

Two Austrian Destroyers Sunk in Adriatic Results Of Derby's Scheme On Wednesday London Thinks Russia Beginning Offensive

GREAT RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST AUSTRIANS IN BUKOWINA HAS BEGUN

Fighting Centres at Toporoutz But Attack is Being Made Along Extended Front of 40 Miles—Fierce Fighting Also in Vosges—Quiet in Balkans.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 30.—Although Petrograd remains silent on the subject, the public is inclined to believe the Russians are undertaking a great offensive in Bukowina, near the Besarabian border. Official Austrian reports telling of attacks by dense masses of Russian troops, indicate that an important battle is under way. The fighting centres at a point near Toporoutz, a small town just within the border of Northern Bukowina, but a simultaneous attack is being made along an extended front, reaching from the Pruth to a position north of the Dniester, a distance of about forty miles. The latest advices state that the Russian assault is being continued, accompanied by an unusually heavy bombardment. Unofficial reports from the extreme northern portion of the eastern front state the Germans have made a serious but futile attack in the region of Lake Babit, while the Russians west of Lake Kanger are threatening Mitau. These opposing attacks create a delicate situation as a successful advance by either would endanger considerable forces of the defeated opponent.

Along the western front, except for mining and aerial engagements on the British lines, the chief fighting seems to be confined to the Vosges where, in the region of Hartmannsweilerkopf, the French claim to have made a successful advance. Berlin officially minimizes this success, but does not deny it wholly. Nothing has happened to change the Macedonian position, but it is generally believed that any advance into Greek territory must be made by the Bulgarians, the opinion being that the Austro-Germans cannot spare enough troops for a serious attempt against Saloniki. Domestic tension in England over the compulsory question has been greatly relieved. Speculation continues concerning the method which is to be adopted to reach eligible unmarried men, a majority agreeing that the Derby plan of attestation will be extended for this purpose.

SINGLE MEN IN BRITAIN CALLED OUT

No Further Extension of Time Given Them by the Premier. IRELAND IS NOT INCLUDED Labor Meeting Soon to Discuss Matter and Will Likely Approve.

London, Dec. 29.—The following explanation of the Cabinet's decision will appear in the newspapers of London this morning, furnished by the Press Association: "It had been generally expected that Premier Asquith's pledge to married men would be carried out in letter and spirit, but the view is held in some quarters that a further chance for single men to enroll would not be inconsistent with the fulfilment of that pledge. "The Premier himself rejected this interpretation of his words and informed the Cabinet that resort to conscription was called for in his opinion, not only to carry through an honorable obligation, but also it was needed in the present state of the war to provide a steady flow of reinforcements for the various battlefronts. CABINET REPORTED UNITED "On the question of compulsory service for single men, with relegations to latter groups of men engaged in reserved occupations, there is no difference in principle with the Cabinet. Until the details of the procedure are definitely settled there is no expectation of personal changes in the Administration. It is recognized, however, that to pass at the present stage from the well-defined case of single men and to set up a general obligation to military service on the part of the adult population would introduce difficulties. "In a matter which touches so many ingrained prejudices the Government may be expected to move warily. The Ministers must be prepared for some opposition to their proposals, however limited in form. LEAVE IRELAND FREE. "It is undoubted that the Government will carry a majority of the House of Commons with them for any reasonable scheme, and any like organized obstruction is unthinkable. For the smooth passage of the bill, it is possible the measure will not apply to Ireland. "The case of Ireland is exceptional, since registration there has only been carried out in a partial manner, and there has been no attestation there under the Derby group system. "The Cabinet will do its utmost to

meet all objections and secure a measure of general agreement, which the Premier declares essential. LABOR IS DIVIDED A conference of representatives of the Labor party is being arranged to consider the decision of the Cabinet in regard to compulsory military service. The question is being canvassed eagerly at trades union centres. Advocates and opponents of conscription are equally emphatic. There are many members of the Labor party who are ready to support the doctrine of compulsory service once they are satisfied it is necessary and are assured it will be applied impartially to all classes. Some are still insisting on a further opportunity to unmarried men to offer their services without compulsion, but it is believed the Cabinet has decided against further delay. In view of the expected early activities in the front, it is necessary to take the places of the men now waiting in the home camps in readiness to fill the vacancies at the front. ENGINEERS MEET TO-DAY A meeting of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers will be held to-day to consider the plan of Mr. Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, for relaxation of trades union rules so as to enlarge the number of men performing certain classes of work. The engineers will discuss Mr. Lloyd George's bill amending the munitions act, which will come before Parliament when it reassembles. At a meeting of the joint Labor Recruiting Committee in London this afternoon, the calling of a national conference of trades unions to consider the compulsory situation was urged and demanded, but it was decided to await an explanation of his position from Arthur Henderson, Chairman of the Labor party.

MR. BORDEN IS TAKEN ILL

Premier Heast Also Under the Weather, Cancelling Engagements.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Prime Minister and Lady Borden have both fallen victims of the prevailing epidemic of grippe. Sir Robert was confined to his bed yesterday, and probably will not be up for several days. The Premier contracted a heavy cold while on his Christmas visit to New York, a severe form of grippe being very prevalent in the Eastern States. PREMIER HEAST ALSO KINGSTON, Dec. 30.—Owing to being laid up with a severe cold, Premier Heast was unable to come from Toronto to speak at the commercial travellers' banquet last night. Hon. I. B. Lucas spoke in his stead. See the advertisement of the Australian Cadets on Page 10. It will give you all the information you may desire with regard to the performances, prices of the tickets, etc.

EUROPEAN FOES IMMERSED IN HOPELESS FIGHT

Herr Ballin, German Railway Head, Declares This War Idiotic.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, via Amsterdam, Dec. 30 (in Montreal Gazette)—Albert Ballin, director-general of the Hamburg-American line, and now, at the special request of the Kaiser, in charge of the German railway system, contributes to the Berlin and Hamburg papers an article in which he says: "Christmas, 1915, found the peoples of Europe still embroiled in the most cruel and idiotic war the world has ever seen. They are immersed in a hopeless struggle, in the sorrowful working of converting their beautiful old hemisphere into a mass of ruins, for the benefit of the world on the other side of the ocean and to the joy of the Yellow race—the men who one day will be called upon to construct peace, but conceive it their noblest duty not only to banish war from our generation, but also to wipe out the European armaments fever for decades to come. "They will also have to seek guarantees that an economic war will not follow this bloody war. The men who negotiate peace for Germany will see to it that we do not become the step-children of our Lord and Master. Herr Ballin's statement that Germany must seek guarantees that an economic war will not follow peace may have been called forth by a speech recently made by Walter Runciman, President of the British Board of Trade, urging the total ruin of German trade. Mr. Runciman declared in the House of Commons on December 24 that Germany is beaten from a commercial standpoint, adding that she must see to it that she does not recover. He said the Board of Trade was taking steps to wrest the control of European oil fields from Germany and to wipe out German trade in England. Mr. Runciman asserted that the economic and commercial war between England and Germany must be fought to the finish even after armed hostilities have ceased. Herr Ballin is one of the closest friends and most trusted advisers of the Kaiser and is recognized as the head of the great overseas industries of Germany.

Von Mackensen is in Bulgaria

Evidently Not in Syria Getting Ready for Expedition Against Egypt.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 30.—A semi-official telegram received in Amsterdam from Sofia, Bulgaria, states that Field Marshal Von Mackensen, the German commander, arrived at Sofia yesterday, according to a despatch to Reuter's Telegraph Company. After visiting the German and Austrian ministers to Bulgaria and King Ferdinand, the field marshal returned to headquarters. It was reported on Dec. 28, in news despatches, that Field Marshal Von Mackensen was directing preparations for a powerful expedition against Egypt.

United States Objects to Seizure of Mail

It is Thought That British Government in Seizing Mail is Endeavoring to Recover Belgian Securities.

Washington, Dec. 30.—It was authoritatively learned last night that the state department is seriously considering the effect upon American rights of the seizure by the British government of American mail taken from steamships to and from this country, and will make representations to the British Government in these cases. It has not yet been determined whether these representations will take the form of an inquiry or of protest, but it is known to be the purpose of the state department to make representations, and if a protest is not made the communication will take the form of an inquiry to afford the British Government an opportunity to explain. Unofficial information has reached Washington to the effect that in making these seizures, the British Government is endeavoring to recover Belgian securities, which the German Government is understood to have sent by mail for delivery in this country to be hypothecated. While details concerning these securities, their extent or character could not be obtained, the statement that such securities were being mailed from Germany, and that the British Government was endeavoring to recover them by intercepting the mails, was obtained from an authoritative source. An equally interesting angle of the British mail seizures was the disclosure, here yesterday, that in quarters close to the German embassy fear is entertained that important diplomatic documents destined for Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador at Washington, from the Berlin foreign office, may have been included in the batch of mail seized. Consul-General Skinner advised the state department from London published to-day that two steamships bound from New York for Rotterdam. The British mail seizures are part of the general plan of the allies to isolate Germany from the rest of the world by every possible means.

Two Austrian Destroyers Sunk in a Sea Battle

Enemy Fleet Attempted to Bombard Durazzo, But Were Met Outside Cattaro and Driven Back.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Two Austrian torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk as the result of an encounter with sea forces of the Allies at a point outside of Cattaro, in the Adriatic. The purpose of the Austrian ships was to bombard Durazzo. An Allied squadron went to meet them with the result above set forth. In addition, the remainder of the Austrian squadron was pursued by the warships of the Allies and compelled to flee towards the Austrian base. This information was contained in an official announcement of the French marine department given out to-day, which reads as follows: "An Austrian naval division, having come out from Cattaro for the purpose of bombarding Durazzo, certain squadrons of the Allies went forth to give battle. The Austrian torpedo boat destroyer Lika encountered a mine and was blown up. The destroyer, Triglav, of the same type, was destroyed by the fire from the ships of the Allies. The remaining warships of the enemy were pursued and fled in the direction of their base. "There have been several previous encounters of lesser importance than the one now reported in connection with Austrian attempts to interrupt transportation of Italian troops to Albania and of supplies for the Serbian forces, which have retreating to that country. Several supply ships have been sunk by Austrian warships. The destroyers Lika and Triglav were sister ships built in 1913. They were 266 feet long, of 787 tons displacement. Each was armed with two 3.9-inch guns, six 11-pounders and two torpedo tubes.

GOVERNMENT'S BILL TO GET NEW RECRUITS

A Day Will be Fixed to Enlist, After Which Men Will be Fetched.

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily Express to-day asserts that there is a group of at least three units in the cabinet led by the Earl of Selborne, president of the Board of Agriculture, who are likely to resign because Premier Asquith's plan for a modified form of conscription does not go far enough. These men contend that it is wrong to force all the single men to serve in the army when there is a large proportion of married men who could be spared more easily and that altogether the Premier's plan is a useless compromise, says the paper. The Express therefore anticipates a fair crop of resignations among the supporters of voluntary enlistments and the determined conscriptionists, but says that the resignations will not be serious enough to imperil the existence of the government. The paper also expresses the opinion that the Earl of Derby, director of recruiting will find a place in the reconstructed ministry. According to the Daily Sketch the government has a bill under consideration embodying the following method of securing recruits: "When it is decided to call to the colors any attested group under the Derby's plan a day will be fixed for the men in that particular group to present themselves at a military depot. Until that day any unattested bachelors of the age stipulated for the group may volunteer for the army and may so volunteering will escape the stigma of compulsion, but all failing to volunteer on the stipulated day will be fetched.

