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**ABOUT THAT SHOPPING.**  
 There are only twelve more shopping days between now and Christmas.  
 It does not take any argument to demonstrate that those who get to the stores earliest have the best choice of goods, and that the attendants have much more time to wait upon them than during the last rush hours.  
 Everybody knows that this is the case.  
 For a double-barrelled reason then it is most desirable to recognize the fact that NOW is the accepted, and the most acceptable time to make those purchases.  
 You are going to take your part in the gift and mutual good will spirit which obtains at the present season.  
 Of course you are.  
 Then see to it that your selections are made under the best possible circumstances for yourself and those whose business it is to do the selling.  
 Obey that impulse without any more dallying.  
 Courier advertisements tell you where to go.

**MATTERS IN GERMANY**  
 Berlin is a cauldron of turmoil and bitter strife, and Chancellor Ebert is described as clinging in desperate fashion to the reins of an attempted government. The fact that he seems to have the backing of a number of the soldiers is about the only ray of hope that he possesses with reference to withstanding the many cross-currents. A large portion of the populace are depicted as still in favor of a Kaiserdom, but that William does not figure in their calculations, because of the fact that he ran away to Holland.  
 Meanwhile the occupation of the Rhine territory by British troops, is bringing home to the people the sense of the Teuton defeat far more vividly than did the surrender of the fleet, which was a far-off event.  
 To venture any forecast of future probabilities, would be mere guess work, but it is certain, unless strong and definite leadership soon arises, that a condition of affairs may develop almost on a par with what is taking place in Russia.

**DIVID FINANCES.**  
 In accordance with his usual custom, City Treasurer Bunnell has submitted a summary of the finances of the city for the current year. It is a well prepared document as might have been expected from an official who understands his department so efficiently and thoroughly. The figures given are up to November 30th and to them has been added probable receipts and expenditures for the balance of the year, although in this regard it is pointed out that payments may yet be authorized, of which the treasurer has at present no knowledge.  
 The current revenue was estimated at \$746,493, to which must be added assessment for street lighting not included, \$5,757, or \$752,250 in all. The amount actually required proved to be \$749,953 and to this sum items not included in the estimate cropped up as follows:  
 Italian Red Cross ..... \$ 800  
 Salvation Army ..... 250  
 Women's Patriotic ..... 500  
 Emergency Hospital (est.) 17,500  
 Flood damage ..... 417  
 Ponds property (on account) ..... 1,500  
 Wilkinson street property 1,397  
 Motor truck (Board of Works) ..... 1,565  
 Paris Toll Road ..... 1,000  
 Estimated loss of wood ..... 1,800

There are also these overdrafts to be provided for:  
 Police Commission ..... \$ 2,100  
 Board of Education ..... 5,000  
 Hospital ..... 6,500  
 Library ..... 1,000  
 \$14,600  
 Thus we have a grand total of \$802,552, or an excess of expenditure over revenue of \$52,415, including \$51,052 due from the Waterworks. It is further pointed out that when the estimates were proposed it was expected that \$6,000 would be received from the Street Railway Commissioners for pavement instalment, but smaller receipts owing to the flu epidemic render this unlikely.  
 On top of the \$52,415 over expenditure, the Council of next year has been committed to the following:  
 Red Triangle ..... \$ 5,000  
 Red Cross ..... 2,000

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**  
 Brantfordites are once more realizing that there is quite a difference between the idea that municipal expenditures can be reduced, and what happens before the year is out.  
 The statement is made that Schleswig-Holstein may soon be declared an independent republic. This is the territory which the Prussians stole in 1864.  
 North Oxford Liberals endorsed Sir Wilfrid Laurier in convention while still backing their Unionist member, whom they helped to elect in opposition to Sir Wilfrid's views. They are manifestly some jokers.  
 The Union Jack is flying over Cologne and escaping the breeze to a more beneficial extent than any of the others ever compounded there.  
 Most of the leading papers in the Old Land are now backing the retention of a Union Government and the Lloyd George triumph would seem to be assured.  
 Canada's war outlay to date is \$1,063,000,000 and it is estimated that pensions will involve an annual outlay of thirty millions. And yet the farmers out West want to wipe out customs revenue.

