

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

CAPT. GROBB HOME. Captain Fred Grobb, of the 126th Battalion, arrived in Halifax yesterday. Mrs. Grobb is seriously ill.

COUNTY COUNCIL. The County Council has been called to meet on Tuesday of next week, March 26.

EXPORTS INCREASE. A tremendous increase in exports of Canadian produce in February, 1918, as compared with February, 1917, is shown in figures prepared for the customs department for the cost of living branch of the Department of Labor.

GIVE BENEFIT CONCERT. The anniversary of the Canadian victory at Vimy Ridge will be the occasion of a repeat concert by the Schubert Choir in aid of the Silver Thimble and Trinket Day to be put on by the local branch of the W.C.T.U.

CAN'T FIND WINNER. The crocheted bed spread, drawn for recently for the Red Cross is looking for an owner. The party holding the winning number not having claimed the spread, the committee have decided to award it to the second choice, number 167. If it is not claimed in a week, the holder of number 6 may claim the spread, as being the third choice.

MACHINISTS AT HOME. On Friday evening last, March 15th, the Union machinists of the city, held a successful At Home in the Moffatt Hall. Progressive eulogy was the order of the early part of the evening, for which prizes were given. After a dainty lunch served by the ladies, speeches were made by Mayor MacBride and Business Agent Riley. Dancing was then indulged in.

BACK AGAIN. Mr. James Fitness, 420 Colborne street, this morning reported to The Courier having seen a robin which is a regular neighbor of his during the summer months. For four years now the bird, which can be identified by means of a white feather in its breast, has nested near Mr. Fitness' home, and its coming is hailed as a sure harbinger of spring.

PIRATES VICTORIOUS. On Saturday the Pirates, the Y.W.C.A. basketball team, visited Hamilton and defeated the team of the Ambitious City in one of the closest games of the season. The score at half-time was 4-4. The locals came through with 13 goals to their credit, while Hamilton only scored 10. One goal shot by one of the Pirates was not allowed. Geoff Whitaker refereed for the locals. The Pirates' line-up was Violet Yeates, Edna Sutch (captain), Violet Cox, Margaret Cox and Dorothy Fenn.

BILLIARD TOURNAY. The results of the third round of the C.W.Y.A. billiard tourney at played Saturday night are: W. Oliver, scratch, defeated E. Starbridge, received 80. Trooper Richardson, received 80, defeated R. Carey, received 70. Trooper Richardson, received 80, defeated Serat. Martin, received 70. The draw for the semi-finals is: Sergt. Joss vs. G. Pillely; W. Oliver vs. Trooper Richardson.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY. A very enjoyable St. Patrick's party was given by the Girls Clubs of the Y.W.C.A. on Saturday night. The decorations, games and contests, refreshments and, in fact everything was made appropriate for the event. A trip through Ireland in which a camouflaged symposium proved itself very useful provided for the girls a great deal of amusement. Vehicles of the sort common in Ireland took the amateur Irishmen around many of the historic castles of the Emerald Isle. Before the evening passed Miss Reha Force pleasantly sang "Irish Eyes." Recitations were given by Miss Docia Pierce and Miss Hicks.

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FINAL FIGURES

In the Election for Brantford Riding

Cockshutt Beat Both Opponents by Nearly 2,000.

Mr. T. S. Wade, who was returning officer for the Riding of Brantford in the recent Dominion contest, has received the following official record of the total vote from Mr. W. F. O'Connor, General Returning Officer:

Cockshutt: Civilian vote 4,411; Soldier (North America) 158; Soldier (England) 736; Soldier (France) 620; Total 5,925.

Bowlby: Civilian vote 2,189; Soldier (North America) 5; Soldier (England) 11; Soldier (France) 28; Total 2,233.

MacBride: Civilian vote 1,692; Soldier (North America) 9; Soldier (England) 6; Soldier (France) 19; Total 1,726.

From the above it will be seen that Cockshutt's majority over Bowlby was 3,692, and over MacBride 4,199, or over both combined 1,966. Soldier votes for MacBride had not previously been mentioned.

L. V. D. E. Brant Chapter, I. O. D. E. held their regular monthly meeting in the club room of the Y.W.C.A. this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

COMPLETING CONTRACT. Mr. Fred Minnes, of the T. J. Minnes Co., is completing a big contract for his firm in Cayuga.

FOR PRISONER. Chief Watson of Hartsville was in town to-day to take back a prisoner apprehended by the local police authorities. He left with the man on the 1.52 afternoon train.

