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## TAX RATE IS STRUCK

The Courier Said it Would be Twenty Three Mills.

And So It Is—The Council Met Last Night.

As announced in the Courier last night, the Brantford tax rate will be 23 mills on the dollar this year, a reduction of one mill from the rate of last year. The special meeting of the Council was a short, sharp affair, and the report of the estimate committee was adopted without objection and unanimously. It will cost Brantford \$472,579 to conduct civic affairs this year and pay all sinking fund and interest charges on debentures. The debenture debt has been increased by the \$10,000 Collegiate by-law, \$85,000 hospital by-law and the new Dufferin school by-law. City Treasurer Bunnell pointed out that while there was an increase in revenue, the increase in debenture debt and the increased expenditure for necessary public works rendered the situation a difficult one for the Council in making a reduction in the rate. In addition, there was an overdraft of \$11,000 from last year to be provided for.

**Street Railway Affairs.**  
It was generally conceded that the committee headed by Ald. Spence did well. At the same time, it was pointed out that the troubles of the city would be obliterated if a settlement with the street railway were secured this year. The street railway at present owes the city about \$17,000, and the city treasurer would be in velvet if this money were paid. The committee is being very likely of a settlement being arrived at very shortly.

**Police Affairs.**  
Ald. Spence also made the pleasing announcement that the police estimates had been satisfactorily agreed upon, through the good offices of Judge Hardy, the chairman of the board, who, with the consent of the mayor, had authorized the putting in of the police estimates the same as last year, and this satisfied everybody. The showing made by the estimates committee is considered excellent on all sides.

**Estimates Committee.**  
At the opening of the meeting Ald. Spence, chairman of the finance committee, read the following report: "Your committee were of one opinion, namely, that in view of the large increase in assessment valuations for 1912 it was the bounden duty of the committee and Council of 1913 to cut the rate of taxation down from the very high rate that existed last year, namely 24 mills on the dollar. With the above object in view, your committee requested the various boards of the city to send representatives to meet with the estimates committee, and when the situation was placed fairly before them, we are pleased to report that they with one accord and the estimates committee have agreed to submit to cuts in their original estimates, which enabled the committee to bring in this report, striking the rate for the year 1913 at 23 mills on the dollar. In connection with paragraph 2 of the report, the mayor and chairman of finance committee had a conversation over the phone, after the meeting on Thursday last, March 6th, 1913, as per instructions of estimates committee, with his Honor Judge Hardy, chairman of police committee, and received his sanction and consent to insert in the general estimate for the police commission the amount as required last year. Your committee have inserted this amount and carried out the arrangements made with the chairman of the police commission, which also received the approval of his Worship the Mayor as a police commissioner. The report was adopted.

**The Rate Struck.**  
The rate at 23 mills was struck by the following report: "Your committee appointed to prepare (Continued on page 10)

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## Will Street Railway Sale be Effectuated?

It is Understood That Important Deal Rendered Imperative by City's Action is on.

That the receiver of the Brantford Street and Grand Valley Railway Company will effect a sale of the entire holding, and that the holders of the second issue of bonds to the extent of over a million dollars, will lose everything, was the rather startling information which The Courier received this morning from an authoritative source.

It is generally known that matters between the company and city have reached a crisis, and also that for some years the Company has been playing horse with the city. Whether a sale will be effected prior to the court action now pending by the city against the Company, is a matter which will only be disclosed in the immediate future. It is stated on reliable authority that Messrs. Dinnick, Firstbrook and others interested have plans whereby they hope to unload.

## GREAT HONOR WAS SHOWN

Vancouver Paid Loving Tribute to Miss Pauline Johnson.

