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## THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA

### Quarterly Dividend Notice No. 98

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of THIRTEEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM upon the Capital Stock of this Bank has this day been declared for the quarter ending the 30th of April, 1915, and that the same will be payable at the Head Office in this City and its Branches on and after Saturday, the first day of May, 1915, to Shareholders of record of the 23rd April, 1915.

By Order of the Board,  
G. P. SCHOLFIELD,  
General Manager.

Toronto, 30th March, 1915.

**JOHN ELLIOTT, Manager Belleville Branch.**  
Shannonville Branch open Mondays and Thursdays.  
Foxboro Branch, open Tuesdays and Fridays.  
Rednersville Branch open Wednesdays.

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CAPITAL \$7,000,000  
RESERVE \$7,000,000  
ASSETS, \$85,000,000

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BELLEVILLE BRANCH

H. SNEYD, MANAGER

## UNION BANK OF CANADA

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Belleville Branch: J. G. Moffat, Manager.  
Picton Branch: C. B. Beamish, Manager.

## Belleville—Its Beginning and Early History

Maurice D. Lynch in Chicago-Belleville News.  
(Continued from March issue.)

### PART V.

Belleville, the municipality, was separated from the County of Hastings in the year 1860. This divorce had a good effect on Belleville, for the town thrived greatly thereafter.

The people of 1860 were determined that the roads leading into the town should be free and the last of the toll roads were purchased from the companies owning them. Some of these roads commanded fancy prices. The road leading to Canniff's Mills, for instance, cost the taxpayer \$4,000.00.

I forgot to mention in a former installment that Canniff was settled in 1806 by the family of John Canniff. The census of 1861 gave Belleville a population of 6,377, and the officers of the town at that time were: Francis McGannay, Mayor; George Taylor, F. Clarke and C. L. Coleman, councillors for Sampson Ward; C. G. Levisconte, J. Lewis and M. Gillen for Ketchikan Ward; James Brown, J. Rutherford and D. Holden for Baldwin Ward; L. H. Henderson, H. Yeomans and John O'Hare for Coleman Ward; R. M. Roy, Clerk; Thomas Willis, Treasurer; M. Nulty, A. T. Pettie and J. Bullen, Assessors; John Kerr, Collector; J. Grant, Surveyor; Zenas Dafee, Chief of Police.

The year 1861 also saw the inauguration of the Belleville quarterly fair, which was authorized under a by-law passed that year.

Belleville's first Police Magistrate was appointed in 1862, Smith Bartlett was the man who was chosen for the job.

In 1863 Captain George James was appointed Chief of Police for Belleville. The Captain was the father of our own Arthur James of the Chicago Belleville Colony. From 1862 until 1866 Belleville kept on progressing in a staid, respectable and strictly conventional way. The pretty, quiet little town on the shores of Old Quinte was the home of a lot of orderly, well-behaved people who were following their destiny in the accepted way, buying and selling and upbuilding their town marrying and giving in marriage and raising families of fine God-fearing children. In fact a community of people who had their business before them and were attending to it strictly when, suddenly, a monkey wrench was thrown into the smoothly running machinery of their lives and the first thing they knew everyone and everything went up in the air, in a manner of speaking, and they came to a "kerfuffle" only to realize

that instead of their town being Belleville, The Good, it had suddenly been metamorphosed into a correct imitation of Deadman's Gulch, or Deadwood City, with all the latest improvements.

For one of the last things the good people of that district ever thought would happen, happened. In the autumn of 1860, marvelous deposits of gold were found in the Township of Madoc and of course, chain lightning chasing through a gooseberry bush was as slow as a one-legged man compared to the way the news flashed throughout Canada and the United States. Belleville was at once the gateway and jumping off place on the way to the "diggings," and into Belleville from all directions poured a host of men, some of them on the trail for a bonanza country. The town was stamped by a rush of eager, rough, rude, hard-drinking, hard-sweating, excited gold-seekers, who turned night into day and everything else topsy-turvy.

They were all there. Blase adventurers from the far West, California "forty-miners," bad men, who liked to drink blue vitrol mixed with broken glass and rattlesnake stings, ne'er-do-wells from all over God's creation, with a goodly sprinkling of country yokels who had dropped the reins and the plow handles as though they were rethot, once they heard the siren call of the yellow goddess. Men with lots of money which they were willing to invest in the gold fields rubbed elbows with the down and outs who had left the price of a ham sandwich, and nothing was talked of but the streets but gold, and mines, and says, and gold again. The first question each one asked when he got to town was: "How do you get to the gold fields?" The hotels of Belleville were filled to overflowing with strangers and money madness was in the air.