FIREMEN HAD RUN. Fire, caused by overflowing of a kettle of oil heating on a gas plate, made a run to John Hall's Machine shop necessary for the Central Department on Saturday night at 7 o'clock. The blaze was extinguished with chemicals. Little damage was caused, the ceiling and floor only being slightly burned.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS. The board of police commissioners this afternoon took up the estimates question, following the yielding of the pruning knife at their last meeting. The total appropriation was reduced to \$21,000. The application of the sergeants and detectives for salary increases was also considered.

MISSION RALLY. The missionary rally yesterday at the First Baptist was a great success. The Sunday school participating, Immanuel, Calvary, Shenstone and Riverdale and First. There was a great crowd filling the auditorium, their feet stamping an every available spot where a child could find a seat. Rev. Mr. McLaurin gave a fine address, and told the story of his work in India. He appealed for \$1800 from the Baptist schools to build a school for the boys and girls in India at Avangudda, where he labors.

POLICE COURT. Yusuff Osman was charged in the Police Court to-day with assaulting John Minnes. He was remanded for a week. W. Robinson charged Elizabeth Haskell with conversion. The case was remanded for a week. Wilber Covarty, charged by his wife with non-support, was remanded until next Monday.

KITH AND KIN. The East Ward, Kith and Kin held their usual meeting at the home of Mrs. John Angus. An excellent number were present and the evening was spent knitting and final arrangements were made for a cantata to be held in St. Jude's school room, March 21st. The cantata is being superintended by Miss Underwood and the association have no doubt that it will be a success. The next meeting will be held in St. Jude's School room and will continue to be held there. It is not quite decided whether the meetings will be held in the afternoon or evening and it will be published when the executive have reached a decision.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY. "It is a sad thing to see Patrick O'Connell John Redmond and others died before the zenith of their work had been attained," said Rev. Dean Brady in the course of a special St. Patrick's Day sermon at St. Basil's Church yesterday. The speaker told of the coming of the Saint to Ireland. The first time as a slave in the hands of pirates, he sold as an ordained bishop, bringing the faith which the Irish people still cherish to-day. Dean Brady held forth hope for a speedy settlement of the present Irish problem. In the evening he spoke in St. Mary's Church, preaching upon the life and work of St. Patrick. Vespers were sung by Rev. Father Padden, assisted by the choir.

A JOFFRE INCUMPAENT Associated Press. Paris, February 5.—A recent regimental order has disclosed the presence of another soldier in the French army who bears the honored name of Joffre. In this order, the lieutenant-colonel of an infantry regiment states that the request of Corporal Joffre to be allowed to resign his corporal's stripes "though unfit for command," is granted and the corporal is reduced to being a private, with the duties of a horse-shoer.

WILL GIVE VETERANS RECEPTION

Mayor Plans Fitting Welcome for Brantford's First Contingent Men.

Mayor MacBride received word on Sunday that a number of Brantford men were among the first lot of the original Canadian troops to arrive at Halifax. To a Courier man he said that everything possible would be done officially to give them a rousing welcome. It was proposed to have the Fire Hall bell and whistles sound an hour before their train reached the city and to have automobiles in waiting to take them to their respective homes. A couple of days later a public banquet would be given them in the Armories to which all returned soldiers would also be invited together with their wives. "I do not believe in public dinners during war time," said the Mayor, "but this is an exceptional case and everyone will feel that there is nothing too good for these heroes."

THE ASSIZES

A Light Docket—Address of Presiding Judge

The Supreme Court Spring Assizes commenced to-day with a notably light list of non-jury cases and no jury cases. Two cases—Brantford vs. U. S. Fidelity, and Motor Trucks vs. Lipovitch, have been settled out of court. The Honorable Justice Rose addressed the Grand Jury briefly, first giving them the details as to their duties. Speaking on the war, Justice Rose reminded the jury that he had not at the beginning of the war realized the greatness of the world wide catastrophe. We had not thought it quiet would be given them in the Armories to which all returned soldiers would also be invited together with their wives. "I do not believe in public dinners during war time," said the Mayor, "but this is an exceptional case and everyone will feel that there is nothing too good for these heroes."

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keep Tom busy so he won't pose very questions! and pose so merrily that mother ere perform compelled to wanted him to feel inter-what I did." I said with apology as soon as they asking, "I always am so interested in everything he you don't quiz him about goes, and what he does money?" Elsie returned, flushed. "Look at her Lawton, I'll bet that is she does do! deny it if Margaret."

father is old now, Margaret very well. But—he was e, and was not very differ- the young men nowadays." old eyes twinkled as she recalled some episodes of times past.

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