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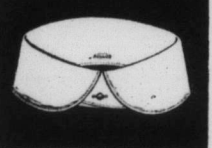
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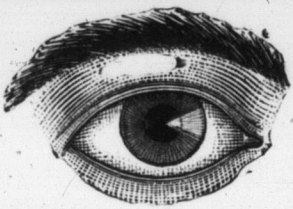
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District and General.

Ridgetown is undertaking to raise \$10,000 for the patriotic fund.

The Manitoba Grain Growers have promised some 10,000 acres' produce for patriotic purposes.

The Odd Fellows of Mount Brydges will donate a machine gun for the use of the Canadian soldiers.

The response to Windsor's machine gun fund is so far disappointing, only \$57 having been subscribed.

Joel Alexander Watson and Arthur Wrightman, of Middlemiss, have enlisted at St. Thomas for military service.

Canadian casualties in the war, up to date, number 10,680, made up of 1,877 dead, 9,728 wounded and 2,095 missing.

Mrs. Murray, relict of the late Rev. James Allister Murray, a former pastor of St. Andrew's church, London, died on Sunday.

Crops in many sections of Essex county will not be cut at all as a result of the heavy rains. Corn and tobacco are included in this.

The Militia Department has decided that a wife's consent or the consent of the parents of a single man between 18 and 21 shall no longer be required for enlistment.

Nearly a hundred Belgian reservists who have been working in the sugar beet fields in Kent have received orders to report for duty on the firing line at once.

G. W. Snellgrove, late of Wardsville, has secured the "Ford" agency for Ridgetown, West Lorne and Aldborough. Mr. Snellgrove will move to Ridgetown and open a garage.

One farmer of Dover township, who threshed his wheat last week, lost his whole crop, when it caked together in one solid mass in the bin. It was very wet when it was threshed.

Among eight recruits who enlisted at St. Thomas was a farm laborer, Henry Fields, who walked from Alvington, a distance of 35 miles, to offer his services to his king and country.

Returns just published show that while in September, 1911, there were 231 rural routes in Ontario serving 10,407 farmers, there are now 1,416 rural routes serving 79,634 boxholders.

A concrete tennis court, with foundation several feet deep, was discovered in a German's garden in a position commanding the Soulages canal and railway bridge, near Montreal.

Thirty thousand American settlers have entered Canada since the outbreak of the war, the immigration to the Dominion from Great Britain and continental Europe has almost ceased since August, 1914.

A Kerwood citizen appeared before Police Magistrate Niside in Strathroy charged with violation of the Liquor Act, having been present at a garden party while in a state of intoxication. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$20 and costs.

W. O. Kelly, a vendor of patent medicines, was killed on the Grand Trunk railway near Alvington on Thursday afternoon. He had left his grip on the track and endeavored to remove it when he heard the train coming which struck him.

Rodney Mercury—John Bodine is, without doubt, the champion corn grower in this section. A stroll through his field on Tuesday last revealed a crop that averaged 10 to 10 feet in height. One stalk we came across measured 10 feet 7 inches.

A number of Euphemia township farmers have organized a patriotic society and will raise funds for machine guns and other war purposes. A request will be made to the township council to levy a mill on the dollar on this year's taxes and thus raise \$1,000.

The funeral of John McNabb, aged 36 years, of Township, took place Monday afternoon from his late residence. Mr. McNabb leaves a widow, one son and one daughter. Deceased was very highly esteemed and had served as reeve of the township for several years. The cause of death was cancer.

One hundred million dollars in British gold arrived at New York one day last week. It was forwarded across the Atlantic in a Canadian ship and thence in a big steel car closely guarded. It is to pay for shipments of arms and ammunition from the United States to British, French and Russian ports.

About nine thousand old razors, for use by the soldiers now at the front, have already been collected by T. B. Lee, of Toronto, who, representing the master cutlers of Sheffield, is shipping them to England. On arrival there the Sheffield workmen, with a few minutes' work, easily put the razors into excellent condition.

W. J. Ward, a well known and highly respected resident of Sarnia, died last week, aged 95 years. He was brought up in the township of Metcalfe and after leaving school followed the banking business, starting in Fawcett's Bank at Watford. His mother resided in Metcalfe, and he leaves four brothers, one of whom is Richard Ward, of Strathroy, formerly clerk of Metcalfe.