**LAI'D AT REST**  
**HENRY HULL.**  
 The funeral of the late Henry N. Hull, of Scotland, took place yesterday at 2 p.m. from his residence near that place. The deceased had attained the good age of 71 years and had been active about his farm work up until a few days ago. Services were conducted by Rev. E. Vail of Scotland and interment took place in the village cemetery. Mr. Hull was well known in that community and in Townsend, where he had spent many years. The many floral tributes bespoke of the high esteem in which he was held. They were: Pillow, Mrs. Hull and Archie; sheaf of wheat, family sprays, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hall, grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Main, Chas. Carter and family, Jennie and Charlie, Mr. and Mrs. F. Howson, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. House.

\$1,900—For a 6-room brick cottage on Brock street.  
 \$25,000—For a 6-room brick cottage on Brock street.



British Sailors ..... 3,000  
 Knights of Columbus Hut ..... 600  
 Balance of Ponds property 7,000  
 \$26,600  
 It will be noticed that the Emergency Hospital and patriotic grants account for \$40,200 of the sums enumerated.  
 An additional liability is \$8,000 promised to the Street Railway Commissioners for cars for the Paris line, but not yet paid because delivery has not been made. Said sum is to be deducted from any Street Railway debentures which may be subsequently issued.  
 The following capital expenditures have been made or authorized for which debentures may be issued:  
 Fuel ..... \$25,000  
 Local improvements (completed) ..... 95,192  
 Lansdowne Park ..... 23,700  
 Local improvements (estimated) ..... 2,000  
 \$145,892  
 Waterworks Commissioners this year have expended about \$70,000 for extensions and betterments and have sold certain lands to the Dominion Steel Products Company for \$49,262. The latter sum is payable in five annual instalments. Consequently upon this expenditure the Commissioners are not in a position to pay over to the City Treasurer the interest and sinking fund of the \$51,052 previously mentioned. The Commissioners, however, anticipate that the Council will cause the necessary funds to be borrowed for capital expenditure pending the decision upon the question of filtration and other water improvements.  
 Debentures have been paid during the year or funds are on hand for them, including \$185,000 for original waterworks liability and there will be reduction in sinking fund and interest account during 1919 of \$10,700.  
 With regard to waterworks matters the Courier is of opinion that a good deal more of the land now held could be disposed of as an easement.



**ROBERT UMPHREY**  
 Toronto Business Man who died as the result of injuries sustained when struck by a motor car.

**Your Problems Solved??**  
 By Rev. T. S. Lincoot, D.D.  
 (All rights reserved.)  
 Dr. Lincoot 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.

**An Awful Sensation**—Miss E. L. writes as follows: "About three years ago when in the best of health there suddenly came over me the most awful sensation and it has never left me. Perhaps you will be able to say something comforting to me." You do not tell me the nature of your trouble. I do not know whether it is mental or physical. See a physician who is also a Christian and understands the human soul as well as the body. He may be able to help you. Whatever your trouble is, as you are a follower of Jesus, you may be sure it is allowed for some wise purpose and will finally be a great blessing to you. It may be of a vicarious nature, suffering for the sake of others; or it may be of the nature of Paul's thorn in the flesh, giving you the opportunity to test the wonderful grace of God, which can be made by you stronger than can counterbalance the pain. Try to forget yourself by helping others. Let it be the passion of your life to make other people happy, especially in your own home, and those who are your social inferiors. Do not complain; wear the smile that will not come off. Live a life of supernatural trust in the unseen and your joy will be great.

**Steam and Electricity.** In answer to a "Business Question" I am frank to say that advertising and publicity are to business success what steam and electricity are to motion and power. The world is going along before these forces were discovered, but no manufacturer and no community can exist to-day without them. The business man who does not advertise with the same persistence as he struggles for happiness and to make money will struggle in vain. Poor business and depressed conditions are the result of neglecting the art of advertising. It is very rarely that there are any exceptions to this rule.  
 "How Can One's World Old Age?" asks "Serious." Discard the thought of old age. Adopt the current California style of speech, and if you have to refer in speech to your own or another's age say "Ernest" or "84 years young." Bid farewell to worry, fear, hate, trouble and all the mind with optimism, cheer, gratitude and aspiration on going to rest. Live as much as possible in the open, and keep in sympathy with childhood, music and flowers. Be temperate and keep an even mind.

**COUPLER MASCOT.**  
 The Courier to-day adopted a mascot, in the form of a fine Boston hat which is the property of Mr. J. H. Johnson, advertising manager.  
 \$2,700—For a 1 1/2-story red brick grocery store. Business included. The stock at invoice.  
**The Quick Way to Stop a Cough**  
 This home-made syrup does the work in a hurry. Easily prepared, and saves about \$1.

