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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

POWER OFF.
Great inconvenience was caused to the users of Western Counties Electric Power which was totally cut off for a few hours early this morning.

ICE ON GRAND.
The Grand is covered by a broken and rough sheet of ice over its surface at the Lorne Bridge. It won't be a skating thickness for a long while yet.

SPRING SITTINGS.
The Spring jury court opens here on Tuesday, March 30, before the Honorable the Chief Justice of the Bench. Non-jury sittings commence on Tuesday, May 18th. The presiding justice has not yet been appointed.

MAIL AS USUAL.
A letter to hand from an Australian shows that the mail to that continent from England and also from Canada has never been interfered with during the course of the war, in spite of the fact that the Pacific Ocean was the hunting ground of a German squadron.

REDITORS' MET.
A meeting of the creditors of the Gem Theatre took place yesterday at the office of W. A. Hollinrake, K.C., when J. C. Spence was appointed assessor. The financial statement was presented and showed that there was very little for the creditors as the assets were practically nil. W. T. Hendrie and A. M. Harley were appointed inspectors for the creditors.

THE 'Y' XMAS TREE.
The Dormitory men of the Y. M. C. A. are to have a Christmas tree, which will be decorated for the sake of a number of poor little kiddies. The roomers have agreed to club together for a tree which will stand in Fellowship Hall, where a number of children will be invited to celebrate Christmas Eve. The scheme has been heartily supported.

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ROUTINE WORK AT THE COUNCIL PUT THROUGH

Quiet Session of City Fathers Was 'Held Last' Evening.

The City Fathers held a very quiet session of business in the Council Chamber last night. There was very little of moment put through, the principal item being a by-law which calls for the forfeiture of the Gas Company's franchise. It will be necessary, however, to obtain the approval of the Lieutenant Governor, before the by-law can be enforced and in order to obtain his approval, the by-law, as drawn up, will be submitted to him.

A number of by-laws were read and passed for the purpose of raising funds by debentures for various civic improvements during the year 1914. The request of the Women's Equal Franchise Society, that the question of equal voting powers for men and women, be submitted to the electors in January, was, of necessity, filed. Apart from this, there was little of general interest to the public.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Lake Erie and Northern Railway applied for the closing of certain streets to preserve their right of way and submitted plan to the effect of the communication. This was referred to the Board of Works.

Mrs. Secord applied that the matter of equal franchise for women be placed before the public at the January elections. Inasmuch as her requests was 48 hours late, it must be filed. In order to submit such a question to the electors, it should have been advertised before Saturday last, and as this rule could not now be observed, the letter was filed.

Father, Gringorten asked for repayment of the taxes paid on the property, which his community had obtained on William Street for purposes of worship, but which it had been found impossible to go on with. This was referred to the finance committee.

The Mayor of Guelph applied for two and a quarter, which expense that city was caused through an indigent who was sent from the city to Guelph, to be immediately transferred to Brantford. Referred to finance committee.

A number of accounts were passed for payment. The Children's Aid Society will have \$400 placed to their credit by the city. This amount being the subsidy of a grant to them.

The deal with the Western Counties Electric Company for the purchase of Kerby Island for gravel, was announced at \$500, which has been paid for privilege therefore.

BOARD OF WORKS.

The Board of Works begs leave to report as follows: That the following communications be filed: Scarle and Co., of Sept 9th; H. F. Gardner, of Sept. 14th; Brantford Courier, Limited, of Oct. 20th; G. Hatley, of Nov. 16th and Oct. 23rd; W. T. Henderson, of Oct. 26th; H. F. Leonard, of Nov. 2nd; Matthews-Blackwell, Limited, of Nov. 10th; Jas Laing and others, of Nov. 16th.

EXPLANATION.
An item of \$80 appeared owing Mr. Bunnell, disbursed during the last fortnight under the head of police fees and fines, and the Mayor gave an explanation which was satisfactorily received by the council. The item dealt with the conviction of an Armenian on a breach of a liquor license by-law. He was fined \$100, and as the fine came to the city, it was arranged with Louis Stander for a loan of \$80 in order to get the Armenian out of jail. The city could not lose the money as the fine came to them.

A report of the insurance on various public institutions was read and considered very satisfactory.

BY-LAWS.
Ald. Ryerson introduced a by-law for the borrowing of \$41,453 for the construction of sanitary sewers in the city. It was read the customary three times and passed.

A by-law providing for \$3,832 for the construction of storm sewers in the city was carried.

For the construction of concrete sidewalk a by-law was passed calling for the raising of \$12,906 by debentures.

Yet another by-law was introduced for the purpose of providing for the borrowing of \$2,828 for the construction of concrete curbs in the city during the year 1914.

