

## General City News

Mr. Hubert H. McLeod, of Spirit River, Alberta, is home for the Christmas holidays.

The annual meeting of the Brandon Tourist Club will be held at the Empire hotel on Tuesday, January 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Platt, of Regina, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Elliott, on Christmas. Mrs. Platt will remain till after the New Year.

Mr. G. M. Grant, L.L.B., barrister of Saskatoon, and his sister, Miss Jennie Grant, society editor of the Saskatoon Daily Phoenix, arrived in the city yesterday on a holiday visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Grant, and brother, Elmer.

Mr. J. J. Singleton, Suite 10 Hardware Apartments, received word, on Christmas Day of the death of his brother, James N. Singleton, who died at Winnipeg on Sunday. Mr. Singleton has left to attend the funeral, which takes place at Winnipeg today.

There are thirteen parcels of Christmas gifts waiting to go to children of soldiers who are now at the front. It was found impossible to deliver them with the other parcels, as the families have moved to other addresses than those now on the books.

No. 151232 Private E. O. J. Seward, now of the 43rd Canadian C.H., writes from the Great Northern hospital, London, England, complaining that his wife has been informed that he had been badly wounded, and wishes to correct that impression. He states that his injuries were only of a slight nature.

Among the Canadians who have won the Military Cross, according to the list just announced, is Capt. George Garnet Greer. Capt. Greer is a nephew of Mr. Wm. Greer, 124 Sixth street.

Herman Gabbert, a German, faced the double charge of being drunk, and having liquor in his possession, contrary to the provisions of the Manitoba Temperance Act, at the police court this morning. He was fined \$50 and costs for the second offence, and allowed to go without paying the costs of the court in the first case.

**WANTED TO HEAR FROM OWNERS** of good farm for sale. State cash price and description. De-Ful-Bush, Minneapolis, Minn. Write to 28-3-10-17.

## OBITUARY

**Death of Andrew Muirhead**  
The death occurred in the city on Thursday of Andrew Muirhead, who for the last twenty-six years was a prominent resident of the Laurier district. Deceased was fifty-nine years of age and is survived by his widow and two daughters. The latter are Mrs. J. A. Wilson and Mrs. W. A. Hamlin, both of Brandon. There are two brothers, John Muirhead, of Douglas, and James Muirhead, of Pearson, and a sister, Mrs. Muirhead of Tilston, Sask.

## HEAVY FINES FOLLOW A DRUNKEN ORGIE

How a nest of Austrians was disturbed while engaged in a drunken orgie at 1055 Fifth street on Wednesday night, was disclosed by officers working under the Manitoba Temperance Act, at the police court Thursday afternoon.

The defendants in the case were found guilty of having liquor in their possession in a place other than a private dwelling house, and were fined by Magistrate Fraser as follows: Sam Marks, \$50 and costs; Sam Solon \$50 and costs, and \$10 for obstructing the police; John Nouriski, \$50 and costs; Tony Sakodski, \$10 and costs.

The defendants were Sam Marks, Sam Solon, John Nouriski and Tony Sakodski, and they were charged with having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling house, and the last named was charged that he did unlawfully obstruct a peace officer in the course of his duty.

Though there were only three rooms it was shown in evidence that there were fifteen men and women, all of whom were Austrians, engaged in a drunken orgie with a large quantity of liquor on the premises. One man was lying dead drunk in a room where two little children were asleep.

One of the officers stated that it was the worst picture of drunken depravity that he had ever seen in his life.

## FEDERAL AUTHORITIES DIRECT MOUNTED POLICE FOR DURATION OF WAR

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The contract between the federal government and the prairie provinces regarding the work of the R.N.W.M.P. has been abrogated during the war at the request of the Ottawa authorities. The police will be maintained, and at the same strength in these provinces, but will devote their time to enforcing federal ordinances, and will have nothing to do with enforcement of provincial laws. This new arrangement is not to release the Mounted Police for overseas service.

## Fire Destroys Plant Brandon Machine Works

Damages Estimated at \$25,000 and Insurance of Only \$15,000

### CAUSE UNKNOWN

**Flames Burst from Door When Manager Stewart Returned from Lunch**

Fully \$25,000 damages is estimated to have been caused by fire which completely destroyed the interior of the buildings of the Brandon Machine and Implement works on Rosser avenue Friday afternoon. The loss is covered by insurance to the extent of \$15,000.

