SOLDIERS NEGLECT TO ARRANGE THEIR INSURANCE POLICIES

City Treasurer Says Many Families Thus Deprived.

ABOUT 2,500 ON BOOKS

Of These Companies Carry 1,030, and the Rest Come Under Civic Scheme.

City Treasurer James S. Bell is busily engaged these days in straightening up the insurance policies of London's soldiers. At the present time he is renewing the policies held by insurance companies. The Metropolitan Life has 630, the Aetna 298, and the State Life of Indianapolis 100. The majority of these have to be renewed. The council will carry these with the companies during the duration of the war. Many have been struck off the lists for various causes, but there are now about 1,020 policies in effect carried by the line companies.

Fully 2,500 Insured.

The city itself is carrying about 1,500. Mr. Bell has not the exact figures handy, as he has not yet completed the statistics, but he will report to the board of control shortly.

At least 2,500 soldiers are insured by the city. Many soldiers are not looked after, as they have no dependents, so the figures do not show the number of men London has sent to the front.

To date, about 85 deaths have been reported to the city for insured men. Of these about 70 have been carried by the companies, the balance being charges against the civic scheme. The amounts paid out will be in the neighborhood of $70,000.

Many Neglect Chance.

"We have been busy with renewals, securing information as to the new men who enlist, and who will shortly go overseas, and the like," said Mr. Bell. "As a result I have not the exact figures at hand. These will be given later. It is a strange thing how men neglect to notify us that they are citizens and want insurance. We hunt up as many as we can, but we miss many. When some of these men are killed, their relatives wonder why they have not been insured, but in most of these instances the men themselves neglected to furnish us with any information. We would be glad to have all who are entitled to insurance come to us, and we will look after them."

CAPT. BEATTIE MARTIN OFF FOR SERVICE IN THE EAST

Writes His Parents When on Board Troopship in English Harbor.

Rev. W. M. Martin and Mrs. Martin, Ridout street south, have received a letter from their youngest son, Capt. Beattie Martin of the R. A. M. C., written on board a troop ship, presumably in an English harbor, the end of September. He stated that the boat was leaving for the east and was the finest of the kind he had ever been on. He further said, "I am senior medical officer. There are two other medical officers, a sergeant and three stretcher-bearers. We have 1,903 aboard, and it looks like some work ahead of us. Every man must be inoculated with anti-cholera 'bugs' twice within the next eight days. Park and the other chap are being kept busy."

He concludes the letter by reminding his parents that he is always happy on the sea, and expects to be particularly so on such a fine boat. He warns them that it will probably be a long time before another letter is received from him.

Capt. Martin recently returned to duty after two or three months' sick leave, the greater part of which was spent with his parents in this city.

FITS!

A sample of my remedy has cured cases of falling sickness or epilepsy. Prompt relief guaranteed. I pay expressage on free trial bottle, if you cut out and return advertisement. Sworn statements and hundreds of testimonials on file. Give age and full particulars.

Dr. F. Harvey Roof Company, B1479 G. P. O. Box, New York.

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WOMEN SHOULD GET THIS HABIT AS WELL AS MEN

Don't Eat Bite of Breakfast Until You Drink Glass of Hot Water.

Happy, bright, alert—vigorous and vivacious—a good clear skin; a natural, rosy complexion and freedom from illness are assured only by clean, healthy blood. If only every woman and likewise every man could realize the wonders of the morning inside bath, what a gratifying change would take place.

Instead of the thousands of sickly, anaemic-looking men, women and girls with pasty or muddy complexions; instead of the multitudes of "nerve wrecks," "rundowns," "brain fags" and pessimists we should see a virile, optimistic throng of rosy-cheeked people everywhere.

