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will now take up these negotiations and endeavor to acquire them also.

"It wipes out practically the last power monopoly in the Province of Oftario," said Mr. Fergüson.

"I've Companies Sell Out.

One of the features is that among the parties interested in the sale was the Sun Life of Montreal, who had bought large blocks of the bonds of the private power companies in eastern Ontario. This class of security does not rank so high these days as trust investments for life companies, and the insurance executives are gradually substituting municipal bonds and mortgages in their place.

Montreal Not Friendly to Hydro.

Another thing that will strike the public is that a lot of the opposition to the people's hydro-electric in Ontario came from the Montreal private-owned power organizations to cheap power getting too fashionable in this province and threatening a bad example elsewhere. Circulars have been sent thru all Ontario from Montreal telling the people of this province that the hydro-electric scheme would take away so much water from the falls as to destroy nature's greatest spectacle! The financial corporations of Montreal, many of them, also look with disfavor on the hydro-electric. The success of Ontario in public power may lead to a reduction of rates in the sister province, even to public acquirement of the business. But a lot of the opposition to hydro came from Montreal and thru Montreal institutions.

ITALIANS ON OFFENSIVE FOUGHT MANY ACTIONS

pine Valleys Against

Austrians. Special Cable to The Toronto World.

ROME, March 10 .- The Italians, amid the rigors of an Alpine winter, are pushing on in an offensive against the Austrians in the Alps, fighting as they advance, many small, but successful actions. Their infantry repulsed Austrians near Castello Dante in the Lagarino valley, on the front between Citerna in the Terragnola calley, to Luzerna in the Alto d'Astico, on the

reported by the war office here today.

Getting the range of Austrian shelters in the upper Seisera and the Fella valley, the guns of the Italians fired on and destroyed the Austrian shelters and shelled troops marching on Monte Nero and in the Coritenso valley.

Italian infantry, threatening the Austrians on the Mrzli in the middle

Isonzo, compelled them to man their entrenchments, which were then brought under the fire of artillery, which did great execution. Some activity of the Austrian artillery against inhabited places in the lower Isonzo valley was countered by Italian guns replying wit ha fire which reached hostile troops marching on the Carso.

DEATH AT GUELPH

GUEEPH, March 10. - The death

HAMILTON * NEWS *

The Hamilton Office of The Toronto World is now located at 40 South

OVERCROWDING ON THE HAMILTON STREET CARS

Mayor Instructs Solicitor to Pro-· ceed With Appeal to Railway Board.

OPPOSE APPLICATION

Statistics Show City Compares Favorably on Recruiting for Overseas.

HAMILTON, Saturday, March 11 .-After a conference with the city solicitor and the controllers yesterday. Mayor Walters issued instructions to Mr. Waddell to proceed with the ap-Sharp Work Done in Several Al- peal to the Ontario Railway Board against the overcrowding of the street

> The death occurred yesterday of 37th year. She is survived by her husband, who is on active service, and three daughters.

Controller Morris has received word to be present at the meeting of the parliamentary committee next Thursday, when the application of the Mackenzie and Mann interests for an extension of their franchise will be considered. Sir Adam Beck will also be present and unless a compromise is Vezzana height, in the Val d'Assa, at reached in the meantime he will put Marter and in the Val Sugana, it was up a vigorous fight against granting up a vigorous fight against granting the application.

Foul Play Suspected.
Word has reached here from the
Detroit police that the body of a wontan taken from the ice in Baby Creek near Detroit, last Sunday morning is believed to be that of Mrs. Hugh Mc-Goldrick, a former resident of Hamilton. The body was without coat or hat and the water where it was found was only three feet deep. There is a suspicion of foul play. Mrs McGold-rick lived here with her husband, Hugh McGoldrick, who was at one time a motorman on the city cars, but whose movements for the last few years

a large attendance at its regular week-ly euchre last night in the club-rooms. The prizes, which were donated by the Carpenter Company, and presented by took place today, following an opera- Beatty. David Burroughes and tion for appendicitis at St. Joseph's A. Robinson. Private Lannon, a Hospital, of Charles H. Conery of this returned soldier, and a former mem-city. He was well-known all over On- ber of the club, gave an interesting

T. J. Stewart, were won by Edward tario and the west as a successful talk on "A Soldier's Life at the paving contractor.

* WAR SUMMARY *

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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2000 dead in the Turkish trenches, which they had partially captured, must be taken with a large grain of salt, for the Germans are quite careful not to name the place where the alleged fighting occurred.

