Controllers Arranging Conference With Railway Commission in January-G.T.R. Opposes Ridout Street Subway.

With the fatalities of Egerton street crossing prominently in mind, the interest of the board of control at its meeting today centred in a report from W. C. Chisholm, solicitor of the Grand Frunk, made to A. D. Carewright, Ot- crossing and as two of these are some rawa, secretary of the board of rail- three-quarters of a block apart, betsubway asked for Ridout street.

submitted would not change the grade must trust to the watchfulness of car-of the main track but would involve a tappers and switchmen who have suftarge expenditure. The street grades ficient to engross their attention withild necessitate considerable depres- out adding to their duties those sien with consequent damage to prop- watchmen. be taken at the present time toward need for more gates ranting the request. Moreover, the

Protection Is Imperative.

awa, secretary of the boat of a ster protection is imperatively needed.

way commissioners in reference to a ster protection is imperatively needed.

The information was also contributed In the copy of the letter, forwards that while two watchmen are needed. brough City Solicitor T. G. Meredita, only one is on duty in the daytime and Solicitor Chisholm stated the plans at night those who cross the tracks

The G. T. R. considered the Attention was also drawn to petition had been submitted at a most roo ly lighted condition of a number popportune time and no steps could of the broad crossings and the great

To Arrange Conference. Grand Trunk would bear no share of City Clerk Baker was instructed to the expenses involved in building a communicate with City Solicitor Merevay at this point. In addition, the dith and request him to make an efsubway at this point fort to arrange for a conference of the

### Conference To Mean County Jail-Farm The above picture is believed to be the only one ever taken which showed Field-Marshal Earl Kitchener smiling. It was a recent photograph of the head

Possibility of Using House of Refuge Farm for Experiment

After an inspection of the county jail. by Smith declared that he found every-long in a highly-satisfactory condition. as good a state, I would be satisfie indeed," he declared.

The only fault Dr. Smith found with the jail was the scarcity of work for

prisoners. he prisoners. to sit around in idleness, running up an xpense account against the county," he Enthusiastic Over Idea.

Dr. Smith is an enthusiastic expon f the prison-farm idea. Recently, h nent to organize prison farms for the wned by the county at the Strathrey

No Transportation Difficulty.

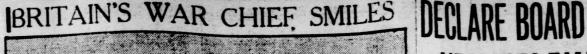
tort time," Sheriff Cameron said. At present there are 40 prisone them women, in the jail. Pra Practically J. A. MacDonald, J. F. McKay, H. C.

clesex may be the outcome of a confercace between Dr. Eruce Smith, of Totonto, provincial inspector of prisons and they were glad to get them.
In the opinion of Dr. Smith and Lon-

## SIMPLE FUNERAL OF

Sir Wilfrid Laurier One of the Pallbearers at Cere.

ransportating the prisoners from the Alexander Jaffray and W. G. Jaffray, here to Strathroy. At very small sons; Jaffray Eaton, grandson, and housing could be built for them at Wellington Cameron, son-in-law.





#### Prison Inspector and Sheriff Enthusiastic Over DISPATCH RIDER DIVES THROUGH HAIL OF SHELLS

Nephew of Londoner Describes Some Daring Work on Firing Line in France--- Says Germans Had Opportunity But Missed It.

atter's son is in the motor-cycle sec- have in some of them! tion of the English army as ad ispatch rider, and his letter to his father. picture of the fighting from first hand: Today I have been in the firing line; Today I have been in the standard and a charge some of the Indians there made a charge french solders got very excited, and so Louise Murray, as Emma Jane, seemed ables, groceries, etc., for the poor, Later and drove the Germans out of a village; did the inhabitant of the seemed did the inhabitant of the seemed above, it is not the seemed did the inhabitant of the seemed above, it is not the seemed above, it is not the seemed and seemed the seemed did the inhabitant of the seemed above, it is not the seemed above. and drove the Germans out of a village; did the inhabitants. Our soldiers open- to take her part in a more natural manthere were 1 to 7 Germans, but the Inthere were 1 to 7 Germans, but the inthere were 1 to 7 Germans, but the indians don't care about that, they don't
suit, but it was too high, so get away.

