

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The inaugural meeting of the Board of Education for the year 1917 will be held in the City Hall on Thursday night.

POLICE COURT.

One case only occupied the attention of the Magistrate in the police court this morning, that being an alleged breach of the building by-law. On payment of \$3.35, costs, Charles Vandusen, who was charged with the violation of the by-law, was allowed to go.

ARBITRATION.

The arbitration that was scheduled to commence yesterday in the Court House between the Parks Board of the city and the Lake Erie and Northern Railway, but which was postponed on account of the illness of Mr. A. J. Wilkes, who was a member of the arbitration board, will be held in the same place, starting on Friday, January 26th.

TAX EXEMPTIONS.

The Town of Oakville has written city clerk, H. P. Leonard, for the purpose of ascertaining what procedure is taken here as regards applications from firms or corporations who wish to locate in the municipality for manufacturing purposes, and in what manner their requests for bonuses and exemptions from taxes are disposed of. The city clerk of that town states that a by-law enabling the city council to deal with such questions without a special vote of the electors, and in such is the case, desires to know if special legislation was secured permitting the passing of such a by-law.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The special services that have been in progress at the First Baptist church will close to-night. The series has been a success from the start. The audience last night was the best yet, when Rev. R. W. Philpott of Hamilton, preached a masterly message on "A great decision and a great appeal." The impression made was deep and will never be forgotten by those who heard it. He will preach again this evening upon "The Lord's Need." Mrs. Leeming sang last evening, "The Shepherd" and "I have a Saviour," in her usual effective manner. Mrs. Leeming will sing again to-night. Those who desire a good seat must come early. The annual meeting and burning of the church mortgage will take place to-morrow (Wednesday) evening.



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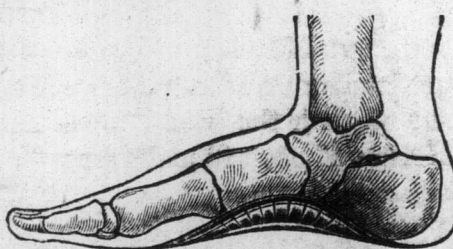
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BOARD OF WORKS

The first meeting of the board of works of the city council will be held in the city hall on Thursday night.

THE COLD DIP.

The official record at the Mohawk Institute shows that the mercury last night dropped to eleven below zero.

APPOINTMENT AT TORONTO

Lt. J. A. Pearce of the 58th battalion has been appointed to the instructional staff of Military District No. 2. The special department in which he will be employed is that of signalling. Lt. Pearce leaves for Toronto to-morrow.

COMING HOME

Three returned soldiers will arrive in the city via G. T. R. at 7.32 to-night, according to word received by the committee from the superintendent of the Toronto Military Hospitals Commission. They are Pte. G. D. Millard, Gunner F. Palmer and C. Q.M.S. G. Tear.

WESLEY EPWORTH LEAGUE

Wesley Epworth League was very largely attended at the regular weekly meeting last night. The lesson was read by Mrs. J. Farr. A piano duet by Misses Florence and Thelma Yates was very much enjoyed. The topic was taken by Miss Ethel Johnson, who gave a very interesting address on John the Baptist.

TO ATTEND MEETING

The officers of the Brant County Recruiting League are endeavoring to have Honorary Colonel Donly of the 123rd Battalion, Judge Bowles and Mr. Geo. McKee of the Norfolk County Recruiting League present at to-night's meeting of the league in the Y. M. C. A. so that some method may be arrived at whereby the two leagues may work in conjunction.

PLUMBING INSPECTION.

Mr. T. J. Moore, city clerk, of Guelph, has written City Clerk H. P. Leonard, inquiring if there is a plumbing inspector in this city, and if so, what his duties comprise outside those actually connected with his position as plumbing inspector. He also desires to know if the person holding this position is a qualified plumber, and what salary is paid to him.

NEW INDUSTRY COMING.

There is a possibility of the city securing a valuable and important industry, the operation of which would require the employment of about a thousand workmen. The manufacturing concern in question are at present enjoying a prosperous business across the border, but are desirous of establishing a Canadian branch, and for this purpose require a building with a floor space of from twenty to thirty thousand feet, with adequate railway accommodation and shipping facilities. Some correspondence relative to the matter has already taken place but the Mayor, who has charge of the undertaking, does not consider it to be in the best interests of the municipality to divulge further particulars of the transaction until such time as a definite settlement has been arrived at.

IMMANUEL REVIVAL.

