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In a recent raid over London, the Huns fairly drenched with bombs the golf course of which Harry Vardon is the professional, and the "champion of champions" himself had a very narrow escape from being killed. Describing his experience Vardon writes "By some strange intuition, my wife and I got out of bed just before midnight. Then we heard the noise overhead, and almost immediately two bombs fell. It was a curious sound—a soft hissing sound like the falling of sand from a pail. Then came a tremendous explosion, and everything about the place was thrown hither and thither. We were absolutely helpless, standing in the middle of the bedroom, not knowing what was going to happen. Within a minute the place was a wreck. Pictures, ornaments and furniture were flying around, and yet we were fortunate enough to escape injury. My niece was in the next room and she also had a presentiment that something was going to happen. Before the bombs fell she was on the point of leaving her room, but when she got to the door the explosion occurred, and she was thrown downstairs, and injured about the face and body."

Asked as to his invaluable collection of golf medals, cups and other trophies, Vardon stated that they fortunately escaped unscathed. He had them in a strong box which he has since deposited in the bank. "But for the present," the champion adds, "I am in a helpless and homeless condition. Until I can secure another house there is only one room here habitable."

Vardon is undoubtedly not only the greatest golfer of all time, but he is also immensely popular on and off the links. He has twice visited the United States and Canada. The last time in 1913, and writes "me that after the war he hopes to make a farewell tour over here. His legion of friends and admirers throughout Canada will extend heartiest congratulations on his remarkable escape from Hun savagery and also that of Mrs. Vardon and niece."

Golf exhibition matches for patriotic purposes have already started in Great Britain. Recently at Romford a splendid gallery witnessed the match between the English celebrities Taylor and Ray and the Scotchmen Braid and Reid. In the morning round the Englishmen had the better of the play with a score of 72 to 74. In the afternoon, however Braid and Reid with a 34 and 36-70 against a 36 and 39-75 had their worthy opponents well down. As a result of the game the Red Cross benefits to the tune of £250.

In Canada the coming season, these exhibition matches should be made much more of a feature than they were last year. The amateur champion, Mr. George S. Lyon, the Montreal crack, Mr. T. B. Reid, George Cumming, the brothers Freeman, A. S. Russell, Geo. Daniels, Toronto, the two Murrys, Montreal, Davis Black, Ottawa, Nial Thompson, Hamilton and other well known amateurs and professional players

both in the east and the west, have all signified their willingness to gladly participate in such events for "sweet charity sake." Any club desiring to get up such a fixture will find not the slightest difficulty in securing the "top notchers" to participate therein. They will, one and all, willingly give their services free.

The vogue of the game of golf in the west is nothing short of remarkable these war times. Winnipeg has no fewer than eight clubs and now comes word that the Winnipeg Canoe Club has also decided to "get into the game" and will this season lay out a hole course for its members, taking advantage of a pleasantly situated stretch of land along the Red River adjoining its club house. The Norwood Golf Club, Winnipeg, has just added 120 new members to its already long list. The Regina Golf Club at its first executive meeting elected 32 new members. All the four Calgary clubs are going strong and without exception, report the prospects for 1918 the brightest in the history of the game. Edmonton, Saskatoon and other golfing centres have the same story to relate. The golfing pendulum is undoubtedly swinging "westward, ever westward."

Several British Columbia and western clubs have already inaugurated the season, with club matches. Regina's first fixture was a four-ball event in which the older and better players were partnered with the beginners or "war members" as they call them there. An excellent idea which could well be emulated throughout the Dominion.

Following the example of Pinehurst, Georgia, Arizona, and other territories on this continent, which have lined up a big golfing tourist trade both in the winter and summer, the Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce of Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia, this season are inaugurating a publicity campaign for the Pacific Northwest. There are forty beautiful golf courses with evergreen fairways in this territory and a determined effort is being made to bring these to the attention of the travelling public. The Pacific Northwest may yet rival other well known golfing resorts on the continent. There can be no question that golf can be played under ideal conditions there and that every year shows an increasing number of visitors in this the "world's greatest out of doors."

Letters received from all the leading golf centres throughout the Dominion show that the greatest interest is being taken by golfers of over fifty in the formation of a Canadian Seniors Golf Association along the lines of the successful organization in the United States. Clubs as far west as Winnipeg will be represented at the organization meeting to be held at the Royal Montreal Club in Montreal on Saturday, May 18th. The indications are that the membership of 250 will be quickly attained and that in the States there will soon be a waiting list here.