Mr. Taft Opposes Conscription

Does Not Favor It as Part of Military Policy of the United States.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Raonoko, Va., Dec. 30.—Former President Taft is firmly opposed to conscription as part of the military policy of the United States. He so expressed himself in an address here last night before the Women's Civic Betterment Club on "our world relations." Mr. Taft declared that such a policy is contrary to the spirit of the American people, adding that any political party that attempts to introduce it in time of peace, will soon have a great deal of seizure.

One Result of Britain's Fine Navy

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Dec. 30. — (In Montreal Gazette)—The Vossische Zeitung in an article commenting on the food prices in Berlin shows that there has been a great increase in the cost of living in the German capital. The article says that the price of bacon has increased ninety-five per cent, while that of pigs has increased eighty per cent, mutton seventy per cent and veal sixty-five per cent.

AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY NOW AT LOGGERHEADS

Old Enmity Broke Out When Troops Entered Into Belgrade. PARLIAMENT IS DISCUSSING MATTER Count Tisza Claims Trouble Comes From Petty Acts of Juniors.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 30.—The Budapest correspondent of the Post in a letter published to-day states that the old enmity between Austria and Hungary has burst into a fresh flame and that even the pretense of unity, which had existed, has disappeared since the time when the Austrians offered the Hungarians by removing the Hungarian flag from a fortress at Belgrade. The seriousness of the present quarrels, the correspondent says are instigated by the parliamentary agitators of the independence party, which, despite the entreaties of the premier have been airing the Hungarian grievances. Herr Urmanczy, a leader of the independence party, in a recent speech declared that the advantages gained in the war were largely due to German generalship and Hungarian bravery, and added that Austrian generalship and martial spirit had nothing to do with them. If every one had done the same amount of work and shown the same heroism and sacrifice as the Hungarians they would by this time be enjoying peace, Urmanczy said. Although the Hungarians had won the praise of their arch enemies, the Italians, he said, the Austrians had shown no appreciation and they had to face continually the brutal behaviour of Austrian officers. The speaker continued to account some of these instances remarking that the Austrian communications always slighted the acts of Hungarian heroism and that Austrian officers deprecated and insulted the Hungarian troops. Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, defending the Austrians replied that petty tricks of humiliation had not been committed by any one, but by subalterns and he would see that they were reprimanded.

Take Island in Aegean

French Forces Have Captured Turkish Possession as a Naval Base.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Paris, Dec. 30.—French troops have occupied the Turkish Island of Castellorizo (Kasteloryzo) in the Aegean Sea, between the Island of Rhodes and the Gulf of Adalia, according to the morning papers in Paris. The possession of Castellorizo as a naval base is characterized as indispensable. Castellorizo is a small island of Asiatic Turkey, lying off the south coast of Asia Minor. It has an area of eleven square miles and is inhabited mainly by Greeks. Attracted by the pleasant voice of the telephone operator, in Kansas City who answered a long distance call, Benton A. McCauley, cashier of a bank at Oliver, Kan., called in person. Now they are married.

DERBY CAMPAIGN RESULTS STATED ON WEDNESDAY

Premier Asquith Will Make Full Announcement Concerning It. WHOLE NATION WILL APPROVE Manchester Guardian, However, Says State is Prussianized.

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Dec. 30.—The London correspondent of The New York Herald this morning cables the following: "Mr. Asquith, the premier will make a complete statement of the result of the Derby recruiting campaign, in the House of Commons on next Wednesday and I am informed he will follow this with the presentation of a bill which compels the enlistment of those among half a million single men who are physically fit and who have refused to respond under the group system to the call of their king and country. Severe penalties will be imposed upon all single men who do not respond to this final call. APPEAL BY KING. "That the sheep may be distinguished from the goats, the King has appealed through Lord Derby to all men who have been attested and by their act have proved their willingness to serve their nation, to wear the khaki armlet, British new badge of courage, to distinguish them from others who, having refused to respond to their country's call willingly, now are to be fetched out by the enforced service of all fit single men, which seems inevitable. This is as far apart as the poles from the general conscription policy demanded by Lord Northcliffe and his parliamentary puppets. Therefore, it would be supported by an overwhelming majority of labor and some Irish Nationalist members of parliament are expected to fall in line. The plotters who sought to oust the government and force a general election have been ignominiously defeated and there seems little doubt now that Mr. McKenna, Mr. Runciman and other anti-conscriptionists who have bitterly fought against the acceptance of anything akin to conscription will finally recognize the fact that the pledge of the prime minister to the married men must be honored, and, therefore, will remain in the cabinet to assist Mr. Asquith in achieving the one object of his life, the complete defeat of Germany. Lord Northcliffe's press shouts "victory" this morning, but the triumph really is with those men who support a solid alliance, to support all those who have been venomously attacked by his newspapers, to prevent chaos supplanting order and to win the war for Great Britain and her allies. A PROTEST. London, Dec. 30.—Although other Liberal organs seem to be at least resigned to the idea of compulsory military service, the Manchester Guardian, which is the most important provincial newspaper declares: "Nothing can be more unsatisfactory or irrational, than the way in which the government appears to be drifting into a reversal of one of the greatest of national traditions and dividing the nation, hitherto so splendidly united. The Guardian accuses the conscriptionist party of seizing the opportunity presented by the war to give effect to a preconceived policy. This, it says, is being done without relation to the actual needs of war, but merely to bring about the triumph of an idea. "They have long held something not unlike the Prussian view of the state and desire to militarize us as Germany has been militarized. real fighting. While the expenditure human and material—has been at a minimum, the production of both necessities has been at the maximum. France and Britain have been working their fully mobilized steel plants night and day, and it is estimated that out of every three shells, two have gone into the reserve supply that will be used when the time comes to maintain an unprecedented rain of death on the German positions from Neuport to Switzerland. Into the reservoir of men has gone a large proportion of the new units which will receive their real baptism of fire in the next "big push."

Great Accumulation of Material For Next Drive

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Dec. 30.—A cable to The Herald from London says: "The three months since the sharp and successful allied offensive of late September have seen a remarkably rapid accumulation of reserve men and munitions on the western front in preparation for the next general advance. The expenditure in shell has been even less than it was during the summer, if conditions may be judged accurately from the official communications and aside from the activity at Hartmannsweilerkopf, where comparatively small forces are engaged, the men have been called on for little



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In Collingwood there has been much talk about the failure of Local Option. So general did this feeling become that last February the town council, without waiting for a petition or any formality of that kind, had a by-law prepared and gave it the necessary two readings to repeal Local Option. They had found the goat and were going to slay it.

**Will Never be Advertised**

That by-law passed the first and second readings last February, but it is still filed away among the archives of Collingwood, and it will not be advertised three times in the local papers, as the statute requires, and the voters will not be given an opportunity to vote upon repeal next January.

**"Wets" and "Drys" Come Together**

And here comes the strangest part of the story.

Those who are interested in hotel properties, and those who are not favorable to Local Option, after going over the situation very carefully, came to the conclusion that a repeal vote would not stand a snowball's chance, so they decided that they would not spend good money in a hopeless fight.

Their decision was communicated to the temperance people, and the Town Council, in response to the unanimous request of both parties, decided to drop the by-law and allow matters to remain in statu quo.

(Signed) LOCAL OPTION COMMITTEE

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**To the Editor**

WANTS TO KNOW  
Brantford, December 30th, 1915.  
The Editor of the Courier:  
Mr. Editor,—Would you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable columns, to ask Mr. Kilgour, a candidate in Ward 2, what he means by saying he is against anything which increases taxes. Am I to understand from his statement that he is against Local Option?

Yours truly,  
John H. Howling.

RAILWAY BY-LAW.  
Editor of Brantford Courier:  
Sir,—On Monday next the property owners of this city will decide by their ballots the issued of the proposed sale of the Paris-Galt section of the Brantford Municipal Railway. I have read nearly all that has appeared in the press from those in favor of the sale, and those opposed to the sale, and apart from the financial statement of Mr. Bunnell to the City Council and the statement appearing to-day over the signatures of Messrs. Turcotte and Bunnell, there has been nothing definite for the property owners to form an intelligent opinion on. Those opposed to the sale have not shown the Paris-Galt section has paid operating expenses in the past. In July, August, September, October and November, 1914, I went to Paris and back three times a week over the Grand Valley and saw cars travel as at high water mark in 1911. In January, February, March and April of 1912 I went to Paris and back nearly every day over the Grand Valley, and I know of my own personal knowledge that no cars were run between Paris and Galt in January, February and March of that year. Railway travel was still good. If the Paris-Galt section had not paid operating expenses during 1911 and 1912, it will not pay operating expenses in the next fifteen years.

Respectfully,  
J. C. O'Neil.

**TAKES EXCEPTION.**

Editor Courier:  
Dear Sir,—Last night's issue contains a statement from City Clerk Leonard to the effect that the forms granted to the deputy returning officers at the various wards gave no authority to them to accept nominations for other positions than that of aldermen, and that the men nominated in Ward 4 for the Board of Education are disqualified.

To this statement the writer would make a most flat and emphatic reply. In my letter appearing in issue of 29th verbatim copy in part of those instructions are given, reading as stated: "That the meeting was for the purpose of receiving nominations for the office of aldermen for the said year, and also for the office of school trustee for two years." Dated December 27th, 1915, over the signature of Mr. Leonard. The writer directed the attention of the returning officer, also attention of the men nominated in the room at the time (among them being two aldermen and one member of the Board of Education) to the instructions stating that they were nominees for Trustee or Board of Education disqualified, the election could probably be voided on the grounds of improper instructions and authority to the returning officer. And I still contend that such is the case. Whether warrants of authority to the deputy returning officers were prepared for a different system of nominations is not for me to say, but as will be seen from extract given above there is no question but that the deputy returning officers had the necessary authority to receive nominations for positions other than that of aldermen.

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Official figures for the Metropolitan police district show that the convictions for drunkenness in the four weeks prior to the coming into force of the order of the board of liquor control on Oct. 11 forbidding treating averaged 993 per week. The figures for the next four weeks dropped to 710.

The new chapel of St. Andrew's and the Saints of Scotland, which was unveiled in Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral, London, on St. Andrew's Day, is a magnificent work of art, designed by Mr. Schultz, which has engaged the attention of Italian craftsmen for three years. The scheme of mosaic work is described as of surpassing richness.

Learning from the war office that her son, of the Royal Berks, Regiment, was missing after the recent advance, Mrs. Hitchcock, of West Challow, Berks, was taken ill and died from shock. Now a pathetic sequel is reported. In ignorance of his mother's death, Private Hitchcock has written from a German hospital stating that he was wounded and then taken prisoner.

The 50,000 ton White Star liner Britannic, the largest British built steamer afloat, has been successfully drydocked at Belfast before starting on a few days' trial trip. Owing to the immense size of the steamer, which was launched 21 months ago, the operation of transferring her from the berth to the giant Thompson dock, was no easy task. She is 90 ft. long and 93 ft. broad.

**VANESSA**

William and Mrs. Ripley of Hamilton, spent Christmas with John and Mrs. Ripley of this place. Mrs. Sam Arthur and son Nelles, is spending a few days with her parents here.

Richard and Mrs. Hare, of Dover, are spending a few days with relatives here.

Andrew and Mrs. Fink, spent Monday with Archie and Mrs. Mrs. McIsaac, near Harley.

James and Mrs. Ripley and son, spent the end of the week with James and Mrs. Mitchiner, near Scotland.

A number from this place attended the Christmas tree at Zion on Tuesday night.

John and Mrs. Welsh and family, Binkley, and Mrs. Horning and family spent Christmas with James Welsh.

Will and Mrs. Leonard and Ralph spent Monday with Albert and Mrs. Shepherd.

John Guy is spending the holidays with relatives in Detroit.