A well-known resident of Metcalfe township died on August 12 in the person of Mrs. John Thompson, in her 80th year. Mrs. Thompson was born in Doreham. She went to Metcalfe in 1885 and lived on the same farm until 1910, when she moved to Beach, Man., returning last August. She leaves two sons and two daughters:—Mrs. Fred Henry, of Millington, Mich.; Mrs. S. A. Peck, of Cordale, Man.; James L. of Beach, Man., and Harry, at home, the latter being clerk of Metcalfe township.

GOOD FOR TWO OF THEM

Liberal Response in Glencoe Campaign for Machine Guns.

The canvass undertaken by the Glencoe Patriotic Association to raise funds for the presentation of one or more machine guns to the Department of Militia has met with full realization of the best expectations.

Glencoe citizens and others have responded cheerfully and liberally, with the result that in two days' canvass \$7,711.09 was subscribed, with assurance given that the amount will be increased to two thousand dollars, the price of two of the best machine guns.

The canvassers did yeoman service and did it cheerfully, and the people responded with a liberality that did them credit individually and left no doubt as to where we stand as a patriotic community.

The executive of the Patriotic Association wish to express their hearty thanks to the citizens for their courteous reception and generous treatment of the canvassers. Practically every person called upon responded to the appeal and did his bit for king and country.

The full list of contributors with amounts given will be published in next week's paper. The canvassers endeavored to meet the citizens wherever they have been overlooked, and they will still have the opportunity of contributing and may hand any amounts they wish to give to any one of the canvassers, who are as follows:—

For the north-east quarter of the village, J. A. Scott and Lewis Sutter; for the north-west quarter, Dr. McLachlan and E. T. Huston; for the south-east quarter, Rev. C. H. P. Owen and James Poole; for the south-west quarter, Chas. B. McLean and E. M. Doull.

Several contributions have been received from persons living outside the corporation. These are appreciated, and more will be thankfully received. Every dollar is needed, and if no more are received there are many other worthy objects to which the funds may be devoted in the prosecution of this righteous war against the world's unscrupulous and inhuman foe.

Metcalfe Council.

Meeting of Metcalfe council August 2nd, 1915. Members present—Reeve, Smith, Denning and McCallum.

Minutes read, approved and signed. The council then met the committee appointed to arrange for the distribution of the \$2,000 to be raised for the Patriotic and Red Cross fund.

On motion of A. F. Munro and D. L. Walker all four supplies: John McGraw, \$5, scraping road con. 5-6; Orville McGraw, \$2, cutting thistles (Dan McGraw, pathmaster); Len. Merrick, \$25, pay grading Brady sidewalk approach to bridge; Geo. Denning, \$1, cutting thistles in his div.; D. W. Munro, \$5, grading Metcalfe part opposite lot 21, Mosa townline, div. 5; J. A. Blackmore, \$10, s. l. 1914; A. Rowe, \$7, to pay parties grading and repairing road opposite lot 2, con. 12-13, div. 4; W. R. Stephenson, \$10.07, plank 1914, div. 5; D. R. McLachlan, \$2, scraping Mosa townline, Metcalfe part; W. Pitblair, \$2, filling washout sidewalk 15-16 and hole inch bridge, div. 1; Tom Towers, \$20, special grant, gravel Metcalfe and Ekfrid townline, Ekfrid to put on same, div. 5; W. H. Tanton, \$3, ambulance for Mrs. Calkin from G. W. Foster's, Kerwood, to hospital, Strathroy.

The engineer's reports of Perry and Brown drains were read and approved by the council and on motion of Denning and McCallum the clerk was instructed to prepare by-laws and have same printed and served on parties interested. A court of revision for Perry drain at 10 a. m. Sept. 6th and for Brown drain at 3 p. m. same date.

P. Chambers, \$25, for gravel, special grant div. 1; Elliott & Moss, \$3, legal advice re Patriotic Fund and Morrow drain; J. J. Beattie, \$10, s. l. 1914.

Moved by Denning and McCallum that the rate for township purposes be 8 mills on the dollar, which leaves a total of 13 mills as the county rate is 5 mills on the dollar, including war tax.

Moved by Denning and McCallum that the council adjourn to Sept. 6th at 10 a. m.

