

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Aylmer has fortunately a nenergetic and competent Fire Department. Recognizing this fact, the Council from time to time has been adding modern appliances to their equipment. The latest move in this direction was last Monday night, when it was decided to add an auto truck wagon for conveying hose to the scene of conflagration. This should prove a time-saver over the old horse method and doubtless will be an encouragement to our snappy band of fire fighters, who receive but little more than thanks for their ofttimes strenuous and dangerous work, and sometimes not even that much.

We are told that returns for the first weeks' campaign for the Victory Loan has been quite satisfactory. Have you done your share in making it the desired success? If not, do it to-day. You take no chances in purchasing bonds, secure a fertile investment and help your country at a time when it is absolutely necessary. If the full amount of the Loan is not secured at home, it will have to be borrowed abroad, in which event it lessens our credit, and foreigners secure the interest instead of ourselves. As previously stated the only thing that can make it a failure is for small investors not to do what they can. The wealthy classes have taken the bulk of the loan to date.

Dr. Cody, Minister of Education in the recently-defeated Legislature, and whose splendid record permitted him to be returned to Parliament unopposed, has positively stated his determination to not again accept charge of that department under the new regime. This is much to be regretted, as the office demands a man of clear perception, ability and undaunted courage, such as Dr. Cody has given evidence of possessing. His successor should be carefully chosen. Rural schools must receive greater consideration than in the past, in order to leave nothing undone to keep the boys on the farms, and give them an education both practical and liberal. The farm is where we find some of the best material for nation building. At the same time the Minister must not overlook or neglect the many other large and varied demands that will be made upon him. Ontario already has the reputation of being the banner province in advanced education, but we must keep going forward in order to hold that position.

We happened to overhear part of a conversation between two farmers the other day, in which both remarked that they were behind in their plowing and other necessary work to be completed before a freeze-up came. Knowing both men to be among our most enterprising, industrious and successful farmers, it struck us rather peculiar that they had not looked after this work before. We have had one of the most delightful autumns in many years, and practically no frost to date. We are quite sure that the delay was not caused by neglect, so have concluded that it is but another evidence of the scarcity of farm labor, which has cost many a farmer dearly during the past few years. The U. F. O. Government, which according to their announced platform is committed to the extension of Hydro power, can do much by encouraging the installation of electric light and energy throughout the rural districts. This would have a tendency to make home life on the farm more agreeable and comfortable, and simplify the complexities of working conditions in many branches. There is really no reason why the farmer cannot have all the advantages of city life, with the exception of street cars, and they do not need these for the great majority of farmers have their autos, which are far better.

A number of our subscribers have been anxiously enquiring as to why their copies of the Express have not reached them on time lately. There is a reason, and one which we have deep financial cause to regret. Seven weeks ago yesterday our large newspaper press was merrily turning out the weekly news, when without any warning there was a crash, it stopped suddenly, and has not moved since. A printing press is rather a sensitive piece of mechanism, and investigation showed that an important part had given way, causing further complications. An order was sent direct to the makers at New York for new parts, which regardless of numerous telegrams and anxious enquiries, have not reached this office. Our printer friends at both St. Thomas and Tillsonburg have, with no little inconvenience to themselves, courteously and kindly helped us out since, but it is no small job printing a newspaper outside of its own office. The break and its consequences will cost us hundreds of dollars before the damage is adjusted. Our American

friends are said to be great hustlers in business, but we are not in a position to confirm that statement just at this time. We are doing the very best we can under the circumstances, and we are sure our subscribers will bear with the inconvenience they experience with as much graciousness as possible. Believe us, we are getting the worst of it.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The death of Henry Caulfield occurred at his home on Sydenham st., very suddenly on Friday noon, Oct. 31st. Deceased has suffered from heart trouble for the past two years, but he was down town until after eleven o'clock that morning and apparently was feeling as well as usual. Shortly after returning home he dropped to the floor and immediately expired without warning of any kind. The late Mr. Caulfield, who resided at 1501 St. Mary's, was the second son of the late Dr. K. J. Caulfield of that place and for many years conducted a furniture and undertaking business in Aylmer. Disposing of this he went on the road and for a quarter of a century was a successful salesman for the Globe Casket Company, of London. He was forced to retire from the road some two years ago on account of ill-health and has spent that time quietly at home. He was a member of Aylmer Lodge 94, I. O. O. F., and a faithful member of Trinity church. Besides his widow, he is survived by two daughters, Miss Hester, of the Royal Bank, Aylmer; Miss Alice, nurse in John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.; two brothers: H. J. Caulfield, Toronto; James, of St. Mary's; and three sisters: Mrs. Waring, St. Mary's; Misses Mae, of Toronto; and Annie, of Hamilton. The funeral took place from his late residence Monday morning at eleven o'clock and was in charge of Rev. C. A. Miles. Interment took place in the Aylmer cemetery.

