

GOVERNMENT CHANGES EXPECTED IN OLD LAND

Political Unrest in Old Land May be Attacked.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 22.—A cable to Tribune from London says: Fundamental government changes may take place in the immediate future...

A CABLE

Received by Mayor From Col. Colquhoun.

Sends Return Message of Christmas Greetings to Brantford Officers.

Mayor Spence this morning received the following cablegram: 19th Field P. O., Dec. 21st. Brantford: On behalf of officers and men, I wish you all a Merry Christmas...

The Mayor also sent a similar cable to Major Newman, 19th Battalion, France; Lt.-Col. E. C. Ashton, 36th Battalion, London; Lt. Col. Genet, 8th Battalion, England; and Lt.-Col. F. A. Howard, now crossing the Atlantic on the C.P.R. liner Metagama.

A BATCH

Of Wounded Canadian Soldiers Arrive at St. John, N.B.

By Special Wire to the Courier. St. John, N.B., Dec. 22.—One hundred and eighteen wounded Canadian officers and men and a nursing sister returned yesterday on the Steamer Metropolitan...

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By Special Wire to the Courier. Christiania, via London, Dec. 22.—Henry Ford, who is greatly improved from his indisposition, said to-day that the peace expedition will depart for Stockholm on Thursday morning...

SHIFTING TROOPS.

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CHRISTMAS

Signs of Festive Season Apparent in the Old Land.

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Dec. 22.—A cable to the Tribune says: With Christmas almost here the market streets now show unlimited signs of Yuletide preparations...

MANY GERMANS

Are Captured and French Positions Enlarged.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, Dec. 22.—Announcement was made by the war office to-day that 1,200 Germans had been captured in the operations at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf...

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Do Not Take Stock in the Talk of General Attack

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 22.—(In Montreal Gazette)—Correspondents at British headquarters in France say that Dutch and Swiss reports regarding the coming German offensive in the west are received with indifference...

British House Sat Until 5.30 This Morning

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 22.—The debate in the House of Commons on the supplementary estimate of the government providing for the army continued until 5.30 o'clock this morning at which hour the vote for the additional men was agreed to, and the House adjourned.

ALLEGED CAPTURE OF VARNA BY RUSSIANS

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily Chronicle reports the capture of Varna, Bulgaria's chief Black Sea port, by the Russians. It says the bombardment of the Russians silenced the Bulgarian guns and laid the town in ruins, the garrison suffering heavily.

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REPORT IS PASSED AT THE BOARD OF TRADE

Recommending Selling of the Galt to Paris End of Municipal Road.

There was a lengthy discussion at the Board of Trade meeting last night when the sale of the Paris to Galt end of the municipal line was again discussed. Mr. H. Powell (president) occupied the chair, and representatives were present from the Manufacturers' committee, the City Council, Trades and Labor Council, together with other citizens.

The transportation committee chosen by the Board of Trade, and submitted a report, which was read by Mr. Ellis. It was as follows: 1. At a meeting of the city council, the Railway Commission and the President (Mr. H. H. Powell), the chairman of the transportation committee (Mr. C. G. Ellis) and Mr. Geo. S. Matthews were appointed to consider a proposition by the Lake Erie and Northern Railway to enable the latter to acquire that portion of the municipal railway system between Paris and Galt.

The whole question is either to dispose of it or spend a lot of money on it. You would have to ask for a money bill from the city later. The whole issue is to be settled by the people, who either have to pay heavy taxes in future or dispose of the road. The Commissioners have also done everything in its power.

The Mayor was called in to the very first meeting with Mr. Todd, when he made his offer. The Commission have merely recommended the offer. The Mayor has been present at every meeting.

MR. A. K. BUNNELL. In reply to Mr. Montgomery's statement, he gave the exact number of tickets which had been sold between Galt and Paris for the last five months. There had been 1659 round trip tickets and 745 single trip tickets, an average of 12 a day. To Galt, 2120 had been sold—a daily average of 14. Therefore about \$5 passengers made the trip each day.

MR. W. R. TURNBULL. He had the authority of the one of the most competent engineers of the road to say that \$40,000 could be expended to make the line a safe one in 12 miles of 14—original ties which were laid 12 years ago are still there. Life is out of them practically. They were three classes in the first place. Must replace every one of them and place them in gravel. The roadbed wouldn't carry a steam shovel. This would cost \$3,000. No good in doing this unless you improve over the wire to reduce operating expenses. A great amount of money could be sunk in it. This money would not be expended from capital but from maintenance. No doubt about it. The road would never pay. Mr. Fred Frank who was auditor until a short time ago used to say every dollar ever got out of it, cost two dollars to get it, and that was when the road was new. You couldn't employ a gang of men on the road but what would lose 90 per cent of our through traffic. Local traffic doesn't count.

MR. REG. SCARFE. Couldn't see how the line could possibly compete with the L. E. and N. It was absurd. They could not compete with the L. E. and N. in spending money. It was the best proposition to sell for \$30,000, as more couldn't be obtained.

MR. W. SCHULTZ. He had given the question some consideration, he stated in opening. He was not disposed to sell this road at the present time for such a price. Also he didn't exactly like the working of the by-law.

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Food Provided by the Belgian Relief Fund Arriving at a Distributing Station in Brussels.

WITH THE SOLDIERS

Brantford, December 21st, 1915. Battalion orders by Lt. Col. W. T. Stewart, Commanding 84th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F. Orders for December 22nd, 1915.

Duties—Squad leaders of the day—Lieut. T. L. Brodie. Next for duty, Lieut. C. Howcroft.

Examinations—Authority is granted for the attendance of the following officers for qualification examinations at Toronto, December 22nd, and 23rd, at 9 a.m.: Lieut. W. C. McNaught, for Captain; Lieut. C. O. Jolly for Captain.

Machine Gun Examination—The result of the recent N.C.O.'s examination on Machine Gun work are published for information. Details of individual papers can be found on the notice board.

Co. 'C' number of N.C.O.'s taking part 30; number obtaining over 75 marks 14; average obtained 64.9. D Co., No. N. C. O.'s 18; over 75 marks, 3; average 57.

Base Details, N.C.O.'s taking part, 6; over 75 marks, 2; average 69.2.

Arthur T. H. Baker, English, age 23, watchmaker, single, 3 years 38th, 332 Colborne street.

Gus, M. Hogan, Canadian, age 22, actor; 12 years 38th; single; 95 Wellington St.

Hebron Davis, Canadian; age 23; railroad foreman; single; 9 mos. C.M. R., 47 Edgerton St.

Music and Drama

STOCK COMPANY.
Supporting
MISS KITTIE MARKS
On Christmas Day Mr. Ernie Marks and his company of advanced repertoire and vaudeville players will present that great comedy drama, *The Call to the Woods*, and it sure is a hearty laugh and a delightful play from start to finish. The play has been a great success for several seasons, because it's chock full of fun, brimming over with good humour, and a story that grips the attention. There is entertainment galore in *The Call to the Woods*, with its music, clean bright comedy, and scenes and situations of thrilling excitement and touches of pathos, all so true that it seems like a page torn from Nature's book, a great play for the children. For an afternoon's enjoyment, go to the Grand Opera House on the afternoon of the Ernie Marks Stock Co., supporting the clever actress, Kittie Marks. Prices 10c, 15c and 25c. Seats on sale now at Boles Drug Store.

Obituary

The death occurred yesterday at his residence in Drummond St. of Mr. John E. Park, who had been a resident of the city for about three years. He was a member of the Colborne St. Methodist Church and of the Chosen Friends. He was a most estimable citizen and leaves to mourn his great loss a wife and two children. Also his father, two sisters, Mrs. J. Lamb, Toledo, and Mrs. P. H. Hall, Durand, Mich., and four brothers.