Major G. J. Smith of the Indian Office received the following telegram this morning from the sister of the late Pauline Johnson. The telegram reads:

"Vancouver, B.C., March 10, '13  
Major G. J. Smith,  
"Indian Office."  
"Brantford, Ont."  
"Mayor, several aldermen and representatives almost every public organization in city attended funeral many coast Indians present. Chief Matthias and Chief Brown honorary pallbearers. Full choral choir. Flights of half-mast. Schools closed half day. Duke of Connaught's old friend, the Duke of Connaught, in a brief way, referred eulogistically to the splendid life of the late poetess. The impressive Anglican burial service was conducted by the choir."  
"EVELYN H. C. JOHNSON."

At the old Mohawk Church yesterday afternoon an impressive memorial service to the late beloved Pauline Johnson was conducted by Rev. Robert Ashton. Present were the Mohawk Institute pupils, who sang two of the late Miss Johnson's favorite hymns, at her special request. "Old Handed" and "As Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night." A few of Miss Johnson's old Brantford friends were present. Rev. Mr. Ashton read in memorial a writing of the Duke of Connaught to Brantford. Mr. Ashton also, in a brief way, referred eulogistically to the splendid life of the late poetess. The impressive Anglican burial service was conducted by the choir.

## One Minute Interviews

Mr. J. W. Shepperson of the Ham and Nott Company—"This factory expects to have a busy season right through as usual this year."  
Fire Chief Lewis—"As announced in The Courier last night it is a case of securing a new motor truck or building a new fire hall. I favor very strongly securing the truck."  
Ald. Minshall—"One of the biggest industries in this part of the county is being developed right around Brantford and people don't know it. That is the poultry business which is no longer considered a failure on commercial lines."

**Colonial Theatre.**  
"Standing room only" was the sign displayed at the Colonial theatre last night, the principal feature of the bill was the Banta Brothers, musical quartette, which made a decided hit with the audience. In their act they use a snare drum which was carried in the Civil War and a bass drum that was used in the War of 1812.

## CONSERVATIVE MEETING

A meeting of the chairman and sub-chairmen of the South Brant Conservative Association will be held in the Borden Club Rooms on FRIDAY, MARCH 14th, at 8 o'clock sharp. Every chairman is urged to be present as some very important business will be brought up for discussion.

W. A. ROBINSON,  
Secretary.

## BORDEN'S BOOMERANG

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## HAMILTON HAS AN APPEAL

Wants Brantford to Assist in Confining Natural Gas to Domestic Use.

OTTAWA, March 11.—The controllers, after a long private session to-day, announced that an appeal would be made to the Dominion Government, urging that legislation be passed restricting the use of natural gas in this part of the province solely for domestic use. Hamilton has always suffered in cold weather from a gas shortage, and the fact that the manufacturers use large quantities is partly blamed. The city hopes to meet the support of Brantford, St. Catharines and all other towns and cities where natural gas is used in the movement to secure the legislation it is after.

## MR. FAWKES PASSES AWAY

Old and Highly Esteemed Resident of Brantford Passes to His Rest.

The death occurred yesterday of Mr. George H. Fawkes, one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of Brantford. Deceased, who was an Englishman by birth was in his 82nd year and had resided in Brantford for nearly half a century during which time he conducted a business on Colborne Street.

He was a sturdy Britisher in every sense of the word, and a man whose honesty and integrity of purpose were most marked. He was an active adherent of the English church and in politics a Conservative. He leaves to mourn his great loss, in addition to the sorrowing widow, three children, Mrs. Patricia of Toronto, W. H. Fawkes, Australia, and Fred G. Fawkes, Brantford.

**THE PROBS**  
TORONTO, March 11.—The disturbance which was in the southwestern states yesterday has passed to the middle Atlantic coast and is now causing easterly winds with light snow in the Maritime provinces. The weather continues moderately cold in Quebec and has turned colder again in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, while in the other provinces it is quite mild.

**FORECASTS.**  
Moderate winds fair and mild. Wednesday, Northeast winds, fair with a little lower temperature.

**A Jolly Time.**  
A party of about thirty young people of Calvary Baptist church held a sleigh ride last Tuesday evening to the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Drummond, first concession, Township of Brantford, where they were most hospitably entertained with games, contests, etc. After a dainty luncheon had been served the young people thanked their hosts for their kindness and returned home in the small hours of the morning.