To The Editor of The Courier

FAIR PRODUCTION EXTRAORDINARY.

Dear Sir:—Recently a party of Brantford Aldermen journeyed out to Harley, a village in Brant County, southwest of the City of Brantford, some twenty miles distant. They visited a wood lot recently purchased by the city to relieve the fuel situation. The property consists of about one hundred acres—twenty cleared. The bush is a magnificent lot of standing timber, much of it available for lumber. It was the unanimous opinion that the city was most fortunate in securing this property. Much of the credit is due to Ald. Hill. The twenty acres will be put under cultivation at once. Arrangements are under way to have this timber cut for next winter's wood supply. It was in this connection that the party came in contact with the Messrs. Rush Bros. of Hatchley. They have a small saw mill. Their activities in wood and lumber production have been steadily increasing. We were all agreeably surprised and much impressed with their extensive and varied production. They have demonstrated extraordinary organizing ability, and have patriotically endeavored to respond to the call for greater production. The writer was impressed with their industry and enterprise, that he felt a brief recital would prove of interest at this critical time.

Two farms, of a total of three hundred acres, are under tillage and pasture. The entire labor on these extensive acres is performed by the two Rush brothers, together with the help of two young men, Lorne Courtenage and Gordon L. Mason, the latter two being expert young farmers. These two young men were exempted while farming with their present employers, but unfortunately for the Messrs. Rush Bros., they have now been called up, and a feeling almost akin to despair prevails in this busy hive of labor and agricultural thrift. Briefly summarized the following will give an idea of

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what has been accomplished during the last year, and particularly during the past winter.

Produced 20,000 sets of cheese box heads and barrel heads.
Shipped 500,000 feet of lumber.
Cut 2,000 cords of cord wood.
Cut 300,000 feet of logs preparatory to being cut into lumber at the mill.

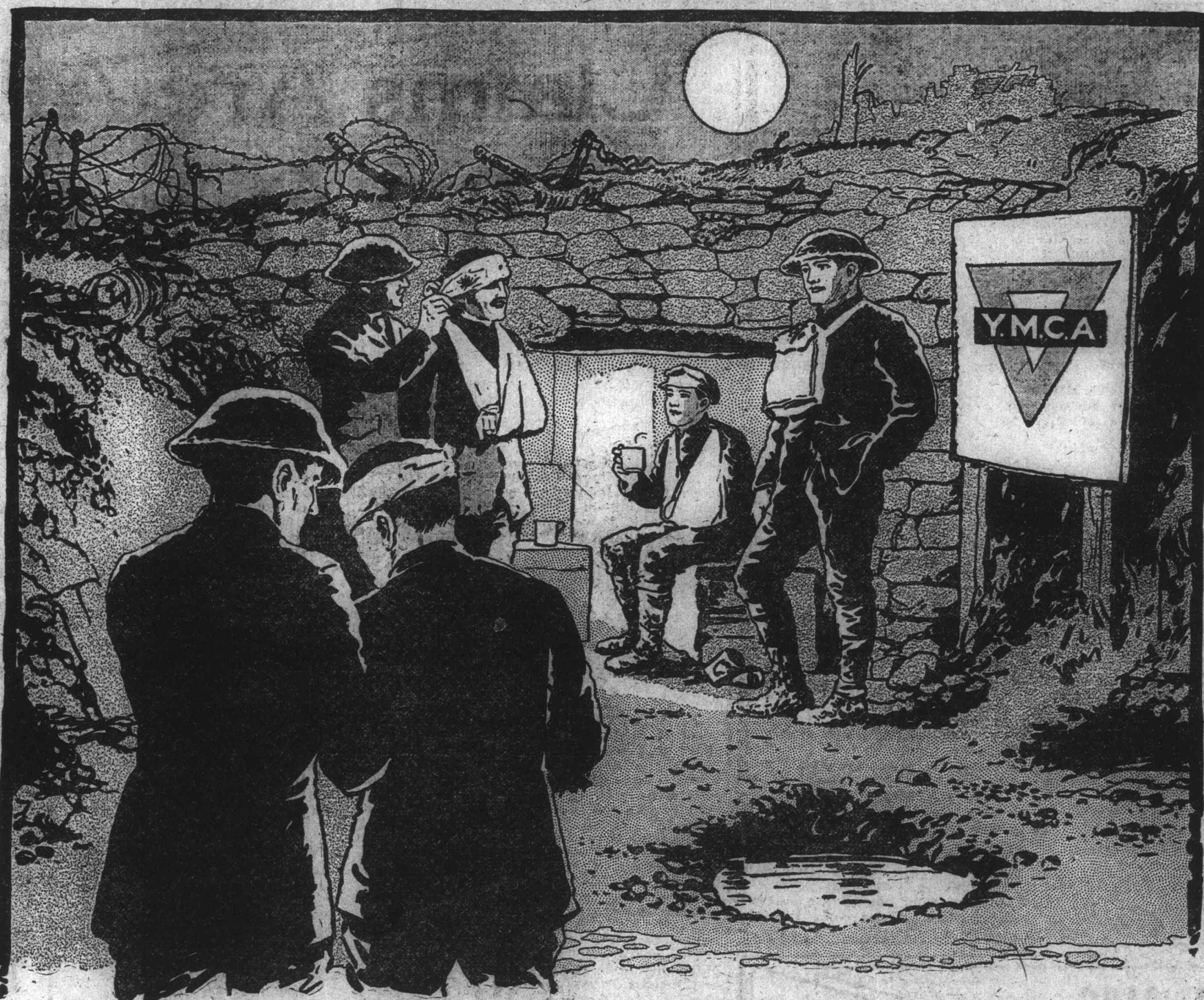
The assistance of Indians was secured in the production of the above.
The farm operations were as follows:
300 hens—now producing 120 dozen eggs per week—all marketed in Brantford on Saturdays.
Produced 600 gallons of maple syrup.
Marketed 12,000 pounds of pork during the last year and several head of cattle.
Raised twenty brood sows.
Bought fourteen carloads of corn and other feed for themselves and neighbors.