The sole desire of every visitor, and many townspeople, was to get quickly as possible to the spot where, so rumor had it, fortunes were being picked up on every hand. Every day several four-horse coaches left town filled to the limit of their carrying capacity for the gold fields. While others went in any sort of conveyance that could be passed into service. Anything with wheels on was good enough for them, just so they kept on moving in the direction of Madoc. Those who didn't have the "prize" to ride hit the trail on foot and hiked it; they would not be denied.

(To be continued.)

## Obsequies of Late

### Mrs. Spencer

From Saturday's Daily.

The obsequies of the late Mrs. Augusta Ann Spencer, widow of the late George Spencer took place yesterday. The Rev. Mr. Robeson conducted a solemn service, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wickett, a former pastor at the residence of her father, Mr. J. J. Moorman, second concession of Thurlow. Interment was in Belleville cemetery. A large number paid their last respects to the deceased by attendance at the funeral. The bearers were William Grills, Wm. Donaldson, Wm. Bennett, Richard Vivian, Fred Mcbourne and Robert Mitchell.

## All-Round Girls' Club Gave All-Round Good Entertainment

From Saturday's Daily.

There was a large audience at the assembly room of the Belleville High School last night to hear the program of an entertainment provided by our unique and meritorious organization the All-Round Girls' Club. Nearly all of those taking part made their initial appearance upon the stage last night. The result was most gratifying to the promoters as well as entertaining to the patrons. The program was a varied one. The first part was a series of choruses in costume with soloist for each number. "The Soldiers of the King" with the girls in red-coats was both spectacular and pleasing, but the other numbers, "Tipperary," "The Call of the Motherland," "Why Can't a Girl be a Soldier," and "Tip-Top Tipperary Mary," were all exceedingly well executed, and met with a responsive burst of applause in each case from the audience.

Part II was made up of solos of a lyrical nature. Those taking part were pupils of Mrs. A. P. Allen and their renditions certainly brought great credit to their instructor. The numbers were—

"Can't You Hear 'em Calling Caroline"—Mr. P. K. Ketcheson  
"The Swallows"—Miss Agnes Logan  
"At Dawning"—Mr. J. Roe  
"The Valley of Laughter"—Miss Annie Sprague  
"Somewhere a Voice is Calling"—Mr. Harold Barrett  
"The Rosary"—Miss Helen Ketcheson  
"The Blackbirds"—Miss Mamie Waters.

Part III was a very amusing farce comedy "Six Kleptomaniacs" in two acts. All the dramatic persons were young ladies of the club who had never essayed anything in the nature of dramatic interpretation before. At least two or three of the girls evidenced the possession of real histrionic ability. Those taking part were—Nellie

Baldwin, Isabel Lancaster, Kathleen Ware, Violet Gordon, Violet Kline, Lizzie Robinson, Beatrice Heywood, Violet Pearce, Florence Wilson, Cecil Kaiser.

At the conclusion of the program Mr. Reading addressed a few words to the audience, explanatory of the work and objects of the All-Round Girls' Club. The membership now numbered 112. The teachers were working without money and without price. The pupils were given instruction in English, domestic science, music, art work, sewing, typewriting, stenography, etc. The girls were making gratifying progress and, showed in the most practical way their appreciation of the privileges that were being so freely given.

The evening closed with "God Save the King."

## Potatoes Slumped This Morning

From Saturday's Daily.

Potatoes reached the lowest figure of the season this morning, namely 50c per bag. So extensive was the offering in this product that prices dropped from sixty cents to fifty cents. Hay was scarce, only two loads being offered at \$16.50 and \$17.50. Good hay is quoted at \$16 per ton. Apples are very scarce. 20c per peck or 75c per bushel is the price for ordinary apples. Northern spies are worth at least \$4.50 per barrel. Butter remained between the figures of 30c and 34c per pound. Eggs ranged from 18c to 19c per dozen. Some sold as high as 20c in spite of the large offerings.

Hides are a little firmer although the price remains at 11-12c.