HARRY THOMPSON, Clerk.

Civic Holiday.

In compliance with a petition of business men and citizens, Reeve McLachlan has declared Monday, August 23rd, to be a public holiday in and for the village of Glencoe. Business places will be closed on that date. It is understood that there will be no excursion or other special recreation provided for the occasion this year. Small party picnics will no doubt be popular if the weather is favorable.

Hear Mr. Chris. Pink, at the Lawn Fete at Mr. Charles Dean's, in a program not previously given around Glencoe, including a brand new selection. He is one of the most popular singers of the day, possessing a clear, powerful, tenor voice, and always pleases his audience.

Razors for the Soldiers.

In response to a request made in these columns a week or two ago for donations of old razors for the use of the soldiers at the front, we are in hopes of having a fine collection to forward in a few days.

On Wednesday evening P. J. Morrison handed us a contribution of twenty, some of them nearly new and any one of them worth from \$1.50 to \$2. Mr. Morrison's generous act will certainly be appreciated, and we trust there are those who will follow his example and contribute one or more as they happen to have them lying around.

On account of the activity of the steel plants of the British Isles in making munitions of war, no razors are being manufactured and the supply has been exhausted.

It is essential that every man at the front should be furnished with a razor and a movement which is expected to extend throughout Canada has been started to supply this necessity.

The British Government has signified its willingness to have all the old razors ground and put in first-class shape before being given to the soldiers.

No safety razors are wanted as they are considered too difficult to keep clean.

Perhaps your razor is not working as good as it should and wants a lot of honing by an expert. Why not contribute it to the soldiers' collection and buy yourself a new one, and be happy ever after.

Donations left at the Transcript office will be duly acknowledged in these columns. Let us show the rest of Western Ontario that we are on the map when it comes to providing comforts for the boys in the firing line.

WRITES FROM BELGIUM

W. A. Currie, Jr., Experiences Some Lively Trench Warfare.

Writing from Belgium to his father in Glencoe, W. A. Currie, Jr., tells something of the battles around Festubert, France, commencing May 22. He says:—

This town has been shelled and is in absolute ruins. We passed through it on the 22nd of May—at night, of course—on our way to the reserve trenches which were about a half-mile from the village, and it was shortly before daylight when we had to go to our places in the reserve trenches. It was not so bad that day (23rd)—the Germans' artillery fire was very erratic and only a few shells burst anywhere near our trenches.

The next day (24th), however, from early morning until late at night the Germans poured their artillery fire into us, and it was a terrible, nerve-racking ordeal. The dug-outs and shelters constructed of sand bags, which we crawled into when we were not on sentry at the parapet, were being continually blown down, and up, too, and many times we had to get out and go up or down the line and help to extricate the unfortunates who were buried under the sand bags and debris.

The first aid men were being continually called here and there as they were needed, and those whose wounds were bad had to be taken on stretchers back to the dressing stations, about three-quarters of a mile. I made two trips back with the stretcher and it was a great relief to get out and get a little exercise. You don't mind the shelling nearly as much when you are out in the open and carrying one end of the stretcher; it seems to ease your nerves in spite of the shells bursting so near.

The next day was not so bad. The communication trenches between our reserve line and the front line were being shelled heavily and I was on a ration party carrying rations up to the front line when we had to take to the open and before we got there the shelling was too warm and some of the party got wounded. Coming back again we had to assist the wounded back to the reserve trenches. The next day was quieter and we were able to have a little much-needed sleep. That night we went up to reinforce the front line and as a part of the trench which we were to occupy was mined by the enemy we had to get out in the open and dig ourselves in. It was nearly daylight before we got started and we surely didn't lose much time. We got ourselves dug down about three feet, deep as we could go on account of water. We made ourselves as comfortable as possible in the mud and water and managed to exist and keep awake until that night when we were relieved and went back to our billets, not a bit sorry to have a little sleep. We have been up in the front line several times since then and in the reserve, but this was our most trying experience.

The last time we were up we witnessed a grand spectacle. The allies' artillery behind us were bombarding the German reserves and it was just dark enough so that a person could look up over the top of the parapet and see the shells burst without being seen from their front line. I don't want to be in as hot a fire as the Germans were subjected to, but we certainly felt good to see those shells bursting there. It was a terrible bombardment.

