

## THE COURIER

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## GET TOGETHER.

An Old Home Week having been decided upon for Brantford during the coming summer, the great thing now is to get together on behalf of making it an unbounded, and a clean success.

The last time there was such an event here was in 1899 and it was held in December. Despite the inclement period of the year, and to many the inconvenient time, because of the close approach of Christmas, hundreds came and the entire affair proved most enjoyable.

Mayor Spence sounded the right note at the meeting when he urged a sane and a properly conducted jubilation. There is no reason in the world why there should not be a harmless week of fun without the horseplay which not long ago took place in both Hamilton and Guelph. Brantfordites wish to have a true "Home Week" with none but pleasant memories remaining, and this citizens not only desire, but also intend to have.

## NO ACCOMMODATION.

The Toronto Globe contains this special despatch from Ottawa:

"The British sloop of war the Albatross, stationed at Esquimaux, has been obliged to go to Seattle for repairs to a broken shaft. It was found that there was no firm on the British Columbia coast able to carry out the necessary work of making a new shaft, although the drydock at Esquimaux was adequate for the accommodation of the boat.

"The Government's naval policy has not yet developed anything sufficient even to undertake the repairs of a British sloop of war on the Pacific coast to the extent of providing a new shaft."

The Toronto organ seems to think that the above constitutes a reflection upon the Borden naval policy; in reality it is the very reverse.

Under the Laurier plan, which remains as at present, it will be seen that even for so small a matter as a new shaft there are no adequate facilities in connection with the Dominion. And yet in face of such a condition of affairs the Globe has been frantically yelling for Canada to lay down three dreadnoughts, with immediate despatch.

If the organ does not see what an absolute give away it has made of itself in this essential, the general public will.

## CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS.

The Borden Government has only been in office for a little over two years but here is a partial list of what they have accomplished:

1—Settled the boundary question of Manitoba, by extending its limits so as to place it on an equality with Saskatchewan and Alberta. Extended, at the same time the boundaries of Ontario and Quebec.

2—Passed the Agricultural Aid Bill, appropriating \$10,000,000 spread over a period of ten years, for agricultural instruction in the various provinces.

3—Established a system of government owned elevators in Western Canada. One elevator of 3,000,000 bushels capacity is already built at Port Arthur, two are being constructed at Moosejaw and Saskatoon, and others will be built in Alberta, on the coast and at Hudson Bay.

4—Established a parcels post system, inaugurated on Feb. 10.

5—Pushed construction of the Hudson Bay Railway, so that the whole road is now under contract, and 150 miles have been graded. Harbor work is also well started.

6—Introduced Highways Bill, appropriating \$2,500,000 for road construction. (Killed by the Senate).

7—Secured reduction of cable rates to Great Britain and the West Indies.

8—Passed, British West Indies Agreement, with preferential tariff rates of mutual advantage to Canada and the Islands.

9—Started vigorous development of the great national harbors of Canada, including those at Halifax, St. John, Quebec, Montreal, Hamilton, Port Arthur, Fort William, Vancouver and Victoria.

10—Introduced Branch Lines Railway Bill providing for the acquisition

of branch lines in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces to the advantage of the Intercolonial Railway. (Killed by Senate).

11—Introduced a bill to fulfil a long overdue debt of Canada to the Old Land by offering the price of three Dreadnoughts for the British Navy. (Killed by Senate).

Just compare with the above what the Laurier Government didn't accomplish during fifteen years of office and the average individual can speedily realize how greatly the Canadian people have benefited by the change of administration.

## THE FLOOR SPACE CHARGE.

The Courier has been asked to define the "Floor Space" charge in connection with Hydro Electric system. The situation is just this. Under the Hydro Electric plan citizens are in effect joint owners. All well conducted corporations have to set aside so much per month for interest, sinking fund, depreciation, and so on. The floor space levy is to cover these capital charges. It should be remembered that there is no metre rent as with gas, and that the floor space charge is for the proportion of the plant placed at the disposal of each consumer. Without such a demand the rates would have to be made higher. Another thing which citizens should bear in mind is that under Hydro there are no profits declared as such.

When earnings show a surplus over all levies, then there is another cut in prices. This has taken place already in many other communities, and doubtless Brantfordites will enjoy a similar experience.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Help boost Home Week.

Now is the time to put on your screen doors.

Sixty-two below zero at White River! By the gods, but it is quite balmy in this neck of the hemisphere.

Brantfordites intend to show that they can hold an Old Boys and Old Girls re-union without any Hooliganism.

And to think that pretty soon people will be paying for the ice which Jack Frost is at present so generously chucking at us without charge.

