

WITH THE SOLDIERS

ORDERS FOR DEC. 21st, 1915
Duties—Subaltern of the day, Lieut. C. B. Sheppard. Next for duty, Lieut. H. L. Brodie.
Rations for prisoners—The battalion Orderly Sergeant must accompany the defaulters to detention room with rations. He will be held responsible that there is nothing passed between prisoners and defaulters. Rations will be issued for prisoners one half hour after regular meal parade. This enables the R. O. C. to carry out the additional duty without interference with his duties at the mess.
Eight more physically sound men were added to the rolls of the 125th Brant Battalion this morning. Two were rejected. The following are the records:
VICTOR HILLS, English, 20, machinist, single, 3 years 25th B.D., four months 36th Batt., C.E.F., 156 Elgin street.
HORACE STOKES, English, 38, horsekeeper, married, 4 years, 1st Middlesex Regt., 3 years 38th D.R.C., 299 Dalhousie St.
GEORGE F. WARREN, Irish, 27 farmer, single Pleasant Ridge.
GEORGE F. MERDEN, English, 37, laborer, married, five years 36th D.R.C., 40 Gordon St.
DAVID N. BROWN, Scotch, 23, laborer, married, St. George Road, Brantford.
EDWARD G. TUCKER, English, 18

student, single, Paris.
BERT REG. PARKER, English, 24, farmer, single, 1-2 years Territorials, Eng., Paris.
JOHN B. LATREMOUILLE, Canadian, 22, mill hand, Paris.

Cut the Liquor Waste—Now
"We must economize, and the only great national economy open to us is the cutting off, root and branch, of our expenditure on intoxicants. If we do not, our waste on the non-necessary of alcohol will undo us even more surely than the force and brand of Germany and Austria."
The first and the last sentences of an editorial in the latest issue of that fine old English organ of churchly respectability, The Spectator.

The Spectator declares with repeated emphasis: "If we mean to win the war, we must prohibit the use of intoxicants in order to save money and get more munitions.—AdvT.

Ships Sunk.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, Dec. 21.—The British steamer Huntley, of 1,153 tons, formerly the German hospital ship, 'Opheila', which was condemned by a British prize court, and the British steamer Belford of Glasgow, of 4,898 tons, have been sunk. The crew of the Belford was saved. No report has been received regarding the crew of the Huntley.

Social and Personal

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

Miss Pearl Brown will return tomorrow for the Christmas holiday from Haverhill College, Toronto.

Messrs Bertram and Reginald Watrous have returned for Christmas from Kingston, where they have been taking an artillery course.

Obituary

The death occurred of Mr C. W. Faulkner, in his 60th year, from an accident at Pinner. Mr Faulkner was founder of the well-known art publishing firm of C. W. Faulkner and Co., limited.

An expert on the Kent County Council estimates that for every year of the war Kent alone will be called upon to contribute a million a year in extra taxation to pay the interest on the new national debt.

Mr. Charles F. Roy, for some years general manager of the Labor Exchange, and also private secretary to the permanent secretary of the Board of Trade, has been appointed assistant general secretary to the Ministry of Munitions.

MRS. W. M. SNOODGRASS
The sudden death of Mrs W. Snoodgrass, widow of the late William Snoodgrass, occurred yesterday afternoon at the late residence, 21 Huron street. She has been a resident of the city for many years and a hard worker in Alexandria St. Church.

The deceased lady leaves to mourn her loss a family of three children, one girl and two boys. These are Mary, William and James, all at home. She also leaves three sisters and two brothers, Mrs Henry Leonard and Mrs D. O'Grady, both of the city, Miss Pepper and Frank of Fairfield Plains, and Irwin of Canning, Ont.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, at 1:30 o'clock to Mt. Hope cemetery.

LINDEN KNABB.
The death suddenly occurred last night of Linden Knabb after a short illness. The deceased was only twenty years of age and the son of Mr. Edward Knabb of Delhi. The remains will be sent to Delhi on the 6:30 o'clock G. T. R. train to-night from H. S. Pierce's undertaking parlors. The funeral services will take place in Delhi.

MARGARET SIMPSON
Margaret Simpson, wife of Mr. George, of 259 West Mill St. died on Saturday, at the age of 29 years. She leaves, besides her husband, two small children to mourn her loss.

WILLIAM BOLTON.
The death of Mr William Bolton of this city, took place in Toronto yesterday. The remains will arrive in the city this afternoon on the 3:52 train and will be interred in Greenwood cemetery.

Music and Drama

BRANT THEATRE.
Another good bill is offered by the management of this popular play-house, which is indeed the "home of features." The three vaudeville acts are good, and consist of the eight dainty "Forget-Me-Nots," Brown and Barrows, chatty singers, and El Cota, one of the most talented xylophonists who have ever appeared here.

A Broadway favorite is the feature photoplay production, showing Anna Orr in The Masked Dancer, it is a splendid Oriental picture in three parts.

A fine holiday bill with special features will be offered the last features of the week.

Breeds Law-Breaking.
Local option breeds law-breaking, perjury, heavy drinking, unmanliness.—AdvT.
"H.R." Baker Sold.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Chicago, Dec. 21.—"Home Run" Baker, whose contract is held by the Philadelphia American, probably will be sold to the New York Americans.

Is Getting Better.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Chicago, Dec. 21.—After a slight relapse, the condition of Joseph E. Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federal League Club, was reported as improved at the hospital to-day. Tinker underwent an operation a week ago. Physicians say he will be able to leave the hospital within another week.

St. Louis Sold.
St. Louis, Dec. 21.—An official of the St. Louis Federal League club announced last night that within forty-eight hours the St. Louis Americans will be sold to local representatives of the Federal League.

Extra Trains via Grand Trunk, Friday
Special train will leave Brantford 6:22 p.m. on Friday, December 24th for Paris, Woodstock, Ingersoll, London, Glencoe, Chatham, Windsor, Detroit, Komoka, Strathroy, Kerwood, Watford, Wyoming, and Sarnia.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA
Grand Trunk Railway
MAIN LINE WEST
Departures
3:30 a.m.—For Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
9:05 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
9:20 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
9:30 a.m.—For Hamilton, Niagara Falls and intermediate stations.
10:25 a.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto and East.

CHILDREN CRY FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA
Grand Trunk Railway
MAIN LINE EAST
6:50 a.m.—For Dundas, Hamilton and West.
7:05 a.m.—For Toronto and Montreal.
7:38 a.m.—For Hamilton, Niagara Falls and intermediate stations.
8:27 p.m.—Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and East.

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HOCKEY SHOES

Ladies' and Gents', Girls' and Boys', all sizes, all prices; black, with ankle support or strap. Skates fitted to shoes free when purchased here.

Phone 646 Bicycles and Sporting Goods, 73 Dalhousie St.

LOCAL OPTION BULLETIN

FACTS

Taxes!

*1 Brantford city taxes, 1914.....\$438,000
Revenue from liquor licenses..... \$2,400
A 1/8 mill increase will raise..... \$2,400
1/8 mill on \$1,000 assessment....12c
Increase on \$1,000 assessment....12c
Increase on \$2,000 assessment....24c
Increase on \$3,000 assessment....36c

2 But opposite place this:
Brantford Police System cost in 1914...\$23,000
Science says 64 per cent. cost of police due to alcohol. Let us be on safe side and say 25 per cent.
25 per cent of \$23,000.....\$5,750
Liquor license revenue.....\$2,400
Loss to city from liquor license.....\$3,350
\$2,400 does not begin to take care of our drunks. It does not include cost of charity or pauperism, which is largely due to drink.

3 Does Local Option raise taxes? It does not look like it. These figures are taken from the Ontario Government Bulletin on Municipal Statistics. They show taxes per head of population:
Under License
Port Arthur.....\$34.00
Fort William.....30.00
Sault Ste. Marie.....28.00
Sarnia.....26.00
Windsor.....20.00
Under Local Option
Ingersoll.....\$11.00
Orillia.....15.00
Galt.....16.00
Midland.....15.00
Owen Sound.....15.00

(Signed) LOCAL OPTION COMMITTEE

Suggestion Not in Order.

London, Dec. 20.—Invited in the House of Commons this afternoon to prevent others from following the example, some Britishers who recently transferred their capital and business offices to New York, thus escaping British taxation, Chancellor of the Exchequer McKenna remarked that his attention had been called to the circumstances but that he was not prepared to act as suggested. Bulgaria and

LEST YOU FORGET

Just a reminder lest you forget that we can help you choose a suitable present for any of your friends from our varied stock of Christmas gifts.
Also tissue paper, seals, tags, colored string, cards, napkins, etc.
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Forde's Christmas Crackers Delight Both Young and Old

Fruits

- L. M. Raisins.....13c, 2 lbs. 25c
- Valencia Raisins.....13c, 2 lbs. 25c
- Valencia Saloniaka.....13c, 2 lbs. 25c
- Sultanas.....15c lb.
- G. & S. Seedless.....13c, 2 pkgs. 25c
- G. & S. Seedless.....15c pkg.
- Currants.....2 lbs. 25c
- Currants, Holly Brand, 1 lb. pkg. 15c
- Currants, Vostizzas, 1-lb. pkg. 17c

Peels

- Southwell's English—
- Mixed.....25c lb.
- Citron.....30c lb.