PTE. DANSKIN DEAD
This morning at the hospital, Pte. Arthur William Danskin of the 84th Battalion passed away after a week's illness from pneumonia. The death was not entirely unexpected as two days ago it was seen that his state was critical. Pte. Danskin, who was 34 years of age, resided at 125 Henry Street, and enlisted here on Sept. 14th. Later he went with a draft of local soldiers to Niagara, where he was placed in the 84th in "C" Co. His trade was that of a butcher, having worked with his father, Wm. B. Danskin for many years.

There will be a military funeral on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Great Sale of Spirits.
The greater the prohibition area the greater the sale and consumption of hard intoxicants. Such is Local Option in a nutshell.—Adv.

PARISIAN IVORY.
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As a result of the recent recruiting campaigns in Balbriggan fourteen members of the Balbriggan Junior Commercial Football Club have handed in their names to the recruiting sergeant.

It is stated that two of the German airmen captured in the battle of Loos are being sent to Dublin for exhibition.

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276.

Mr. Claude Eames, Brandon, Man., is visiting Mr. D. Eames.

Norman J. Lake has returned home from McGill University, for the Xmas holidays.

Mrs. Emily Austen returned home to New York after visiting in Brantford for three weeks.

NEWS NOTES

As the result of a high tide many of the low-lying districts in Belfast were flooded during a recent heavy gale.

Mr. Horatio Bottomley visited Dublin on Sunday, Nov. 28 and addressed meetings in the Theatre Royal to aid recruiting.

Of the sons of Lurgan no fewer than 399 have been killed or wounded, the killed including the high number of 82.

The Regimental Pay Department heretofore situated at Islandbridge, has now been removed to the old Linen Hall Barracks.

Major Robert Clayton Browne-Clayton of Brown's Hall, Carlow, has been appointed a deputy lieutenant of the County Carlow.

The death has occurred of Mr. James Black, a partner of the firm, C. and J. Black, solicitors, Belfast. He was in his 62nd year.

Miss Beatrice Kerr, daughter of Mr. John Kerr and Nurse Kerr, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, is reported captured by the Austrians.

The death has occurred of Sir Edwin Ramer, J. P., chairman of direct-acting in his 77th year, for many years a well-known figure in local circles.

Mr. T. Whitehead, manager of the Birr Mattings, and a member of the Birr Urban Council, has joined the 8th or Farmers' Battalion of the Leicesters.

The death has occurred of ex-Sergeant John Carroll, of the R.I.C., at Strabane, in his 77th year, for many years a well-known figure in local circles.

Dr. Ambrose Hunt, L.L.D., Trinity College, Dublin, has been notified that his son, Capt. Ambrose Langley Hunt R.N.R., has been killed in the Mediterranean.

Mr. Wallace Russell, son of Right Hon. T. W. Russell, vice-president of the Department of Agriculture, has received a commission in the Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

Mr. John Wright, editor and proprietor for many years of the King's County Chronicle, and the oldest working journalist in Ireland, has just died at Birr, in his 80th year.

Two great Metropolitan meetings for united prayer and conference for our troops were held on November 1st in the Kingsway Hall.

The Harbor Commissioners of Londonderry have appointed Mr. Robert S. Cripps secretary and general manager, in succession to Mr. James Dawson, who retires on a pension.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTOR

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12 to 2 o'clock Grill and Dining Rooms

Price 40c Regular Dinner 30c

MENU
Soup
Turkey
Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
Relish

DESSERT
Mince Pie
Lemon Pie
Tea
Coffee
Milk

Afternoon Tea . . . 3 to 6
Supper 6 to 7

—Third Floor—Take Elevator.

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XMAS STORE NEWS

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Again You Are Wondering What to Buy Her
WE MIGHT SUGGEST
Table Linen, Towels, Napkins, choice Centre Pieces, Doyleys, 5 o'clock Cloths, Tray Cloths. These come in hundreds of styles and patterns, all specially priced to Xmas trade.

Beautiful Eiderdown Comforters, covered in satin, sateen and silkoline. These are priced at . . . \$15.00, \$12.00, \$10.00 to **\$3.75**

Wool Blankets, best English, Scotch and Canadian makes. From \$10.00 to **\$2.95**

Dress or waist length of Black Paillette or Duchess Satin. Special at **\$1.00**

A waist length of silk and wool stripe Blousings, at . . . 75c and **50c**

A dress length of Costume Velvet, in black and colors, at . . . **50c**

Men's Umbrellas at **\$5.00, \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50 to 75c**

Carpet and Vacuum Sweepers
Buy her a Bissell's Carpet or Vacuum Sweeper. They come at \$4.00 to \$2.75 and \$10.00 to **\$11.50**

J. M. YOUNG & CO.

Handkerchiefs, from 5c up to \$2.00. Kid Gloves, black and colors, \$1 to \$1.75

Parasols
Just received Parasols, silver rimmed, silver handle, Boys' a Parasols a

Xmas Gifts
shipment of Ladies' Xmas gifts. They steel rod, patent barbed, pearl and sterling with a silk cover. Special at \$1.00, \$2.50 to **\$1.00**
Buster Brown **50c**

Leather Case Goods
Military Brushes, Writing Companions, Manicure Sets, Pullman Slippers, Dressing Sets, Needle Cases, etc. All at popular prices.

French Ivory and Cut Glass
French Ivory pieces in Jewel Boxes, Soap Boxes, Trays, Hatpin Holders, Comb and Brush and Mirror, Picture Frames, etc.
Cut Glass—In Wash Dishes, Salt and Peppers, etc.

Fags
Leather Hand Bags of every description, in black and colors, silk and moire lined, with fittings. These come at all prices . . . \$10, \$8, \$7, \$5, \$4, \$3 to **89c**

Local Option Bulletin

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1915

Local Option in Bowmanville

What Our Police Magistrate and Chief of Police Have to Say Of Its Working.

The strongest opponents of local option during the campaign in 1908 are now its enthusiastic admirers and supporters, being thoroughly convinced by results of its operation in Bowmanville and adjoining municipalities that it has proved a positive blessing to many homes. This journal has often declared that local option is a splendid success here, but we now publish the testimony of two officials who are responsible for the administration of the law as applied to the local option by-law. What better or stronger endorsement of the Act and its beneficial results could be desired.



MR. RICHARD JARVIS,
High Constable for United Counties of Northumberland and Durham, Provincial Constable for Ontario, and Chief of Police for Bowmanville for 26 years.

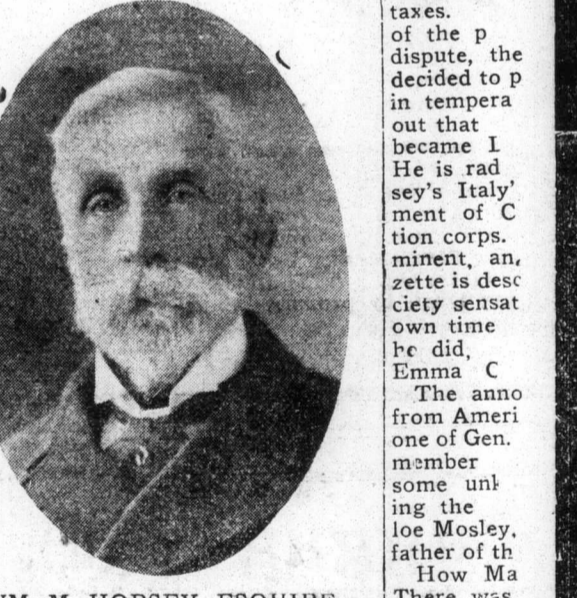
In reply to your letter of the 20th inst. I beg to say that Local Option has been in force in Bowmanville over six years and has worked most satisfactorily in every particular. Trade in every legitimate line has been excellent. Working people are now able to pay their bills and live happily in their homes, and also to provide clothing for their children who can now attend school all the year round, which was not the case with many under License Law in this municipality.