An inside bath is had by drinking, each morning before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to wash from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour fermentations and poisons, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

Those subject to sick headache, biliousness, nasty breath, rheumatism, colds; and particularly those who have a pallid, sallow complexion and who are constipated very often, are urged to obtain a quarter pound of limestone phosphate at the drug store which will cost but a trifle, but is sufficient to demonstrate the quick and remarkable change in both health and appearance awaiting those who practice internal sanitation. We must remember that inside cleanliness is more important than outside, because the skin does not absorb impurities to contaminate the blood, while the pores in the thirty feet of bowels do.

PTE. WALTER HOWIE WOUNDED SEVERELY WHILE IN TRENCHES

Pte. Howie is a nephew of Mrs. F. F. Marshall of 133 Ann street. He has been on active service for two years. A brother, Corp. John Howie, is with the Engineers on Carling Heights.

KITCHENER'S MAYOR PELTED WITH BEETS BY SOME OF 118TH

Incident Occurred as Soldiers Passed Home Station.

MAYOR HETT TROUBLED

Feels Hurt Because He Declares the Boys Misunderstood Him.

Kitchener, Oct. 20.—An unexpected incident with the stop of the soldiers of the 118th Battalion in the city Thursday afternoon, while on their way to winter quarters in London, was the indignity offered to the person of Mayor Hett when a few of the men of the battalion, as the train was pulling out, pelted the chief magistrate with sugar beets which they had gathered from cars which were standing on the siding. It is believed that they entertained the belief that Mayor Hett was in some way responsible for their being ordered to London for the winter instead of to Kitchener. It may also be said for the soldiers that they were laboring under a rather high-pitched anger as a result of their disappointment when they learned that the train was not even going to stop to give them an opportunity to greet their relatives and friends who had gathered at the station to see them pass through. This, and the belief that the mayor was responsible in part for their going to London, might have been responsible for an abnormal state of mind which led them to the act of affronting the chief magistrate of the city.

Where Belief Originated.

Just how the boys of the battalion came to the belief that Mayor Hett was opposed to their wintering in Kitchener is difficult to establish, but if such a belief existed among the soldiers yesterday it may be attributed to the attitude which Mayor Hett appeared to assume at a recent meeting of the council in which he seemed to support Ald. Gross, who expressed himself as being against the bringing of the boys of the battalion to the city for the winter unless a guarantee of good behavior was given. At that time the Merchants' Association of the city presented a request to the council that steps be taken to get a battalion to take up quarters in Kitchener for the winter. In seeming to support Ald. Gross, Mayor Hett took the position that, in view of the feeling existing in the city over the change of name controversy, he did not deem it wise to bring a strange battalion to the city in as much as he believed there might be trouble wrought through a strange battalion not having a proper understanding of the local situation. He stated, however, at the meeting that he would not be opposed to the wintering of the 118th Battalion here, but, in fact, would welcome the battalion back.

Mayor Feels Hurt.

In speaking to a representative of the Telegraph yesterday afternoon, shortly after the regrettable incident occurred, Mayor Hett stated that he felt deeply hurt at the marked show of disfavor which he had received from some of the boys of the battalion at the station. He declared that since the battalion was organized last fall he has always had a warm spot in his heart for the boys, and has tried on all occasions to show friendship toward them and to encourage them in the great duty which they are performing for their country and the Empire.

"I did not believe," said Mayor Hett to the Telegraph, "that the boys of the 118th Battalion bore any animosity toward me when I went to the station at noon for the purpose of showing my goodwill toward them and welcoming them for their short stay here. I assure you that for the sake of their relatives and friends I had sincerely wished that they would be stationed here for the winter and I emphatically declare that I had nothing to do whatever with having them ordered to London. In fact, any influence which I used was in favor of having them quartered in their home city until they are warned for overseas. I deeply regret and feel grieved that the boys misunderstood me."

BOMBING INSTRUCTORS

Nine Officers and N.C.O.'s Qualify at Local School.

Nine officers and non-coms. from the various units of the district have qualified as bombing instructors and five have qualified as bombers, according to an announcement made by Lieut.-Col. H. W. Smith on Friday.