Crystalized Fruits

- Cherries.....50c lb.
- Pineapple Rings.....60c lb.
- Cherries in 1/2 and 1-lb. boxes.

Shelled Nuts

- Assorted Fruits, 1-lb. boxes.
- Almonds.....50c and 60c lb.
- Walnuts, new.....50c lb.
- Walnuts, new cracked.....40c lb.
- Pecans.....80c lb.
- Jordan Almonds.....25c bottle

Coffees

- Mocha and Java Blend.....40c lb.
- Favorite Blend.....30c lb.
- C. & S. Seal Brand, in 1 and 2-lb. tins.
- George Washington.

FRAGRANT ENGLISH BREAKFAST TEAS

- 40c, 50c and 60c lb.

Batger's English Almond Paste.

- Clernico Ground Almonds.
- Educator Biscuits and Cereals.
- Batger's Candies in 1-lb. bottles.
- Pascall's Candies in bottles.
- Pascall's Creme De Menthe (in tins).
- Turkish Delight (made in England).
- MacIntosh's Toffee.

Cheese

- English Stiltons.
- Roquefort.
- Oka.
- Camembert, in tins.
- Canadian Prime, 2 years old.
- Canadian Medium.
- McLaren's and Ingersoll Cream.
- Pimento, etc.

Cresca Brand Goods

- Cresca Sweet Corn.....18c tin
- Cresca Succotash.....20c tin
- Cresca Lima Beans.....20c tin
- Cresca Asparagus Tips.
- Cresca Asparagus, long white.
- Cresca Asparagus, long green.
- Cresca Rochambeau Beans, 20c tin
- Cresca Tomato Catsup, 20-35 bot
- Cresca Hors D'Oeuvre, 50c bottle
- Cresca Anchovies, in oil, 35c bot
- Cresca Figs, in glass.....50c jar
- Cresca Figs and Stuffed Dates.....50c jar

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S PICKLES

- Mixed and Chow-Chow, 25-40 bot.
- Walnuts.....25c and 40c bot.
- Sweet.....35c bot.

2 BELL PHONES: 947 and 948 **J. FORDE CO.** 39 and 41 MARKET STREET

3 DAYS MORE To Do Your Xmas Shopping

SHOP EARLY! SHOP IN THE MORNING!
(Please Carry Small Parcels)

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 yard.....\$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00
- A waist length of silk and wool stripe Blousings, at.....75c, 65c and 50c
- A dress length of Costume Velvet, in black and colors, at 50c yard.....\$1.25, \$1.00, 75c, 60c and 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 and Peppers, etc. 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

1:50 a.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and intermediate stations.
6:00 p.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and East.
8:52 p.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto and East.
9:50 a.m.—For London, Toronto and East.
1:50 a.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and East.

T. H. & B. Railway

For Hamilton, etc.—7:32 a.m., 11:02 a.m., 2:27 p.m., and 6:47 p.m.
For Waterford—9:46 a.m., 11:52 a.m., 4:19 p.m. and 9:22 p.m.

Brantford & Hamilton Electric Railway

Leave Brantford—6:30 a.m., 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45, 11:45, 12:45 p.m., 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 6:10, 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45, 11:35, 12:25, 1:25, 12:25 p.m., 1:25, 2:25, 3:25, 4:25, 5:25, 6:25, 7:25, 8:25, 9:25, 10:25, 11:25, 12:25 p.m.

Brantford Municipal Railway

For Paris—Five minutes after the hour.
For Galt—7:05 a.m., 9:05 a.m., 11:05 a.m., 1:05 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:05 p.m.
Last car leaves Galt for Brantford 10:05 p.m.

T. H. & B. RY

Christmas and New Year
SINGLE FARE
(Minimum 25 cents)
Good going Dec. 21-22, returning Dec. 21, 1915.
Also good going Dec. 20, 21, 1915, and returning Jan. 3, 1916.

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ON SALE TO ALL POINTS
ON T. H. & B. M.C.R. and P.R. to Canada East of Fort William and Sudbury; also to Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, and Suspension Bridge, N.Y.
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G.P.A., Hamilton Local Agent

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Brantford, Ont.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN SURVEY AND REGULATIONS.

THE sole head of a family, or of over 18 years of age, may have a quarter-section of arable land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta.

Under the Dominion Lands Act, the Dominion Government offers for sale at any Dominion Lands Agency the lands in certain conditions.

These lands are offered for sale at a minimum price of \$100 per section, and the purchase of the land in each section is subject to the payment of nine miles of his homestead on a tract of at least 80 acres, and in certain habitable land is required except as hereinafter provided.

In certain districts a homestead good standing may pre-empt a section alongside his homestead.

Three years after settling homestead, also 50 acres extra cultivation empty patent may be obtained as homestead patent on certain conditions.

A settler who has exhausted his land right may take an additional tract in certain districts. Price \$100 acre. Duties—Must reside six months of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$300.

The area of cultivation is subject to the area of cultivation in arable land. Live stock may be submitted as homestead evidence.

W. W. CORY, Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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LAST SESSION

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The Manufacturers' Committee for the year's services was held last week in the New Year.
Money to the Hydro-Electric Commission and Water Committee for their year's services was \$1750 for his services as commissioner. In acknowledgment the mayor stated it was really a salary but a recompense for their year's services was had spent every cent and more of the city's interests.
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action he would take regarding civil servants in the city who refused to pay income taxes. He was instructed to ascertain if means could not be found to make them pay. It was remarked in passing by Ald. Calbeck and confirmed by the Mayor that he, the mayor, was not a delinquent in this respect.

The usual accounts were passed. Also the time lists were confirmed. The time lists were—Cemeteries \$38,407; sewers, \$714.56; streets, \$445,437.

FINANCES.
Mr. A. K. Bunnell submitted a memo to the Finance committee showing expenditure by the different committees to Dec. 20th. This memo really covers thirteen months, as the Council assumed the obligations of December, 1914. After showing the details of each committee's outlay, the memo adds:

"After providing \$2,000 as a fund for possible claim under Workmen's Compensation Act, a surplus is available of \$4,355, to offset share of salaries of Engineer's Department and other executive expenses.

"In fixing the appropriations it was estimated that \$2,000 would be required to be met out of the General Fund in connection with street oiling and watering. This is not necessary and constitutes a further surplus.

"The Police Department have a number of outstanding accounts awaiting disposition of their board, and surplus in this department should not be considered.

"The net result of the expenditures to date, as compared with the estimates, show a surplus of \$3,369.00, which is more than sufficient to pay any outstanding accounts.

"The payments on account of Mohawk Park and the Post Office building have been provided for from special funds held in trust by the treasurer.

"The overdraft on streets and walks, and sewers is offset by accounts due the department.

MARKETS

LIVERPOOL MARKETS

London, Dec. 20.—Wheat, spot, firm; No. 1 Manitoba 12s 5d; No. 2 Manitoba 12s 2d; No. 3 Manitoba 12; No. 2 hard wintered 11s 9d; corn, spot, quiet; American, new 9s 2d; flour, winter patents 44s; hogs in London, Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs 88s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs 86s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs 81s; long clear middles, light 28 to 34 lbs 87s; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs 85s; short clear backs 16 to 20 lbs 79s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs 64s; lard, prime western, in tierces, new, 57s 6d; old 58s 6d; American, refined, 57s 6d; in 56 lb boxes 56s 9d; cheese, Canadian, finest white, new, 91s; colored 92s; Australian in London 48s 6d; turpentine, spirits, 47s 6d; rosin, common 19s; petroleum, refined 10 1/4d; linseed oil 36s; cotton seed oil, hull refined, spot 39s.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK
By Special Wire to the Courier.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Cattle receipts, 5000; market weak; native beef, \$5.80 to \$10.40; western steers, \$6.20 to \$8.20; cows and heifers, \$2.80 to \$8.30; calves, \$6.25 to \$9.50. Hogs, receipts, 40,000; market weak; light, \$5.80 to \$6.50; mixed, \$6.10 to \$6.75; heavy, \$6.20 to \$6.75; rough, \$6.20 to \$6.50; pigs, \$4.75 to \$5.80; bulk of sales \$6.15 to \$6.75. Sheep, receipts, 19,000; market weak; native wethers, \$6.10 to \$6.90; lambs, native, \$6.85 to \$9.50.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKETS.
By Special Wire to the Courier.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—A holiday market prevailed at the Union Stock Yards (branches and prices firm. Hogs made a sharp advance.

Receipts 440 cattle, 65,358 hogs, 249 sheep.

Export cattle, choice \$7.50 to \$7.75; butcher cattle, choice \$6.50 to \$7.50; ditto, medium, \$6 to \$6.75; ditto, common, \$5 to \$5.75; butcher cows, choice, \$6 to \$6.50; ditto, medium, \$5 to \$5.75; ditto, canners, \$3.25 to \$4.75; ditto, bulks, \$5 to \$6.75; feeding steers, \$5 to \$6.50; stockers, choice, \$5.50 to \$6; ditto, light, \$5 to \$5.25; milkers, choice, each, \$60 to \$90; springers, \$60 to \$90; sheep, ewes, \$7 to \$7.50; bucks and wethers, \$5.50 to \$6; lambs \$10 to \$10.50; hogs, fed and watered, \$9.25; calves, \$4 to \$10.