At present 1 am sleeping in a little
Rebecca called Robert the play-"Mi

in a M. P. P., John Carruthers, Toomas Robertson, W. D. McIntosh, A. F. Rutter, Peleg Howland, Edward Hay, Dr. two ter, Peleg Howland, Edward Hay, Dr.

I have been offered a commission as second lieutenant to go in 'he firing

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ren and broke both legs of a moto The same day I had to take a dispute

The aeroplane at once gave shells were dropping on nearly all the don military men, he wanted it made roads leading from the village.

Germans' Air Raid.

a street, but not for long, as the been held with Police Magistrate J. been her being blown atoms, so I ran and got into our ad-

thought there would be nothing left of about them. German infantry were about 1,200 yards in my power to get them back to the away, and from that distance I had ladies. I demanded that a search of see if I had a hit. All during the day the infantry advanced on us very slowtheir rifle fire was not very much

can tell you we all kept our heads down When I left the Germans had advanc-

d to within 500 yards of our trenches. ould see them coming up in thousands and if they had known what few cone down to "arrange" we had against them they could have search. captured the let of us. As it was they seemed to be afraid to advance any further. The London Scottish got into action the same day, and had the rotten-est time; out of about — they had only about — left (numbers censored), but the number of dead is not very heavy. It was jolly hard luck for them, as it was the first time in action. One of the London Scottish when found had fourteen dead Germans round him; he was only slightly wounded. It was a terrible sight to see them come away. the whole lot were done in, and looked as if they would drop any minute.

Ask For Cigarettes. It is awful to see the wounded comroad without a murmur, and often ask us for a cigarette. We sleep in range of the German "coal boxes," and expect every night to be shelled out of the place; we have already had to shift many a time. There are an awful lot of spies about, and we are capturing no end: it is through spies that our head-quarters have been shelled so many times. I have had to leave this letter a few times, so it will probably read funny I have decided after all not to accept my commission. I have interviewed a staff officer and told him I was not

Motor Catches Fire. We do not get much time for a wash and a shave. I generally get a wash about once in three days. My motor caught fire about a month ago, and after it had been burning for about three minutes. I managed to get a fire extinguisher, and put it out. The only damage was done to the spare tire and age was done to the spare tire and age was done to the spare tire and bearers were cousins.

the Egerton stret Grand Trunk crossing on Monday night, was buried on Thursday and four daughters: W. J. Meek, of Buffalo: Dr. C. F. Meek, of New Baltimore, Mich.; Mrs. J. R. Sanderson. Mrs. E. P. Smith and Mrs. W. R. Roome, of this services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Randolph. Interment was made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The pall-bearers were cousins.

but I but them all right next day, bearers were cousins.

SOUTH LONDON LIBERALS. - The usual weekly euchre of the South Lon-don Liberal Club will be held this even-Neighbors Protest Against the BUILDING PERMIT .- Dr. Kennedy

has taken out a building permit for a top-story to the frame dwelling at 129 it. James street, to cost \$2,050. partment had a call this morning to

Several of the classes in additions

roses by Miss Moran's class.

and Miss Holly Boyd.

manding officer.

The engagement December 8, which

squadron was discussed. The command

that the English squadron had four me:

wounded has been landed; they are all

eir fire until they were within 8,000

Four More In Army

(Canadian Press.)

notification from the British authorities that two of his sons had been killed

Lachute, Que., Dec. 18 .- John Mack,

Forownsburg, has just received official

e fighting in France, they being Sergt.

Imperial Yeomanry. Mack has four

sons with the colors, all being no

Major John Harbord Mack, of the Ninti Lancers, and Corp. Edward P. Mack, o

at Salisbury Plain, preparing to go to the front. They are Harry P., of the

VETERAN PUBLISHER

William Meek, of Windsor, Dies Here

well-known publisher, died Thurs-night at the home of his daughter, W. R. Roome, 178 Central avenue.

was ill since he met with an acci-

in Windsor several weeks ago.