The bombing instructors are:

Lieut. F. L. Wilson, 118th; Corp. G. Kanmacher, 118th; Corp. W. Hilliard, 118th; Lieut. J. Douglas, 122nd; Sergt. C. K. A. Palmer, 122nd; Corp. J. French, 122nd; Lance-Corp. A. L. Brander, 149th; Lieut. M. M. Wilson, 186th; Lance-Corp. E. Barnard, 186th.

The bombers are:

Corp. L. Darlou, 118th; Lance-Corp. J. Aitchison, 122nd; Corp. F. W. Walker, 149th; Corp. W. Halstead, 186th; Corp. R. B. Tiffin, 186th.

Corp. G. E. Harper, 118th Battalion, qualified as an instructor in scouting.

ALBERT WATSON HAS STRUCK A NEW NOTE IN CANADIAN POETRY

First Singer To Give Dominion World Outlook, Says Rector.

HAS BROADER VISION

Work of Poet Born Near Toronto Is Marked by Genius.

The story of "Albert Watson and the New Movement in Canadian Poetry," was delightfully told last evening to a very much interested audience in St. James' schoolhouse, South London, by Rev. R. W. Norwood. The treatment given the subject by the preacher-poet was characteristically original, and the lecture abounded in striking and beautiful imagery.

Concerning the "new movement," Mr. Norwood characterized the earlier poets and poetry of Canada as "objective," clearly defining the reasons for this attitude, and drawing attention to the evolution of national life and ideas which has resulted in the new subjective school.

"The objective character of early Canadian poets and poetry was the result of the eager curiosity of a nation in its childhood," he said. "Childhood is fundamentally objective and eagerly curious in regard to external surroundings. Every new object is a fresh discovery, an adventure. The poet largely reflects a nation's mood, consequently during the childhood of the Dominion our poets shared the eager curiosity of the nation for those things which lay outside rather than within itself, the material resources, advantages, beauty or dramatic setting of the young nation's life.

Impersonal Poetry.

"In a word, the poetry of a nation in childhood was, of necessity, impersonal, concerned with things, with fields of golden grain in the great West, with the land of the maple, with rushing rivers, the rock-bound Atlantic, the rolling waves of the Pacific coast.

"The childhood of a nation is eager in counting its treasures and telling about them. The great exponents of this phase of the childhood of the nation are Isabel Vallanchy Crawford, Charles Mair, Charles G. D. Roberts, Bliss Carman, Archibald Lampman, who, though they had moods of serious reflection, are mainly the poets of the riot of laughter and the joy of sheer physical existence.

But Canada no longer stands "unheeded, unadored, unhymned." She now strikes her hand in the hand of Britannia, and the look in her eye is the mother look, the glory of the mother's secret. Canada has passed from childhood to the measure of the full-blown years.

Broader Vision.

Canada no longer thinks of her marriage portion. She was delighted as the young bride to show her trousseau and display her jewels. Her house is now in order, and the seriousness of the problems of living engage her thoughts. She is looking beyond herself into the world with its problems, responsibilities and tasks. So her song ceases to be the song of the recounting of her jewels. It has become the great world song, the song of the soul in its march towards the infinite possibilities of the human race.

Because the poet reflects the nation's mood, the character of the modern poet is subjective rather than objective, his poetry reflective rather than rhapsodic.

Among the poets of the new movement stands Albert D. Watson M.D., the author of "Love and the Universe," one of the most authentic contributions of reflective poetry thus far produced in the history of Canadian song.

A New Thought.

The fundamental note of Albert Watson is the note of the singers of today. The thought of God is not so much the thought of a Father as the thought of a comrade and brother, the thought that has come out of the war, of the White Comrade, marching up with men into the fullness of the stature of the eternal Christ. Dr. Watson holds with St. John that everyone who loves is born of God; love is the theme of the universe, and love is the goal of the universe."

Several quotations from Dr. Watson's work, "Love and the Universe" were recited by way of illustration.