The statement that German casualties since the beginning of the war have been 2,667,000, as cabled across the seas, is not the official estimate cantly, of the British war office or anything like it, as the correspondent would hope. have the world believe. The announcement was that the German lists till the end of February showed that number of casualties. Then there is the equally absurd statement that the British press bureau gave out that the German casualties in February were only 35,000 while the first heavy fighting of the battle of Verdun had been under way. The official estimate of the French war office as repeatedly published in the press of Paris is that the German dead loss in the war till the first of the year totaled at least 3,750,000. The British statisticians place the German dead loss at 3,500,000. The German dead for the first 17 months of the war are estimated by the allied war offices at 1.000.000 at least. In December alone, while there was practically no fighting, the British losses were 20,-000 and they were probably much heavier than that in February, and that on a front of only 70 miles, while the Germans have been holding in all at least 1000 miles of front, and on one portion they were engaged in a the German losses in February were only 35,000. They were probably QUININE." E. W. GROVE'S signature on violent offensive. It is, therefore, the height of absurdity to suppose that seven or eight times that number.

The French war office yesterday impugned the accuracy of the German official communiques in a statement in which they showed that Vaux Fort was not taken as the Germans had claimed, neither had the Germans captured Vaux Village. Since the failure of the German offensive against Verdun, the German official communiques have been full of false state-The assertion that over 700 French prisoners had been taken at Fresnes is disproved by the fact that the French garrison there was only 700 men and that this force found no difficulty in safely withdrawing from the village. The claim that 58 French officers and 3277 men had been taken prisoner at Forges, Regnieville, and Bois des Corbeaux is also disproved by the fact that Forges and Regnieville were garrisoned by about 600 men and those were all the prisoners that the Germans could possibly have taken there.

The sinking of the British destroyer Coquette and the torpedo boat No. 11 by German mines was reported yesterday. The total casualties This mine peril is the hardest that the navy has yet to grapple with, for the Germans are now laying in the sea from a type of submarine invented by Simon Lake, an American, mines of all descriptions, mines that float on the surface, mines that float under the surface, anchored mines, mines that lie on the bottom of the sea and come up after a certain number of hours.

Unofficial reports from Saloniki say that the allies will make their advance into the Balkans in May, but it may be safely taken that their actual plans are unknown. Saloniki stands as the great instance of German failure to drive out the allies, and the sequel of that failure will appear in due course. It is probable that there will be a flank advance of Italians and Serbians from Avlona when the move starts from Saloniki.

The German rail head and billets at Carbin in France were attacked by 31 British aeroplanes, and, it is believed, were considerably damaged. Sir Douglas Haig, in reporting this exploit, says that all the machines returned safely to their base. As the result of a fight in the air, a British and a German machine were brought down near Tournai. Two bombing attacks made by the Germans on the British mine craters near the Hohenzollern redoubt were repulsed. Much artillery activity prevailed on both sides near Loos, at the Hohenzollern redoubt, and on the sector between Quinze Rue and Fauquissart. British guns fired on and dustry. damaged a German mine shaft north of Fauquissart.

The Russians laconically announced yesterday that their pursuit of the Turks in the Caucasus still continues. Stories of the impending collapse of Turkey, which have been freely circulated, may owe their origin to the refusal, or inability of Germany to advance \$150,000,000 in gold, which was recently demanded by Enver Pasha and other young Turk leaders. Since Turkey entered the war she has proved a bottomless pit for German gold. Ferdinand of Bulgaria is also developing into a gifted high financier, and before he now does anything for Germany, it is said, he demands cash down.

CROTHERS FEARS HUNS | SNOWFALL PUT STOP MAY GET UPPER HAND

Absolutely Certain of Outcome.

