RAIN MEANS MUCH TO FARMERS AFTER LONG DRY SEASON

Assists Fall Plowing, Late Crops and Wheat.

PASTURAGE IS BENEFITED

Trip Through District Reveals Little Evidence of Heavy Showers.

Immigration Inspector Farrel of the Ontario Government Employment Bureau, returning from a trip throughout the country today, states that as a result of the heavy rain which was general all over the vicinity, district farmers are happier than they have been for weeks.

The moisture came just in the nick of time, according to Mr. Farrell, and did an inestimable amount of good to crops throughout the district. Fall wheat planted some days ago had not begun to grow because of the dry condition of the soil. With the appearance of the rain, however, a presentable crop of wheat for next year will be insured. Pasture and potatoes benefitted to a large extent form the moisture. Potatoes were temporarily checked in their growth owing to the drought of the last there weeks, but a re-continuation of growth will now take place and spuds are expected to regain any lost size and quality suffered from dry weather.

Tomatoes of the district that have not been frozen will also make favorable headway following yesterday's rain.

Farmers state that cold weather generally sets in after rain at this time of the season, but in this case it looks as if warm weather will continue, despite the moisture.

Motoring through the district this morning Mr. Farrel says that it would have been impossible to discover whether rain had appeared in the country but for the condition of the roads, as the fields and pasture absorbed all the water.

HOUSE COLLECTING DATA FOR PEACE CONFERENCE THAT WILL FOLLOW WAR

New York, Sept. 28.—Col. E. M. House, who has represented President Wilson unofficially on several missions, admitted last night that he had been requested by the president to aid in collecting data to be presented to the peace conference at the close of the war.

"For more than two years all of the European belligerents have been gathering data to be laid on the table at the peace conference," said Col. House. The United States is belated in taking up its activities along this line.

KILLED BY EXCITEMENT.

Toronto, Sept. 28.—A tragic touch was given the conflagration at the hydro-electric headquarters when the manager of Ligget's Drug Store, S. C. McKeown, dropped dead while the fire was raging. The drug store is beside the hydro shop, and it was no doubt the excitement of Mr. McKeown and his anxiety for his store's safety that caused his sudden death.

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LOCAL NEWS

SMALL CLAIMS.—Several small actions were heard by Judge Judd today at a sitting of the first division court. The majority were for small claims for debts and were disposed of, while a few were adjourned.

PREPARATORY SERVICE.—Rev. R. G. Peever will conduct the preparatory service in First Presbyterian Church this evening at 8 o'clock. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the morning service on Sunday.

RATIONS CUT DOWN. — Amendments to the scale of rations issued to the troops are announced in today's orders. The allowance of bread is reduced from one pound to fourteen ounces, and the allowance of meat is also reduced to that amount.

FOUR CASES ENTERED.—Up until noon today four cases had been entered for trial at non-jury sittings of the county court, to open on Tuesday afternoon next before Judge Macbeth. The cases entered were Farrow Bros. vs. Royal Bank, Chantler Bros. vs. Kingsmill, Harris & Co. vs. Walsh, and Rae vs. Finch.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER.—An enjoyable time was spent Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. V. Gower, 905 Princess avenue, where a miscellaneous shower was tendered Miss Ada Gould, who was the recipient of many handsome and useful gifts. The evening was spent in games and music, after which a dainty buffet luncheon was served by the hostess.

WILL ADDRESS THREE MEETINGS SUNDAY.—Sergt.-Major Harry Edwards will address the Brotherhood Class of the Askin Street Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Sunday. At 3 p.m. he will address the Sunday School rally at the Knox Presbyterian Church, South London, and at 7 p.m. will occupy the pulpit of the First Christian Church, Dundas and Elizabeth streets.