Mr. Norwood referred to the fact that Dr. Watson, who was born near Toronto, and is now in the prime of life, is another striking instance of a man whose genius has blossomed, and whose powers have expanded with amazing rapidity at fifty years. Such another has been Edward de Morgan.

McCLARY CONCERT.

The first of a series of entertainments to be given during the winter under the auspices of the McClary Welfare League, was given last night and was a splendid success. Col. W. M. Gartshore presided, and the program was thoroughly enjoyed. The proceeds will be turned over for a band of twelve pieces, which is being organized. Next Wednesday instruction will begin in first aid classes. Both men and women will be instructed in the work.

MEAT CAUSE OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take Salts to flush Kidneys if Back hurts or Bladder bothers.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority, who tells us that meat forms uric acid, which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste, get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days, and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.

DANDRUFF MAKES HAIR FALL OUT

25 cent bottle of "Danderine" keeps hair thick, strong, beautiful.

Girls! Try this! Doubles beauty of your hair in few moments.

Within ten minutes after an application of Danderine you cannot find a single trace of dandruff or falling hair and your scalp will not itch, but what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use, when you see new hair, fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp.

A little Danderine immediately doubles the beauty of your hair. No difference how dull, faded brittle and scraggy, just moisten a cloth with Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. The effect is amazing—your hair will be light, fluffy and wavy, and have an appearance of abundance; an incomparable lustre, softness and luxuriance.

Get a 25-cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter, and prove that your hair is as pretty and soft as any—that it has been neglected or injured by careless treatment—that's all—you surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderine.

RUMMAGE SALE DRAWING CROWDS OF EAGER BUYERS

Great Business Being Done by St. Andrew's Ladies' Aid.

Yesterday may have been Friday and very wet weather elsewhere in the city, but it was all sunshine and the best day in many a week for the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, holding a rummage sale at 141 King street, for the benefit of the Soldiers' Comfort Fund.

For days previous the members of the Ladies' Aid had been busily engaged collecting clothing, furniture, millinery, dishes, a hundred odds and ends of good, clean articles from some of the best homes in the city. They had reason to be jubilant over their stock when it was all attractively arranged Thursday evening and the show window transformed into an artistic triumph.

The hour announced for opening was 10 o'clock Friday. Scanning the skies and hoisting their umbrellas as they left home the members of the advance guard of the Ladies' Aid were dubious When the car stopped at the corner of King and Richmond, their hearts almost stopped beating along with it, so astounded were they by the great throng gathered some distance to the west. Early shoppers eager to be first at the bargains.

In a few seconds, business was under way. Genuine creations in hats, surprising "finds" in coats, and boots which looked as if they had scarcely been outside their original boxes, were snapped up with eagerness.

Towards 6 p.m., the crowds were still arriving, and the members of the Ladies' Aid, so jubilont they had no time to think of weariness.

Notwithstanding the great success of the sale yesterday, a considerable amount of stock remained on hand after closing time and it was decided to continue the sale today.

A member of the Ladies' Aid stated today to The Advertiser, "These sales are of great assistance to the people who cannot afford new clothing, yet are too independent to accept charity. They get much better material than they could afford to buy and it was surprising to find the number of garments sent in that were practically as good as new.

Contributing to the Sale.

"Again, it breaks the habit of hoarding things for which there is no need and which will be of great benefit to others. In the last place the proceeds of the sale are going to mean a most substantial amount of comfort for our soldiers."

In the first nine months of the year, the Ladies' Aid of St. Andrew's Church has sent away more than $500 worth of goods on which the Red Cross Society values have been placed.