Daniel and his little band of companions, exiles and captives in Babylon formed themselves into a young people's society. A society with a purpose and plan, and a society which was honoured and prospered. They purposed in their hearts not to defile themselves with the idolatrous feasts of Babylon. Young people should have a noble purpose in their lives. They should be willing to give up sinful and worldly pleasures and live earnestly, looking to God for guidance, in the development of their characters. God made Daniel the leading man of the realm and God prospered him, and his name comes down in history without a stain on it. What a fine thing it will be able to say of us when gone from this world. "He was a good man." Mrs. Baird and her daughter Dorothy added much pleasure by rendering a couple of very excellent Gospel songs. One young man decided to live for God.

ROAD SYSTEM BY GOVERNMENT

Provincial Highways Will be Built by Ontario Government

LEGISLATION

Is Promised—Decision Announced to Motor League

A system of provincial highways will be established by legislation to be brought down at the coming session. The announcement was made last night by Hon. Frank Macdormand, Minister of Public Works and Highways, in addressing the Ontario Motor League.

"We have been considering the whole road situation, and we believe that the time has arrived when we are justified in taking an advanced position in regard to roads in this province," stated the Minister. "Without going into details I may say that I speak with the knowledge and full approval of the Prime Minister in announcing that we have under consideration at the present time a system of provincial highways, and legislation will be introduced at the next session of the Legislature dealing with this important question. I have every reason to believe that it will meet with the approval of this important organization and of the people generally throughout the province."

The Minister's statement was greeted with emphatic applause. While the details of the proposed plan have not been worked out it is understood that the Government will define certain roads as provincial highways, and will itself undertake their construction on a permanent basis. For these highways the province will probably contribute about seventy per cent. of the total cost. It is understood that the system would include the proposed provincial highway from Windsor to the eastern boundary of the province, but every section of the province would be linked up with a permanent highway. These provincial highways would then become the main arteries of transportation into which the township and county roads would pour their traffic.

The annual meeting of the league, which was featured by Hon. Mr. Macdormand's address, was unusually well attended, and all along the progress of the officers who were able to report on the work of the year. He told of the success of the league in securing motor licenses with the States, and of the motorists thousands of dollars and had brought hundreds of thousands of dollars into the pockets of the people of Ontario. He reviewed the educational work carried on during the year in popularizing road improvement in the rural districts, and voiced the entire satisfaction of motorists with the higher fees collected by the Government for licenses.

The higher tax was paid ungrudgingly when the motorists were assured that the object of the tax was to provide funds for road improvement," said Mr. Howland. Mr. Howland stated that in this year 2,256 road signs had been erected. The membership had increased to 5,635, a gain of 611. He also reported that the Canadian Motorist Magazine had completed the year with a surplus of \$2,000, compared with a deficit of almost \$3,000 the previous year.

W. C. Robertson, secretary treasurer of the league told of the general work of the year. He spoke of the legal department organized to get members of the league out of their difficulties of the touring bureau, to show them the best road routes, and other departments of service.

Interesting addresses were given by two guests of the league, Mr. A. L. Caron, president of the Automobile Club of Canada, the big Montreal club, and Mr. Herbert W. Baker, of Albany, N. Y., president of the New York State Automobile Association. Both devoted their attention to describing road improvements "at home." Mr. Caron told of the remarkable road development carried on in Quebec in recent years, while Mr. Baker, in telling of the spending of a hundred million dollars on the roads of New York State, gave Federal statistics covering several states, showing increases in property values of 25 to 100 per cent as a result of systematic road improvement.

Apart from his announcement of a coming system of provincial highways, Mr. Macdormand limited himself to a brief review of the work accomplished by the Highway Department during the year, including the addition of four new counties to the good roads scheme and the widening of the license reciprocity arrangement to include a larger percentage of the states to the Union.

FARMERS AND GARDENERS Should attend the meeting of the interests of the Brant Farmers' Co-operative Society, and their interests also at the Liberal Club Hall, 37 Dalhousie St., on Friday, Jan. 19th, at 1.30. Mr. E. C. Drury, of Barrie, a brilliant speaker, of national reputation in farmers' organizations, will give an address on Farmers' Co-operation, with particular reference to the local movement. It will be worth a special effort to attend.

SCHOOL BURNED

By Courier Leased Wire.
Toronto, Jan. 16. A despatch from Brampton says the high school there was destroyed by fire this morning early, with a loss of \$25,000.

REORGANIZATION OF 215TH BATT.

Battalion is Returned to Four Company Formation—Other 215th News

It was officially announced in the orders issued at the Armories that Major H. E. Snider had been appointed to be Lieut. Colonel, and that Capt. E. Sweet had been appointed to be senior Major, to take effect from the 11th of December. These appointments were made provisionally some time ago, but were yesterday confirmed by headquarters.

