

Belleville Branch Patriotic Fund

During the month of December the local list of beneficiaries included 123 children of soldiers, including young brothers or sisters wholly dependent on soldiers; 94 wives of soldiers, 35 mothers of soldiers, widows or whose husbands were unable to work. Contributions received during the month amounted to \$4,371.30 and 136 checks were issued amounting to \$2,153.05.

The treasurer begs to acknowledge with thanks the following payments since added to the lists published up to 30th December

Ed Naylor	5.00
W. B. Vallance	5.00
H. B. Slook	5.00
D. E. Fisher	5.00
Miss E. A. Anning, 6th con	10.00
C. M. S.	15.00
W. N. Bojar	12.50
E. F. Milburn, Jan	1.00
Miss L. B. Carman	20.00
A. Friend, S. M. Jan	10.00
C. J. Howell, Dec.	10.00
John Williams, Dec.	5.00
Employees McIntosh Bros.	6.00

W.C.A. Notes.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.C.A. was held at 2.30 o'clock on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, 1916 in the council chamber.

EXPENDITURE

For Hospital and Home \$1250.50

RECEIPTS

From paying patients \$1028.80
City patients 30.50
Medicine and dressings 44.00
Extra meals 14.00
Special nursing 4.00
Grand Total 3.20

..... \$1124.50
Lady on duty for Hospital for Jan.
Miss C. Yeomans
Lady on duty for Home, Mrs. Wood-
ley.

GIFTS TO HOME

Mrs. Wickett, basket of apples
Mrs. McCoy, clothing
Mrs. R. A. Gibson, fruit cake, can of fruit and bottle of catsup.
Queen Mary School, quaker oats, pickles, canned fruit, 6 loaves bread, vegetables
Mrs. (Rev) O'Shane, bag of candies to each, handkerchiefs and frilling
Mrs. John Irwin, 2 sealers fruit catsup, layer cake, sweet apples
Henry Renfrew, headcheese, tins and sausages
Mrs. Waddell, 2 cans fruit
Mrs. St. Charles, 3 doz cakes
University S. St. sugar, tea, herring, fruit, candy, syrup
Mrs. Geo. Carr, pr chickens, two cans fruit, vegetables
Mrs. Leonard and Mrs. Symonds, gifts to an old lady
Miss Preston, bag of candy to each
Mrs. T. Nightingale, apron, can of fruit
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Dickens, mince pie, candy and oranges
A. Friend, plum pudding, two pies, tea, 6 cans fruit, and other gifts.
15th Regt. Band, pipes, tobacco, to old men, handkerchiefs to all.
Mrs. Bishop's family, gift
F. A. Twiddy, bag of potatoes
Green and Co, roast pork and roast beef
Chas. S. Clapp, candy and peanuts
Miss McRae, candy and tobacco
Mrs. A. Symond, tobacco
Mrs. John McKeown, 75c
Mrs. (Dr.) Coughlin, lb tea, lb cocoa
Mrs. S. Trevelton, gifts
Miss Peterson, Trent Road, two mince pies
Mrs. E. Guss Porter, pr chickens
Mrs. C. Ostrom, gifts
Mrs. Geo. A. Reid, can of fruit
Mrs. Collins, can of fruit
Mrs. Simfield, gifts
Mrs. Murdock, two mince pies
Senator Corby, crate oranges
Edith M. Wills, Cor. Sec.

A Progressive Movement

Mr. Sinclair's Store Will Close at Seven o'clock Saturday Nights.

Mrs. D. V. Sinclair is tonight putting into effect a new order in his store that will certainly be highly popular with his large staff of employees, and should also meet with hearty endorsement and support from the public.

Beginning with tonight the store will be closed at seven o'clock. The movement is experimental and will continue for three months in order to give it a reasonable trial. If at the end of that period the plan proves satisfactory it will be permanently adopted.

Mr. Sinclair has made a move that is along true progressive lines, and, we also believe, in strict accord with business principles.

The great stores of the T. Eaton Company, Toronto, open at 8.30 a.m. daily and close promptly at five p.m.

The new order did not affect their interests prejudicially as far as public patronage was concerned. But it proved a positive advantage in giving to them an army of salesmen and saleswomen who were rested and

A LIFETIME OF SICKNESS

Worn Out, Thin and Miserable
Until She Took "Fruit-a-tives"

PALMERSTON, June 20th, 1914.
"Stomach Trouble and Distressing Headaches" nearly drove me wild. Some time ago, I got a box of "Fruit-a-tives," your famous fruit medicine, and they completely relieved me. To-day I am feeling fine and a physician, meeting me on the street, asked the reason for my improved appearance. I said, "I am taking Fruit-a-tives." He said, "If Fruit-a-tives make you look so well, go ahead and take them. They are doing more for you than I can."