These supplies have included more than 400 pairs of socks alone. Two prisoners of war have been adopted, and a cot has been endowed in the Western University Hospital unit stationary hospital at a cost of $25. This gives some

CURES CATARRH, BRONCHITIS BY SWIFT, CERTAIN METHOD

Thousands of drug fiends have been started on their downward course through Catarrh snuffs containing some habit-forming drug. If you suffer from a cold, sneezing or catarrh—don't use a snuff—use a sensible treatment like Catarrhozone. It heals and soothes, brings relief at once, cures thoroughly. In bronchitis and throat trouble no doctor can do better than prescribe Catarrhozone. Try it—see what wonders it works—what power it possesses. Different from the old way—you inhale Catarrhozone. Get the dollar outfit which includes the inhaler and is guaranteed. Smaller size, 50c; sample size, 25c at all dealers.

CLEARING OUT ENTIRE STOCK OF Genuine Oriental Rugs at About One Half the Present Value

Conditions in Western Europe have made the replenishing of our Oriental rug stock impossible, and we have decided to dispose of every Oriental rug in stock at prices that are very little in advance of the price of ordinary loom-made rugs. The durability of the Oriental is proverbial—hand-woven from the wool of sheep, goats and camels, and dyed from the fadeless colors of roots and barks, it may truly be said to be "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever."

Below we give a partial list of the Rugs on sale:

One only Royal Kirmanshah, No. 6925, size 7.6x5 feet, in beautiful shadings of ivory, rose and blue with medallion centre. Price....$125

Anatolian, size 9x12 feet, dark blue, medallion centre, with rose, nile and camel decorations. Price $195

Enezli, size 11.9x8.9 feet, dark blue ground with border of rose and ivory. Price $175

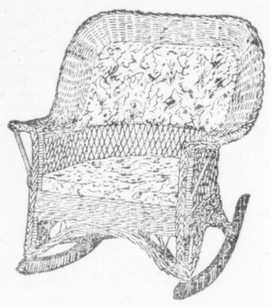
Kazak Palace Strip, 10x3 feet, camel ground with characteristic Kazak decorations, extra fine pile. Price $75.00

Shirvan Rug, 8x4.2 feet, suitable for hall, den or library, in dark rich shades of blue and copper. Price $85.00

Kazak Rug, 8.4x4.2 feet, a particularly fine specimen of Kazak weaving ground light blue, decorations in rose and ivory on camel ground. Price $85.00

Shirvan, Kula, Melas, Bidjar, Muskabad, Mirzapore and Malabar, all at special prices.

Willow Furniture



Willow Furniture continues to grow in favor. We are showing a number of the newer designs in chairs, rockers, fern stands, magazine racks and tables, all made from imported English willow.

Chairs or Rockers, like cut, made with broad arms, closely woven, the seats and backs are upholstered with good quality tapestry. Price ..... $14.00 each

Other Chairs and Rockers with upholstered seats and backs, at .....$11.00, $12.50, $13.75 and $15.00 each

English Willow Magazine Racks, three shelves and two end pockets on each. Price $7.50

English Willow Tables, round tops.....$9.00, $10.00, $11.00 and $11.50 each

FURNITURE DEPARTMENT, THIRD FLOOR.

Out-of-Town Customers

Will be wise to take advantage of this sale of Oriental Rugs. Your railway fare for even 100 miles will be more than doubly repaid, and it is a great opportunity to buy these Oriental Rugs, which are practically off the market today, at such prices.

DON'S FORGET YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE DESIGNER.

ONE YEAR, 40c, or

The Designer for one year $1.20
The Winter Fashion Book 25
One Standard Pattern ..... .20
$1.65

ALL FOR 55c.

If mailed, the Designer only ..... $1.00 year

New Baby Buggies and Baby Carriers

Another new lot of up-to-date designs in Pullmans, Sleepers, Gocarts and Sulkies have just arrived.

