

## ADDRESS OF RETIRING PRESIDENT POWELL OF BOARD OF TRADE

The Desirability of Having Port Dover Harbor Deepened For Coal Transport—Many Other Important Matters Dwelt Upon

Members of the Brantford Board of Trade:

Gentlemen:—Regarding your Board's affairs and activities during the year 1916, we beg leave to submit as follows:

The financial statement of your Board has been duly audited and will be presented by the Secretary. The membership of the Board is not as large a number as we should have but, owing to the large amount of canvassing continually being made by the various war organizations, the membership committee did not consider it advisable to make additional calls on the citizen's generosity this year. However, your Board being the recognized spokesman for maintaining and advancing our commercial and industrial interests, we have no doubt that the committee's appeal, when made, will receive a hearty response.

As you are aware, the duties of the Board are mainly concerning Dominion or Provincial matters affecting us, of an industrial, commercial or transportation nature. (The Greater Brantford Board having assumed the department of acquiring industries,) and a large amount of work is transacted by them in a quiet, nevertheless efficient manner, productive of results beneficial to every business and citizen.

Owing to changes in train schedules, increased freight rates and demurrage charges, your Transportation committee have given most liberal of their time and succeeded in obtaining the best possible arrangements for Brantford.

Other committees have had similar calls made upon them in representing you at the convention held by "The Conservation and Natural Resources Board," the City and Town Planning Association, the convention, the "Associated Board of Trade" convention, the deputation to Camp Borden, and Bonne Entente convention in Hamilton, to meet the Quebec Province delegates, each requiring a couple of days and reports of which have been published in the papers. In the performance of these duties, not only did they give their time, but paid all their travelling and other expenses, which includes your secretary also. I mention this fact as many are under the impression that they are borne by the Board.

In addition a large number of our members' time is being taken up in the very onerous duties of maintaining and administering the affairs of the Patriotic, Red Cross, Recruiting and other leagues or societies connected with the war.

Special Meetings were called during the early part of the year.

Your Board arranged with specialists on each subject to address the members on "Production," "Back to the Land," and "Technical Education."



MLLE. HELENE DUTRIEU

Famous French Aviator who has been awarded the French Legion of Honor for her services with the French army during the present year. She is one of the most daring women fliers in the world.

tion," and on each occasion, although over three hundred invitations were sent out by the Secretary, we did not have an attendance of the proverbial baker's dozen, so concluded it was not advisable to hold meetings not called for by war requirements. However your Secretary's report confirms the fact that your officers and committees have given freely of their time in forwarding and maintaining your interests.

We are pleased to note the erection of addition large new factories and of large additions to several of our established factories, a good demand for their output existing and constant work at good wages for their employees. The city generally is in a thriving condition and as statistics show, Canada is also thriving. Before the war our imports exceeded exports by three hundred million. During the year 1916 our exports exceeded imports by five hundred million, the fly in the ointment being that the larger this balance consists of munitions supplied, the greater will be our business dislocation.

We have also taken up with members of the Board of Trade of the cities north of us along the Grand River, the desirability of concerted action being taken to obtain our coal supplies in particular, via the L. E. and N. R., that being the main reason for Brantford's strong support for its construction. The inability of present lines to handle the traffic and shipments via Niagara and Buffalo being demonstrated yearly, (this year being the worst we have had) shows the necessity of providing additional entry ports. The cities mentioned experience trouble similar to ours and we are informed that they would gladly take joint action with us in helping the L. E. and N. get such government harbor improvements as would enable them to bring coal supplies via Port Dover and in turn no doubt, we could get the L. E. and N. to give us as favorable rates as the Hydro does to London, or as on the proposed Hamilton-Port Dover line when built. London and Brantford being equally distant from the lake, we should obtain the rate of 50c per ton charged London.