Concrete pavements were the cause of a by-law being passed for the borrowing of \$7,468 by debentures. As was the case with the others it was speedily put through.

Confirming an agreement with the Niagara Silk Mills re assessment, a by-law was introduced by Ald. Broadbent and passed.

GREAT PROSPECTS.
Speaking on the question of the silk mill, Ald. Broadbent thought it would soon be one of Brantford's foremost industries. Most silk goods came from Germany and he was very sure there was a great future for the trade. They paid a fair wage and their operators were a fine, healthy looking lot of men.

Ald. Bragg was pleased to note that fair wages were to be paid as he intended to ask about that side of the new industry. In Germany 40 cents a day was paid and that was not enough for any man here.

Ald. Broadbent assured him that these mills came from Tonawanda and not from Germany.

The Gas Company matter was then brought up and the matter briefly mentioned after which the Council adjourned.

Mr. Justice MacDonald of British Columbia has decided that an alien who is a peaceable citizen is entitled to his rights under the laws.

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Handsome Redingote or Tuxedo Style Suits, made of fine imported suitings in Russian green, navy, black, Copenhagen and brown. Coats lined with satin guaranteed to wear two years. New set-in sleeve, velvet collar in very attractive design. Undoubtedly the best offering of the season. Usual price \$23.50 to \$25.00. For... **\$17.50**

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A SUDDEN DEATH

Mr. Arthur Greenaway Passed Away on Monday Afternoon.

Many friends and acquaintances of Mr. Arthur Greenaway will be surprised to hear of his death, which took place Monday afternoon.

He left to mourn his loss, besides his wife, three sons and two daughters, Wilbur, Laurence and Chester, Mrs. G. Thomson and Mrs. L. Vrooman, all of this city.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon from his late residence, 42 Sheridan street.

PERCY CRYSLER'S SUDDEN DEATH

Family is Comforted by News Received From Friends in Chile.

A report has been received from Chile, discrediting a previous report, that Mr. C. Percy Chrysler met a violent death, and that at his own hand. His family and friends have reason to disbelieve this, because the cables and letters with particulars having the general manager's signature, it has been learned, were not sent or written by him, as he was and has been since in a distant part of the country. Moreover, there was no motive mentioned. His frequent cheerful letters, good health, good position with a promising future, and the termination within a month of his contract, when his passage home for a visit would be provided by the company, go to make it very improbable.

He had applied for passport to go to the war, but no British were permitted to leave for that purpose, while German reservists were allowed to go.

The country is pro-German, and has been furnishing shelter and supplies right along to the enemy's ships. Law and order at no time are enforced, and particularly so since the war began. Violent deaths are frequent. Responsibility for his death may never be located, although proceedings are in progress. He was exposed from the fact that he was cashier, and on pay day always had a guard of from two to half dozen men. The general manager sending condolence to the family speaks in the highest terms of the young man's ability and good habits, and that his personal affairs and those of the company, for which he was responsible, were in perfect order.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Loss Covered by Insurance on Park Fire

"Three thousand dollars will not replace the stands burned down at the Agricultural Park," declared a member of the Parks Board this morning.

He went on to say that the stands were perhaps old, but they were substantial and had stood the test of time. He maintained that new stands erected at the cost mentioned would not replace adequately the loss in the fire. The blaze was too sudden for morning was that the work was that of someone who has a grudge against the Parks Board. It is not thought to be an accident that the stands took fire. The blaze was too sudden for that. It looked as if the thing had been well prepared and a determined effort had been made to wreak vengeance upon the Parks Board. If the blaze had started in the usual way it would never have obtained the proportions that it did before it was noticed and reported. As it was it was so sudden that it might have been soaked with kerosene and set light. The loss is covered by insurance having recently been gone over by the Parks Board when they were fixing up the insurance on the various park properties.

The loss to the Baseball club is about \$200. This amount covers the whole cost of their paraphernalia which was locked in their dressing rooms.

SHOOTING AFFRAY

A shooting affair, which might have proved fatal, occurred at the home of Jasper Jones, an Indian, at his home at Smootstown, on the Indian Reserve, on Saturday night last. Some person, whose identity is so far unknown, went to Jones' home, shot his dog, then fired through the window of the house and shot Jones twice in the arm. Dr. Donaldson was summoned and attended the wounded man, extracting the bullets. High County Constable Kerr has the matter in hand, and is investigating the case. It is surmised that the intruder meant robbery, as the wounded man is pretty comfortably situated and loans money to responsible parties, and it is said that he makes a good revenue from same.

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Tuesday, December 15, 1914.

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