EAST BUFFALO
By Special Wire to the Courier.

East Buffalo, Dec. 21.—Cattle, receipts 350 head; good, strong; common, 10 to 15 cents lower.

Veals—Receipts 200 head; active and steady; \$4 to \$11.

Hogs—Receipts, 10,500 head; slow and steady; heavy \$6.75 to \$6.85; mixed, \$6.75 to \$6.80; yorkers, \$6.25 to \$6.75; pigs, \$6 to \$6.25; roughs, \$5.85 to \$6; stags, \$4.50 to \$5.25.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2,000 head; active and unchanged.

Aches and pains of rheumatism are not permanent, but only temporarily, relieved by external remedies. Why not use an internal remedy—How's Sarsaparilla, which corrects the acidity of the blood in which rheumatism depends and cures the disease?

Over 1,000 new old-age pensions were granted in London last quarter. It has been decided that pensions are not to be reduced where incomes have been increased because of separation allowances.

Coventry city council have accepted a tender amounting to \$955,000 for the immediate erection of 600 houses for munition workers. The Ministry of Munitions will pay 20 per cent. of the cost.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST LAND REGULATIONS.
THIS land of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, or British Columbia, or in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any Dominion Lands Agency (but not Sub-Agency), on certain conditions.

Twenty-Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three consecutive years, commencing with five miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A suitable house is required, except when residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a home-stead in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price \$100 per acre.

Duties—Six months' residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent, on certain conditions.

A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$200 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$200.

The area of entitlement is subject to reduction in case of rough, scrubby or stony land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions.

W. W. COBY, C.M.G.,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
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Money to the Hydro-Electric Commissioners and Water Commissioners for their year's services was granted. Then followed a pleasing annual custom. Ald. Calbeck took the chair and the council voted Mayor Spencer \$850 for his services as Mayor and \$150 for his services as water-commissioner. In acknowledging the grant the mayor stated it was not really a salary but a recompense for outlay incumbent upon the office. He had spent every cent and more in the city's interests.

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Capital Paid up \$3,000,000

PUTTING AWAY SMALL SUMS
In our Savings Department you can put away small sums, and while waiting your call they will draw interest.

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Claude L. Lainz, Manager

Bank of Hamilton
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Ask for Double Winner Match Box When Ordering

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OFFICE 75 DALHOUSIE ST.

Glove making, which was once an important Tyneside industry, is now being revived in Newcastle.

The Master of the South Molton (Devon) Workhouse has been granted permission to enlist.

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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THE COURIER



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Tuesday, December 21, 1915.

The Situation.

The withdrawal of British troops from Sulva and Anzac, on the Gallipoli Peninsula, has been effected with a skill which has earned the praise of the critics.

The Old Country forces have also suffered severely, and the toll has perhaps been proportionately heavier in this quarter than anywhere else.

King Constantine has won out in the Greek elections, but it is a hollow victory, in view of the surrounding circumstances.

A cablegram over the Courier's leased wire to-day contains the important statement that several Russian transports, loaded with troops, have arrived off the Bulgarian coast.

A Fine Record.

A great many complimentary things were said of Mayor Spence at the farewell luncheon which he gave last evening and the beauty of it is that they were well deserved and had been thoroughly well earned.

The strenuous times arising out of the war period and the successful coping with resultant conditions when at the inception of hostilities, many factories closed their doors.

The fight for the acquisition of the Street Railway.

The struggle with the Gas Company in bringing them to time with reference to the supply of the sulphuretted article.

In all of these matters, Mr. Spence had to face very heavy demands upon his time and fighting ability and he most unquestionably made good.

Another thing which should not be lost sight of, is that the Mayor, and he took occasion to bear testimony to the fact, has had the support of two most excellent councils.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Ayer

The Railway Matter.

A more direct and vivid contrast it would be impossible to imagine than was afforded by the trip taken yesterday on the Municipal Line between Paris and Galt and the comparison afforded with the new Lake Erie and Northern line by which the Grand Valley is now paralleled between the points named.

As a matter of fact the line was largely junk when it was acquired and it is that yet. If it is retained the question which will remain against it is the expenditure of a large sum of money on the chance of successfully competing with the Lake Erie and Northern for what?

A retention of part of the business between Paris and Galt, which in its entirety has from the very first, proved a losing proposition, and with competition, will be even more so.

Shall the people accept \$30,000 for a section of road which has never paid in the past and, even with large expenditure, will do even less so in the future, or shall they accept the money named to the rebuilding and extension of their civic lines?

Missouri River improvement project was denounced as a reclamation scheme of private interests, and a demand for \$20,000,000 additional will be fought in Congress.

Military Wrist Watches

Nothing is more suitable for the Soldier Boys this year for a Christmas Gift.

Waltham Wrist Watches \$9.00 to \$15.00 Elgin, \$9.00 to \$15.00 Others from \$5 to \$18

May We Show You Our Line

Every Watch we sell is Fully Guaranteed and will be exchanged if faulty in any way.

E. H. NEWMAN & SONS Manufacturing Jewellers Engraving Free

Comparison

(Continued from Page 1)

opened for business. Asked by a Courier man what the Lake Erie and Northern wished to achieve by the proposed purchase Mr. Todd said:

"When the Grand Valley first came into Galt on South Water Street, we gave up our franchise to them on an agreement that for five years they should come in free of charge. After that interest was to be paid on the investment on a wheeledge basis.

On the return journey the Grand Valley car ran quite smoothly on the excellent line in Galt until the Grand Valley rails were struck and then the swaying and the lessened speed both again became most perceptible.

We are anxious to get into Paris for freight business, and I am sure we could secure both things by an appeal to the Railway Commission."

LOCAL OPTION NOTES

The ballot is your weapon. Use it. Canada's bar rooms cannot live without Canada's boys. Which are you for?

A vote for local option is a vote for Brantford. A vote for Brantford is a vote for Local Option.

Men and cities cannot keep up with the procession these days, if they are tied up to the liquor traffic.

The liquor traffic has been repudiated by the organ of the hotel trade in Canada. Everybody's doing it. Colonel Logie, officer commanding military district No. 2, is reported in the Hamilton Spectator for September 9, as saying: "I, personally, would close every bar for I regard them as a curse and a menace to the community, as well as to the soldiers."

Matthew A. Schmidt, charged with murder as the result of "The Los Angeles Times" explosion, was identified as the man who negotiated and paid for 500 pounds of dynamite in San Francisco.

"So far there has not been a single case of drunkenness amongst the large body of soldiers wintering here. This speaks well for Local Option."

The Collingwood Enterprise says: "The annual Christmas tree of St. James' church will be held on Wednesday evening next in the Parish Hall. It will be preceded by a free tea

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



CHRISTMAS CRACKERS CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS

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We suggest his interviewing our new line of Classy Woolen Suitings, which we assure you are just as right as any suit can be.

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Terrace Hill

We are glad to hear that Mr. Piper of Sydenham street who was seriously injured down town, is now improving rapidly.

The recruiting meeting held last week at Grandview school was not largely attended. However, the hall has been doing its full share for the Empire, especially in the line of supplying recruits.

The annual Christmas tree of St. James' church will be held on Wednesday evening next in the Parish Hall. It will be preceded by a free tea

for the children of the Sunday school at 6.30. This parish can report 35 men enlisted from among the congregation which is a very good showing. They have been suitably remembered by the congregation at the Christmas season.

Why Discriminate? Why discriminate against the soldiers? The local optionists took advantage of their absence in the trenches to bring on the present by-law vote.—Adv.



Hundreds on Small Incomes

are saving and will make their families independent.

WHY NOT YOU? OPEN AN ACCOUNT IN The Royal Loan & Savings Company

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Greatest Sale Brantford Has Ever Seen in SHOES

THE SALE IS NOW ON AND CONTINUES UNTIL NEW YEARS

Boys' Shoes, sizes 1 to 5, regular \$3.00, reduced to \$1.98 Men's Tan Button Shoes, regular \$4.00, reduced to \$2.48 Men's Calf Shoes, regular \$2.50 and \$4.00, reduced to \$1.50 up Boys' Shoes from \$1.00 up to \$2.48 Cushion Sole Shoes, regular \$4.00 and \$4.50, for \$3.48

Don't miss this opportunity, as you know your old friend, S. Levine (the Workingman's Shoe Store) has always given you full value.