The Associated Boards of Trade meeting held in Hamilton recently, representatives being present from Brockville to Windsor, and north to Sudbury. The Associated Board is one whose influence will be of rapid growth, province-wide questions being dealt with under most careful restrictions, and affording the best means for obtaining a collective opinion on questions that have received the consideration of local Boards that are intermunicipal or national in character. Several of your members were in attendance, two of whom, Col. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., and Mr. George Matthews, presented what proved to be the most important question for consideration, arousing the greatest interest and best discussion, and we can assure you that Brantford's prestige as the home of capable, eloquent speakers, was more than maintained. The hospitality extended your members by the Hamilton Board, which made the visit both pleasant and profitable has been duly recognized in behalf of the Board by your officers.

We have also to report that we have taken up with other Boards of Trade, the advisability of the adoption of the metric system of measurement in Canada. In view of the adoption of the Allied Trade Compact a unified system of weights and measurement is evident. Several Boards have expressed their intention of memorializing our government to that effect and deem it advisable that action be taken so that it may be presented at the Toronto meeting of the C. C. and Associated Boards of Trade. They also advise its adoption throughout the Empire, together with the decimal money system by those not now using it. The above being in use by thirty eight of the civilized countries of the world and likely soon to be adopted by the United States, Brantford being a

large exporter, should be much interested in forwarding them. We have also at the Board's request given considerable attention to Vocational and Technical training and the lines of manufacturing that would present the best opportunities for employment by the incapacitated, especially, and others returning from the front, as well as the coming worker, and found large lines of skilled employment to be thus picturesquely treated by a recent writer in a popular trade paper to be as follows:—

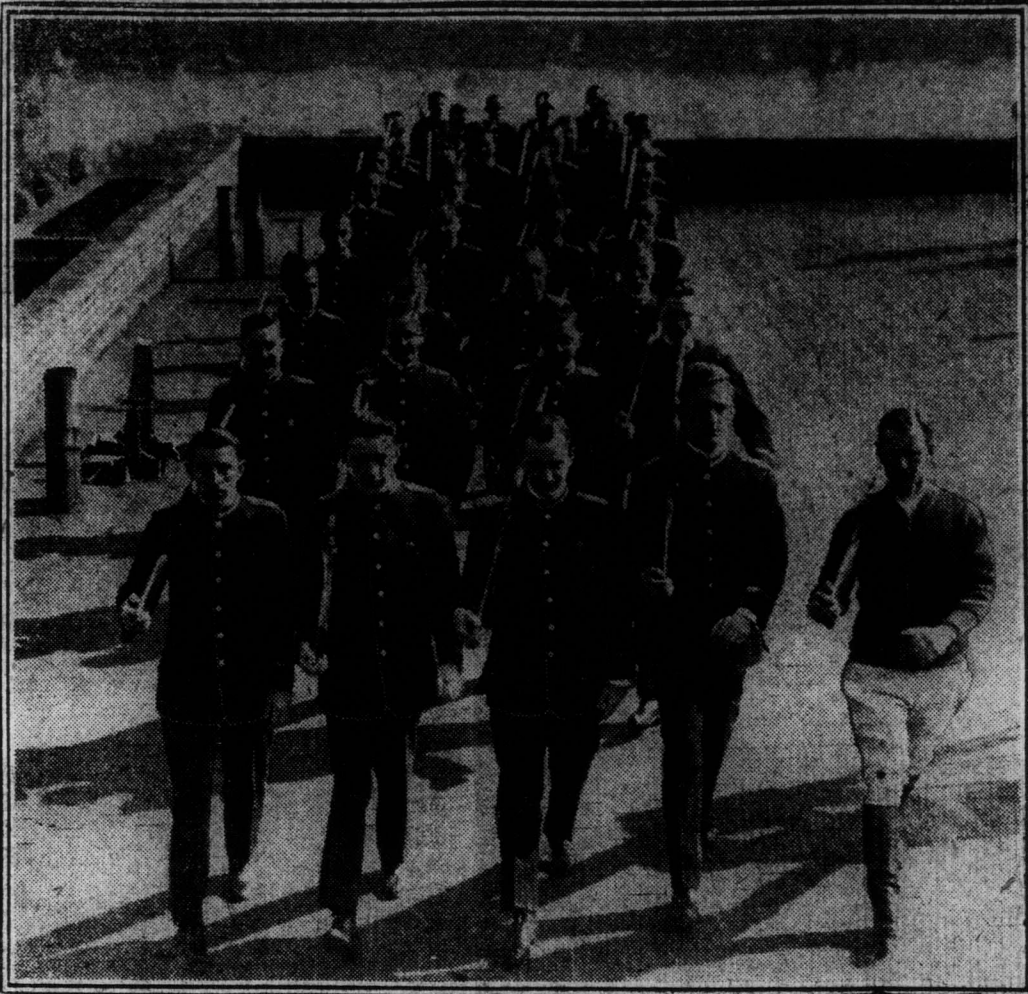
"Before the war our neighbors to the south sold to Europe more photographic supplies by six and one-half million dollars than of fresh beef, of typewriters by two and a half million dollars than of fresh corned beef combined; and three million dollars more in automobiles than of corn; and of leather and manufactured goods of the same as boots, shoes, etc., two-thirds as great as what British purchasing more than one-half, Germany being next." It may be that our own purchases are in similar kinds and ratios. Such being the case, it would appear that Brantford's position as an industrial city requires that the facilities necessary for producing the intelligently trained, versatile workman which forms the keynote of capturing this large empire trade, should be provided, otherwise, neutrals or enemies will continue to control it as heretofore.