SHOWING AT DETROIT.—Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Fitzsimmons, this city, will show their Maltese poodles at Detroit. At the Western Fair, Mrs. Fitzsimmons turned out the winners, beating her husband. Since that time, he has been devoting more time to getting his dogs into condition, and expects to collect the blue ribbons. The kennels won four firsts, two seconds and several specials at the Western Fair.

ENCOURAGING REPORTS. — The committee of the Knights of Columbus, in charge of the canvass for the Roman Catholic Overseas Chaplains' Fund, was very much encouraged by reports of progress presented at a meeting held last evening, though it was not possible to arrive at an estimate of final results, owing to the fact that the canvass will not be complete until Saturday evening.

CASE TOO TRIVIAL.—Henry Macklin, J. P., and Squire Chittick, presiding at the morning police court session, dismissed a case where a West London citizen was charged with assaulting a 12-year-old boy. According to the evidence, the citizen had made a pass at the boy when he persisted in annoying him, but had failed to strike him. The boy, on the other hand, claimed he did. The complainant was the boy's mother who unraveled several hundred yards of conversation in telling the story. "Too trifling an affair to be bothered with," said the magistrates.

SOUTHERN MELODIES AT MISSION.—At the City Mission, Richmond street, on Thursday of last week the colored choir of Bethany Methodist Church took a large part in the musical services of the evening, and so pleased the people present that an immediate demand was made that they repeat the visit at an early date. They will be present in a body at the service in the mission tomorrow night. Rev. Mr. Logan, the pastor of Bethany Methodist Church, has consented to preach on this occasion.

NEIGHBOR SHOT PIGS, ACCORDING TO WARRANT

London Township Man Charged With Slaying Porkers With Gun.

Charles Powell, a London Township resident, whose farm is near St. John's, complains to the county authorities that a neighbor, William Talbot, shot two of his pigs as the latter were strolling through his garden. Powell claims his pigs got on the neighbor's property and a few minutes later he heard two shots. He found one of his pigs later in his cornfield in a dying condition. The other never showed up. Today he swore out an information and County Constable Corsaut, armed with a search warrant, is making a search of the premises this afternoon.

RECRUITING STOPPED

Cyclists Will Take No Further Men, Say Orders.

Two drafts of troops will be leaving the city within a short time, according to an announcement made today. Recruiting for the cyclists has ceased and the depot is likely to be moved to another camp soon. The forestry battalion will be sending men out of the district within a few weeks also.

IMPERATIVE NEED OF MEN WILL NOT PERMIT FURLOUGH

Minister of Militia Replies to Local Petitions.

HAS GREATEST SYMPATHY

In View of the Situation Can Do Nothing Else But Refuse, He Says.

That the imperative and pressing need of men at the front will not permit of the granting of a furlough to men of the first contingent was the substance of a letter received by Mrs. H. A. Boomer from the minister of militia, W. E. Kemp, in answer to petitions circulated recently by the local council of women.

The following letter adressed to Mrs. Boomer is self-explanatory:

Dear Madam,—Re furlough to Canada for men of the 1st Contingent:

With reference to your letter of the 18th inst., and the accompanying petition from your city and outlying districts, which was handed to me by Mr. S. F. Glass, M. P., I need not assure you that the request made therein has my greatest sympathy. No one, I think, realizes more than I do, as minister of militia, the tremendous sacrifices being made by the mothers, wives and sisters of our soldiers at the front, and their natural longing to have their loved ones returned to them. In my position, also, I daily see the casualty lists, in which the names of so many brave young Canadians appear, and it is tragically brought home to me what a fearful toll this war is taking from the best manhood of our country.

No one could wish more earnestly than the Government that a furlough could be granted to the gallant members of our 1st Contingent who have served so long and so faithfully. The need for men at the front, however, has been so imperative, that it has not been possible to take this very desirable course, nor, unfortunately, in view of the gravity of the struggle, does there seem any prospect at present of being able to do so. So far as is known, none of the belligerent nations have been able to grant similar furloughs, and you may rest assured that nothing but hard necessity would be permitted to stand in the way.

