

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

MEMORIAL SOCIETY
A meeting of the Brant County Memorial Society was held in the Public Library this afternoon. The occasion for the memorial tablet to the Pauline Johnson, the Indian poetess, was discussed.

BUILDING PERMIT
A permit was this morning issued by the city engineer to Charles F. Reynolds, for the erection of a garage at 249 St. Paul's avenue, to cost \$1,200.

GARDEN PLOTS
The work of the garden plot committee of the Thrift League is progressing favorably in all the wards of the city. The committee has issued orders for plowing, which will be done as soon as possible. A meeting of the ward chairmen will probably be held next week when reports will be received for the different sections of the city.

RUSSIAN MISSIONS.
Encouraging reports were submitted at last night's meeting of the Russian Missionary League of Park Street church, showing the progress made by that organization among the Russian element of the city. An interesting story of the conversion of a local Russian was related by the missionary, Mr. W. Yankovskii. It was decided to continue this phase of the church's work with renewed vigor.

SOCIAL EVENING.
An enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday last when the girl friends of Miss Sarah Madden held a birthday party in her honor. The young people spent the night in music and dancing, after which a light refreshment was served, bringing the evening to a close.

MEN'S LUNCHEON.
The information has been arranged in connection with the military service fund of the Y. M. C. A., for Wednesday noon, May 16th at the Kirby House, from twelve to two o'clock, when a first hand account of the wonderful work being accomplished overseas by this service, will be related. The speakers will be Major G. W. Birks of Montreal, who is in charge of the work in England and France, and Hon. Capt. W. A. Cameron who has an eloquent and inspiring story to tell of his six months experience in this special work in France. Tickets, including luncheon, can be procured at the office of the local Y. M. C. A. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, and will be addressed by the same men.

POLICE COURT
There was a brief session of the police court this morning. A woman against whom a charge of having a disorderly house had been preferred, was admonished by the magistrate to exercise more discretion, and was allowed to go. A charge of being an inmate, laid against a girl, was withdrawn.

LEAGUE MEETING.
Colborne St. Epworth League held their regular meeting with Miss E. Cowherd in the chair. The subject for the evening was taken by our President, Mr. A. Cortmeo on "Service for Christ" in which he plainly outlined our life's work, which we owe to our Saviour. We were also favored with a delightful solo by Miss C. Meares. Our one ambition was to make this year a decided success and to be of service to Him.

Y. P. S.
A very enjoyable evening was spent by the Young Peoples' Society of Balfour St. Presbyterian Church, when the evening took the form of a debate on the subject, "Resolved that drink has done more harm to the country than war." The affirmative was taken by Messrs. E. Danby, and G. Brown, and the negative was taken by Misses M. Calbeck and E. Edwards. Both sides worked hard to win out, and the judges had great difficulty in making the decision, and when they counted up the points they found that they came to a tie. The speakers were in the form and handled their parts well. The social committee then took charge of the evening, and those present did justice to the dainty lunch which was served by the committee. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

CHIEF WHITMORE DEAD.
The information has been received in the city of the death of Fire Chief Whitmore, of Sault Ste. Marie, who was formerly a member of the local fire department. After leaving Brantford, Chief Whitmore resided in Woodstock, where he was a member of the fire department, and then went to the "ston" where he took charge of the force in that city, where he has been for the past five years. He passed through Brantford about two weeks ago, on his way home from New York, and visited the two local stations, as well as renewing acquaintances here. It is with sincere regret that his friends in this section learned of his demise.

CADET COMPANY TO BE FORMED WITH DUFFERIN RIFLES

Youths Under Military Age Will be Accepted for Service

LT.-Col. F. A. Howard, O.C., 38th Regt., D. R. C., has authorized a Cadet Company to be formed in connection with the 38th Regiment. Lieut. J. S. Rowe, Principal of Dufferin School has been placed in charge of this Company and no doubt will be a popular appointment in so far as the citizens are concerned, as Mr. Rowe has been prominently connected with the Cadets of this city for some time and is very popular with the boys. Ex-Cadets and those at present belonging to different cadet corps of the Collegiate Institute and public schools in this city are requested to enroll. In fact every boy of good physique between the ages of 15 and 18 years will be accepted.

The training will be along the same lines as laid down for the 38th Regiment and parades will be held with the Regiment on Monday evenings of each week. The Cadets will be kept in one company by themselves away from older members of the Regiment, and in this way it is felt that parents of boys in this city will encourage their sons to enroll under such favorable circumstances. This movement has been adopted by practically all Militia Regiments in Toronto, Hamilton and other cities and is proving a great success.

It is the first time in the history of the 38th Regiment that men under the age of 18 years of age have been allowed to join and it is undoubtedly a splendid opportunity for the boys to obtain a thorough knowledge of military training, and at the same time improve their physically. Principal Rowe or some other officer will be at the Armories every afternoon and evening, commencing today, for the purpose of enrolling every young man in the city who can meet the requirements should take advantage of this and call at the Armories and hand in his name. It is anticipated by Principal Rowe that from 100 to 150 boys will be obtained.

