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THE BABY ACT.

The members of the St. Thomas Board of Trade did themselves little credit when in mass meeting they decided to boycott London in a business way because that city favored the central route for the provincial highway, and did not back up the saints in their effort to secure the southern location.

The Forest City did not possess the deciding voice in the matter which was settled on the lines of the greatest good for the greatest number, together with the best physical aspect, and the proposal to make London a scapegoat is as childish as it is unworthy.

TORONTO AND THE THREAT-ENED POLICE STRIKE.

The members of the Toronto Police force recently formed a union. No one in any line of work thus combining together on behalf of their mutual interests, and it does not appear that the members of the police commission of the Queen City had any fault to find in connection with the action named. They did object, however, to the proposed affiliation of said union with the Trades and Labor Council, and thus becoming part and parcel of the general labor movement throughout Canada.

Chief Grasset, when asked the reason for the attitude of the commissioners in thus opposing the affiliation of the police organizations with outside Labor Unions, replied: "It is so perfectly obvious that I had hardly expected to be called upon by anyone to explain it. The men came to the commissioners and produced a charter from the Federated Trade and Labor Congress, showing they had been organized under their regulations, and were affiliated with them. In other words, they were part of the Labor organization. The police, in order to be independent, and in a position to do their duty under all circumstances, must not be affiliated with any outside body. Suppose there were to be a strike by some branch of the labor organization, and the police were called upon by the commissioners to act in connection with maintaining order in respect to the strike. It is conceivable that they might receive orders to the opposite effect from the Federated Council. Which would they obey? They would be serving under two masters."

However, word from Toronto today is that the threatened strike has been averted, on what basis has not yet been announced.

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.
 Speaking at Dundee, Winston Churchill made three important announcements on behalf of the government. One was to the effect that the British representatives at the Peace conference will demand the general and absolute abolition of conscription throughout Europe. This proposal will be generally endorsed. The enforced military training of every male undoubtedly tends to foster the belligerent spirit, a fact abundantly illustrated by the manner in which the Germans for many long years used to drink to "The Day." Said day proved good night to them and their aspirations, but without citizen training there would never have been any such toast, or aspiration.

The second announcement that the Teutons are to be allowed to retain Heligoland will most decidedly not be received with equal favor. The island, which was taken by the English from the Danes in 1807, was relinquished by Great Britain to Germany, in 1890, and most people regard the incident as the one big blot upon Lord Salisbury's record as foreign minister. Its acquisition enabled the Huns to construct the Kiel canal in which their navy skulked in order to avoid annihilation, and by the expenditure of many millions they transformed it into a strong naval base. To allow them to maintain retention will not be a popular move.

In the third place, Mr. Churchill made the statement that the nationalization of all British railways is now the government policy. In this regard he asserted that the experience of war time operation had proved the expediency of the step which he stated was in the public interest. Thus another most important move is presented in behalf of the state ownership movement.

Last night Hon. Mr. Long, secretary of state for the colonies, also mentioned a trenchant truth when he said that John Bull should retain Germany's colonies whose inhabitants want to come under British rule. The public will certainly expect this, and it is only right and just that such should be the case.

A. J. Balfour, Austen Chamberlain, R. I. Clynes (Labor), T. P. O'Connor and other less notable men have been elected without opposition. One of the remarkable features of the conflict is that at the request of Lloyd George Major Thompson, coalition unionist candidate in the Smethwick division of Birmingham, has retired in favor of Miss Christobel Pankhurst, the militant Suffragette. Miss Pankhurst is a most effective public speaker, and possesses many of the clever attributes of her mother.

CITY HAS OVERDRAFT

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tion Afmy, \$250; Women's Patriotic League, \$500; Emergency Hospital, \$17,500; Flood damage, \$417; Foulds property purchased, \$1700; Gilkison property purchased, \$1,977; Motor Trucks for Board of Works, \$1,560; Purchase of Parks toll road, \$1,000; Estimated loss of wood, \$18.

The city's total appropriation for the year was \$752,258, and total expenditures, estimated to the end of December \$802,582.

Mayor MacBride asked why the waterworks had not paid over the sum of \$1,033, which it owed the city for the sinking fund. He expressed the opinion that the city should subdivide and sell the waterworks property in the Holmedale, some 100 acres in all, as a means of deriving revenue to wipe out the indebtedness of the waterworks system and to provide a fund with which to go ahead, and provide a proper supply of pure water. His Worship suggested that the finance committee hold a conference with the waterworks commission on the subject.