The people of Canada may be sure that if, at a later date, conditions change to such a degree as to permit of our bringing back to Canada on furlough any considerable number of men, those gallant boys who responded first to the call to arms and went overseas with the 1st Contingent will be the first to be considered.

I remain, yours faithfully,
W. E. KEMP.

MEMORIAL RECTOR TO ASSUME HIS DUTIES ON FIRST OF DECEMBER

Bishop of Huron Makes This Announcement on Return.

The Bishop of Huron arrived home today after attending a meeting of the house of bishops in Ottawa and also the annual meeting of the big departments of the Church of England in Canada, the Sunday School Commission, the Missionary Society of the Church in Canada and the Social Service Council. Concerning the Social Service Council, his lordship stated that a resolution in favor of Dominion-wide prohibition, moved by Archdeacon Renison of Moosenee, and seconded by Canon Plumptre of Toronto, was adopted "unanimously, quite."

While in the east, Bishop Williams saw Rev. G. I. Warner of Montreal in regard to his appointment to the rectorship of the Cronyn Memorial Church. Mr. Warner, Bishop Williams stated, will in all probability take up his duties here the 1st of December.

STUDENTS ALREADY REGISTERING FOR 1917-18 "U" TERM

Monday, However, Is Official Registration Day.

Although Monday is the official registration day for both arts and medical departments of Western University, a number of students have already registered. Dr. Nevills, registrar of the arts department, is opening an office in the art building on St. George street. The arts students will register there, while the medical students will register at the Medical School, Waterloo street.

A number of the teachers of the city staff have expressed a desire to take special lectures after 4 o'clock in the afternoon and on Saturday morning. In order to insure proper accommodation for these special students, a request has been made for an early registration as well as designation of the courses required. This will enable the faculty to so arrange the timetables as to take care of the part-time students.

PRESIDENT GIVEN LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Head of North End Red Cross Honored by Associates.

An interesting feature in connection with the meeting of the North End Red Cross Thursday afternoon was the presentation of a life membership to the capable president, Mrs. C. B. Edwards. Mrs. F. E. Leonard performed this ceremony in a graceful little speech, commenting upon the fine service rendered by the society and speaking with warm appreciation of Mrs. Edwards.

The meeting was well attended yesterday, and machines were kept busy during the afternoon, the members taking up the work with renewed energy after a slackening of effort on the part of some during the holiday season. An effort is being made at the present time to enroll as many new workers as possible.

GOING TO KINGSTON

Divisional Ammunition Column Expected to Train There This Winter.

The Divisional Ammunition Column, which numbers many Londoners in its ranks, will not likely spend the winter in this city, although the 63rd Battery will in all probability be here until spring. The men of the ammunition column have been training at Petawawa all summer, and will now go to Kingston, it is thought.

CHICAGO GRAND JURY INDICTS "INDUSTRIALS"

Washington, Sept. 28.—More than 150 indictments have been found by the federal grand jury in Chicago, investigating I. W. W. activities on evidence secured in the recent federal raid.

The evidence upon which the grand jury has acted is said to show conspiracies and plots to hamper the Government in its war activities, and to show connections with German sources.

Young London Boy Serving at Front With Engineer Unit.

SAPPER CECIL DAVID, son of Isaac David of 274 Wharncliffe road. Sapper David left London with a draft of the Canadian Engineers last December and is now in France doing his bit. The young London soldier is 19 years of age. Before he enlisted he was employed as an upholsterer.

Advertiser Illustrations

ROOSEVELT TELLS OF BACKING GERMANY OFF WHEN HE RULED

Prevented Occupation of Venezuela in 1902.

HAD DEWEY ALL READY

That Was Last Flicker of British Antagonism for United States.