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G. H. WILLIAMSON IS NEW GENERAL Y.M.C.A. SECRETARY

Former Resident of This City Returns Here From the West

MUCH EXPERIENCE Mr. Williamson to Assume Duties Here August 1

A successor has been appointed by the unanimous decision of the directors of the Y.M.C.A. for Mr. Ross Beckett, who has been acting as temporary general secretary, since the resignation of Mr. John Schultz, which took effect on the first of this month. Mr. George H. Williamson, who has been for the past ten years general secretary of the Port William Y. M. C. A., is the new incumbent, and his duties here will commence in August. Mr. Williamson is an old Brantford boy, a brother of Mr. D. T. Williamson, and is well known here where he was at one time an accountant in the firm of George Foster and Sons, wholesalers. He was also associated with Richard Smith, in the harness and leather business about twenty years ago. He is well qualified by experience for the responsible position which he is to occupy, having been for eleven years general secretary of the Port William Y. M. C. A., and for the past ten years, occupying a similar position in Port William, during which time a splendid new building has been erected, and great progress made in the work there. Associated with him in Port William, is another Brantford boy, Wray Youmans, who has been in charge of the physical department, and who is now in the city on vacation. Ross Beckett will remain in charge until August 1st.

Three Cases to be Heard

Three cases only are slated for hearing at the Brant non-jury sittings to be held in the Court House on Tuesday, May 15th, before the Honorable Mr. Justice Clute. The first is a request for an order for alimony, the second is a will dispute, while the last is an action to obtain payment of a sum of money, which the plaintiff claims through a breach of agreement. Mrs. Mary A. Hardwick is taking action against her husband, Arthur A. Hardwick, who resides on a farm near Paris, for an order from the court forcing him to pay alimony, amounting to \$5 weekly. The couple were married in the Methodist church, Paris, in 1901. At a subsequent date the complainant claims that she was forced to leave the house of her husband on account of his cruelty toward her. For seven years she resided in Alberta, and at his request, returned to her husband but was again compelled to leave through renewed cruelty on his part. The defendant alleges that his wife's mind became unhinged and that she was for some time confined to an institution in London. The counsel are Jones and Hewitt, for the plaintiff, and W. Harold Barnum for the defendant. Murray E. Bycroft is taking action against the Trusts and Guarantee Company, administrator of the will of the late Wilmot A. Spoor, who died March 15th, 1917, in the township of Brantford. Barbara Likers, Grace B. Schultz, Mabel Robinson, Frank Spoor and Elmer Spoor are co-defendants. The action involves the disposal of the property, real and personal of the late Wilmot Armstrong. E. K. Read for the plaintiff and Brewster and Heyd for the defendant are the respective counsel. The Wonder Rope Machine Company of which Robert Sterling Carter is the sole partner is the plaintiff against Francis L. Scott and Archie Harrington, agents, of Edmonton, Alberta. The claim is for \$882.50, being based on the defendant's failure to fulfill the terms of an agreement between the two parties. Brewster and Heyd are acting for the plaintiff and Lewis and Fitzpatrick for the defendants.

NEARLY 90,000 IN CASUALTIES

Total Canadian Lists During the War Reach High Figure

Ottawa, May 9.—The following is a statement of casualties of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces reported to the Record Office to May 8th, 1917:
Killed in action 714 14,555 15,329
Died of wounds 242 5,000 5,242
Died of sickness 49 1,191 1,240
Presumed dead 38 1,481 1,519
Wounded . . . 2,743 60,913 63,656
Missing . . . 106 2,751 2,857
Totals . . . 3,952 85,891 89,843

Returned Soldiers of City Held Smoker

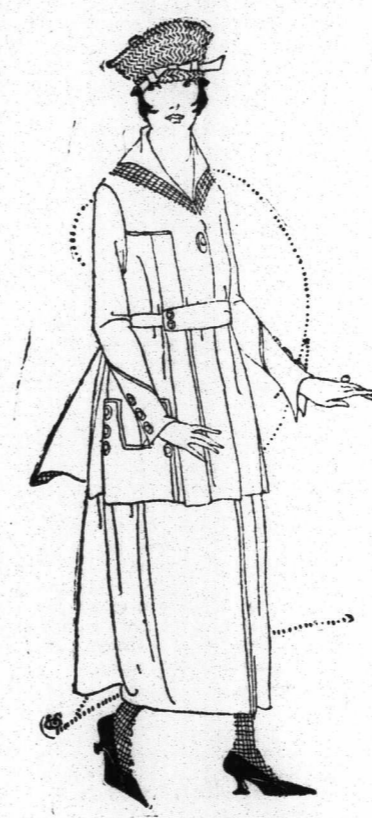
A very representative gathering attended the smoker held in the old Y. M. C. A. building last night, by the local branch of the Great War Veterans' Association. A splendid program was the order of the evening, consisting of songs, instrumental selections, and addresses delivered by prominent citizens. Capt. Rev. C. E. Jenkins presided, and in an opening address, stressed the aims and objects of the organization. Other speakers were Messrs W. G. Raymond, H. H. Powell, J. H. Spence, George Scobell, secretary of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, W. H. Lane, Chris Cook, George Broomfield, Chief of Slemin and A. H. Boddy. It was pointed out that the general body of citizens were not conversant with the objects of the association, and that the aim was not to provide exclusively for those men who have already returned, but that an earnest endeavour would be made to perfect an organization to look after the interests of the thousands of men who have left Brant County for overseas. The speakers of the evening assured the returned men, that when their wants in regard to a club room were made known, that this would be procured with little difficulty. It is the intention of the executive to hold further smokers, and social gatherings of this nature in the future, when it is hoped, that as the public becomes more familiar with the purposes of the Association, that a better and more encouraging attendance will result.

