong the tall grass and underbrush, talion. He was enlisted in the city last but were unable to locate the missing week, being one of the first "bantam" recruits here. Since the beginning of man. recruits here. Since the beginning of the was last seen on the Oxford street the war he has attempted to enlist with nearly every unit organized in the city, but has been rejected in every case as being under height. He was He has been in a partly demented born in England, but has lived in Lon-

tion Remarkable Well.

In trace, was passed. The resolution was moved by Ald. G. McCary except that he was last seen by the and seconded by Ald. P. F. Reilly, and teamster on the Oxford street bridge. He was about 35 years of age and at leave from Camp Borden indicated the every municipality of the province one time worked for Chantler Bros. ne time worked for Chantler Bros.

Besides his wife there is a family of feelings of the party toward the great representative non-partisan branch citizens

"Don't it feel good to be here again?" who will co-operate in carrying out the "You bet; some change."
Another: "We are 200 miles from Boren, but that's none too far. I wouldn't

"See what I got yesterday" (angry red marks on forearm).
"You're lucky. That's nothing to my leg and back. I'm sores all over."
"Four days here will be like four sociation that the Organization of Resociation of Resociation that the Organization of Resociation that the Organization of Resociation that the Organization of Resociation of Resociation

HAS SON IN LONDON

One, a farmer, falled to understand Zorra, was largely attended. Before imnow he could have exceeded the speed coming here he itved at Milverton. He as well. Bmlt, but nevertheless settled rather leaves three sons and four daughters aspect, the almg of the committee say George, of Stratford: Otto, of Lon- that it is: I fail to see how I could so twenty don; John, of Ottawa; Tred, of Wiar-

ene from the department of agriculture, set up this forenoon in the Agricultural Euilding.

The real estate returns for the month of August show that there were 65 transfers. The assessment was \$72,580, and the consideration 328,340. The ment Building at the Canadian National Exhibition will be placed in the possessed only "milk cart" speed and paid without a word.

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The real estate returns for the month of London; George Weber, of London; George Weber, of Ottawa; Mrs. J. H. which are better than the canadian National Exhibition will be imposed for future violations.

The real estate returns for the month of the war, and to speed and paid without a word.

The small fines imposed are supposed to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant, and if this fails to act as a deterrant and if this fails to act as a deterrant and if this fails to act as a deterrant and if this fails to act as a deterrant and if this fails to act as a deterrant and if this fails to act as a deterrant and if this fails to act as a deterrant and if this fails to act as a deterrant and if this fails to act as a deterrant and if this fails to act as a deterrant and if this fails to act as a deterrant and if this fails to act as a deterrant and if this fails to act as a d

ORGANIZING BRANCH OF COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES IN CITY

Toronto Official Here to Link Up Societies.

CENTRALIZATION IS AIM

Union of All Associations for Patriotic Work Objective.

Efforts have been launched locally for the formation of a city branch of the 'Organization of Resources Committee," behind which the Ontario Government stands as sponsor. The object of the committee is the centralization of all patriotic endeavors, and it is expected that the local branch will be brought into being within the next fortnight. Morgan D. Williams of Toronto, the Government organizer, is in London now and will aid in the formation of the committee's local representation

work. Co-operation Almad AL The Ontario Legislature is directly behind the organization and its purfollows:

ern Fair and hopes to interest all local

patriotic and civic organizations in the

"The committee shall co-operate, so far as possible, with existing organizations, associations—civil and military—in furthering the objects of the committee, and particularly in maintaining and stimulating agricultural and neces-sary industrial production, securing a sufficient supply of labor for the agricultural interests and industrial opera-tions, assisting in the work of recrult-ing men for the Canadian expeditionary forces with the least possible disturbance to agriculture or industry, and romoting thrift and economy among

To assist in carrying on its work, OVER 2,000 MEN FROM

den, but that's none too far. I wouldn't of the Red Cross, Voluntary Aid Commiscare if I never saw it again."

Red Cross committee, and Commiscion, Red Cross committee, Soldiers' Aid Commiscion, Red Cross committee, and Cross co ours at camp, and the bloomin' train sources Committee will work. In Ham ilton, where a branch was created last week, representatives from the city council, board of trade, Rotary Club, th, yes, the men are in love with the Canadian Club, and so on, were included up, but they bear up well when sep- in the committee, in addition to the more purely patriotic association rep-

resentatives. The same system of or-ganization will be adopted in London, ALL RETURN ON TUESDAY After-War Phases. This Government-sponsored commit Majority of Soldiers Will At

142ND, 161ST, 149TH

ON FOUR DAYS' LEAVE

Special Trains on C. P. R. and

G. T. R. Arrive From

Camp Borden.

tend Western Fair on

Monday.

Two special trains carrying approx

mately 2,000 soldiers from Camp Bor-

will arrive today, and the men will re-

The remaining members from the

FUNERAL OF MRS. BELBECK.

orthur Belbeck.

Dundas street. She was the wife

at 8:30 o'clock, and were con-d by Rev. D. C. MacGregor of St.

here the remains were forwarded by C. Griffiths to Exeter, where in-

terment took place this afternoon.