Wheat and oats are somewhat stronger, but offerings are few in number. Hogs today are quoted at \$15.50 to \$17.00 per pair. There were not many on the market today.

Maple syrup was sold at \$1.40 per gallon. Young porkers were plentiful. The small of green onions was refreshing. They are quoted at 5c per bunch.

Farmers are feeding their potatoes to hogs on many sections.

## Accepts Pastorate

Rev. J. P. Clarry of St. James' Church, has accepted an invitation to West Belleville Church, Belleville, Ont. Rev. Beal Gestrich of Oshawa has accepted the invitation to St. James' Church, Peterborough.

## NOTHING IMPROPER IN LAND DEALINGS

Hon. Frank Oliver Issues Statement Defending himself Against Scandals

### NOT THEN MINISTER

Mineral Rights of Property Confirmed by Hon. Dr. Roche

OTTAWA, April 17.—Hon. Frank Oliver has issued a reply to charges made against him in the House of Commons by Hon. Dr. Roche on Thursday. The charges were that he had retained coal royalties which should have been paid into the treasury, and that Indian lands bought by a man named Falerne were jockeyed into his own possession. Mr. Oliver states that it was not until he ceased to be minister that he discovered that he did not have the mineral rights of land which he had acquired in 1890. He then got the rights, and Hon. Dr. Roche granted him an extension of time for the settlement of the royalties.

Of the Indian lands bought by Falerne in 1900 and sold to J. J. Anderson, son-in-law of Mr. Oliver in 1910 and sold by Anderson to Mr. Oliver in 1914, the ex-minister of the interior says he can see nothing improper in the transaction. Falerne was to pay \$25,000 for the lands, but after making the first payment of \$5,000 could not pay any more. For four years, the government pressed for payment, then Falerne sold to Anderson, who allowed him the \$5,000 he had paid. Anderson paid the balance to the government. Mr. Oliver says he bought the land from Anderson three years after he ceased to be a minister and he declares that in neither of these transactions did he do anything improper, there was no intention to defraud, and the government lost nothing.

## OPENING MEETING OF CHEESE BOARD

High Figure of Nearly Seventeen Refused by Most Salesmen

From Saturday's Daily.

Belleville Cheese board opened the 1915 season this morning at the city hall. President James W. Haggerty occupied the chair. Six factories boarded.

Cheap Town Hall.  
West Huntingdon 40c  
Zoo 20c  
Foxboro 25c  
Enterprise 25c  
Moonshine View 25c  
The total board was 85 boxes, white and 80 boxes colored.

The buyers present were Messrs. Bird, Morton, Sprague, Alexander, Thompson, Watkin and Cook. Bidding opened at 16 and ran up to 16-13-10 for the board in white and colored. Sidney and Enterprise sold at this price, the rest refused.

The board decided to meet and open on Saturdays at 11.15 a.m., the bidding not to be closed before 11.30 to accommodate the salesmen who come here by train.

Today's war price is the highest on record on Belleville board.

## Death of Prince Edward Pioneer

From Saturday's Daily.

John Platt Williams died on Thursday last at his home near Bloomfield after a brief illness from kidney trouble. He was about 80 years of age and was a native of Prince Edward. In addition, to his wife (nee Lydia Haigt) he is survived by one son, William H. of Picton, and three daughters, Mrs. Ed. Smitzer, Michigan, Mrs. W. T. Mullett, Moira, and Mrs. J. A. English, Greenbush, Mrs. Dr. Samuel Nash of Toronto is a sister.

Mr. Williams was a Methodist in religion and was held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends.

The funeral will be held at 2.30 o'clock tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon. Interment will take place at the cemetery at Picton.

## Funerals

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eliza Jane Watt, of Hawkesbury, widow of the late William Watt, took place on Friday afternoon from the establishment of Messrs. Tickell and Sons, to Belleville cemetery. The Rev. Canon Beamish of St. Thomas' church conducted the last rites.

All that was mortal of the late Mrs. Margaret Fraser was laid at rest on Thursday afternoon in Foxboro cemetery. The Rev. W. W. Jones conducted the funeral service at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ross, fifth concession of Thurlow. The choir of Foxboro Methodist church attended and sang several hymns at the last sad rites. There was a very large attendance of residents of all parts of the townships at the obsequies. The bearers were Messrs. Gowsell, Homan, Gay, Ross, and Holgate.