Bad language and street brawling are now very rare, indeed.

Some persons, it is true, attempt to bring liquor into the town at times, contrary to law, but in most cases they are run down and dealt with in the Police Court.

Good hotel accommodation has been provided ever since the change for the travelling public, and every person concerned is perfectly satisfied so far as I am able to learn.

Yours very truly,
Richard Jarvis,
Chief Constable.



WM. M. HORSEY, ESQUIRE,
Ex-Mayor and Police Magistrate of the Town of Bowmanville.

Respecting the effect that the Local Option by-law has had on this community, I may say that the by-law has been in force for about seven years. At the time of its passing it was considered by some of our citizens that it would have a detrimental effect on the trade of the town, but such has not been the experience of our merchants. There has not been any diminution in the volume of the trade of the town, but quite otherwise. Business at all times has continued good, and our merchants are gratified with the results.

Under the license system police court prosecutions for intoxications were of daily occurrence, but now under Local Option are of very rare occurrence. The laboring and mechanical classes appear to be attending to their daily avocation, resulting in the providing of comfortable homes and happy wives and children, where, under the license system, unhappiness, discord and poverty existed.

I may say that the Local Option law is duly observed and strictly enforced to the moral and financial benefit of the whole community.

William M. Horsey,
Police Magistrate.

ing near you; you don't know what minute you'll get it. Per-
get it. Per-
get it. Per-

—Bowmanville Statesman

While engaged in bomb-throwing duty at Strabane, a bomb exploded, fatally injuring Lance-Corporal William Greenwood, of the 3rd Battalion Connaught Rangers, and seriously injuring Capt. Lewin Lewis and Lieut. Tolpelt.

Mr. Joseph Murphy, chief booking clerk at Wexford North Station, fell while attempting to board a moving engine on Wexford quay and received such injuries that the amputation of the left leg was necessary.

The monument to Lord Wolseley to be erected in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, is in pure white marble, with the colors of the Royal Irish Regiment modelled in bronze, and surmounted by a life-size portrait bust.

Major George Bull of the 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers has been appointed colonel of the 5th Royal Irish Rifles.

Did you ever stop to think about the old cans and half-washed bottles in which milk is often delivered? Not here, though, because every bottle leaving our building is sterilized.

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MAIN LINE EAST
Departures
6:50 a.m.—For Dundas, Hamilton and East.
7:05 a.m.—For Toronto and Montreal.
7:38 a.m.—For Hamilton, Niagara Falls and East.
8:30 a.m.—For Hamilton, Niagara Falls and intermediate stations.
9:29 a.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto and East.
10:29 a.m.—Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and intermediate stations.
11:00 p.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and East.
11:59 p.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto and East.
12:59 p.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and East.

MAIN LINE WEST
Departures
3:30 a.m.—For Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
9:05 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and intermediate stations.
9:37 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
9:55 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
10:25 p.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and intermediate stations.
11:25 p.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.

6-T. & G. ARRIVALS
From West—Arrive Brantford, 1:50 a.m., 7:05 a.m., 7:38 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:29 a.m., 1:57 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:32 p.m.
From East—Arrive Brantford, 3:36 a.m., 9:05 a.m., 9:37 a.m., 9:55 a.m., 3:02 p.m., 6:42 p.m., 7:32 p.m., 8:10 p.m.

Buffalo & Goderich
From East—Arrive Brantford, 9:53 a.m., 8:06 p.m.

REMEMBER OTHERS! SHOP EARLY!

The spirit of Santa Claus pervades the whole city, bringing kindly thoughts and kindly actions, cementing friendship and burying enmities.
It is inevitable, of course, that as Christmas draws nearer the crowds should increase, and that the duties of those who serve them grow increasingly onerous.
In the stores we can do much to lighten the task of those who serve us, and when at the same time we know that we are also helping ourselves we will (at least all who are able to) gladly do so.

TAKE AS MANY OF THE SMALL PACKAGES AS YOU CAN WITH YOU.
This will help the young men employed on the delivery systems, add an extra hour to their much-needed rest, by getting through the work that much earlier.

It will also bring the package in your house much quicker than it can be delivered.
SHOP IN THE MORNING IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN.
You find the store free from the large crowds; the merchandise is displayed at its best, and the salespeople are able to give you undivided attention.

And you have the pleasure of knowing that you are one of the great number of people who are directly and materially helping to lighten the labors of the young men and women who serve behind the counters of the stores of our city, at this the busiest season of the whole year for them.

Let us all reflect the smile that Santa Claus sends round the world.

For these are very strenuous days for the customers who shop in the afternoon, for young men who deliver late into the night, for mail carriers, for express men, and in spite of the great increase which every store makes in its selling force at Christmas.

T. H. & B. Railway

For Hamilton, etc.—7:32 a.m., 11:32 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 6:47 p.m.
For Toronto—7:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 6:59 p.m.
From Toronto—7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:20 p.m., and 6:42 p.m.

Brantford & Hamilton Electric Railway

Leave Brantford—6:30 a.m., 7:45 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 7:45 p.m., 8:45 p.m., 9:45 p.m., 10:45 p.m., 11:45 p.m., 12:45 a.m.

Brantford Municipal Railway

For Paris—Five minutes after the hour.
For Galt—7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.
Last car leaves Galt for Brantford 10:45 p.m.

T. H. & B. RY

Christmas and New Year

Good going Dec. 24-25 returning Dec. 26-27
Also good going Dec. 21-22 returning Jan. 3, 1916.

FARE AND ONE THIRD
(Minimum 25 cents)
Good going Dec. 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1915.
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Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Res. Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. near Princeton.
Mrs. Wm. Coakley has home after spending a week daughter, Mrs. E. W. Howford.

Miss Grace Brooks and Gladys Swears spent Sunday afternoon with the Misses Fordley.
The Misses Edith and Evelyn spent the week-end with their in Brantford.
Mrs. Richard Eaton of Brantford come to spend the winter with daughter, Mrs. Thos. Brook place.
Mr. and Mrs. Alva Tougher turned to their home in Brantford.
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Swenson Sunday at the parental home.
We understand that Mrs. McCord has rented her farm Ford Hammond of Harley, Co. Mr. Myers of Northfield.

The town of Lurgan, Co. magh, has sent more than 100 to the colors.

Financial, Commercial and Real Estate

T. H. & B. RY. Christmas and New Years

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By special wire to the Courier. Montreal, Dec. 22.—Trade at the East End Cattle Market was good today without much change in prices.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK Chicago, Dec. 22.—Cattle, receipts, 15,000; market, native beef, \$5.80 to 10.25; western steers, \$6.20 to \$8.20;

EAST BUFFALO MARKET. East Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts 200 head; steady. Veals, \$4.00; active; lambs \$6.00 to \$10.00;

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET Toronto, Dec. 22.—The run of cattle was light at the Union Stock Yards today and an active demand soon cleaned everything up.

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MARKETS BRANTFORD MARKETS.

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Christmas Greetings S. G. Read & Son Limited

wish all customers and friends and the buying public generally as Joyous a Christmas as possible under existing circumstances.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

FOR COMMISSIONER.

Mr. M. E. Long is announced as the most likely candidate for the position of Street Railway Commissioner.