CHICAGO, Sept. 27. — Col. Roosevelt today gave his version of the secret conferences he held with the German ambassador in 1902, relating to the occupation of Venezuela by Germany, an incident that then threatened to bring on a war between Germany and the United States, Col. Roosevelt told the story for the first time, he said, in an address at a luncheon here.

"It was about a year after I took office," Col. Roosevelt began. "Germany was engaged in striving to extend her dominion. She had in view certain chosen positions in South America. She aimed to turn South America into a German appendage. Venezuela at that time had a dictator named Castro, commonly known as the 'monkey of the Andes.' I was determined that Venezuela should not become a German possession. Germany said it was not to be permanent, and did nt define what was meant by 'permanent.' I permitted John Hay to write a number of notes, and then I sent for the German ambassador and said to him:

"'This Venezuela business has been going on long enough, and I cannot afford to let it get to the point where it will cause trouble for this country.'

England Then With Germany.

"At that time England was backing Germany, and, while I had both against me, I paid little attention to England. It was the last flicker of England's antagonism to the United States.

"I called the attention of the ambassador to the fact that Germany had a squadron of warships near Venezuela, threatening the mouth of the proposed Isthmian canal. I demanded a statement of what Germany meant by 'temporary possession,' saying I did not propose to have any 99-year leases.

"The ambassador told me he did not feel he was at liberty to discuss such an important question. That conference wound up with the following ultimatum:

"'Tell your Government that in ten days it must arbitrate the matter or I will send Dewey down there.'

"Cannot Send Message."

"'I cannot send such a message, Mr. President; I do not think you realize what it means,' the ambassador replied.

"'You think it means war?' I asked.

"'I do not want to say what I think,' was the reply.

"'If it means war, you have chosen the one spot where you cannot fight us,' I replied, and then I showed by maps our commanding position.

"When he retired, I sent word to Dewey to be ready to sail on any hour's notice. About a week later the ambassador called on me and admitted that he had not dared send the message.

"I then told him that I would order Dewey to sail in 48 hours. He told me it would be an awful thing for this country.

"'Yes, but it will be more awful for your country,' I replied.

"Inside of 36 hours he came back, smiling, and said he had received instructions from the German Government that they would arbitrate."

PEACE RESOLUTION IS ALLOWED TO DIE BY THE UNITARIANS

No Action Will Be Taken on Report of Council.

GREETINGS TO HUNGARY

Message to Members Conveys Wish for Renewed Goodwill.

MONTREAL, Sept. 27.—The delegates to the Unitarian conference here listened this morning in the Church of the Messiah to a discussion on religious education, following the reading of a paper on this subject by Prof. Durant Drake, of Vassar College, Poughkeepsie.

It was this morning decided not to take any further action on the report of the council of the Unitarian Church—the pacifists' suggestions—which caused Wm. H. Taft yesterday to denounce it and secure the passage of a win-the-war resolution. The rules of the conference do not call for the adoption or rejection of the report.

The business committee of the general conference of the Unitarian churches had before it today a resolution containing a message intended for the Unitarians of Hungary, which resolution is to come before the conference at its meeting tomorrow.

Deliver After War.

The resolution of brotherly love toward the Unitarians in Hungary, which is to come before the Unitarian conference here tomorrow, is meant for the conference records, not for admission to Hungary, while the war is in progress, Walter F. Greeman of Milwaukee, Wis., general secretary of the Unitarian conference, explained tonight. He declined to make public the text of the resolution, stating that it had been submitted only to the business committee of the conference today and would come up for general discussion tomorrow.

Mr. Greeman stated that both the British and United States Governments had refused permission to transmit the message to Hungary, though their refusal was couched in pleasing phraseology which did not exactly say so, this was the effect of their reply to request to send it on.

HAS COMPOUND FRACTURE.

WATFORD, Sept. 27.—Wm. McKenzie, Second Line, Warwick, whose leg was broken by a horse kicking him, has had to have the plaster case changed to a steel one. Part of the harness on the horse broke, and Mr. McKenzie sustained a bad compound fracture.