**Both Fell.**  
Two young ladies of the Brantford Collegiate, who daily take the 3:55 P. M. and B. train, had the misfortune to fall from the back platform of the car but luckily neither received serious injuries.

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## PAY INCREASE IS NOW LIKELY

Rank and File of Police Force Will Probably Get Boost.

The Courier learns to-day that the rank and file of the police department will receive an increase in pay, and that the matter has been fixed up satisfactorily. The men do not know to what extent their application will be granted. While the City Council put in the estimates the same amount as last year's appropriation, it is understood the Council is willing to vote money, if necessary, to cover the increases. It is intimated that the officers of the force will not receive any increase, although it is believed that on second consideration the Council will in part meet the request of the sergeants.

## RIGHT HON. R. L. BORDEN

of a plant and the difficulty of maintaining it. The members of the opposition have more to say and in effect claim that Winston Churchill doesn't know what he is talking about when he discusses Canada's ability to build an inland dreadnoughts and that his estimate of \$75,000,000 for the ship yards is ridiculous in view of the fact that the United States built a dreadnought shipyard for \$4,000,000. The opposition claims that the recruiting for the Canadian navy went along all right until the government changed. They said the Chief asked the Indian, "How long did it take you to drink the flask?" "About five minutes," replied the Indian, smiling. After the evidence was taken the Indian was asked if he might ask Saunders a question. "Yes," replied his Worship. "What did you do with that fifty cents I gave you to get some more whiskey?" This caused an uproar in court. Saunders could not account for it. The case was complete. "Where you there when the bottle was passed?" "Yes, of course I was," he replied. "How often did the flask go round?" "Just once," replied Ras. This caused another uproar. Saunders was fined \$50 and costs, or three months. He was given one month to pay the fine. Needless to say, Ras and Saunders will be working hard to get \$58 and \$50 respectively.

**Disorderly House.**  
Harry and Edith Taylor were charged with keeping a disorderly house on Grey street. Mr. Woodyard appeared for defendants and Mr. McEwen for the Crown, in the absence of Mr. Wilkes, K.C. Mr. McEwen was charged in the first place with the case, so it was adjourned till even was not ready to go on with Wednesday.

**Pollock Rumpus.**  
Simon Campura, Tommie Bjilowski and Bruno Bjilowski were up on various counts. The two Bjilowskis were charged in the first place with theft of coal. They elected to be tried by jury. P. C. Cobden said that while on his beat along Pearl street he saw two men unloading coal off the car. He gave chase and followed them into a foreigners' house next to the tracks on Pearl street. When he entered the house eight or nine foreigners attacked the witness, and after pounding him they managed to get Cobden outside the door. Witness then phoned for Sergeant Wallace and P. C. Pelker, who arrived with the patrol wagon, and they tried to arrest the two supposed thieves (the Bjilowskis), which

**Can't Build in Canada**  
The bombshell consisted of letters and memoranda addressed to Mr. Borden by Right Hon. Winston Churchill, which demonstrate the impossibility of Canada constructing dreadnoughts for many years to come and incidentally proved that the Laurier plan of two fleet units, was utterly beyond the realm of practical politics. To start a navy on a large scale as proposed by the Liberals, would, according to Mr. Churchill, involve to begin with the creation of a plant, costing \$75,000,000, which would not be ready to do work for at least four years. The workmen for such a plant could not be obtained in Canada, and moreover, even though Canada possessed two fleet units to-day, the British admiralty would be unable to spare officers and experts to instruct crews, and take charge of them. In passing the first lord of the admiralty had occasion to say that if the Laurier naval plan had been carried out the Dominion would have been unable to man a single cruiser. On the whole Mr. Churchill presented a most sweeping indictment and a

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## Hydro Electric Power Price For Brantford

Engineer Ireland Gives Definite Price to the Water Commissioners—A Big Saving.

