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Respectfully submitted, WILLIAM P. KELLETT.

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Brantford Should Sign Death Warrant Of The 38 Year Free Franchise On Monday

CANADIANS ARE TOO PROUD TO LET THE MOTHER COUNTRY BEAR ENTIRE NAVY BURDEN

Mr. H. B. Ames, M. P., of Montreal Delivers a Stirring Address on British Navy at Victoria Hall Last Evening - A Historical Review of the Greatest of All Fleets.

Last night Mr. Ames, M.P., of Montreal, delivered his lecture, "Why Three Dreadnoughts," illustrated with lantern slides to a large and appreciative audience in Victoria Hall. Mr. R. T. Hall occupied the chair and opened the meeting in a splendid eulogy to the military resources which Brantford possesses in her 38th regiment. He also referred to the newly formed battery R.H.A., and spoke for a realization of the fact that every man should be able to bear arms for his country. Calling upon Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., to speak, the member for Brantford rose and in introducing Mr. Ames paid a high tribute to the memory of the dead statesman, to whom both parties unite in doing homage. Hon. William Paterson, he referred to Mr. Ames as a man of high aims, a statesman and one of the most conscientious gentlemen in the House at Ottawa. He had the confidence of His Majesty's Government on his visit and the admiralty had given him every assistance to see the inner life of naval power. A splendid reception was accorded the speaker of the evening, who was given three rousing cheers at the conclusion of his address. Brief addresses were delivered by Mr. W. S. Brewster, M.P.P., and Ald. W. M. Charlton. Why Three Dreadnoughts The text of the address of Mr. Ames was as follows: "One of the most interesting sights in the harbor of Portsmouth is Nelson's famous ship, the 'Victory,' still doing duty as the flagship of the commander-in-chief. Although more than a century and a half have passed since this battleship was built, her timbers are still staunch and she is yet in daily use as a training ship. Nelson's line of battleships were of wood, propelled by sails and armed with smooth bore guns. They depended for success on close range fighting, on their ability to deliver, and to withstand punishment. Nelson won the battle of Trafalgar by piercing the enemy's line at its centre and then raking the opposing vessels with both his broadsides. Having destroyed the centre he smashed the wings. It was at close quarters that the combat was finally decided. The 'Victory' was 50 years old at the time of the battle of Trafalgar, and for half a century after that famous sea fight, there was comparatively little change in battleship construction. Modern battleship history may be said to commence with the Crimean war, when for the first time ships propelled by steam were used. The 'Wanderer' was the last sailing ship of the British navy. About the same time between 1850 and 1860 iron replaced wood as a material for the construction of hulls. Armor. But the vulnerability of an iron vessel soon became apparent. The memorable contest between the 'Monitor' and the 'Merrimac' during the American Civil war ushered in the new era of battleship building. In this engagement the value of protective armor was demonstrated. After 1863 we find battleships being given a complete belt of iron armor. From that time onward the never ending rivalry between the armor and the gun has continued. There has been of late years great improvement in protective armor. The 'Devastation' in 1869 carried a wrought iron belt 18 inches thick. This made so great a weight that one third of her displacement was accounted for by her protective covering. Improvements in armor followed until the Krupp steel plate, six inches thick, in use to-day, offers as much resistance to a projectile as

TAX RATE IS REDUCED BY HALF MILL THIS YEAR--COMMITTEE MEETS AND TRIMS DOWN THE ESTIMATES

The tax rate of Brantford for the current year will be 22 1/2 mills on the dollar. The announcement was made this morning by Treasurer Bunnell following a meeting of the estimates committee yesterday. Mr. Bunnell is preparing a statement showing the appropriations granted for various civic departments and boards, and, needless to say, numerous reductions were made. The tax rate this year is thus one-half mill less than in 1913, and it required careful figuring and considerable trimming to effect the reduction. The committee had an increased total assessment to work on, and the revenue of the city will be greater than ever. But the demands for expenditures on public works, schools, etc., and the increase in interest and sinking fund charges on the debenture debt made a formidable array of figures in civic expense. "The members of the committee," said Mayor Spence this morning, "felt that it was a time when only necessary obligations should be incurred by the city, and appropriations of the different boards were dealt with accordingly."

