

I go to school every day. We have a new teacher since the summer holidays and we all like her very much. I am in the third book; there are three besides myself in my class. I hope the w. p. b. has just been fed.

I will close with a riddle: A farmer's riddle, a farmer's riddle, alive at both ends and death in the middle.

Ans.—A plough.

LILA BURGESS, age 11 years.
Norwood, Ont.

Dear Puck.—It is quite a while since I wrote to you last. For pets I have two dogs which I call Sport and Jyp. Sport is my own dog. I live about twelve miles from Guelph. It is our nearest city. I have read quite a few books. These are the names of some of the ones: Anne of Green Gables, "Seven Little Sisters", "Robinson Crusoe", "Stories from Anderson's Fairy Tales." I like "Anne of Green Gables" best of all the books I have read. I am in the second book at school. I was in the fan drill at our Christmas entertainment. We had two drills. I think I will close I would like some of the beavers to write to me of my own age.

ANNIE McLEAN, age 10.
Puslinch, Ontario.

Dear Puck and Beavers.—This is my first letter to your Circle. I like reading your letters very much. We came from Toronto three years ago and started farming. Father was an electrical engineer in the city. We all like farming very much. We have our house and stables all fixed with water taps inside. I have a dog and two cats. Father says no farmer should be without the Farmer's Advocate. Here are some riddles: A man rode up the hill and yet walked.

Ans.—The little dog's name was "yet".

When is a man not a man?

Ans.—When he is a-shaving.

T. RALPH ROBINSON, age 10, Sr. II.
Cookstown, Ont.

Dear Puck and Beavers.—My father has taken the Farmer's Advocate for six years and would not like to be without it. I am going to tell you about my pets. I have a dog. He will pull you on a sleigh. He doesn't bark at rigs much. He will not bite any person. I took two prizes at our school fair, one on a hammer-handle and another on a milk stool. The year before I took third prize on my colt. I have a pet kitten, it is a red and black spotted one. It is a good mouser. I guess I will close with a riddle: What has four eyes and cannot see?

I wish some of the Beavers would write to me.

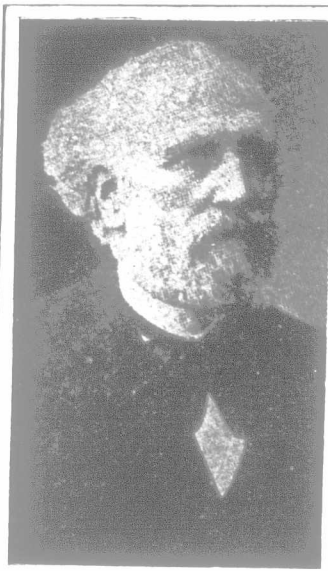
W. A. GALBRAITH.
R. R. 4, Milton west, Ont.

Junior Beavers' Honor Roll: Daisy Miller, Windsor, N. S.; Audrey Owen, Lynedoch, Ont.; Ruth Hopkins, Hanover, Ont.; Florence Scott, Belgrave, Ont.

Beaver Circle Notes.

Florence Scott (age 8), Belgrave, Ont., would like some Beavers of her own age to write to her.

The French War Council Under Premier Briand



Alexandre Ribot.



Albert Thomas.



Gen. Lyantey.



Rear Admiral Lacaze.

The Windrow

Mrs. R. R. Jamieson has been appointed a police magistrate in Calgary.

As a result of last summer's visitation of infantile paralysis there are 15,000 crippled children in the United States.

Roumania is one of the richest oil countries in the world. Before the war it produced nearly 2,000,000 tons of crude petroleum yearly.

General Townshend, the defender of Kut-el-Amara during its long siege by the Turks, is a prisoner on one of the islands on the Sea of Marmora. His wife has been permitted to join him.

Miss Clara Ruth Moszer, twenty-four years old and of Russian-Jewish descent, has been appointed assistant attorney-general for Colorado, and is the first woman in the United States to hold that office. She made her own way through college, and has worked on a newspaper and practised law.

It is proposed to cut a railway tunnel 30 miles long under the main range of the Cascade Mountains. It will be the longest in the world and will enable railway traffic between the Puget Sound ports and the interior to be carried on by a much safer and more direct route than at present. The undertaking is estimated at \$50,000,000.