WORRIED BY SNIPERS

Pugsley, as Usual, Pays No At-Issued Soon to Those Physically tention to So-Called Truce.

By a Staff Reporter.
OTTAWA, Ont., March 10.—Hon. T.
W. Crothers, minister of labor, startled the house of commons tonight by mean a German Canada, and that he trict were postponed. The 75th Overwas not absolutely certain that Gerseas Battalion of the Exhibition Camp. many would not win the war. The minister was somewhat nettled by the long, tedious debate in committee of and at 5.30 last night Lieut.-Col. S. G. supply which prevented the progress

of his estimates.

Replying to the speech that had been made urging federal action on the subject of education by Mr. Glass (Middlesex), Mr. Macdonald (Pictou) and others, Mr. Crothers said that he would not announce the policy of the government until a resolution on the subject standing on the order paper in the name of Hon. Mr. Lemieux came up for discussion. He intimat ed, however, that no new expendi-Lucy L. James, 66 Ellis avenue, in her ture should be undertaken at this time except for the purposes of war. We were wasting a great deal of time and money, he said, by prolonging the lunch was served. parliamentary session. Many things had been said during this session which could only tend to encourage the enemy by shaking the confidence of our people in the ability and the

integrity of their government.

Pugsley Still Sniped. Hon. Wm. Pugsley said that it was idle to go ahead with any regislation. He was quite sure, however, that the empire would be victorious, and he thought we should be devoting a great deal of time to legislating for the future. If the opposition were wrong in criticising government or its officials then retroactive legislation should be brough in to restore Messrs. Garland and Foster to their places in parliament In the debate that preceded the colloquy between the minister of labor and Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Nesbitt (North Oxford) suggested vocational schools for returned soldiers. Mr. Glass, in urging technical education, read from a recent debate in the British House of Commons in which the statement are not known.

Was made that the German metal trus at Frankfort controlled the zinc conwas made that the German metal trust centrates of Australia and the nickel

leposits of Canada. Several government bills were advanced today, including Sir Thomas White's bill to require life insurance companies to invest in Dominion Government bonds. Upon his motion the bill was referred to the banking and

Pastor Russell Under Scrutiny.

Hon. A. E. Kemp, for the first time, addressed the house as acting minister of militia, replying to a question by Mr. Burnham (West Peterboro) as to whether the government would permit Pastor Russell to begin his anti-referuiting campaign in Peterboro next Sunday night, Mr. Kemp said the policy of the government was to encourage, not to suppress, recruiting. Hon. Frank Oliver read a telegram from the Alberta Women's Institute complaining that a telegram sent to the prime minister asking if there was any hope for woman suffrage, had not been answered.

Sir George Foster, who was leading Pastor Russell Under Scrutiny.

Sir George Foster, who was leading the house, said he would bring the matter to the attention of the prime

"In the meantime," he added signifi-"the ladies must not abandon

To Relieve Grain Blockade. Sir George also introduced a bill to amend the Canadian Grain Act. The bill empowers the grain commission to order cars in any district to relieve congestion and facilitate the movement trains. It is intended to help in relieving the still pressing wheat block-

Replying to a question, the minister stated that wheat was now being stor ed in the government elevator at Calgary free of charge.

Throw Off Colds and Prevent Grip. When you feel a cold coming on, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. It rem

IS TO START TODAY

Quick Action on Bribery Charges Against Scott's Followers is Surprise.

REGINA, March 10,-Announcement that the royal commission, comprising Justices Brown and Delwood, ppointed to enquire into the briber charges against members of the Scott government and the alleged conspiracy to defeat the government on the floor of the house over the liquor bill in 1915, would get to work immediately and hold its first session tomorrow morning, caused considerable surprise in the parliament buildings this afternoon. Notice to attend the court house for the purpose of the enquiry was served upon Hon. A. P. McNab, Hon. J. A. Sheppard, S. R. Moore and J. E. Bradshaw, all members of the assembly.

The house today passed a supplementary estimate of \$50,000 to provide

for the royal commission.

SIR JAMES CAIRD DEAD. DUNDEE, Scot., March 10.—The death is announced of Sir James Key

TO NIGHT OPERATIONS

Labor Minister Says He is Not But Did Not Affect Manoeuvres of Seventy-Fifth in High Park.