That the Brantford Waterworks system will effect a big annual saving by the use of Hydro-Electric was the announcement made this morning by Engineer Ireland at the local Hydro-Electric office. Mr. Ireland announced that he had guaranteed a rate of \$23 to \$24 per horsepower, and he was convinced that the waterworks authorities were favorably impressed with the proposition.

"It means," said Mr. Ireland, "that steam and electric power will both be in use, similar to the Toronto system. The electric pump will be used except during the interval when the peak load is on. This will effect a big saving in the electric power charges itself. When the peak load is on the steam pump will be in use." As a matter of fact, steam power is a necessary adjunct because the underwriters require it. It gives the pumping station a duplicate system, ready for any emergency, and the fires can be banked at trifling cost. Discussing local work, Mr. Ireland said the details of the primary distribution system had been approved by the commission. The new pumping station and storage house would be situated in an ideal spot for such purposes on Greenwich street.

## A RUMOR RE NORTH BRANT

A gentleman who professes to be in the know says that in addition to North York, Hon. Mackenzie King, when an election comes, is to run in North Brant. There is no local lamb in that riding bleating for the sacrifice, so Mackenzie, with his tommy rot—beg pardon, tommy hawk—is to reach out, get Jack Fisher's scalp, and tuck it under his arm.

P.S.—No, that wasn't an explosion; it was John's smile.

## In Brantford To-Day

The following are the business visitors in the city to-day:  
Hotel Belmont—(Late arrivals yesterday): R. Mc Hardy, Hamilton; S. Lyons, Hamilton; B. W. Levayze, Guelph; R. Thomas, London; E. Burnham, W. E. Paynes, Toronto; W. Workman, Glenora; H. Ellis, G. J. Murphy, F. W. Spieres, Toronto; G. L. Mitchell, London; W. M. Long, Detroit; F. L. Cosford, Stratford; A. Colyn, Holland; J. Whitting, B. Johnson, Toronto; H. G. Coakburn, Hamilton; R. M. Allan, Detroit; J. D. Stewart, Sarnia; C. A. Liffon, Montreal; R. G. Denmore, A. J. Graber, Toronto; C. T. Bresler, Ottawa; C. C. Tonby, Hamilton; Geo. Bushfield, Huntsville; E. W. Bonnie, Hamilton; H. Eccles, Toronto; H. G. Coakburn, Guelph; W. C. McGarney, T. Kellam, Hamilton; E. W. Scarlett, Toronto; O. H. McMellor, Berlin; W. C. Turner, Buffalo.

At the Kerby (late arrivals yesterday)—M. Dore, Hamilton; Jas. R. Muir, Toronto; Clarence Stroud, R. C. Logan, Montreal; T. E. Craig, Toronto; C. W. Skryker, London; W. Robins, Toronto; W. L. Pfeiffer, Buffalo; E. S. Carman, R. B. McBurney, W. L. Stewart, H. J. Elder, C. M. Robinson, Toronto; E. B. Tolton, Stratford; Geo. E. Day and wife, Detroit. Arrivals to-day—C. T. Battersfield, Cleveland; Mrs. K. M. Houly, London; S. C. Gloud, Rochester, N.Y.; Jack Hanes, Montreal; C. Simpson, J. R. Stewart, J. A. Saine, S. R. Barlow, S. Kann, Toronto; W. N. Leaden, Montreal; R. W. Jefferson, Toronto; A. McLean, London.

At the Bodoga—G. Pocock, H. Carter, Toronto; Jas. Patterson, Hamilton; S. K. Mackey, Detroit; L. V. Beck, Tilbury; A. R. Burrow, S. Thomas; L. F. Stone, A. G. Buchner, L. C. Ashbury, Sloan; C. Hess, Otto Meyer, A. E. Gynn, Toronto; J. D. Stewart, Sarnia; A. W. Grant, London; R. P. Ney, J. F. Sweeney, H. Carl Eagen, Boston; R. G. Miller, Cleveland; M. Thompson, D. A. Smith, Hamilton; S. W. Baller, Hamilton; Jax Pollock Paris; R. H. Fish and family, London.

brings on the second charge of assaulting the police in the execution of their duties. On this charge they pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by jury.

