

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

CANADA'S FIRE LOSS

The Monetary Times' estimate of Canada's fire loss during April, 1918 is \$3,240,187, compared with the March loss of \$1,832,286, and \$1,317,714 for April, 1917. There were seven fatalities in fires last month.

SIGNATURE NEEDED.

The author of the letter signed "Pro Bono Publico" is informed that same will be used if authorized is given to publish the name of the writer. It is a rule of this paper that actual signatures must be used in connection with epistles.

RUMMAGE SALE

The South Brant Women's Institute is planning to hold a rummage sale, the proceeds to be devoted to the nurses' home at the Brantford General Hospital. Donations of clothing, furniture, groceries, vegetables, fruit, etc., will be gratefully accepted by the ladies in charge.

TALENT TEA.

A talent tea and sale of home-made cooking held by the Comfort Club at the home of Mrs. Taylor, 393 Colborne St. proved a thorough success. The sum realized was \$37, which will be used to send comforts to friendly soldiers in France. The young ladies from the O.S.B. gave a short programme, which was also highly appreciated.

MISSION CIRCLE.

The regular meeting of the Mission Circle of Brant Avenue Methodist church, was held Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Shults, William street. Miss Susie Miller gave an instrumental selection, and Miss Aldah Shults a vocal solo. Mrs. Shults addressed the ladies. After a social half hour refreshments were served.

GAS CONFERENCE.

At a meeting of manufacturers from Haldimand, Brant, Wentworth, Norfolk, Oxford, Welland and Waterloo counties, held in Dunnville this week a special committee to oppose the recent order of the Municipal Board, stopping the use of natural gas by manufacturers, was appointed. H. Freeman represented Brant county on the committee, and W. T. Tunes, Norfolk.

TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION

The gardening committee of the thrift league gave a tractor demonstration in ploughing yesterday afternoon. The demonstration took place on the vacant land on Stanley street between Wellington and Darling, and was attended by children from practically all the schools of the city, invitations having been sent them to witness the exhibition. A Gould, Shapley & Muir gas tractor was used for the occasion, through the kindness of Mr. John Muir, and gave excellent results, little difficulty being encountered in ploughing ground which had lain idle for years. The lot will be cultivated by the thrift league.

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BEEKEEPERS MEET

This afternoon a meeting of the Brant Beekeepers' Association is being held in the Court House.

BOND SALES.

Municipal bond sales in Canada during April totalled \$3,968,995, compared with \$9,191,643 in March and \$1,182,974 in April a year ago.

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon the Brantford United played the C. O. R. footballers at Agricultural Park. The proceeds of the game being devoted to the Brant Sanitarium.

CHIMNEY FIRE

The firemen were called out late last night to a small chimney fire at 44 Market St. Other than a little smoke, there was practically no blaze, and no damage was done.

NUPTIAL NOTES.

The marriage took place on Thursday afternoon, May 2nd, of Albert Alfred Smithers, and Mary Taylor, both of this city. Rev. Archdeacon Mackenzie officiated.

BARBER ENLISTS.

Mr. Allan Drake, who recently disposed of his barber business, has enlisted for overseas service with the local battalion. Mr. Drake has been appointed Sgt. Barber to the unit.

LESSON STUDY.

Rev. J. W. Gordon will lead the S. S. Lesson Study at the Y.M.C.A. taking the place of the leader announced, who was called out to the city. The class meets at 7.30 to night.

MAY NET FISH

The Deputy Minister of Fisheries stated yesterday that it is quite legal for fishermen to take small fish such as perch and pike by net. Green bass are forbidden. The deputy minister denied that any small fish were being exported to the States.

IS EXPECTED HOME

Lt.-Col. H. A. Genet, D.S.O., officer commanding the 58th Battalion, who landed at an Atlantic port early this week, is expected to reach his home here either to-morrow or Monday. Lt.-Col. Genet went overseas in 1915.