The great war is still being waged; definiteness of purpose and certainty of issue characterizes the Allies' activities. As a part of the Empire, the achievements of the Canadians on the battlefield has brought renown to Canada, they having proved themselves better than the best of the enemy and as good as the best of the Empire. We are justly proud of them. As a people the efforts put forth by Canada have earned the admiration of the world, and Brantford's share in both men and means entitles us to feel that we have not shirked the duties pertaining to us.

Home of Their Own  
Now just a word as to our Board. We want a home of our own that will form a rallying centre for Brantford, more club-like, where we can all get together on occasion requires or can meet a friend on business if desired. The most successful Boards we have visited have such. We are continually missing the opportunity of being addressed by prominent men on public questions of the day, because we have not the accommodation.

May I, in closing, express my thanks for the honor conferred and the many courtesies extended by the members of the board, council and committees and especially to your most efficient Secretary, Mr. Hatley, who handles the work of the Board so skillfully that the duties of the President are light.

NEW YORK BELL-HOPS GETTING READY TO FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE ALLIES



This is a photograph of a portion of the 300 New York City Bell-hops who are busy drilling daily on the roof of the Hotel Biltmore. Ex-Army officers are training them and hope to have them in good shape to join the permanent army when the call comes for volunteers to fight against Germany.

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## STANDARD HOTELS MUST SERVE MEALS

Law Clear Upon That Point; Case of a Toronto Hotel in Question

Toronto, March 5.—As a result of the action of R. S. Burrows, Toronto's Chief License Inspector, who recently closed the Bull's Head Hotel, Niagara and Wellington streets, owing to the lack of proper accommodation for the travelling public, Mr. John Morgan, 189 Carlton St., has forwarded to the papers a letter which in part is as follows:—

"As I understand it, the standard license merely gives a man permission to sell soft drinks, similar to what can be purchased in any drug store, and take in boarders. Would like to know if there is any law compelling one who sells soft drinks from leaving part of building empty?"

What the Law Says  
Under the statutory provisions respecting standard hotels, Chief Inspector Burrows stated when asked on Saturday, a hotel proprietor holding a standard license must furnish beds, waiting and serving rooms and all conveniences, besides meals or the convenience of the travelling public and other guests of the hotel.

Avoid Spring Ills  
Purify and Build Up the Blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.  
In the spring your blood needs cleansing and enriching, largely because your diet has been chiefly heavy and your life mostly indoors during the winter. You feel poorly, and there is more or less eruption on your face and body. Your appetite is not good, your sleep is broken, and you are tired all the time.

You need Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is the one safe and effective tonic that has stood the test of forty years. It makes the pure red blood that will make you feel better, look better, eat and sleep better. It is the old standard tried and true all-the-year-round medicine for the blood and the whole system, and any druggist will supply you.

