

## THE COURIER

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## MR. KELLET'S LETTER.

Elsewhere in this issue the Courier publishes a lengthy letter from Mr. W. P. Kellett in criticism of the proposed purchase by the Municipality of the Street Railway System.

As our readers are well aware this paper is heartily in favor of the acquisition, but at the same time in accordance with its well established custom these columns are always open for properly presented communications whether for or against any proposed public project.

Without seeking to dispute the fact that as a ratepayer and property owner Mr. Kellett is fully entitled to air his views, the undoubted truth remains that at a figure very close to that proposed by the Corporation he himself offered to acquire the system.

Mr. Kellett very frankly admits this circumstance and in explanation says that he "represented financial interests friendly both to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway," and that they could afford to lose on the city system because of the chance to secure increased tonnage from the local factories.

Right here it might be asked, would the Corporation be any the less friendly? Hasn't it always given liberal treatment to the railways? Wouldn't it be prepared to enter into an equitable agreement with the L. E. and N. R. and the C. P. R. for the use of the city lines for car haulage and thus add to the annual receipts and make Brantford still more advantageous as a manufacturing centre? In the language of Mr. Kellett "it requires no very acute business intelligence" to answer these queries in the affirmative.

The letter rests very great stress upon the fact that Brandon has met with financial loss in connection with its municipally run line and that the service has had to be curtailed. As to that, Brantford and Brandon do not begin to be on all fours and for these among other reasons—

1. The population in itself is not as large as that of Brantford and it does not possess overflowing suburbs such as we do.

2. Brandon is not one, two, three with us as a manufacturing centre, with thousands of employees anxious to get to and from work as quickly as possible and the vast majority of whom do not reside close to the industrial establishments.

3. Brandon is situated in a sparsely settled region and does not begin to have people pour in as they do with Brantford from a thickly populated surrounding district with towns and villages.

Brandon up to date has not made a success of its venture, but that fact should not down the scheme here. Guelph and Berlin, much smaller places than this, are making their roads pay and so can we with proper management. If not, which is inconceivable, then in any event we will have ended a franchise which still had thirty eight years to run and could without doubt make a new deal on much better terms for the citizens and at a figure far ahead of the proposed present outlay.

This bugaboo of the inability of Municipalities to successfully run public utilities, is an old friend. It was raised by Moffat, Hodgins and Clarke, a U. S. firm, when this paper was fighting for municipal ownership of the Brantford Waterworks. Those gentlemen from the other side, warned us with tears almost flowing down their cheeks that a place of this size could never make same pay. That the enterprise would mean financial ruin and a general state of destitution for the community. Well they did pay right from the start and have proved a splendid investment. The same kind of prophecies were made by corporate interests with reference to Hydro Electric. They have been proved to be false right up to the hilt and so the list of illustrations might be continued.

Once more in the emphatic opinion of this journal, Brantfordites can have nothing to lose and much to gain by giving a pronounced majority for that by-law.

## THE CASE PLAINLY STATED.

The following editorial is from the Montreal Mail, a paper which has the record of approaching public questions without party bias:

"In presenting to parliament the largest naval estimates in British history, Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, has once more brought out in all its direst features the burden of the armament race. The circumstances which compel such great expenditure of money with such small promise of return, are most deplorable; but every time the responsible government of Great Britain seeks from Parliament a large vote of money for naval construction, the fact is plain that the demand is born of necessity. That must be admitted by all who retain faith in the integrity of British statesmen.

Canadians will be interested in the references Mr. Churchill has seen fit to make to this country's action, or rather inaction, in the matter of naval defence. Those who are inclined to criticize Mr. Churchill should remember that he says nothing that has not been said many times and with greater emphasis by many Canadians. The fact is plain that Canada cannot much longer fail to take some part in the naval defence of the British Empire. Mr. Churchill has stated the simple truth of the matter. Public men in Canada who have laid themselves open to the charge of being prodigal with the resources of the country along many lines cannot much longer refuse to lend assistance in keeping with the dignity of the country to the over-burdened British taxpayer.

The various states of the German Empire co-operate for military and naval defence. By virtue of that co-operation, Germany threatens the safety of Great Britain and the Empire. Co-operation with the Mother Country on the part of the British Dominions is absolutely necessary in order to keep pace with the growing strength of Germany, and therefore it is not strange that one in Mr. Churchill's position should be strongly tempted to make an occasional suggestion in the hope that the people of the Dominions will rise to a reasonably high sense of their Imperial responsibilities. The presence in the Dominions of so many who think to much of 'rights' and too little of responsibilities is a disadvantage which handicaps Britain in maintaining the Empire's safety."

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Just now all places in Ontario can boast of a winter fair.

The indications would quite seem to indicate that there is likely to be an Ontario election this fall.

In Havana a \$10,000 bill was found in a man's coat. Can't be too careful in the matter of selling one's old clothes.