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Useful Xmas Gifts in abundance are to be found in every Department of the store

STORE REMAINS OPEN UNTIL 9 P.M. TILL CHRISTMAS



A Useful Gift to a Man "Lakawanna" Bath Robe Blankets, in very handsome designs, all neatly boxed, complete with frogs and cord. GIFT PRICE \$2.98

Nothing is More Acceptable Than FURS

"I would indeed be hard to find a more serviceable, practical or acceptable gift. Children's and Misses' White Thibet Sets, priced at \$8.75 to \$3.95 Imitation Seal Sets, women's and misses', \$6.50, \$4.50, \$3.75 Very handsome Natural Wolf Sets, large full ruff and large cushion muff, beautifully marked. Price, \$35.00 to \$18.75 Magnificent Black Lynx, Wolf and Fox Sets, beautiful large full pieces; an ideal gift, a set of these, priced at \$75.00 to \$35.00 Very fine sets of Mink Marmot, the popular fur, large and small neckpieces, with large new style muff. Price, \$18.00 to \$6.95

Why Not a Dress Length of Material, Either Silk, Velvet or Wollen

A gift that is practical in every way and certainly very acceptable. BLACK PAILLETTE—36-inch heavy quality Black Paillette, all pure silk, dress and waist lengths, neatly boxed. GIFT PRICE \$1.00 BLACK PAILLE—36-inch Black Faille Silk, guaranteed quality; a dress length would make an ideal gift. GIFT PRICE \$1.95 BLACK SATIN—Beautiful quality, 36 inch, all silk Black Satin, lustrous finish, waist and dress lengths, neatly boxed. Gift Price \$1.50 COSTUME VELVET—Chiffon finish Costume Velvet. Worrell's dye, guaranteed pile, black and all colors. GIFT PRICE .75c and 59c CORDED VELVETS—A suit length would be ideal. Colors are brown, tan, navy, green, Alice, red, tango, grey, fawn. GIFT PRICES: \$1.50, 95c, 75c, 59c VELOUR CLOTH—52-inch All Wool Suiting Cloth, in black and all colors. GIFT PRICE \$1.75 SHAWLS The kind of a gift always appreciated. Honeycomb, cashmere and heavy wool shawls, small and large sizes. GIFT PRICES: \$3.25 to 50c

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Women's silk, silk moirrette, satin, sateen and knitted underskirts, in a large and choice variety of designs and colorings. GIFT PRICES \$5 to \$1.00

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Women's Silk Hosiery in all plain colors, including black and white stripe, every pair daintily boxed. GIFT PRICE \$3.25 to 50c

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An ideal gift for ladies or men. A beautiful range is shown in all styles, including the new "La Tour," with stone settings, also ladies' and men's suit case. GIFT PRICES \$7.50 to \$1.00

GIFT LINENS

A superb stock of Ireland's choicest gift linens, daintily boxed, some pieces handsomely hand embroidered. See our special display inside.

SEE OUR STOCK OF CHRISTMAS LINENS

LOCAL

DECEMBER 21ST

To-day is the shortest day of the year. From now on the per daylight will lengthen, although appreciable difference will be for some time.

FIRST WORK OUT. The intermediate O. B. A. held its first workout on the gymnasium last evening. Some material turned out and Mrs. Snow will quickly get them in.

WILL REMAIN OPEN. Owing to the holiday this week next, the Union barber shops, are always closed on Wednesday. Tomorrow will remain open, being done for the convenience usual Christmas rush.

COLBORNE ST. LEAGUE. The Colborne St. Epworth held their regular meeting last evening. The literary committee charge and papers were given. Lives and work of Mr. and Mrs. Struthers and Chester Sims.

GOOD MEETING. Under Captain Shultis last evening in the 38th D.R.C. orderly and B companies met, for the purpose of organization and recruiting 125th Battalion. With the exception of the physically unfit men, estimated their intention of signing.

SOLDIERS' CONCERT. Another of those pleasant affairs will be held in the Soldiers' rooms this evening. The talent will be usual entertainers. The program will also be part of the program.

STREET RY. EARNINGS. Comparison of street railway returns for week ending December 1915:

Table with 2 columns: Day and Earnings. Monday \$309.28, Tuesday 168.32, Wednesday 166.75, Thursday 168.93, Friday 195.41, Saturday 232.78. Total \$1,373.47. Increase, \$363.83.

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How to Please Mother or Father

A pair of perfect fitting glasses gives more comfort than anything else. I can easily explain how this can be accomplished and be a perfect surprise for Xmas. Glasses \$2.00 or more.

Chas. A. Jarvis OPTOMETRIST Manufacturing Optician 52 MARKET STREET Just North of Dalhousie St. Both phones for appointments. Open Tuesday and Saturday evenings.

A New XMAS... is apparent, and the gifts from our boutique air with a merry... TRUNKS VALISES CLUB BAGS SUIT CASES And many more... Purchases will be... Neill YOU BUY FULL PUR CASH

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CANADIAN OFFICIAL REPORT SHOWS CANUCKS HONORED BY BEING GIVEN MEDALS

Weather at the Front is Not Very Good, But Huns Suffer Much, Their Trenches Being Flooded Out.

Special Wire to the Courier.
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—The successful attack and capture of an enemy barricade and two prisoners by a Canadian patrol and the award of a number of medals for distinguished conduct are the features of the week's communique to the militia department from the general representative at the front.

It says: "During the week of December twentieth-seventeenth, the general situation on the Canadian front has remained unchanged. The weather has turned colder, but frequent rains and wind, varied by periods of fog, have rendered conditions continuously unpleasant. Every effort has been made throughout the Canadian area to offset the ravages of the heavy rain. Large working parties have been incessantly employed dredging and clearing out dugouts, communicating, support and front line trenches, and damage is being repaired as rapidly as possible. There has been every indication that the enemy has suffered greatly from inclemency of weather. In some places his parapets have collapsed. Sounds of pumping and washing have been heard in his front trenches. His working parties have been numerous in every section of his line, and the condition of some of his communicating trenches has compelled his soldiers to expose themselves to our fire with increasing frequency. In spite of adverse weather conditions, the enemy's artillery has been more active than in preceding weeks. His fire has been chiefly concentrated on certain sections of our front defenses, but at times various roads, farms and other buildings further back in our line have been heavily shelled. Material result of his fire has been inconsiderable.

"Our artillery has retaliated on every occasion with good effect on the enemy's batteries and defensive works. The enemy has fired a considerable number of rifle grenades at our trenches during the period, but retaliation in kind has proved generally effective.

ACTIVE SNIPING
"The enemy's snipers have been active, and indications of enemy patrols

to our lines. The enemy opened a heavy machine gun and artillery fire, but at day break the parties returned safely to our trenches. Our only casualties were Lieutenant Campbell and one man, both slightly wounded. Among the articles captured was one Ross rifle.

PRESENTATION OF ORDERS AND MEDALS.

"A presentation of orders and medals was made on December 12th to a number of officers and men of the First Canadian Division by General Sir Herbert Plumer, KCB, commander of the Second Army. The distinguished conduct medal was awarded to Company Sergt. Major B. Benton, Company Sergt. Major J. D. Mathewson and Pte J. Donoghue, all of the Fourth Infantry Battalion, for conspicuous gallantry. In successful mining operation carried out by our Second Infantry Brigade on the 16th, 17th and 18th of November, the following awards were made: To be Companions of the Distinguished Service Order, Lieut.-Col. V. W. Odlum, Seventh Battalion; Capt. C. T. Costigan, Tenth Battalion; Lieut. W. G. Haines and J. R. McIlreath, both Seventh Battalion Military Crosses, Lieut. A. I. H. Wrightson, Seventh Battalion; Distinguished Conduct Medal was presented to Sergt. H. Oshiby, Sergt. H. Meyerstein, Sergt. R. Kobertson and Corp A. K. Curry, all of the Seventh Battalion."



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Suggestions for "Milords" Gift From This Real Man's Store!

House Coats...\$5 to \$12	Mufflers.....\$1 to \$4
Lounging Robes.\$8 to \$15	Sweater Coats...\$3 to \$8
Bath Robes...\$3.50 to \$8	Fancy Vests.....\$3 to \$7
Umbrellas.....\$1 to \$8	Shirts.....\$1 to \$3
Canes.....\$1 to \$3	Hats.....\$1.50 to \$6
Gloves.....\$1 to \$3.50	Pyjamas.....\$1.50 to \$6

Collars, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Cuff Links, Collar Boxes, Garters, Tie Pins, Belts, Underwear, Hosiery, Caps.

All goods handsomely boxed, with gift card enclosed, free.

Our Xmas Neckwear is the talk of the town, 35c to \$2

Our Military Shirts, etc., are the very best procurable.

OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL XMAS

BY-LAWS
Four by-laws raising money for the local improvements carried on during the past year were put through the three readings.
A by-law giving the new buildings of the Brantford Cordage Co. a fixed assessment as is customary for manufacturing institutions in Brantford, was also adopted, as well as two by-laws to raise debentures to meet grants made to the War Relief and Patriotic Association (\$15,000) and the cost of the smallpox hospital, (\$5,000).
A resolution of sympathy to Aid. Suddaby in his illness and an expression of hope for full restoration to health in the near future, passed unanimously.

KIEL CANAL TO BE RAIDED FROM THE AIR

Possibility of That, Hints Aviation Expert From Britain.