Have twelve working horses, and forty head of Holstein cattle, twenty six milking. Their production of milk is about six hundred pounds per day throughout the year. Twelve Holstein calves at present.

In order to answer the call for maple syrup production they spent \$1200 on new equipment, which, added to what they had, enabled them to produce six hundred gallons. The average price received was about \$2.25 per gallon. Receipt, \$1,350, leaving them a balance of \$150.00 for labor. Of course their expenditure for equipment was capital expenditure, and will be available for future operations. The sugar bush is thirty-five acres. Only the outstanding features of their work have been named. To accomplish this the two brothers, together with their families, have been working late and early. For example: On Friday evening when work is finished, preparation must be made for market next day. Twelve or one o'clock finds them retiring. Up again at dawn, feeding horses, and getting off to market, remaining on Brantford market till after six o'clock. Home at twelve or thereabouts, up early next morning and off to the sugar bush all day. This is a sample of the spring's work.

Now, what are these men to do if their two experienced farm laborers are conscripted? Is it not possible that this is a case for discrimination? Would not their two enthusiastic and expert farm workers be of more value to Canada and the Empire on this farm than as two inexperienced and reluctant soldiers? Should these hard working and enterprising brothers be deprived of their farm help?
JAS. J. HURLEY.

MERCHANTS may obtain Wednesday afternoon, clearing agents at The Courier Office, 15c each, two for 25c.



A HISTORIC HOUR!

EVERYTHING that we have, and are, and hope for, hangs upon the welfare of that human wall of the bravest of the brave—battling "over there" for us at home.

Remember, the flower of Canada's youth is in the midst of danger! Canada's future rests upon the shoulders of those boys—to us they are priceless!

Y.M.C.A.

Red Triangle Fund

\$2,250,000, May 7, 8, 9

Canada-Wide Appeal

Into that storm of shells you cannot go. The Y.M.C.A. can and will—even unto death. For Y.M.C.A. men penetrate into the midst of danger and have given their lives to serve the soldiers!

Out of the hell of battle, Canadian soldiers stagger—and are thankful to meet with the aid of the Y.M.C.A.

Be Generous!

Will you help the Y.M.C.A. to meet them with the succor that may

mean life or death to Canadian boys. Help the Y.M.C.A. never to fail them!

We ask it in the name of Canada's sons—will you join in the most heartening message that the folks at home could possibly send, the message that we are behind them heart and soul—with our dollars—giving till it hurts!

Theirs the sacrifice! Yours the gain. Boundless your debt to them. Will YOU help generously? YOU?

Many Give their Lives—All Can Give their Money

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