You might be surprised to know that the best thing you can do for a severe cough, is a remedy which is easily prepared at home in just a few moments. It's cheap, but for prompt results it beats anything else you ever tried. Usually stops the ordinary cough or chest cold in 24 hours. Tastes pleasant, too—children like it—and it is pure and good.  
 Pour 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (50 cents worth) in a 10-oz. bottle. Then mix with plain granulated sugar syrup, or use clarified molasses, honey, or corn syrup, instead of sugar syrup. If desired, thin your mixture to one ounce family supply—but costing no more than a small bottle of ready-made cough syrup.  
 And, as a cough medicine, there is really nothing better to be had in any price. It goes right to the spot and gives relief. Lasting relief. It promptly heals the inflamed membranes that line the throat and air passages, stops the coughing, soothes the throat, relieves the phlegm, and soon your cough stops entirely. Splendid for bronchitis, croup, whooping-cough, and all the troubles of the throat.  
 To avoid disappointment, ask your druggist for "2 1/2 ounces of Pinex" with directions and don't accept anything else. Guaranteed to give absolute relief. The Pinex Co., Toronto, Ont.

**To The Editor of The Courier**

**THE CITY COUNCIL AND MEDICAL HEALTH AFFAIRS**  
 To the Editor of The Courier:  
 Sir,—After reading the proceedings of the city council as reported recently in the local daily press, it must have come as an "eye-opener" and with shock to many of our overburdened tax-payers to read of the finance committee's decision to fix the salary of the Medical Health Officer at \$3000 a year—an amount that must seem to the average citizen a reckless expenditure of money, and one wholly unjustified by the circumstances. As a matter of fact, the position of medical health officer in this city does not command unusual average conditions unusual exaction, nor does it demand a super-man to fill the position to perfection. There are at least half a dozen medical men in this city who are thoroughly competent and qualified to fill this position, and who would be quite willing to accept the position, giving it all the time it demands, at a salary of anywhere from \$1200 to \$2000 a year. It is well to remember that the brunt of the work—the labor—of the Board of Health, in any city, is necessarily borne by the sanitary inspector. That's part of his business in this city efficient Wm. Glover is the official that should receive a part of the above \$3000. "Let Bill do it," is always the sanitary slogan. The medical health officer of the City of Brantford cannot possibly earn any such salary as \$3,000 a year, however his present duties may be increased. Toronto, with its half million of people, paid its medical health officer \$4000 a year, but Brantford seems to be getting out of her class, in this respect. The strong "dope" has been handed out to the city council by medical men of excessive zeal, or something else mysterious and baffling must be accountable for it to permit of such "boasting" of salary, for what is more or less of a "kid glove" position. The idea of having the city's health officer do the scientific work at the hospital will be found unworkable—"too many cooks" spoil the broth."  
 One of the most important and vital matters concerning the health of our citizens is the question of the supply of drinking water, a matter usually left in the hands of our capable Water Commissioners. Nevertheless, this should be the business—the supreme affair—of the Board of Health, who should see to it that the supply of river-water, with its "chlorination" process—to purify the impure—becomes a thing of the past. That the citizens of Brantford should be supplied with drinking water brought from a sewer contaminated river, is nothing short of criminal, and the people pay for it in more ways than one. As I view it, the citizens are not getting a "run for their money," and just as the council ordered an investigation into the engineering department of the city, so should it appoint a proper committee to investigate and reorganize the city's public health department.

**PERSONAL**  
 Captain Arthur Bishop arrived in Brantford on Monday evening.  
 Dr. Marquis has returned from a trip to Atlantic City.  
 Mrs. C. E. Crane and Mrs. R. C. Edwards are visitors in Toronto today.  
 Mrs. Geo. Russell of 22 Lorna Crescent is seriously ill having been confined to her bed for some time.  
 Mr. A. K. Bunnell, city treasurer, is spending a few days in Smith's Falls and Ottawa. He left Sunday night on a business trip.

At the weekly meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Paul's Church held last night at the home of Miss Ellen Creaser, West Mill street, a very pleasant surprise was staged. The members and associates presented Miss Creaser, the past secretary, with a pearl studded pin. The presentation was made by Mrs. H. C. Light, after Mrs. W. J. Hartwell read the address. After the presentation was made, the evening was passed in games. The Men's Club of the church participated in the social evening.  
 Pop Phillips has lots of toys for the kiddies at the Midway.

**Buy Your Xmas Gifts at HUGHES**  
 They Will Have Distinction!  
 Here is a list of Gift Suggestions adapted to all sorts of tastes and pocketbooks. There are Practical Gifts or Dainty Trifles that are ever welcome, or Gifts for someone for whom you want something of a more intimate nature.