I am in the best of health and hope the war will soon be over but not until the Germans are entirely subdued. Write often, for a letter from home is more appreciated than a meal.

Your affectionate son,
W. A. CURRIE, JR.

The funeral of the late Mungo McFarlane was held from his late residence near Iona to Cowal cemetery. Mr. McFarlane was found dead in bed on Sunday morning, although he had been in his usual health prior to his death.

BULL KILLS LITTLE GIRL

Daughter of David M. Webster, of Ekfrid, Butted to Death.

A sad affair occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David M. Webster, in Ekfrid township, on Tuesday evening, when their little girl, Fannie M., aged fifteen months, was butted to death by a bull owned by Mr. Webster.

The father had gone to the barnyard to milk the cows and was followed and noticed by the little girl, who made her way through the gate leading to the yard. The bull, a dehorned animal, seems to have immediately charged upon her. The father's attention was occupied with the milking but the mother looking from the house saw the animal in an excited state rolling some object with its head and went to the yard to investigate. She was horror stricken to find that the object was her little girl and only daughter who a few moments before had left the house in playful glee and almost all ready to be snatched away.

The funeral will take place from the family residence on Thursday afternoon at half-past one o'clock to Oak-land cemetery.

About two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Webster lost a little child, their then only daughter, from poisoning, it having drunk the water off some fly paper.

Crop Outlook in Middlesex.

While the damage to the grain crops of Middlesex county by rain has been quite as heavy as in other parts of the province, according to I. B. Whalen, B. S. A., of the county agricultural department, he is still optimistic of a good yield in Middlesex, provided the farmers are favored with a few more days of fine weather.

One of the great drawbacks to harvesting is the water-soaked condition of the ground, which makes it impossible in many districts to get on to the land with binders or other heavy harvesting machinery. Practically all the wheat in the county has been harvested, but there is a great deal of barley still uncut, and the oats are almost all ready to cut and in danger of serious loss through shelling on account of over-ripeness should any further delays in harvesting be caused by further rains.

The heavy rains have also beat down considerable acreages of heavy yielding grain.

Corn and root crops, on the other hand, have greatly benefited by the rain, and the fine crops of mangels being found in the county.

Purchasing Power of the Dollar.

Foster's Index, a compilation of commodity prices in the United States and the world over, shows that in June and July the purchasing power of the dollar as compared with the period from 1890 to 1906 is only 66 cents. A workman who got \$10 a week in the period mentioned would have to get \$14 now to be on the same relative basis. There has been a drop in purchasing power of the dollar from 82 cents in 1912 to 66 cents in 1915. The same story is told by the Dominion Labor Department's compilation of commodity prices in Canada. For what a dollar would buy during the decade 1880-1889 the workman had to pay \$1.34 in 1912-1913, and \$1.38 in 1914. Last September, when war prices were at the highest point, the amount was \$1.41. This happily has not been altogether maintained. It is clear therefore that in a decade the purchasing power of the Canadian dollar has declined more sharply than that of the United States dollar. The cost of living has gone up more in Canada, proportionately, than over the border. This is not news to the majority of Canadians. The speculative boom we went through a couple of years ago, with rents and commodity prices mounting up unaccountably, created new levels, and once up they have been slow to come down. With the renewed interest in Canadian agricultural production, and the era of economy upon which we have started, a speedy restoration to something like normal conditions may be expected as soon as war influences are removed. On many commodities not specially in demand because of the war the purchasing power of the Canadian dollar has shown marked increase within a year.

Methodist Church.

REV. W. G. HOWSON, MINISTER

The pastor will occupy his own pulpit next Sunday. Subjects:—11 a. m., "Mr. G. F. Watt's picture of Hope—A single star in the night—A single string in the harp"; 7 p. m., "A song of derision and hate, cut and in vain, rarely touched. An appeal to your intellectual and spiritual interest. Good music. All welcome.

Rev. Floyd Maine, of London, will preach on the 29th inst. instead of next Sunday.

Don't miss the Patriotic Lawn Fete on August 27th on the grounds of Mr. Charles Dean, Main St. A substantial supper will be served by the ladies from six to eight, followed by an excellent program. Give the Glencoe Band a hearty welcome on its reappearance at this event. Patronize the ice cream and homemade candy booths. Every little helps. One admission—35 cents.