The town of Gananoque has refused a library gift from Andrew Carnegie. In other words, they have told the laird of Skibo to skiddoo.

When the Grits are in office large public expenditures are "a necessity." When they're on the Opposition benches the same thing is "gross extravagance."

The Duke of Connaught yesterday in Toronto formally opened the Ontario museum. It is understood that negotiations are now to be opened for

the acquisition of Brantford's City Hall.

The Ontario Education Department has issued a book on "Good Manners." Somebody had better send the Grand River a copy before it gets on its annual spring foot. It understands volumes.

## William Paterson.

London Advertiser: Another veteran statesman has been called away; in the person of the Hon. William Paterson, of Brantford. A Scotch-Canadian boy, he leaves a record like many of his race, characterized by indomitable energy and perseverance. He was a businessman, and the talents he brought to the support of his own private enterprises he carried into public life, and made a success of both. A leading citizen of Brantford, he occupied the position of Mayor of his town, and when he first became known to Canadians by boldly entering the political field against one of the strong men of the country, Sir Francis Hincks and defeating him, he at once stepped into the front rank of the Liberal debaters in the House. His arguments were clear and logical; his language simple and yet forceful; while his voice was resonant and compelling—that of a regular Boanerges.

The advent of the Liberals to power in 1896, he became Minister of Customs, and with Hon. W. S. Fielding was a recognized authority on all fiscal matters. An advocate of the fullest international trade relations, consistent with the welfare of the country, he went down to defeat with his leader at the last election, seeing to enlarge Canada's business, and improve her markets throughout the reciprocity agreement with the United States, for which he was chiefly responsible. The labors of his last years of official life had been very heavy; and with his enforced retirement, wearied body and brain surrendered to the decrepitude of advancing age, and he disappeared from the public sight. But the rest he gained came too late to restore his health, and he gradually failed until the end came in peace.

So passes another of the old Liberal body-guard, one who in his prime bore his share of the party burdens; suffered his share of party reverses; enjoyed his share of party success. A party man; but much more; a man who worked for his country and gave it freely of all his strength and power. He spent the best of his time in Canada's service; and after his day of service was over there was nothing left for him but to content with the love of his family, the friendship of many who new him well, and the admiration of those who had seen and appreciated his life work. Like his old friend, Sir Geo. Ross, in whose company he first entered parliament, his life teaches a lesson to young Canadians. It tells them how one can use his talents for his own honor by giving them to his country's service; how from lowly estate one can rise to the highest places by patient endurance and unflinching energy; how the path of duty may be the path of glory, too.

## Want News Items.

The Electrical News of Toronto, will on April 10th, publish an illustrated number containing items and photos of Hydro Electric extensions throughout this province. They have written the City Clerk asking him for some items of interest and any illustrations they would like to have published at the paper's cost.

## SYMPATHY FOR MME. CAILLAUX

French People Gather at the Gates of the Prison Over Holiday.

PARIS, March 19.—Madame Caillaux's assassination of Gaston Calmette, editor of The Figaro, brought about another change in the French Cabinet, when Ernest Monis, Minister of Marine, added his resignation to that of Joseph Caillaux, Minister of Finance.

A meeting of the cabinet council accepted the resignation and for the present Albert F. Lebrun, Minister of Colonies will act also as Minister of Marine.

Madame Caillaux is still the object of deep popular sympathy and crowds took advantage of the mid-lenten holiday to gather at the gates of Saint Lazare prison, the women's penitentiary, where she is in custody. The people manifested great curiosity in the visitors to the jail, who included the lawyers engaged for her defence.

In the central districts of Paris, as

well as in the more turbulent quarters on the south side of the Seine, the police had taken every precaution to prevent political demonstrations. The residence of M. Caillaux was strongly guarded, as were also the offices of The Figaro, the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.

Yesterday's action, by M. Monis was caused by statements made in the Chamber of Deputies that while he was premier he had exerted his influence on the public prosecutor, Victor Fabre, to postpone the trial of Henri Rochette, who was alleged to have swindled the public out of sums estimated at \$300,000 by fraudulent company promotions. Rochette disappeared while on trial.

## Thirty Cows Slaughtered

Thirty-two cows were slaughtered on Tuesday at Liverpool and Birkenhead in consequence of the discovery of foot-and-mouth disease, and the Board of Agriculture inspectors are busy making investigations in 6,000 or 7,000 shippings in the district.

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## FRIDAY

Of all frid days this is the best, for men who earnestly have toiled; it couldn't have a keener zest if it were pouched or stewed or boiled. For now the week draws to its close, and we, who worked to gain the prize, look forward to the sweet repose the Sabbath brings to weary guys. Full soon the wages we have earned will come to us, the plunks, the rocks; and will those wages then be burned, or thrown at owls and chicken hawks? Shall we go forth and blow the coals, to gather which we strained our thews, and dislocated back and loins, and tore the half soles from our shoes? Ah no. The passing years have brought some wisdom, and we're frugal now; each man will toddle to his cot and handle the bullion to the frau. On Friday with reward in sight, the cheerful toiler turns his crank, and thinks of how, with sane delight, he'll place three dollars (\$3) in the bank. The week grows old, 'twill soon be sped, and we have rocks who for them chased; but those who paint the village red have nothing but a dark green taste.

