CHILDREN'S AID DRIVE REALIZES $3,425 ALREADY

Campaign Opened This Morning With Good Prospects.

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Out Canvassing in Spite of the Demands of Their Own Business.

DONATIONS.

Already acknowledged	$2,960
Greene-Swift Co., Limited	100
Mrs. George Robinson	100
A. M. Smith & Co.	100
McConnell & Ferguson	50
W. E. Robinson	25
W. H. Heard	25
H. T. Reason & Co.	25
Thomas Baker	10
Dr. Geo. L. Clarke	10
Mrs. Robert Greene	10
R. S. Grindly	5
G. F. Copeland	5
Total	$3,425

Campaign Opens.

Headquarters have been opened in the Chamber of Commerce offices in the Tecumseh House for the Children's Aid Society and Child Welfare campaign this week, W. A. Martin proving an able director of forces. The campaign, which has as its objective raising $14,000, $2,000 of which will be turned over to the London Child Welfare Association, and $12,000 retained by the Children's Aid Society, got away with a most promising start this forenoon.

Even before the first guns were fired, subscriptions amounting to $2,960 had been turned in.

An incident which occurred early this morning illustrates the interest on the part of the public in all that is related to the welfare of the children.

Wanted to Help.

On his way down to the headquarters Chairman W. A. Martin was stopped by an acquaintance who stated that he saw there was a campaign on to raise money for the Children's Aid Society and Child Welfare work. He had never given anything to the cause, but wanted to be in early this time with his subscription.

While it is out of the question to make a complete canvass of the city, or even the business districts, owing to the busy season, a number of prominent businessmen have volunteered their services to do some canvassing in the business section. The block system is being followed in this, some blocks in charge of one or two men, some in charge of more.

Since the canvassers will only be able to reach a small proportion of the citizens, subscription lists have been opened in the newspaper offices and in the G. T. R. ticket office in charge of E. R. Ruse. A full list of new subscribers will be published each day.

Chose Districts.

The canvassers were allowed to pick their blocks as they arrived at the headquarters this forenoon, the early birds in this case getting the luscious, big cherries, unless they happened to be very unselfish.

Among the citizens who are assisting in the campaign today are the following: D. H. McDermid, acting president Children's Aid Society; Ray Lawson, A. T. and Controller E. S. Little, W. R. Jarmain, A. E. Miller, C. R. May, Milton Jackson, R. I. Watson, E. R. Yeates, Allan McLean, R. H. Dowler, W. N. Manning, Frank Ashplant, Dr. J. A. Wright, Harry Greenberg, Peter Glen, D. H. McDermid, A. A. McIntosh, E. R. Ruse, W. R. Yendall and E. V. Buchanan. Some of these will be unable to help tomorrow and their places will be taken by others.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL DISCUSS MUNICIPAL MATTERS FRIDAY NIGHT

"Topical talks on municipal matters and music," is the gist of the program to be presented at the orum meeting of the London Chamber of Commerce in the Masonic Temple Friday night, according to a prominent member of the organization.

Owing to the importance of a thorough discussion of the bylaws to be voted upon on January 1, and also several other questions of vital interest to the citizenship, an effort is being made to have as large an attendance as possible of the membership of the Chamber of Commerce.

SIR WILFRID SPENDS QUIET DAY IN TORONTO

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who arrived in the city last night, spent a quiet day here. Several friends called on him at the residence of P. C. Larkin and at the King Edward Hotel.

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900 POUNDS OF BUTTER STOLEN FROM CREAMERY

Wholesale Theft From James Carmichael's Plant.

To have 900 pounds of butter stolen in these times when that product is selling for 57 cents per pound, is no joke. However, this happened to Jas. Carmichael, an owner of a creamery on Concession 10, London Township, last night. One of the workers at the creamery awoke about 4 o'clock this morning and heard the sound of a truck going down the road. He went to bed again and slept until 5 o'clock. The man then got dressed and went to the plant to work. After taking a look around he found the cold storage door opened and every pound of butter gone. The butter was packed in 20 boxes, each box containing 45 pounds. Both the city and the county police have been notified.

Gone Are the Days of 30 Cent Fares to Port Stanley

Council Grants Permission To Make Suggested Increase.