1,500 MEN TO BE 1ST DRFAT CALL FROM DISTRICT

Monthly Drafts Thereafter Plan To Make Strain As Light As Possible.

WILL TRAIN OVERSEAS

Only Preliminary Work Will Be Carried On In Canada, Is Belief.

Men who are not within the age limits specified for the first class called under the military service act may volunteer after it is in effect, camp orders issued here today state. They urge further that such men be encouraged to join the army.

It is contemplated that on the issue of the proclamation of the military service act calling up all men between the ages of 20 and 34, the draft-giving depots and C. E. F. companies now in existence will automatically cease recruiting operations, today's orders announce. In the meantime no further appointments to the recruiting staffs of these units will be made and no new recruiting plans will be put into operation.

Fifteen hundred men will be called up for the draft in this district, it is estimated, although subsequent drafts will make the total of drafted men from this district much greater. It is understood that the instruction of the new recruits in Canada will be of an elementary nature only. All the advanced work and special training will be carried on in England where the facilities for such training are the best.

For some time past the training of recruits all over the Empire has followed a syllabus that is supposed to take about fourteen weeks. Men may be sent overseas at the end of any week and continuhe their training in England at the point at which they left off here.

Because of this system it is not likely that any large number of men will be under arms at any one time in this district. Drafts will move out frequently and a further draft called up to replace them once a month, thus making the strain on civilian pursuits of the country as light as possible.

BABY SHOW WAS FEATURE OF FINE FAIR AT LAKESIDE

LAKESIDE, Sept. 27.—The East Nissouri Fall Fair held here today was attended by over 2,000 people. A feature of the exhibits was the splendid entries of light and heavy horses. The principal winners for light horses were Messrs. McMillan, McLeod, Kirk, Munroe and Kent, while in the heavy classes some fine animals were shown by Messrs. Innes, Meadows and J. & J. Matheson.

Messrs. McIntosh and Kent captured the prizes for heavy teams.

Large exhibitors of cattle were Messrs. Shaw, McKenzie and Quinn.

A baby show proved a great attraction, the prize for girls being won by Baby Logan of Thorndale, and for boys by Donald Jeffery of St. Pauls.

The winners in the free-for-all race were: 1 Henderson, 2 Walsh, 3 Fair.

Mayor Stevenson of London was a visitor at the fair.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.]
Toronto, Sept. 28.

	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
Am Cy...	..	17	do pfd.	60	..
do pfd.	57	50	SWheat.	..	120
Ames, c.	15	13½	Spanish.	16	14¼
do pfd.	50	48	do pdf.	53	..
Barcel ..	11	10½	St Ch, p.	56	55½
Brazil'n.	39¾	39½	Stl Can.	55	54½
Bell Tell.	134	..	do pfd.	88	87
Burt, c.	70	..	T Paper.	75	70
do pfd.	87	..	Tor Ry.	66	65½
Can Bd..	15	14	Tre'wey.	15	14
C Car ..	29	28	Tw City.	81	80
do pfd.	62	60	Win Ry.	50	45
Cement..	69½	58½	Banks—		
do pfd.	91½	90½	Com'rce.	..	184
C S L..	42	41	Dom ...	207	204
do pfd.	78¾	77¼	Hamil'n.	..	188
CGElec.	104	103	Imperial.	194	..
C P R...	150	149¼	Molsons	180	..
C Dairy.	..	30	NScotia	250	..
do pfd.	..	90	Royal ..	210	208
ConLife	375	..	Standard	204	..
C Smelt.	26¾	26	Union ...	138	..
Con Gas	150	..	Loans, etc.—		
Crow's N	55	..	C Land.	152	..
Detroit.	111½	110½	Col I ...	74	..
Dome ..	860	840	H & E..	210	207
Dom Can	22	..	H & E p..	..	196
do pfd.	74	..	L Bank ...	..	143
D Steel..	..	..	L & C .	126	125½
D S C.	60	59½	N Trust ..	..	210
Duluth .	45	44	T Trust .	207	..
Le Rose	62	47	T Mort .	135	..
Mackay.	77	76	Bonds—		
do pfd.	74	..	C Bread.	93	91
M Leaf..	108	106	M L & P	40	30
do pfd.	97	95	Penmans ..	..	86½
Monarch	40	30	Rio Jan.	83	80
N S Car.	..	51½	Stl Can..	94	93
do pfd.	80	79	War Loan,		
Petroleum	1325	1275	1925 ...	97	96⅝
Prov P..	81	..	War Loan,		
Riordan	118	115	1931 ...	95¾	95⅛
Rogers ..	..	40	War Loan,		
Russ, p..	110½	..	1937 ...	94⅞	94⅜
Sawyer ..	11	..			

