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THE SITUATION

The news from Italy is decidedly better. A despatch under date of December 31st announced that French forces in Northern Italy had assumed the offensive and captured portions of the Austro-German positions in Monte Tomba.

From Palestine the reports of Gen. Allenby continue to record marked progress on the part of the British forces. A further gain of seven miles has recently been chronicled, together with the taking of many prisoners and guns.

The news from Russia is still chaotic. Without doubt much internal fighting still continues and as far as the Bolshevik government is concerned German domination is becoming more apparent.

There are many important matters to be dealt with this year and citizens should see to it that in all directions they make careful choice.

Notes and comments: Hearty congratulations to General Ashton upon his newly conferred honor at the hands of the King.

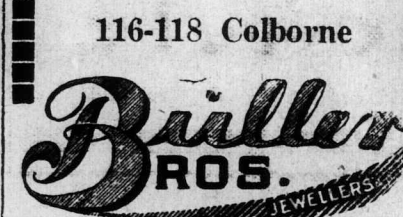
Probably one of the reasons why Toronto has elected its Mayor for a fourth term, is that it wants to maintain the nickname of "The Good," by keeping a Church at the head of affairs.

Jack Frost having demonstrated what he can do with the zero brand, will kindly remember that everything is going up, and regulate the mercury for the balance of the winter accordingly.

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throughout the Dominion, owes very much, indeed, to its women folk and here is an excellent chance for the residents of this city to make some acknowledgment of that fact.

MANY VOTES. The citizens in the approaching municipal contest will have many votes to cast as follows:

For Mayor.
For Water Commissioner.
For Street Railway Commissioner.
For School Trustees.

For aldermen in four wards.
For the referendum in connection with a municipal coal yard and for the proposed expenditure of \$40,000 on the St. Paul's avenue subway.

Dropin Vital Statistics: Fewer Births, Marriages and Deaths in 1917 Than in 1916

A falling off is observed in every branch of the city's vital statistics for the past year, from those of 1916. For 1917, births, 704; marriages, 737; deaths, 288.

Reprisal air raids of the allies over Germany are stated to be awakening the people of the Fatherland to the fact that the ruthlessness of their rulers in this respect has been a mistake.

VOTE FOR BOTH. For the first time in the municipal history of Brantford, two of the fair sex are candidates for the position of School Trustee.

Both of them have had experience as teachers. Mrs. Ballachey before her marriage to Major Ballachey, who bravely gave his life not long ago, at the front, and Miss Colter, for many years on the Brantford Public School staff, in fact, she only resigned a few months ago from a long and successful career in that capacity.

In every respect both are well adapted to make excellent trustees and the Courier sincerely hopes that they will be returned by emphatic majorities.

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