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HOPE TO OPEN BRUCE BRANCH BY NIGHTFALL

G. T. R. Working on the Last
Remaining Line Blocked
by Heavy Drifts.

By the aid of snowplows and large
gangs of shovellers, the Stratford
branch of the Grand Trunk was opened
for traffic shortly before 12 o'clock
last night. The regular service to
Stratford is being maintained today.
Snowbanks in the vicinity of Kelly's
Siding, as deep as 15 feet, had to be
shovelled out, the snowplows proving
ineffective.

G. T. R. local officials announced
early this morning that they expected
to have the Huron and Bruce branch
cleared before night. With the opening
of traffic on this branch the last of
the snowbound branches will be free.
A snowplow and two engines left the
city early today northbound on the
Bruce. The company will transfer ex-
tra gangs of shovellers to this branch
in an effort to open the line.

Not a train has been operated on the
Bruce since Saturday, when the ac-
commodation train from Wingham ar-
rived here two hours late.

A short distance on the Petrolia-
Wyoming branch remained to be opened
this morning. A snowplow was
dispatched to Wyoming at 9 o'clock
today for that purpose.

The C. P. R. announced that normal
conditions prevailed on all its lines.
The London and Lake Erie line is
open to Port Huron and the regular
schedule is being maintained.

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HALIFAX'S CALL FOR CARPENTERS POORLY RESPONDED TO HERE

Seventy-Five Offer Services—
Twenty-Five Going Today.

Twenty to twenty-five carpenters from
this city and district left for G. T. R.
for Halifax today. The response to the
call for carpenters made by the local office of
the Ontario Employment Bureau has not
been up to expectations. It was thought
that from one to two hundred unem-
ployed carpenters were in this district,
but so far only seventy-five have re-
sponded. The drafts are to be sent pri-
marily to the stricken city, John Par-
rell, who is in charge of the work,
expressing the belief that
no more than half the quota of men
asked for will be obtained. Our prices
for the work are not at all high. The
list of the twenty-five men sent to
Halifax today, several came from
Strathroy, Brantford, Melbourne, Sar-
nia and other places.

The majority of the seventy-five who
declined for work said they would not
be able to go until later in the week. They
explain that they must make arrange-
ments with their families before leaving
the city.

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50 VOLUNTEER TO BE "MOTHER" OF "LONELY" SOLDIER WHO MADE UNUSUAL APPEAL TO CITY WOMEN

SICK CHILDREN RESCUED FROM BURNING HOME

Soldier's Wife and Kiddies Are
Driven Out By An Early
Morning Blaze.

MOTHER DISCOVERED FIRE
Was Getting Breakfast When
Flames Commenced the De-
struction of Cottage.

Mrs. Arthur Peersall, whose husband
is serving "somewhere in France," and
her five small children were driven out
of their home, 56 Adelaide street, early
this morning by fire, which destroyed
the roof of the cottage.

Mrs. Peersall was preparing break-
fast, and the children were still in bed,
when the flames were discovered. The
kiddies were rescued and taken to the
home of Mrs. P. Arand, 84 Adelaide
street, where they will stay until other
arrangements for their accommodation
can be made. Four of the children have
been ill for some time and were far
from well when rescued.

Supper Arthur Peersall, the father,
has been on active service in France
with the Canadian engineers for more
than two years.

The cottage, which is owned by Mr.
McGinnis, was only partially burned,
as the fire was confined to the attic.
Most of the furniture was water soaked,
but some of it was carried out before
much damage was done.

It is believed that the fire was caused
by an overheated pipe.

"NO POLITICS" RULE IN COUNCIL MAY GIVE "DARK HORSE" CHANCE

If Last Year's Promises Hold
Good, Surprise Is Likely.

WIDENS POSSIBILITIES

Non-Partisan Selection of the
Middlesex Warden May Be
Rule for 1918.

If the Middlesex county council
adhere to their pledges to eliminate
politics from the election of the next
warden, to be selected on Tuesday next,
the selection may be a complete sur-
prise.

At the January session in 1917 a spe-
cial committee was appointed to report
on the best and most agreeable method
of selecting a warden. The committee
after careful consideration of the ques-
tion, returned a short report. That
report was to the effect that to avoid
all friction, politics were to be care-
fully eliminated the next time a warden
was selected.

The council heard the committee's re-
port, and unanimously decided to
adopt it.

Whether the advice will be followed
this year remains to be seen next
Tuesday.

Two Are in Line.
If the election is carried out on a
non-political basis, it is expected that
Thomas Clark, first deputy-revee of
London, Township of Richmond, will
be elected. Both have served many years
in the county and many believe they de-
serve recognition for their past ser-
vice.

If the election is made by a political
majority, it is certain that one out of
five Liberals will be chosen. Donald
Graham, Carleton Place, Fred Barrett,
West Williams, John Currie, Adelaide,
and David Smith, North York, have been
mentioned for some time past.

May Choose Proulx.
In the last week a prominent Liberal,
in the person of Joseph J. Proulx, the
deputy-revee of the township of Rich-
mond, mentioned, and it is understood his
friends will make every effort to place
him in the building and they are said to
desert a doomed ship. For years past
the rodents have given the arena au-
thorities considerable trouble. They have
been caught in large numbers. This
winter, though the traps were set as
usual, not a rat was caught and none
were seen.

WISE RODENTS THESE.
Montreal, Jan. 15.—The Montreal Arena,
recently destroyed by fire, that rats
in the building and they are said to
desert a doomed ship. For years past
the rodents have given the arena au-
thorities considerable trouble. They have
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QUEBEC CLERICAL ORGAN AGAINST OPENING OF THE THEATRES ON SABBATH

Montreal, Jan. 16.—L'Action Catholique,
the Quebec clerical organ, says that
the recent decision of the court of ap-
peals, opening the theatres on Sunday,
is much to be regretted, and calls atten-
tion to the fact that two of the judges
of the court of appeal, Justices Carroll
and Pelletier, opposed the judgment
which declared that the city of Quebec
Sunday closing bylaw was ultra-vires,
while Justices Archambault, Laverne
and Cross held that the city had no right
to prevent the theatres opening their
doors on Sunday. The paper expresses
the hope that the city will not consider
the case terminated.

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DEATH PENALTY FOR MURDER OF LONDON JAILER

One of Two Who Robbed and
Killed 135th Man
Will Hang.

ANOTHER GETS TEN YEARS
Soldier Who Turned King's
Evidence Escaped With a
Seven-Year Term.

Death sentence was passed on one of
the three men implicated in the robbery
and murder of Pte. Oliver G. Imlay of
this city, in old London, on Monday.
Cable dispatches today announce that
the trial was concluded Tuesday.
Thomas Vincent Magee, an Australian
soldier, was convicted of robbery with
violence, and sentenced to 10 years,
while Joseph Jones, a stonemason and a
former member of the imperial service,
was convicted of murder and sentenced
to be hanged. On Monday, Ernest
Edward Sharpe, another Aus-
tralian soldier, who turned King's evi-
dence, was sentenced to seven years on a
charge of robbery, the manslaughter
indictment originally returned against
him having been reduced.

When Sharpe turned King's evidence,
he swore that Jones had dealt the fatal
blow with a knife. Jones was found
guilty of robbery and murder, and as it
was necessary to give sentence on all
counts, to the effect of the evidence
of appeal, he was sentenced to ten years
for robbery and to death for murder.
Magee was found guilty of robbery
with violence and sentenced to ten years'
penal servitude.

The conclusion of the trial and the ex-
treme penalty meted out to Jones caused
a sensation in the old county.

Pte. Imlay, who resided on
Stirling street, this city, went overseas
with the 135th Battalion, and was in
London on leave when he met the three
men, who later caused his death.

The Australians and their compan-
ions, since they were in London, were
that they followed the London boy and a
friend down the darkened Waterloo road
and attacked them. The London boy was
the object, but in the melee, so the evi-
dence shows, Jones struck Imlay so hard
that the Londoner subsequently died in
a British hospital.

Francis L. Watts.

BRITISH-BORN IN STATES FURNISHED HALF OF RECRUITS

District Figures for Half the
Month Even.

174 MEN VOLUNTEERED

W. O. R. Took 117 of These,
Construction Depot Fol-
lowing With 31 Men.

United States and Canada are
shouldering equal shares of the burden
of war as far as this military district
is concerned, for both produced 87 re-
cruits for the units of the Western Ontario
division during the first half of the month
of January. Of the total of 174 men who
volunteered to serve in the Canadian
forces, by far the greatest portion went
into the ranks of the 1st Depot Batta-
lion.

The Forestry and Railway Construc-
tion Depot was next in line, with a
company of the Canadian Engineers fol-
lowed with 13 recruits. Four men joined
No. 1 Detachment, Military Police, and
the 7th Guard Details and the Central
Ontario Regiment at Toronto each re-
ceived one man.

One of the most striking indications
of the desire for greater production
being met by the army is the fact that
despite the severity of the weather
about 75 farmers from all over the dis-
trict attended the first of a series of
demonstrations on "Tractors—Their
Design and Operation" being
given by the International Harvester
Company, in the garage building beside
the C. P. R. depot on King street.

Demonstrating the method of carrying
and operating one of the farm labor-
ing machines, Harry Robson of
Brantford, the demonstrator, spoke
upon the owners of tractors present,
the necessity for great care being ex-
ercised in the use of the machines.

Beginning today the lessons and
demonstrations will continue until Fri-
day night, when it is expected that
those attending will have learned suf-
ficient about the different types of
tractors to enable them to operate the
machines without constant appeal to
experts, causing loss of time and money.

Among those attending the cases are
several returned soldiers who have been
appointed to the government tractor
schools for the spring farm work.

The agriculturists attending the
school are all owners of tractors. They
came into the city this morning and
will stay here until the course is
given.

The various systems of operating the
machines were demonstrated by Mr.
Robson. The fuel, ignition, lubrication,
cooling, air and gas systems, were
shown today, and will be explained
more fully as the course progresses.

Mr. Robson declared that the em-
ployment of a tractor is equivalent to
the work of four men on a farm. Now
that the labor shortage has reached an
acute stage, it devolves upon farmers
as a patriotic duty to be alert, to do
as much work in aiding production as
possible, and the only way by which
this may be done is by the employment
of efficient, modern methods.

A tractor costs from \$1,600 to \$1,700.
The demonstrators urged those present
to remember his advice and give their
tractors proper care, as the amount of
money involved in the purchase of the
machines warranted.

Before the termination of the les-
sons every one of a tractor was shown
separately studied and its uses and
working explained.

TIMETABLE CHANGES SHOW SLAUGHTER OF TRAINS IN STATES

One Ontario Train Is Cut Off
by M. C. R. at Buffalo.

The New York Central Lines, which
is the parent road of the Michigan Cen-
tral, has announced wholesale changes
in its eastern timetables as a result of
the Government taking control. A
short time ago it was announced that
such action would result in a cut in its
Ontario schedule, but so far no such
action has resulted.

The New York Central cut announced
that train No. 18, which runs from
Buffalo to New York, will be discon-
tinued. This means that the train will
not go farther than Buffalo.
No. 18 is the only train on a so-
called through route from Buffalo to
New York. It leaves Buffalo at 10
minutes after 10, and will handle the
through traffic from the Ontario
train. This is the only change an-
nounced that will affect Ontario trains.

The fact of change shows that the
train service in the United States is
being cut to the limit. Where in the
past there were four trains on a so-
called through route, now only one
what close schedule, one has been cut
off and the other doubled up. Numerous
local trains are cut off, and the local
stop divided up among the through
trains. The cuts show a wholesale
slaughter of the Sunday timetables. The
Adrian road is an example of this.
There were four trains on this line run-
ning every day a week. The new time-
table, which went into effect Sunday,
cut off three of them from the Sunday
schedule.

Many fast express trains connect-
ing large centres have been slaughtered.

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