

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

## CANDIDATE ENDORSED.

Ald. Geo. Jennings, seeking re-election in Ward 5, has also been endorsed by the Brantford Typographical Union.

## BENEFIT CONCERT.

Arrangements have now been completed for the benefit concert for the Children's Aid Society to be held in the Grand Opera House on New Year's night. Owing to the illness of Mr. M. E. Foster, who was to officiate at the piano, Mr. T. Darwin will be the pianist of the evening.

## ONE RECRUIT.

One recruit, George Royal, of Blainey, Ontario, was attested and taken on the strength of the 215th battalion yesterday. The latest recruit, has been following the occupation of a laborer, and is a single man aged nineteen years. He has been previously connected with the Norfolk Rifles.

## NEARLY AN ACCIDENT.

An accident was narrowly averted on Dalhousie street this morning when a long ladder, projecting over the back of a delivery wagon became entangled in the rear mud guard of a McLaughlin car, number 1382, driven by Mr. Percy Shultis. However, the automobile was stopped and the mishap corrected.

## OPEN COURT.

At some time during each month, "Open Court" is being held by the patriotic league, in their rooms in the Commercial Chambers, when an opportunity will be given to anyone interested to make inquiries as to the administration of the fund, or to bring up their grievances for adjustment.

## THE MARKET.

The local market this morning was small and rather poorly attended by farmers and buyers alike. Vegetables and apples were so scarce as to be negligible, meats, fowl and a small supply of dairy products comprising the produce offered for sale. Fowl of all kinds was comparatively plentiful, especially geese and chickens, turkeys and ducks being less in evidence than on the occasion of the Elders' Market. Some live fowl was also brought in by the farmers, and as usual, was disposed of to advantage.

## OPEN HOUSE.

As is the custom of the institution on New Year's Day, the Y.W.C.A. will on Monday be "Open House" to all who care to visit it. A program of music and readings will be rendered in the afternoon, and tea will be served from 4 to 6. A hearty invitation is extended to all who care to attend.

## NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY OF THE FIRST BAPTIST

Fire destroyed the beautiful edifice of the First Baptist Church in this city 60 years ago. The fire took place on a Sunday. It broke out soon after the morning service was over. On Jan. 14th, 1857 Elder Davidson, then pastor of the church, wrote as follows:

"Last Sabbath morning we met in the (the Chapel) and worshipped with a large congregation. We returned to our homes and in less than one hour afterward, the splendid building was in flames and the children of our Sunday School were hurrying to the school. Never were our hearts so torn with grief as by this unlooked for calamity. It was indeed a heart-rending scene to gaze upon as the noble pile was enveloped in a living fire, surrounded by the weeping children of the Sabbath school, who had come, books in hand, to take their places as they supposed. Not a dollar's worth could be saved. The pulpit was burning with the bible and the hymn book lying on it, bibles and books in the pews and a new melodeon, belonging to Brother T. Shenson, which had been borrowed from him."

Among the men who have successfully served the First Baptist Church of this city, the name of Dr. T. L. Davidson, stands out conspicuously. He was largely responsible for the building of the former structure destroyed by fire in 1857, and also for the re-building of the present church edifice. Before the smoke of the fire had disappeared the people to build, and it was his enthusiastic leadership, backed by competent and wise laymen which made the speedy erection of the new building possible. He was pastor from 1850 to 1859 and his memory to this day is indeed blessed to all who knew him.

On January the 17th, the following were appointed on the building committee: T. S. Shenson, William Young, W. Winter, Robert Morton, James McMichael, B. G. Tidale, James Cox, Matthew Whitham.

In the meantime the Sunday School and prayer services, were held in a store on Colborne St. The public services on Sunday were held in the Court House until the new chapel was finished, building committee reported plans, and tenders were asked for. William Pickering received the contract.

Since that time there has served the church as preachers or supplies, the following:

Rev. Thomas Cull, April, to Oct. 1860.

Rev. John Alexander—Jan 1861 to December, 1862.

Rev. Wm. Stewart—March, 1864 to 1869.

Rev. Charles Carroll, supply, Aug. 1869 to Feb. 1870.

Rev. J. C. Hurd, M.D., May, 1870 to July 1873.

Rev. W. H. Porter, M.A., July, 1873 to Jan. 1880.