The premises consisted of an extensive one-story brick building on Rosser avenue on the north side, and covered practically the whole block between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets.

The cause of the fire is not definitely ascertained but within a few minutes after it occurred the whole interior of the building was literally a blazing furnace, and within half an hour but little more than the walls and a portion of the roof remained.

The first indication of the fire was when Mr. Thomas Stewart, the manager of the works, returned from his lunch, as the instant when he opened the door a burst of flame flew out, scorching him about the face and hands and singing his hair, though not seriously. Though workmen were in another part of the building this was the first indication of any fire, and they all applied themselves to save as much of the office books and furniture as possible. But very little time, however, was given to this work owing to the rapidity with which the blaze spread.

The fire department was quickly on hand, and two big streams of water had an effect in quenching the flames to some extent, and though sparks flew fast and furious none of the neighboring buildings were at any time in serious danger.

Mr. George Harris arrived shortly after Mr. Stewart, but it was impossible to enter the premises at this time. It does not appear that there were any personal injuries sustained, only slight burns by Stewart.

The only explanation volunteered of where the outbreak occurred and its cause is that the blaze started in the basement by the ignition and explosion of gas directly under the offices. This would have accounted for the flame which burst out when Mr. Stewart returned.

Much sympathy is expressed for the management of the works, whom, it is said, had worked untiringly to make the business a success. There were about twenty men employed at present. The firm had recently completed a shell contract for the British Government.

## JAIL OPENS AND LETS MEN RE-ENLIST IN ARMY

Five men have been taken from the Brandon provincial jail during this last week and have been taken on with the 181st Battalion. None of the men were criminals in the ordinary sense of the word, but were under going terms of imprisonment for the military offence of being absent from their battalion without leave.

They have now come under the terms of the Duke of Devonshire's pardon. They have rejoined, and their previous record has been wiped off the slate. They will start military life again without a stain upon their characters. They are given new numbers, and given an absolutely new beginning, and have all the opportunities for promotion that lie before any man who embarks upon the military life.

## DOG FANCIER DEAD

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 23.—Mark O'Rourke, known throughout the country as a breeder of prize bulldogs, is dead. He won several first prizes at New York and other shows with his dogs.

## NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR BLIND RECEIVES \$1200

The National Institute for the Blind benefits by about \$1,200 from the visit of Mr. W. Evelyn Cowen and the canvass which the local committee conducted. Mr. Cowen and his daughter, Miss Cowen have left for the west and the next city they will visit is Regina.

In conversation with The Sun Friday morning, Mr. Cowen tendered his heartiest thanks to the people of Brandon for the splendid reception accorded him and the cause he represents, and for the many personal kindnesses sent him.

## System of Main Roads Advocated For Manitoba

Delegation from Union of Municipalities Wait on Provincial Government

### SUGGEST ROAD PLAN

**That Could be Completed in Ten Years at a Cost of \$8,000,000**

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—An ambitious proposal for a provincial highway system under government control was placed before Hon. T. H. Johnson, minister of public works, by a delegation from the executive of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities. Members of the Good Roads board were present.

The proposal is to have a system of 2,000 miles in extent which will include all the main highways in the province. Some of the main roads which will be included in the system if the proposal is carried out are: Winnipeg to Virgins, via Portage la Prairie, Carberry and Brandon; Minto to Souris via Rapid City and Brandon; Carberry to Dauphin via Neepawa; a main highway from the southwestern portion of the province to Winnipeg, with shorter feeding roads into populous areas, and a highway connecting with the Jefferson highway.

It is proposed that the roads be built at an approximate cost of \$4,000 per mile, which would make a total cost of \$8,000,000. It is further proposed that the system be completed in ten years. The annual cost of maintenance of the roads after completion is estimated at \$125 per mile.

### Will Meet in January

The proposal was discussed very fully and while nothing definite was decided it was arranged to have an other conference on the matter in January, when the legislature is in session, so that members can give their views.

It was generally agreed that a system of trunk roads was necessary but it was considered that the better plan would be for an independent commission to be appointed by the government consisting of one experienced engineer and two other men of business experience and wide general knowledge. This commission, it was suggested, would keep in touch with the municipalities, and would locate the roads, reporting back to the government. This would result in permanent highways being maintained by the province.