$21.50 Line—In a three-quarter size reed body, with round reed roll, corduroy cushions, seat, back and to centre of sides, 12-inch wheels with half-inch rubber tires, finished in greys, browns or natural. Price $21.50

$22.50—Full-size Pullman, flats with round reed roll, reed hood, corduroy lined, 14-inch wheels with five-eighth rubber tires, white enameled cross handles, finished in natural and brown. Price $22.50

$25.00—Full-size Pullman, corduroy cushions, reed hood, with round roll, corduroy lined, 14-inch wheels with five-eighth-inch rubber tires, finished in natural or brown. Price $25.00

$30.00—Full-size Pullman, all round reed with round roll, corduroy cushions, seat, back and sides to front, hood of round reed with heavy round reed roll, 14-inch wheels with five-eighth-inch rubber tires. Price $30.00

Sulkies from .....$2.50 to $9.00
Gocarts from .....$5.50 to $10.00
Baby Carriers from .....$3.50 to $12.50

BASEMENT.

AFTERNOON TEA.

Sardine Sandwich, Cup of Tea or Coffee, 15c.
Orange Wheel Sandwich, Cup of Tea or Coffee, 20c.
Tea, per pot: For one, 10c; for two, 15c.

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Balcony.
Saturday Afternoon. Main Floor
Special Hot Drinks and Light Lunches at Soda Fountain.

idea of the good work being accomplished by the society and the direction in which the proceeds of today's sale will go.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY GIVES RED CROSS $10

Takes $2,500 of War Loan and Sends Presents to Fighting Members.

The members of St. George's Benevolent Society met last evening in St. George's Hall, President Ronald R. A. Emery in the chair.

It was unanimously agreed to donate $10 to the British Red Cross Society.

The financial committee reported the acceptance by the Government of the application for $2,500 stock in the last war loan, and arrangements have been made to invest capital of the society to that amount.

Secretary R. Cadwallader was instructed to send to all members fighting at the front a Christmas present of tobacco, etc.

The relief committee reported but little distress in the city. Only one application came up for discussion.

There were present Inspector Joseph Sanders, Secretary R. Cadwallader, Charles Hollins, W. Gwalchmai, J. Heaman, Geo. White, S. Roberts and J. Benbow.

OFF TO THE TRENCHES

Lieut. W. T. Bartlett Has Been Sent to France.

Lieut. W. T. Bartlett of this city has gone to France as a lieutenant attached to the 18th Battalion, according to a cablegram received by his father, P. H. Bartlett, last night. It states that he will be in the 4th Brigade of the 1st Division.

Lieut. Bartlett left London on August 20 with a special draft of officers, and since that time has been training in a military school at Shorncliffe.

TO DRILL ON MONDAY

City Will Search for Water at No. 4 Substation.

Drilling will commence on Monday at No. 4 sub-station, near the McClary Foundry in the east end, Driller Harvey having moved his apparatus there.

The utilities commission, if a flow of water is obtained there, will sink more wells in that section.

It is proposed to hitch pumps to each well, forcing the water directly into the mains.

In this way the pressure in the east end will be equalized.

CLAIMS $5,000 FOR ALIENATION OF HIS WIFE'S AFFECTIONS

Dorchester Man Sues Henry Drake Jr. of Same Township.

Two more cases were set down today for hearing at the fall assizes, which will open at the court house on Monday, October 30th, before Mr. Justice Middleton.

Frederick T. Irwin has entered an action for $5,000 damages against Henry Drake, jun., claiming that the defendant alienated the affections of his wife, Ellen Irwin. In the statement of claim Irwin sets out that Drake used such influence over his wife that she finally left his home and destroyed his happiness.

He further alleges other improper conduct. Both parties to the suit are residents of North Dorchester Township.

B. Lawson has entered action against Michael Shabsave to have a certain mortgage set aside and declared void.

THREE STRATFORD MEN WOUNDED AT FRONT

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Stratford, Oct. 21.—Official messages today reported Pte. Jos. R. Tremaine, Mounted Rifles, wounded in the right arm; Pte. Robert Robinson wounded slightly in the arm, and Pte. Watson M. Moore wounded but returned to duty September 25.

