

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

DEAD DOG.

A dead dog was discovered in a box on Water Street this morning, where it had been hidden by someone, who thought that the act would not be noticed. Arrangements were made to have carcass removed to a proper place.

BRIDGE SOLD.

The John Whiting Bridge over Fairchild's Creek was yesterday afternoon sold by Reeve A. J. McCann of Brantford Township, to George Thompson, who resides on the Brantford Hamilton stone road. The purchase price was \$15. The material in the bridge will require considerable work to prepare it for use, as the structure will have to be taken apart.

LETTER FROM ENGLAND.

Fire Lieutenant Fred Howarth this morning was the recipient of a letter from his nephew, Private Herbert Davis, of the 125th Battalion, in which the writer states that he has been granted a short furlough in England, and is now engaged in a sightseeing tour.

CUSTOM TAILORS

Messrs. Firth Brothers, custom tailors, will open their new clothing store upon Dalhousie street tomorrow, offering to the public an extensive array of first class goods. The quarters of the new concern are both handsome and commodious, and the fullest courtesy will be extended to all upon the opening of the store.

OPEN AIR RALLIES

The musical committee has decided upon open air rallies of the Sunday school children on "Confederation Sunday." The scheme is to have five or six groups of children of a locality, join together in the city parks and open spaces. A uniform program will be adopted, but a speaker will be selected by those concerned. The committee will choose the musical program, which will consist of "The Maple Leaf," "O Canada" and children's hymns.

PRESENTATION

A very pleasing event took place Thursday afternoon at the Brantford Computing Scales Co., when Miss Edna Phillips, bride-to-be, was presented with a beautiful gift by her fellow workers. Mrs. J. Jennings read an address, voicing the regret of those who have been with her at her work of patriotism, at her departure. Miss Vera Bremner presented her with an electric coffee percolator, and Miss Louise Clement an electric toaster. As the time was limited, Miss Phillips responded briefly, while all present wished her heartiest success and future happiness.

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Many Women Wonder Why

their eyes are "tired" when night comes—too "tired" to read. In such cases they will find that glasses worn through the day will help the eyes, and anything that helps the eyes will improve other physical conditions. Have us examine your eyes.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the finance committee of the city council will be held in the City Hall on Friday night.

FIELD POST CARDS.

City Clerk H. F. Leonard this morning received two field post cards from Horace Ellins, and Charles Flett, both former members of the 25th Brant Dragoons, in which the senders state they are quite well.

WANT SEWER.

The Steel Company of Canada have written the chairman of the Board of Works in connection with the construction of the Oxford St. sewer, urging that immediate action be taken as at times the water overflows, and floods the property so badly that at times operations are interrupted. Any move in the direction suggested will be appreciated by the firm.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

The meeting of the township council that is to be held in their chambers at the Court House tonight, promises to be of especial interest. The meeting has been called to consider the advisability of changing the territory of school sections numbers 14, 22 and 23. The Canada Glue Company, and the proprietor of a large farm in that section are the chief agitators for a change, claiming that a difficulty is being experienced in securing married men with children to work as the distance which the children must cover to go to school is excessive. They wish to be annexed to the district supporting the Echo Place School. There are other ratepayers who strenuously object to the proposed move and a lively session is anticipated.

MORE POTATOES

Owing in large measure to the efforts put forth by Ald. MacBride, the city has been successful in securing another small lot of western seed potatoes, which are to be placed on sale in small lots, in order to give all an opportunity to share in the purchases. The prices have been fixed as follows: Half bushel, \$1.35; delivered, \$1.45; bushel, \$2.65; delivered, \$2.75; bag, \$3.55, delivered, \$3.95. The New Brunswick potatoes, Ald. MacBride expects in the city not later than the first of next week, having received word that they will arrive here on Monday. A large number of orders have already been booked, and prompt delivery will be made. "We have gained experience in disposing of the first lot," states Ald. MacBride, "and shall profit by it when the eastern potatoes arrive."

POLICE COURT.

Two gentlemen of leisure, with time hanging heavily on their hands, were taken under the protecting wing of Constable Pickell early this morning at three o'clock, wandering aimlessly along Dalhousie street. Fred Franklin and William Miller, the two men in question appeared before the Magistrate this morning on a charge of vagrancy and were allowed to go out on their own recognizances. William Courtage, a milk peddler, who has been employed by him, with non-payment of wages to the amount of one dollar. Courtage was ordered to pay the \$1 and the court costs amounting to \$3.60.

NEW CONSTABLES.