SOCIAL EVENING

A very enjoyable social evening was spent last evening when the members of the First Congregational church choir were the guests of Mr. Moule at the Bram Theatre. At the close of the entertainment, all adjourned to the church parlors where a dainty lunch was served by the ladies of the choir, and an impromptu program brought the evening to a close. The choir is looking forward to a number of social gatherings in the near future, a trip to a popular summer resort being under consideration.

WINS PROMOTION

Mr. Edward Spencer, of Mintern Avenue, has received word that his son, Herbert, who lately received the Military Medal for bravery in the field, has been promoted to Lieutenant and has returned to France. Mr. Spencer received the Military Medal awarded to his son a short time ago. Private Spencer enlisted with the 25th Brant Dragoons in 1915, and has seen much active service. His many friends in Brantford will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

CARS DAMAGE ROADS.

According to county road authorities, it will take thousands of dollars to make complete repairs to the Brantford and Hamilton road, damaged to this extent from the severe usage received from cars passing through the district this spring. To cope with excessive freight rates, Michigan auto manufacturers have been sending the cars to Buffalo by way of Ontario, raising them on their own power. The long strings of these cars passing over the roads while the roadbed was in poor condition this spring, caused great damage. An attempt will be made to have the government prohibit the transportation of these cars during the spring seasons of the future.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

The Brantford Township Council meets on Monday morning in the Court House.

REJOINS FORCE.

P. C. Tyrell has rejoined the police force after being discharged from the army. Constable Tyrell was on the force for seven years and since enlisting in the 125th Battalion has seen service in England and France.

BASEBALL MEETING

A meeting was held in the Y. M. C. A. last night of the Telephone City Manufacturers' baseball league. Pratt and Letchworth's team was admitted to the league. A delegation was appointed to attend the convention of the Ontario Amateur Baseball Association in Hamilton this afternoon.

POLICE COURT

Three boys were arrested in Hamilton yesterday on a charge of having stolen bicycles from the Massey-Harris sheds here. One of the party, a fourth boy, was missing. On information being received here Detective Schuler went down to Hamilton and brought the boys up yesterday afternoon. The other boy was found in the city this morning with another stolen bicycle. The boys, Dr. Martini, James White, Romeo Di Plamo and a smaller boy, who all originally hailed from London, and are also believed to have committed thefts there, appeared in the police court this morning. They were remanded until Tuesday.

Concert Given at Wesley Church

Under the auspices of the Epworth League, an excellent character sketch "The Village Doctor," was presented in the school room of Wesley church on Thursday evening last. Everything was typical of a village community of 50 years ago, where in the office of the new doctor the various scenes were enacted. The numerous afflictions of the unfortunate Mrs. Groan, and the distressing case of Mr. and Mrs. Grabb, interspersed with the love affairs and consequent misunderstandings. Mr. Brief and Mr. Smith added spice to the humorous strain of the play. The romance of the young doctor and the daughter of his loquacious housekeeper ended in the usual way to the disappointment of several ardent suitors. The able interpretation of the various parts, and the ease with which all performed, left little to be desired by way of improvement. Great credit for its success is due the directors of the play, Mrs. G. K. Welland and Rev. Mr. Bartlett, while the thanks of the executive is also extended to all who by their assistance in the sale of tickets, filled the schoolroom to capacity. The characters were: The Doctor, Mr. Addison; Mrs. Crane, Miss Pearl Duncan; Miss Jane Crane, Mrs. Telfer; Mrs. Groan, Mrs. Donaldson; Miss Glinger, Rosie Barr; Mrs. Grabb, Miss Denning; Miss Knowling, Muriel Emigh; Mr. Wiseacre, Mr. Stopps; Mrs. Ware, Teenie Duncan; Joannie Ware, Albert Stopps; Mr. Brief, Mr. Mason; Mr. Lovelace, Mr. Smith; Mr. Telfer, Mrs. Grabb; Mrs. Parr, Mr. Grabb; Mr. J. Lewis; Mr. Brave, Mr. Roy Patterson; Mr. Brook, Mr. E. Passmore; Doctor, Mr. Brown.

Robbing birds' nests made crime. Also collecting of the birds' eggs—Order Protecting Migratory Birds.