E. S. and Mrs. Birdsell spent Sunday with their daughter, near Burch.

Isaac and Mrs. Roberts have gone to spend the winter with the latter's brother in Michigan.

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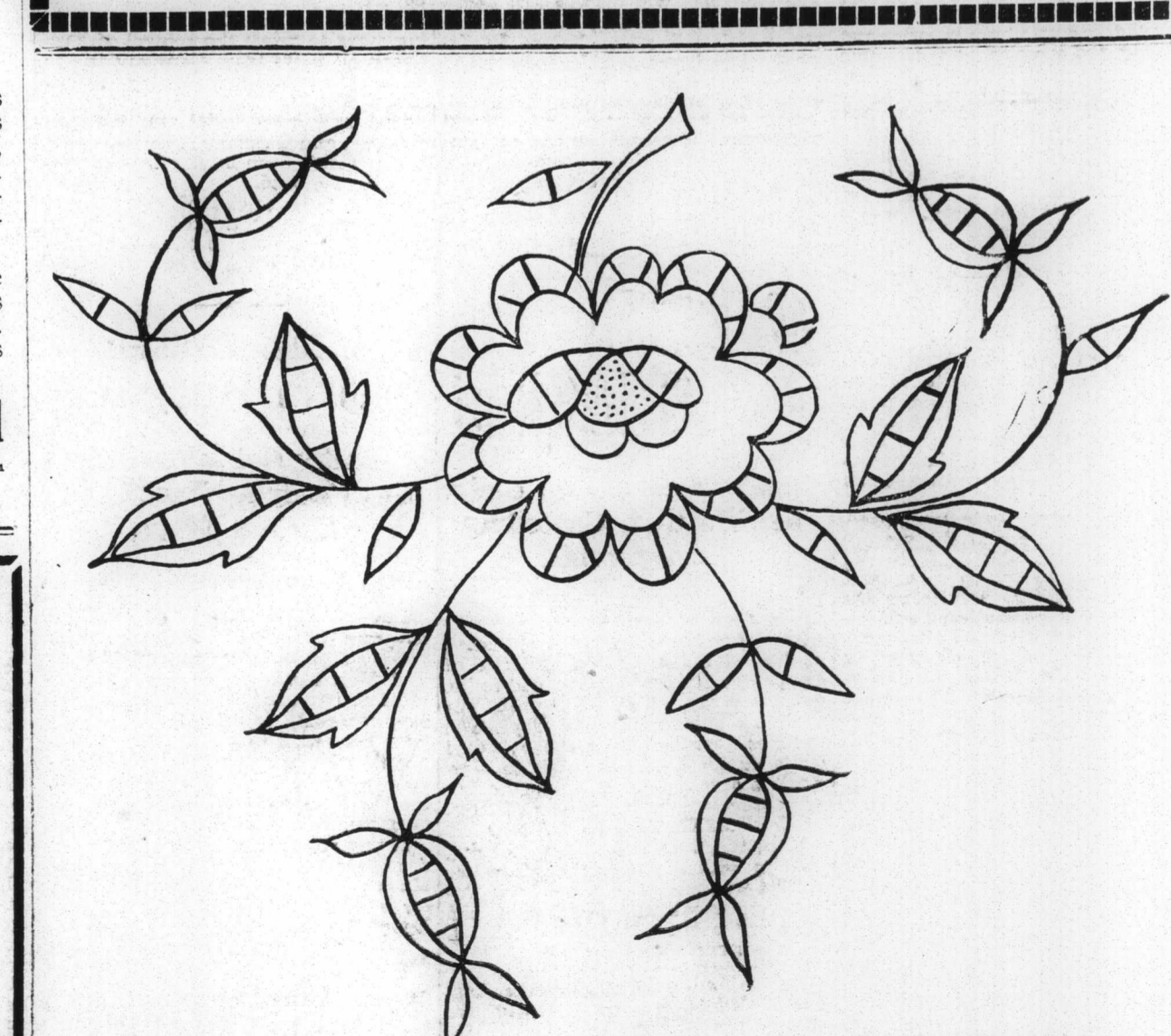
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DAIRY PRODUCTS

Table with columns for MEATS and FISH. Items include Beef, Pork, Mutton, etc.

EAST BUFFALO

East Buffalo, Dec. 30.—Cattle, receipts 300 head; firm. Veals—Receipts 25 head; active; \$4 to \$12.50.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Cattle, receipts, 4,000; market steady. Native beef, \$6.10 to \$9.75; western steers, \$6.20 to \$8.10; cows and heifers, \$2.85 to \$8.20; calves, \$7 to \$10.50.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Receipts at the Union Stock Yards this morning were small totaling 175 cattle, 10 calves, 213 hogs, 113 sheep. Trade was quiet with prices steady.

Brantford Man in Divorce Suit

HAMILTON, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Elmir Marsalles, formerly of this city, has instituted divorce proceedings against her husband, who is a resident of Brantford.

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Tobacco is Not Exempt

Foreign Office States It Will Not Permit Special Importation.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 30.—Concerning a statement published that the British Government will permit German imports of American tobacco through neutral countries, the Daily Mail has obtained a statement from the foreign office declaring it to be incorrect.

No Such Thing as Personal Liberty

Local Optionists advertise that there is no such thing as personal liberty. What then are the British and Canadian forces fighting for in France and Belgium? Try to stop the man who wrote that advertisement from preaching next Sunday and see what he then thinks about personal liberty.

Rubber Taken From Oscar II

London, Dec. 30.—A British official statement issued last night, says: "It is ascertained that fifty-five bags of rubber, consigned to a well-known enemy forwarding agent in Sweden, were removed from the parcel mail on board the steamship Oscar II. The estimated weight of the rubber seized is about 4,000 pounds.

Philippine Troubles.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Manila, Dec. 30.—(in Montreal Gazette)—Detectives made a raid yesterday on three houses in the outskirts of Manila and seized the seals, commissions and other documents of an important secret revolutionary movement. Several arrests were made.

Help to Make Her Dream Come True. The agony of blood and tears which swept over Belgium has left nearly two millions of its people absolutely without food or money.

Belgian Relief Fund. is provided almost entirely by the British Empire and the United States, and administered by a neutral "Commission for Relief in Belgium", co-operating with the "Belgian Public Food Supply Society".

ANNUAL SUPPER AND CONCERT

Congregational Sunday School Held Yearly Function, Which Was a Good Success.

The annual Christmas supper and entertainment and supper of the Congregational Sunday school, was held last night in the lecture hall of the church and was greatly enjoyed by the goodly number present.

The Panama Canal has cost the United States just \$357,438,098.84, inable to drive intending purchasers to see the properties that have been listed with us.

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(3) First class red brick cottage on solid stone foundation, situate on Burford St., containing large parlor, dining room, kitchen, 3 good bedrooms, electric lights throughout; city water, etc. This is a comparatively new house and is well built. Price \$1850, payable \$300 down, balance \$15 per month.

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Thursday, December 30, 1915

The Situation.

Reinforced by some Serbians the Montenegris are coming back and it is announced have driven the Austrians out of their territory with great loss to the latter. Montenegro is a small but independent principality with a population of less than half a million. The people are a sturdy race and the country has no populous centres. Cetinje is called the capital and there are scarcely more than one hundred houses in it. The area is 3,550 square miles and is everywhere mountainous, the mountain slopes for the most part clothed with forests. The principality is nearly surrounded by Austrian territory.

In the Old Country yesterday Mr. A. J. Balfour, now First Lord of the Admiralty, paid a glorious tribute to the British fleet in the masterly phrases of which he is such an adept. John Bull's leviathan warships have not been in any great or spectacular action, but they have none the less surely if quietly, proved the very greatest bulwark of the Allies. Imagine what would have happened had the Kaiser's fleet been free to roam the seas instead of being bottled up in the Kiel Canal since the very inception of hostilities. Canadian shores would have been among the very first to be attacked with the possibility of forces landed. Trade routes would have been paralyzed. Troops could not have been safely transported by sea—every man from the Old Land and Canada and Australia has to be sent to the scene of conflict by water—and the Huns would be victorious right now. It would, indeed, be impossible to say too much for what the fleet has accomplished and is still accomplishing.

There would seem to be no doubt that the Germans are preparing for an attack on the Greek frontier.

The British crisis has manifestly become much less so. It is becoming more and more clearly recognized that the voluntary system, many economists should take their part with the rest.

The Mayorality Contest.

Mr. J. W. Bowlby, in his address to the electors, depicts himself as the champion who, by some mysterious hocus-pocus, is going to run city affairs without any unforeseen demands taking place upon the municipal treasury.

In this regard he states that for the year just closed there has been a deficit of some \$28,000 odd under the able finance chairmanship of Thomas E. Ryerson. In reply Mr. Ryerson is able to show:

Unpaid taxes \$17,600 Street Railway, estimated deficit 6,300 Street Railway, pavement tax 4,225 \$28,125

As to the street railway, it is beginning to see much better days under municipal ownership, and it will soon be on a good basis financially, especially if the losing end—Paris to Galt—is sold.

As to the \$17,600 unpaid taxes, would Mr. Bowlby have had property of the people owing them seized and the occupants thrown on the street? Instead of this, the Council of 1915 very properly took the humane view that on account of the exceptional circumstances it was well to defer payment until a future date.

The requirements for public institutions during the year—hospital and sanitarium—were some \$5,000 above the estimate. Is it Mr. Bowlby's idea that these two enterprises on behalf of the common good should be crippled for want of funds?

As a matter of fact, no chairman of the city finance committee can do any more than urge the co-operation of the various spending committees in the matter of keeping down expenditure—he has no control over outside spending boards. Viewed on this basis, the committees of 1915 did splendidly, having between them a surplus above estimates of over \$5,000.

The various chairmen deserve credit for this joining with Mr. Ryerson in keeping below the amounts allotted them, and the incident is one which reflects credit alike upon them and himself.

It shows that, from a business standpoint, he is eminently fitted to fill the Mayor's chair, as he will do.

A Clear-Cut Statement.

The joint statement issued by Messrs. Bunnell and Turnbull, street railway commissioners, with reference to the position of affairs which led them to support the selling of the Paris to Galt end for \$30,000, presents the facts of the case in a very clear way.

They show in definite detail that on a wheelage basis, the only fair method of computation, the Brantford to Paris end of the line has shown a surplus and the Paris to Galt end a deficit.

They further point out that there were only two plans to be pursued—1—Scrapping the road and meeting the loss bound to occur in replacing highways and dealing with farmers over whose premises the right of way passes.

2—Asking the people to raise a large sum of money by debenture by-law, same to be placed in what had proved a sink hole.

In view of these two alternatives, Messrs. Bunnell and Turnbull very naturally reached the conclusion that the acceptance of the \$30,000 offered by the Lake Erie and Northern should be made as the most wise and business like course. Mr. Hartman, the other commissioner, dissented, but even he admits that at least \$21,000 will have to be spent on improvements to the road. Practical railway men say that the figure named is altogether too low, but even accepting it as correct, where is the money to come from except on the basis of extra taxes?

And for what? Simply to be thrown away on a section of line which has never paid without competition, and with keen competition even less so.

If the people turn down the proposition they will show that they desire the municipality to do something which they wouldn't do in their own personal affairs—sacrifice a straight business deal for mere sentiment.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Ryerson for Mayor.

A vote against the railway by-law is a vote for a big expenditure on a losing proposition and more taxes.

The Brant Battalion is doing well, but let there be an extra boost for the New Year.

They are having a great fight in Toronto over the proposed big money grant for Radial railways. Sir Adam Beck is leading the cause in person and it is a pretty sure thing that he will win out.

Our Lady of the Snows has once more demonstrated that she knows how, when she has a mind to do so.