Gone are the good old days of 30-cent fares on the London and Port Stanley Railroad. They were buried last night by the city council on the recommendation of No. 1 committee. As a substitute therefore 50-cent fares will be the daily rate for adults to Port Stanley and return from the 24th of May to the 10th day of September. Children will be carried during the same time for half-fare. The old rate was 30 cents on three days a week and 50 cents on the remaining days, with no half-fares.

Ald. S. R. Manness thought the people should have a chance to vote on the proposition, but it was pointed out that this would be impossible this year.

Ald. P. J. Watt asserted that the city should not lay anything in the way of the success of the road, and if the present increases in fares should prove to be inadequate, another increase should be granted cheerfully.

Ha! Another Poet Bill Makes Bow; In Council This Time

Ald. W. Wilson Blushingly Reads His Own Verses.

Readers who remember the Poet Bill will be pleased to learn that another one and original Poet Bill, a native of this city, has been discovered in the city council chamber. Ald. W. Wilson, speaking to his motion last night to present Lansing, Mich., with a Union Jack, quoted some poetry which he bravely but modestly acknowledged to be the child of his brain. It is unnecessary to say that his brother aldermen were quite elated to think that they had a poet in the council. The resolution, after the reading of the poetry, was passed amidst the hearty and prolonged applause of Ald. Wilson's colleagues.

Following is the poem that touched so deeply the hearts of the aldermen:

Here is to the flag that no one can subdue,
The old Union Jack, and the Stars and Stripes, too;
May those emblems of Liberty never miscarry,
May those flags intertwine and our folks intermarry.

As to John and to Samuel true friendship is vital,
For John loves an heiress and Samuel loves a title;
What we have we will hold on John's banner is set,
And that Samuel spreads his cloth on what we haven't we will get.

Why the Lion gave birth to the eagle is a mystery
That puzzles the students of natural history;
Then granting that both from the same root have sprung,
Let each get their gettings and let the rest of the world hold its tongue.

—ALDERMAN W. WILSON.

CLAIM AND COUNTER CLAIM BEING HEARD

Smith vs. Depper, the second case to be tried at the non-jury session of the county court, at which Judge Macbeth is presiding, began this morning, and proceeded until 1 o'clock this afternoon. The court then adjourned until 2:30. After that time the case again proceeded.

T. B. Simpson of the London Furnace and Stove Repair Company is suing Charles Depper for $277.15, the amount which he claims is due to him for materials and for work done. The defendant counter-claims $160.48 because the plaintiff, it is alleged, did not install a heating system for him in the manner which he agreed to do. The defendant also asks that the plaintiff's case be dismissed, and that the plaintiff be forced to pay the costs of the action.

QUERIES.

Kindly tell me the number of diseases liable to attack and afflict the human body which are known to Materia Medica.

Also the number of parts approximately into which anatomy has divided the human body. INQUIRER.

ANS.—Doctors consulted reply that there is no definite or even approximate answer to either question.

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FLIGHT LT. D. WELD SAFELY IN ENGLAND, STATES CABLEGRAM

Had Been Prisoner in Germany Five Months.

"Arrived in England. Am well," was the contents of a cable received from Flight Lieut. Douglas Weld by his father, John Weld of the Farmer's Advocate, this morning on his liberation from Germany.

Lieut. Weld enlisted in the R. A. F. and spent some months at Camp Borden in training and left in the early part of 1916 for England, where he was transferred to the Imperial Royal Air Force, with which he served in France for some time.

Advertiser Illustrations

FLIGHT LIEUT. DOUGLAS WELD.

He was taken a prisoner in July of this year, but no word as to his whereabouts was received by his parents until late in August. A letter was also received this morning by Mr. Weld written from a German prison camp, in which his son said that they had received no food parcels of late, although his relatives had been sending them regularly, as usual; neither had any food whatever been received from the British Red Cross, and it was the custom of this society to send parcels regularly, too. The letter was written on October 31, but no mention of his being liberated was made.

LOCAL NEWS

DAY WORK ONLY.—In future the Northern Red Cross Association will sew only during the day, on Thursday the work at night being discontinued. This branch of the Red Cross is working exclusively for refugees at the present time.