The comparatively small majority of the Asquith Government in connection with the first division with reference to the Home Rule bill, emphasizes the fact of breakers ahead.

The House consists of 670 members, and according to the latest figures, available the Administration had a clear majority of 104. Of their full strength 264 are straight Liberals and the rest of the following Nationalists, Labor men, and Independent Nationalists. There must have been a good deal of bolting to account for the shrinkage in the normal lead.

## To The Editor

## ARMENIANS GRATEFUL

To the Editor of the Courier:

Sir,—Armenians of this city are thankful to his Worship, Mayor Spence, who arranged with Mr. Atkinson to take six Armenians each week to work. This will be highly appreciated by our people, for they are really suffering as the result of the hard times, which has been on for some time.

Our people do not believe in getting a loaf of bread which is not the product of their labor. It pays to encourage such people.

I will be glad to hear from anybody who can give employment to one or more than one Armenians.

ARMEN AMIKHAMAN,  
The Armenian Missionary of the city.

## Mr. Balfour on the Higher Values in Ethical Scale.

Mr. Balfour continued his Gifford Lectures on Natural Theology at Glasgow University on Monday. In his last lecture Mr. Balfour said he had endeavored to show how aesthetic emotion required something beyond the ordinary naturalistic explanation of the universe if its values were to be adequately maintained. He now applied the same general line of argument not to the question of beauty, but to questions of morality. He left aesthetics, and passed to ethics. Dealing with the higher values in the ethical scale, he characterized those higher values as dependent on and connected with their altruistic and unselfish feelings for the family, the tribe of mankind. Had natural selection produced altruistic feelings, beliefs, and emotions? He answered, "Yes." Had natural selection produced higher values in the ethical scale? His answer was as direct and simple.

A theistic setting was an absolutely necessary setting for their ethical judgments and emotions and it alone could add to the conception of a powerful and ingenious deity, author of all that is beautiful and all that is good.

## Asquith Majority Drops Amidst Unionist Cheers

Walter Long's Home Rule Amendment Defeated in the British House of Commons.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The amendment to the King's speech from the throne proposed by Walter Long, calling for the submission of the Home Rule issue to the country at a general election was defeated last evening by 333 votes to 255.

When Mr. Balfour moved the rejection of the Home Rule Bill at the last session of parliament the government had a majority of 98. The required majority of 78 obtained drew cheers from the Opposition. Some of the Unionists shouted "Resign."

General opinion in Parliamentary circles here is that the debate in the Commons has had valuable results. Passions have been allayed and hopesfulness has in any case temporarily replaced the feeling of despair which was caused by the deadlock. Premier Asquith's conciliatory speech on Tuesday set the tone and this was adopted by all, notwithstanding an occasional

uncompromising, even harsh, note. Owing to the ignorance of the Government's promised proposals, the discussion was conducted to a great extent in a fog, but it is felt now that the parties are drawing sensibly nearer a settlement.

The drop in the government majority is, however, partly explained by the fact that a score of coalitionists were absent on account of illness, and eight followers of Wm. O'Brien were either absent or refrained from voting.

The Liberal morning papers admit that Sir Edward Carson's speech yesterday was the most powerful and effective he has ever delivered, but declare that it was not persuasive.

The Daily Chronicle considers that if the Carsonites really represent the feeling of the official Opposition leaders little can be hoped for from any olive branches the Government can hold out.

The Times says that the Ulster Unionists will not accept the plan proposed by Sir Horace Plunkett, but are willing to consider a proposal for the exclusion of Ulster for a term of years, after which a plebiscite should be taken on the question of the incorporation of Ulster in the Home Rule scheme.

## Women Rule Quaint City of "The Movies"

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—Did you ever hear of Universal City? No? Well, it's ruled by women. It is the only incorporated city in the world where moving picture players are the sole residents.

It is situated in the hills which bound the San Fernando Valley, some miles from here.

Less than a year ago it consisted merely of a cook house and an outdoor stage or two.

This unique centre of picture players is officered by a woman, mayor and a woman chief of police.

Lois Weber, one of the few successful women producers of moving pictures, holds the highest office. And Laura Oakley, a photo player of

many parts, has the universal distinction of being chief.

A street in Universal City is a capital reminder of a typical early time Western town. One of its interesting features is that everything in it can be and is utilized, at one time or another for pictures.

For people who suppose that dangerous scenes and hairbreadth incidents are "faked" on the screen may be interesting to know that for the past several months there has been erected emergency building and for the past several months, there has been a resident physician on the grounds who has had all sorts of cases from a broken toe to a general smashup to treat.