Make no mistake about it; if the people vote to keep and run the Paris to Galt end of the Municipal line this city is in for a large bill of expense and a heavy yearly loss thereafter.

What a wonderful personality that man A. J. Balfour possesses. He is still the most powerful man among the Unionist forces in the Old Land, although not the titular leader, and with the general people, his opinion also carries more weight than that probably of any other one man, not even excepting Asquith, whose great weight is more particularly confined to his own side.

Instead of hibernating as is the wont of the species at this period, the Russian Bear is getting more lively each day and dancing on the toes of his would-be master Von Hindenberg, in a manner which must make that particular individual wish that he hadn't undertaken the job.

A plot of six convicts to escape from Sing Sing prison was frustrated.

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Rev. Mr. Woodside

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The "Ten Sound Reasons"

1. "My personal liberty is a heritage that I value." There is no personal liberty about it. The whiskey men are asking you to hand over your liberty to them.

2. "Local Option is simply the old Scott Act." He who says this is either ignorant or deliberately false. They both close the bars, but the Scott Act was enforced by the Municipality and Local Option is enforced by the Government. The penalties under Local Option are exceedingly severe. The second offence, jail.

3. "Local Option cannot be enforced." Why? Because the people are criminal and will not obey the law, or because the men in the whiskey business are, or because the authorities are criminally negligent? This is an insult to our law respecting citizens. The license commissioners say, "We will enforce it."

4. "A well enforced license law and well-conducted hotels are preferable to dives, where illicit selling would flourish." Surely, but under the license law illicit dives flourish. Four in Brantford since November fourth. We will still have a license inspector who will keep dives down. Statistics prove that Local Option kills dives. Not one in Orillia.

5. "Experiments with Local Option have always proved a failure in every municipality where it has been tried." This is absolutely false. Only one repeat in the last five years. Out of two hundred and eighty-one chances to enter an appeal this year the whiskey men accepted only four.

6. "It would have a disastrous effect on many other lines of business and would create an army of spies and perverts." Not a single example of this in Ontario. Has it killed Galt, Orillia, Owen Sound?

7. "It would cost the taxpayers many thousands of dollars which goes over the bars each year in Brantford were spent in buying clothes, groceries, shoes, would that hurt business?" The liquor trade employs less men and pays less wages in proportion to the capital invested than any other business.

8. "It will affect the revenue of this municipality." Yes, the \$300,000 which now goes over the bars would be used to pay taxes. At least \$6,000 used in caring for our drunks would be saved. Hundreds of men would be put in a better position to pay their taxes.

9. "Because it will mean an increased tax on the liquor trade." It has not yet been shown that Local Option increases taxes. On the contrary statistics prove that the tax per head in Local Option towns are lower than in license towns.

10. "I believe in Temperance, which means self-control, and not in Local Option, which means alleged control by law." Does what you see in the bar-room at any time, look like temperance or self-control? The profanity, the incapacity of a drunk, the squandering of hard earned money, the abuse of body and soul, does all this look like self-control? Many a man will vote for Local Option because he has lost his self-control and wants a chance to get it back—Advt.

Will Return Steamer. By special wire to the Courier. Buenos Ayres, Dec. 30—According to a statement issued by the minister of foreign affairs, the British Government has decided to return the Argentine coasting steamer Presidente Mitre, which was captured recently by a British cruiser, and engages not to take hostile action against other Argentine vessels navigating under the same conditions. Argentina at the same time withdraws all claims in connection with the capture and agrees to accept guarantees of immunity for vessels insofar as these vessels make no alteration in their usual course along the coast.

That Intemperate Language

The bar room keeps do not like intemperate language, so it seems, especially do they not like these words: "Dirty, evil-smelling, obscene, talking, profane speaking, home robbing, soul damning, drunk making, child killing, Christmas spoiling bar-room"

Is not that a plain, true description of any bar-room in Brantford, or any other place? It utterly fails to convey any adequate conception of how terrible is the bar-room in its appearance, motives and results. There is no language sufficiently intemperate to correctly and adequately describe a bar-room—Advt.

Riverside, Col., is growing seedless apples.

DON'T FORGET Chris. Sutherland's ANNUAL PANT SALE

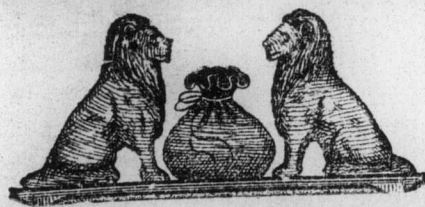
\$7 Values For \$5 THIS WEEK

Solution of one of Indianapolis' most mysterious murders—the slaying of Miss Carrie Selvaige, in 1900—is believed in sight as the result of the arrest in Detroit of two negroes, one of whom confessed.

Eight men, the entire crew of the American schooner Mark Pendleton, are under arrest at Jacksonville, Pa., on charges growing out of the killing of Thomas Brown, a member of the crew on the high seas.

Eleven year old Leona Mays, daughter of Thomas Mays, of Tampa, Fla., committed suicide.

City Bank, New York, have been forced to resign. This is said to be a part of the movement of the bank officials to weed out many Germans in its employ.



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Say Boys! We Have a Few Sleighs Left Over

Perhaps you did not get one for Christmas. Why not buy one yourself? Yes, boys, they are cheap. We can sell you Kiddoo and Safety sleighs cheaper than any one in the city. ONLY A FEW LEFT.

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LOCAL

BELGIAN RELIEF.

Among those who of the Belgian Relief Fund, to the amount of \$200.

HOCKEY GAME SATURDAY

The intermediate team arranged an exhibition game. The hockey team of the New Year's afternoon, at rink at 3 o'clock. The fallers will be in uniform to Summerhays, Dennis, S. man, Kjersey, Tinknell, son, and Beckett.

SUNDAY NIGHT MEET

At the recruiting meet Brant Theatre on Sunday chair will be taken by Mr. The speakers will be Rev. side and Capt. R. C. Cook, 10th Battalion C.E.F. He and wounded at St. Julien now enlisted for overseas again. He has a very interesting story to tell, and his address is worth hearing.

AT ELM AVENUE.

A fine concert was held at the Anglican Mission. The concert was put on by the Sunday school and success. The Hazell family most successful entertainers. After the program were distributed to the children. First class was E. Elliott. She was with an excellent Bible. winner of primary class. Other prizes were also given. Mr. Stout acted as chairman.

S. S. NO. 23, BURFORD

The following are the Christmas examinations: Class IV—Jean Smith, Muriel Lee, Cecil Wing, Miller, Cecil Martin.

Class III—Howard McCord, Donohue, Howard Sway, Jackson, James Fremont, Boyce (absent).

Class II—Melva Jackson, Donohue, Albert Swayze, Leslie Fremont, Rogers (absent).

Class I—Kenneth Jackson, Neil McDow, Deddon, Charlie Peter, Bowman.

Teacher, Margaret

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BELGIAN RELIEF.

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HOCKEY GAME SATURDAY

The intermediate team have arranged an exhibition game with the A.L.C. hockey team of Toronto (last year's Varsity junior champions) on New Year's afternoon, Alfred Street rink at 3 o'clock.

SUNDAY NIGHT MEETING

At the recruiting meeting in the Brant Theatre on Sunday night, the chair will be taken by Mayor Spence. The speakers will be Rev. Mr. Woodside and Capt. R. C. Cockburn.

AT ELM AVENUE.

A fine concert was held at the Echo Place Anglican Mission last evening. The concert was put on by the pupils of the Sunday school and was a good success.

S. S. NO. 22, BRANTFORD.

The following are the results of the Christmas examinations— Class IV—Jean Smith, Ellis Smith, Mariel Lee, Cecil Wingrove, Ethel Miller, Cecil Martin.

GOOD MARKET

The market today was a fairly large one, as it is the last one before New Year's Day. The prices are practically the same as at Christmas.

SPECIAL SESSION

The meeting of the Brantford Municipal Board of Education called for this evening, is a special meeting. Several appointments will be made for the new year to fill the vacancies which have been formed on the staffs of the Collegiate and public schools.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT

Brewster & Heyd notified City Clerk Leonard this morning on behalf of James Schuler, 10 Chatham street, that he fell on the sidewalk on King street on December 22nd and severely injured his arm.

NICE ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual Sunday School supper and entertainment of Zion church Sunday school was held last night. Considering the inclement weather there was a splendid attendance.

ELECTION LIST MIX-UP

Mr. Ludlow, of the assessors department at the city hall stated most emphatically this morning that he had had nothing to do with the compilation of the Ward 5 voters' list.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Yesterday afternoon between four and five o'clock the Board of Health wound up the affairs of the year in the city hall. Those present were: Mr. J. Patten, chairman.

CONCLUDING SESSION.

The Board of Park Management held the last session of the year yesterday afternoon in the Mayor's office, city hall. Those present were: Mr. Gould, Chairman; Messrs. F. Cockshutt, W. Glover, J. J. Hawkins and Superintendent Waller.

DIED

STEEL—In Brantford, on Wednesday, Dec. 29th, John Steel, formerly of Dunnville, Ont. Interment takes place in Dunnville on Monday.

THE PROBS

Toronto, Dec. 30—The depression which was centered in Kentucky yesterday morning passed off the middle Atlantic coast and out to sea.

Forecast.

Fair and cold to-day and on Friday.

BRANTFORD STARTED OUT SEASON WELL

Defeated Dunnville in Exhibition Game by Score of 4 to 2.

Made Trip Last Night and Gave Dunnville Players a Surprise.

Dunnville got the surprise of their lives last night when the Brantford intermediate O. H. A. team journeyed there for an exhibition game and won out by 4 to 2.

The teams lined up as follows: Brantford—Goal, Sumershays; defence, Slemin and Hays and Harley; rover, Beckett; forwards, Lloyd, Freeman and O'Connor.

The game started late on account of the train bringing the visiting team being held up by the snow storm.

ANNUAL MEETING OF S. S. NO. THREE

Grant of \$50 Made Towards Formation of Boys' Cadet Corps.

The annual business meeting of School Section No. 3, Grandview was held in Grandview school yesterday night. Mr. James S. Gault fulfilled the duties of chairman very acceptably.

TWO EXHIBITIONS.

On Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, an exhibition in swimming in the Y.M. tank will be open for all local boys.

It is proposed now that over \$22,000.00 be spent for an auxiliary water supply system for New York to be connected with the Catskill Aqueduct.

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Nuptial Notes

NICOL-ATKINSON

A quiet but pretty wedding took place on Wednesday, Dec. 29th when Victoria May, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atkinson, became the bride of Jas. F. Nicol, the Rev. J. Brown officiating.

WHIDDON-FYLE

In Winnipeg on Dec. 24th, 1915, a very pleasant event took place in the presence of a few friends, when Miss Mae M. Fyle, one of Edmonton's popular teachers, whose former home was in Brantford, and Mr. J. W. Whiddon, another of Edmonton's successful teachers, were united in the bonds of holy matrimony by the Rev. Wm. Graham, of 134 Home street, Winnipeg.

DONALDSON-LEWIS.

A smart military wedding took place yesterday at Grace Church, when Pte. Andrew Albert Donaldson, of the 84th Battalion, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Florence Evelyn, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis, 34 Ontario street.

ROBINSON-PELLING

St. Jude's Church was the occasion of a very pleasing event yesterday when Rev. Edward George Robinson was joined in holy matrimony to Miss Laura Margaret Pelling.

LEE-PEARCE

The storm in no way interfered with the beauty and pleasure of the very happy wedding celebrated in Erant Avenue Church yesterday afternoon. The occasion was the marriage of Mr. S. J. Lee of London to Miss Mabel H. Pearce of this city.