New York, Dec. 21.—G. O. Robinson of the Curtiss Aeroplane Company, who returned yesterday by the American liner St. Paul, said he had been assembling aeroplanes at Hendon for the British army, and intimated that there might be a colossal air raid on Germany. He said the world would be astounded soon by several developments in aerial warfare, but refused to hint what they might be on the ground that he had been enjoined not to talk of what he had seen in England. His intimation caused a revival of the rumor that the objective of the great aerial fleet making ready at Hendon was the Kiel Canal.
Another passenger was General Wilfred Ellershaw, who will inspect ordnance and ammunition being manufactured here and in Canada for the Allies.

More Arrests.
By Special Wire to the Courier.
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Three more C. P. R. conductors arrested last night on charges of theft lodged by a company appeared in police court today and were remanded. The men are James Fumerton, Ottawa; M. W. Taylor, North Bay and S. J. McGonagal, Ottawa.

"DOUBLE-BLUFF" DREW VON SPEE TO DESTRUCTION

Disbelieved Wireless Message, as It Was Meant He Should.

STORY OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

Germans Could Not Get Out of Range of Their Pursuers.

The navy does not. Whatever is done and whoever does it, why, it is to the credit of the family, according to the spirit of service that promotes uniformity of efficiency. Leaders and ships which have won renown are resolved into the whole in that harbor where the fleet is the thing; and the good opinion that most desire is that of their fellows. If they have that they will earn the public's when the test comes.
Belong to the class of the first of battle cruisers is the Invincible which received a few taps in the Falklands. Tribute enough for its courage—the tribute of a chivalrous enemy—von Spee's squadron received from the officers and men of the Invincible who saw them go down into the sea tinged with sunset red with their colors still flying. Then in the sunset red the British saved as many of those afloat as they could.

VICTORS AND VANQUISHED
Those dripping German officers who had seen one of their battered turrets carried away bodily into the sea by a British 12 inch shell who had endured a fusy of concussions and destruction with steel missiles crackling steel structures into fragments, came on board the Invincible looking for signs of some blows delivered in return for the crushing blows that had beaten their ships into the sea, and saw none until they were invited into the ward-room, which was in chaos—and then they smiled.

At least they had sent one shell home. The sight was sweet to them, so sweet that, in respect to the feeling of the vanquished, the victors held silence with a knightly consideration. But where had the shell entered? There was no sign of any hole. Then they learned that the fire of the guns of the starboard turret midships over the wardroom, which was on the port side, had deposited a great many things on the floor which did not belong there; and their expression changed. Even this comfort was taken from them.
"We had the range of you!" the British explained.
The chaplain of the Invincible was bound to have an anecdote. His place was down behind the armor with the doctor waiting for wounded. He stood in this particular steel cave listening to the tremendous blasts of her guns which shook the Invincible's frame, and still no wounded arrived. Then he ran up a ladder to the deck and had a look around and saw the little points of the German ships with the shells sweeping toward them and the smoke of explosions which burst on board them. It was not the British who needed his prayers that day, but the Germans. The Germans are more in need of prayers at all times because of the damnable way they act.

The Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Nürnberg and Leipzig were sunk half a year ago off the Falkland Islands, and the defeat of the Good Hope and the Monmouth amply atoned for.
The message—Sturdee's victory belongs to Sir Frederick Doveton Sturdee. Sir Frederick is a young admiral, as admirals go, but for cleverness he was more than a match for von Spee. He was chief of staff at the admiralty in the early stages of the war, which means that he assisted in planning the moves on the chessboard. It fell to him to act; to apply the strategy and tactics which he planned for others at sea while he sat at a desk. It was his wit against von Spee's, who was not deficient in this respect. If he had been he might not have steamed into the trap. The trouble was that von Spee had some, but not enough. It would have been better for him if he were guileless.
Sir Frederick is so gentle-mannered that he would never suspect him of a "double bluff," which was what he played on von Spee. After von Spee's victory over Cradock, Sturdee slipped across to the South Atlantic, without anyone knowing that he had gone, with a squadron strong enough to do unto von Spee what von Spee had done unto Cradock.
Before you wing your bird you must flush him. The thing was to find von Spee and force him to give battle; for the South Atlantic is broad and von Spee, it is supposed, was in an Emden mood and bent on attacking harbor in German Southwest Africa, whence he could sailly out and destroy British shipping on the Cape route. When he intercepted a British wireless message—Sturdee left off the sender's name and location—telling the plodding old Canopus seeking home or assistance before von Spee overtook her, that she would be perfectly safe in the harbor at Port William, as guns had been erected for her protection, von Spee guessed that this was a bluff and rightly. But it was only bluff Number One. He steamed to the Falklands with a view to finishing off the old Canopus on the way across to Africa. There he fell foul of bluff Number Two. Sturdee did not have to seek him; he came to Sturdee.
There was no convenient Dogger Bank fog in that latitude to cover his flight. Sturdee had the speed of von Spee, and he had the view of the one bit of strategy of the war which is like that of the story books and worked out as the strategy always does in proper story books. Practically the 12-inch guns of the Invincible had only to keep their distance and hang on to the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau in order to do the trick. Lightweights or middleweights have no business trafficking with heavyweights in naval warfare.
"Von Spee made a brave fight," said Sir Frederick, "but we kept him at a distance that suited us without letting him get out to range."
He had had the fortune to prove an established principle in action. It was in the course of duty, which is the way that all officers and all the men look at their work. Only a few ships have had a chance to fight and these are emblazoned on the public memory. But they did no better and no worse, probably than the others would have done. If the public singles out ships

Facts Versus Fiction!

ENDEAVORING to create the impression that boys of tender years are served with liquor in licensed hotels the local optionists claim and advertise: "The open field for the creation of the drink appetite is among the boys. After men have grown and their habits are formed they rarely ever change in this regard."

That's the Fiction

THE law says that no person under the age of 21 years may be served with liquor or anything else in a licensed bar and the law takes away the license of the man who does not observe its restrictions.

Those are Facts

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LAST SESSION

(Continued from Page 1)
REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
The receiving and adopting of the reports of various committees was also an important item of business. These reports follow. They were all adopted unanimously.
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
That the Building Inspector be laid off from Dec. 15th to May 1st.
BOARD OF WORKS
This was very lengthy, recommending that numerous communications and reports, all enumerated, be filed, also that the balance of money for the repairing of the sluiceway dam be paid to the contractor, Mr. A. J. Cromar. The board of works held 33 meetings during the year, and finishing with a surplus out of their appropriations. They had done work not foreseen at the beginning of the year, namely, re-floored Lorne bridge at a cost of \$2,328, and purchased a gravel pit at a cost of \$825.
In conclusion of the explanation of the report, Ald. Calbeck stated he wanted to see the incoming council take up the matter of pole removal

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A AMERICAN TRADE, GROWN VASTLY DURING WAR, SHOWS NO BRITISH INTERFERENCE

Foreign Office Shows Figures to U. S. Which Prove That Her Trade Not Hampered by British Sea Operations.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Further arguments and statistics in support of Great Britain's denial of statements that her merchants are profiting by British war restrictions upon commerce at the expense of American trade have been submitted to the state department by the British embassy in a memorandum, which was made public Sunday with a letter of transmittal to Secretary Lansing from Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the ambassador.

The memorandum, which is supplementary to a note on the same subject handed Ambassador Page last summer by the London foreign office, reiterates the assertion that increases in British trade with neutral countries have been infinitesimal compared with the growth of similar American trade. It draws particular attention to figures showing that the increase in exports from the port of New York to the Scandinavian countries during the first 13 months of the war exactly balanced the falling off of New York's exports to Germany.

A report of the secretary of the treasury is quoted to prove that the war has improved rather than injured American commerce.

THE LETTER

The Ambassadors letter follows: Dear Mr. Secretary—"Statements have been widely circulated in this country to the effect that the trade of the United States has greatly suffered owing to the restrictive measures taken by the Allies against German commerce, and more especially that British merchants and shippers are profiting greatly by the war measures of the British government to the detriment of American trade.

"As these statements seem to be largely based upon a report emanating from an officer of your depart-

ment who had not access to the official statistics of the United States Government, I think it may be useful in the interest of a fair and just appreciation of the facts (which I am sure is your object) if I enclose a memorandum on the subject of these assertions which is supplementary to the working classes of those countries, hundreds of thousands being rendered absolutely destitute. It is satisfactory to note from the recent published report of the secretary of the treasury, that wholly apart from war orders, the industrial situation in this country is on a firm, steady and healthy basis.

AMERICAN TRADE INCREASED

"With regard to the specific accusation against my government that while American trade with neutral countries has been diminished, British merchants have profited by the war measures to increase their trade export, I beg to recommend to your notice the figures given in the accompanying report, based on the official returns of American trade published by your government. You will see that while British trade, which has suffered greatly in its general volume, has increased to a slight extent in certain branches, American trade has increased to a vastly greater extent.

"It may be apposite to point out that British trade does not compete

with American trade in the neutral countries of Europe, as the products of America sent to those countries are of a wholly different nature from those exported from Great Britain.