Meek began his career on the real Witness, and was one of the

ners of the Kingston News, the gs Chronicle, Belleville Ontario,

St. Catherines News, and for some superintendent of the Kingston

and the Windsor Record.

Surviving him are his widow, two sons

Thursday Night.

William Meek, of Windsor.

Two Sons Killed:

esulted disastrously to the German

To be quarantined for a week in their St. Matthew's Church, where a small home at 183 Simcoe street, while the blaze was caused by crossed electric health authorities were debating the wires. No damage was done. question of supplying them food is the unique experience in which neighbors

Tobacco Fund Subscriptions

The following are further subscriptions say they found Mr. and Mrs. Owen received by William Giles, R. R. Nc. 4, London, for the overseas tobacco fund,

A neighbor woman talked with Mrs.
O'Toole from the street when the latter opened a window and called to her. The story of the family is that Medical Health Officer Hutchinson put the house under currenting after put the house under quarantine after authorities have notified the detective pronouncing the sickness of Mrs. department to be on the lookout for a Co'Toole's brother to be smallpox. The Ross rifle which was lost by one of the brother was taken away to the isola-tion hospital and the house placarded, According to neighbors, no effort was made to find out if the family had food or fuel, nor was the house fumigated. Dr. Hutchinson referred the neighbor to Dr. J. B. Campbell, the family physician in the O'Toole case, but Dr. on Dundas street last night, when a Campbell said he had no jurisdiction Christmas party was held, attended by when the board of health stepped in. Dr. F. L. Burdon, chairman of the overflowing. Gay festoons of red and board of health, when asked whether the O'Toole family was going to be taken care of, replied: "This family added to the festivity of the scene. A needs nothing it cannot supply itself."

Failure To Provide Food

For Quarantined One.

That appellation — "a sweet little thing"—that could be so well applied to the characters of Kate Douglas Wigservice again to convey a description play that held the boards at the Grand Opera House last evening. It was soft One of the most graphic descriptions
One of the most graphic descriptions
of life on the firing line received in this city is that sent to John Wright, stockbroker, of this city, by his nephew, W.
H. Wright, of Cambridge, England. The bare of the was beating Aunt Miranda's dishpan with a broom handle, but it pleased the have in some of them!

Opera House last evening. It was soft and dreamy, full of sad, subdued sobbing, etc., etc. It was a nice little play—nothing deep about it—the "Way Down East" style. It is true that the seenery smacked of a stock company, and the thunder sounded as if someone was beating Aunt Miranda's dishpan with a broom handle, but it pleased the large basement of the bing, etc., etc. It was a nice little play—nothing deep about it—the "Way Down East" style. It is true that the seenery smacked of a stock company, and the thunder sounded as if someone was beating Aunt Miranda's dishpan with a broom handle, but it pleased the large basement of the play—nothing deep about it—the "Way Down East" style. It is true that the seenery smacked of a stock company, and the thunder sounded as if someone was beating Aunt Miranda's dishpan with a broom handle, but it pleased the large basement of the play—nothing deep about it—the "Way Down East" style. It is true that the seenery smacked of a stock company, and the thunder sounded as if someone was beating Aunt Miranda's dishpan with a broom handle, but it pleased the large basement of the play—nothing deep about it—the "Way Down East" style. It is true that the such a stock company, and the thunder sounded such as a nice little play—nothing deep about it—the "Way Down East" style. It is true that the seenery smacked of a stock company, and the thunder sounded such as a nice little play—nothing deep about it—the "Way Down East" style. It is true that the such as cook company, and the thunder sounded so the such as a nice little play—nothing deep about it—the "Way Down East" style. It is true that the such as cook as the large basement of the bing, et audiece that sprinkled the house.