Be sure to get Hood's Sarsaparilla. Nothing else acts like it, for nothing else has the same formula or ingredients. Get it today.

## SAYS 'A CORN CONTACTS' LIKE ELECTRIC BELL

says cutting makes them grow  
Press an electric button and you form a contact with a live wire which rings the bell. When your shoes press against your corn it pushes its sharp roots down upon a sensitive nerve and you get a shock of pain.

Instead of trimming your corns, which merely makes them grow, just step into any drug store and ask for a quarter of an ounce of Frezzone. This will cost very little but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callus from one's feet. A few drops applied directly upon a tender, aching corn stops the soreness instantly, and soon the corn shrivels up so it lifts right out, root and all, without pain. This drug is harmless, and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding tissue or skin.

Important Gains.  
The operation east of Bouchavesness, just north of the Somme, is highly important, and significant. Here the Germans are still in full force; able to show the strongest resistance. There is no intention on the part of the Germans to surrender territory in this region without a fight. Peronne and the positions

Board's Wide Powers.  
"The Board of License Commissioners have wide powers in dealing with cases of violation of the conditions under which a standard license is granted," said Chief Inspector Burrows. "Similar action to that of the Bull's Head Hotel will be taken by the Toronto License Inspectors, acting under instructions from the License Commissioners, in cases where the holders of standard licenses attempt to operate a bar without providing the necessary conveniences, as stipulated by the regulations for the accommodation of the travelling public."

Case of Bull's Head.  
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The Chief Inspector stated that in enforcing the act the aim of the License Commissioners was to as far as possible encourage the establishment of a good class of hotels in preference to those solely dependent upon obtaining results from the bar end of the business.

## BRITISH DRIVE ON ANCRE FRONT STILL CONTINUES

Kaiser and His Leading Generals Hasten to Scene of Great Offensive in the West; Germans Continue to Yield Ground to Advance of Haig's Troops

(By Arthur S. Draper)

London, March 4.—The Germans, hidden by the mist, are still yielding ground on the Ancre and Somme fronts. Today the British troops advanced again east of Gommecourt, seizing territory to a depth of two-thirds of a mile along a two-mile front. Ludendorff and Falkenhayn, the Kaiser and Hindenburg are reported at the western grand headquarters.

Simultaneously Haig's forces smashed ahead east of Bouchavesness, immediately north of Peronne, and captured the enemy's front and support lines for a distance of two-thirds of a mile. One hundred and seventy-three prisoners and three machine guns fell into the hands of the British.

Overwhelming Germans.

The importance of these two operations is enormous, in the opinion of military observers here. The movement north of the Ancre shows either that the Germans have found themselves unable to hold their new lines in the face of the powerful British pressure, or that the second stage of their withdrawal is under way, with a possibility of its resulting in the abandonment of the entire salient south of Arras.

It is believed here that the British attacks are continuing to overwhelm the enemy, and that unexpected retirement from the positions thought to have constituted the new German line of defense is their only alternative except capture.

Trenches Shattered.

Advances by the British in the last two days east of Gommecourt have created a new and dangerous salient in that sector, and the Germans are believed to have been compelled to surrender further territory in the face of an enfilading fire from the opposing batteries.

Gough's troops found the positions evacuated by the Germans south and west of Baupenne to be completely shattered by British shell fire. Trenches were flattened, dug-outs ruined, German guns ground to pieces. Hundreds of bodies covered the ground on all sides; some just killed, others apparently having been dead for weeks and months. The Germans evidently found it impossible to care for their dead and wounded while the British guns poured their garrages of fire into the trenches.

The same thing is going on now. For every shell fired by the German guns four come back. Rupprecht is finding it impossible to keep his men in the exposed positions under such fire and the retreating movement is continuing, probably beyond the point determined upon as the new line of defense.

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adjoining it are too valuable to give up. Yet the British were able to-day to rush the enemy's lines in this sector, and wrench from his grasp trenches along a third of a mile frontage. The force of the British assault is suggested in the capture of 173 prisoners and machine guns, while the staying powers of Haig's troops is demonstrated by their rapid consolidation of the lines in the face of counterattack after counterattack in which the Germans are reported to have suffered heavily.