## Should Spend More To Preserve The Fisheries

"When I gave you recently my first instalment of impressions on the fish situation in Ontario," said a Toronto expert, "I asserted, without fear of successful contradiction, that Ontario waters, particularly in Old Toronto, had become unduly depleted."

"In former years, no country in the world was blessed with a greater profusion of game fish than this Province. Anglers long ago conceded to our brook trout, 'lunge', and black bass the highest place in the fishy tribe. Of these, the black bass was pre-eminent for fighting qualities. Not only are these three fish particularly desirable as furnishing sport, but, for table purposes, equal the best sea fish obtainable anywhere. In Ontario, as a matter of fact, the trout, 'lunge', and bass are superior as the sea fish are injured by carriage and long keeping."

## Two Members of Bass Family.

"Of the black bass, there are two species, the large mouth, and the small mouth, the latter is the black bass proper of sportsmen. It is generally considered the harder fighter of the two. Both varieties of the black bass are found at times in the same waters although the large mouth is more widely distributed than its cousin."

"Apart from their fighting qualities there is not much to choose between them, though many people have the idea that the flesh of the large mouth black bass is inferior to that of the small mouth. The flavor, however, depends very much more on the water from which the fish is taken than on any peculiarity of the fish itself. When captured in the clear, rocky rivers of the North, the greatest epicure can scarcely distinguish between the species, but, when taken from weedy, mud-bottomed lakes, the large mouth, like all other fish, may be flavored by its environment. The small mouth black bass is not found in such localities as I have mentioned, and, therefore, is not contaminated."

"Unfortunately, owing to the carelessness of our people in days gone by, the bass have been almost exterminated in the southern part of Ontario. The only good fishing grounds left that are readily available are in the St. Lawrence River, the Western parts of Lake Erie, and the Georgian Bay but even in these waters the fish are becoming fewer and fewer in number, while those that remain never get a chance to attain the maximum size."

"No so very long ago in Lake Ontario, even in the vicinity of Toronto, a fair day's fishing could be had, the large mouth being the species found here. Over at Niagara, the sport was even better. Now, however, bass are almost as extinct at the Western end as the pigeons."

The Grand in the Olden Time  
The Grand River from source to mouth, wherever there was sufficient

water to enable the bass to swim, was a favorite resort of the bass. I have caught the large mouth to a size of four pounds, and I am told that the small mouth gave many a day's pleasure in the same stream. So abundant were they that the farmer's boy, with a pole cut in the bush, a piece of stout string for a line, a coarse-eyed hook, and with a crawfish for bait, could catch in half a day as much as he could carry home."

"In the olden days I knew something about the town of Galt, also on the Grand River. Within a very few miles of Galt, as I remember, there's a small stream called Cedar Creek. This thread of water has been fished for very many years, and still yields a basket of speckled trout. I am told that a dozen or so of anglers are leasing this brook. Now it may impress the general public as a selfish proceeding, but after all it's about the only sure way of conserving the creek for trout purposes."

"Some effort, a useful one, too, is being made by the Ontario Department of Game and Fisheries to restock suitable waters with bass, but, unfortunately the ways and means at the disposal of the department are insufficient. Some headway is being made to restock Muskoka and Parry Sound waters, but the progress is retarded by the rapidity with which the fish are being taken out, almost as fast as they are put in. The law is being broken continually; too small and too many fish are being caught, despite the vigilance of the wardens."

Wardens Are Underpaid  
"The game and fish wardens, certainly in older Ontario, are inadequately paid to warrant them in expending the necessary time to protect our game and fish."

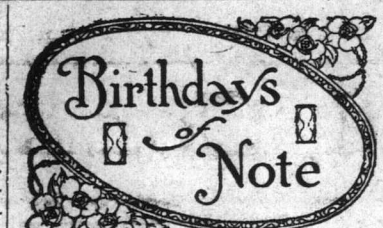
"I maintain that the whole revenue derived from sportsmen's licenses for fishing and shooting, as well as the money from commercial fisheries, should be used in the protection of game and fish. As it is, the reserve goes into a general fund, and all that comes out for the legitimate enforcement of the fish and game laws consists in an appropriation."

"The anglers and sportsmen of Ontario ought to organize locally and Provincially, and impress upon the Government the importance of doing something in a systematic and comprehensive way."

Rev. James C. Walker, Methodist pastor at Leamington, died suddenly of acute indigestion.