Rev. W. Bookman—April, 1880, for a short time only.

Rev. J. B. Tuttle—Aug. 1880, Sept. 1884.

Rev. G. M. W. Carey—1885-1890.

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## Committee on High Cost of Living Meets

Prices of Canned Goods Are Discussed in Session—Shown to Have Advanced

The committee appointed by the City Council to investigate the High Cost of Living, held another session last evening under the chairmanship of Alderman Ward. It will be remembered that the interim report of the committee submitted to the City Council was sent to the Minister of Labor. One of the recommendations was made that the Government should investigate the cost of production of canned goods by the Dominion Canners Ltd., and fix fair prices based thereon at which the same must be sold. The committee took into its consideration the reply of Minister of Labor Crothers, who, while sympathizing in some respects with the recommendations, saw no need for such an investigation, and made representations which, Mr. Keen declared had the appearance of being a tacit justification of the policy of the Canners Combine.

A member of the Committee submitted information supplied to him as the result of his inquiries as to the operations of one canning factory. During the season thirty-five people are employed with a productive output of 50,000 cans per day. Sometimes the same will reach 75,000. The men are paid an average of 20cts per hour. As to the price paid for the tomatoes, the price is not in excess of what was paid eight years ago. This price will show a net return to the farmer of more than two-thirds of one cent per pound. The tin costs a quarter of a cent per can. The other ingredients used in production are sugar, preservative and water.

As to tomatoes, the price formerly paid to the farmer, in the canning factory district referred to, was 20cts to 25cts; now it is 50cts per bushel. In the marketing of another factory it is alleged the price this season was only 30cts. There is a pound of tomatoes in a can costing less than one-cent per pound. The other ingredients used

are coloring, salt, sugar and water. Apples cost one cent per pound, there being four pounds to the can. There is a wastage of apples of about one-fifth, but as against this something must be allowed for the water used and included in the weight. The other ingredients consist of a trifling quantity as sugar. Peas cost one cent per pound, and they take the same proportion of sugar and water as the corn. The labour cost in all these productions, including the salary of the manager at the maximum of \$300 per month, (there being only five months the productive season) on the information furnished worked out at a very small fraction over one-quarter of a cent per can. In addition, of course, the overhead expenses have to be provided for.

Upon the information furnished, the cost of raw materials as well as the productive labour forms so small a proportion of the price charged by canners to the trade that a short crop cannot seriously affect the cost of production, although it would, though the consequent smaller output, diminish the aggregate net profit. The committee felt that the Minister of Labour had probably expressed an opinion upon inadequate knowledge. It was resolved that Mr. George Keen, a member of the committee, be instructed to write the Minister of Labour in reply to his letter placing this information before him, with a further request that the subject be fully investigated by the Government.

It was decided that the following questions be the subject of investigation in the order named: (1) Bread, (2) Cold Storage, (3) Milk, (4) Meat and Pork Packing, (5) Flour. Representative bakers will be invited to meet the committee next Thursday night. On the motion of Mr. Keen, it was decided to invite the public to send in suggestions, or to supply information calculating the cost of the committee in its investigations.

## Support For National Service Decided Upon

Representative Meeting Held in Patriotic Rooms; System of Registration Endorsed

A representative meeting was held in the patriotic rooms in the Commercial Chambers yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of discussing plans and formulating a system whereby some assistance might be rendered to the Director General in his attempt to ascertain the available man power of the country, the attention of those present being directed to the situation in this city and county. Invitations were issued to representatives of the various bodies throughout the city, with the result that Messrs. W. F. Cockshutt, Major Snider of the 215th, W. G. Raymond, Harvey Watt, Peter Noble, and E. Watts, G. A. Woodside and F. W. Thompson were present.

Mr. Watt advised a committee independent of any existing organization, be formed to deal with the matter.

In reply, Mr. Woodside stated that the time allowed was exceedingly short for a campaign of an extensive or prolonged nature. This sentiment embodied those of all present who thought that if a fair trial was to be given the proposed plan, that more time should be allowed.

Mr. Woodside also pointed out that the plan would have to be carried out in a way to have the pastors of the churches notified in time to make announcements, and thus bring the matter to the attention of the public. As the issuing of the cards will not be absolutely compulsory it was desired that, as effective an atmosphere as possible be created, and that a wide appeal be made to obtain the widest possible cooperation.