CONCERT FOR CHILDREN.

Instead of the story hour on Thursday afternoon at 2:30, the children who attend this hour will give a concert. Miss Middlemiss wishes all the little children present, as a most enjoyable time is promised.

GIRL BITTEN.

A little girl was quite badly bitten on the hand yesterday by a dog in the post office. The owner is not known. Dogs are not allowed in the building, and those caught there in the future will be destroyed.

OFFICERS' AT HOME.

The officers of the Dufferin Rifles entertained the officers of the 84th last night at the former's headquarters. A very pleasant social evening was spent, musical selections adding to the enjoyment of the occasion.

MAY RUN FOR ALDERMAN.

A deputation waited on John W. English last night, trying to persuade him to run as alderman for Ward Two. He intimated that he would give the invitation serious consideration.

WINE RECORD.

The total number of Indians enlisted from the Reserve in the 114th Battalion, Hamilton County, is 102. This is a splendid record. The Battalion band will also be formed of Indians from the Reserve. The Indian makes an excellent bandsman, being very quick at picking up music.

HEALTH GOOD.

The death of Pte. Danskin is the second in the 84th Battalion since it has been formed. The health of the men in this unit is exceptionally good. The average height is 5 feet 7 inches, and is also the lowest average of any battalion in the second military division.

READING FOR SOLDIERS.

Reading matter for soldiers at the Y. M. C. A. is running a little short again. There was a generous response to the call for old books and magazines when the 84th first arrived, and the Y. M. C. A. ask again for more donations, particularly for the Christmas season. Old magazines are very acceptable, the soldiers taking great delight in reading magazine matter.

SOLDIERS' WIVES MEETING.

The regular meeting of the soldiers' wives and mothers was held yesterday afternoon in the school room of the Park Baptist Church. There was a very good attendance. The Bible Study was taken by Mrs. S. Hazelton and the topic, "The Song of the Angels" was very interestingly explained, and the prophecy in connection with the event was shown very clearly. Miss Kavanagh favored the meeting with a solo, which was enjoyed very much. At the close of the programme the children were treated to a Santa Claus bag of nuts and candy, and the mothers to a neat calendar. There will be no meeting until Jan. 4th, 1916, owing to the holiday season.

RIVERDALE XMAS TREE.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Riverdale Baptist Sunday School was held last night. The entire programme was presented by the children of the school, and was well received by the audience. There was a large attendance of parents and friends, it being necessary to bring in chairs to accommodate the crowd. Mr. H. Pettit made a very efficient chairman and kept the audience in good humor by his remarks. At the conclusion of the programme the gifts from the well laden Christmas tree were distributed to the eager children. The growth of the school during the past year is very gratifying to the teachers and officers.

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PASSED AWAY.

His many friends in this city will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Dan Raynor, on Dec. 20th, at Dunkirk, N.Y. Death was due to a stroke.

RUNNING AGAIN.

Ald. J. Dowling is again in the field for Alderman this year in Ward 3. He has made a good representative and will no doubt be re-elected.

BOXES SENT.

As a result of the wrestling and boxing bouts, which took place in the Opera House on Dec. 16th, Manager Whittaker has sent two boxes of tobacco to the front, one addressed to Col. Cotnam and the other to Major Newman.

THE MAYORALTY.

When asked this morning Ald. Minshall said he had not yet made up his mind whether or no, to run for mayor. The rumor having gone around that ex-Mayor Hartman might run, he also was questioned. He replied: "Many have asked me to do so. I will not enter any three cornered fight. If there is no opposition, to Ald. Ryerson, I may consider it."

ENTERTAINED.

The S. O. E. Lodges, Salisbury and Wolfe, entertained the S. O. E. members of the 84th and 125th Battalions on Monday evening. Bro. W. Norman Andrews, presiding. Speeches were made by E. H. Cockin of Guelph Sergt. Major Hart of the 125th and Sergt. Major Hart of the 84th Batt. Songs were given by Messrs. Biggs, A. T. Pickles, E. Moule, P. Farnsworth, Pte. F. W. Brown of the 84th Pte. Murray and Sergt. Major Hart of the 125th, also a duet by Messrs. W. M. Lewis and Ernest Moule. The accompanists being Mr. J. T. Schofield and Lieut. F. C. Thomas. Games were played and refreshments served, helping to make a very pleasant evening.

CHRISTMAS DINNER.

To-morrow and Friday we will serve a Turkey Dinner, between 12 and 2 o'clock each day—Tea Room, and Grill Room, Third Floor, E. B. Crompton & Co., Limited.



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

At the Ontario School for the Blind.

The audience at the Christmas concert in the music hall of the Ontario School for the Blind last night was large, orderly and attentive, and the programme presented by the pupils of the school was all that could be desired in quality and variety. Of organ selections there were two—one a double number—Schubert's Marche Militaire, played by Geraldine McEwen, of Radisson, Sask., a young lady whose performances on the violin, the piano and the organ at former concerts have won the applause of Brantford music lovers. Harold Johnston, of Brockville, played Johnson's Berceuse, and Clifford Patterson of Hamilton, played Lemaigne's Capriccio, both doing credit to themselves and to their teacher, Mr. A. W. The piano selections, contributed chiefly by the pupils of Miss Smyth and Miss Harrington, were Tschaiikovsky's Chant sans Paroles, played by Kathryn Sells, of London, who shows steady improvement in her work; Moszkowski's Moment Musical, played by Roy Tomlinson, of Saskatoon, Sask.; Liszt's Nightingale, played by Wilson DesBrisay, of Nelson, B. C.; Hollander's March, played by Spaulding Beach, of Ottawa; and the closing piano quartette, Wagner's Tannhauser Overture, in which Doris Hawley, of Winnipeg; Mary O'Neill, of Ottawa; Ethel Squair, of Williamstown, and Gertrude James of Watford, took the parts. Mr. Arthur Ostler's pupils presented a violin quartette, Dorothy Lee's One Fleeting Hour, the parts being taken by Susan Miller, of Gravenhurst, Geraldine McEwen, Kathryn Sells, and Greta Lammie, of Hensall, Mr. Oslar and his industrious pupils are making a gratifying success of this department of music. On the vocal side, Mr. Andrews' pupils made a good impression. Gertrude James sang 'Olive's Soldier of My Heart'; Gladys Slay of Sarnia, gave 'Olive's On the March'; Ellen Shane, of Hamilton, sang 'Love Bell, and the choral class sang Mackenzie's The Empire Flag, and a double number, 'Huckle's P. O. and the Souls of the Heroes, followed by Jarvis' Multiplication is Vexation, Mr. Andrews playing all the accompaniments. There were five recitations: The Fool's Christmas, by Roy Manning of Owen Sound; An Every-Day Dolly, by a wee little girl, Ruth Truscott, from Battledore Saskatchewan; The War, a poem written by Winifred Davison, a pupil from Griersville, and recited by Greta Lammie; Eugene Field's 'The Duel, by Verna Welsh, of Bald, Man.; a poem by Pauline Johnson, As Red Men Die, presented in fine elocutionary style by Alice Brennan of Bothwell, and 'Color of the Flag, by Ernest Lott of Brussels.

Before the closing number on the programme, Mr. Gardiner, invited Rev. Dean Brady, Rev. Mr. Jenkins, Rev. D. Alexander, Rev. J. W. Gordon, and Rev. A. E. Leavelle to address the audience, and each of them briefly expressed his appreciation of the concert and his interest in the pupils. Mr. Gardiner regretted the unavoidable absence of Rev. Arden Mackenzie, who had intended to spend part of the evening with the pupils, with whom he has long been a great favorite and a wise counselor. More than half of the pupils went to their homes to-day for Christmas; the rest will have a Christmas tree at the school on Saturday evening, and everything possible will be done to make them forget how far they are from home.