By WALT MASON

## Birthdays of Note

FRIDAY, MARCH TWENTIETH

Lord Somers, who with his brother-in-law, Lord Hyde, is engaged in farming in plebeian style near Pickering, Ontario, celebrates his twenty-seventh birthday today. This "plowing peer of Pickering" is a very well set-up, plain-living and sensible young man, and among his rural neighbors he dresses and behaves like a thorough-going democrat. Before he succeeded to the barony, he was simply Arthur Herbert Tennyson Cocks, great nephew of the fifth baron. He was a lieutenant in the First Life Guards and at the coronation of the late Edward VII. acted as one of His Majesty's pages. The farming experiment was begun two years ago and is said to be meeting with fair success.

Torrance Murphy of Perth choked to death while eating a piece of meat.

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## CATALOGUES

Have you received one of our beautiful Catalogs? If not, we would like you to have one, as we feel that its contents will interest you, and will also show you how we are catering to you in the way of prices and quality. WRITE TO-DAY FOR ONE.

## Millinery

VISIT THE MILLINERY PARLORS ON THE SECOND FLOOR AND SEE THE Dainty CREATIONS IN MILLINERY. THE BLACK HAT IS FAVORED, BUT SUCH DARING SHAPES AND COLORINGS AS ARE SHOWN LEAVES YOU OPEN TO A CHOICE. NEW STYLES ARE COMING DAILY FROM OUR OWN EXPERT MILLINERS.

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Some Leaders in  
the New Fabric

## Coatings

We are showing some beautiful coating materials in Tango, Cerise, Paddy, Alice, Madonna Blue, Soldier Red, Purple, Brown, Tan, Navy, Cream, 52 inches wide. Priced . . . \$1.50

## Gabradene Cloth

This is one of the new cloths this season for light-weight suits and dresses, fine cord effect, in all the new shadings for spring. 52 in. wide Priced . . . \$1.10

We are making it worth while for you to visit the Store this week by giving some special bargains.

A Few Interesting Prices on  
Some of This Season's Fabrics

Bedford Cord Suitings—These are very popular and promise to be in great demand. The shadings are all new and worthy of a visit for that alone. 52-inches wide. Priced at \$1.75

Black and White Checks, are perhaps the most-talked-of cloth at the present, and this season indications point to a big demand for them. Widths from 40 to 60 inches. Priced from 39c to \$2.75

Bedford Cords, Gabradenes, Soudan  
Cloths, Etc.

The above mentioned cloths we have put together for this week. Every color is included. —yes, every color. Special price... 85c

Creme Meteor—44-inch beautiful silk crepe effect, in Pink, Alice, Madonna, Blue, Brown, Tan, Prune, Raspberry, Taupe, Mauve. Black. Special . . . \$1.25

Dainty fancy crepes to match the above at \$2.00 up

## Black Brocades

Blacks are generally overlooked, but no so here. We are showing some beautiful black materials, and among these we might mention the large range of brocaded silk and wool mixtures. Priced from 75c to \$4.00

## Wash Fabrics

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A soft suiting fabric in the daintiest color tints of Tan, Pink, Tango, Blue and White. This has the colored ground with fine hair check, hence the name, "Skeleton Check," 42 inches wide, fast color. Priced \$1.10

## Striped Ratines

Another cotton suiting in beautiful shadings of Tango, Old Rose, Madonna Blue, Tan, Pink and White, colored ground with fine hairline stripe, 42 inches wide, fast color. Priced 95c

CITY COUNCIL TO  
ATTEND FUNERAL

Remains of Hon. W. Paterson Arrived in City Today.

The press of Canada, irked of politics, yesterday paid tribute to the life of the late William Paterson, showing a sphere of activity of the one who resented Brantford and Brant many years in Parliament and in its scope. The private and exemplary character of the man as well as the parliamentary extolled in the numerous tributes throughout the Dominion. The remains of the late Mr. Paterson arrived in the city this afternoon from Pictou, and were conveyed to the residence of Mr. W. F. P. 87 Charlotte street, when funeral will take place tomorrow to Farrington Church. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. J. H. Leeming and T. H. George Kippax of Pictou will conduct the service.

Messages of Condolence received from all over the Dominion, in which were many former fellow Cabinet Ministers, members of Parliament, Hon. Fielding and Hon. Mackenzie will attend the obsequies tomorrow.

## City Council to Attend

The City Council will attend funeral in a body, as well as representatives of the Brantford Associations. On Sunday re

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