The 215th Battalion has returned to the four company formation, for the purpose of better covering the three counties in recruiting. Previous to the change there were two companies, both of which were almost up to strength, and it would have been a difficult matter to approach the counties of Haldimand and Norfolk for recruits with these two companies already completed, and expect them to supply two more full companies to bring the unit up to the required strength. "A" and "C" companies have been allotted to the City of Brantford. "B" company has been turned over to Haldimand, and "D" will be the Norfolk county company. The original "D" company has been divided between "A," "B" and "C," and the present "D" company is composed of thirty-six officers, N. C. O's and men from Norfolk county. However, for drill purposes, the battalion will be practically the same, parading when possible, as two companies.

Majors Sweet and Jackson are in Dunnville to-day attending meeting of the recruiting committee of East Haldimand, when steps will be taken to stimulate enlistment. The results of a recent course in the Lewis machine gun at St. Catharines, have been received at the armories, and have proven to be very satisfactory. In detail, they are as follows:

Pte. Hunt, C. F., 2nd Class; Pte. Catlow, A., 2nd Class; Corp. Beaudry, W. P., 2nd Class; Pte. Borthwick, 2nd Class; Greenwood M. P., 2nd Class; Hopkins F. I., 3rd Class; Mallord, A., 3rd Class; Darnett, H., 3rd Class; Pirou, 3rd Class; H. L., 3rd Class; Skelly, J., 3rd Class; Layton, H. G., Sick. Royal has proceeded to Simcoe for the purpose of recruiting for the battalion.

Pte. E. W. Hunsberger, who has been confined to his home in Paris through sickness, has returned to duty with his company. Certificates have been awarded to Major E. Sweet, Major A. M. Jackson, Captain A. Joyce, Captain W. Mutter, Lieutenant G. E. F. Sweet, Lieutenant T. J. I. Ryan, as the result of their qualifying at a special course of musketry for instructors. Ptes. Appleby, J. Cassidy, C. E. Crooknell, G. Easton, R. E. Harman, W. Scott, A., Stapleton, C. White, A. J., have passed the required scout examination.

The Prince of Wales Chapter Dancers of the Empire, Paris, are giving a progressive Euchre party on Thursday night in the Fire Hall there, the proceeds to be devoted to patriotic purposes. In the orders issued this morning the attestation of Pte. Morley Petti was announced. He has been taken on the strength of the battalion.

THREE ASPHYXIATED

By Courier Leased Wire.
Detroit, Mich., Jan. 16.—Three men were asphyxiated in a fire which destroyed a grocery store and apartment building on the east side here early. One of the victims was identified as Theodore Murphy 63 years old, who with other two, as yet unidentified, was sleeping in the basement. A score of others were forced out of their apartments.

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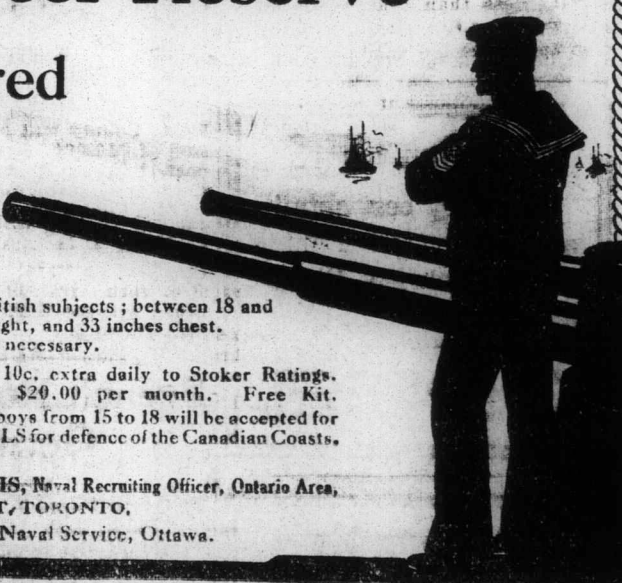
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Geo. Arnold, the Whitby jail-breaker, was arrested at Bowmanville by the quick wit of the station

telegraph operator, who wired to Port Hope to have the operator there telephone back to the Bowmanville chief of police that Arnold was waiting for a train.

At the meeting of Hamilton Presbytery Rev. M. McKencher, of Blackheath, gave notice of motion of a request on the General Assembly to decree a new vote on church union, after the war, by the honorable membership of the church.