

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

WITH HONORS.

The Rev. Chas. Paterson-Smyth, curate of Grace Church, has received the pleasing news that he has obtained at Toronto University, his B.D. degree with honors.

FUNERAL OF DEAD HERO

The steamer Metagama arrived at St. John, N. B., on Sunday night. The remains of the late Lieut. Harold Brewster were on board and the funeral will take from Brant Ave. Methodist Church at 3 o'clock on Thursday.

ALL INVITED.

In connection with the Christmas tree to be held to-morrow evening for the children of the members of the 215th battalion, the officers are desirous of emphasizing the fact that all friends of the soldiers are welcome and heartily invited to be present.

XMAS GREETINGS

Christmas greetings were received yesterday from General Logie, by Major Snider, Officer Commanding the 215th Battalion. The telegram contained an extract from the Christmas greeting of His Majesty, the King, to his soldiers and sailors: "I send my salutations and soldiers, hearty good wishes for Christmas."

PRESENTATION.

A most pleasing event after the morning service at Alexandra church on Sunday, was a presentation by the choir, to Mrs. George Cromar, the efficient organist and leader. The gift comprised a cut glass vase of handsome design, filled with beautiful narcissus. A complimentary note was read by Mrs. George Ion. Mrs. Cromar expressed her appreciation to the choir for their useful and pretty gift and kindly remembrance of her.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. BASIL'S.

Six masses were said on Christmas Day at St. Basil's church. Very Rev. Dean Brady, Rev. Father Burke and Rev. Father Murray all taking part in the services. Special music was rendered by the children's choir at the midnight mass, and by the adult choir at the High Mass at 10.30. The customary representation of the manger and crib of the Bethlehem stable wherein the Saviour was born, was erected upon the side altar, and will remain in place until after New Year's Day, during which time it may be visited at any time by the congregation.

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NEWS OF NORFOLK SOLDIER'S AID COMMISSION

(From our own correspondent)

Simcoe, Dec. 25.—When the slate was scanned at nine o'clock on Saturday night, there was still a vacancy in the council, and Geo. J. McKie, in whose favour H. A. Carter withdrew his nomination to the Reveship, and who sat in the clerk's office up to the last minute, got up and left the place without qualifying.

The members who qualified and are elected, are: Mayor, Geo. Williamson; Deputy-Reeve, A. E. Slater; Councilors: Roger Cropp, Geo. Doughty, Augustus Jacques, S. L. Krompfort and T. E. Leonard. Utilities Commissioner, R. E. Gunton. Since he has chosen a good man in the person of Mr. Gunton. His practical knowledge of the work of the commission is a great asset. There was no other man offered and none thought of. A new nomination will be necessary for a reeve and one councillor.

Late last night came news that Warden McDowell and the 1916 Council have all been returned by acclamation. The Woodhouse reeveship has come down to a contest between Gilbert McSloy and Thos. Chapman. The council slate is: R. W. Caswell, Charlton Woolley, Nat Butler, Wilson Porter and Albert Gilbert. The remains of the late Pte. Jas. Potts, of the 215th, formerly of the 103rd, who died at Brantford on Friday, were entered here at Oakwood, on Saturday. Rev. A. E. Farney read the service and a detail from the recruiting squad here, under Pte. Hucklebridge, acted as bearers.

On Friday, men in khaki were bearers at the funeral of the late Louise Sherman, two of whose brothers, Charlie and Harry are overseas in khaki.

Christmas visitors in town: Miss Mary Helena Dey, M.A., of Providence, R.I.; J. H. McKnight, of C.E., D.L.S., and Mrs. Geo. Thompson, Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson, Mich., Mr. Ben. Lade, of Buffalo, formerly of Dover; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Snyder, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. David Gilbertson, of Lucknow.

There was a Christmas service yesterday morning at the Trinity church. The Christmas offering, which, as is the custom, was handed over to the reeve, was \$13.75—larger than last year, and is a definite evidence of the appreciation of his people for the work of their rector.