BUTTONS FOR "REJECTS"

Unfit-Slight Drop in Recruiting.

Owing to the recent heavy snowfall the first night operations for troops at present quartered in Toronto scheduled for last night in the Old Belt line disseas Battalion of the Exhibition Camp, however, decided not to be deterred Beckett, and his battalion marched to the north end of High Park. Captain Milam, had command of "C" company, the outpost line which took up its position near the gardener's cottage in Grenadier Pond ravine. Capt. Bull had command of "A," "B" and "D" companies which were attacked after dark by "C" company. Col. Beckett was very much pleased with the showmarched back to the camp where light

The 81st, 83rd and 92nd Battalion Bands paraded yesterday thru the streets, and as the big fight to have been staged by these battalions along with the 75th had been called off, the men spent the evening in the barracks.

Recruiting Satisfactory.
Recruiting is still satisfactory course if Germany was going to win 138 men applied at the Toronto Recruiting Depot yesterday for enlist-ment. Of this number 92 were accepted. The Sportsmen Battalion had double the number of men accepted that of any of the other battalions. It received 20, the 166th, 9; the 170th, 6: the 198th 10 and the Bantams 6. The Sportsmen's Battalion are within less than 100 of being up to strength.

Captain Christie of the Recruiting Depot, who authorized the button which General Logie has approved for those rejected as being physically un-fit, stated last night that the button would contain a number as well as the letters, "A" "R". It will not be necessary for the men who received rejection papers to undergo another examination. Just as soon as the but-tons are ready Captain Christie said those who were given their rejection paper will be called to hand it in and will be given a button.

The local branch of the Dominion Hospitals Commission last night received word that 32 convelescent sol-diers would arrive in Toronto at 7.30

Certify Willingness.

not to leave, will be granted furlough, not to exceed one month, for the purpose of enabling them to take part in seeding, plowing, etc. Furlough will only be granted on proof that promise of work has actually been obtained by the sol-

has actually been obtained by the soldiers. Soldiers who go will leave their uniforms and equipment with their unit, and they may be provided with return transportation to and from any locality, not exceeding a distance of 300 miles from the camp where their battailon is quartered. If the men can give satisfactory evidence on their return to their battailon, that they were working on a farm, pay and allowances withheld during their furlough will be forwarded to them.

were seen teams where son a road they exposed themselves on a road behind the German lines they were again caught by our fire.

A patrol of our Second Eastern Ontario Battalion, consisting of Lieut. Pym. Corp. Nicholls and Lance Corp. Jensen, passed thru German wire and worked its way up to the enemy parapet. Hearing no sounds of sentries the patrol climbed up onto the parapet, and Lieut. Pym

Each non-commissioned officer or private will, therefore, be warned that when he returns to the headquarters of his unit he will be required to produce a certificate bearing the name of the person who employed him, and of two other residents near the place he was working at.

Commanding officers are reminded to be careful of enlisting Russian subjects for overseas. It is pointed out in camp orders that special certificates must be shown for the purpose of protecting the Canadian forces from recruiting men claiming to be Russians, who may be of the enemy nationality, Austrian or Hungarian. Must Exercise Care.

The G.O.C. of the 2nd Division grant leave of absence to officers of the division for a period not exceeding one week. Applications for leave periods exceeding one week, or for permission to travel abroad, must be submitted to the militia headquarters at Ottawa for approved.

Chaplains appointed to overseas battalions without pay, who are assisting in the work of organization, will receive the pay of their rank.

Following numerous complaints that the certificates issued at the Toronto Recruiting Depot to those rejected are insufficient to indicate that the person has applied for service, General Logie announced yesterday morning that he had authorized a button to be given those who are turned down. The design of the button has been approved, and will bear

button has been approved, and will bear the letters "A. R.," meaning "Applied and Rejected." Review at Hamilton Brigadier-General Logie and his staff will review 7000 troops on parade in Hamilton on March 18. In addition to the 129th, 84th, 86th and 98th Battalions, which are quartered in Hamilton, several overseas units from the surrounding districts will participate. ricts will participate. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Price, M.L.A., has

been instructed by headquarters to start his recruiting campaign for the 204th Battalion on Tuesday, March 14.