Mr. Cockshutt stated that he had written Mr. R. B. Bennett, and laid the facts before him, and recommended that the time limit for returning the cards, be increased.

In reply to some questions, as to the exact manner of administering the scheme, Postmaster W. G. Raymond, who is the local agent, stated that instructions had been forwarded to him to have each of the mail carriers place three cards in each house, and in cases where they knew of more male inmates, to leave a sufficient supply for their needs. The cards are to be collected next Wednesday and Thursday, and forwarded to Ottawa. Three thousand were received yesterday morning and distributed throughout the day. In all some twenty-five thousand are expected to arrive here for local distribution.

Mr. A. E. Watts, county treasurer declared that no provision had been made for the rural sections, and cited the particular instance of the county of Brant, that had just completed a registration of the men residing therein up to the age of ninety years. He further stated that nothing could be expected from the county, and quoted statistics showing that the people of the rural sections were already short of the required amount of labor to carry out their work. On a conservative estimate, one man was required for a fifty acre farm, while from actual figures obtained, there were 73 farms of from 50 to 100 acres worked by eighty-nine men; 17 farms of from 100 to 200 acres, worked by 26 men and three farms of 838 acres, for which there were no men. Mr. Watts stated that this shortage, which amounted to about fifty per cent was prevalent throughout the county.

Mr. Watt urged that some effective means be taken to support the heavy tax the Government could see that it had been given a fair trial, and that if it failed to reach expectations, then they would know that some other means would have to be adopted to bring about the desired result. Mr. Woodside thought that it should be emphasized that the cards were in no way a substitute for the young men of the county to signify their willingness to assist the Empire.

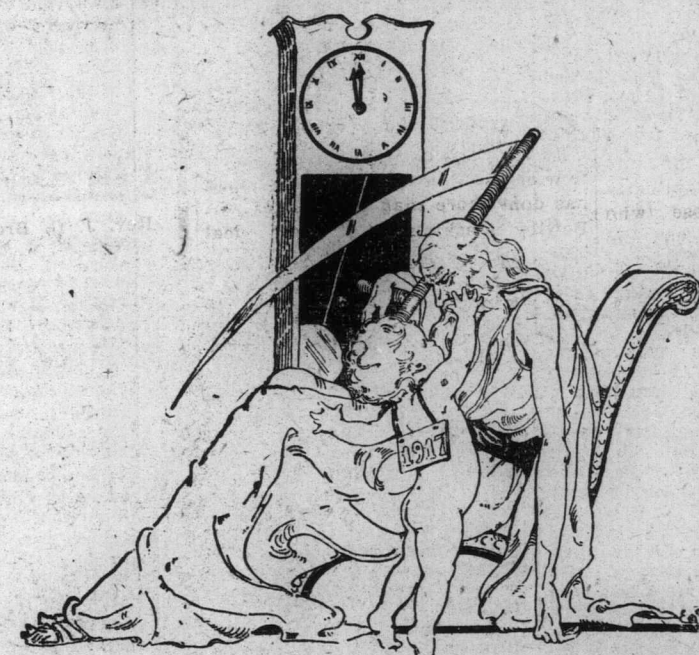
A notice to be read in the churches throughout the city at both services, was drafted by Mr. G. A. Woodside, and copies are being forwarded to the ministers of the churches to-day.

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## SCHOOLS RE-OPEN.

As there has been some misunderstanding as to the exact date on which the schools of the city will re-open after the holidays, Dr. J. B. Gamble, Chairman of the Management Committee of the Board of Education, stated this morning that the holidays will conclude on Tuesday, January 2nd, and that the schools will open on the following day, Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Mrs. Charles Robertson of Peterborough, who has been spending Christmas at the parental home, Fair Road, left to-day for Woodstock to spend New Year's with Mr. Robertson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson. Mr. Charles Robertson left here early in the week for Peterboro, and will join Mrs. Robertson in Woodstock to-day.

So they could spend Christmas at home, about 600 trustees in North Carolina prisons and prison camps were paroled for three days, beginning Sunday. Governor Craig gave the order. Last Christmas he paroled more than 500 prisoners under similar conditions and all reported to the authorities at the time designated.

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