The Sunday school report for Trinity shows an enrollment of 355 pupils and 32 teachers and officers. Besides supporting itself financially, the school has during the year purchased \$35 worth of books for a mission library, and chairs to the value of \$75. \$105 was contributed to missions and there is \$125 on deposit at the bank. When it is considered that Trinity church is a large parish hall just after the outbreak of war, the whole conditions go to show that Trinity has a strong organization with a recognition of its duties at the police court this morning, after a two-day rest. An adjourned case of conversion of some wearing apparel, in which George Folick figured as the culprit, was settled by Folick returning the property in question, and paying the fee of the crown attorney. The three fees of the crown attorney, in which George Folick figured as the culprit, was settled by Folick returning the property in question, and paying the fee of the crown attorney. The three fees of the crown attorney, in which George Folick figured as the culprit, was settled by Folick returning the property in question, and paying the fee of the crown attorney.

A few of his many friends of long standing in St. Paul's Presbyterian church, were accountable for Rev. Dr. Deep receiving a Christmas box yesterday morning containing some \$135.00. The gift was placed on the family Christmas tree.

Carol singers from the Anglican church—a dozen of them—made a short serenade on Sunday evening, and received from those called on \$12.50 for Red Cross work.

Edward Earl Stack, of Toronto, and Miss Grace Snook, of Port Rowan, were married here on Saturday afternoon at the rectory.

It is said here that during the three months that Lt.-Col. Morris was in charge of the 215th Batt., enlistments exceeded desertions by three, or in other words, the strength increased one per month. The local detail turned in three men last week, and claim that locally prospects look good. Good reports of the new O.C. and his military record are passed freely about town. Locally, however, there is little concern as to who shall lead. The question paramount is as to the speedy filling up of the ranks.

The boy crew of the "Vigilant" were paid off and arrived home on Saturday night, hale and fit. They have won expression of highest praise for efficiency and manly application to duty from Capt. Robinson, master of the cutter.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY
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FOR SALE—Good pair two-bench bob-aleighs, two horse spring tooth cultivator. Apply 60 Eagle Ave.
LOST—Eye glasses, with gold button and chain. Reward, Courier office.
LOST—In Woolworth's, Saturday afternoon, parcel containing stockings. Please return to Courier Office.
LOST—On Saturday, a leather putse containing large sum of money. Reward at Courier.
FOR SALE—Ladies' Long Pony skin coat, size 38, nearly new. \$30. Phone 630.

Obtains the Services of Mr. Geo. McDonald as Secretary

Mr. Geo. McDonald of 35 Peel St., city, has very generously offered his services to Mr. Jno. S. Dowling, Chairman of the local Soldiers' Aid Commission, with the result that he has been appointed Secretary for the Brantford Branch.

The former Secretary, Mr. Sweet, having enlisted with the 215th, the work has been done temporarily by Mr. Harley and Mr. Dowling, but as the work has increased, and will continue to increase as our wounded and sick boys come home, the Commission are very grateful to have Mr. McDonald offer his services, which of course is gratuitous.

Mr. McDonald will make his headquarters in Mr. Dowling's office, No. 35 Peelhouse st. where he and the Commission will continue to give their best services in getting the returned boys settled back into satisfactory conditions as far as possible. The new Secretary, Mr. McDonald, has no less than three sons in various overseas battalions.

The people of this city probably do not realize the large amount of work involved in the Soldiers' Aid Commission, which is made up of about a dozen active citizens, who take charge of the reception to all wounded and sick soldiers returning from overseas; these are met at the railway stations, and together with their relatives, are conveyed to their homes and where possible are given a public reception, at which the military band gladly assist when sufficient notice is given to enable them to gather.

A very special report is kept of every returned soldier and in most cases, where they are sufficiently recovered, suitable work is found for them. In addition their correspondence with the various relatives of the boys is carried on, and reduced railway rates are procured for them, also dozens of letters are written for parents and relatives of the boys, where help can be given. The Chairman states that the members of the Commission have been very attentive to the work of the Commission and loyal in their support which makes even the hardest work easy and pleasant.