## CASTORIA

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY TWELFTH

Judge Charbonneau of Montreal, who is sixty-one years of age to-day, bears the nickname of "Appeal-proof Charbonneau." He has delivered more notable judgments in his time than any other occupant of the Bench in Quebec and practically all his decisions have been upheld by the Privy Council. Perhaps the most interesting ruling that he ever made was when he decided that friars and members of religious bodies, who had resigned all ownership in property, could not have the vote. This disfranchised thousands of men in Quebec and led to the passing of a new Franchise Act to meet the difficulty. As a lawyer Judge Charbonneau was admittedly one of the ablest French-Canadian practitioners of his day. He has been on the Bench for ten years, during which time he has delivered a score of important judgments, the latest being the one in the famous Hebert case.

## Uncle Walt

The Poet Philosopher

## FISHING.

The winter wans and soon the rains of Spring will start the grasses, and trees will bud and streams in flood will thunder down the passes. Oh, Spring, sweet Spring, you dear old thing, for which all men are wishing, when we can drill o'er vale and hill, to spend the long day fishing! Spring comes apace and soon the face of earth will smile and chuckle, and dames will say to husbands gay, "To work get down and buckle!" We greet with roars the grist of chores, with psalming and with pishing! We take a pole to some deep hole and spend the long day fishing! Spring is the time when people climb from age clear back to childhood, when each heart burns and throbs and yearns for open air and wildwood! Spring is the joy without alloy, the best the gods are dishing, when we can sneak down to the creek and spend the long day fishing!

WALT MASON.  
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## MILITANTS THERE AGAIN.

BIRMINGHAM, Eng., Feb. 12.—The Carnegie Library at Northfield, Worcestershire, six miles south of Birmingham, was to-day destroyed by fire, set by an "arson squad" of militant suffragettes. All the books were burned and only the shell of the building was left standing. Papers

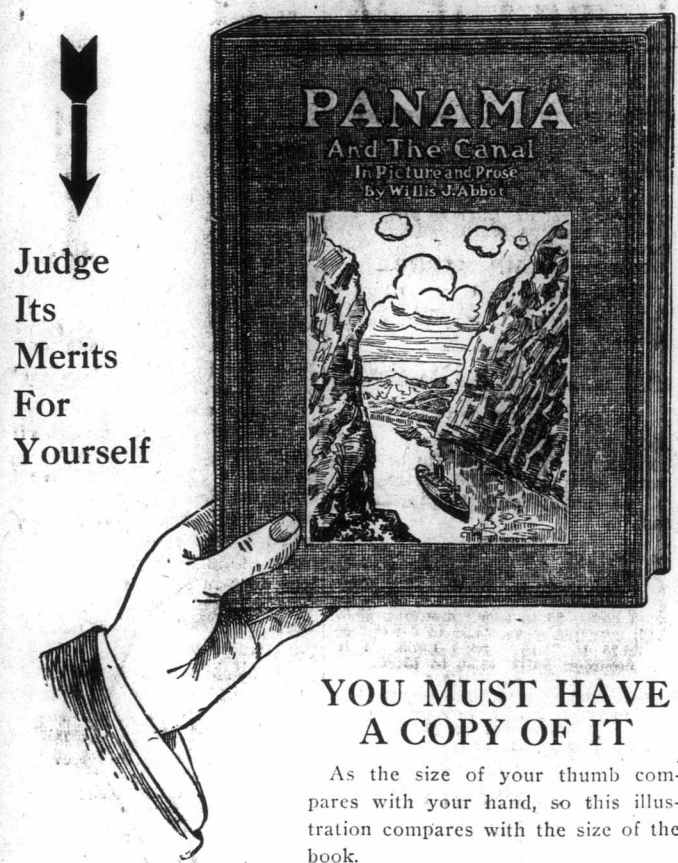
were found strewn around the place bearing the words "to start your new library" and "give women the vote."

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## GIDEONS WILL SPEAK IN

"The Use of Bible in Rooms" Will be Spoken Next Sunday.

Next Sunday will be Gideon in Brantford. Arrangements have been made by which Gideon will speak in at least a dozen schools during two morning hours and two afternoon meetings.

Those who travel the highways and use the hotels, in less frequent contact with Gideon, have been made by which Gideon will speak in at least a dozen schools during two morning hours and two afternoon meetings.

In the first place, the way arrived at the hotel is interesting some time or another, a traveller wearing the Gideon button, entered a room and found a Bible in a room and a day or two necessary for the action of his business. In fact before leaving he approached the proprietor: "Have you not a Bible in your room?" "The response, but the hotel that he had seen the books, and would not at having them also, it is how to get them. The Gideon claimed that the books would be given freely, if he would have them placed in his room, it came about that within a few weeks, each room was with a copy of the Bible in it, and perhaps, as happens in many cases, the proprietor had paid the express charge package.

Once in its place, the book upon its interesting career time it brings encouragement cheer to a weary heart.

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