## Gets His B. D.

Rev. Albert Earl McCutcheon, Yeomans street, was honored with his bachelor of divinity degree last night at Victoria University Convocation, Toronto.

## 39th Batt. Smoker in the City Hall

(From Friday's Daily)

The 39th battalion's weekly smoker outgrew its old meeting place in the mess room and so last night the City Hall was used for this purpose. At 7 o'clock the moving picture operator started his machine and for an hour and a quarter the soldiers watched the movie artists perform. Col. Preston then arrived and the musical program of the evening was started. Those from the battalion taking part were Corporal Harman, Lance Corporal McNorton and Lightheart, Privates Allan, Lord, Servino, McNorton, Farrow, Gummer with Pte. Fallis as pianist. All of whose numbers were received with enthusiasm, but the one who won the greatest favor of applause was Miss Anna Ponton, whose rendering of "The Soldiers of the King" and "Marjory Green" brought forth such a volume of clapping, shouts and whistles as to make the ears ring. During the course of the evening it was announced that similar concerts would be held in the City Hall on following Thursday evenings and that Mrs. Allen had kindly consented to provide the greater part of the program for the coming Thursday night. On Sunday evenings, meetings for soldiers were held in the City Hall, Col. Preston voiced the sentiment of the gathering when he said that the battalion was indebted to Mr. Scott the lessee of the hall for his considerate manner in which he had given their use of the place of meeting.

## Christ Church W.A. Elect Officers

At the Annual Meeting of the Girls' Branch of the W. A. Christ Church the reports for the year were read and were very satisfactory. The following officers were elected for the coming year.

Honorary President—Mrs. R. C. Blaine.  
President—Miss Laura Morton.  
Vice-President—Miss Minnie Diamond.  
Secretary—Miss Lorna Hick.  
Treasurer—Miss Isabel Bishop.  
Organist—Miss Myrtle Bower.

## John Murray Gets Indeterminate Sentence

(From Friday's Daily)

John Murray, a stranger in town, who was arrested a few days ago on the charge of vagrancy, was convicted this morning and sentenced to not less than three months and not more than two years less one day in the Central.

Murray had two previous convictions, one in 1904 at Owen Sound and in 1912 at London, at which terms of 6 years and 3 years were imposed. He pleaded hard for a definite sentence of 5 or 6 months instead of the indeterminate, but Magistrate Masson the latter was better for him. Murray claimed drink was the cause. The magistrate said his attitude in lying at the door of a Bridge street office at night, apparently helpless and then his being found a few minutes later below the C.N.R. bridge did not tend to create a belief that his purposes were of the best.

## Obsequies of Late Vera Platt

(From Friday's Daily)

The obsequies of the late Vera Platt, beloved daughter of Dr. E. O. Platt and Mrs. Platt, Coleman street took place yesterday afternoon. The Rev. W. G. Clarke of the Tabernacle Methodist Church held a service at the family residence at which the Rev. H. S. Osborne of Bridge Street Methodist Church assisted. Many beautiful floral emblems had been contributed by sympathizing friends. The attendance at the funeral was large and among those present to pay their last sad respects were the girls of the class of which Vera had been a member at Queen Mary School. They attended in a body escorted by Principal Barrett. The bearers and floral bearers were John Empey, Harry Weese, Fred Woodley, James Walsley, Douglas Snider, Harold Doolittle, and Clare Mott. Interment was in Belleville Cemetery.

## Former Local Brakesman Dead

The death of Mr. Edward Graham, a former well-known Grand Trunk brakesman, occurred at his home in Minot, North Dakota. The late Mr. Graham was for a number of years connected with this division of the Grand Trunk Railway Company in the capacity of brakeman. For some time he was on the Peterborough-Lakefield run, and later on the Peterborough-Belleville line. About five or six years ago he removed to Belleville and later to North Dakota, where he took up land, following the occupation of farmer. He came originally from Exbridge, where he was a member of the I.O.O.F. The survivors are his wife, and four sons, Messrs. W. N. and E. K. Graham, of Peterborough; W. Graham, Toronto, and Nathan Graham, Minot, North Dakota.

## Birth Notice.

SPRAGUN—On Sunday April 11th to Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Sprague 347 Charles Street, a son.

## Married.

April 15th in Emmanuel rectory by Rev. A. M. Hubby, William Gaskin and Lillian Roberts, all of Belleville.