The Brantford Commission is affiliated with the Provincial Commission, and while Hamilton, Galt and other cities are only now getting under way, our city has been well organized for over a year. Brantford had the first Soldiers' Aid Commission in Ontario, being in operation before the Provincial Commission was created by an order in council.

It is to be hoped the employers of labor will continue to give the Commission a preference in the matter of employment of returned soldiers, which they are doing now.

POLICE COURT.
A comparably light docket greeted Magistrate Livingston at the police court this morning, after a two-day rest. An adjourned case of conversion of some wearing apparel, in which George Folick figured as the culprit, was settled by Folick returning the property in question, and paying the fee of the crown attorney. The three fees of the crown attorney, in which George Folick figured as the culprit, was settled by Folick returning the property in question, and paying the fee of the crown attorney.

J. P. Hardin, cashier of the State bank of Strasburg, Colo., committed suicide by shooting himself in the temple.

Thomas Monahan, 85, of North Grafton, reported to have \$14,000 in savings banks, died in Worcester, Mass., of a heart attack, after a long illness.

The women's boycott on butter started in New York city yesterday and will continue four weeks, with educational campaign for public co-operation in continued economy in butter and eggs.

COMING EVENTS
ROBERT CLARKE (from Toronto) and his family of blockheads, Ventriquist, Comedian; you'll laugh from start to finish. St. Luke's Church, basement, Wednesday, December 27th, 8 p.m. Adults, 25c; children 10c.
MISS LAURA HUGHES, Toronto, will deliver "A Message to the Tollers," at Victoria Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 27th, at 8 p.m., under auspices of the Brantford Union. Tickets may be secured from Committee.

CARD OF THANKS:
Wm. Steel and family, of Park Road, Echo Place, desire to thank the many friends who so kindly assisted them to have a cheerful Christmas and we wish all of them a Happy New Year.

Holders of permits to carry revolvers in New York city will have to seek renewals by January 1, when the present permits expire. It is estimated that between seven and eight thousand permits to carry a gun will be issued for 1917.

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Music and Drama

At the Brant
Holiday crowds were the order of the day at the Brant theatre yesterday, record houses being obtained at both afternoon and evening performances, and all being unanimous in their enthusiastic pronouncement of the program presented as being "the best ever." The motion picture bill includes a five reel feature drama starring Thomas Meighan and Anita King, in "The Heir to the Throne," a picture worthy to rank with any ever shown in the city. The new serial, "The Scarlet Runner," with Earl Williams in the leading role, was again an attraction which won great applause, while the Christie Comedy, "The Seminary Scandal," proved itself a mirth provoker of the first order. The three Dixie girls appear in a classy harmony melange, while the sensational equilibrist act of the Matilde Trio is of an exceptionally high order and one deserving of great commendation.

THE GRAND
The Grand Opera House was yesterday afternoon and evening the Mecca of an exceptionally large number of pleasure seekers on the occasion of the opening of a week's stay here by the Ernie Marks Stock Company, which in its opening offerings found a way at once direct to the hearts of the theatre going public of the city, and won for themselves a host of enthusiastic supporters. With Miss Kitty Marks in the leading part, and Mr. Ernie Marks playing once more his incomparable roles, supported by a company of the strongest talent and ability, the engagement of the company here bids fair to prove the most successful in its record. The afternoon offering yesterday was "The Legal Limit," and in the evening "The White Slave," both being strong dramas, affording excellent scope for the recognized ability of Miss Kitty Marks other members of the company. New vaudeville numbers introduced between the scenes held the interest of the audience from flagging at any time during the performance.

A girl registering at Marion hotel, Salem, Ore., as Myrtle White, Portland, shot and instantly killed T. W. Cummings, night clerk of the hotel, then turned the gun on herself, dying at Cummings' foot to the floor.

If the Adams 8 hour law is declared unconstitutional, President Wilson will draft another which will ensure railroad workers an 8 hour day, says Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

The general public of the city were exceptionally well behaved during the week before Christmas, and a climax was achieved on Saturday, when not a single arrest was made by the local police. Chief of Police Chas. Glenn stated this morning that such a record was unprecedented in the history of the

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