

THOUGHTS BY THE WAY

Springtime and the War

Written for The Ontario by "Wayfarer."

All the old madness and gladness of Springtime; Petals of blossoms adrift on the breeze—

All the old restfulness far in the blue haze; Blurring the hills and the woods and the sky;

All the old glamor and dreams of the Springtime— And you who shared them, somewhere at war!

As the poet has so prettily expressed it, Spring has again spread its glamor over our fair land—the tender green of the grass, bud bursting into leaf and flower, the flash of wings, the songs of joy in the air overhead—all tend to waken in us the old-time dreams and gladness.

It is rather nice and mild out of doors on fifth day of spring weather. The sun does not look altogether like spring yet. The hedges are quite bare, and a few crocuses are about the only flowers that have dared to come up.

Yes, it is certainly the hope of a glorious and victorious termination and of a better world after the period of reconstruction, that gives us courage for the tasks at home and that gives the soldiers at the front courage and strength to hold the line against overwhelming forces.

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CAESAR AND THE KAISER

The Blight of the Ages—History Repeats Itself.

(By A. G. Hales)

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LETTERS FROM TWO SOLDIER SONS

Dear Mother and all,

Just a few lines to let you know that I'm living and well and hope these few lines will find you all the same.

I had a great visit with Bruce Sunday, as I went over to see him in the afternoon and he came over to see me at night. I also saw Clayton Palmer, as he is shooting in the same outfit as Bruce. I have never seen father over here yet, if he's here and I've never heard from him in two months or more.

Well, there is no news so I hardly know what to say. How long is it since you have heard from England? I suppose everybody is busy with their spring work.

We are having fine weather now, as the dust is flying nice. If father is in France, write and tell me, and maybe I might see him some day. Bruce thought I had a pretty fine place to hang out. I haven't heard from home in a long time.

Well, I guess I have told you all for now, as there is no news. So answer soon and give my best regards to all. From Stanley Kincaid.

Received your letters last night, one written on March 6, the other in April. So you see the mail has been held up somewhere.

I was with Stanley the other afternoon and had supper with him. He is trying to get me with him—he can claim me because he is older. I know how to handle Germans; I look like Mother.

We are having fine weather now. It is as warm as can be. I am working with a team of mules, hauling stuff from one place to another. As they use it, I keep them supplied.

You say you sent me a parcel on April 5. I haven't received it yet, but maybe it will come in later on. Fred Louge came down to see me yesterday. He was glad to see me. I saw Harry Bowen and Fred Young. I have seen nearly all the boys from around home. I hear that father is in France now. I would like to run across him, to see how he likes it for a change from Canada. I haven't heard from Gladys for a long while now.

Have you received the watch of money I sent you yet? I hope you have for I want some more, tight underwear. I thought that watch would be a good souvenir for you if anything was to happen to me. Don't you think so?

I wish I could get to England on pass for a rest. We have good hopes of it finishing this summer. Everybody is looking forward to being home next summer. I hope so anyhow. If I get home, I won't work for about a month, so have a good supply of food on hand for my hungry soldiers of the Kincaid family—heroes, ha! ha!

Those pictures you sent me are as natural as if I were there myself. I saw them before—Stanley had some.

Any old thing from the table you don't want, send it over. It will come handy to me, for don't believe we get fed good.

I think by the looks of the piano it is a fine one.

Well, Mother, I guess I will close as I am going for a bath. Wish I had some underwear from home to put on. Hoping to hear from you soon, your loving son, Bruce.

LIUT. BLAKER ARRIVES HERE

Was Assistant Adjutant of 80th Battalion—Says German Morale Is Breaking Down

Lieut. Leo Blaker, formerly assistant adjutant of the 80th Battalion, is in the city, having been invalided home. Mrs. Blaker and family are still in England, but will return here when the opportunity to cross the ocean arrives.

Lt. Blaker is one of the 80th men who has done his bit and has gone through trials and endured hardships and suffering that only this war has produced. He served in command of a trench motor battery of Stokes guns, in the trenches a short distance from the Hun. The pit in which he and his men were engaged was visited by a shell, which injured the lieutenant, his body being wrenched and his spine hurt. Besides he suffered general shell shock.

After long months in hospital he has recovered sufficiently to be able to be invalided to Canada. He will make his home in Belleville.

Lieut. Blaker says the German morale is breaking down. For allied victory men and more men are needed. The sooner they go, the sooner will come victory.

BUCK-BAXTER WEDDING

On Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. a quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Baxter 154 Rideau St. Kingston, when their eldest daughter, Christina Sommerville was united in marriage to Morley P. Buck, Belleville, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Buck, Bath, Rev. G. S. Glendinnen officiated.

The bride was becomingly gowned in ivory crepe de chene and wore the groom's gift of a pearl pendant. Many other beautiful gifts testified to the high esteem and popularity of the young couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck left at midnight for Toronto and Buffalo and on their return will reside at Belleville.