The Joke Is On Mr. Kellett

The joke is on Mr. Kellett. At the meeting in Victoria Hall last night Mayor Spence imparted some information which he had secured from Brandon, Man., the population of which Mr. Kellett gave yesterday as 24,000. Three years ago Brandon had a population of 15,000, and Mr. George Watt, manager of the Bank of B.N.A., gives the information that the population is now between 16,000 and 17,000. Included in this figure is the population, 1,500 strong, of the Manitoba Lunatic asylum. "How can a town with 1,500 lunatics run a street railway successfully?" asked the Mayor, pointed out that there was no amid laughter. It was further pointed out that there was no comparison between Brandon and Brantford.

DISGRACED MAN AT HAMILTON ENDS LIFE

Hamilton Wholesaler, James N. Gow, Slashed His Throat With Knife.

A SERIOUS CHARGE

HAMILTON, March 21.—A further sensation was sprung in what is known as the MacKay-Gow case yesterday afternoon. About 3.30 a report spread like wildfire throughout the city that James N. Gow, one of the principals in the case, who, along with A. B. MacKay, was committed for trial by Magistrate Jelfs on a serious charge against young girls, had committed suicide. Investigation proved that the report was true, and that the man, who had been despondent and in a highly nervous condition since his release from the cells on bail, yesterday afternoon, had slashed his throat with a sharp knife. The deed was committed in room 12 at the Terminal Hotel, where Gow took up his quarters last evening. Gow had been depressed all morning, and was even more pronounced when he had his dinner. At 2 o'clock he went to his room and this was the last seen of him alive. A maid at the hotel heard a peculiar noise and Mrs. Mullins, wife of the proprietor, and her brother-in-law broke open the door and found Gow lying on the bed with a gaping wound in the throat, and the top of the bed covered with blood. Gow was unconscious. Dr. Griffin was summoned but when he arrived Gow was dead. He was 51 years old, and had for years been connected with the wholesale grocery firm of MacPherson and Glassco. It was stated to-day that Gow was about to sever his connection with the firm but the members refused to make a statement until later. Mrs. Gow has been living separated from her husband for some time, and has been in Buffalo. She came to this city on Monday to take steps to

GOVERNMENT FEARS OUTBREAK

Passions of People Are Aroused and Troops Are Rushed to the Scene--Officers Are Resigning, Rather Than Take Up Arms Against Ulster Men --Late Dispatches Today.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] DUBLIN, March 21.—The immediate despatch of regular cavalry from the Curragh Camp to Ulster had to be cancelled to-day owing to resignations of officers of the Sixteenth Lancers and Fourth Hussars. CALL TO ARMS ATHLONE, Ireland, March 21.—All the regular artillery stationed in central and southern Ireland have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to Ulster at a moment's notice. All leave has been cancelled and officers and men on furlough have been recalled. It is reported that the infantry reservists have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to join their regiments. OFFICERS RESIGN. DUBLIN, March 21.—It was reported here to-day that Brigadier-General Hubert De La Poer Gough, the commander of the Third Cavalry brigade at the Curragh, composed of the Sixteenth Lancers and the Fourth Hussars, has resigned but this was not confirmed. Large bodies of armed police left to-day for various stations in the north of Ireland. Scores of special magistrates for service in Ulster were sworn in at the castle this morning. A MUTINY. LONDON, March 21.—A mutiny of two companies of the Dorsetshire regiment stationed in Belfast is reported by The Pall Mall Gazette. According to The Pall Mall Gazette's message, when the men of the first battalion of the Dorsetshire regiment were paraded in Belfast and notified that they were being transferred elsewhere they threw down their arms. A sergeant stepped forward saluted the officers and said: "We will have no home rule here." This is thought in some quarters to be an exaggerated version of the reports of unrest among the regular troops in Ulster. LONDON, March 21.—The utmost activity prevails at the war office and in the other departments of the government affected by the apparently grave situation in Ulster. All the secretaries of state to-day cancelled their usual week-end trips to the country. Col. John Seely, secretary of state for war and Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, conferred at the war office this morning. After the conference a statement was issued confirming the report of the resignation of some army officers serving in Ireland, and stating that these cases will be dealt with in due and normal course by General Sir Arthur Paget, the commander-in-chief in Ireland. In the meantime the officers concerned, according to the statement "are performing their duties which duties naturally include obedience to orders." Rumors also were in circulation to-day that other officers of the army serving in the south of Ireland will resign their commission if ordered to Ulster. In the meanwhile General Sir Arthur Paget continues to dispose his troops who have orders to safeguard government property and to maintain law and order. A detachment of 150 men of the regular army arrived this morning at Carrickfergus near Belfast to reinforce the garrison. Large quantities of arms and ammunition are stored there. In order to prevent an outburst the police in Ireland have been told not to take any steps to enforce the gun license act in cases where members of the Ulster volunteers are seen carrying rifles in camp or elsewhere. The act empowers the authorities to seize all unlicensed fire arms. The greatest danger is believed to lie in the possibility of Orange and Nationalist workmen coming to blows, as this might start a general conflict. King George is keeping in closest touch with the situation. He summoned the secretary of state for war to Buckingham Palace at an early hour this morning, and also sent one of his private secretaries to the premier's residence in Downing street to secure the latest official information. All Looks Like War. BELFAST, Ireland, March 21.—Ulster this morning presented a very martial aspect. All the towns were occupied by soldiers of the regular army and other detachments were marching along the country roads with long trains of baggage and ammunition carts on their way to strengthen the various garrisons. In the meanwhile at all the Unionist centres there was great animation among the "Ulster volunteers." Throughout the provinces a feeling of intense excitement prevailed and everybody seemed waiting in anxious expectation for something to occur which they knew not what. Belfast Lough, also displayed considerable activity. Two torpedo boat destroyers, the Pathfinder and the Attentive, arrived there this morning from Kingstown and landed five officers and 150 men of the Yorkshire regiment at Carrickfergus Castle.