FOR EXAMPLE: COTTON

"In some cases, which are explained in detail in the memorandum, there has been an increase of the exports from England but the amount involved has been infinitesimal as compared with the volume of American trade in the same articles, and the increase of the exportation from England is explained by accidental causes which involved no loss to the American exporter. I need only mention the case of cotton. The exportation from England of American cotton increased first during the first seven months of the year by 114,000 bales, largely owing to cotton which was purchased by the British government in consequence of misapprehension as to the ownership and released to the Swedish consignees. In the same months the total exports from America increased by 2,300,000 bales.

"I trust that it will not be found amiss that I ask your consideration of the enclosed memorandum which is not communicated in a controversial spirit, but merely in order to correct an impression which appears to have arisen from an imperfect appreciation of the facts.

"I need only add in conclusion that if there comes to the knowledge of your department any specific instance in which the British government has made use of their restrictive trade measures for the purpose of unfair discrimination between British and American trade you will bring the facts to the knowledge of my government in order that they may cause an enquiry and remedy such injustice.

"I am dear Mr. Secretary,
"Yours sincerely,
"Cecil Spring-Rice."

THE MEMORANDUM

The memorandum, in part, follows: The attention of His Britannic Majesty's embassy has been drawn to a report by the United States Consul-General in London on the subject of British trade in July, which was published in Commerce Report No. 203 of August 30th, and the substance of which was widely reproduced in the press.

"In the course of this report Mr. Skinner states as follows: "It continues to be the case that many classes of goods, the exportation of which from the U. S. to neutral countries is attended with great difficulties and hazards, are going forward freely from Great Britain to the same countries, and in some cases in largely increased quantities."

The idea that British trade is tak-

LABOR HAS THE ANSWER AS TO DURATION OF WAR

Mr. Lloyd-George Makes an Eloquent Appeal for Munition Workers.

SHELLS NOW COSTING LESS

Regarding Shells, What is Spared in Money is Spilled in Blood.

London, Dec. 21.—Mr. Lloyd-George, Minister of Munitions, gave an account of his stewardship in the House of Commons last night. Beginning with the oft-quoted story of the early days of the war and the history of the establishment of his department to remedy this situation, the Minister gradually warmed to his subject and reached the climax with the declaration that the success of the war depends on the attitude of organized labor—whether it will allow the government to recruit a sufficient number of unskilled men for the factories which the Munitions Department has brought into being.

"We want eighty thousand skilled men, and from two to three hundred thousand unskilled men for these new factories," he said. "We must have a proportion of our orders which go abroad, and develop our home resources. Upon the supply of labor depends, I think, our success in this war. Upon this depends whether we can reduce the cost of the war to a minimum of millions of pounds. Upon this depends whether we can supply our troops with the right sort of guns and enable them to make next year's campaign a success.

RESTS WITH ORGANIZED LABOR

"Here only organized labor can help us. We have done our best to get skilled labor by the system of munitions volunteers. It is no use saying that the number of men who were got only five or six thousand men, although that story may have to be told later.

"The whole question depends on organized labor. Unless it allows us to get unskilled workers on the work which hitherto has been the monopoly of skilled labor, we cannot perform this task. There can be only one appeal, namely, to patriotism. Victory depends on the attitude of thousands of precious lives depend on labor's answer.

"It is a question whether we are going to bring the war to an end in a year or longer and in the blood-stained past labor has the answer."

Earlier in his speech, Mr. Lloyd-George admitted that there was a bad shortage in the British munitions supply in the first year of the war, but declared that the present situation was quite a different matter. Last May the British were turning out only 2,500 high explosive shells daily against the Germans' quarter of a million.

"This is the situation now," he said. "The quantity of shells fired in the recent September operations was enormous. The battle lasted days, even weeks, yet there was no shortage of shells. This was the result of four months of careful husbanding. Yet we replaced the whole amount in a month and have hope to be in a position to replace a like quantity in a week."

"Without giving definite figures, the Minister forecasted the output of many guns of the largest size, and later declared that the output of machine guns had increased fivefold since June, and the output of hand guns, general issue, was ten times as much. The trench mortars were produced every fortnight in the entire first year of the war. Continuing, he said:

"There have been other developments in our work which I dare not mention. There has been valuable experimental work of a kind better not discussed. As to explosives, we shall be able to continue to supply ourselves and our allies.

SHELLS ARE COSTING LESS.

"As to economy, I may cite as an example the contracts for gun ammunition, which is the principle item of expenditure—the cost of 18-pound shells has been reduced 40 per cent, and of 4.5 inch howitzer shells, 30 per cent.

"It is too early to talk of the danger of over-production. In the last great battle, although there was a tremendous accumulation of ammunition, the general state of affairs was such that the quantity of ammunition they could have achieved twenty times the results. Two hundred million pounds or the cost of only 40 days of war, would have produced an enormous quantity of munitions. If you had that quantity at the right moment whereas, without it, the war might be prolonged perhaps 400 days.

"With regard to munitions, what is spared in money is spilled in blood. If there are risks to be taken, let them be risks to the pockets of the taxpayers and not to the lives of men.

"The success of the Germans has been due almost entirely to the mechanical preponderance they achieved at the beginning of the war. Their early work in this mechanical superiority, and our failure to drive them back in the west or check their advance in the east was due to the tardiness with which the allies developed their mechanical resources.

"By the superiority of the Central powers in these respects will be brought to an end at the earliest possible moment.

GOVERNMENT RECORD READS "LATE", "SLOW"

The Thunderer Thus Comments on Lloyd-George's Munitions Speech.

by Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Dec. 21.—The speech by David Lloyd-George, minister of Munitions, in the House of Commons Monday night, furnished a fresh opportunity for The Times and the Daily Mail to attack the government. In an editorial this morning, The Daily Mail says:

"The speech contains the gravest indictment yet drawn against the government of fire upon the government record. Too late in aiding Belgium, too late to save Serbia, too late in the Dardanelles, too late with munitions—these words have dogged the allies every step."

The Times says editorially: "It is a melancholy and humiliating story in which the words 'slow' and 'late' recur with painful frequency. David Lloyd-George is not afraid of the truth or of confessing mistakes and his courage inspires the confidence that the way to be in time for the future is to recognize that the past ways have been too late in the past."

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"Referring to the lesson learned from the prodigious use of machine guns by the Germans, Mr. Lloyd-George said—"Here was a place where, if we stinted material we squandered life." In one direction, he added, the Allies had the superiority on the mechanical side.

"Our command of the sea," he said, "is due not to the excellence of our sailors, but to our overwhelming superiority of machinery."

"In May when the Germans were turning out a quarter of a million of high explosives daily, we were producing only 2,500 and 13,000 shrapnel."

The House listened with closest attention as Mr. Lloyd-George took up the shortage of munitions for the Allies in the early stages of the war.

SHRAPNEL VS. HIGH EXPLOSIVE.

"Our troops knew it, the enemy knew it, but neither knew how short we were in some very essential particulars," he said. "Take guns and ammunition; English military opinion was wedded to shrapnel, when we suddenly found the high explosive was the thing. We still have a higher opinion of shrapnel than the French or the Germans."

"Last May, when the Germans were making a hundred times the number of high explosives we were, three-fourths of our factories were working on naval munitions. The munitions organization at the War Office had not kept up a great business organization to cope with the problem."

Describing the steps taken to speed up the output, Mr. Lloyd-George mentioned particularly the purchase of machinery in America, and the acquisition by the government of raw material for many months to come for its allies as well as for itself. He said that he had attended munitions work in Ireland, thanks, he said, to the assistance of John Redmond.

"Turning to the new national factories, which, he said, now numbered 33, he declared they had been conspicuously successful in minimizing labor difficulties and enabling the government to check prices. They were also hundreds of private factories unutilized under the old system that previously had not been engaged in munition work. These factories alone, he said, were now making three times as many shells as the whole United Kingdom was making last May.

Referring to American orders, Mr. Lloyd-George said: "David A. Thomas comes back speaking in the highest possible terms of the services rendered this country by J. P. Morgan and Company, not merely in the selection of firms for contracts, as in fact they saved us many millions of pounds by their efforts to reduce the inflated prices prevailing before they took the matter in hand."

James Henry Thomas, labor member for Derby, and assistant general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, speaking for the Labor party after Mr. Lloyd-George had concluded, said that organized labor would be found ready to follow wherever the Minister of Munitions led, if their rights were properly guaranteed.

"Every appeal that has been made to the workmen," he said, "has not been met. The workmen are not unmindful of their responsibilities. What the Ministers ought to do is to pass a bill guaranteeing to trade unions the re-establishment of the status quo at the termination of the war."

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MAYOR SPENCE ENCOMIUMS

Retiring Chief Magistrate Many Flattering Him by Loyal Lis

Following last night's city meeting, the aldermen and of the various municipal bodies, as well as representative officials, were the guests of Spence at a luncheon at the Inn. The event was made more of a farewell, and all the more so on the toast list referred most glowing terms to the work done by the retiring Magistrate of Brantford. There was a splendid turnout, the banqueting well filled. Music and a recitation by Rev. Mr. Lavie took place in the evening, as well as speeches, and when at 10 o'clock the party broke up, it was with a sense of "concluding a most pleasant time."