DEATH OF LITTLE GIRL.

services being conducted at 2:30 by Rev. G. W. Latimer. Interment was

made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Huron Battalion went via Palmerston and Wingham on regular trains, arriving at their homes late in the afternoon. he 142nd men will leave again via C. R. on Tuesday afternoon, the special being scheduled to depart at

tee is not to be a mere "war time" or-ganization. It is intended to be a more 82 formerly of East permanent organization than that, and it is expected to work not only for the immediate present, but for the future To aid in absorbing the soldiers into

ian life and in caring for wounded To aid in placing and absorbing the large number of immigrants who may ome to Ontarlo after the war.

organization of the resources of Ontario main at their homes until Tuesday after-

To assist in enlisting more men. To assist in enlisting more men.

To aid in keeping production in agricultural, necessary manufacturing and morning away from the camp. other essential industries as high as The first train to arrive was the

To encourage thrift and economy to enable us to finance further war expenditure and to meet the heavy obligation.

The latter men made connections on tions which the war will place upon the Huron and Bruce train for their

Mrs. Graham, wife of Rev. Humphrey
A. Graham of Walkerville, and daughter of the late W. H. Kennedy of
Toronto, was held Wednesday afterter of the late W. H. Kennedy of Toronto, was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her brother-in-law, J. D. Graham, 240 Dufferin street, Toronto, and was largely attended. The service was largely attended. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Rankin, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church, who officiated at the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Graham some years ago. Rev. Dr. Wilson, an oid friend of the famburs. The special Grand Trunk train, carbinate in the special Grand Trunk train, ca firs, Graham some years and paid tribute to the life and work of the deceased and he life and work of the l the life and work of the deceased and the high esteem in which she was held.

The pallbearers were two brothers and four brothers-in-law of Mrs. Graham.

The classic field of the deceased and days' leave once a month, and claim the new scheme to be preferable to the original plan of leaves at more frequent intervals but of shorter duration.

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Mis E. Melorum of Stratford is visit-the new scheme to be preferable to the original plan of leaves at more frequent intervals but of shorter duration.

The floral offerings were very beau- intervals, but of shorter duration. tiful, and in addition to the many from relatives and friends, were wreaths from St. Marys Methodist Church, Centennial Methodist Church, London: Walkington Street Methodist London; Wellington Street Methodist the Western Fair on Monday. London, and Walkerville

DEATHS AND FUNERALS Methodist Church. Mrs. Graham is survived by her husband, Rev. Humphrey A. Graham, one laughter, Dorothy, two sisters and

PTE, J. E. HATCH WAS KILLED IN ACTION

St. Thomas Soldier Gives His Life for the Empire.

> KILLED IN ACTION ST. THOMAS. Pte. J. E. Hatch. DIED OF WOUNDS RIDGETOWN.

MISSING. STRATFORD. WOUNDED FERGUS. Pts. J. L. Cook.

DUKE LEAVES TORONTO TORONTO, Sept. 7.—His Royal I ness the Duke of Connaught brough a close his farewell visit to Toron night, returning to Ottawa. In orning he visited the aviation g at Long Branch and witnessed fligh and fancy stunts by the aviators. The afternoon he attended a garden par



The SCHOOL BELL

IS RINGING

"I HAVE LEARNED

said a little mother of two fine boys. "I am fully convinced that

it is woefully expensive to experiment with various brands of

years ago-and they do today-because our School Shoes have

always been reliable. And this year especially, with shoes so high

and qualities generally so low, it's a good thing to tie fast to a

house that begins with Reliable School Shoes, and maintains that

Boys' All-Solid Boots, sizes 1 to 5\$2.00 to \$3.00

Youths' All-Solid Boots, sizes 11 to 131/2....\$1.75 to \$2.75

Little Gents' All-Solid Boots, sixes 8 to 101/2, \$1.35 to \$2.25

Growing Girls' All-Solid Boots, sizes 21/2 to 6, \$2.50 to \$4.00

Misses' All-Solid Boots, sizes 11 to 2...... \$2.00 to \$3.00

Children's All-Solid Boots, sizes 8 to 101/2....\$1.75 to \$2.50

Infants' All-Solid Boots, sizes 5 to $7\frac{1}{2}$\$1.50 to \$2.00

same reliable quality throughout all its Footwear.

Hundreds of parents and grandparents of today dealt with us

school shoes. That's why I always bring my boys to Ashplant's.'

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Make our store your headquarters while in town, and don't fail to look over our large stock of Cut Glass and Silverware. We sell nothing but the genuine Gundy Clapperton Glass.

Berry Bowls. \$3.50 to \$10.00 Sugar and Cream Sets....\$3.00 to \$5.50 Vases\$1.00 to \$10.00 Water Sets ..\$3.50 to \$18.00 Comports\$1.50 to \$4.00 Rose Bowls....\$3.00 to \$5.00 'Rogers 1847' Silverware, the plate of quality. We have it in all the latest designs, . Cromwell. Old Colony, American Beauty Rose and Vintage.