MANY GO TO EUROPE.—According to a telegram received by F. B. Clarke, steamship ticket agent, almost every berth on the White Star liner Olympic, which brought 5,000 soldiers to Canada, has been booked for the return voyage. The boat will leave Halifax next Saturday for Liverpool.

ASSESSORS' MEETING. — Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant is in Toronto today attending a meeting of the assessment commissioners of the province, preliminary to waiting on the Government on Tuesday in connection with proposed changes in the assessment act.

WOMEN CANDIDATES TO SPEAK.—The women candidates for the board of education, Mrs. Ronald Harris, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. A. T. Edwards, will be heard in campaign speeches at a union meeting of the mothers' clubs to be held in the Lord Roberts School on Thursday, December 19, at 8 p.m.

ANY WORK TO DO?—The Soldiers Aid Commission request that anyone who has furnaces to be attended to, or other work to be done, communicate with Ed Lance, secetary of the commission, Royal Bank Building, so it will be possible to keep a record of all available work that a returned soldier can do.

PARTY CALLED OFF.—Mayor C. R. Somerville's declaration last night that he would consent to be a candidate for the mayoralty next year prevented a little party that had been arranged. Nearly 30 businessmen had decided to wait on the mayor at noon today to urge him to give his consent to becoming a candidate, but the deputation was called off when it became unnecessary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—The Hyatt Avenue Methodist Sunday school will hold its annual Christmas entertainment in the auditorium of the church on Wednesday night, December 18. The first part of the program will consist of dialogues, drills, etc.; the latter part will be the Arch of Freedom, presented by 180 members of the school.

BAND TO GO TO DUTTON.—The Henderson Juvenile Kiltie Band has been engaged by the Dutton Hockey Club to appear at the annual concert in the town hall at Dutton December 20. Assisting the band are Alice Dunbar, comedienne; Oliver Sinclair, tenor; Sam Munro, Gladys Comber, Kathleen England, Mary Bishop and Mrs. Rowland Munro, pianist.

BAPTISTS IN CONFERENCE.—The first session of the Baptist Pastors' Conference of Western Ontario opened in the Egerton Street Baptist Church this afternoon. A feature of this afternoon's program was an address by Rev. Patrick Dennison of St. Thomas, well-known as a speaker throughout the Baptist churches of Western Ontario.

GIVES WITTY LECTURE.—Rev. J. C. Reid of Strathroy delighted the members of the Epworth League of Dundas Centre Methodist Church last evening with a brilliant and witty lecture on the subject, "Hold Your Tongue." The tongue as a "dangerous member" was dealt with in the first place; and the second place, the gift of speech as a trust. A couple of solos were acceptably sung by Bert Howcroft. A vote of thanks to the speaker of the evening was moved by Bert Hannah.

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GREAT WELCOME GIVEN TO BIG PARTY OF WARRIORS ARRIVING AT G. T. R. STATION NEAR NOON TODAY

Over 100 of the Men Belonged to City and Relatives Waited Hours For the Train Which Brought Them—Soldiers Cheered by Crowds On Streets.

A reception that will never be forgotten was given the returned men who arrived here via Grand Trunk about 10:30 o'clock this morning. The party, which is without doubt the largest that ever arrived in this district, was in charge of Capt. Milton Aiken. Previous to its arrival in Halifax, Lieut. E. E. Smith was in charge. "The majority of the men are of low category," said Lieut. Smith, who also said that the voyage, which was made on the Olympic, was very rough and that the trip was made in six days. The party left Southampton on December 8, and arrived in Halifax last Saturday. The men left Halifax on the same day, but met with some delay before reaching here.

The party originally consisted of 472 men and 4 officers, but a few of these detrained at eastern points in this military district. Of the party, 164 were from London and St. Thomas, and about three-fourths of these belonged to London. The Windsor and Sarnia men did not detrain here but went on to their homes.

Crowds Await Arrival.

Ever since 7:30 o'clock this morning, the Grand Trunk station was crowded with relatives of the men, eagerly watching for the first sign of the approach of a westbound train. However, it was not until almost three hours had passed that they were rewarded for their wait.