Three men, all returned soldiers, who have applied to the Police Commission for positions on the force have been accepted. Charles D. Stodden, aged forty years, who was born in Halifax, Yorkshire, England, and has served two years and nine months with the 4th Battalion and who was allowed to return owing to the death of his wife during his absence, and Silas Taylor, aged twenty-five years, born in Manchester England, who is also a veteran of the 4th Battalion, having served two years and nine months also, will commence work tomorrow while William Dimond, who spent a year with the 84th, and who is like the other new men, an Englishman, will be taken on strength on Saturday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foster and family have returned from two years' residence at Asheville, North Carolina.

TRADES AND LABOR TO ENTER PARTY IN POLITICAL FIELDS

Independent Labor Party to be Formed in the City, According to Plans Discussed; Abolition of Capital Punishment Also Advocated

The formation of a third party on an independent platform was discussed at further length at last night's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council. The committee which had been appointed at last week's meeting to consider the matter had brought in a report. The platform which was advocated by them, and as the report was adopted by the council as a body, was one which constituted for the purpose of "promoting the political, social and economic interests of the people who live by their own labor, whether mental or manual, as distinguished from people who live by profit made out of the labor of others." In connection with the organization of the party, the Rev. W. E. Gilroy will be secured to address a public gathering to be held in the city on May the 30th.

The project of a third party was first seriously considered as a possibility at the last meeting of the Trades and Labor Council, and two days later the following editorial comment appeared in the *Expositor*: "The Brantford Trades and Labor Council has decided to form an independent labor party for political action. Well, this is a free country, and if labor is of the opinion that it can better advance its welfare by having a party of its own, rather than by supporting the candidates of other parties, it is quite entitled to do so. It is entirely a matter of opinion as to whether the interests of toilers can be best advanced by independent action or by bringing pressure upon existing parties, which latter has heretofore been the course pursued in Canada."

The above article was read to the delegates present by Mr. George Keen, who passed some very scathing and caustic comments upon the attitude of the writer. He thought that the writer was either behind the times or was possessed of a faulty memory, for Mr. Rowell, the leader of the Opposition in the Provincial House, had expressed a desire to have twenty labor members in the House. Mr. Keen was of the opinion that the paper in question should desire that Brantford should be one of the twenty and not the twenty-first to send a labor member to the Provincial Parliament. It was indeed gratifying to have the permission of the editor of the *Expositor* taking such an early interest in the matter, and we hope that this paper will continue to give us the benefit of its opinions, if not for our instruction at least for our amusement," concluded Mr. Keen.

In discussing the formation of a party, it was pointed out that it was a matter of persons who were admitted to membership that was the important factor, but rather the principles for which they stand. For the benefit of some who were doubtful on the matter, it was explained that as yet there is no provincial or Dominion organization of a Labor party, but in numerous municipalities organizations are being completed, and in time a federated movement will be evolved. Delegate Albert G. Brown assured the meeting of the assistance of the members of the Equal Franchise Club, but that they did not approve of the name "Labor" being included in the designation of the party.

The report of the committee was adopted, and arrangements will now be made by them to bring the Rev. Mr. Gilroy here on May the 30th, to address a meeting as the first step in a campaign to organize a third party.

"Whereas the object of punishment for crime is to protect the people from a repetition of the misdeeds for which the same is inflicted, and is not intended to be vindictive against persons guilty of it. And whereas people guilty of crime are not usually altogether responsible for their misconduct, the same having its origin in a defective heredity or environment, and sometimes both. And whereas to destroy a person's life because he has destroyed that of another is not corrective, is frequently lacking in justice to the criminal himself, for the reasons in the last paragraph mentioned, and in all cases a vindictive act on the part of the State. And whereas people guilty of murder do not usually weigh up the prospects of conviction and execution before committing it, nor does the fear of death as a consequent punishment enter into their calculations. And whereas if the nature of the punishment to be inflicted were considered before committing an act of murder the prospect of a long term of imprisonment would be as much a deterrent to the criminal as a possibility of losing his own life. Be it therefore resolved that the Federal Government be respectfully urged to introduce and secure the enactment of legislation to relieve repeated acts of judicial murder by abolishing capital punishment in all cases."

The text of the above resolution, which was drafted by Mr. George Keen at the request of the council, was unanimously passed after some discussion and the secretary was instructed to forward copies to the Hon. R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the Opposition, and to Mr. W. Bickelike, M.P., who is agitating for a bill to abolish capital punishment. In support of his resolution, Mr. Keen pointed out that it was the viewpoint of one generation that affected the heredity of the next, and that the government could not be blamed solely for existing social evils, when each man had one voice, and was responsible partially for the conditions as they prevail. The blame could be accredited to the folly or the ignorance of those who voted for candidates who did not administer the affairs of the country on a satisfactory basis. Delegate Moreau, referred to the convict settlement of Australia, as an example of the fact that the children of criminals were not necessarily possessed of criminal instincts.