STANDARD STOCK AND MINING EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]
Toronto, Sept. 28—3 a.m.

	Bid.	Asked.
Apex ...	8¾	9
Dome Extension ...	18½	..
Dome Mines ...	8¾	9
Foley O'Brien ...	55	..
Imperial ...	2¾	..
McIntyre ...	145	147
New Holly ...	570	515
New Ray ...	70	73
Porcupine Crown ...	40	43
Porcupine Gold ...	26	..
Porcupine Vipond ...	4⅛	4½
Teck-Hughes ...	10	..
West Dome ...	18	18
Adanac ...	13	14
Bailey ...	5¾	6
Beaver ...	38½	39
Coniagas ...	395	400
Crown Reserve ...	25	27½
Gifford ...	4¾	5
Great Northern ...	6	7
Hargraves ...	13	14
Hudson Bay ...	..	35
eKrr Lake ...	580	600
La Rose ...	47	55
McKinley ...	62	64
Nipissing ...	870	885
Peterson Lake ...	10¾	11½
Right of Way ...	5½	5¾
Seneca Superior ...	1¼	2½
Silver Leaf ...	1¾	2
Temiskaming ...	35	35½
Wettlaufer ...	..	14½
Boston Creek ...	38	35

Toronto, Sept. 28.—Morning mining sales: Dome Extension, 500 at 13¼, 500 at 13½; Dome Lake, 1,000 at 14½; Dome Mines, 105 at 880, 110 at 875, 100 at 870, 210 at 850, 300 at 840, 60 at 860; Gold Reef, 2,500 at 1½; Hollinger, 200 at 525; Keora, 500 at 13; McIntyre, 200 at 147, 1,800 at 146; New Ray, 1,000 at 74; Preston, 1,500 at 4¼; Schumacher, 150 at 58; West Dome, 2,500 at 17¼; Adanac, 2,000 at 13¼, 1,500 at 18, 2,000 at 17¾, 500 at 17½, 1,500 at 17; Beaver, 1,000 at 38¼, 1,500 at 38½; Chambers, 2,500 at 12, 500 at 13, 2,500 at 12½; Gifford, 500 at 5, 1,500 at 4⅞; Great Northern, 500 at 6¼, 1,000 at 6½; Hargraves 1,700 at 13¾, 100 at 13; McKinley, 500 at 63, 1,700 at 60, 500 at 60½; Nipissing, 50 at 900; Ophir, 2,000 at 12¾, 1,000 at 12½, 500 at 11½, 1,600 at 12; Peterson, 1,000 at 11; Provincial, 500 at 37½, 1,000 at 37¼, 1,000 at 37, 500 at 36¾; Right of Way, 500 at 5¼; Temiskaming, 500 at 35¾, 1,500 at 35½, 500 at 35¼, 6,700 at 35, 3,100 at 34½, 100 at 34¾; Trethewey, 500 at 15.

Winnipeg, Sept. 28.—Oats opened ½c to ¼c lower for October at 67¼@67c. Dec. at 63⅛; May at 66½c.