As the troop train carrying its precious burden came into view, the Canadian Garrison Regiment Band struck up a merry tune, and when at last the train did arrive in front of the station the crowd let loose a volley of cheers. The returned men in turn cheered, and for a few moments one could hardly hear oneself talk.

The train consisted of about eight coaches, the first three of which were filled with men living at points west of here. The others were filled with men living in or near London and men who had to detrain here to make train connections.

Cordon Was Needed.

As the men began to get off, the crowd, wishing to greet each man personally, tried to break through the cordon of soldiers who were keeping a passage clear for the heroes. The soldiers were aided in their duties by a number of the civil police. As familiar faces were seen in the line of heroes, hands were thrust through the cordon of soldiers to give the owners of those faces a hearty handshake.

For almost half an hour the men were helped into the waiting autos, and their wives, mothers, sweethearts, sisters, fathers, brothers and children seated themselves beside them.

Several of the men, wearing their steel helmets, haversacks, water bottles and other articles of their battle kit, looked as though they were going to the front-line trenches instead of to their homes. One soldier had saved all his kit, his rifle included. Two or three other men wore German helmets which they had taken from Fritz.

Cheered on Streets.

Although many of the men left for their homes as soon as they arrived, about 150 went to Princess Avenue School to take part in the usual reception. As the long line of autos wended its way through the streets the men were cheered to the echo by onlookers standing on the sidewalks and sitting in the windows of stores. The heroes responded in kind.

At the school the men sat down to a steaming meal which had been prepared for them. There Brigadier.-Gen. L. W. Shannon bid them a hearty welcome and wished them God-speed. Lieut.-Col. W. J. Brown also spoke, telling them that if they applied for it they would possibly get an extension of leave and an advance of pay. It is needless to say that this news was the cause of much cheering on the part of the returned men. The speeches of Ald. F. E. Harley, Adjt. F. W. Martin of the Salvation Army and Walter W. Shaver of the Soldiers' Aid Commission were received by the men in the same manner. After the National Anthem had been sung and three cheers and a "tiger" had been given, the reception was over and the men were taken in autos to their homes, there to receive another welcome.

Nine more soldiers arrived in this city at 12:05 p.m. today, on train 21, C. P. R. These men were transferred from St. Johns, N. B., to this district as a working party. F. Bridge was the only wounded man in the party. He enlisted in the 23rd Battalion, and went overseas in the second draft of that battalion in August, 1915.

SEVERAL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO RUN AGAIN IN JANUARY

Now that Mayor C. R. Somerville has announced his decision to stand for office again there are rumors of some of the aldermen announcing their decision. Ald. S. R. Manness will in all probability be a candidate. At least he intimated as much last night after the meeting of the council.

Ald. C. G. Moorhead has definitely announced that he will again be a candidate for aldermanic honors. He stated today that as he was returned by acclamation last year, he considers it his duty to run again.

Ald. F. E. Harley and Controller E. S. Little, it is expected, will throw themselves on the mercy of their friends again this year. In fact, so far the only member of this year's council who has definitely announced that he will not be a candidate is Controller C. H. Merryfield. He is leaving the city early in the year.

Francis E. Roberton, a conductor on the London Street Railway, is being brought out by the trades and labor council, and it is expected that he will stand or nomination for alderman.

I. B. S. MAKES USUAL CHRISTMAS GRANTS

At a meeting of the Irish Benevolent Society held in the Tecumseh House on Monday evening, the following Christmas donations were made to the various charitable organizations:

Protestant Orphan Homes	$50 00
Byron Sanatorium	25 00
Ladies' Aid, Byron Sanatorium	25 00
House of Providence	20 00
Home for Incurables	10 00
Aged People's Home	15 00
Mount St. Joseph	50 00
Children's Aid Society	15 00
Red Cross Fund	25 00
St. Vincent De Paul Society	30 00
St. Vincent De Paul Society, St. Marys	15 00
Convalescent Home	10 00
St. John Ambulance Brigade	10 00

Profound sympathy was expressed to Fire Chief John Aitken, a member of the society, in the recent loss of his daughter and his two sons, who made the supreme sacrifice. Sympathy was also extended to Past-President B. C. McCann in the loss of his son, who died en route to Siberia with the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. Mr. McCann thanked the members sincerely for their kind expressions of sympathy on behalf of Mr. Aitken and himself.