**SWEATER COATS AND SPENCERS**  
 A splendid collection of these cosy garments—and in all the popular shades.

**BLOUSES**  
 We are proud of being able to offer such a beautiful collection of *Crepe de Chine* and *Georgette Blouses*—for they will make *delightful and practical Christmas Gifts*.

**WOMEN'S PURSES AND HAND BAGS**  
 In *Leather, Silk and Velvet*. Always useful and extremely serviceable.

**IN NECKWEAR**  
 Exclusive styles that are immensely chic, but just arrived and chosen from a large collection of artistic models of which there are only one or two of a kind.

**BEDROOM CAPS**  
 Whose chief smartness this year lies in silk, satin and ribbon, with lace to trim them of course, and flounces or bows to finish them off.

Also *Umbrellas and Parasols, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Silk Undershirts, and a number of other things too numerous to mention.*

There will be someone to whom you'll want to give GLOVES. They are to be had in *Suede, Glace or Cape Skin.*

**Silk to cking**  
 The ever acceptable gift to be had in all the season's new shades.

**DAINTY SILK LINGERIE**  
 In flesh or white, very new and modish, consists of Gowns, Envelope Chemise, Bloomers, Yests and Camisoles.

**Practical Dressing Gowns**  
 Of Blanket Cloth and Elder-down or *Captivating Negligees of Crepe-de-Chine* are also in the lists.

**Fur Sets or Hudson Seal Coats—The Ever Welcome and Practical Xmas Gift**

**W. L. HUGHES, Limited**  
 127 COLBORNE STREET  
 Phone 546

**TO PRESENT FLAG**  
 The Victory Loan honor flag, worn by Brant county in the recent drive was presented to the county at the opening of the winter court held this afternoon at the Court House. His Honor Judge Hardy will give an address.

**Grand Indoor Midway at ARMOURIES**  
 Commencing THURSDAY, DEC. 12th  
 and continuing for six evenings, with Saturday Matinee. Under the auspices of Brant Chapter, I.O.D.E.  
**26 Midway Attractions**  
 DANCING—5c Per Dance.  
 Hotdogs, Coffee, Ice Cream Cones  
 BAND IN ATTENDANCE  
**Admission 10c**  
 Fun for the Young. Fun for the Old.  
 Fun for Everybody.

**WISDOM**  
 One characteristic of a wise man is preparation for the future. A Savings Account is one of the best means to this end. Stop spending your money for things you do not need, and deposit your surplus in  
**The Royal Loan and Savings Co.**  
 38-40 Market Street

**LOC**  
 NEW LIGHT  
 Six new placed on those now condition.  
**VISITED J**  
 On Sunday a visit to members of the band.  
**WERE UP**  
 "What a time!" some quire as they at twenty-five morning.  
**COUNTY C**  
 A meeting has been called for December 1 session of matters of be heard.  
**ACCEPTS C**  
 Official of the Rev. J. Street Baptist Church of two weeks.  
**SOME WIN**  
 "Winter?" this morning me of the no more was any surprise: "O, play ball on."  
**EMBARGO**  
 The embargo has been lifted. Food Board port depart sider applied the United and South A Indies, New  
**RADIATORS**  
 Dr. Bar speaker at a stators' support talk on "L. E. Ben bers, told "W. making of"  
**SOLDIERS'**  
 All the soldiers' wives will be ten days. The Courier night. The a total of 11 wives. To d delivered, n city are suffi ing orders."  
**CARPETRA**  
 A very cl was played. The game was half time, the vor of the re time the co "The last par The soldiers bunch of red the lodge me  
**RECEPTION**  
 The Young Wesley Church were present. This was un Rev. Mrs. M was under M as follows, win. Solo M Knowles, sol Mr. Crooker were only gi The last par in a crate for a contest for ple. The m Save the Kin  
**ZION Y. P. C.**  
 The regula Zion Church last night was national con- sion, conveno of sacred m sports. Miss sweetly "Jesu Taken," Miss Paper, dealt w tetic, compo man, Miss E. and Simpson, Me" in profes kington read a Miss L. Ann Simpson, viol piano, sang in voice. "Oh to me go" while the sketch. A by Mr. Hope which was sun attendance. Miss was brought i  
**PA**  
 limited, tea... Good... every wa... gift that... and pass... thoughtful... Next... issues... Ring... ing. C... of choic... designed... Come in... JANUS C... 128 P...