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 274.

Miss Mae Brennan of Hamilton will spend New Year's in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wetmore, 207 Park avenue, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smithson, East Aurora, N. Y., for a couple of weeks.

Mr. Lane and Master Manly, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bullock for the past two months, left this morning for Brooklyn, N. Y. They will visit Mrs. Lane's son and daughter there for a few weeks before returning to their home in Winnipeg.

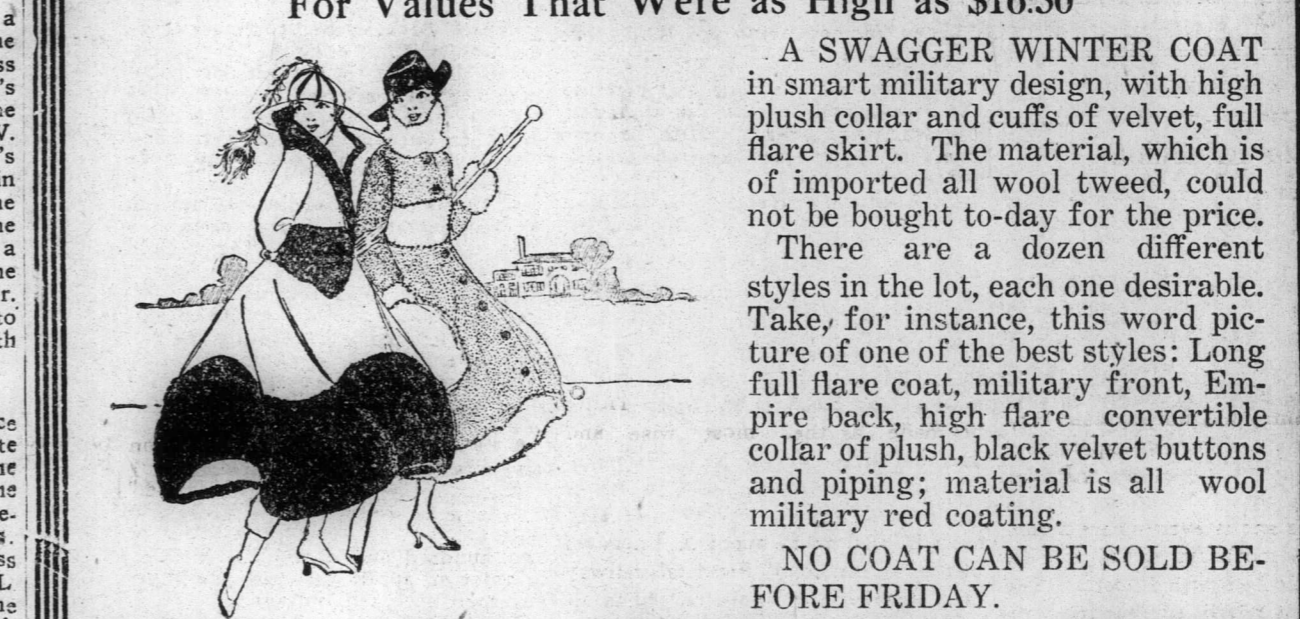
Too Many Already. 4775 "Blind-Piggers" and "Boot-leggers" are convicted in Canada last year, 1032 of such were convicted in Ontario alone.

Which is Worse? Beer becomes a negligible quantity where local option is in force. It is too bulky to escape the detection of the police.

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WITH THE SOLDIERS

A church parade of the 125th Battalion will be held on Sunday, January 2nd. Half of the regiment will go to St. Jude's Church, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Cutcliffe, and half to St. James' Church, under Major McLean.

Both Games Were Lost

Brantford Dropped Two Basketball Contests to London.

Two snappy games of basketball were played on the Y. E. gym last night, in which the visiting London teams carried away both victories.

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**NEWPORT**

Rev. Albert Pleyley took charge of the Sabbath evening service and delivered an excellent Christmas sermon.

The closing exercises at our public school were held on Tuesday December 21st. A number of visitors were present. Several classes were taught by the teacher, Miss Hislop, in all of which the pupils acquitted themselves well.

Mr. F. Emmott then took the chair and a splendid programme of drills, recitations and songs was carried out. Short addresses were delivered by the chairman, C. E. Atkinson, F. Houlding, I. Bellhouse and Mrs. T. Charlton, in which they complimented the teacher and pupils on the excellence of their work. The gathering dispersed after singing the National Anthem.

Miss E. L. Hamilton, of Toronto, is the guest of the Misses Emmott. Miss Hislop is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents at Stratford.

The Sunday School entertainment which was held on Wednesday evening Dec. 22nd, was a great success, and its preparation must have entailed much labor for all concerned. Rev. Mr. Pleyley occupied the chair in his usual pleasing manner and a splendid programme was carried out. The songs, with accompaniments by Miss Luella Wheeler, were well given. Several readings, which delighted the very large audience present. Gramophone selections by Mr. R. Bellhouse were very much appreciated. A free-will offering was taken at the door, which amounted to \$28.56, which goes to the Red Cross Fund.

Mrs. M. W. Smith spent a few days in Toronto last week.

**HARLEY**

Mrs. F. T. Cox, Miss Maggie, Miss Violet and Gordon; Mr. and Mrs. A. Hartley and children; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cox and children; Mr. and Mrs. B. Cox; Mr. and Mrs. T. High spent Christmas at Mr. W. Ryder's.

J. Ryder and family spent Christmas in Cathcart.

Miss Deagle of Brantford, spent Christmas with her brother, Edwin.

Mr. Oscar Fearman, one of our new recruits, spent his Christmas holiday at home.

Mr. Harold Vickers spent Christmas with his brother in Brantford.

Mrs. Thomas Walker spent Monday afternoon at Mrs. R. Dougherty's.

Mr. James Clarke and family spent Christmas at Mr. Wm. Dougherty's. Mr. Edwin Deagle was favored in getting a gas well.

**MIDDLEPORT.**

The nominations for Reeve and councillors passed off very quietly. Mr. Rose was elected Reeve by acclamation. For councillor, Messrs. Thos. Walker, Quintin McBlain, Arthur Barton and Morimer Hunter by acclamation. Mr. Herbert Howden was nominated for councillor but withdrew, thus avoiding an election.

St. Paul's S. S. entertainment was a fine success. Weather was good and \$26 was taken at the door.

Mrs. Victor Martin and two little daughters, Dorothy and Hazel, are spending their Christmas holidays at their parental home, Mr. Thos. Fearman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haviland of Brantford, and two daughters, Laura and Lela are spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. Thos. Walker.

Mr. E. Hagar and Mrs. L. Elliott are spending the Christmas holidays with their sister, Mrs. Young of London.

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**MT. VERNON**

We are glad to hear that Mr. A. Youman's is able to be out again.

Mr. Joe Charlton, who has enlisted as chauffeur at the front, spent over Sunday at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Reid spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bonney.

A number from here attended the Bethel entertainment last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fairchild are spending the holidays at Simcoe.

Mrs. Campbell and sons, Kenneth and Ross, are spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Gordon Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris, Newport, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Simon Reid.

Mr. William Moore, Brantford, spent one day last week in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Barker, Messrs. Carl and Warren, and Miss Irene spent Christmas Day with relatives in Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Young spent over Sunday in Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mull, Mr. Herb Mull and Master Norman of Brantford, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sturges.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cleaver left last week for Oklahoma to spend the winter with their daughter there.

**HATCHLEY**

Mrs. Savage is visiting her son, Mr. Melvin Savage, Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Doherty have moved to their farm in East Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Dean and children spent Christmas in Brantford.

A few from here attended the nomination meeting at Harley on Monday.

Mr. James Neill of Montana, U.S.A., is the guest of his sisters, the Mesdames Rush.

Miss Clara Yates attended an at-

home at the Brantford Collegiate last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. R. Root and Master Gordon spent last week with relatives at Guelph. Mr. Root going up for Christmas and the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cox and children of Brantford, and Mr. Ross Burtis of Preston spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. Burtis.

Mrs. Cora Burtis spent a few days last week in Brantford.

Mrs. Silverthorne and children spent part of last week with her parents at Mt. Elgin. Mr. Silverthorne joining them for Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mather and Mr. G. Mather of Brantford, spent the holiday with their uncle Mr. H. Mather.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wright and Miss Marton Wright of Brantford, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Arnold spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. I. Rush, Norwich Gore.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hainer and children of Brantford, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Singer for the holiday.

Mr. D. Miller of Woodstock spent one day last week with friends here.

Mrs. J. Scott is in Norwich with her friend, Miss H. Cross, who is seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Burtis, Misses Alma and Myrtle Currey, spent Christmas in Brantford.

**Boston Turned Down Local Option Measure**

Two weeks ago the City of Boston voted on a local option measure. With-out exception big newspapers of Boston came out in opposition to the proposal, pointing out that it was not workable in large centres and was the breeder of secret drinking, law-breaking and other vices. Boston defeated local option by over 25,000 majority on a straight vote. What is Brantford going to do?—Adv.

**BURFORD**

Mr. and Mrs. E. Park are spending a few days at Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. McLellan and children spent Christmas at Ingersoll.

Mrs. Braddon of Hamilton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wedge of Woodstock spent over Sabbath with Mr. and Mrs. John Wedge.

Mrs. McNeil, who has spent the past year in Alberta and Iowa is visiting Mrs. Padfield.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. D. Lawrence, the 20th inst., a daughter.

Miss Lucretia of Pleasant is visiting Mrs. Jos. Elvidge.

Miss E. Vansickle of Brantford spent the holidays at home.

Miss Eva Clark of Paris is visiting the parental home.

Miss Luella Creighton of Brantford spent the holidays at home.

Mr. Reynolds of Paris sang a fine Christmas solo at the Baptist church last Sabbath.

One of Mr. A. Rutherford's plate glass windows was broken last Sabbath evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Flatt of Toronto spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. Rutherford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Stuart spent Christmas at Galt.

Mr. E. Chrysler is home from the Canadian North West.

Mr. Russell Ellerby was home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. La Pierre of Paris spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Muir.

One of Burford's oldest and most respected residents passed away on Sabbath, 29th inst., in the person of Mrs. Geo. Balkwell. She had been ailing for some time, and being in her 87th year, the end was not unexpected. Mr. Balkwell predeceased her by two years. There is left one son, Robert, at home. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Trinity cemetery.

Mr. Chas. Hodge of Michigan is visiting his niece, Mrs. C. N. Wood-

**THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY**

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Then by a low growing mass of racti something gleams before his aching eyes, gleams and dazzles him. Is it a vagary of his thirst madness, or is it the diamond from the sky, a fortune within his grasp? He lurches forward and snatches up the diamond from where the train robber in his death agony from the pursuing posse's rifle bullets had cast it! But just as his grimy hand closes upon the great jewel a brown lance strikes him. In the ringing of the fevering brain he has not heard the warning rattle of death guarding the diamond. But even in his delirium the fevered brain of Luke Lovell knows the thrust of the brown lance.

A rattlesnake has bitten him! With a hoarse scream of despair he convulsively throws up his hands. The diamond flies from his nerveless grasp and settles again in the dust of the desert twenty feet away, and Luke Lovell pitches forward on his face in his agony, giving himself up as dead.

So, half conscious, John Powell, sheep herder, finds him, and so John Powell bears him to his lonely camp fire and succors and restores him.

Lovell is able to moan his plight. Fortunately his rescuer has a flask of whisky and a canteen of water. He doses the half conscious Luke, and whether the whisky or whether the sturdy constitution of the gypsy is to be credited Luke Lovell is brought back from the jaws of death.