Ald. Chacecraft, asked whether the city had no recourse to obtain better garbage collection. The Mayor replied that it had not in the past, because of the shortage of labor.

"There are some people who do not have their garbage collected for five weeks," declared Ald. Harp.

The Mayor was confident that conditions would be improved in the near future. Mr. Tutt, the contractor, had gone to considerable expense to change his collection systems.

Those present were the Mayor, Ald. Harp, English, Kelly, Melvin, Chacecraft, H. P. Leonard, city clerk, A. K. Bunnell, treasurer, and A. G. Ludlow, assessor.

Mayor MacBride addressed the meeting at its opening, as follows:

In view of certain misleading reports as to Brantford's financial position, it has been deemed advisable to call this conference of the Finance Committee and the chairman of the several standing committees. It is a duty we owe to the public and to the fair name of our city that the true position of our affairs both financial and otherwise should be given the widest publicity.

I am sure we all are most deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of our citizens and the progress of our city as an industrial centre.

To permit a false impression of our financial standing to go abroad would be a serious neglect of our duty to the electors, and might result in retarding our progress and prosperity.

Brantford, in common with other industrial centres, is now looking forward to the period of reconstruction and it behooves us to be optimistic as to our future. From statements which will be shown you, I am quite sure we have every reason to look to the future with every confidence.

I wish to be most emphatic on one point, and that is with regard to our tax rate for next year. In this connection our Finance Committee is deserving of congratulation in that, throughout the war period they have pursued a policy of "pay as you go," and this policy in a great measure is responsible for the very favorable position in which we find ourselves to-day.

With reasonable care on the part of the incoming Council there is every prospect that our tax rate will be lower next year than it has been in the year now drawing to a close.

Throughout the years of the war you have been called upon to make many grants and contributions of a patriotic nature. I am particularly glad to state that you have at all times responded whole-heartedly to all such appeals. Surely now that the war is over and our brave men are about to return to us from the battlefields of freedom we should be glad to say we have never failed them.

I, for one, would not care to be asked to meet them on behalf of this city if it could be shown that we had permitted a matter of a few paltry dollars to stand between them and any comfort we might have extended.

The city had also suffered from the recent influenza epidemic, and the city has in consequence been put to considerable expense. It was a service on behalf of humanity and criticism levelled at this expenditure is nothing short of sacrilege when it is considered that several of the nurses gave something of priceless value—yes, their very lives. The helpers and volunteers also are deserving of our highest commendation.

Surely there are very few citizens who would stoop to criticize our acts in this regard. It cannot be possible that the great principles involved in the war have so soon been forgotten.

Give footwear for Christmas gifts

What Shall I Give Him for Christmas ? ? ?

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- BATH ROBES**
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- WOOL VESTS**
- SILK SHIRTS**
- Plain or Fancy
- SHIRTS**
- Stiff or Soft Collars
- DRESS SHIRTS**
- PyJamas**
- One or Two-Piece Suits
- SWEATER COATS**
- Fancy or Plain Colors
- PULL-OVER SWEATERS**
- In All Colors
- V-NECK SWEATERS**
- Combination Colors
- UNDERWEAR**
- FOLDING UMBRELLA**
- Club Bag Size
- UMBRELLAS, CANES**
- Umbrellas, \$1.50 to \$10.00
- Canes, \$1.00 to \$10.00
- VELOUR-HATS**
- In Black and Colors
- MUFFLERS**
- Silk with Fringed Ends
- KNITTED MUFFLERS**
- In All Shades
- BRUSHED WOOL MUFFLERS**
- TIES—50c to \$3.50**
- FUR LINED GLOVES**
- SILK AND UNLINED GLOVES**
- NIAGARA SILK GLOVES**
- WOOL GLOVES**
- At 25c to \$2.00
- AUTO GAUNTLETS**
- Lined or Unlined
- BOYS' GLOVES**
- Lined or Unlined
- CASHMERE HOSE**
- In White and Colors
- SILK HOSE**
- INITIAL LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS**
- Initial and Plain
- LAUNDRY BAGS**
- PULLMAN SLIPPERS**
- WATCH POBS**
- CUFF LINKS**
- THE PINS**
- Fancy and Plain
- COLLAR BAGS**
- In Fancy Leathers
- JEWEL CASES**
- In Leather
- SIE CASES**
- In Silk and Leather
- HANDKERCHIEF CASES**
- TRAVELING CASES**
- SAFETY RAZORS**
- PLAYING CARDS**
- In Leather Cases
- DRINKING CUPS**
- In Leather Cases
- MILITARY BRUSHES**
- In Leather Cases
- FOLDING SUIT HANGERS**
- In Cases
- CIGARETTE CASES**
- In Leather and Metal
- WRITING CASES**
- BILL FOLDS AND WALLETTS**
- BELTS**
- With Initial Buckles
- LADIES' SILK SWEATER COATS**
- LADIES' FUR LINED GLOVES**
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- In Colors with Handles to Match

