

## LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

### GOOD NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sutherland today received the following cablegram: "Symptoms very favorable; waiting over tenth day. Caspers."

### MILITARY FUNERAL

In case of deaths in Canada of members of the C. E. F., when no C. E. F. unit is available, military funerals, including escort and firing party, shall be furnished by a local unit of active militia, if one is available.

### BRANT MEETINGS.

Harry Cockshutt and party were unable yesterday afternoon to get to Mulhans school house on account of the drifted roads although they made a determined effort. He will be on hand for the meeting to-night at Harley, getting through by the sleigh route. On Saturday night there will be a rally in the Gem Theatre at Paris and the Fire Hall has also been obtained for an overflow.

### DONATIONS TO W. P. L.

The Patriotic League gratefully acknowledge the following donations which will be applied to Red Cross work: Mrs. Graham Bell, donation for soldiers' comforts, \$10.00; Mrs. Gilbert Breerton, donation to Red Cross \$10.00; Alexandra School League, proceeds from sample sale, \$72; Gladys Montgomery, Edwina Montgomery, Nellie Tolhurst, Doris Wade, Eva Philipson, Marguerite Tuck, Vera Glebe, Edna Glebe, Margaret Sparkles, Kathleen Parker, Edna Rathbun, Dorothy Gardner. The above are the names of twelve little girls who gave a Cinderella play at the home of Mrs. Wade, 157 Market street, and contributed the proceeds from the play, \$10.56, to the Red Cross fund.

### FOR SUPPORT OF UNION

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 13.—"The question is whether Canada shall continue to play the noble part she has played in the war since 1914 or whether she is to take her place by the side of Russia as a country that must be counted out of the war as far as effective assistance is concerned," says Bishop Doull of Kootenay, in a pastoral which will be read in all the churches in the diocese Sunday. "The duty of supporting the Union Government," he says, "is a sacred one." His Lordship, the Bishop of Kootenay is well known in Brantford, having spoken in Grace Church only a few weeks ago.

### HONORED DEPARTING PASTOR

A large number of the members and adherents of The Gospel Tabernacle, assembled at the church on Monday evening to bid farewell to their pastor, Mr. North, who is leaving for a new field of work. During the evening, Mr. North gave his farewell address to his congregation, recalling many of the opening events of the church, and exhorting them to stand fast for the Gospel. At the close of a very pleasant social evening, a fitting address was read, expressing to Mr. North the appreciation of his work while here, and wishing him God-speed and every success in his new work at Pt. Huron. The opportunity was also taken at this time to present to Mr. North a purse containing a substantial sum of money, in appreciation of his services. Mr. North replied, wishing the church every prosperity, and thanking them on behalf of himself and Mrs. North, for the many kindnesses shown them during their seven years of labor here.



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## W. F. C.

### STORY HOUR

"Christmas Every Day," an entertaining Christmas story by W. D. Howells was the subject of the public library story hour this afternoon.

### THREE DOUBLE POLLS

It has been found necessary by Sheriff J. W. Westbrook, returning officer for the riding of Brant in the Federal elections, to establish double polls in three subdivisions, one in Bellevue, and two in Paris.

### BELL POSTERS AID HALIFAX.

One thousand dollars for relief of the suffering citizens of Halifax was this morning wired to the Mayor of the eastern port by the C. Gould on behalf of the Bell Posters' Association of Canada, of which organization he is president.

### CIVIC PAY SHEETS.

The pay sheets for the Works Department for the two weeks ending Saturday, December 8th, amounted to \$1,972.42. The Sewers Department accounted for \$1,066.19, while \$906.23 went to the Streets Department.

### WOULD BE TIMEKEEPER.

Application for the position of civic timekeeper in the Works Department, which position has been recently vacated through the investigation conducted by the City Council, has been made by E. F. Watters, ex-bandmaster of the 215th Battalion. Mr. Watters is at present employed at the postoffice.

### GRANDDAUGHTER NOT VOTER.

Mary Manning appealed at Guelph here to have her name on the voters' list because her grandfather went overseas with the Wellington county regiment, the 153rd, as a cook. There is no provision for women being given the vote because a grandfather is in the Canadian army and her claim was refused.