Mrs. H. S. WILLIAMS,
50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c.
At dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

fresh for their work, alert to meet customers and loyal to the employers who confer the benefits.

We see no reason why Belleville should not move up out of the country village class and have all our dry-goods, hardware and other stores that are in the habit of closing at six on other nights close not later than seven o'clock on Saturday night.

There is no reason why all shopping should not be done before that hour. The clerks always have a hard day on Saturday, and should not be unnecessarily held at their posts until a late hour because of thoughtless customers.

Mr. Sinclair's idea ought to catch on and spread.

It is only fair to state that the foregoing has been written without any suggestion coming from Mr. Sinclair and without his knowledge.

Jury Says Death Was Accidental

(From Saturday's Daily)
The coroner's inquest into the cause of death of the late Thomas Curry resulted in the finding by the jury that he was killed in an accident in the east end of the Belleville yards on Tuesday last, and that the crew did all in their power to avoid an accident.

Coroner Doyle presided at the session to the police station last evening. Mr. C. R. Cole testified as to the removal of the body from the G.T.R. to Messrs. Tickle and Sons' morgue. Engineer A. A. Johnson in charge of engine No. 188 and his fireman Samuel Taylor gave evidence to show that they had seen Curry working at the storage switch and that the bell was being rung and the whistle blown. They had come up a curve. At the storage switch the engineer seeing no sign of Curry and learning from the fireman that Curry had not passed, had the engine stopped as he (the engineer) had seen Curry as if starting to get out of the way. The result was that his body was found beneath the tender. The only suggestion both could offer was that deceased must have slipped.

The engine in question was one which had brought in a short haul of freight cars from the west and having left the cars at the east end was backing over to the shops.

George Clarke, section foreman, testified that he was in charge of the section men including the late Thos. Curry. Nobody sent Curry to clean out the storage switch. It was his daily routine of work. He looked after the extreme east end. Witness had seen Curry twenty minutes before the accident, but did not know where he went after leaving him. When he saw the body after the accident it was lying under the tender, beneath the truck nearest the engine, about midway between the rails. The shovel was found some distance east of the place where the body was found. Curry did not work with the men. He had a sort of roving commission to keep that end of the yard clear. He was a man of good health, and good bearing and was never careless.

Thos. Logan, section man, saw the deceased working at the switch about five minutes before the fatality. A train eastbound passed between and by that time the accident had occurred. Curry was always careful. Perhaps the noise of the eastbound train and of another engine backing up into the yard drowned the sound of the moving engine No. 188. Witness thought that with Curry at work where he was, and knowing he was there, and having regard to the traffic, the engine No. 188 should have stopped dead or approached cautiously to the switch.

The jury then retired and brought in the verdict exonerating the crew.

Death of Child.

Robert Grant, two months' old son, of Mr. John Grant, Thurlow, died on Saturday.

The Nations at War

PART I

Austria To Serbia
Ferdinand our Prince was slain. By a Serb assassin's hand. An excuse I've wanted long To invade your cherished land.

I will conquer and enslave you
You no longer shall be free
I am certain I can do it
For I'm backed by Germany.

Montenegro to Austria
So you think to conquer Serbia
By whose side I fought before
When we fought for right and freedom
In the recent Balkan war.

Montenegrins still are loyal
To our friends we will be true
And while you are conquering Serbia
We will make it hot for you.

Russia to Austria
Do you think I'll stand unheeding
While you trample Serbia down
Leave the nation torn and bleeding
And usurp the monarch's crown.

Russia's army's strong and ready
And her sons are trained for war
Pray accept a neighbour's warning
Austria do not go too far.

Germany to Russia
Stop your meddling, neighbor Russia
You have but one part to play
Keep aside and mind your business
I have something new to say.

While Austria to quell the Serbians
With her armies doth advance
I will take a rousing army
And step over into France.

Britain's hands are tied with Ulster
And the Boers would soon rebel
Her colonies won't care to meddle
They can't help her very well.

Germany to Belgium
Little Belgium, you are neutral
Now remember what I say
I will travel through your door-yard
It is much the easier way.

Soon my legions will be marching
When I give the word advance
Through your country 'twill be easy
To the capital of France.

There are just some scraps of paper
Made with Luxemburg and you
Do you think I'd let them stop me
You don't know me if you do.

I'm the war lord of creation
And my banners are unfurled
With my armies, ships and Zeppelins,
I can now defy the world.

Belgium to Germany
I have burned with indignation
At your insolent remark
Though you turn to desolation
All our fair and lovely land.

We will stand for right and freedom
Belgians will to God be true
And our friends across the channel
Will come and defend us too.

France to Germany
In the year 1870
You took Alsace and Lorraine
And you think because you conquered
You can do the same again.