LIEUT. OSWALD HICKS DIES AT HOME AFTER LONG SERVICE OVERSEAS

First Lieut. Oswald Hicks died at the home of his parents at a late hour on Monday after an illness extending over eighteen months. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hicks of Beaconsfield avenue.

Lieut. Hicks left with the 5th Canadian Engineers from Queen's University, Kingston, in 1914. He was studying at Queen's University at the time. He was later transferred to the 10th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment, with which he went to France.

He was gassed and wounded in July, 1916, at the battle of the Somme, and afterwards was discharged.

He is survived by his parents, one brother Fred, and three sisters, Alice, Charlotte and Ruth.

The funeral, which will be of a military nature, will be held on Thursday from the family residence, 51 Beaconsfield avenue, at 2 o'clock to Woodland Cemetery.

S. A. RESCUE HOME GETS COUNCIL GRANT OF $300

On the recommendation of the special committee, as presented by Ald. F. E. Harley to the city council last night, a grant of $300 was made to the Salvation Army Rescue Home on account of city indigents who had been treated there during the year.

The proposed amendments to the traffic bylaw, permitting the parking of automobiles five feet from hydrants instead of twenty feet and allowing tenants of places of business on the Market Lane to park their autos there for a reasonable time for delivering or receiving merchandise, were laid over for the council of next year to deal with.

An agreement with the chamber of commerce, whereby the city pays to the C. of C. $1,500 annually in quarterly installments for the services of the industrial commissioner was ratified by the council. The chamber of commerce agrees to continue the bureau of industries and to employ Gordon Philip as commissioner of industries. Quarters will be provided by the chamber of commerce.

MORE CANADIANS ON THE WAY HOME

Northland and Grampian Have Large Parties Aboard.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The militia department has received word that two more vessels carrying Canadian troops left England December 15. They are the Northland, with 24 officers, 955 other ranks, and 75 civilians on board, and the Grampian, carrying 110 officers, 833 other ranks, and 48 civilians. The Northland will, it is expected, dock at Halifax on or about the 23rd, and the Grampian at St. John probably the same day.

DISCHARGE DEPOT IS NOW GAILY DECORATED

No. 1 Military Discharge Depot on Princess avenue is now in festive array to receive the soldiers arriving in London during the Christmas season. Yesterday the soldiers' aid commission and Red Cross reception committee, composed of the following women: Mrs. A. T. Edwards (convener), Mrs. Jas. Slater, Mrs. Karn, Mrs. R. W. Travers, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. S. Ashplant could be found busily decorating the dining-room with evergreens and bright-colored trimmings. The walls are now gaily hung with ropes and wreaths of green, and on each table is placed a tiny Christmas tree, carrying out a green and scarlet color scheme.

The Red Cross has been supplying all the extras for the dinners and suppers tendered the returned men, as they have been arriving in the city. At this Christmas time, especially, these functions are to be of the brightest and happiest character, and not a single citizen is forbidden to help the Red Cross in this undertaking.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.]

Toronto, Dec. 17.