### SURPRISE PARTY.

A delightful surprise party was held last night at the home of Miss Lily Miskelly, 217 Wellington st., when she was the recipient of a miscellaneous shower and good wishes on her approaching marriage by her many friends and associates of the Watson Manufacturing Co. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

### A GOOD SHOW

Manager J. T. Whitaker, of the Grand Opera House this morning received a telephone message from Manager Orlan of the Grand, St. Catharines, highly recommending "So Long Letty," the musical comedy attraction at the Grand to-night that played in St. Kitts last night. Manager Orlan declares it to be the best musical comedy that is slated on the circuit for this season.

### TRUCK MAY COME NEXT WEEK.

It is not expected that the new combination hose, chemical and pump truck that has been purchased by the city for the fire department will arrive here until early next week. Preparation is being made for the equipment of this huge acquisition to the equipment of the fire department, and one of the doorways entering the fire hall is being enlarged to accommodate its passage.

### JURORS CHOSEN.

Jurors for the grand and petit juries for the City of Brantford for all the courts of 1918, have now all been chosen. The Board of Selectors of Jurors concluded their work at the Court House this morning. The Board consists of Messrs. Judge Hardy, Sheriff J. W. Westbrook, Crown Attorney A. J. Wilkes, W. A. Hollinrake, Registrar of the Supreme Court, and A. K. Bunnell.

### LARGE NUMBER ADDED.

Eight hundred and thirty names in the riding of Brantford were added to the voters' lists compiled by the enumerators, through appeals considered by the Board of Registration. Miss F. G. Biscoe, clerk of the court this morning announced the figures. Thirty names, twenty-five of them aliens, were removed from the list. The names added to the rolls were about equally divided between lady and men voters.

### ENOUGH IN FIRST CLASS.

The rumor that the married men would have to be called, as class one had not produced sufficient men, has been finally set at rest by an announcement by Col. Moss, chairman of the military service council. An absolute denial was given to these stories by the chairman who stated that the total number of men who had reported for service or claimed exemption up to December 1 was 403,504. Of these only 341,565 had been medically examined. 117,373 were category A men and 123,692 in lower classes. This left 161,939 men.

### LUGBY BANQUET

As the pleasing aftermath of the 1917 rugby team, the members of the B. C. I. rugby team and their lady friends held their annual banquet at the Crompton tea rooms last night. The gridiron veterans were compensated for their loss of the championship by the delightful program that was given in connection with last night's function, consisting of an appropriate toast followed by dancing and cards. The toast list comprised the following: "The King," "The School," "The Staff," "The Country," "The Ladies" and "The Team."

### MAY COME TO BRANTFORD

Kitchener manufacturers are still evidently dissatisfied with the disloyal attitude of a large portion of the people of that city, and the L. McBrine Company of Kitchener have written the city council here asking "what proposition have you to offer manufacturers not entirely satisfied with their present location and who might consider making a change of locality? We shall be pleased to receive offers or induce agents, and our board of directors will seriously consider same."

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## NOTICE!

On and after Dec. 10th 1917, owing to the high cost of feed, shoeing and everything in general, the Team Owners of the City of Brantford have been forced to raise their rates for teaming, carting and moving, etc.

Teaming per day of 9 or 10 Hrs.	\$7.00
Broken time per hour	.75
All Day work per hour	1.00
Van per hour	1.25
Extra Help per hour	.50
Motor Trucks, Large, per hour	3.00
Motor Trucks, small, per hour	1.50

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## SOCIAL and PERSONAL

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276.

Friends of Pte. Stanley and Mrs. Stewart, will be pleased to learn of the birth to them of a son. Pte. Stewart is overseas with the 125th Battalion.

Pte. Percy Fitness and his mother, Mrs. Jos. Fitness were visitors in the city on Wednesday.

Miss J. Esther Fitness was in Burlington on Monday night attending the reception held in the Town Hall in honour of her cousin Pte. Percy Fitness, a veteran of Vimy Ridge.

W. B. Race, B.A., superintendent of the Ontario School for the Blind left for Mitchell this morning to present the diploma at the High School commencement exercises at that place.