Britain is just across the channel
And she's strong and brave and true
We with Russia and wee Belgium
Can defeat the like of you.

Britain to Germany
I have ever stood for freedom
For the cause that's just and right
And to maintain the peace of Europe
Rest assured that I will fight.

So you think my hands are tethered
With my troubles here at home
But to prove my sons are loyal
I have just to bid them come.

Ireland's troubles all forgotten
In one burst of loyalty
That's re-echoed by the millions
Of my sons across the sea.

Colonies to the Motherland
Mother dear, are you in trouble?
Let us help you in the fight
We will come both quick and ready
To increase your army's might.

We are coming from New Zealand
From Australia's far off land
From South Africa's dominion
And from India's coral strand.

Canada will send her thousands
And one million bags of flour
Countless tons of other food stuff
To increase your armies' power.

Ally to Germany
Come along to Paris to the channel
ports as well
There's nothing now to stop you
But the allies' shot and shell.

Try the Yser river route and then go
home and tell
How you could not get to Paris.

Come on, come on now, boasting
Germany
Come on, come on we're ready now
for thee

We'll drive your armies backward
and we'll gain the victory
While we go marching to Berlin.

PART II

Japan to Germany
Germany, for shame for shame
See the ruin you have wrought
All dishonored is your name
All your "kultur" stands for naught.

I will join the allied powers
To drive you from the East.

Help to bring you to your knees
The land of sun and flowers
Will drive you from the Eastern seas.

Germany to Turkey
Turkey you must come and help us
We get more than we bargained for
I command and train your soldiers
You must help us in this war.

Turkey to Germany
Brother Germany we're ready
For we're "kultured" just like you
Oft we've butchered the Armenians
Atrocious deeds we love to do.

We'll declare a war on Christians
That's the kind of thing that tells
We can do a lot of damage
Ere they force the Dardanelles.

Italy to Germany and Austria
By the old "triple Alliance"
I was pledged to stand by you
But if I should keep my promise
I should be as bad as you.

Do not think I'll be a party
In such fiendish crimes of hate
As killing helpless little children
And the Lusitania's fate.

Hapsburgs, Turks and Hohenzollerns
Gloat o'er these with fiendish joy
But you'll find a nobler manhood
In the old house of Savoy.

I will go and join the Allies
A new quadruple entente
Fight for right and truth and freedom
Till you meet your punishment.

Germany to Bulgaria
Come Bulgaria you must help us
You have hung back long enough
For I know that you hate Serbia
Here's a chance to use her rough.

Bulgaria to Germany
I've been very undecided
For I knew not how I would end
But if you can quite assure us
That on you I can depend.

I will help you in the struggle
They will be no match for us
We'll make the Allies howl for mercy
Ere they reach the Bosphorus.

Allies to Their Eggs
"Brags" may be a very good dog
But "Hold fast" is better far
It is you who'll plead for mercy
Ere the close of this great war.

We are going on to Berlin
And Constantinople too
Send Kaiser Bill to St. Helena
What we promise we will do.

Come along and watch us we force
the Dardanelles
Constantinople next will fall the
victim of our shells.

We're going to fight to conquer that
the fighting now that tells
And we'll go marching to Berlin.

Come on, come on, now boasting
Germany
Come on, come on, we're ready now
for thee

When John Bull gets the Kaiser he
will never more be free
Till he lands at St. Helena.

Mrs. Geo. W. Fox
Allisonville Ont

WEDDING BELLS

HOLGATE-WINDSOR

On Wednesday, Dec. 29th, at 12 o'clock noon, a very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bidwell Winsor when their eldest daughter, Myrtle Alice, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Charles Arthur Holgate son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Holgate, of Moira, Rev. A. J. Terrill officiating.

The bride was becomingly attired in ivory silk crepe de chene, with head trimmings, and carried a bouquet of Lilies of the valley and Narcissus. Violet Winsor and little Marjorie Sears were flower girls.

After the ceremony and congratulations, the guests, numbering about 50, repaired to the dining room where a dainty wedding dinner was served. Numerous and beautiful were the gifts received by the happy couple.

At 4.30 the bridal party left, amid showers of confetti and good wishes, for Toronto and other places of interest, the bride wearing a military suit of navy blue, with black velvet hat.

On their return we will join in wishing them a long life of happiness and prosperity.

On Monday evening prior to her marriage a number of her friends and neighbors assembled at her home, surprising her with a variety shower of many well chosen articles. — News Argus

Boards Fell Down.

On Saturday in police court Mr. Arthur Redbourne was charged with acting disorderly the other evening. In pulling down the protection of boards which had been placed in the Ritchie Company's window, of which the plate glass had been broken. He said he put his hands upon it to find out what it was and that it fell. However he pleaded guilty accordingly, a fine of one dollar and two dollars costs was imposed.