	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
Ames. p.	71½	..	S Wheat	..	120
Barcel..	13½	12½	Spanish.	19	18¾
Brazilian	53¾	52¾	do pfd.	65	64
Burt. c..	63½	..	Stl Can..	64	63
C. Bread.	23	22⅞	do pfd.	95	..
C Car...	..	32	T Paper.	71	69
do pfd.	..	84¼	Tor Ry.	58	..
Cement.	66⅞	66½	Tre'wey.	24½	24
do pfd.	97	94½	Tw City.	56	..
C S L...	49¾	49¼	Win Ry.	48	..
do pfd.	79	78¼	Banks—		
CGElec.	104¼	102½	Com'rce.	..	195
C Loco..	64	63½	Dom...	208½	208
C Salt..	..	127½	Hamil'n.	..	188
C Dairy.	..	48	Imperial.	..	202
do pfd.	84½	..	Merch...	..	181
Conlag.	320	300	Montreal	..	213
C Smelt.	24⅜	..	N Scotia	..	249
Con Gas.	150	..	Ottawa	202	..
Cr Nest.	55	..	Royal...	..	211
Canners.	35	34¼	Standard	..	200⅜
do pfd.	..	74	Toronto	195	194
Dome.	1325	1250	Union...	..	150
DSteelC.	62⅞	62⅜	Loans, etc.—		
Dom Tel	80	..	C Land.	148¾	..
Duluth..	41	..	C Perm.	..	165½
Mackay.	74½	73½	C Invest.	..	72
do pfd.	65	64	H Prov.	..	133
M Leaf.	135	134	H & E..	..	202
do pfd.	98	97½	20% pd.	..	190
Monarch	..	46	L Bank.	..	139
do pfd.	78	..	L & C..	126½	..
N S Car	9	5½	T Mort..	134	..
do pfd.	30	25	Bonds—		
Nipis'g.	900	880	C Bread.	92	91
NSSteel.	63½	..	C Loco..	90	85
P Burt..	84	..	D Iron..	..	85
do pfd.	77¼	..	Elec Dev	..	85
Petrol.	1850	1810	Penmans	..	85
PRico,p.	81	..	Ontario.	..	76
Rogers..	40	..	Spanish.	..	81¾
do pfd.	83¼	..	War Loan,		
Russell.	75	..	1925...	..	96
do pfd.	75	..	1931...	..	96
Sawyer..	15	9	1937...	97½	97⅜
do pfd.	40	..			

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]

Chicago, Dec. 17.

Corn—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	$1 35	$1 36¼	$1 33½	$1 35⅞
Feb.	1 33½	1 34⅝	1 32¼	1 34½
March	1 33½	1 34	1 32¼	1 34½
May	1 35	1 35⅝	1 33¼	1 35⅜
Oats—				
Jan.	71¾	72	70⅝	71½
Feb.	71¼	71½	70⅛	71½
March	71⅝	71⅞	70¾	71⅝
May	71¾	72⅛	70⅝	71⅝

STANDARD STOC KAND MINING EXCHANGE.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Morning sales: Davidson, 1350 at 63, 2000 at 63½, 1000 at 64½; Dome Extension, 1000 at 25½; Dome, 10 at 14.00; Hattie, 500 at 45, 500 at 45½, 500 at 46; Holly, 645 at 630; Kirkland, 1300 at 48, 1000 at 47½; McIntyre, 200 at 174; New Ray, 200 at 17; Porcupine Crown, 500 at 25, 2000 at 25¼; Porcupine Imperial, 1000 at 2¼; Schumacher, 2500 at 30, 250 at 31; Vipond, 500 at 23, 70 at 22; Adanac, 200 at 9½, 1000 at 9; Bailey, 1000 at 4½, 10,000 at 4¼; Beaver, 1000 at 37¾; Crown Reserve, 1000 at 22½; Gifford, 5000 at 3¾, 8000 at 3½, 4000 at 3⅝, 11,000 at 3¾; Great Northern, 1000 at 3⅛; Krist, 500 at 35; Mining Corporation, 100 at 248; Ophir, 23,000 at 4, 4000 at 4⅛; Temiskaming, 300 at 30; Trethewey, 800 at 24; Apex, 1000 at 2½.

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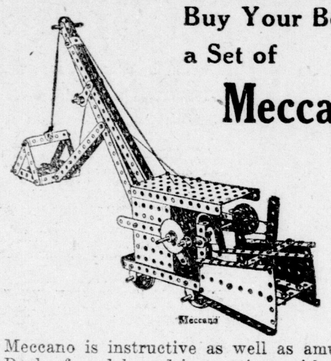

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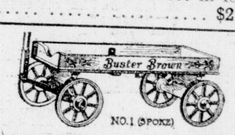
Safety Coaster Sleighs ..... $1.75 to $3.00
Sleds ..... 50c to $2.50

Toboggans, 3 feet to 8 feet in length ..... $2.00 to $6.00



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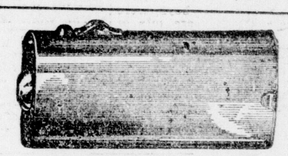

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MAIL ROUTE AT 8,000 FEET ABOVE EARTH'S SURFACE

Ira Biffle Passes Through Snow, Sleet and Zero Temperature.