Ottawa, May 4.—The old and often cruel sport of boys in robbing birds' nests and making rival collections of birds' eggs is now officially put on the list of national crimes. The sport is banned, according to an order in Council just passed. The order is passed under the provisions of the migratory birds convention passed last session.

The new regulations provide for the protection of migratory game birds, migratory insectivorous and migratory non-game birds which inhabit Canada during the whole or any part of the year. New close seasons are established for ducks, geese, brant, or rails, and other edible wild fowl from December 15 to August 31, both days inclusive. The killing, capturing, injuring, or molesting of insectivorous birds, their eggs or nests, is prohibited throughout the year, except where special permits are granted to recognized museums or for scientific purposes. These insectivorous birds include robins, woodpeckers, wrens, meadow larks, humming birds, whip-poor-wills, thrushes, and "all other perching birds which feed entirely or chiefly on insects." A close season for ten years is proclaimed for cranes, swans and nearly all shore birds, and a close season for five years on wood duck and elder-duck.

OBITUARY

MRS. H. J. SHARP
The death occurred yesterday morning at the General Hospital of Fannie, beloved wife of Herbert James Sharp, Mount Pleasant Road. Deceased, who was 85 years of age, leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband, her mother, Mrs. J. Collins of Waterloo, Iowa, U.S.A. The funeral will take place on Monday to Farrington cemetery.

SHRUBB DYING
By Courier Leased Wire
New York, May 4.—Alfred Shrubb, one of the greatest distance runners in the world has ever known, is reported to be dying in Canada. Until a year ago, Shrubb was coach and trainer of the Harvard University cross country team, but he was forced to relinquish his duties because of failing health. He went to Canada, and the diagnosis revealed that he was suffering from tuberculosis.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

BIG OBLIGATIONS MUST BE ASSUMED

Canadian Northern Debts of \$26,000,000 Mature This Year

GOVERNMENT TO PAY

In Some Cases Renewals Available at Increased Interest Rate

Ottawa, May 3.—Obligations of the Canadian Northern Railway to the amount of \$26,708,836 will mature before the end of 1918, and will have to be cared for by the Government as owners of the common stock of the system by payment or by renewal. Hon. A. I. MacLean, Acting Minister of Finance, told the Commons to-day. That total will be swelled to \$39,892,159 by obligations maturing up to August 12th, 1919.

The information was given by Mr. MacLean when he presented his resolution asking authority for the Government to assist the Canadian Northern or any of the subsidiary

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companies of the Canadian Northern system in renewing or postponing the payment of indebtedness by guaranteeing the payment thereof with interest.

During the present fiscal year the securities to the following amounts mature in London, where they are held by the brokerage firm of Leasard Freres: March 31st, \$929,533; April 9th, \$1,473,187; April 15th, \$5,201,407; April 15th, \$2,919,062; June 9th, \$486,667.

Securities held by the brokerage firm of William A. Roper of New York will also mature as follows: July 10th, \$2,700,000; July 10th, \$3,000,000; Sept. 1st, \$10,000,000. In January, 1919, \$1,250,000 will mature in New York and in June, 1919, \$2,190,000 will have to be cared for.

Notes of the Canadian Northern

Railway to the amount of \$9,732,333, secured by guaranteed bonds, will mature in London on August 12th, 1919.

The Acting Minister of Finance expressed the opinion that the London maturities could be renewed in full in consideration of an increase in interest rates. He was hopeful that the maturities in New York could be renewed upon a payment of a small portion of the principal. He hoped to secure renewals for three years.