The conference also discussed the system of financing, and various schemes were suggested, including the issuing of long-term bonds and the possibility of paying for the construction of the roads as it was progressed, and of the revenue received by a small tax on the municipalities and automobile revenue.

### Revenue From Motors

It was suggested that the latter should be devoted entirely to this purpose. At the present time the revenue from automobile licenses is about \$146,000, and it is estimated that in nine years this will have been increased to \$348,000.

It was pointed out that out of automobile revenue, augmented by a small tax on municipalities, about 1,634 miles of road could be built in nine years.

Hon. T. H. Johnson, minister of public works, presided and others present were: D. D. McDonald, Dauphin, present of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities; Ald. Marion, St. Boniface, vice-president; Robt. Forke, Pipestone, sec.-treas.; Col. C. E. Ivens, reeve of Wallace; R. G. Willis, reeve of Morton; John Haddow, reeve of Rosser; A. L. Adolph, of Brandon; Mayor Arundel, of Stonewall; A. C. Emmett, of the Good Roads Association; and A. McGillivray, provincial highways commissioner.

## BRANDON OLD-TIMER IS DEAD AT VANCOUVER

**D. A. Hopper One of the Earliest Settlers Here Died on Thursday Afternoon**

The sad news has been received in the city of the death at Vancouver at four o'clock, Thursday afternoon, of Mr. D. A. Hopper, one of Brandon's best known old-timers. For the past eight years, the late Mr. Hopper and his family have resided in Vancouver, but prior to that time resided in this city for the best part of their lives. The family is one among the earliest settlers here and in the Rapid City district. Besides his wife, there are two daughters and three sons left to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. One of the sons, W. G. Hopper, better known as "Bill," has spent the greater part of the time in this city, since the family moved to the western coast. He was part owner of the local link, being a partner of Murdoch McKezie.

## SPLENDID PICTURES HISTORICAL SUBJECTS AT NORMAL SCHOOL

Gift from National Chapter of Daughters of Empire—Educational in Nature

The Brandon Normal school has lately received a beautiful gift from the National chapter of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, Toronto. This gift consists of about seventy very fine historical pictures, the best prints obtainable, illustrating a British history and typifying the growth and greatness of the British Empire. This historical picture gift is carrying out an educational scheme decided upon and approved by all members of the order, the life membership fees of the National chapter being used for this and other educational work, by which it is hoped to especially benefit our foreign-born population.

In this crisis of our country's life, when so many of the best and finest of our own men are being lost forever to Canada, it is most strongly felt by both National and Provincial executives that now is the all-important time in which to try to influence the foreign-born pupils in our public schools and higher educational institutions to become truly British; to instill in their minds British ideals and traditions, and inspire them with an affection for and pride in British achievements and in the making of the British Empire.

There is one stipulation with this gift of pictures, namely: that it must be used in the teaching of history.

This I. O. D. E. educational scheme embraces four western presentations, one for each province, and through the efforts of Mrs. C. C. Hearn, provincial educational secretary, the Manitoba gift has been secured for Brandon Normal school; the other points receiving the gift being Edmonton, Regina and Vancouver.

The pictures embrace a wide range of subjects, illustrating British commerce, government, conquests, and the social life, and are all copies of the most famous pictures. One series is made up of color reproductions of the historical panels in the British House of Commons, Royal exchange, etc., of such subjects as: King Alfred the Great, rebuilding the walls of London, A.D. 886; King John signing the Magna Charta, June 15th, 1215; The Origin of Parties (Red and White Roses); Queen Elizabeth Visits the First Royal Exchange; The Founding of the Bank of England, etc. Another series of colored historical cartoons are by Henry Justice Ford, illustrating British history from the Roman period to the present day. A great many beautiful portraits of the men and women who have helped to mould the Empire are included in the collection, many of them copies from "National Gallery" portraits, and comprise: William Pitt, William Wilberforce, Nelson, Wellington, Oliver Cromwell, Elizabeth Fry, Queen Elizabeth, Sir Walter Raleigh, and many others. British literature is represented by Shakespeare, Milton, Carlyle, etc. There are beautiful authentic portraits of King George V. and Queen Mary, also a large and striking representation of Harold Speed's noted portrait of King Edward VII. Many other splendid pictures are included, among them a fine signed artist's proof by A. C. Gow, R.A., of his Farewell to Nelson, with a companion picture of Nelson's Last Signal, by Thos. Davidson.