BELGIANS DRAFTED.

Copenhagen, May 10.—via London.—A representative of the German war department of the German reichstag that a number of Belgian subjects resident in Cologne were drafted into the German army in spite of their protests that they were veterans of the Belgian army. The admission was made in answer to an interpellation by a radical Socialist deputy. The war department official promised that the question of citizenship in those cases would be reviewed.

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- LOT 5 Values \$35.00 to \$40.00, for \$30.75

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TRADES AND LABOR UNION

Some of the Matters Up at Last Night's Meeting

The regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council took place last night with a good attendance. The Street Railway employees reported that two of their men had been discharged and they waited on the Commissioners in company with their lawyer, Mr. Jones, to ask for the reason. None was given and the men were finally taken back, reinstated and paid for lost time.

The recent speech of Mr. W. F. Cockshutt in the House of Commons with reference to Government control of food stuffs came in for some consideration, but no definite action was taken. Delegate Brown introduced a resolution commending Ald. MacBride and Ald. Symons for carrying out the recommendations of the high cost of living committee in the purchase of seed potatoes and selling at cost. The motion was left over until next meeting night.

A resolution was passed, condemning the conviction of Mooney, convicted of a bomb outrage in San Francisco, in connection with a preparedness parade. Mooney organized the United Railway employees and the delegates felt that the charge against him was a frame up to get his activities out of the way.

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OBITUARY

MRS. A. ALDRICH.
Mr. W. S. Wisner of this city has received word of the death of his sister, Mrs. Allan Aldrich, last evening at Washington, D.C. Mrs. John Ott and Mrs. Henry Yeigh were with her at the end. Mrs. Aldrich had passed the allotted span of life and was throughout a person of strong personality and unusual capability. Her chief interest outside of her church life, she was a member of the Presbyterian Church, was in connection with the Daughters of the Revolution in the affairs of which she took an active part. She was the eldest daughter of the late Jesse O. Wisner and is survived by her brother Warham S. Wisner and sisters Mrs. John Ott, Mrs. Henry Yeigh, Mrs. H. Hamilton and Mrs. J. H. Oldham of this city. The interment will take place at Greenwood Cemetery on Saturday afternoon at 3.30 from the residence of Mrs. John Ott, 109 Darling street.

REDISTRICTING

Amsterdam, via London, May 10.—During the discussion on redistricting in the Reichstag main committee last Tuesday, Dr. Lewald, director of a department in the home office, said that the government had been considering the question for some time. He added that the federated governments would be consulted, and an effort made with due regard to all political and economic factors to prepare an electoral law which would adjust present disparities.

REPRISALS!

Berlin, May 10.—via London.—An official statement issued today says: In reprisal for the placing of a German general and fifteen staff officers on French hospital ships in the Mediterranean, the German officials have placed three times this number of French officers of corresponding rank at points in the western industrial districts which are especially subject to aerial attack.

LEGION OF HONOR

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in diameter and it is doing fine. I got it in the big advance at Vimy Ridge. We left the trenches about 5.30 a.m. and I just got to Fritz's second line when I was hit. It didn't hurt much but I dropped. A Red Cross man fixed me up and I started back. There were no trenches left to tell which our front line was and all I could find were shell boxes large and small. After wandering around for about twenty minutes or so I started away from it and landed at the 5th Battalion Field Dressing station about 6.30 a.m. Well after I went through a lot more dressing stations I landed in the hospital at Boulogne where I wrote you a card. They weren't satisfied so shipped me across to England and here I am in the 3rd London General Hospital. I had not been here two days when a fellow got a case of measles and we are quarantined for 16 days. Oh, what luck. Of course we have no visitors now. I am going to see if I can locate Lloyd Pierce."

NO HOPE

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an independent set of negotiations. **Russians Refuse**
Petrograd, via London, May 10.—A conference of the extreme wing of the Socialist party has discussed M. Borgberg's peace terms and passed a resolution that in view of the fact that M. Borgberg was acting in agreement with Philipp Scheidemann and other German Socialists who have gone over to the side of the German Government, he was directly or covertly the agent of the German imperialists. Consequently the resolution says the Russian Socialists will take no part in a conference with him or Herr Scheidemann.

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