COLLECTED FOR THE LONSDALE RED CROSS SOCIETY

- Mrs. E. S. Hewitt \$3.00 Mrs. Will Provins 2.00 Miss Maggie Doyle 2.00 Miss Minnie Palmer 1.00 Mrs. Ruth Sampson 1.00 Mrs. T. M. Russell 1.00 Mr. Jay Doyle 1.00 Mrs. Herb Asselstine 1.00 Mrs. Nelson Hewitt 1.00 Mr. Alex. Hewitt .75 Mr. T. M. Russell .75 Mr. Ernest English .50 Mrs. M. G. Sexsmith .50 Mrs. Will Jackson .50 Mr. Dave Martin .50 Mrs. S. D. Winters .50 Mr. H. McKnight .50 Mr. R. Murphy .50 Mr. Ross Bush .50 Mrs. I. S. Jackson .50 Mr. Percy Hudgins .50 Mrs. James Booth .50 Mrs. G. A. Sexsmith .50 Mrs. James McCormick .50 Mrs. Will Winters .50 Mrs. Walter Russell .50 Miss Jennie McCormick .50 Mr. J. O. Hara .50 Mr. T. Sexsmith .50

Total \$18.85 Collectors: Miss Minnie Palmer and Miss Ruth Sampson. Mr. James McCullough \$5.00 Mr. Wm. Whitman 5.00 Mr. James Henry Whitman 5.00 Mr. Willie Andrew McCullough 5.00 Mr. Thos. Sexsmith 2.00 Mr. Alford Mastin 2.00 Mrs. George Sexsmith 1.00 Mr. T. W. Dunnwoody 1.00 Mr. Ed. Brennan 1.00 Mr. Frank Brennan 1.00 Mrs. N. R. Sampson 1.00 Mr. Ad. Mastin .75 Mr. T. Murphy .65 Mrs. Chas. Mastin .50 Miss Freeda Doughty .50 Mrs. Michael Corrigan .50 Mrs. Howell .50 Mr. Henry Brennan .50 Mrs. Henry Brennan .50 Mrs. Jos. Williams .50 Mr. Jack Howell .50 Mr. Edwon Howell .50 Mr. Jim McAuley .50

THIRD LINE THURLOW

We have plenty of moisture now. A little warm weather will improve the crops greatly. The farmers are about through seeding.

Three fine little boys have come to our neighborhood during the past week to gladden the homes of Messrs. Frank Carral, Frank McAvoy and Dorland Clapp.

A large quantity of milk is now taken in at the Union Factory. We now have twelve autos on the third line and more expected.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Rutten visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCreary, Halston, last Sunday. Miss Laura Phelps spent Sunday at her brother's.

WOMEN'S RIFLE CLUB WEEKLY SHOOT

Miss McCarthy—88 Miss Falkner—97 Miss Wallbridge—82 Miss R. Milburn—88

Albert College Board met in special session yesterday to consider the future of the College made necessary by the burning of Massey Hall. The unanimous decision of the Board was, with other pieces making an appeal for the College, that it should remain in Belleville on the west side on a new site facing the bay, providing the citizens respond sufficiently to justify this action.

MOVIE PEOPLE WERE IN TOWN

Belleville Scenes in Film Taken by Trenton Artists Yesterday. Scenes of Belleville—Bridge St. the lawn and buildings of Belleville Hospital, the beautiful Victoria Avenue and residence—will soon be on the screen in the movie houses of Canada. Yesterday the troupe of the Canadian National Features' Ltd., Trenton visited Belleville to produce a portion of the motion play "The Love-Law." The Company put up at the Queen's Hotel where they "made up" for the occasion. Instead of wearing the faces nature gave them the artists wore a covering of yellow grease, for the human face if not "made up" takes on a dark color in a film and yellow becomes white. With "hem" was a Belleville boy, Mr. Mattand Sprague, property man who played the butter. The morning saw pictures taken on Bridge Street near the Post Office and in the afternoon the actors and actresses visited the hospital grounds and one of the addresses was "admitted" as a patient. Victoria Avenue residents were in the spot light when there was a sensational elopement, the young pair being followed by the irate father of the bride in a car. Other scenes are taken in the studio at Trenton.

THOUSANDS SAW SOLDIERS MARCH

Thousands of residents of Belleville and the surrounding districts witnessed the parade of the 254th Battalion this morning. The Armories was surrounded with throngs of the soldier boys from early morning until nearly eleven thirty when the march-out took place and Front Streets were lined with cheering crowds. The band under Lieut. Hinchey played a number of airs and the soldiers voiced their feelings in this: "Are we downhearted?" With the men marched the officers as follows:—Lt.-Col. A. P. Allen; Major Ferguson; Captain Carman; Capt. Sandford; Capt. Hyman; Capt. Ingram; Lieut. Burgener and Lieut. Cooper. Lieut. Hinchey went with the band. Lieut. Beverly Gribble expected to march with the battalion but this morning word came that only the officers above named were to go with the 254th.

The boys made a good showing. They had come from various parts of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties and carried with them the best wishes of those they left behind. Major Ferguson and Capt. Sandford are both returned officers, who did their bit nobly at the front in the months gone by.

ALBERT COLLEGE REBUILDING

Board Considers Future of Institution—May Build on West Side of City. Albert College Board met in special session yesterday to consider the future of the College made necessary by the burning of Massey Hall. The unanimous decision of the Board was, with other pieces making an appeal for the College, that it should remain in Belleville on the west side on a new site facing the bay, providing the citizens respond sufficiently to justify this action.

PRESENTATION

On Wednesday evening last, Sergt. J. J. Roe of the 254th Battalion was presented with a magnificent wrist watch by "Belleville Council Knights of Columbus" 1005, as a token of their appreciation as a soldier and Bro. He leaves for overseas with his unit on Saturday.

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