It is the intention of the National chapter I.O.D.E. to add to this collection from time to time, and to make of it a worthy historical art gallery, of which the citizens of Brandon and Manitoba at large, will have reason to be proud. The pictures are provided in the sincere hope that they will be an incentive to the study of the history of our beloved Empire, and an important factor in the welding together of the rising generation of our great Dominion.

A series of Canadian historical pictures are being brought out at the request of the I.O.D.E. by one of the best of England's publishing firms. These are to be called the I.O.D.E. proofs, and will be added to the Brandon collection when published.

This beautiful picture gift has been accepted by the Manitoba department of education for the Brandon Normal school, and will be suitably framed by the department under the direction of Mr. B. J. Hales, principal. The presentation was arranged and offered to Brandon by the Provincial executive, and the formal presentation, when the pictures are framed and in place, will be made by Mrs. Colin H. Campbell, Provincial president, and the Provincial I.O.D.E. officers on behalf of the National chapter.

Another phase of educational work undertaken by the I.O.D.E. is the distribution of historical libraries in the foreign schools of Canada under the direction of the departments of education who cordially approve of the plan. These libraries of from fifty to 100 books are most carefully chosen and attractively illustrated. This scheme, which is being carried out in Manitoba by the provincial educational secretary, is to give the foreign-

## WANT SALE AND EXCHANGE

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## COMBINED SCHOOL CONCERT AT DOUGLAS A SUCCESS

Douglas, Dec. 22.—A concert and Christmas tree was held in the Presbyterian church on Thursday night in aid of the Belgian Relief fund.

The combined schools of Douglas, Lawrence Miss McKelvey principal, and Terry, Miss Blair teacher, provided an excellent entertainment for the residents of the districts who heartily applauded the children's efforts. Great credit is due to Miss McKelvey for the excellence of the singing of the children of her school. The concert was aided by various residents of the neighborhood in the way of monologues, dialogues and songs, which were greatly appreciated. Among the solos and part-songs Mr. and Mrs. Manford Swallow, Miss Wilder and Miss Agnew and Mr. D. W. Agnew were greatly in evidence. Mrs. A. C. Foster rendered splendid effect in the choruses, playing upon the violin in harmony with the organist, Miss Ivy Agnew. The various participants entered heartily into their parts, and a most enjoyable concert came to an end by Santa Claus donating the numerous presents from the Christmas tree to the expectant kiddies.

The Lawrence school had agreed to join the Douglas children and divide the proceeds of the entertainment, so that each school might send its own donation separately to the Belgian Relief fund. This, we understand, has now been done, so that the little folk can feel that by their efforts they have augmented the relief fund by the amount of \$22.00.

born pupils a wider opportunity of studying British history and traditions. A beginning has been made by placing twelve libraries in foreign schools designated by the department, and the work will be continued as rapidly as finances will permit. "Children of the Empire" buttons are to be distributed as rewards for the reading of so many books under the superintendence of the teachers and inspectors.

**MUNICIPALITY OF CORNWALLIS**  
Application will be received up to the 30th of December for the position of Assessor for the Municipality of Cornwallis.

D. A. SHAW,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

### TEACHER WANTED

WANTED—TEACHER FOR BLOOMSBURY, S.D., No. 467. Duties to commence Jan. 31st, 1917. Apply stating qualifications and salary expected, to R. Corstine, Secy. Treas. R.R. No. 2, Brandon. 23-30



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**ENGINEER FALLS FROM CAB, FIREMAN BRINGS TRAIN INTO BRANDON**  
A tragic death overlook a young P. R. engineer named Leslie Reed, whose home was in Winnipeg, Thursday night. He fell off the first section of the No. one train, coming into Brandon.

The fireman missed his partner when in the neighborhood of Poplar Point, but took no notice of it at the time as he presumed that Reed had gone around the platform board to fix the headlights. But nothing more being seen of his companion, the fireman decided to come straight to Brandon and report the matter to the officials here. He did so, and section hands were sent back to make investigations. They found the body of Reed near Poplar Point. Life was extinct. It is believed that the deceased must have fallen off and been killed instantly from the force of the fall.

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