LONG TOAST LIST

The toast list was a long one as was only natural in this respect, all the speakers referring to the times of through which the Empire is passing. Most of the addresses were some of them were marvelous in spite of their brevity. A table speech was delivered by Col. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., who spoke of the splendid future of the Canadian people. The speaker, Mr. A. W. Burt, in which he spoke of the national emblem of the British people, also stood out for something quite out of the ordinary. Mr. Frank Cockshutt, dry wit, enlivened the proceedings by the Mayor's response to the toast of the "Mayor and City." The toast was in most appropriate terms by B. Jenkins of St. Jukes.

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MAYOR SPENCE RECEIVED GLOWING ENCOMIUMS AT BANQUET LAST NIGHT

Retiring Chief Magistrate of Brantford Recipient of Many Flattering and Complimentary Things Said of Him by Long List of Speakers.

Following last night's city council meeting, the aldermen and members of the various municipal boards of the city, as well as representative city officials, were the guests of Mayor Spence at a luncheon at the Tea Pot Inn. The event was made the occasion of a farewell, and all the speakers on the toast list referred in the most glowing terms to the excellent work done by the retiring first magistrate of Brantford. There was a splendid turnout, the banquet hall being well filled. Music and a humorous recitation by Rev. Mr. Lavell helped to pass the evening, as well as the speeches, and when at 1 o'clock the party broke up, it was with the feeling of concluding a most pleasant function.

LONG TOAST LIST

The toast list was a long one, and as was only natural in times like these, all the speakers referred in passing to the times of trouble through which the Empire is passing. Most of the addresses were short but some of them were marvellously good in spite of their brevity. A very notable speech was delivered by Hon. Col. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., who in more than his usual eloquent strain spoke of the splendid future awaiting the Canadian people. The speech of Mr. A. W. Burt, in which he depicted the truly appropriate the bull dog as was, as the national emblem of the British people, also stood out as being something quite out of the ordinary. Mr. Frank Cockshutt with his dry wit, enlivened the proceedings, while the Mayor's response to the toast drunk to the "Mayor and Council" was a happy combination of cheerfulness and earnestness, and made a most excellent impression.

"THE DEPARTED HEROES."

A very noteworthy feature was the toast, drunk in silence, to the memory of the departed dead from this county who gave up their lives for the Empire. This toast was proposed in most appropriate terms by Rev. T. B. Jenkins of St. Judes.

Following the excellent lunch prepared by the host of the Tea Pot Inn and the singing of the National Anthem, Mr. Brewster proposed "The Empire." Like all the other speakers, Mr. Brewster prefaced his remarks by most commendatory and flattering references to the work achieved by Mayor Spence during his incumbency. Brantford citizens were never ashamed to say of Mr. Spence, "This is our Mayor." As for the Empire, he was proud of it, and he wished to see it at the present, in belonging to the British Empire. It was fighting for freedom to-day as it fought 100 years ago, and although the battle was stern, he had no fear of the outcome.

MR. LAVELL

Rev. Mr. Lavell, in replying to the toast, made a rousing speech. This war had changed our standards and had given us greater moral worth. It had made us all the more self-sacrificing and had welded us together, wiping out the narrow national and sectional claims which hitherto had impeded our advance. For all these things we could thank the Kaiser.

"MUDDLED THROUGH"

Mr. Burt made a very telling reply also. He stated that he himself was not an example of a narrow nationalism, as of his four grandfathers, one was Scotch, one English and two were Welsh. Moreover he had married an Irishwoman. The bull dog, said Mr. Burt, was after all an appropriate symbol of the Britisher. The bull dog was the friendliest of dogs, but not always the wisest. It did not look for trouble, but when it went into it, it came out after making a good job of it. The British people had got to where they were now by "muddling through." Providence had caught them early and instilled in them the love of freedom. Their safeguards of freedom were many the result of accident. Yet the German constitution was a most perfect creation, and look what it had done to the German people.

"CANADA"

The toast to the Dominion of Canada was proposed by Mr. J. H. Ham, M.P.P.

was proposed by Mr. J. H. Ham, M.P.P. Commendation from him and one or two others present was commendation in earnest, said Mr. Ham, amid laughter, yet he would add his amount of praise to the splendid work done by Mayor Spence. Canada today was quite a different country, and Canadians were different people to what they were before the war. Langensack made one proud to be a Canadian.

COL. W. F. COCKSHUTT, M.P.

Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, in replying to the toast, made a most inspiring address. Never had any such effort been put forth in this country as in the last 15 months. We have seen brought up to think of peace and the ways of peace, yet we had turned to war and had almost raised a quarter of a million men.

Canadians could well be proud of their soldiers, but they could also be proud of the manner in which they had borne adversity. The test of a strong man is how he sustains misfortune. After Langensack, when the toll of blood came over the wires, Canada did not flinch.

A ROSY FUTURE.

Mr. Cockshutt took a most optimistic view point of this country's future. To-day as compared with only a year ago, the country is prosperous. Exports exceed imports by fifty millions of dollars, a state of affairs he always desired said Colonel Cockshutt. Peace will bring its problems, but he believed Canada's share of peace would be in a goodly amount of new immigration and new trade, so he should make herself ready to receive it. Before closing Colonel Cockshutt referred to the new Naturalization Laws which now applied, with slight variations, to the country throughout the whole British Empire.

THE SOLDIER'S TURN.

"The Army, the Navy and the Allies," was proposed by Mr. W. G. Raymond, who personified the army by naming the responders to the toast, Lt. Col. Stewart, Lt. Col. Cutcliffe, Col. Harry Cockshutt and Capt. W. T. Henderson. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Lt. Col. Stewart sketched the wonderful growth of the army by the war began. The "contemptible Little Army" of Sir John French had grown to millions although the original army was now almost all gone. The navy also came in for a most deserved tribute. As for the Allies, we were fighting side by side with the best blood in Europe. There could be only one result to this war. He also paid a most graceful tribute to the Mayor on his treatment of him and his.

Lt. Col. Cutcliffe also spoke briefly and announced that 525 men were

now with the 15th. They were a fine lot of men and would be led by a fine lot of officers, declared the commander of the 2nd Battalion, Colonel Harry Cockshutt after referring to some of his experiences when Mayor during the Boer war promised to give what help he could to the formation of the 15th. As for the war, no matter how long it lasted we would stay with the game.

Capt. W. T. Henderson also spoke briefly. He represented the artillery, he said, and it had spoken for itself since the war broke out.

MR. FRANK COCKSHUTT

"There are so many colonels in the family, one finds it an advantage to maintain one's individuality," said

been the seventh phone call that evening. All other times he was always willing to help." The toast was responded to briefly by Mr. Bunnell and Mr. H. H. Powell, as president of the Board of Trade. Then with the singing of the National Anthem the gathering broke up.

During the evening Rev. A. E. Lavell rendered in good style a short humorous recitation entitled, "The Prussian Duel," while Mr. James T. Whitaker sang, "The Sergeant" in splendid voice. Col. Leonard acted as toastmaster in his usual capable manner.

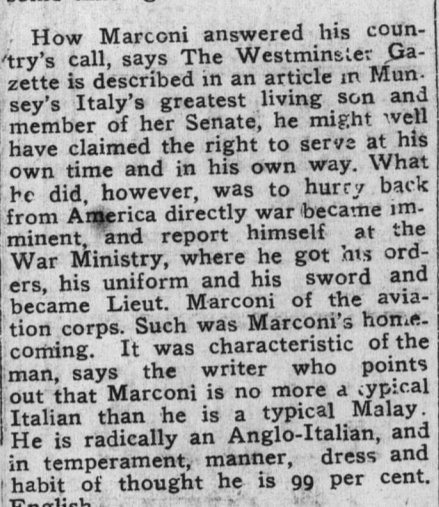
THE TOAST LIST

- Toastmaster—Col. Leonard.
- Prayer—Rev. T. B. Jenkins.
- The King—National Anthem.
- "The British Empire," Proposed by Mr. W. S. Brewster, responded to by Rev. A. E. Lavell and Mr. A. W. Burt.
- Recitation—"A Prussian Duel," Rev. A. E. Lavell.
- "The Dominion of Canada," Proposed by J. H. Ham, M.P.P., responded to by Hon. Lt. Col. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P.
- "Army, Navy and Allies," Proposed by Mr. W. G. Raymond, responded to by Lt. Col. Stewart, Lt. Col. Cutcliffe, Col. Harry Cockshutt, Capt. W. T. Henderson.
- Song—"The Sergeant," Mr. Jas. T. Whitaker.
- "The Departed Heroes of Brant County" drunk in silence—proposed by Rev. T. B. Jenkins.
- "Public Utilities"—Waterworks, Hydro Electric and Street Railway," proposed by Frank Cockshutt, responded to by John Fair, A. McFarlane and C. H. Hartman.
- "The County"—Proposed by Mayor Spence, responded to by Mr. A. E. Watts.
- "The Mayor and Council" proposed by Mr. C. H. Waterous responded to by Mayor Spence and Aldermen—Calbeck, McPhail and Pitcher.
- "City Officials and Municipal Boards," proposed by Alderman Ryerson, responded to by Mr. A. K. Bunnell and H. H. Powell.

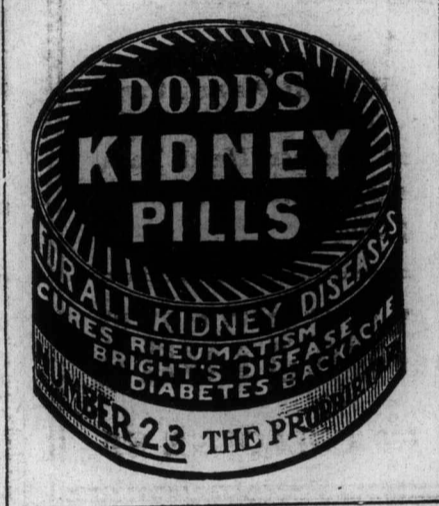
overseas forces where he has been acting as chaplain for some time. Ralph Connor was born in Glengarry County in 1860 and educated in the Public schools of West Zorra, the University of Toronto, Knox college and Edinburgh University. As a young missionary he went West where he became thoroughly imbued with the Western spirit and later used the material in a series of novels and short stories dealing with western life. Some of his best works are "Black Rock," "The Sky Pilot," and "The Man from Glengarry." His home is in Winnipeg.

Gen. Smith-Dorrien will command the British-Boer expedition against German East Africa. It is the largest and was the largest of the German colonies. When it is captured Germany will not have a single colony to her name. The general has seen service in Africa. He was for some time one of Gen. French's generals. But for some unknown reason he retired some time ago.

How Marconi answered his country's call, says The Westminster Gazette is described in an article in Munsey's Italy's greatest living son and member of her Senate, he might well have claimed the right to serve at his own time and in his own way. What he did, however, was to hurry back from America directly war became imminent, and report himself at the War Ministry, where he got his orders, his uniform and his sword and became Lieut. Marconi of the aviation corps. Such was Marconi's homecoming. It was characteristic of the man, says the writer who points out that Marconi is no more a typical Italian than he is a typical Malay. He is radically an Anglo-Italian, in temperament, manner, dress and habit of thought he is 99 per cent English.



MAYOR JOHN H. SPENCE
Retiring First Magistrate of Brantford, who banqueted Aldermen and members of various boards in the Teapot Inn last night.



SUCCESSFUL WITHDRAWAL IS GRATIFYING

London Happy That Suvla Bay Evacuation Was so Well Done.

HOLDING ON JUST FOR SHOW?

Daily Telegraph Hints Thus and Condemns Government.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Dec. 21.—Intense relief at the unexpectedly successful retreat of the British from the Suvla Bay and Anzac regions of the Gallipoli Peninsula, the highest praise for the generals who carried out the retreat with such secrecy and a renewal of the criticism on the inception of the Dardanelles expedition are the keynote of the editorials in the morning newspapers upon what is generally considered the most unfortunate chapter of Great Britain's share in the war.

"The predictions of disaster have been happily falsified," says the Times. "The withdrawal was a wonderful feat of organization, and when the full story comes to be told it will be found to be as extraordinary as the heroic episodes of the landing." The Daily Mail in an editorial, says "The withdrawal may be taken as a sign that the government at last has realized the stupendous blunder it committed in venturing upon the expedition." Some curiosity is expressed and the possibility canvassed of the government making a statement whether it is intended still to hold the Krithia section of the peninsula. The Daily Telegraph says in this connection that public opinion would rather see the whole expedition abandoned at one blow, if there is to be abandonment at all.

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Mr Frank Cockshutt, amid laughter, in proposing the toast of "Public Utilities." He wished the Mayor every success in the "almost quietude of the office he assumes," Mr. Cockshutt pleaded for encouragement rather than harsh criticism for public officials, and stated that on the good work of such institutions he was now toasting, the real welfare of a city's depended.

The toast was responded to by Mr. John Fair, Mr. A. McFarlane and Mayor Hartman, representing the three utilities mentioned.

"THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL"

The mayor proposed and Mr. A. E. Watts replied to the toast of "The County," after which Mr. C. H. Waterous in a most felicitous speech proposed "The Mayor and Council."

Mayor Spence upon rising to reply was received with hearty applause and spoke feelingly of the deep appreciation he felt of the very kind and generous things said of him. The council had always backed him up, and the city, he declared had every reason to be proud of its public servants. He wished to express publicly his appreciation of the Expositor editorial of that night and to thank Mr. T. H. Preston for his kind remarks therein. He regretted that ill-health kept Mr. Preston from being present, and hoped that he would shortly be restored to full vigor.

CONCLUDING SPEECHES.

Ald. Calbeck, Minshall and Pitcher added words of appreciation to the splendid work done by the Mayor. "He was always courteous and considerate with me, but once," said Ald. Ryerson, amid laughter, in proposing the last toast. "I called him by phone on a certain matter and he told me that had

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Mr. Alfred Bonham called on Mr. Melvin Eddy on Thursday.
Mr. John Myerscough from Bealton was calling on Mr. George Bannister on Friday.
Mr. Christopher Beal and family were the guests of his parents on Sunday.
Mrs. Joel Martin is on the sick list suffering from inflammation.

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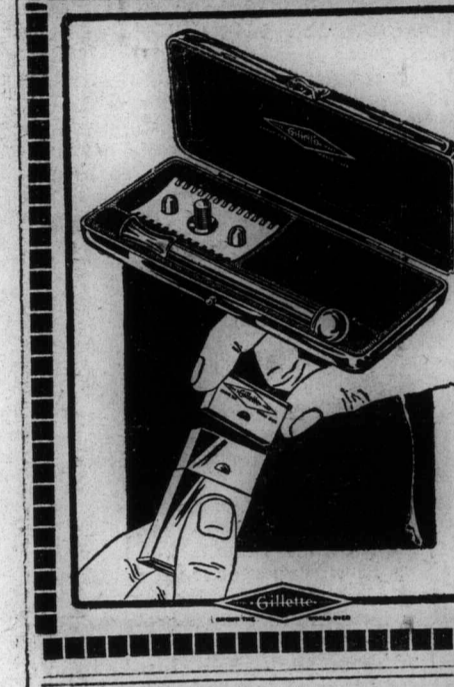
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New York, Dec. 22.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: Fundamental government changes may take place in the immediate future, if information received to date borne out by events. It is denied that political unrest exists in several quarters and the movement of the first of the month has given to such considerable proportions. It is just about ready to launch its attack on the existing government. I learn that at a recent meeting a considerable number of peers opposed Premier Asquith and Sir Ed. Grey, they took no formal steps, frank and free discussion ruled the general sentiment was to change at an early date. While peers were meeting, oppositioners in the House of Commons debating the same question. Lloyd-George's speech on Monday in which he made frequent reference to its being "too late" was more than an explanation of the of his department.
"Too late," says The Evening Standard, "is common English 'wait and see,' and 'wait and see' prevails in every department. There is no doubt that there is much intellect in this government, but masculine decision. This fatal of procrastination on the part of government is generally regarded as a new phenomenon, but it is only an extension of the prevailing before the war."
Some papers say the government will delay further the question of a new constitution, but it is said he regretted that he was unable to give out the results of theBIG RETURNS
Reported at I.O.E. Chapter.
In Connection With Con and the Teas in the E. Crompton Rooms.The December meeting of the Chapter, Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire, was held on Monday afternoon, December 20th, at the residence of Mrs. H. C. Yates, the Regent, Mrs. G. Smith, presiding, and a large number of members in attendance.
Following the opening ceremony came the reports of the Secretary, the Treasurer, most interesting which were the amounts realized in the recent "Hambourg Concert" the Chapter were indebted Col. Stewart and officers of the Battalion, and which is netting Chapter for their Patriotic name \$800.00 or \$840.00. The Room receipts, totalling over above expenses about \$525. Mr. E. B. Crompton and Co. having this last possible, by placing the most attractive grill and tea room the disposal of Brant Chapter, December 6th to 18th inclusive every assistance in their power having been extended by the I.O.D.E. workers when in during the various days.
With the correspondence came a letter from Major Bert Newman of the Chapter in the recent meeting from Brant Chapter to Brantford men in his Company front.
The report of both Wood Coote and Sanitarium visitors was given by the Regent, the showing 57 pair of socks, in addition, wristlets and balaclavas, handbags and at the Sanitarium requirements at present beyond usual Xmas remembrance for the staff.\$250.00 was unanimously voted to the equipment of five additional at the Sanitarium—each bed for an expenditure of \$50.00, the estimate submitted by the Governors at the last meeting \$25.00 was then voted to be the Local Council of Women Chapter gift to assist the Service Committee in raising the necessary \$20,000 expended for gifts sent to all Canadians on sea service, through the Canadian War Contingent Association in Brant, Brant Chapter's donation forwarded through the Local Council of Women, our Treasurer's cheques for same were then given to the I.O.D.E. staff.
Lieut. Col. Stewart and officer the 8th Battalion, for their generosity in providing the coffee to E. B. Crompton and Co. following the Chapter's privilege opening their tea rooms.
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