Non-Coms', Exams.

Boards of officers, as detailed below, will assemble at thetimes and places stated, for the examination of non-commissioned officers' classes;

22nd Highlanders' Overseas Battalion. missioned officers' classes;
92nd Highlanders' Overseas Battalion,
C.E.F.—School of instruction, Toronto,
Thursday, March 9 9 a.m. President, H.
H. Madill, C.O.T.C. Members—Captain
Loudon, 92nd Overseas Batt., C.E.F.; Loudon, 92nd Overseas Batt., C.E.F.; Captain Donald, 92nd Overseas Battallon, C.E.F.

DUNDEE, Scot., March 10.—The death is announced of Sir James Key Caird, millionaire jute manufacturer and a leading figure in Scotch industry. Sir James was well known as a philanthropist, He was the chief financial backer of the Shackleton Antarctic expedition. He was born in 1837.

WOMEN CAN REGISTER.

BRANTFORD, Ont., March 10.—The Women's Emergency Corps will open an office for the purpose of registering names of women who are prepared to take the places of men who go to the front.

Captain Donald, 92nd Overseas Battalion, C.E.F.—In Captain Donald, 92nd Overseas Battalion, C.E.F.—In Captain Donald, 92nd Overseas Battalion, C.E.F.—In C.E.F.—In School of instruction, Toronto, Monday, March 13, 9 a.m. President, C.E.F.; Capt. Werden, 124th Overseas Batt., C.E.F.—Leut. Ramsden, 122nd Overseas Batt., C.E.F.—In It. C.E.F.—In It. C.E.F.—It. Lieut. Ramsden, 122nd Overseas Batt., C.E.F.—School of instruction. Toronto, Monday, March 124nd Overseas Batt., C.E.F.—Leut. Ramsden, 122nd Overseas Batt., C.E.F.—School of instruction. Toronto, Monday, March 14, 9 a.m. President, Major A. D. LePan, I.C., 2nd Div. Members—Capt. M. T. Morgan, 134th Overseas Batt., C.E.F.; Lieut. F. W. Grant, 134th

CANADIAN GUNS AIDED BRITISH IN ONSLAUGHT

Hearty Thanks Given for Co-Operation Which Was Most Effective.

CANADIAN FRONT QUIET

Patrol Actively Continues to Be the Outstanding Feature.

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were also successfully bombarded by The following message was received by the Canadian corps from the British corps concerned: "Sincere thanks fo our most valuable co-operation.

Canadian Front Quiet. On the Canadian front the enemy displayed little activity. Our artillery maintained its normal rate of fire, bu thruout the period frequent storms rain, sleet and snow rendered accurate severely damaged the German front line and in some instances the enemy's parapets were knocked so low as t expose the Germans working in their trenches.

One morning recently a feint at tack was arranged and successfully carried out by our second infantry briing of his men and at 9 o'clock when the manoeuvres were over the battalion was sent up from our trenches. The enemy took alarm at the demonstration and rapidly manned his trenches, open ing and maintaining a heavy fire of artillery, machine guns, rifles and grenades in anticipation of an attack. Our only casualty was one man accidentally wounded in the hand, but it is probable that the enemy who swarmed into his front trenches, suffered considerable loss from our fire.

> German Airmen Still Busy. German aviators continued to take advantage of any clearing in the weather to reconnoitre our area Bombs were dropped on several villages behind the Canadian line, but no image of military consequence resulted. On the approach of our ma chines the hostile planes usually retired to their own territory. On the morning of March 6 a zep pelin was observed flying a grea height over the German area opposite

> our second division. Our patrols were as active as usual in reconnaissance and in bombing enemy positions. During the past seven days lines were cut by our pa-trols thru the enemy's barbed wire en-tanglements in nine different places, making gaps thru the enemy's wire wide enough to afford passage to twelve men walking abreast. Three hostile patrols were observed, but retired at the approach of our men