LOCAL OPTION NOTES

WILL LOCAL OPTION REDUCE OUR CIVIC REVENUE? So our whiskey selling friends would have us think. The facts of the "Old Commercial Property" tell us a different tale: Assessed value of Commercial property in 1910 \$49,000 Taxes derived thereon .200 License fee .250 Total Revenue \$14.50 Same property now assessed value \$75,000 Taxes derived thereon .250 License fee .250 Total Revenue \$20.00 INCREASE OF REVENUE OF SAME PROPERTY WHEN USED FOR DECENT BUSINESS, \$550. All our hotel properties are centrally situated and will sell for the same price. ONE HOTEL PROPERTY IN GALT SOLD WITH THE LICENSE INCLUDED BEFORE LOCAL OPTION FOR \$13,500. AFTER LOCAL OPTION IT SOLD FOR 18,000. James Haverson, K.C. (P.A.F.O.) We know what the K.C. stands for. But what does P.A.F.O. stand for? "Paid Agitator from Ouisda". Local Option is not needed to produce blind pigs in Brantford. Four since the 4th of November last—bar-rooms conceal and encourage blind pigs. Statistics prove it. Let's keep to the facts. WHO ASKED FOR IT ANYWAY? Not James Haverson, K.C. paid agitator, Toronto. No. He made the best speech he could muster against submitting a Local Option law to the electors of Brantford. How good a speech he made can be judged by the effect on the council.—Adv.

Avery Quits—See bargain Bulletin on Page 4.

The Brantford and Hamilton railway management would be pleased to see Local Option carry—it would require extra cars to carry the people out of Brantford and bring back purchases they made in Hamilton.—Adv.

DAINTY PERFUMES AS GIFTS.

Finest assortment of packages, 25c. to \$4. at Brander's Drug Store, Market and Dalhousie streets. Mr. Henry Collis of Cambridge, a retired warrant officer of 33 years service has 27 relative s serving with the colors.

FINE EVENING

Spent at St. Mary's Church Last Night.

Very Eloquent Address Was Given by Mr. T. A. Browne.

There was a very large attendance at the Christmas concert held last evening under the auspices of the St. Mary's Ladies Aid Society. A farce in one act, "The Irresistible Book Agent" was well presented with the following cast: David Stubbins, not so stupid as he seems, Vincent McIntyre; Peleg P. Gelep, a book agent; James Lillis; Deacon Wheezy, a widower with matrimonial intentions, Charles Lahey; Mrs. Elvira Stubbins, with a mind of her own, Marguerite Huncks; Miss Amelia Marryma, a sentimental, love-sick, old maid, Mazie Wilfong; In part two there was—Song, Mr. Connor Meehan; tableau, Miss Gertie Kew; chorus and Dance, Misses G. Doty, A. Dawson, K. O'Grady, G. Conboy, J. Kew, D. Brohman, O. Waller, M. O'Grady; song, Miss M. O'Grady; violin solo, Mr. Norman Lingeman; recitation, Miss G. Doty, recitation, Misses M. Skelly and E. Keen and Messrs. C. Crowley and N. Lingeman; song, Mr. C. Crowley; Miss M. Skelly, accompanist.

FINE ADDRESS. A special feature was a very fine address on "Ireland and the War," given by Mr. T. A. Browne of Ottawa, author of the beautiful poem, "The Belgian Mother," and many others. He pointed out that it had been wittily said "that every man loves his native land whether he was born there or not," and that was true of Irishmen whether they first saw the light of day in the Emerald Isle, or in Canada or anywhere else.

One hundred years ago this very year, in June, 1815, saw the downfall of the greatest military genius of ancient and modern times. The armies of Napoleon Bonaparte for many years trampled and ravaged Europe, to forward the ambitions of the Emperor, who was the personification of arbitrary and military power. Then, as now, the men of Ireland fought for the emancipation of the world from the nightmare of despotic power. To-day they have gone forth against Germanic oppression, but there is this difference: One hundred years ago, the services of the Irish were little appreciated. Who has forgotten Richard Lalor Sheil, the Irish orator's reply to Lord Lyndhurst as in eloquent and flaming words he repelled the attack that the Irish were aliens in the land of their birth. My friends, to-day, thank God, Ireland fights not as an alien. No charge of lack of patriotism will ever again be hurled or even whispered against Catholic Irishmen, against that race from which we spring. Again, I say, thank God, that day is passed, never more, I think to return. Truly in every strata of her national life has Ireland contributed of her best and bravest in this war. We read how Kitchener, himself, would have been satisfied with 12,000 soldiers from Catholic Ireland. They have not sent 12,000 soldiers, nor 50,000, but already Ireland has prepared, equipped and sent 100,000, and there are more to follow.

The fighting race has not lost its courage nor its generous spirit. From time immemorial valor in deeds of arms was prized among the Irish. During the course of his fine address Mr. Browne read the following original poem: IRELAND A NATION. Harp of my country I tune you with gladness, Now thy wild song all my being o'erfills, Lifting my soul from its memories of sadness, Flooding with joy as it vibrates and thrills.

Fame's on the wing and death's in the valleys, War's on the world and Freedom's the prize. Who with head high, marches on with the Allies, Ireland, 'tis she, with her glorified eyes Guiding her sons where the onset is fiercest, Fearless of Death, now she leads them along, And where she rides her mighty lance pierces, As she sing the wild chant of the Celt's battle song. Rangers of Connaught and Fusiliers famous, Irishmen all, from the North to Dun- loe, Paddy, and Michael, and Terry, and Shamus, Och, what a name they've made, fightin' the foe. Down in the Balkans, in France, or in Flanders, No matter where, sure 'tis ever the same, Whether 'tis Privates or Marshal! Commanders, Ever on Ireland they shed deathless fame.

Song of the Allies, sure that's "Tipperary"

Whole armies march to the lilt of that song, Who thrilled the world? Sure 'twas Michael O'Leary, The Irish, the lad could to none else belong. Oh, the long wait, now the blessed vision is gone, Ireland, asthore, smile again, 'tis the dawn, Lo, on thy banners, see "Ireland, a Nation," The cloud is now lifted, the darkness is gone, December, 1915. —T. A. Browne

Avery Quits—See bargain Bulletin on Page 4.

Mr. Justice Joyce, one of the judges of the Chancery Division of the High Court, has now resigned.

Mr. W. H. Snow, late town clerk of Southend, Essex, died suddenly in a chair at his home at the age of 57 years.

Mr. Merchant—If you had your choice right now, would you move into a local option city or town to do business?—Adv.

Owing to the lack of labor the Kensington Borough Council announce that they rely upon householders to clean away snow.

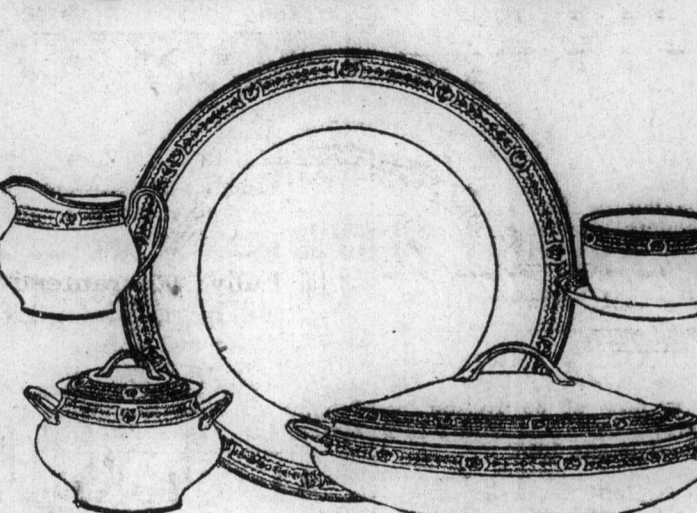
Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers, of Walsley, has been appointed chief librarian of Croydon, where he was formerly deputy chief librarian.