During the last 24 hours, the weather has been cloudy in many districts, and Saskatchewan, with slight rains in the latter province from Saskatoon south. Regina registered one degree of frost. Alberta generally clear and warmer. Temperatures ranged from 31 to 63.

DRAFT COMMANDER FOR THE DISTRICT IS ALREADY SELECTED

Will Commence Staff Appointments At Once.

START BY OCTOBER FIRST

General Staff Officer, Back From Conference. Expects Speedy Commencement.

Col. Shannon, Lieut.-Col. Smith and Lieut.-Col. Grant returned from a military conference at Ottawa today. Lieut.-Col. Smith arrived early in the day and Col. Shannon came in at noon.

The work of appointing local tribunals is going forward steadily, Col. Smith reports, and other details necessary to enforcing the act will be completed so that definite plans can be put into operation by the first of October.

Although no official word of appointment to the new depots has been given out it is understood that the officer to command the 1st Draft Battalion here has been appointed and will commence immeditely to outline his staff of officers nad no-coms.

Press dispatches from Ottawa to the effect that returned N. C. O.'s and officers were to be given the preference in appointments has not yet been officially confirmed by word to headquarters here.

LONDON CLERGYMAN'S REPORT INTERESTS MEETING AT OTTAWA

Canon Tucker's Social Service Work Explained in Conference.

At the meeting of the Social Service Council of the Church of England held in Ottawa yesterday, Rev. Dr. Tucker, rector of St. Paul's Cathedral, presented a report described by an Ottawa correspondent as "splendid" on the subject of survey and plans for social service, the conclusion of which he divided into three departments, "Actions, "Affirmation" and "Education." In connection with education he stated that now the council has the Social Service Bulletin much can be done, but the written page must be supplemented by personal influence and appeal on the part of the clergy. He further advocated that students should be taught and trained along the lines of social service. Dr. Tucker has been deeply interested in social service work for a number of years, and was prominently identified with the organization of the council.

FARMERS' RIGHT TO TRANSPORT LIQUOR IS UNDER QUESTION

Interesting Legal Fight Expected to Hinge On This Point.

Laughlin McCallum, concession 5, Westminster township, appeared in police court today, charged under sections 41, 43 and 55 of the Ontario Temperance Act. McCallum was arrested at an early hour this morning as he was proceeding home in his motor car, which, according to the patrolman who made the arrest, was not proceeding in a straight line, but following only the least line of resistance. The case was adjourned until October 4 next to permit two important witnesses to be summoned.

McCallum stated that he was conveying several cabbages and a bottle of whiskey for a citizen to the latter's mother in the country when he was intercepted by the patrolman. He was allowed to keep the cabbages but the bottle of whiskey which was found in the car reposed on the magistrate's desk today. The bottle was filled and corked, but R. J. Fisher stated that according to his interpretation McCallum could not be regarded as a common carrier and consequently was liable. The question as to whether McCallum is liable will be argued at the trial. He has retained counsel who will endeavor to show that McCallum was perfectly within his rights as the bottle was filled and corked, and that he was conveying it from one place where it could be legally kept to another place where it could be legally kept.

The court got away to a bad start this morning. After waiting half an hour for the mayor or one of the aldermen to show up it was decided to call upon Squire Chittick to act with Henry Macklin, J. P.

GERMANY EXPECTED TO SOON MAKE PROPOSAL WORTH CONSIDERATION

MONTREAL, Sept. 27.—"The Germans dread another winter campaign," said Major the Rev. Dr. James Smith, principal of the Wesleyan Theological College, this city, who went overseas with the Irish-Canadian Rangers, and returned home today. "I have spoken with some of the biggest men in England, and that is their opinion," he added. "The general opinion is that the Germans most likely will make proposals before the winter sets in, which the Allies will be able to consider."