It is a strange fate, the gypsy thinks, when he can think coherently, that it has been his destiny to meet the real and the usurping heir of Stanley and to clutch again the priceless Stanley heirloom, the diamond from the sky. He laughs ironically and then tells Arthur, whom he now recognizes as the recognized Blair Stanley, that just a few days since he has met up with the latter in Los Angeles.

"I don't know what he had run away for," growled Luke, "but whatever it was it had been squared, for I found out he was going back to Richmond. But now that you have saved my life in this God forsaken desert I'll do you a favor—a big favor. I know something that the other Stanleys would give all they have to know. What will you give me if I don't tell them what I know? You didn't kill that old doctor, and I know that some day you are keeping my mouth shut?"

John Powell regards with cold scorn the wretch who thus requires him. He knows what Luke would tell him. Just at this time John Powell desires to buy the silence of the treacherous and ungrateful gypsy.

"I'll have \$200 that I have saved," is John Powell's reply. "I never desire to be known again as Arthur Stanley. But I have reasons why I do not wish the secret you possess to be spread broadcast for the present. You are all right now. Take this money and go to the devil with it! But whether I killed Dr. Lee or not, I will kill you if you ever say one word of what you know. One thing more. Who told you?"

"Hagar Harding," lied Luke Lovell glibly. Then, seeing an incredulous look in the other's eyes, he added surlily: "Hagar's gone daffy; that's why she told me. But she don't talk to anybody now, and I know she didn't tell anybody else." "They would only think she was craving if she did," Mrs. Stanley has taken her to Richmond to an asylum. Mrs. Stanley has the girl Esther with her. They are at Mrs. Randolph's, where the ball was," adds Luke.

John Powell breathed a sigh of relief. Then all is well with Esther at least. He does not question Lovell further, realizing that Lovell knew aught concerning Esther the gypsy would have blurted it out.

And so Luke Lovell, gypsy black-mailer, and John Powell, sheep herder, part. "They would only think she was craving if she did," Mrs. Stanley has taken her to Richmond to an asylum. Mrs. Stanley has the girl Esther with her. They are at Mrs. Randolph's, where the ball was," adds Luke.

is a beggar on the bounty of the mother of the man who honors her with an offer of marriage.

Further, Mrs. Stanley icily reminds Esther that since Hagar has lost her reason no trace of the supposed wealth of Hagar can be found. The operation necessary to restore Hagar's mind will cost \$1,000. If Esther accepts Blair, Mrs. Stanley informs her, this money will be forthcoming, and the operation will be performed.

It is on the point of Esther's tongue to speak and declare herself for what she is, the legitimate daughter of the



The Squaw Wakes Her Papoose to Play With the Diamond From the Sky.

late Colonel Stanley and the heir at least of the depleted estate of Stanley hall. But she counsels herself to the wisdom of silence, for Arthur Stanley's sake. She bows coldly to Blair's mother and walks away with head erect.

Safe in her room, she impulsively resolves to seek out Arthur and tell him all. She takes the vase of roses and all. She places it on the window sill. That night quabba waits, shaded from the moon by the wistaria vine, at the side of the Randolph mansion.

That night a girlish figure clambers resolutely from the window and down the vines, and Esther Stanley, dressed once more in her gypsy costume, is gone with a hunchback organ grinder, seeking the one she loves with all her devoted heart—over the hills and far away!

(To be continued.)

**Local Option Does Not Injure Hotel Accommodation.**

So say the facts. Why should the presence of a beer-smelling bar-room make a bed any more comfortable or a porter house stay any more tender. We are told that the real hotel end of the business does not pay well enough, and the bar-room gains are necessary to enable the hotel-keeper to sort of make up an existence. The strictly hotel business without any bar-room is paying well in every Local Option town. The larger the town the larger the dividend and the better the accommodation.

One of the finest hotels in this province is in Renfrew, a Local Option town and it pays a good dividend.

Vote for Local Option and for hotels free from drunks and the odiferous bar-room. That is vote for better hotels.—Adv.

**Blankets Are Needed.**

The Women's Patriotic League are asking for contributions of blankets, old or new, to be furnished the Secours National, the official relief organization in charge of the relief work in France. A tea is being given by the ladies in the new cars of the L. E. & N. on Thursday afternoon, from 3 to 6, in aid of the fund and citizens are invited to send blankets to the Patriotic League headquarters. In connection with this appeal the Young Women's Christian Association in Paris cables New York:

"Our refugees suffering. Five hundred pairs of blankets urgent."

A letter from one of their workers in Paris says:

"Old age and baby life may flicker out for lack of blankets in these great bare sheds I know so well, where hundreds huddle without heat, adequate clothing, or—hope. Surely when tucking your own children in their warm beds you will feel a greater peace of mind if you have insured some other mother's child a comfortable night. Send, give, I beg of you! Go without some pleasure to give to those who have nothing."

The Secours National, 51 King street, west, has made an appeal in Toronto for one thousand pairs of blankets before the New Year, to send to these suffering women and children in France. It remains to be seen how Toronto answers the appeal.

**Where Local Option Would Place Brantford**

Local Optionists admit in their advertisements that the adoption of the by-law next Monday will place Brantford in the same category with Orillia, Meaford, Owen Sound, Bowmanville, Oshawa and other "tank" towns. Is that where the people who have been working to build up a Greater Brantford want to see it placed or do they want it to continue in the big city class where their efforts and its natural attractions have placed it?—Adv.

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## Mayoralty Contest

I am a candidate for the office of Mayor because of the persistent solicitations of all classes of the ratepayers of Brantford, and because I thought I might be of service in this critical state of our municipal affairs.

In a published statement made by me and taken from the local press I stated that there was an overdraft against Brantford's finances of some \$17,000. It was stated that this was because of uncollected taxes covering that amount. I have since applied to the City Treasurer, who courteously afforded me the fullest information, disclosing a deficit of some \$28,000.00 odd, which, under the able chairmanship of Thomas E. Ryerson, who seeks to become Mayor, is left for the incoming Council to face with the inevitable result of higher taxes.

After I had qualified to become a candidate I was interviewed by Mr. Ryerson, my opponent, who courteously informed me that I had better retire. I would be snowed under in the contest, and that I was the candidate of the liquor men and their tool. I repudiate Mr. Ryerson's assertion and point to my past record as a vindication against my becoming a tool of any clique or body of men. I have always thought that the office should seek the man, and not the man the office, that being the reason of my not personally canvassing voters. Should I be honored by being elected, I will devote my best energies to promote Brantford's welfare.

# J. W. BOWLBY

ALDERMAN, ELECTORS OF WARD ONE

Being requested by many ratepayers of Ward 1 to stand for election to the Council in this Ward, I have decided to do so, and earnestly request, therefore, your very hearty support. The coming year will present many problems, both in railway matters and in constructive work generally, in which my practical experience may be of value to the city, and if elected, I will devote this experience to the best interests of the City of Brantford. Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I remain,

Yours sincerely,  
**Philip H. Secord**

FOR ALDERMAN, WARD ONE

## REG. WELSH

Respectfully solicits your vote and influence for Alderman for Ward One for 1916.

ELECTORS OF WARD ONE

Ladies and Gentlemen,—Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for Alderman for Ward One, and if elected your representative, I will endeavor to serve the city's interests to the best of my ability. Wishing you a very happy New Year.

**Fred C. Harp**

ALDERMAN FOR WARD ONE

## Ed. Ott

To the Electors: I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Alderman for Ward One.

ELECTORS WARD TWO

## J. E. Hess

Solicits your vote and influence for Alderman for 1916.

ALDERMAN FOR WARD TWO

## S. P. PITCHER

Again solicits your Vote and Influence as Alderman for Ward 2.

ALDERMAN FOR WARD TWO

## John W. English

Solicits your Vote and Influence for Alderman in Ward 2 for 1916.

ALDERMAN FOR WARD TWO

## George Woolams

Solicits your vote and influence for Alderman in Ward 2 for 1916.

ELECTORS OF WARD TWO

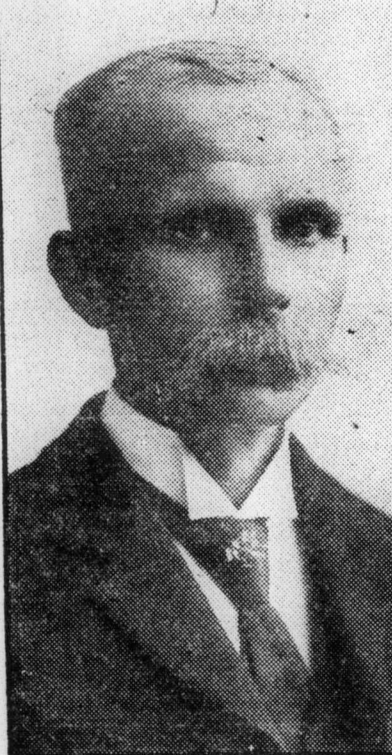
I solicit your vote and influence for Alderman for 1916. Having served seven years, I have been Chairman of Board of Works, the Buildings and Grounds, and this year was Chairman of the Fire and Light Committee, which committee was instrumental in securing a fire truck, so much needed for the Terrace Hill section.

**Jos. H. Minshall**

FOR ALDERMAN FOR WARD TWO

## WM. KILGOUR

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To the Electors of City of Brantford: Ladies and Gentlemen,—I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for re-election to the Railway Commission. If elected, I shall in the future, as in the past, give my best efforts in the interests of the people. I remain,

At your service,  
**CHAS. H. HARTMAN**

ALDERMAN FOR WARD THREE

## Arthur O. Secord

Respectfully solicits your Vote and Influence for Alderman for Ward 3 for 1916.

ALDERMAN FOR WARD THREE

## J. W. Porter, V. S.

Ladies and Gentlemen,—As a resident of Ward 3 and candidate for Alderman, I respectfully solicit your vote and influence. Sincerely,  
**J. W. PORTER, V. S.**

IN WARD THREE

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Alderman in Ward 3. Should I be elected be assured of my best services.

## Morrison M. MacBride

ALDERMAN FOR WARD THREE

To the Electors,—I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Alderman for 1916.

## Alex Ballantyne

ELECTORS WARD 3:

I again ask your support as Alderman.

Yours respectfully,  
**Jno. S. Dowling**

ALDERMAN FOR WARD FIVE

## Geo. Macdonald

Respectfully solicits your vote and influence for Alderman for 1916, for Ward 5.

To the Electors of Ward 5. Having decided to stand for election as Alderman, and trusting my past year has met with your approval, I respectfully solicit your vote and influence.

## H. C. Cuff

ALDERMAN FOR WARD FIVE

Ladies and Gentlemen,—I respectfully solicit your vote and influence as alderman in Ward 5. If elected I will do my utmost to give you an economic and efficient administration of civic affairs and a square deal for all.

## Dr. W. D. WILEY

ALDERMAN FOR WARD FIVE

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for re-election as alderman for Ward 5 for 1916. Trusting that my past record as Alderman has been satisfactory and wishing you all the Season's Compliments.

## Geo. L. Jennings

Brantford, Ontario, Dec. 28, '15. To the Electors of the City of Brantford:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—At the request of a large number of ratepayers I am in the field as a candidate for the Municipal Railway Commission and beg to solicit your vote and influence.

I am in a position to give all the time necessary to perform the duties of this office and will, if elected, give the municipal railway my independent and undivided attention at all times. I favor the extension of the Street Railway to Terrace Hill and West Brantford at once, as I am satisfied that the money can be borrowed whether the Galt road is sold or not.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I remain,

Your truly,  
**Thos. Quinlan**

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

Having served the Municipality for upwards of thirty years as Alderman, City Official and latterly as one of the Street Railway Commissioners, my record is before you. I am a candidate for the Railway Board and will appreciate your support.

## A. K. Bunnell

BOARD OF EDUCATION For Re-Election

## W. Norman Andrews

Respectfully solicits your vote and influence for re-election to the Board of Education.

VOTE FOR

## J. W. Shepperson

For Board of Education

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Your Vote and Influence respectfully solicited for re-election of

## William H. Lane

For Board of Education 1916.

## GET NEW BLOOD INTO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Vote for

## Dr. G. A. Elliott

for Board of Education, 1916

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ladies and Gentlemen,—Your vote and influence are respectfully requested for election to the Board of Education, for

## H. H. Powell



F. J. CALBECK.

---VOTE FOR---

## CALBECK

---FOR---

## Street Railway Commissioner

WISHING YOU ALL THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

## W. E. LONG

Solicit your Vote and Influence for Street Railway Commissioner. Municipal Ownership, well conducted, will pay the citizens.

## CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT AT SANITARIUM

Pleasant Program Put On Last Night for Benefit of Inmates.

A very happy event took place at the Brant Sanitarium when the annual dinner and Christmas tree entertainment took place.

A Christmas dinner for the patients took place at 1 o'clock, presided over by Miss Summers, the matron, and Miss Brown, nurse. The table was loaded with the good things of the festive season.

At night there was the Christmas tree festivities, and Mayor Spence presided. He took occasion to heartily compliment Miss Summers upon the splendid work of the institution,

BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP

I am again a candidate for the office of

## REEVE

and hope that my past service will meet with your approval, and ask for your support for next year.

Sincerely,  
**Morgan E. Harris**

BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP

## Hudson Jennings

who has served as Councillor and Reeve respectfully solicits your vote and very best influences as

## REEVE

for Brantford Township for the year 1916.

BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP

## Mr. U. O. KENDRICK

Your vote and influence is requested for U. O. Kendrick.

## 1st Deputy Reeve

Brantford Township.

BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP

After three years of service, I am again a candidate for the office of

## FIRST DEPUTY REEVE

and promise you the same service, I have given in the past.

Yours truly,  
**A. J. McCann**

COUNCILLOR

## Electors of Brantford Township

During the past three years I have to the best of my ability, served our Township, as a member of the Council. This year it is again my privilege to seek election at your hands, and I earnestly request from you your continued confidence and support, assuring you that I will, as during the past, give my best efforts to the welfare of Brantford Township.

With best wishes for the coming year, I am,

Respectfully yours,  
**James A. Scace**

BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP

To the Electors of Brantford Township:

As I am again a candidate for the Township Council, your vote and influence are earnestly requested.

Respectfully yours,  
**R. W. HENRY**

BRANTFORD TOWNSHIP

To the Electors:—I respectfully offer myself as a candidate for councillor for 1916. Having served the township in other capacities faithfully and well, I feel that, if elected, I will be able, as a councillor to give intelligent attention to the business.

## J. R. Summerhays

Municipal Railway Commission

To the Electors of the City of Brantford, Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a large number of Ratepayers, I am in the field as a candidate for the Street Railway Commission, and beg to solicit your votes and influence.

I have served the City for a number of years in the capacity of Public School Trustee and Alderman, and if elected as a Municipal Railway Commissioner will endeavor to the best of my ability to serve in the interest of the people.

I strongly advocate the extension of the Street Railway to Terrace Hill and West Brantford.

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season,  
**W. A. HOLLINRAKE.**

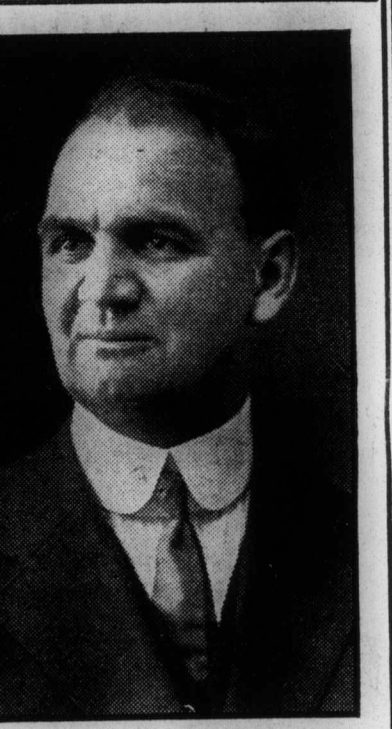
and retired in appreciative terms to the beautiful decorations of the building. Short speeches were made by Messrs C. Cook, E. L. Cockshutt, A. E. Watts, A. Olive, E. L. Gould and K. Bunnell.

Mr. J. C. Cook took the part of Santa Claus in a very able manner, and the tree was completely loaded with presents.

FOR MAYOR

# Thos. E. Ryerson

## In Reply to Mr. Bowlby



The information supplied to Mr. Bowlby by the Treasurer is contained in an official report to Council, dated December 17th, and published in all the papers. It is quite evident that Mr. Bowlby did not read this report, as it clearly shows that the shortage in the anticipated revenue for 1915 is from causes over which the Council has no control, viz.:

Unpaid taxes	\$17,600
Street Railway, estimated deficit	6,300
Street Railway, pavement tax	4,225

The taxes will all be recovered in due course, but surely Mr. Bowlby, had he been in office this last year, would not distract the goods and chattels of widows, and others who have had vacant property on their hands, and find themselves unable to meet their taxes promptly.

The Street Railway is in the first year of its operation, and it is confidently hoped that in the following years it will more than recoup any loss at present borne.

Mr. Bowlby, to be fair, should have referred to the portion of the Treasurer's report covering matters over which the Council have control, namely, the expenditures.

Mr. Bunnell states: "Coming now to the expenditures, I have much pleasure in reporting that all the committees have kept within their appropriations. The Board of Works has a surplus of about \$2,000 on Street Watering and Oiling.

"The Buildings and Grounds Committee have a surplus of about \$1,200; the Fire Department a surplus of \$1,800; the Manufacturers Committee a surplus of \$200.

"The addition to the cost of local improvements for engineering and other expenses has considerably more than offset the \$2,000 set aside for claims under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

"On the other hand, the requirements for charity, such as Hospital and Sanitarium, have been about \$5,500 in excess of the estimate, and there are other minor items both of surplus and deficit.

"The contribution by the Council to the British Red Cross Fund and other matters in connection with the recruiting campaign amount now to about \$5,000, which will be charged upon the one mill in the dollar to be levied for this purpose in the taxes of 1916.

"Taking one thing with another, had we been able to collect the full amount of taxes, and the Street Railway had been able to meet its payments in full, the Council for 1915 would have had a clean sheet, and even as it is, the members are to be congratulated upon the outcome."

## Mr. Bowlby Replies to Mr. Thomas Ryerson's Bid For Votes

I observe that Mr. Thomas E. Ryerson has committed himself to illusory promises for street railway extensions to catch the votes of the West Brantford and Terrace Hill electors, and that, too, out of the \$30,000.00 proceeds of the sale of the Paris and Galt branch not yet obtained. I call attention to a clause of the City Engineer's report of 27th May last, submitted to the Council and adopted on 30th May following: "The bridge (i.e., Lorne Bridge) should not be used for the street railway cars, even if confined to the box car formerly in use." And yet Mr. Thomas E. Ryerson will build a new bridge at a cost of some \$75,000.00 or more out of \$30,000.00, and run the street cars into West Brantford. I regret, in common with Brantford's citizens, the lack of street car service to West Brantford, and feel that it should be remedied at the earliest moment consistent with the public interests.

As to the Terrace Hill street car service. Without self-praise or seeking votes, permit me to say that I was mainly responsible for the laying out of this route and had it embodied in the contract with the late Street Railway Company with the strongest provisions for the construction of this line. My opinions have not changed as to its propriety or necessity.

## J. W. Bowlby

FOR  
**Railway Commissioner**

Your Vote and Influence Respectfully Solicited FOR

## H. J. SYMONS

THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE

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# Will Brantford Move FORWARD or BACKWARD in 1916 ?

The year 1916 is going to be one of the most momentous in the history of the city. A turning point has been reached. The time has come when Brantford cannot stand still---It must move either forward or backward.

The year 1916 will probably see the close of the great world's war and a rush of people from the war stricken countries to Canada, the land of plenty and promise. With this influx will come many investors. Where are they going to locate?

Only insofar as Brantford is able to provide these people with accommodation will the city share in the general prosperity of the country. If visitors and investors cannot secure accommodation here they will move on to where they can secure it.

## What Are YOU Going to do About it ?

If you vote for local option next Monday you will be voting to close up the nine well conducted hotels in Brantford which now provide accommodation for travellers and visitors; in short you will be voting for a non-progressive Brantford.

If you vote against local option you will be voting to keep open the accommodation so absolutely necessary to the social, commercial and industrial progress of this and every other BIG CITY.

If you vote for local option you will be voting to place Brantford in the class with Meaford, Bowmanville, Collingwood Owen Sound and other small places where the local optionists admit they want to see it.

If you vote against local option you will be voting to keep Brantford along-side of Toronto, Ottawa, London, Hamilton, and other large cities that have persistently refused to have anything to do with the local option experiment, knowing that it is not workable in centres of population and wherever tried retards the wheels of progress.

## Follow Hamilton's Lead

Hamilton, a neighboring city, has long been known as the Ambitious City, and few cities have had a more remarkable growth in the last decade. Extremists tried to pave the way for local option in Hamilton by forcing votes on license reduction in 1913, and again at the first of this year. In 1913 Hamilton, although it has 57 licenses, defeated the reduction by-law by 1,637 majority on a straight vote. Last January Hamilton again defeated a license reduction by-law, this time by 3,548 majority. In the course of its growth Hamilton has learned how valuable an asset licensed and well-conducted hotels, under Government control, are to any progressive city.

## Brantford's Hotels Well Kept

Brantford has only nine licensed hotels and three shop licenses, where supplies for home consumption are procurable. In comparison to population it has not nearly as many licenses as Hamilton. Are you going to cut off these licensed and Government-controlled hotels and force business that now comes to Brantford to go to Hamilton? Years ago, with a population much smaller than that of to-day, Brantford had three times the number of hotels that it has now, and not always did they meet the requirements of the law in the matter of accommodation or observe the spirit and letter of the law in the matter of closing and after-hour selling. But drastic laws and strict but just license commissioners and inspectors have weeded out the undesirable hotels and their keepers. TO-DAY EVERY HOTEL IN BRANTFORD HAS ACCOMMODATION FOR THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC IN EXCESS OF THAT REQUIRED BY THE LAW. NOT IN SEVERAL YEARS HAS A BRANTFORD HOTELMAN BEEN CHARGED, MUCH LESS CONVICTED, OF A BREACH OF THE LICENSE LAWS, DESPITE THE VIGILANCE OF THE LICENSE INSPECTOR, THE POLICE AND THE SPOTTERS SENT INTO THE CITY BY LOCAL OPTION AGITATORS IN THE HOPE OF CATCHING THEM.

The Ontario Government License Commission paid a visit to Brantford last month and invited any who had complaints about the conduct of the hotels to appear and make them known. NOT ONE COMPLAINT WAS ENTERED. Chairman Flavell of the Commission, himself a strong temperance man, complimented the Brantford hotelmen on the excellence of their hotels and the manner in which they were being conducted. The commission has the power to cut off any or all licenses if it sees fit. Should local option carry the Commission will not have the power to restore those licenses.

BRANTFORD WILL BE WITHOUT HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

## Mark Your Ballot Thus for a Greater Brantford

For Local Option

Against Local Option **X**

## Financial Problem is a Serious One

With every growing city the question of finance is a serious one. Improvements become imperative from time to time if the progress of the municipality is not to be retarded. The Brantford City Council of 1915 is closing the year with an overdraft that the 1916 Council will have to wipe out. In addition, Mayor Spence in his farewell address to the Council pointed out that in 1916 the following extraordinary expenditures would have to be provided for:

Filtration plant .....	\$200,000
Waterworks debentures .....	28,000
Hospital .....	55,000
	<b>\$283,000</b>

With these heavy expenditures in sight the loss of ordinary revenue will necessarily mean an increase in the tax rate. DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE TAX RATE BOOSTED?

In license fees, business taxes, ordinary taxes, water rates and other assessments the license-holders of Brantford pay into the city treasury annually not less than \$25,000 (not \$2,400, as the local optionists would have you believe). At such a critical period of the city's history can Brantford afford to lose this revenue for no good purpose?

## Moral Side of Local Option Issue

Local option agitators have been laying great stress on the moral side of the local option issue. To that no person could object, providing their figures and arguments were accurate and fairly presented. But are they?

The local optionists would lead people to believe that boys are served with liquor in the licensed bars. The facts are that the law prohibits licensed hotelmen from allowing any person under the age of 21 years in their bar-rooms, much less serving them with liquor or anything else. The penalty for an infraction of this law is the loss of both the hotelman's and bartender's licenses. Isn't it absurd to even suppose that any licensed hotelman would take the risk of serving a youth?

The local optionists say that the licensed hotel is a shield for the "blind pig," or unlicensed dive, where boys and men are served with liquor of an inferior quality. The statement is absurd on the face of it. Men who desire to drink would rather do so in a legalized hotel than sneak into an unlicensed dive, where they are themselves liable to arrest for a breach of the laws. There is little business for the "blind pig" where the licensed hotel exists. Put the licensed and Government-controlled hotel out of business and the unlicensed dives will multiply and flourish, because then there will be business for them to do.

It is in the unlicensed dive that boys procure their liquor and that men are allowed to drink to excess. It is the unlicensed dives that make of men drunkards, sneaks and perjurers.

The local optionists advertise that within a few weeks four or more keepers of blind pigs have been convicted in Brantford. If such is the case under the license system, how much worse will conditions become if the licensed hotels are closed to the public. Government and all other statistics show that it is in the unlicensed places that the "blind pigs" reap their richest harvest, and that the police have the greatest trouble in locating them. Statistics also show that where local option closes the legalized and Government-restricted hotels, the consumption of mild beers and other light beverages decreases, but the consumption of whiskey and other hard liquors increases.

With these FACTS before him it is for the ratepayer to decide which institution operates in the interests of morality—the licensed and Government-controlled and restricted hotel where boys cannot be served and men may not procure liquor when they are intoxicated, or the unlicensed dives where inferior liquor is sold to any and all as long as they care to drink it. The former closes its doors at 7 o'clock Saturday night and must keep them closed until 8 o'clock Monday morning, while the "blind pig" operates until all hours of the night and all day Sunday.

## Secrecy of the Ballot

Don't be stampeded into voting for local option. Remember that the ballot is secret and that no person can tell afterwards how you voted. If you think—as you surely will, if you weigh the facts in the scales of an unbiased mind—that the carrying of the by-law will not be in the best interests of the city, don't allow any other consideration to interfere with your judgment when you go to the polls on Monday next.

Remember that the future of your city is in your hands.  
Remember that decreased revenue means increased taxation.  
Remember that increased taxation on the landlord means increased rents for the tenant.  
Remember that business depression in a city means depreciation in property values.

Remember that business depression also means lower wages.  
Remember that the local option agitators have no financial interest in your city, and that they dare not try local option in Toronto and other cities where they have interests, knowing that they would suffer.

Remember that the licensed hotel, where he cannot be served, protects the boy from the unlicensed dive, where he has no trouble securing adulterated liquors.

Remember that the closing of the licensed hotels in Brantford will mean the wiping out of a business investment of the hotel and allied interests amounting to at least a quarter of a million dollars.  
And remembering these things.

**Vote Against Local Option**

## Driving Out Business

The merchants of Brantford are vitally interested in the local option issue. How many of them have come out in favor of the by-law? At least one Brantford merchant knows to his sorrow the effect of local option on business. He had a prosperous business in Owen Sound before local option went into force there. Less than a year after the hotels closed business had fallen off to such an extent that Brantford gained an up-to-date merchant. Do you want to drive business men out of Brantford?

In Immanuel Baptist Church last Sunday, S. Clark, a local option advocate from Galt, frankly admitted that at least 11 merchants of that town had been forced out of business as a result of the adoption of local option. And still the local optionists would have you believe that Galt is a good place for business.

Business men don't tarry or trade where they cannot secure proper hotel accommodation. The best way to drive business from a town is to close the hotels. The biggest boost the "Buy in Hamilton" movement could get would be the closing of the licensed hotels in Brantford.

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CHAPTER XXII.  
To Seek Her Lover!

WHEN Blair returned to Richmond his mother received him with remarkable cordiality, considering the conditions under which he had left both Fairfax and Richmond. Abe Bloom, the gambling house keeper, and his brother, Ike Bloom, the pawnbroker, received him with a cold, businesslike indifference, which was rather strange when it was remembered what both these gentlemen had endured at the hands of Blair.

But both the Blooms were so obsessed with the desire to secure the diamond for their own at any cost that they had casually remarked they were glad to see him and to "let bygones be bygones."

Blair's mother had only shown one touch of bitterness in her conversation with him alone upon his return. This was when she had informed him that the price of the silence of the two Blooms and the detective, Tom Blake, had been her written agreement, which Blair must sign also, that the diamond from the sky must be relinquished to the Blooms if it ever came into the possession, legally or otherwise, of Blair Stanley or his mother.

As for Tom Blake, the detective, he seemed to have no scruples one way or the other, but kept his own counsel and worked diligently and silently for his clients, and them alone.

It did not seem to occur to the detective—at least, he gave no sign that it did—that he was compounding a felony in suppressing the evidence he had secured, which undoubtedly fastened the guilt of Dr. Lee's murder on Blair. Mrs. Stanley had dismissed Vivian Marston from the matter, by simply stating to Blair that Abe Bloom had informed her that the vivacious individual in question had one, if not several, previous husbands prior to her marriage to Blair.

"The minister who married you to that creature has moved away from Richmond," said Blair's mother. "There are reasons not necessary to intrust you that make it desirable that you should marry Esther, Harding." Mrs. Stanley had added.

And Blair looked upon Esther and saw that she was fair, and, while his infatuation for Vivian was still strong, his unscrupulous mind dwelt with pleasure upon the thought that if he married Esther the fact might arouse the jealousy of Vivian.

If Vivian was a married woman, married other than to him, what would it matter if he married Esther? So Blair paid court to Esther.

Such were the threads in the web of destiny that were being woven around Esther in Richmond.

Abe Bloom wove for the diamond from the sky. In far Los Angeles his agent, the luxurious Vivian Marston, wove also for the diamond, but for herself. Perhaps Mr. Bloom surmised this, but if so he deemed he had the means that held her at his mercy.

Mrs. Stanley wove her web for some deep purpose of her own, deeper now than it ever had been. If she suspected Arthur's claims to the Stan-

ley heritages the earldom in England and the great diamond, so strangely missing, in America, were null and void, she said no word.

Blair thought only of his own desires, and so he wove also.

As for Detective Tom Blake, he helped the weaving, too, but whether he wove for Bloom or for Blair or for Blair's mother or for himself only Tom Blake knew.

In the far west a sheep herder who called himself John Powell had found an outlaw's stolen plunder under the skeleton of a horse in the desert. Few who knew Arthur Stanley, the light and reckless young master of Stanley hall, near Fairfax, Va., would have recognized in this bronzed and shabby sheep herder the dashing scapgrace who had been suspected of murder.

But John Powell no longer thought of himself as Arthur Stanley. His cheeks burned with shame at the recollection of all the years he had squandered a heritage not his. He was a

gypsy changeling and impostor. Back in Fairfax, let them think him a fugitive murderer, if they chose. He would bide his time and return a rich man, stand his trial, and, without implicating Blair, be cleared. He felt an added shame as he thought of Blair. Bad as Blair was, he, John Powell, Arthur Stanley that had been, had usurped his place. Blair was the rightful heir of Stanley. He, as John Powell, would make a name and fortune for himself, and Blair all in good time might have the Stanley earldom and the diamond from the sky.

And then John Powell's thoughts would turn to Esther. Was she his sister, or was she, too, a changeling? He thought of Hagar and his heart hardened. She was his mother, but she had wrought bitterness and woe.

John Powell carefully laid out his plans. He hid the outlaw treasure beneath some sheltering rocks in the desert. He took but a few hundred dollars in patience until the hue and cry after such of the train robbers as had escaped with their lives had died down. It was thought the survivors had gotten away with the plunder. Only the funder knew this plunder had fallen under a drying horse in the desert.

John Powell resolved he would relinquish his employment as an ill paid

sheep herder in the next month and take the stolen treasure with him and make it the capital on which to found a great fortune in the bustling west. He saved his conscience with the thought that when he had built up John Powell's vast fortune he would return the stolen money to the express company anonymously.

Meanwhile Luke Lovell journeys eastward again. But he cannot travel as Blair Stanley and other fortunates with money travel. Luke Lovell returns by freight. But in the desert and the trainmen throw him from his place on the bumpers and mock him as, bruised and sore, he rises in the desert dust to curse them as the freight train bears them on.

Down the endless miles of railroad track, across the dusty desert, he staggers. Blinded by the sun, choking and burning with thirst and half delirious, he tumbles from the track and makes his way, fevered with delirium, across the trackless desert.

(To be Continued.)

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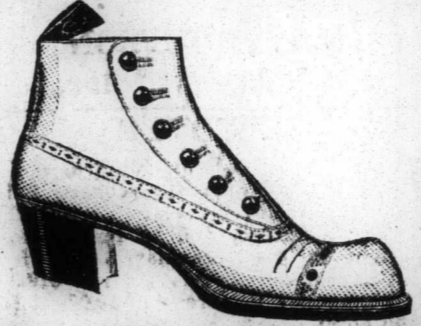
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Forcing Citizens to Shop in Hamilton

Local optionists are trying to force citizens of Brantford to shop in Hamilton. Their books show that the three shops in Brantford where lager and other beverages may be purchased for home consumption have more than 1,000 customers. If local option closes the liquor stores of Brantford, these

people will have to go to Hamilton, or elsewhere to procure their supplies, and when procuring these supplies it is unreasonable to suppose that they will make other purchases. Vote to keep Brantford business for Brantford merchants.—Adv.

Mrs. Alice Bennet, New York, aged 104, on Christmas Day cooked dinner for twenty-five.

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Has Decided to Continue the Furniture Business at the OLD STAND  
78 COLBORNE STREET

This store has the good name of handling nothing but the Best Quality Furniture, made in Canada by Canadian mechanics.

We Handle No Cheap Trashy Furniture

It is all of the finest quarter-cut oak, birch, mahogany, gum-wood ash or maple. These are the standard woods to make furniture from. Finished in golden polished oak, or satin finish, or fumed and Early English, as desired.

We carry a full line of Furniture and all shades of finish, so that all classes of people can make a good choice. Rich and poor can buy at CLIFFORD'S BIG FURNITURE HOUSE.

We have decided to do away with High Prices. Our prices will be cut right in half, and we will continue low prices as long as we are doing business.

Now is the time to look after your Christmas Gifts. You will find a rich lot of Furniture to choose from at CLIFFORD'S.

Watch our windows and see the bargains we are offering. When passing, drop in and look through our up-to-the-minute stock.

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