One delegate was author of the statement that engineers were incarcerated at the Brantford General Hospital at a salary of \$50 per month, and were required to work seven days in the week. When the time was considered, these men who were able to present qualified certificates, were working for about ten cents per hour. The institution was intended to be a boon to humanity, and to be operated on humanitarian principles, and the delegate who introduced the question, thought that should be found in the treatment accorded employees. The delegates were unanimous in declaring that something should be done in such a case, and the secretary was instructed to write to the Board of Governors of the Hospital, and protest against the payment of such low wages to employees.

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Friday... 29c

Handkerchiefs
Ladies' Swiss Handkerchiefs hemstitched, self or colored borders, floral design on corner, reg. 12 1-2c
Friday... 25c

Handkerchiefs
Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with 1-4 in. hem on fine sheer linen, floral design and initial in corner, reg. 20c.
Friday... 15c

Children's Parasols
Pretty Sports Parasols in children's size, made of good quality mercerized material, all good colors, Friday... 50c

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The new ideas for motor-ing, walking and golfing, easy to slip on
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Silk Boot Hose
20 dozen only Silk Boot Hose, in black at 35c pair or 3 pairs
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100 Samples—Bar Pins, Beauty Pins, Cuff Links, Brooches, etc., enamel, sterling and gold filled, at... 25c

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Ladies' Summer Vests, with no sleeves or short sleeves, price... 19c

Ladies' Vests, with fancy yokes, with no sleeve or short sleeve price... 23c

Children's Summer Vests with no sleeves or short, all sizes price... 15c

Ladies' Combinations—summer knit, with short sleeves and loose knee, price 39c

Ladies' Drawers, summer knit, loose knee, trimmed with narrow lace, all styles price... 39c

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White Habutai Silk
1 Piece only, 36 in., good washing quality
Friday, yard... 59c

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300 yards 33 in. Natural Shantung Silk, free from dust and perfect washing, Friday... 39c

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Junglenut, the new n. kiss, per lb... 18c
Peanut Brittle, lb... 18c
Maple and Chocolate Fudge, per lb... 18c
Peanut Taffy Square, per lb... 18c
Buttercups, lb... 15c
Salted Peanuts, lb... 15c
Spearment, Licorice or Peppermint gum, 2 for 5c
Main Floor

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PERCY CORVEY.
The funeral took place yesterday afternoon upon the arrival of the late Percy Corvey, son of Mrs. McArthur, 62 Erie avenue. Interment of the remains took place in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Impressive services were conducted by the Rev. David Alexander of Immanuel Baptist Church.

SOLDIERS RETURNED.

Two more returned men arrived in the city yesterday morning, but as the officers of the Soldiers' Aid Commission had not been warned of their expected arrival arrangements could not be made to greet them. Ptes. Lockyear and Rowcliffe were the soldiers who came back, they having been granted a six weeks' furlough.

MAJOR COLEMAN BACK.

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To Offer Prizes For Best Gardens

An enthusiastic meeting of the Garden Plot Committee was held in the Public Library on Wednesday evening when reports were received from nearly all the ward chairmen which were most encouraging. The chairman read a letter which he received from Mr. Frank Cockshutt, president of the league in which the latter very generously offered the committee \$50.00 to be given in prizes as they may deem advisable for the best gardens. The following members of the committee were present: D. L. Williamson, chairman; Ward 3: W. J. Hartwell, chairman; Ward 1: Sam. Burnley, chairman; Ward 2: John Allan, chairman; Ward 4: R. A. Whyte, chairman; Ward 5: A. J. M. Tulloch, Ald. W. J. Nelson.

Each ward chairman reported having still some available lots to assign and hoped that any citizens who had been overlooked in the canvass would take advantage of the opportunity to work a vacant lot. Kindly apply to the ward chairman in the ward where you reside.

WE WANT NEW CUSTOMERS.
Opening days we are giving double value to Suits, by our "extra trousers free" offer. It's not a case of can you afford to—but—can you afford not to miss it. Fifth Bros., 123 Dalhousie St.

Grace Church THIS EVENING
Festivals of the Ascension of Our Lord and of the Dedication of Grace Church
SERVICES:
10.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
8.00 p.m.—Evangelism.
Evening Choir—The combined Choirs of the Brantford and Paris Churches.
Evening Sermon—The Rector.

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