63RD BATTERY IS IN LONDON AGAIN

The 63rd Battery, C. F. A., in command of Major Cameron, arrived in the city yesterday from Petawawa. Six officers and 155 men comprised the battery which, accompanied with the guns, detrained at the Quebec street station, C. P. R., at 4:45 o'clock. The unit will be quartered at Wolseley barracks during its stay in the city, instead of Queen's Park, its former quarters.

The 64th Battery has gone to Guelph, and Capt. A. E. Whitmore, who has been on the military board at Windsor, and previous to that served in the R. A. M. C. territorial force, has been attached as medical officer.

In addition to Major Cameron, the commanding officer, the following officers arrived with the 63rd: Lieuts. T. L. Hayman, L. Firth, A. S. McFarlane, F. W. Kelly and C. C. Moncrief.

BOARD MEETS TONIGHT

Members of Trade Association to Hear Address on Scientific Research.

The board of trade will meet this evening in the Tecumseh House, at which Thomas Roden, Toronto, will deliver an address on scientific research. Much other business will come up for settlement. It is expected that there will be a large attendance of the members.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

FUNERAL OF MRS. FLYNN.

The funeral of Mrs. Alice Flynn, widow of John P. Flynn, whose death occurred on Tuesday, was held this morning at 8:30 from the family residence, Asylum grounds, to St. Patrick's Church, where requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Father Doyle, assisted by Rev. Father Mylett as deacon, Father Barry as sub-deacon and Rev. Father F. J. McKeon, rector of St. Peter's Cathedral, in the sanctuary.

Services at the graveside in St. Peter's Cemetery were conducted by Rev. Father McKeon.

The funeral was largely attended, and the pallbearers were Messrs. James H. Lowry, Justin Collins, R. H. Flynn, Walter, Francis, and Joseph Flynn.

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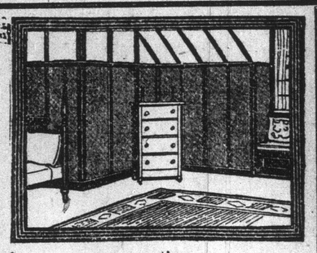

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THE GERMAN REPORT WHICH DON'T TELL ALL.

BERLIN, Sept. 27, via London.—Especially stubborn fighting occurred yesterday along the roads radiating from Zonnebeke westward, and in the evening for the possession of Gheluvelt, today's official report says. The village remained in possession of the Germans.

Up to the present the announcement continues, the British have not resumed their attack. It is said that at least twelve British divisions were employed, without shaking the firmness of the German defence.

The British broke into the German defensive zone to a depth of one kilometer east of St. Julien, to the Ypres-Menin road, where bitter fighting with variable results continued throughout the day. In a fresh assault, the statement says, the British were driven back at many points by the fourth army, gaining even less than in the attack of last week.

DIES SUDDENLY

Well-Known Contractor and Builder Found Dying at Sister-in-Law's Home.

William H. Hoskin, for many years a well known builder and contractor of the city, died suddenly this morning at the residence of his sister-in-law, Miss Elmira Payne, 161 Grey street. Mr. Hoskin was out driving on Thursday and was around this morning as usual, although he complained that he did not feel as well as usual. He dropped in the house and was in a dying condition when found.

Two brothers, Jeremiah of this city and R. T. of Toledo survive. Mrs. Hoskin died several years ago.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

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COMES TO LONDON AS STORE INSPECTOR

ST. THOMAS, Sept. 27.—B. D. Trout, manager of the St. Thomas store of the Standard Drug Company, Limited, has been appointed general store inspector for the company, with headquarters at London. Mr. Trout will be succeeded here by L. H. Standish, who has been connected with the Londoff store.

DEATH OF MRS. GALLOWAY.

BLENHEIM, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Phoebe Galloway, aged 68, of Harwich Township, died today at the home of George Simpson of the eighth concession. She was formerly a resident of Howard. Mrs. Simpson is her daughter. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon.