

## INTERESTING REPORT

Of Miss McKee Head Nurse  
Brantford Victorian  
OrderWith Reference to Confer-  
ence Held at Ottawa.A special meeting of the members  
of the Victorian Order of Nurses  
took place yesterday afternoon, Mr.  
Frank Cockshutt presiding.Miss McKee, the head nurse of  
the Brantford branch, was requested  
by the chief executive of the order  
to attend a conference of nurses at  
Ottawa, when some forty nurses  
from different parts of Canada were  
called together to discuss problems,  
and suggest plans for the further-  
ance of the work carried on by the  
order.Miss McKee gave a report of the  
conference, mentioning the high  
standard of training maintained by  
the order.The Victorian Order fills such an  
important place in the community,  
and is constantly called upon to ren-  
der service and respond to new de-  
mands. An example of this is the  
child welfare work. To conserve  
child life is such a stupendous need,  
and will have such far reaching re-  
sults in the development of Canada.The Victorian Order was quick to  
grasp the importance of this work,  
and prepared to meet the need by  
training nurses to intelligently deal  
with this matter. In Brantford a  
child welfare nurse is doing efficient  
work.There are branches of the Victo-  
rian Order throughout Canada, in  
town and city, village and hamlet,  
but perhaps nowhere is the work  
done, better appreciated, or more  
needed, than in the West. Out on  
the prairie, miles from a doctor or  
trained nursing, the Order has es-  
tablished in many districts, cottage  
hospitals. These hospitals are the  
outcome of the Order's benevolent  
fund. The interest of this fund en-  
ables the order to equip and main-  
tain these hospitals, and it would be  
impossible to overestimate the good  
that has been accomplished.The annual meeting of the board  
of governors was held at Ottawa just  
after the conference of nurses, when  
the different officers gave reports of  
the year's work, but from the gen-  
eral superintendent's report was  
gathered how extensive had been  
the actual work done.Many of the nurses have gone  
overseas, which has made heavier  
work for those remaining. In addi-  
tion to this, when the Halifax disas-  
ter occurred, the chief superinten-  
dent of the Victorian Order was asked  
to send aid, and 24 hours after the  
request came, twenty-five nurses  
were on their way to Halifax where  
they rendered heroic service. This  
of course, has made the nursing staff  
very short, but already a committee  
of competent men and women, who  
know the need, has been formed, and  
it is expected that they will devise  
and carry out a plan whereby young  
women will be trained in this  
worthy work, and help to maintain  
its efficiency.The operations of the local branch  
of the Government war lecture bu-  
reau are now in full swing here.  
Mayor MacBride gave the first ad-  
dress of the campaign at the St.  
Patrick's concert in the Opera  
House on Wednesday night, while  
last night Capt. the Rev. C. E.  
Jeakins was a five-minute speaker  
in the Brant and the Rex theatres,  
taking as his subject "The Menace,"  
and bringing home to his hearers  
with words the need for a concerted  
action until the menace of German  
militarism is laid forever low."The menace is still with us," de-  
clared the speaker, "the situation  
to-day is serious. There is no room  
for over-confidence, but we must  
have confidence of the right sort, to  
see this thing through."Strength Needed in West.  
Capt. Jeakins touched upon the  
collapse of Russia. Her people were  
sounded at heart, but they were im-  
practical idealists, confused and  
helpless beneath Teuton duplicity,  
and could not be relied upon for aid  
to-day. This great weakening of  
the line in the east called for a cor-  
responding strengthening in the  
west. Our fears must nerve us to  
strenuous action "for the tanks of  
the boar have not yet been drawn,"  
declared the speaker. "We have  
not yet attained one of the aims  
enumerated by Asquith, then Prem-  
ier, in the early days of the war.  
To-day we look to the United States  
for help, but experts tell us it will  
be months, at the least, before that  
nation can throw her full strength  
into the struggle. It is up to us to  
take the place of Russia."No Premature Peace.  
Italy, hard pressed by the invad-  
ing forces, had rallied, was herself  
once more and a splendid defensive  
line stretched from the English  
Channel to the Swiss Alps, awaiting  
the German onslaught which now  
seemed to be on the horizon. The  
speaker appealed for perseverance to  
the last."Peace now?" he exclaimed.  
"Peace, when thirty-six thousand  
crosses mark the crimsoned wounds  
of our fellow Canadians in France,  
the men who gave their lives that  
we may have a just and lasting  
peace? No! Confidence in ultimate  
victory is warranted, say those in  
authority; but we must forget with-  
in our own souls and those of oth-  
ers, the spirit of revolution and  
courage which will see the thing  
through to the end."Capt. Jeakins explained that his  
words were but a prelude to the lec-  
tures who were to come, to en-  
lighten the public upon many im-  
portant phases of the war and to  
encourage determination and resolu-  
tion to the last."The way to victory is hard," he  
declared in closing, "but we will  
travel it. Germany's fate is sealed,  
and we shall win."

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