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KIWANIS CLUB.
 Mr. Allen S. Browne, of Buffalo, N.Y., international organizer and founder of the Kiwanis Club, addressed a large gathering of local business men interested in the movement, at the Brantford Club at noon to-day. He outlined organization methods and the work which the club is doing in other cities. Capt. the Rev. C. E. Jenkins spoke on behalf of the soldiers' children's Christmas tree, and the gathering subscribed the sum of \$115 for this cause.

Pretty gift slippers at Coles Shoe Co., 122 Colborne street.

PARKING CARS.
 Chief Slemin is again advising all those who attend the theatres to park their cars on the market where a man is employed to look after them. All other cars should be put in a garage, as several cars have been stolen off the street recently.

CANCEL REQUISITIONS.
 By Courier Leased Wire.
 Washington, Dec. 5.—All requisitions of the fuel administration for the shipment of bituminous coal to individual plants have been cancelled. The administration today announced that its policy in the future will be to leave the plants themselves to the

Incorporated 1876 Assets \$2,500,000
DIVIDEND 110
 Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Two per cent. on the paid-up Capital Stock of the Company, being at the rate of EIGHT PER CENT. PER ANNUM, has been declared for the three months ending December 31st, 1918, and that the same will be payable at the office of the Company on and after January 2nd next. The transfer books will be closed from December 26th to December 31st, inclusive.
 By order of the Board of Directors,
 W. G. HELPKER, Manager.
 Brantford, Nov. 28th, 1918.

The Royal Loan and Savings Co.
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work of obtaining fuel, which it is believed can be accomplished without difficulty.

TERRORISM IN BERLIN?
 Paris, Dec. 5.—(Havas Agency.)—A terrorist revolution under the leadership of Dr. Liebknecht, the Radical Socialist, will break out in Berlin Friday evening, according to advice received by the Zurich correspondent of The Journal. Liebknecht, the report says, has 15,000 men well armed.

The population of Berlin, according to reports, is at the mercy of gangs of marauders and there appears to be no authority there.

PREMIER READY TO QUIT.
 By Courier Leased Wire.
 Amsterdam, Wednesday, Dec. 4.—Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, is reported to have privately declared himself ready to resign when the Na-

tional assembly had regulated the country's affairs, according to a Munich dispatch. Addressing the Soldiers' and Workmen's council, Premier Eisner declared the Bavarian government was opposed to any idea of a separation from Germany as a whole, the security of which he regarded as obtainable only by the creation of a federal state.

HOW FOOLSCAP GOT ITS NAME.
 There may be some who use it and do not know how foolscap, as applied to a certain class of paper, derived its name. Charles I, to augment his diminishing revenues granted certain monopolistic privileges to paper-makers, who by command water-marked their product with the royal arms. Cromwell's parliament made jest of this requirement and ordered that the watermarking of the paper be with a fool's cap and bells.

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Braacelet Watches—Priced from \$8.00 to	\$50.00	Military Brushes—Priced from \$1.00 to	\$6.50
Stone Set Rings—Priced from \$1.25 to	\$25.00	Cigarette Cases—Priced from \$1.50 to	\$7.00
Brooches—Priced from 50c up to	\$35.00	Waldamar Watch Chains—Priced from \$1.50 to	\$7.00
Pearl Beads—Priced from \$1.00 to	\$2.50	Thermos Bottles—Priced from \$1.50 to	\$4.50
Jewel Cases—Priced from \$2.00 to	\$5.00	Shaving Mirrors—Priced from \$1.00 to	\$3.50
Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets—Ebony and Ivory. Priced from \$5.00 to	\$15.00	Watch Pobs—Priced from \$1.50 to	\$7.00
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Stone Set Back Combs—Priced from 50c to	\$3.00	Ebony Cloth Brushes—Priced from \$1.00 to	\$3.00
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