Letters to The Editor.

Reply to Mr. G. N. Brintnell.

January 8th, 1916.

Editor Daily Ontario.

There appeared in your issue of the 29th ult., under the caption of "The Repairs to O'Brien's Bridge" a letter signed by G. N. Brintnell in which that gentleman makes several grave accusations against the committee appointed by the County Council to deal with the repairs to the above mentioned bridge and we the committee referred to welcome the opportunity thus offered of vindicating ourselves of these charges and at the same time, of giving to the ratepayers, through the medium of your valuable paper, some explanation of the difficulties encountered in this work and the steps we have taken to fulfil the responsibilities devolving upon us in connection therewith.

Under the direction of the council we made a careful examination of the condition of the bridge and found that the south pier had settled so an alarming extent, showing off some of the bolts and rivets of the steel superstructure and rendering the bridge unsafe for use by the public. We therefore closed the bridge and immediately took steps towards accomplishing the necessary repairs.

Our first action was to ask Mr. Allen, a resident engineer to make an examination of the bridge and advise us as to the best method of executing the repairs in such a manner as to ensure a sound, permanent structure, and deeming the problem one that called for considerable expenditure we did not rely solely upon Mr. Allen's judgment but consulted with Mr. W. A. McLean, the Provincial Engineer of Highways for Ontario, an engineer of high reputation, as proven by his having been elected president of the Good Roads Association of America and with Mr. Bishop, a celebrated bridge and railroad engineer of Montreal and the written opinion of both these engineers agreed with that of Mr. Allen that the only safe course to pursue was to raise the two steel spans resting on the damaged pier, drive a cofferdam of steel sheet piling around it and remove the old pier and the mud and debris upon which it rested, until a solid foundation was reached upon which a new pier could be built. We also have had two other experienced engineers visit the bridge at no cost to the county and both these men agree that the course pursued is the only way to make a safe and permanent bridge.

The engineers' report was submitted to the chairman of the Finance Committee who called a meeting of some of his committee who were convenient along with the Reeves of the three front townships which are more directly interested in this work and they directed us to proceed with work along the lines of the engineer's report.

This we immediately did and engaged the services of Mr. Allen as superintending engineer to go ahead with the work.

When the weather became too severe to allow the repairs to be proceeded with economically and with good results, we after due consideration of all the circumstances, decided to close the work until spring presuming that the ice would be in condition to drive over during the winter months.

After the steelwork was raised, relieving the pier in question of its weight it was found that the pier could be moved perceptibly by the use of a crowbar, proving beyond all doubt that the foundation was insecure and that we were justified in immediately taking the course recommended by the engineers to save the bridge from complete collapse and to protect the lives and property of the public who use it.

The evidence of the sheared rivets and bolts on the steelwork is alone, in our opinion, sufficient to refute that of Mr. Daniel Poucher and others who according to Mr. Brintnell affirm that the pier has not settled any for the past two or three years and Mr. Brintnell's suggestion that the pier which "had settled a little on one end and could have been leveled up at very little expense," though poor economy but doubtless well-meant, would in our opinion be simply putting additional weight on the already insecure foundation, thus precipitating disaster to the bridge.

Mr. Brintnell further denounces our actions in procuring the necessary equipment to perform the work of repairs alluding to this as being sufficient to "build a railway bridge of ordinary dimensions." Anyone at all familiar with this class of work will treat this statement with the contempt it deserves. Does Mr. Brintnell think that steel piling can be driven with a sledge hammer or holes drilled in concrete with a brace and bit?

Mr. Brintnell also states that he does not lay the blame entirely upon the committee but partly to the ratepayers themselves for putting such extravagant and reckless men in charge of county affairs. Had the county foreseen Mr. Brintnell's engineering and business abilities and selected him as one of the county council and committee, no doubt he imagines the so-called blundering and reckless expenditure would have been avoided.

Signed
Bridge Committee.

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Gents soft front Shirts, 75c to \$1.00 values, plain and stripes, sizes 14 to 17, on sale at 50c
Boys' Winter Undershirts and Drawers, sizes 24 to 32, on sale at each 19c
Men's heavy ribbed wool Underwear, sizes 32 to 44, worth \$1.00, on sale at each 85c
Big discount on Men's Mocha Mitts and Gloves.
Gent's tan colored knitted Scarves, fringed ends, regular \$1.00, on sale at each 75c
Ladies' large all-over white lawn and checked gingham Aprons, on sale at each 25c
Great reductions in fancy crepe Kimonos, very large variety of patterns and colors.
60" x 80" white flannelette Blankets, on sale pr. \$1.19
68" x 81" white flannelette Blankets, on sale pr. \$1.39
68" x 90" white flannelette Blankets, on sale pr. \$1.59
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