### POLICE COURT.

Carrie Herkomer and Mrs. Abigail Sherry were the principals of a snappy little bout that took place recently for the feminine championship of the Indian Reserve. The battle was a lively little scratching contest while it lasted, and Miss Herkomer was proclaimed the champion. Mrs. Sherry disputed the referee's decision, and brought her case to the police for settlement this morning. She was consoled somewhat when a fine of \$2 and costs was imposed on the victor. Miss Herkomer later appeared in the office of the police court clerk and willingly paid her "beautiful little fine" as she smilingly described it. Two employees of the Motor Trucks Limited, were charged with stealing a quantity of material from the company. Pending further investigation the case was laid over until tomorrow. A non-support case was indefinitely adjourned until the husband is able to work. He promised to support his wife satisfactorily as soon as possible.

## LAID AT REST

### MRS. CHATTERSON.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Chatterson, Mt. Pleasant, took place yesterday afternoon to the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. The services at the house and grave were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Bowers. The pallbearers were Messrs. Henry Fryer, Evans Chatterson, William Chatterson, James Chatterson, Peter McEwen and William Wilson.

## SOLICITORS DON'T APPROVE SILENT TRAFFIC COPS

Say City is Liable for Damages the Signs May Cause Vehicles

The introduction of the traffic signs or silent policemen at the intersection of the principal streets of the city, has to a great extent revolutionized traffic conditions here, and while Chief Slemin and the Police Commissioners are entirely satisfied with the work of these signals, the city solicitor does not entertain an equally hearty approval. Since the signs were first placed on the street corners, many minor accidents have occurred and the silent cops have for the most part been the sufferers. In a letter to the City Council, however, Wilkes and Henderson, city solicitors, point out that were damage to property or life or limb caused from the use of these signs, the city could be held responsible.

The communication points out that the City Council have not endorsed the use of the signs, and have never passed a by-law or resolution recommending their use. The initiative was taken by the Board of Trade, who purchased a number of the mechanical devices and presented them to the Police Commission. Later, a further consignment were purchased by the City Council.

The control of the streets, say the city solicitors, is entirely within the jurisdiction of the City Council and unless unwelcome complications are desired these traffic signals should be considered seriously. The city is responsible for keeping the streets free of obstructions and would thus be responsible for the installation of these traffic signs. Particular attention is called to the "policeman" stationed at the corner of Brant and Richmond street on the "devil's" strip between the street and railway tracks. Scarcely a week passes that this sign does not figure in a mishap and in the Police Court last night Wesley Pollard, a motorman on the municipal street railway faced a charge of "willful damage to a traffic sign," the outgrowth of a collision between the street car he was driving and the silent policeman.

The signs are not removed from their positions, nor are they lighted at night, and in the opinion of the city solicitors, they should be removed especially from many street intersections, where, it is claimed, they are unnecessary.

## Wedding Bells

### PAMPLIN-ROBERTS.

At Grace Church yesterday at 12 noon, Miss Mae Roberts, eldest daughter of Mr. E. Roberts, of this city, and Mr. C. S. Pamplin, of 33 Hyde Park avenue, Hamilton, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony by the Ven. Archdeacon MacKenzie. The bride looked very sweet in a travelling suit of navy blue with ermine furs and seal hat. A full choir was assembled and during the signing of the register "O Perfect Love" was sung. Immediately after the ceremony a peal of bells was rung. The bride has been an active worker in Grace Church for a great number of years. She was the recipient of many beautiful gifts, including a handsome tray from the choir. The happy couple left in the afternoon for Hamilton, en route to New York, where the honeymoon will be spent.

### SILVER TO REPLACE GOLD

By Courier Leased Wire  
New York, Dec. 13.—In banking circles there is a mixture of opinion regarding the report that the United States Government and allied representatives now in conference at Washington over the silver question are seriously considering the adoption of silver, along with gold, as a basis against "note issues." Some bankers refuse to believe that the foremost nations of the world will ever resort to the bi-monetary system, no matter what the difficulties may be. Others maintain that the vast load of more or less flat currency that has been injected into the world's circulation makes it inevitable that another metal must be chosen to supplement gold as a redemption basis.

### SPAIN TO PROTEST

By Courier Leased Wire  
Madrid, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Premier Albuquerques announced today that the Spanish government was preparing an energetic protest to Germany regarding the bombardment of the Spanish steamer Claudio by a German submarine.

The Spanish steamship Claudio, Premier Albuquerques announced Monday, was attacked by a German submarine, which fired upon the steamer, killing eight sailors and wounding others. The Claudio was able to make port under her own steam.

## Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

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Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

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