The Aylmer King's Daughters have provided three varied and high-class entertainments in the Town Hall here during the past month. They booked a series of entertainments from the Coit-Alber people who have furnished the Chautauqua program here for the past two summers, and certainly the program provided is fully up to the Coit-Alber standard. Davis, the master magician, appeared here last Friday evening, and every minute was full of mystery. He kept the audience completely mystified during an hour and a half, and each trick was more mysterious than the last. Coins, cards, balls, eggs, pigs, flowers, pigcons, ribbons, etc., appeared from nowhere and disappeared to the same place at the command of the clever magician and experiments one would declare were impossible, were performed with apparent ease. We have been entertained in vaudville for 10 or 15 minutes of slight of hand programs, but never before witnessed an hour and thirty minutes of such entertaining mystery. Davis, is a wonder, and we doubt if the great Thurston could be more clever. The performance was concluded with experiments with ropes and handcuffs. Davis was tied with four strong ropes to a chair and in five seconds completely freed himself. He was also tied with a rope around his neck, this rope fastened to the top of a sack, he was handcuffed, locked and strapped in a trunk by Mr. McConnell, of Dunboynne, and in less than thirty seconds escaped from the trunk and all fastenings. Not satisfied with this he again entered the trunk, handcuffed himself and had himself in the bag as before, in five seconds. A great many of the magician's tricks were performed in the audience and completely baffled those a few inches from him. The next in the series of entertainments will be "Cope", American humorist of the first rank, who visits Aylmer on February 4th. Every entertainment has been a treat and well worth your attendance. You will be disappointed if you do not

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All clothing will be very scarce, hard to procure and higher in price later on in the season.

We purchased heavily for this season, but owing to unprecedented demands and labor troubles have not received nearly all our buying. The same condition exists over all Canada, and there is bound to be a scarcity.



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On Wednesday morning H. R. H. the Prince of Wales paid a farewell visit to the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General before going to Washington. The Prince has proven himself a man and his speeches have shown him to be a very able diplomat in the eye of the Canadian public. Without exception he has won the hearts of all.

IN LOVING MEMORY

In loving memory of Wm. Davis, who died one year ago, Nov. 6th, 1918, near Springfield from influenza. One year has passed since that sad day. One year has passed since that sad day, God called the one we loved away. One of the best that God could lend, A loving husband, faithful friend. Friends may think that I forget him, When they sometimes see me smile, But they little know the sorrow, That the smile hides all the while. His wife, Hattie Davis.

IN MEMORIAM

Grass—In loving memory of my dear son, Harry. Just one year has passed but none can tell, The loss of one we loved so well, One of the best that God could lend, A loving son, a faithful friend, He was the one who willingly helped me, And all my troubles shared, When days are dark and friends are few, Dear son, how I long for you, Though forgotten by some you may be, But dear to my memory you always will be. We cannot, Lord, Thy purpose see, But all is well that's done by Thee. His loving father, George Grass.

IN MEMORY

In loving memory of my dear husband, Harry Burton Grass, who died November 5th, in his 26th year. In far but silent grave yard, Where trees their branches wave, Lies a true and loving husband, In his cold and silent grave, You're not forgotten, Harry; Nor will you ever be As long as memory lasts, We will remember thee. When days are dark, And friends are few, Oh dear Harry, how we long for you. Wife and children, Willie & Helen

Miss Susie Hoag, left on Saturday for Chicago.

Mr. Crosby left on Monday for his home in Nova Scotia.

Mr. C. Sheldon, of Buffalo, N. Y. spent a few days here last week.

Little George West, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. West had the misfortune to break his leg just above the ankle while wrestling on the school grounds on Monday.

Federal by-election took place in five provinces, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Three were won by the U. F.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the friends and Masons for their kindness and beautiful floral offerings on behalf of the family of the late Levi Brooks. Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw. Mr. and Mrs. Stanton Wm. Warnock

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness during the illness of our husband and father and to those who so kindly sent flowers. We also wish to thank those who so kindly put their cars at our disposal. Mrs. B. W. Law, Sons and daughters.

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