## AWFUL PICTURE OF GERMAN BRUTALITIES

Well Known Canadian in Geneva Writes to Belleville Friend of What He Has Seen and Heard

A prominent citizen has received from a friend formerly of Belleville, now in Geneva, Switzerland, a letter which tells in detail some of the awful scenes witnessed by tourists and Swiss. The writer is a man who has had ample opportunity to know conditions—

"We are still in Geneva and are likely to remain here as it appears to be the best place in Europe at present. We get all the news very quickly as we are close to both the main lines. Through Switzerland via Geneva is the only route open by which a neutral can get from France to Germany or vice versa if he has the necessary permission.

All of the prisoners are exchanged by this route and thousands of prisoners who were driven off into Germany are being allowed to return on account of the shortage of food. We see hundreds of them every day and they are the most awful looking objects I ever saw. The sufferings that these unfortunate have to undergo are such that they cannot be described by words. One must see them to appreciate what it is to be taken prisoner by the Germans. Families have been separated; the people are more than half starved; many have been murdered, the women have been outraged and all have been knocked about and beaten by the brutal captors.

There was a train load of young women, many of them nuns and sisters of charity and Red Cross women which arrived here some little time ago, about 500 in all. They were all of them in a deplorable condition due to German brutality. They were French and were taken off here and sent to Annemasse which is across the French frontier, about two miles from here. These ladies have been distributed in Savoy and are awaiting until developments are over. The refugees who pass have all had their homes destroyed or burned and have no place to go to and are in the most awful predicament. The Swiss are very kind to them and do everything they can for them.

"It is better to be dead than to be taken by them (the Germans). So far as we can see and learn there is nothing too bad for Germans to do with British prisoners, and if what we hear is true, after the war is over and they are able to make some investigations they will find that many have been murdered or starved to death after being subjected to awful brutalities. Prisoners in France are fairly well treated. The Germans say that the English are swine and hypocritical fools and if they think that good treatment of Germans in England will modify the treatment in Germany they are much mistaken.

## EIGHTY-FIVE CASES SINCE WAR BEGAN

And Forty-Seven Soldiers Have Succumbed to Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis.

OTTAWA, April 14.—In the Commons this morning, replying to a question by J. H. Sinclair, the Minister of Militia stated that since the opening of the war there have been eighty-five cases of spinal meningitis among the Canadian soldiers. Of these forty-seven had proved fatal and in the case of twenty-eight the patients had completely recovered. He stated that the disease was regarded as contagious.

## Capt. Carruthers Sadly Bereaved

The Lethbridge Herald refers as follows to the death of Bombardier Carruthers, brother of Capt. Carruthers, Quartermaster of the 39th battalion, C.E.F., Belleville—

"The Union Jack at the Battery barracks was at half mast this morning for the first time, in respect to Bombardier Peter Carruthers, who died early this morning, presumably of heart failure. Mr. Carruthers was on guard duty last night and at 2 o'clock this morning was suddenly taken ill. Lieut. Dr. Newburn was immediately called and the doctor, Thompson, but to no avail and in twenty minutes death occurred.

The deceased was an old-timer in this country. He came to Cranbrook some 12 years ago, where he was in the employ of the C.P.R. He was a member of the famous lacrosse team of Cranbrook, and played in Lett-bridge many a time against the local team. He was one of Cranbrook's star players seven years ago he was moved to Lethbridge, where he was freight conductor between Frank and this city. While in Lethbridge he resided with Mr. Wm. Scott, 1215 4th Avenue S. On January 4th he volunteered, and since then has been with the 39th Battery. Proof of the appreciation of his worth was shown some time ago when promotion was offered him. His modesty caused him to refuse the stripes and it was not until April last that he accepted the rank of Bombardier.

Bombardier Carruthers was born in Ottawa in 1880. He is survived by his father, who lives there, and several brothers and sisters in this country, among them being Mrs. Reynolds of Granum. His father was notified this morning.

Naturally his sudden death was a great blow to his comrades of the 39th Battery, among whom he was very popular and greatly beloved.

Major Stewart, in an interview this morning, spoke very highly of him, saying that he was as good a soldier as he was a lacrosse player.

Bombardier Carruthers' remains were laid at rest in Ottawa. Capt. Carruthers attended the last sad rites.