BRANTFORD HOTELS ARE QUITE SAFE SAYS FIRE INSPECTOR IN CASE OF FIRE BREAKING OUT

Courier Reporter Conducts an Investigation With Officials--Every Hotel Bedroom Has a Rope to the Ground and Fire Escapes Are Marked by Red Lights--Other Buildings.

Following the disastrous fire at Toronto recently when the Woodbine Hotel was burned down, the question might be asked "Are Brantford hotels and other public places fully equipped with fire escapes and other appliances for the safety of their occupants?" The answer would be according to Chief Lewis of the Fire Department and License Inspector R. J. Eacrett that Brantford's hotels, etc., are very well equipped against danger. The license act requires that every room in a hotel must be equipped with a rope besides fire escapes on the building. Every hotel in the city has these ropes except the Belmont, which has something even better than ropes, an iron ladder set in the wall from every room to the ground. Besides the ropes all the hotels have fire escapes at the ends of their halls. Another precaution Mr. Eacrett has taken for the safety of hotel guests is to have red lights placed over the doors or windows leading to the fire escapes and notices hung over the halls reading "Fire escape at red light." Then again most of the hotels have a night porter, who in a small way looks after the building and is able to sound an alarm should a fire break out. Some hotels are peculiarly laid out and the fire escapes are hard to get at. In one hotel the fire escape is at the window of one of the bedrooms but Mr. Eacrett has taken the precaution to have the red lights placed over the door and thus guests will know exactly where the escape is. The Y.M.C.A., according to Chief D. J. Lewis while not entirely what it should be is by no means a death trap. Chief Lewis inspected the

SIMPLE BUT MOST IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL OF MR. PATERSON TAKES PLACE THIS AFTERNOON

Men Representative of All Walks of Life in Attendance at Obsequies--Fitting Tribute to Memory of the Late Parliamentarian.

The funeral of the late Hon. William Paterson takes place to-day at Farringdon cemetery this afternoon, with simple but impressive services. The outer world was represented by men in every walk of life and the more prominent mourners who will attend the funeral are W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., and Mr. H. B. Ames, M.P., of Montreal, and Mr. J. H. Fisher, M.P., who will represent the Dominion government; W. S. Brewster M.P.P., and J. W. Westbrook, M.P.P. The city council will be fully represented and many public bodies of the city will send a representative. At the late home on Charlotte street, where deceased now lies many visitors were received during the night and this morning, and all are moved by the calm resignation of the features of the late gentleman. Upon the bier and clustered round the room are many magnificent floral tributes, and they include offerings from public dignitaries and bodies. A large wreath is to be seen at the head of the room from Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Cabinet. Upon the black draped coffin are two lovely wreaths from constituents of the deceased. One is marked "Our Member, 1872-1896," and is from the South Brant Liberals, the other bears the words "The North Brant Liberal Association." The Mayor and council have sent in a beautiful token of their appreciation, also Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, Brantford Liberals have contributed a cushion. Many friends of the deceased, and not a few from political opponents, despite the requests for their omission. Mr. W. F. Paterson, Mr. James Paterson and Mrs. (Dr.) Branscombe of Picton, children of the late gentleman, will be present at the funeral, but the Rev. Charles Gordon Paterson, professor of church history of the San Francisco Theological Col-

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