THE FALL WEATHER HARD ON LITTLE ONES

Canadian fall weather is extremely hard on little ones. One day it is warm and bright, and the next wet and cold. These sudden changes bring on cold, cramps and colic, and unless baby's little stomach is kept right the result may be serious. There is nothing to equal Baby's Own Tablets in keeping the little ones well. They sweeten the stomach, regulate the bowels, break up colds and make the baby thrive. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Is Recruiting Above Board?

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Although all loyal patriots are supposed to "think no evil" and "see no evil" relative to operations of the militia of Canada, one would indeed be dense not to detect flagrant errors from time to time, and we question if all is fair and above board regarding enlistment alone.

Early in the year when recruiting was brisk in a small Western Ontario town, a creditable number donned the colors. One in particular, perhaps the most enthusiastic of the recruits, healthy, alert and eager, left wife, family and home to enter camp life.

Today he is "doing his bit" in a munition factory, dismissed from the ranks as TOO OLD. He is, however, just ten months older than when enlisting, when his correct age was given, and he was readily accepted and passed by officers and medical examiners. He is today healthier and more fit than at the time of his examination, and it cost the people of Canada fully $500 before the department saw fit to dismiss him owing to his number of years.

Another recruit of that same period and place has recently been rejected because he is practically stone deaf. He, too, passed examination and was kept at the country's expense, although his deafness was quite apparent.

The query arises: "Do recruiting officers and others accept units in order to swell the number of names on their enlistment roll, allowing valuable money to be expended on their training and maintenance?

It surely is no disloyalty to inquire why and how these things happen?

A SARNIA READER.

Price of Coal.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

There has been a lot of talk about the market for the L. & P. S. R. bonds and the proposal to raid the city's credit for another $20,000, but no one has yet answered the question—Has the electrification of the L. & P. S. R. increased the price of coal to the citizens of London? Sir Adam Beck cannot forget the promise, the pledge it should be called, to cheapen the price of coal. Before electrification there was a difference of 75 cents a ton in favor of London, as compared with Toronto. With electrification, instead of the difference in our favor being increased, it is practically wiped out. It looks as though every house in the city is mulcted on an average of about $5.00 a season to pay for Sir Adam Beck's obsession to electrify everything in sight.

ONE WHO REMEMBERS.

THIS LISTENS LIKE THE TOONERVILLE TROLLEY

Woes of St. Thomas System Caused by "Towline."

The St. Thomas Journal says: Bill Nye's steamboat that came to a standstill every time the whistle was blown, and remained so until steam was gotten up again, had nothing on the Wilson avenue car of the local street railway system. Indeed, the street car has it on the boat, for when the "tow line" attached to the trolley pole becomes water-soaked the increased weight prevents the pole making contact with the wire at points on the system where the wire reaches its extreme height, and the crew have to anticipate the spot and get the car under sufficient momentum to coast along until it reaches a point where the wire is nearer the ground.

This appears ridiculous enough, but today the limit was reached when the crew, on reaching the "high spot" just west of the L. and P. S. crossing on Elm street, informed the passengers whose destination was beyond the crossing that the car was going no further owing to the water-soaked rope being so heavy the spring of the pole would not carry it up to the feed wire. The passengers got out and trudged across in the rain, expressing wonderment at the size of the towline attached to the pole, and whether or not it was war conditions in the rope industry that prevented the use of a proper sized cord.

Meanwhile the "suburban limited" on the city's fast line scooted back along Wilson avenue.

FUND CLOSES MONDAY

Duchess of Connaught Fund Here Totals Over $200.

The parting gift of the women of Canada to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, which is to be in the form of a check to her fund for prisoners of war, will be inclosed in a silver casket. The casket, in charge of the women's committee of the Red Cross Society, was exhibited yesterday at the headquarters in Toronto. Mrs. H. A. Boomer, who is looking after the fund locally, states that it must be closed on Monday, and that the time has already been extended. She expects to be able to forward $225, and is hoping that $250 will be made up. Two new subscriptions have been received, one for the sum of $1 from Mrs. D. Berry, and a $2 subscription to which no name was attached.