Won Fight With Patrol. In the early morning of March 4 small patrol under Lieut. W. E. Mc-Farland of our 13th Battalion Royal Highlanders encountered an enemy patrol vanced and attacked with bombs. At this moment German flares revealed the position of the enemy patro opened on it with rifle fire. enemy retaliated but was finally forced to retire to the cover of a barricade with at least two casualties. Our patrol returned safely. On the night of March 2 a patrol of our 10th Western Canada Battalion under Lieut. Kent bombed a German

Caught Foe With Shrapnel. On the same evening two scouts of our first division observed a long file of men entering a German trench. Word was sent back and our artillery opened fire with shrapnel. A little later several parties of the enemy were seen leaving the trench, and as they exposed themselves on a road behind the German lines they were

up onto the parapet, and Lieut. Pym remained there watching while the two scouts entered the trenches. A careful examination was made of three bays, but none of the nemy was encountered, the Germans were heard moving and talking in their second line trenches, about 25 yards to the rear. Our patrol

withdrew without being detected, and returned to our lines after an absence of over three hours. On the night of March 3, Sergt. Fournier and Scouts Doucet, Lebel, Morin and Caron, of our 22nd French-Canadian Battalion, went out to the German wire and brought back samples of the wire and a German wirecutter. While returning, this patrol was fired on by two German machine guns, but eventually

Daring Scouting. Lieut. H. J. McClurin of our 16th

wounded.

trenches, one man being slightly

Canadian Scottish Battalion made a daring reconnaissance of an enemy listening post on the morning of March

been instructed by headquarters to start who subsequently went forward to-nis recruiting campaign for the 204th ward the German lines and bombed

Don't Abuse Khaki

The soldiers' interference with the prohibition crusaders while most regrettable is an indication of eelings of those who are fighting for us. When they return to find the Hotel Teck draped in blue and white ribbons they will think hard of those who stayed behind.

DAN PIERCE INJURED:

While going home from the recruiting meeting at the Star Theatre early this morning, Dan Pierce, manager of the house, was painfully injured. He was riding in the side car of Walt. Andrews' motorcycle. At King and Niagara streets Andrews tried to get clear of a motor car, but the wheel of the motorcycle stuck in the tracks and Andrews and Pierce were thrown. Andrews was not hurt, but Dan Pierce was badly cut and bruised. He will be at the theatre today, however.



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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT MARKHAM YESTERDAY

Skating Rink and Agricultural Hall Were Completely Wiped Out.

OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN

Forty Thousand Dollars' Loss War Auxiliary Association Was Caused to Buildings and

Stock of Wool.

A fire of unknown origin which East York Agricultural Society causing a loss estimated at \$40,000. The

hall.

Burning cinders which fell on the roofs of adjoining houses started small fires, but they were put out before any serious loss was sustained. The firemen worked at great disadvantage owing to the high strong winds and piercing cold. The agricultural hall will be rebuilt in time for the Markham fair and an emergency meeting of the directors will be held in a day or two to determine the size and cost

TORIES OF WARD SEVEN HELD ANNUAL MEETING

W. F. Maclean, M.P., Optimistic on Outcome of War-Officers Elected.

Ward Seven Conservative Association ward seven Conservative Association held its annual meeting and election of officers in Masonic Temple, Annette street, last night. Past President J. H. Rowntree occupied the chair. The newly-elected officers are: President, W. J. Lynner, Circumstant J. Lehner, w. J. listening post on the morning of March
5. Crawling from our trenches along
a hedge he found the post occupied
and surrounded by wire. He went out
a second time to the same point, and,
finding the post vacant, made a detailed inspection of the work and
brought in empty sandbags and other
articles.

In the early morning of March 7 an
enemy patrol of 12 men was noticed
approaching the trenches of our 15th
Battalion (48th Highlanders). The
patrol was driven off by our bombers,
who subsequently went forward toward the German lines and bombed
the enemy's sentries.

W. F. Maclean, M.P., was of the opinion that with our present position we had a better opportunity of carrying the war to a succeivful issue. It was such a stupendous war; we had so much to stand for. If the German fleet comes out it would meet its finish, for the British navy was supreme. It was a fight for freedom and civilization. In speaking of the resources of Canada, he said we were doing everything in the manufacture of munitions but the loading and making of fuses. In the near future a large sum of money would be spent in Canadian factories. The day had come when Canada must have its own permanent munition plants. when Canada must have its own permanent munition plants.