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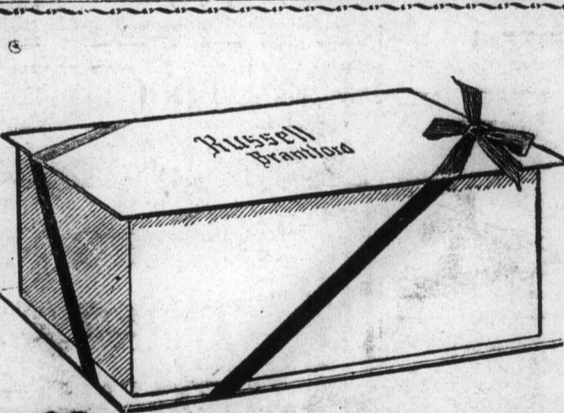


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A GOOD RECORD

Ald. S. P. Pitcher is again offering for re-election in the coming Municipal contest. The Buildings and Grounds Committee, of which he is chairman, closes the year with a fine record of beneficial activity. The erection of a suitable mallopp hospital in place of the disgrace which used to exist; the acquisition of the old Post Office for a City Hall; the establishment of a public lavatory on the Market Square and the acquisition of Mohawk Park, are some of the leading features. In addition, Ald Pitcher was specially mentioned along with the Mayor by the City Solicitor in connection with the gas question, and he also took an active part in connection with the acquisition of the Street Railway.

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WANTED—General servant. Apply Mrs. Reid, 126 Albion St. 139
WANTED—Maid for general housework in small family. Mrs. J. H. Muir, 154 Chatham St.
WANTED—Weavers and learners; several smart girls to learn weaving. Apply Slingsby Manufacturing Company, Holmedale. 134f

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

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FORECASTS:
Moderate to fresh east to south winds, some snow falls, but partly fair; milder on Thursday.

Avery Quits—See bargain Bulletin on Page 4.

Consumption of Hard Liquors Increases

Official figures of Inland Revenue departments in every city where Local Option has been established show beyond all doubt that the increase in native-made and imported hard liquors is enormous. Such figures furnish proof positive that Local Option does not exterminate moderate drinking and is an unfair incentive for drunkenness.—Adv.

Seven licenses were cut off six years ago and seven hotels went out of business. Cut off the remaining licenses and you close up the remaining hotels. Where will transients and travellers find accommodation then? In Paris or Hamilton.—Adv.

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WAR DEMAND MAXIMUM

Premier Asquith Made House of Commons a Very Changes of

London, Dec. 22.—Premier made his long expected speech the allied military position House of Commons yesterday in connection with the introduction of "supplementary estimate" for the raising of the strength of the British Army to three million men to four men.

The House was crowded Premier's speech was listened to and silently. In the Gallery Lord Fisher, the former Sea Lord, and Earl Derby of recruiting, occupied the most prominent positions, above the Prime Minister, as he turned to the heart of his subject, ending sentences, and declaring that although the British forces in the theatres now amount to more than 1,250,000 men, the war were such as necessitated the Empire's "recruitable" forces. Although the Premier declared himself on record as being against conscription, John leader of the Irish National close of Mr. Asquith's speech bombarded by declaring that nationalists would oppose conscription by every means in their power. EVERY FIT MAN NE

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WAR DEMANDS "RECRUITABLE MAXIMUM" OF EMPIRE'S MEN

Premier Asquith Made Speech of Importance in the House of Commons Yesterday — Gallipoli Retirement a Very Fine Military Move — More Changes of Those High in Command.

London, Dec. 22.—Premier Asquith made his long expected statement on the allies' military position in the House of Commons yesterday in connection with the introduction of a "supplementary estimate" providing for the raising of the numerical strength of the British army from three million men to four million men.

The House was crowded, and the Premier's speech was listened to earnestly and silently. In the Peers' Gallery Lord Fisher, the former First Sea Lord, and Earl Derby, director of recruiting, occupied the most prominent positions, above the clock.

The Prime Minister, as usual, got to the heart of his subject in his opening sentences, and declared that, although the British forces in the various theatres now amount to more than 1,250,000 men, the war's demands were such as necessitated calling out the Empire's "recruitable maximum."

Although the Premier did not put himself on record as either for or against conscription, John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, at the close of Mr. Asquith's speech, hung a bombshell by declaring that the Nationalists would oppose conscription by every means in their power.

EVERY FIT MAN NEEDED

The Premier's statement of the need of the army for "every fit man" included a warm tribute to the over-

vast field of employment.

Mr. Asquith announced that Lieutenant-General Sir Wm. R. Robertson, chief of staff in France, had been recalled from France to become chief of the general staff at army headquarters in London, succeeding Gen Sir Archibald Murray. "Gen. Murray, the Premier said, "is proceeding to an important command," which is generally believed to mean that he is going to take command in Egypt.

The Premier said that the men who had been withdrawn from the Dardanelles campaign would proceed to a new scene of operations after a short and much-needed rest. He paid a tribute to Generals Monro and Birdwood.

NOT ALL ON ONE SIDE.

After repeating that the fundamental facts of the war are steadily growing on the British side, he said: "There has been in this war an abundance of errors in calculations, but they have not been confined to our side."

"So far as we in this country are concerned—and I know all our allies are the same—our will has never wavered for a moment, while our fighting resources, both in men and material, become every month more ample in quantity and better mobilized and organized for the purposes of the campaign."

He said that all the allied nations hope that the measures they took recently to bring about co-ordination of plans will be successful, and that it was satisfactory to know that there is not one of the allies "who is not as determined as ourselves to win the war and to see nothing whatever to do with separate peace, but to persist at all costs until our supreme and common purpose is achieved."

The Premier said nothing regarding the figures of the recruiting resulting from Lord Derby's plan, but he praised Lord Derby's campaign, and said that one of his chief results was to afford "a strenuous exhibition of patriotism."

Replying to Premier Asquith's speech in the House of Commons yesterday, John Dillon said: "Before we sanction the fourth million of men we ought to be told what is the basis of the government's demand. In no case have the failures of the war been due to lack of men, and before the Government enforces conscription the men responsible for these failures must be removed."

"What is the use of sending more troops to be led by men like those responsible for the Sulva Bay and Anzac failures?"

VOLUNTEER OR BE FETCHED.

C. B. Stanton, the miners' leader, who succeeded to the late James Keir Hardie's seat for Morfy, Tydfil, introduced himself to the House in a breezy, unceremonious, but pointed speech, in which he referred to "the hypocritical nonsense of saying that the people were afraid of conscription."

"If the men would not volunteer, he continued, they must be fetched; if the country was good enough to live in it was good enough to fight for,

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LOCAL optionists claim that the closing of the licensed hotel stops the sale and, to a large extent, the consumption of liquor in a community.

That's the Fiction

THE records show that during the last four years the provincial police have seized more than 25,000 bottles of whiskey, principally in the Cobalt and Porcupine districts where the licensed bar has been closed for some time. In addition, the police have seized large quantities of hard intoxicants in barrels and jugs. And still the "blind pigs" flourish.