We carry the largest stock of tools in Western Ontario. Stanley Planes from ...

......40c to \$15.00 Madole Hammers

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Klein Pliers and Lineman's Tools absolutely guaranteed.



Cowan's Colossal Hardware

PERSONAL

Mrs. C. C. Swift of 159 Kent street is at present the guest of her sister Mrs. Davis, at her summer cottage, Penman's Merino Underwea

Mrs. Clarke of Toronto is here on a short visit with her son, A. J. Clarke, 18

Miss E. Melvin of Stratford is a city

isitor for a few days.

* * * Mrs. Campbell of this city is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. MacNicol of Strat-

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Westland have reurned to this city, after an extended visit in Zion.

Pte. Morley of the 160th Battalion, of The funeral of Mrs. Ada Belbeck, who died on Tuesday, was held this morning at 8 o'clock, from the residence of ents. mother-in-law, Mrs. Annie Belbeck,

Pte. Charlie Stable of 160th Battalion has returned home, after visiting services were held on Thursday friends in Mount Horeb. Pte. Neil Murray of the 160th Bat

ndrew's Church. The funeral was talion has returned to this city, after visiting his parents at Ripley. Pte. Angus McAulay of the 160th of this city, has returned from Ripley, where has was visiting

The death occurred this morning in Victoria Hospital of Iva Shores, aged 9 years, and eldest daughter of Frederick R. Bell of Ripley is visiting friends in this city. G. Shores, 1043 York street. She had Mrs. Brock and daughter, Miss Jean-ette Brock, of Wingham, are visiting been ill only a short time. The funeral was held the afternoon

from Victoria Hospital, at 3 o'clock, the Mrs. Bull of this city has returned home, after visiting her sister, Mrs. T. C. King of Wingham.

SHOE WORKERS' SOCIAL, - The Mr. and Mrs. Bert Spear of this city have returned home after visiting first annual cuchre and social of Local 88 of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union friends in Wingham.

was held in the K. of P. Hall Thursday evening, about 200 members and their Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boyce and two friends participating. The committee, the charge of Messrs. Arnold and Skinner, furnished an agreeable surprise in the way of prizes and entertainment.

H. Hinscliffe of Wingham is visiting

the the following were prize winners: Mrs. H. Hinschiffe in the following were prize winners: Mrs. Foldie and Mr. Rose, first prizes; Missights V. Graves and Mr. Art Hessel, consolities and the following war and the following were prize with the following war and the following were prize with the lation prizes. After an elaborate lunch-eon had been served, dancing was en-Garage, 76 and 78 York street, London.

Just Opened for Early Fall Wear

\$1.00 suit. All sizes.

GRAHAM BROS

SCHOOL BAGS, 15c, 20c and 25c EACH. BIGGEST VALUE IN CITY

PEEL'S, Richmond St

Ripe, Rosy Tomatoes

We are getting the choicest To matoes brought to Lendon. Smeoth firm fruit, large, heavy baskets, a

Also Dried Onions, Red and Green Peppers.

VINEGARS AND SPICES. To have your pickles "just right," it's necessary to use the finest Vinegar and the Purest Spices. We sell only fully-matured Vinegar and absolutely Pure Spice. Finest White Crystal Vinegar, a

Finest Cider Vinegar, a gallon 400 Henz's Special Pickling Vinegar, a gallon 60c

All other kinds in bulk. The Home-Grown Cantaloupes we are getting now are very fine.

Wyckoff & Gafeny

DUNDAS STREET, AT RIDOUT.

H. Hinschiffe of Wingham is visiting ed session of the utilities commission scheduled to have been held this afternoon, has been called off, as severe members are out of the city. It will be held some day next week.



this show, and at least see the exceptional values that are waiting for you, whether it is your intention to buy or not. Handsome Tailored Suits

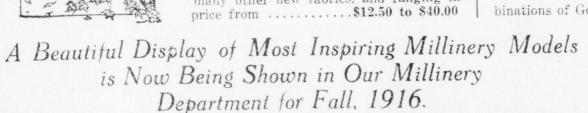
We shall have on display this week possibly the most comprehensive, and certainly the greatest, early-in-the-season values ever brought to this city. Any number of attractive new models-every suit perfectly tailored. Coats richly silk lined. Skirts of latest style. An excellent advance display of the newest ideas, in all the beautiful rich colorings and shades for Autumn. And the prices are very moderate, \$17.50 to \$50

New Tailored Coats

We show many novelties in fashionable outer garments. The new Coats are exceedingly handsome in appearance, and are made from very handsome materials, such as plushes, broadcloths, velours and many other new fabrics, and ranging in

New Fall Ideas in Dresses and Gowns

Several new models of Georgette featuring silver thread embroidery; also new braid trimmings, some in lovely combinations of Georgette and fancy Taffeta.



We have again engaged Madame Dumont, lately of Paris, France, to take charge of this department, and assure the ladies of London and Western Ontario that they will find here the smarfest and newest creation s in Millinery Fashion. We invite inspection.