Washington, Dec 17—Ira Biffle, mail flier, reported today that he made the trip from New York to Washington yesterday in one hour and forty minutes, including a ten-minutes stop at Philadelphia. He passed through snow and sleet storms, and at 8,000 feet struck atmosphere of seven degrees below zero.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DEATH OF MRS. P. B. ELSON.

The death occurred early Sunday morning of Katherine, wife of Paul B. Elson, son of the late Peter Elson, for many years member of Parliament for East Middlesex. She was stricken with influenza a week ago, and pneumonia developed, causing her death. She is survived by her husband and three small children, Muriel, Howard and Barbara, also by her mother, Mrs. S. Fortner, and three brothers and sisters. The funeral left the family residence in London Township this afternoon at 2:30. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Bartlett and interment was made at Oakland Cemetery.

BURIED AT WOODLAND.

The funeral of William Goldsmith was held Monday afternoon from the family residence at Byron to Woodland Cemetery at 2:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Headley and Rev. Mr. Anderson, both of Lambeth.

The pallbearers were J. Jenner, M. Mayne, W. Neno, E. Wilsie, J. Mawson and Thomas Mawson.

DEATH OF D. A. BROWN.

The death occurred at an early hour this morning of Donald A. Brown of this city, formerly a resident of Lobo Township, who for some time conducted a grocery store in South London. He had been in ill health for some time, though his death was unexpected.

He is survived by his wife and one son Hadley, and three sisters and one brother. The funeral will be held from the family residence, Wharncliffe road, on Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

DIED AT FORD CITY.

Capt. Thomas L. Haygarth, who was quartermaster of the 33rd Battalion when it was stationed in this city, died at Ford City on Monday from pneumonia, following influenza.

Prior to joining the army, Capt. Haygarth conducted a clothing store in this city.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday at Cayuga.

FUNERAL OF G. C. PINK.

The funeral of George C. Pink, who died suddenly on Saturday was held this afternoon from the family residence, 256 Hamilton road, at 2:30 o'clock. The funeral, which was of a private nature, was held under the auspices of the Masonic Union Lodge, 389. Rev. A. A. Bice of All Saints' Church, Hamilton Road, conducted the services at the house and grave. Interment was made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The floral tributes were numerous.

WHO WANTS TO HELP PROVIDE TURKEY FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER?

Sunday next a Christmas dinner is to be served to some 500 soldiers at the barracks. The term "Christmas" associated with dinner in this case is only about a second cousin to the Christmas dinner of tradition, the Christmas dinner of savory roast turkey and all the "trimmings." The Government provides substantial fare, but this does not include poultry.

"What is a Christmas dinner for the soldiers without poultry?" is a question which has been raised by certain patriotic women of the city. If poultry can be obtained in sufficiently large quantities to grace the Christmas board of the soldiers dining at the barracks on Sunday, then the good friends of the [illegible] have determined it shall supplement the Government rations.

The Princess Patricia rooms in the Royal Bank Building will be open all day Friday to receive donations of either money or poultry for the Christmas dinner on Sunday at the barracks. The members of the chapter will be responsible for seeing that everything reaches its destination.

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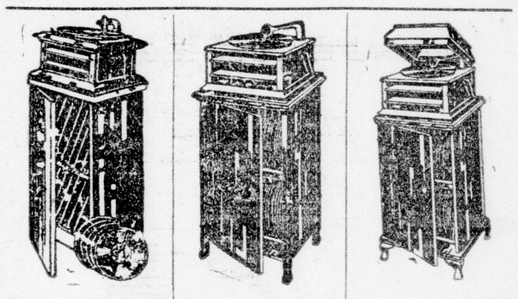

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ST. THOMAS, Dec. 16.—A particularly sad accident occurred yesterday evening, as a result of which the St. Thomas zoo, situated at Pinafore Park, is today in the deepest mourning. A large hound in some way violated the rules of the park commission and got inside the entrance. Snortly afterwards it spotted one of the fawns grazing peacefully in its section of the grounds, and began chasing it. A keeper finally noticed the dog, but before he could intervene it had killed the fawn, and started for home. The keeper, however, seized a rifle and shot the dog.