Referring to the people of the States, the speaker stated that the enemy was entrenched in the States, using its citizenship to break up the American republic and stop the exporting of munitions. In conclusion he stated that the best possible care would be taken to best possible care would be taken of the men who go to the front, and still better care taken of the returned sol-

diers.
Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A., made a stirring address, both of a political and military nature. In speaking on the bilingual issue, he said that the English

RECRUITING IS POOR

Prominent Residents of West York Declare Young Men Are Not Responding.

CENSUS IS SUGGESTED

Formed at Large Gathering Yesterday.

That recruiting in some part of West broke out in the Markham skating broke out in the Markham skating rink at an early hour yesterday morn-was very unsatisfactory, was the outing completely destroyed the building and the main hall belonging to the men at a meeting held in the county offices yesterday for the purpose of formrolunteer brigade quickly responded ing an association to be known as the to the alarm, but the flames had gained West York War Auxiliary. The chair such headway that they could do nothing more than confine the flames to the two buildings.

was occupied by Dr. Abbott, and the officers chosen were Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A., president; G. W. Verral of Western Confine the flames to officers chosen were Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A., president; G. W. Verral of Western Confine the flames to officers chosen were Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A., president; G. W. Verral of Western Confine the flames to officers chosen were Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A., president; G. W. Verral of Western Confine the flames to officers chosen were Dr. Forbes Godfrey. More than \$20,000 worth of wool belonging to the Markham Woolen Company was stored in the agricultural hall about half of which is destroyed. There was an insurance of \$4,000 on the skating rink which was valued at \$3,000, and a similar amount on the hall.

Braniag cindars which fell on the York, and over the county generally. He stated that no results were being obtained from public meetings, and that they had outlived their usefulness in that district. Only joint effort on the part of all patriotic critizens could help the recruiting out in the county. He favored a census to obtain the name and residence of every available man in West York, with a view to making a strong personal canvass. Many hindrances had been thrown in the way of recruiting officers. The 127th Overseas had yet to enlist 200 men, while 1157 more would be required for the 220th Overseas, of which had command.

Not Up to Standard.

J. M. Pearson of Weston declared that

Not Up to Standard.

J. M. Pearson of Weston declared that while the Town of Weston had contributed generously in money, and other ways it had failed absolutely to measure up to the standard set by many other places. "I want to say, too, that Weston got credit for recruits to which she was not entitled." The speaker charged that much of the failure to respond was due to the action of the women of Weston.

Dr. Forbes Godfrey made a vigorous protest against the failure of West York to do its share in the present struggle. "You have chosen me as chairman of this war auxiliary of West York and I will do all I can to see that not alone Weston, but the other places that are hanging back come over the line," he declared.

A notable exception to the general compleint of delay in recruiting was A notable exception to the general complaint of delay in recruiting was furnished by Dr. Sproule, who stated that in the little Village of Mount Dennis between 700 and 800 men had enlisted for active overseas service, a statement which evoked great applause. East York will be reorganized along the same lines. same lines.

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in the Province of Ontario. The speaker expressed himself openly as a firm believer in conscription. Other speakers were: Ald. Ryding. Dr. R. R. Hopkins. Col. Brown. W. A. Baird and others. W. Davis, W. Winthorne and A. O. Derenshaw contributed the musical program.

MRS. PANKHURST AT THE CITY HALL TODAY

Will Appeal for Recruits for Eighty-First Battalion.

Mrs. Pankhurst, the prominent English suffraget, who is in Toronto to further the campaign for the relief of the Serbians, will speak at a recruiting meeting to be held by the 81st Battalion in the vestibule of the city hall at 12.30 p.m. today. Mrs. Pankhurst has been extremely successful in obtaining recruits in Great Britain, and it is expected that her address today will result in a good number of men enlisting.

SANITARY WASHED WIPING RAGS AND CHEESE CLOTH. E. PULLAN 3.4.7 20 Maud St. Ad. 760