Marguerite Henry was Rebecca. Her At 8 o'clock a long and well-arranged Today I saw one of our aeroplanes

chasing a German, but with no success.

and shortly after a German plane came her last act was the best. Richard superintendent, James Baldwin, and as and shortly after a German plane came her last act was the best. over and dropped a bomb about 200 Burrows, as Abijab Flag, the village each class lined up on the platform it yards from where I was standing. The stage driver, was far from bad, while ed fire on it, and the French followed ner than any of the others in the cast. dians don't care about that, they don't arms for the the preciding pounds in season and the graveside were the country gain and the Senator Robert Jaffray took place the country gain and the Senator Robert Jaffray took place the country gain and the Senator Robert Jaffray took place the country gain and the Senator Robert Jaffray took place the country gain and the Senator Robert Jaffray took place the country gain and the Senator Robert Jaffray took place the country gain and the Senator Robert Jaffray took place the country gain and the Senator Robert Jaffray took place the country gain and the Senator Robert Jaffray took place th

J. R. Minhinnick Makes Statement of His Connection

Manager J. R. Minhinnick, of the Miss Elsie McDermid acted as accomxploded so near that a little piece of Grand Opera House, stated to The panists. one hit me on the forehead and made Advertiser today that, in connection I tried to bolt out of with the loss of the swords and univillage, but found it impossible, for forms belonging to the wives of Lonknown that he had invited the search of the theatre, and, in fact, had in-I stood with my motor at the corner sisted upon it after a conference had

"I know absolutely nothing about anced trench, which was about 25 the swords or uniforms, and I do not ards out of the village, and I had to believe Mr. Marks knew anything stop there from 8 a.m. till 6 p.m. I had believe Mr. Marks knew anything about them," said Mr. Minhinnick. "It trench. Coal-box shells burst within 20 was all news to me when it was port, relates that in the Gulf of Nuevo yards from the trench and smothered us stated that the swords were brought he met the British cruiser Carnarvon with earth, and at one time we all here. My property man knew nothing Mr. Marks knew nothing of them. Someone who knew all about the military men borrowed the swords When I first got to the trench, the and clothes, and I would do anything the theatre be made at once when the suggestion was made that the articles being cared for on board. The German

good, the bullets came whizzing over the trenches very high, and I don't suppose there was a single casualty in our trench. That day the fellow next to me had his haversack blown to pieces. Detective Egelton stated that he was

convinced, after making a search the theatre, that none of the articles was there. As to the statement that Mr. Marks had gone downstairs, officer said he was sure he had not

Peaceful Exit For Faithful Servant

eran City Fire and Corporation
Horse.

Advancing years and infirmities are getting the better of "Dick," a grey nag fourth Regiment, Thorold, Ont. that has served faithfully on the corporation for the past half dozen years. In his palmier days "Dick" pranced of to fires attached to No. 3 fire wagon. Now Engineer Brazier recommends that he be "disposed of."

The humane members of the board of control were today unanimous in the opinion that so true and tried a servant of the public should not be turned over to "gypsles" to be abused, but given a peaceful exit from this weary world by means of the chloroform route.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

James Smith Buried. James Smith, the colored youth who W was fatally injured when Fred Whiting Meek had been regarded as one of the was killed in the railroad accident at best mechanicians in Canada. We do not get much time for a wash the Egerton stret Grand Trunk crossing

NOW IS CANADA'S

George Pay Tributes to Contingent.

[Special to The Advertiser.] London, Dec. 18 .- Winston Churchill a message to the Canadian News War Souvenir, pays a tribute to the Canadian contingent. He says: "Now is the time for Canadian manhood to vie with the trained soldiers of France and Britain in rivalry of sacrifice and daring to show the old world of what mettle man is bred across the Atlantic and

Lloyd George says: "Canada is playing a part worthy of her noblest traditions." "WINDERMERE."