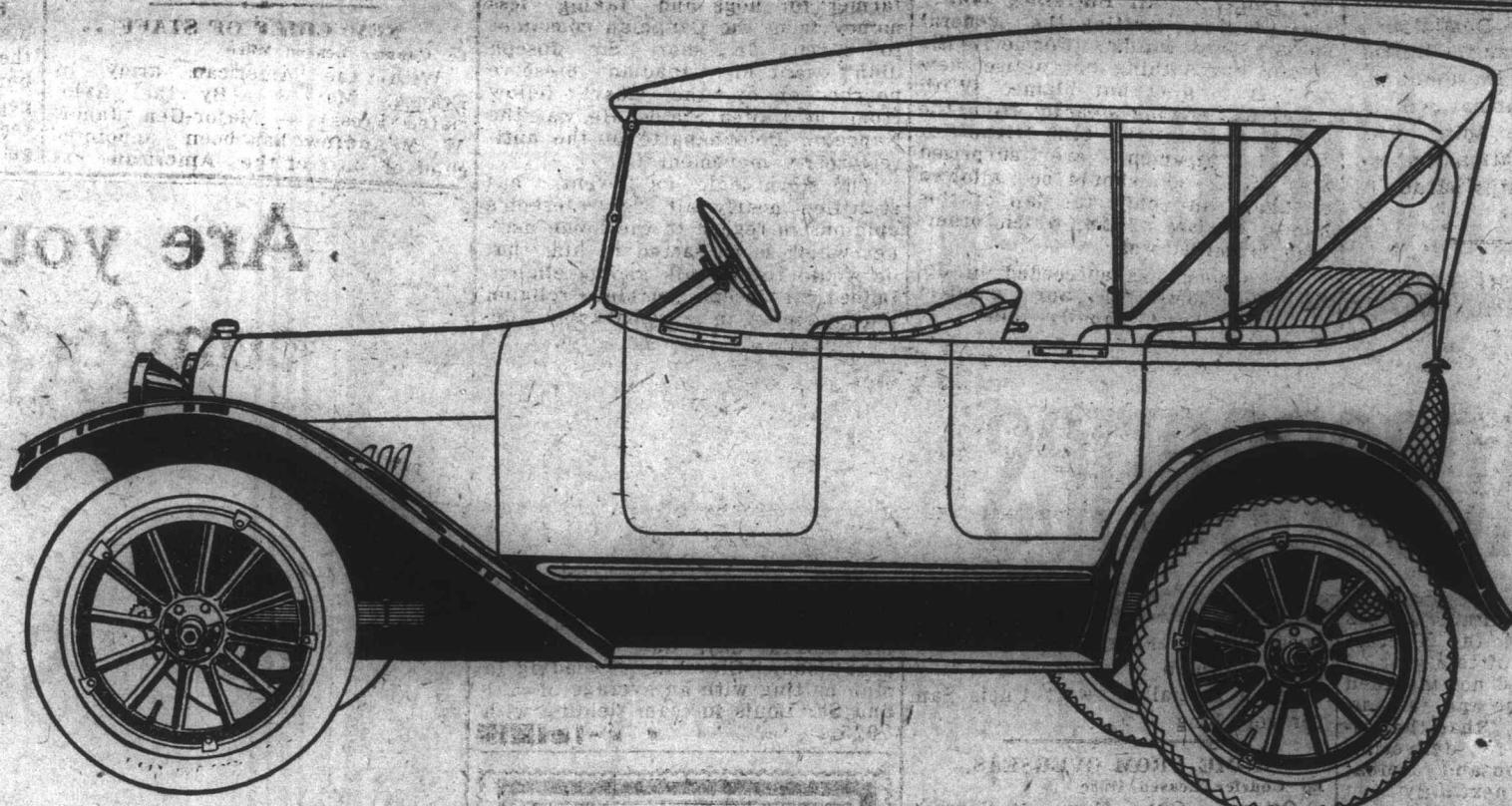
ANZACS IN NEW YORK

New York, May 3.—The 400 'Anzac' stalwart troops from Australia and New Zealand, who, like the French 'blue devils' have taken New York by storm in aiding the liberty

loan campaign here, to-day began a drive for recruits under the auspices of the British and Canadian recruiting mission. They toured the city in omnibuses and appealed to all British and Canadian subjects to enlist.

THEATRE OWNER SUED.

Sherbrooke, Que., May 3.—A suit has been taken against the proprietor of the Premier Theatre for keeping his moving picture theatre open on a Sunday. The action is identical with that recently brought against the owners of the Casino and Princess Theatres in which they were condemned to pay a fine by Judge Bulyena a few days ago.



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