Simon Campura was charged that on March 9th he did obstruct and assault P. C. Felker in the performance of his duty, to which he pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by jury.

Mr. Woodyard appeared for the three foreigners and Mr. McEwen for the Crown.

**False Pretences.**  
Gilf Dowdy was charged with false pretences. The defendant secured a cow from Abigail Sherry, under conditions which, it is alleged, he failed to fulfil. The defendant was sent up for trial.

Judson Shuert was fined \$3 and costs on a charge of taking too much of the usual internal application.

## SUFFRAGETTES IN LIMELIGHT

They Were in Court To-day for Yesterday's Affair.

Practical Joke Played on the Women on Street.

(Canadian Press Despatch)  
LONDON, March 11.—A practical joker brought the suffragettes again into the limelight to-day at the expense of a number of tradesmen. While large numbers of women were going to Bow street police court to attend the trial of the five suffragettes arrested yesterday when they attempted to present a petition to King George on his way to open parliament, the headquarters of the society to which the militant suffragettes belong and which are situated on King's Way, were the scene of a series of exciting incidents. Truck after truck drove up to the door of the women's headquarters bringing all manner of goods ranging from a piano to a load of coal.

The truck drivers, all of whom had with them orders written on the printed forms of the Women's Social and Political Union refused to leave until the police who, lately have had such a busy time in protecting the women, threatened to take the men into custody and to send their carts and wagons to the pound.

The five suffragettes, Lillian Wilcox, Dorothy Smith, Kathleen Paget, Gertrude Vaughan and Grace Stuart, were to-day ordered by the magistrate at Bow Street to find sureties for their good behavior or in default, to go to prison for twenty-one days in some cases and a month in others. All of them elected to go to jail.

The charge brought against them was that of obstructing the police in the execution of their duty. The police gave evidence that they had received orders to take special care to prevent anyone from attempting to throw a letter or a petition to the King while he was on his way to parliament. The accused argued that their action was perfectly legal and was based on the right of every British subject to present a petition to the King.

The magistrate explained to the prisoners that the right to present a petition to His Majesty must be exercised through a minister of the Crown.

Two suffragettes, Dorothy Barham and May Richardson, were sent to prison for a month each by the Bow street magistrate to-day for breaking some windows at the Home Office this morning. The two women stated that they had adopted this method of protesting against the illegal arrest of the women who tried to present a petition to the King yesterday.

The belief that militant suffragettes were responsible for the burning of the railway station at Crossley Green on the North Western Railway yesterday morning has been confirmed by the receipt by the station master to-day of the suffragette newspaper bearing the words: "Afridi copy left got burned."

## GRAND OPERA HOUSE BRANTFORD

Tuesday, March 11—Gaskill & Mac Vitty (Inc.) present Harold Bell Wright's great play, "THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS," dramatized by Mr. Wright and Elsbury W. Reynolds. "The Shepherd of the Hills" has the distinction of playing to the largest business and breaking all records for this season at the Grand, Toronto, having to put on extra matinees to accommodate the crowds. The same great cast and production that played Toronto will be seen here. Prices: 14 rows, \$1; 8 rows, 75c; balcony, 50c; gallery, 25c. Seats Saturday.

GRAND—Saturday, March 15. A. G. Delamater, offers a beautiful scenic production of the song play, "PRECKLES" by Gene Stratton Porter. A theatrical triumph and the biggest nature play, pure in thought and action. It was a sensation as a story. It is of more value as a play, and still the dramatist has incorporated every one of the famous characters. Be sure and hear Preckles sing. See Preckles' adventures. See Preckles' friends. See Preckles and the Angel. Price: 14 rows, \$1; 8 row 75c; balcony 50c; gallery 25c. Seats Thursday.