It is quite possible the British commanders are taking advantage of the German retreating movement north of the Ancre to extend their offensive operations in the Somme region in the hopes of pushing the enemy out of the Great Noisy salient. The British are now in excellent position to carry out both offensives simultaneously.

Recruiting for the two weeks of February went away below the standard that has made the 3rd Military District lead Canada for a month past. There were 453 new men signed up.

It is understood that the Dominion government has practically decided to prohibit the export of potatoes from Canada, and that an order in Council embodying this decision will be passed.

## BREAK A CHILD'S COLD BY GIVING SYRUP OF FIGS

When your child suffers from a cold don't wait; give the little stomach, liver and bowels a gentle, thorough cleansing at once. When cross, peevish, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, eat, or act naturally; if breath is bad, stomach sour, give a tablespoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the clogged-up, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well child again.

If your child coughs, sniffs, and has a sore throat, give a good dose of "California Syrup of Figs," to evacuate the bowels, no difference what the cause is given. Sick children needn't be coaxed to take this harmless "fruit laxative." Millions of mothers keep it handy because they know its action on the stomach, liver and bowels is prompt and sure. They also know a little given to-day saves a sick child to-morrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which contains directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by a fight Peronne and the positions

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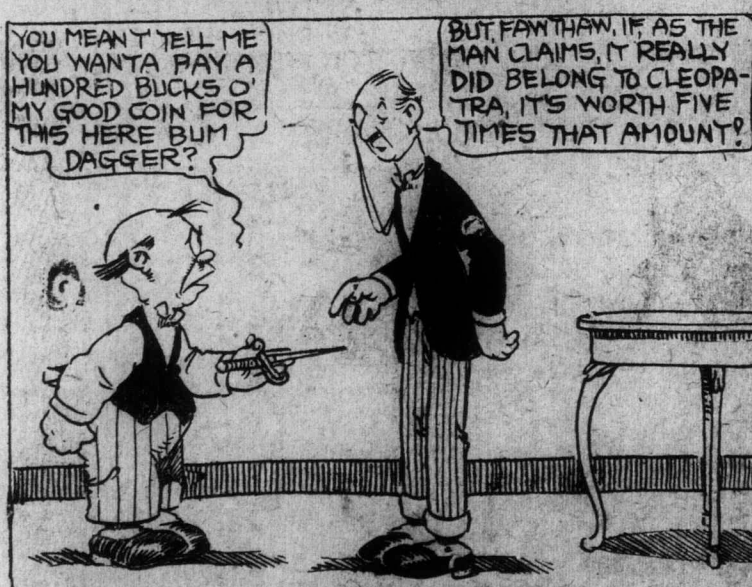
SUFFRAGE LEADERS WILL BE IN THE MOVIES



Moving Picture Houses all over Canada will soon be showing pictures of these indefatigable women organizers of the suffrage movement in the Province of Ontario. From left to right they are: Mrs. Ormsby, Mrs. Becker, and Mrs. McIvor. Note the serene smile which appears on the countenances of these women, the success of whose movement is now assured.

---By Wellington

## Cleopatra Batted a Thousand in Poison League



YOU MEANT TELL ME YOU WANTED TO PAY A HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR MY GOOD COIN FOR THIS HERE BUM DAGGER?



BUT FANTHAW, IF AS THE MAN CLAIMS, IT REALLY DID BELONG TO CLEOPATRA, IT'S WORTH FIVE TIMES THAT AMOUNT?



OUCH! GOSH-HANG TH' THING? I STUCK MY FINGER WITH IT!



YOU SEE, CLEOPATRA STEEPED ALL HER WEAPONS IN A MOST VIRULENT POISON, SO IF THAT POISON REALLY DID BELONG TO HER, YOU

—SHOULD FEEL SOME EFFECT OF THE POISON, BEFORE THE MAN COMES BACK FOR HIS MONEY?

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