Those are Facts

LOCAL Option merely prevents the sale of liquor in the licensed hotels where its sale is under the inspection and control of government officials. It does not close the unlicensed dives where inferior liquors are sold and where drinking is carried on day and night seven days in every week.

Keep Control of the Sale

adding: "We have so much more than any other people on earth to stand up for, and it is at a time like this that we must really find ourselves."

The miners' leader wanted to know what the boys from Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and every part of the British Empire, who had come to fight for the old Motherland, would think when they discovered what slackers there were here. Some of these, he said, had married to dodge their responsibilities and were hiding themselves behind the garments of their women folk.

The liberties of the individual, he declared, must be controlled by what was best for all, and the press was at work in the best days of England's glory. The country was capable of doing infinitely more than it had done.

INDUSTRIES SAFEGUARDED

Harold Tennant, Parliamentary Under Secretary for the war office, announced that the reason why the government is asking an additional million men is because they are necessary to fill the gaps and to have a large army in the field to win the war. He continued:

"The government is fully alive to the importance of maintaining the industries in order to safeguard the financial position of the country. Industries are necessary and are carefully safeguarded."

Germany Tries To Hide Facts

Suppresses Papers That Would Tell the Truth About Devastation of Belgium.

Belgian documents made public in Washington, D.C., this month have done much to prove conclusively that Germany has endeavored to conceal the murder, rapine and devastation, which followed her invasion of Belgium. In order that Belgium might be able to cope with the terrible conditions existing in the German military governors of the occupied sections have gone so far as to suppress Belgian papers and prohibit the publication of the real facts.

The real object of the work of suppression is said to keep from the outside world the industrial wreckage wrought by the Germans. This destruction of factories, removal of raw materials, exporting of food and diverting of factories to the use of the German army has left Belgium without support. It practically amounts to knocking the crutches from under a maimed man.

Belgium is destitute as a result. The Belgians remaining at home are without means of earning a livelihood, no matter how eager and willing they are to do so. Little wonder, when the German gaze about, they are hush to let the world know what they have done. Little children, helpless, some of them orphaned by the war, are starving and perishing in the cold, because they have no food and because their elders have no means of earning the money necessary to buy the food were it there to be purchased.

The Belgian Relief Committee is Germany's answer. This committee is the voice of humanity answering the murderer of innocents. If the conqueror cannot be generous, Canada will be. Already the bags of flour, the cheques for \$2.50, are pouring in and through

the Belgian Relief branch at Montreal, Canada, will not let these victims of the German iron heel perish.

WITH THE FAMOUS

It is hardly too much to say, says the New York Tribune's London correspondent, that outside of Lancashire Lord Derby was best known to most people as a racing man, a member of the Jockey Club; one of those shining lights whose honesty and rectitude do much to redeem the turf from obloquy. He has had, nevertheless, a varied and distinguished career, both as soldier and minister. But whether in or out of Lancashire he is a man whom all people trust; whose ability and character command universal confidence. The best proof of it is that the prime minister chose him, an avowed and urgent advocate of National service, to make a final effort for voluntary service; that he has made and is making it with as much zeal and enthusiasm as if he believed this war could be won without compulsory service; that his straightforwardness has made him the recognized leader in a difficult and probably impossible enterprise; and that while holding no office he is looked to as Minister of Recruiting, and has at least as much authority as if he were in the cabinet or in the war council itself. People say he ought to be in the war council; to which I need only add that it is quite possible that he will be.

Lord Derby as virtually a colleague has lent ministers the whole weight of his personality. He is of opinion that they are trying to do their best—which was never doubted—and that their best could not be helped "by stabbing them in the back." He sums up on Lord St. Davids, who had accused the staffs at the front for whom ministers are responsible of high crimes and misdemeanors. Answered Lord Derby:

"No gentleman would have said it; no gentleman will believe it." He has not hitherto won fame as an epigrammatist, but this sentence will live. It is a finished and finishing statement; but what lends it a crushing force is the force of the man behind it.

Arthur Seigney, the present deputy speaker of the House of Commons, is to be made speaker in succession to the Hon. Dr. Sproule, who goes to the Senate. Mr. Seigney was elected to Parliament in 1911 as a Nationalist from the county of Dorchester. He is only 34 years of age, is a lawyer by profession and practices in Quebec city. Previous to his election to parliament he had never been in Ottawa or scarcely outside of the confines of his own county.

With the passing of Sir Frederick Barker (former Chief Justice) the province of New Brunswick loses a distinguished son, says the St. John Times and Star, and Canada a jurist of the highest standing. Fifty-five years has passed since he was called to the bar and in the intervening period he had risen to the highest office in the supreme court of his native province. A brilliant student in his early years, he remained a student throughout his long and busy life, and his fine legal mind has left its

impress upon the records of the profession. No man was held in higher honor for judicial fairness and knowledge of the law, and his personal character was above reproach. All citizens honored him, and the recognition he received at the hands of his sovereign was fairly earned by honorable service and a life governed and regulated by high ideals.

"GO IN AND WIN"

London Daily Express:—Victory, both in the prize ring and the battle field, largely depends on the equal appreciation of the enemy's strength and weakness. Only to realize the strength is to exaggerate caution and to paralyze initiative and effort. Only to see the weakness is to encourage foolish recklessness and to rush to disaster. We have paid dearly enough to learn the power of the German army. East and west, her troops occupy conquered territory, and she still retains the power to attack. The man of little faith might well despair of

the Allies ever-smashing this terrible, stubborn, magnificently prepared machine, were it not for the knowledge that, while her legions are fighting far from her frontiers, Germany is bleeding at the heart. To use the argot of the "fancy," if she cannot soon win with "a knockout blow," she must be beaten. We must rain blows on her with ceaseless and increased vigor. Victory is ours if we throw all our resources into the fight. Now is the psychological moment when the watchful second whispers to his principal "Go in and win." But we must go in hard.

Mr. Anthony J. Drexel, answering his wife's action in England to recover money under deed of separation, pleaded that the court has no jurisdiction, as he is a resident of Paris.

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"THE GODDESS"
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CHAPTER X.
Although Kehr had been instructed to give Celestia every chance to settle the strike, and to hinder her in nothing, he was still determined to bring about his own kind of a settlement if possible. Close-fisted and narrow, he was, nevertheless, a man with beliefs and principles for which he was not only willing to sacrifice his fortune, but his life, if necessary.

Still he received Celestia with politeness and told her that he was glad she had come.

"I'm glad you've come, young lady, because I know your theories, and I'm glad to have the chance of showing you how impractical they are in the face of an actual condition. You want labor and capital to be friends and to work hand in hand. Can gunmen be friends with a bishop?"

"Why, yes," said Celestia, "when they get so they understand each other. But a day will come when there won't be any gunmen."

"Nor any walking delegates, nor any tools who spend more than they can earn and then begin to holler murder and set off dynamite. Now you just sit down in that chair and I'll tell you in a nutshell the history of the last few years that has led up to the present situation. To begin with, I was a day laborer myself in these coal fields."

Celestia raised her hand in protest. "Don't tell me your side of the quarrel," she said; "tell me theirs. When your heart is very hard against a man, the best way to soften it is to say all the favorable things you can think of about him. I'd like you to tell me all the good things you can think of about Gundersdorf, and then I shall go to him and ask him to tell

SEE CHAPTER
TEN NEXT WEEK

Chapter Ten of The Goddess may be seen at the Brant Theatre last half of next week, beginning Thursday, Dec. 30th.

me all the good things he can think of about you."

"From neither of us," said Kehr, grimly, "will you hear any good of the other."