Recently the Government has ordered the millers of England to grind the wheat "whole" without separating, thus increasing the flour volume over 8 per cent. At an early date parks, commons and public grounds will be plowed up and planted in food-stuffs.

The most outspoken paper in Germany, *Forwards*, has been practically suppressed by the appointment to the staff of a member armed with full power to decide upon the nature of the articles published.

The socialists of Berlin are said to be greatly incensed over the proceeding.

Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, the new German Foreign Minister, has expressed the opinion that the result of the war will be the beginning of a democratic form of Government in Germany.

Speculations are rife regarding the acquisitions the Allied Powers will be awarded at the close of the war. Roughly speaking, the following dispositions are possible: Great Britain will receive Southern Persia, the lower Tigris Valley and Mesopotamia, also Arabia with its holy cities Mecca and Medina (its suzerainty, if not direct rule), but may give back the conquered provinces in Africa; France will have Alsace and Lorraine, and Upper Syria; to Russia will fall upper and eastern Asia Minor, free access through the Bosphorus and Dardanelles, with Constantinople; to Italy, part of Anatolia and certain islands and shores of the Aegean. Great Britain will hold the islands of Mitylene and Lemnos, and probably Salonika. To Belgium reparation, as full as possible, must be made before any peace can be concluded.

War is not history. It is an interruption of history. Old Time with the scythe comes to the front of the stage and announces "an intermission of a few years while the scenes are being shifted." Then all is darkness and we hear the rumble and crash of falling buildings. Finally the dread wait is over, the lights are turned up and we breathe freely once more. What scene we will find set when we see again, and what act will be rehearsed we cannot tell. But scraps of paper show which way the wind blows.

Madeline Doty, writing in the N. Y. Tribune after a recent sojourn in Germany says that the lack of food in Germany is extreme. There are practically no meat-shops, and butter is sold by ticket

in the very smallest quantities. Sugar and meal are scarcely to be found. "The tragedy in Germany", she says, "is not quick starvation; it is the underfeeding of a whole race." The Socialists, who are calling ever louder for a cessation of the war, estimate that upwards of three million men in Prussia alone have been killed, wounded, or are missing.

Sir Paolo Tosti, who is best known as the writer of the famous song "Good-Bye", died recently in Italy at the age of seventy. He was once a great favorite with Queen Victoria.

Speaking recently of the deportation of Belgians to work for the Germans, Lord Bryce said: "I know of no case in European history to surpass it. Not even in the thirty years' war were there such things as the German Government has done, first and last, in Belgium. This last case is virtual slavery. . . . They defend it as being 'war' as they justify everything, however inhuman, done because the military needs of Germany are alleged to call for it. It shows how hard pressed the military power is beginning to find itself at this latest stage of the war."

From out the ghastliness of war many splendid inventions for healing have appeared. Among these is the new French cure for burns called "amberin." Under its use instant relief is given and flesh and tissues resume their natural healthy conditions in a very short time. It was invented by Dr. Bart de Sanfort for the treatment of soldiers burned by liquid fire.

Two years ago Lloyd George was in favor of State purchase of the liquor interests, but was forced by the opposition within the Cabinet to drop his proposals. It is now believed that, as Premier, he will press the liquor question to an issue, and so at last a "dry" Britain may be in sight, the opinion having grown steadily that

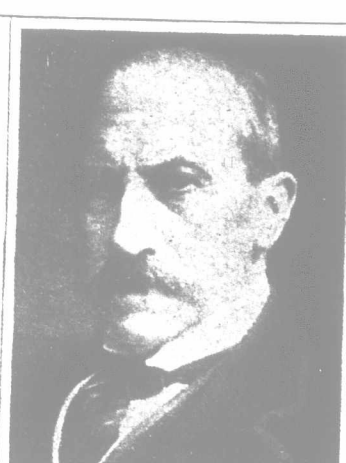
The War Council of Great Britain Under Premier Lloyd-George



Earl Curzon.



Lord Derby.



Lord Milner.



Arthur Henderson.



Bonar Law.