IS NOT SATISFIED Council Committee Probing Becker Case

CHRISTMAS PARTY -- A merry time Goes Over Commission Books. so many girls the rooms were filled to discharged by the public utilities comcommission today and went over some tillery, especially in heavy field guns.

song by Miss Jean McDonald, and f the books. carol, sung by half a dozen young wo At a meeting yesterday afternoon men, were much appreciated, following happy hour of playing games. Rev Dr. Flanders came in at 9 o'clock and gave an interesting talk on the subject of "Christmas." Much mirth was creman John H. Chapman, who in the \$1 ated by the distributing of "joke" gifts absence of Chairman Pocock, replied for each one present from the tree, after to some 26 questions bearing on the Becker case, which the committee desired answered. The committee, however, did not regard this as the information wanted, and will hold another meeting tomorrow afternoon

so over the situation. SUCCESSFUL YEAR

St. James' Chancel Gulld Raised More Than \$650 During First 12 Months.

Ine past twelve months have been the most successful in the history of St. May ..... 521/2 52% 52 521/4 Guild. At its annual meeting on Wednesday the year's receipts were reportgirlishness of the first three acts seemed a trifle too forced, and like Jean McAllin, who played the results acts acts seemed a trifle too forced, and like Jean McAllin, who played the results acts acts acts program was rendered, some 21 of the \$653.87, and the disbursements. \$310.67, leaving a balance of \$148.20. ed to be \$653.87, and the second seco

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taken a leading part in the prepara- that he secured from the Wray firm tion of the program, was presented at a gold ring stamped 14k., but that an the close with a bouquet of beautiful assay of it made in the Government mint, Ottawa, showed that it was 11/2 One item, which always attracts karats short the stamped number. great interest is the singing of the primary class, and last night was no tiser reporter, Mr. Wray stated that cception. Towards the close these the ring in question was purchased by ttle ones, to the number of nearly his firm along with a quantity of others from a firm which makes a "We are not responsible ff the amount of gold found in the ring does not come up to the stamped mark, as

poks by the pastor, assisted by their specialty of making these rings. Mrs. Clarence Woodburne willing helpers prepared and served there is only one way to find this out, the uspper. Miss Pearl Maynard and and that is the assay test." said Mr.

Wray. "But should we find out that rings are not up to their stamped mark we sell them at their value only. But all this will be threshed out at the trial during the assizes." suit with Inspector Ryan and had won

SILK SCARF

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Times Correspondent Says After That All Hopes For what sort of things they care to fight Germans Are Gone.

[Canadian Press-] London, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Times from Warsaw, under date of December 13, describes the great strengt of the Russian defences between the present battle line and Warsaw, and says the writer echoes the opinion of the authorities of Warsaw in stating that unless the Germans capture the town ng the manner in which Carl Becker, within a week, all hope of their doing s German reserviet, was employed and will be gone forever; as strong Russian The correspondent adds that the Ger mission, visited the offices of the mans are said to be very strong in ar

WHEAT OPTIONS. At a meeting yesterday afternoon Secretary Oliver Ellwood, of the commission, submitted a letter and a number of answers from Acting Chair-property of the complex of the c \$1 25¼. Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—Wheat—Close— Lecember, \$1 15½; May, \$1 20; July

Open, High. Low. Close. Close

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Flour—Winter patents, 36s.
Hops (in London)—Pacific coast, £2 10s to £4.

Beef-Extra India mess, 160s, Pork-Frime mess western, 110s, Hams-Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs, 68s 6d. 626 6d; short ribs, 15 to 24 lbs, 69s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, 68s 6d; long c.cal middles, light, 28 to 3 4lbs, 67s 6d; do heavy, 35 to 40 lbs, 66s 6d; short clear

sin-Common, 10s 6d. troleum-Reffued, 81/4d. Cottonseed Oil (Hull refined)-Spot

MOTHERS' CLUB MEETING,-The regular monthly meeting on Tuesday An address was given by Mrs. Glennie Mrs. Smith sang, and Mrs. Herley gave served to the large number present.

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