"Then," said Celestia, smiling gently, "I shall have to do the talking for you both. Some day you and Gundersdorf will shake hands and you'll both admit that you were both wrong."

She rose and smiled upon him. "I am to come and go as I please?"

"If you go among those devils over there in the town I won't be responsible for the consequences."

"But I've been among them already. They were going to hang a man, but they listened to reason."

"What man?"

A vision of Mrs. Gundersdorf's face floated through Celestia's mind and caused her eyes to narrow a little and look quite stoney.

"A man of no importance," she said, lightly. "But I shan't go back to the town to-night. What is the password?"

He told her.

"I shall talk with some of your men to-night. And to-morrow I hope you will have a change of heart."

She smiled so sweetly at him that his crabbed old heart actually warmed toward her, and then she set out alone in the electric lighted darkness, to explore the strong place which capital had set up against rebellious labor.

Inside the outer stockade which might be easily stormed were barbed wire entanglements, and staked pits, upon which machine guns were trained from an inner stockade.

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shelf like walk of heavy planks, from which sentries could look out upon the world beyond.

Celestia's first act of exploration was to climb a ladder which gave access to this narrow way and start along it. Almost instantly the white apparition was challenged by a sentry.

Celestia gave the password and made the man tell her what his hours and duties were.

"Don't you really mean," she said "that if you saw a man out there and asked him his business and got no answer, that you would try to shoot him?"

"If I saw him in this light," said the sentry, "he'd be so near that I wouldn't have to try. I couldn't miss him."

"And he might be a deaf man who didn't hear your challenge. I don't think you'd shoot him, would you? Wouldn't you just shoot somewhere near him to frighten him?"

She looked the man steadily in the face.

The sentry, an alert young fellow to begin with, seemed now to have fallen into a kind of trance.

"I guess," he said, "I'd do anything you said if you looked at me while you said it."

Celestia smiled and passed on. She made the whole tour of the stockade, instilling merciful feelings into the heart of each sentry that she met. She learned all that all trees surrounding the stockade had been cut down with the exception of a small grove, which had been heavily mined, so that if the strikers took refuge in it they would immediately be blown to atoms.

If Celestia had had a square deal from Kehr she might have reduced the hostile feelings of the strikers and the strike breakers to nothing and brought about peace in Bitumen. But while she slept soundly in the little house which had been set aside for her use, Kehr, who never slept in times of danger, went on a midnight tour of inspection, and made certain discoveries which filled him with anger and anxiety. The very first sentry whom he talked to made a damaging confession.

"Seen anything to-night?" Kehr asked.

"Only the lady, sir."

"What lady?"

"The lady in white. After talking with her, sir, I think I ought to be relieved. My orders are to shoot to kill," said Kehr, "she will, sir, couldn't do it."

"You wouldn't obey my orders?"

"I couldn't, sir."

"When you have been relieved you will report yourself at the guard-house. You are a prisoner."

"Yes, sir."

Kehr returned to his headquarters and gave orders that all the men then on sentry duty should be relieved and sent to him. From all he obtained similar confessions that made by the first sentry. One by one he interviewed every man in his command, and found to his great relief that only those on duty at the time when Celestia had made her

tour of inspection had been tampered with. These he had locked up. Then he sent for Professor Stilliter. "She's made a fine beginning," he said. "Give her time and she'd corrupt every man in the post. After that if we were attacked it would be a massacre—of us. Old man Barclay's off his nut. I am willing to give her a free rein to settle this strike, according to orders, but I won't have her jeopardizing my life or the lives of those under me."

"To-morrow," said Stilliter, "she will find herself locked in her house."

"I shall consider it my duty to break down the door and let her out."

"This place," said Kehr angrily, "is under martial law. I shall probably send her away to-morrow. In the meantime don't you attempt to interfere."

"You will not. You will go to your room and stay there till you are told you may come out."

Stilliter turned angrily on his heel, opened the door of Kehr's office and found himself confronted by two men.

"Escort Professor Stilliter to his room," said Kehr, "and see that he doesn't leave it without orders from me."

Early the next morning Gundersdorf, Carson, Cracowitz, and Tommy Barclay arrived before the gate of the stockade under the protection of a white flag, and were admitted presently, after being blindfolded to a parley with Kehr.

"Barclay," Gundersdorf explained comes on a private matter. He wants to thank the lady who saved his life yesterday. If that isn't possible he wishes permission to go back to his friends in town."

"You others have come on business. Well, I'll listen to you once more—if I can. Barclay may see the lady."

Tommy was blindfolded once more and escorted to Celestia's house. He was pushed in, told to take off the bandage over his eyes, and heard the door lock behind him.

Of Celestia there was neither sight nor sound. Tommy seated himself in a plain chair and waited. Half an hour

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Brantford Intermediate and Junior O. H. A. teams held the first practice last night at the Alfred rink.

The practices which have heretofore been held on the central rink took on a more strenuous effect during the larger sheet of ice which was in excellent condition.

From the material now on hand and with a few more prospects to turn out, Brantford has every chance of being well represented in the circles during the coming year.

There has been some years since Brantford could boast of a winning team, though last year's junior team is pretty good, but a number of players have left the city or have listed.

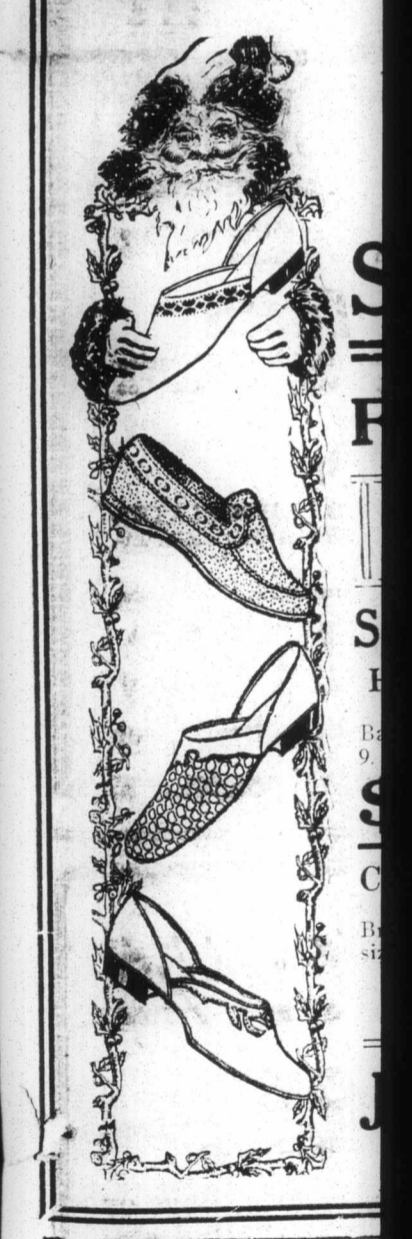
THE JUNIOR TEAM
There are about two or three trying for every position on the ice septet, and from last night's practice, it looks far better than last year. There are four goal tenders out of this position is going to be well served after.

THE INTERMEDIATES
Although there were only five intermediates out last night, team has sure got material. The ward line have many applicants for positions. Kiercey, O'Connor, Johnson, Ficknell, Freeman, S. and two or three others whose names are not yet known.

Summerhays, who looked after junior nets last year, will be again. He was one of the best seen in the nets here last season, other man for the position is V. yatt, a local boy.

For the defence, there is S. Beckett, Woolms, Dennis, a couple of men from the 84th Division.

In the above names, some will be well known to Brantford hockey fans as players in other towns. Later with the champion Preston is a resident of the city, and welcomed as an addition to the team. Freeman played in the game the locals played at Preston last year, and it will be remembered that he was one of



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