

NEWS OF NORFOLK

Simcoe Welcomes Home Trio of Port Rowan Invalidated Soldiers

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Simcoe, Jan. 18th.—(From Our Own Correspondent.)—Pte. Morley Knowles, Pte. Bruce Bennett and Pte. Austin Bennett, all of the 133rd, reached Simcoe by the noon train yesterday and were received at the depot by a few relatives and friends, representatives of the Great War Veterans of Simcoe, and on behalf of the town by Mayor Sailer, Deputy Reeve Langford and Ex-Alderman Robt. Craig J. P.

They were driven to the armouries and after dinner left by sleighs for a 21 mile drive to Port Rowan. Knowles is apparently recovering nicely from injuries received from the Hun in an attempt to make an iron mine of his body. Luckily he has no visible scars. His good-bye home," he said, "as the sleigh drove towards the home of Mrs. Hope Franklin, Lynnwood ave. where he was entertained. I often wondered if I would ever see home again."

The Bennett boys were both severely gassed and one of them had received strains from over-exertion, possibly, which unfitted him for further service. The trio will return to Burlington after ten days leave.

Armouries Closed. Officers from headquarters were in town today closing up the armouries and superintending the draining of the plumbing. Hereafter soldiers will receive a cold reception if taken to the armouries. Generally speaking it is cool any way.

Mail to Port Rowan by Old Stage Fashion. W. W. Walsh left for Port Rowan via Victoria with a heavy sleigh load of mail matter. Two stage teams conveyed passengers. Considerable mail was received from east and west during the day. More returning soldiers were expected in last night. It will be considered quite a pertinent question to interrogate if the custodians of the emergency fund of the 133rd battalion, know where the money came from to pay for the team which hastened the three returning soldiers to their destination yesterday.

Mr. Donly and The Molson's Bank. In yesterday's issue of the Simcoe Reformer, Editor Donly speaking of the transfer of the town's general account from Molson's to the Bank of Commerce, states that the former bank could not have been treated "less fairly." He considers that the council should reverse its action—that a member of council induced his colleagues to vote for the motion, and that the procedure was illegal as the transfer should have been made by by-law.

How Fairly Has Molson's Been Treated? The municipal patronage so far as the town is concerned has heretofore been distributed as follows:

- Town General Account—Molson's Bank.
Town Special Accounts—Molsons, Bank.
Waterworks Account—Molson's Bank.
Board of Education account—Molsons Bank.
Patriotic Committee account—Molson's Bank.
I.O.O.F. account—Molson's Bank.
County Council account—Hamilton's Bank.
Hydro Electric Account—Hamilton Bank.
And nothing at the Bank of Commerce.
The writer, as mover of the motion, noted the unfairness and cited the matter to council, expressing his opinion that the manager of the Bank of Commerce as a most excellent citizen and ratepayer in town, and the Bank of which he is manager, were entitled to more courteous treatment. No "inducing" was



NELLI GARDINI. Prima Donna who sings under auspices of Brant Chapter, I.O.O.F. at The Grand Opera House Thursday January 31st.

required to have the motion passed. The mover, also stated that, during an interview with the manager of Molson's last May, the manager had made the statement that the Bank could use its money to much better advantage otherwise than by carrying the town's overdrafts.

Carrying Coals to Newcastle. About a year ago the Reformer stated that resignation of commissioners would necessitate another election, and the council would be to blame for the cost if such occurred. It was then pointed out that the Bank could use its money to much better advantage otherwise than by carrying the town's overdrafts.

Yesterday, for some reason known only to himself, he states that the town's general account, which at present shows a healthy credit balance, cannot be transferred to another bank without a by-law. Perhaps his thinking of the borrowing by-law which usually goes through in February. Will Mr. Donly please condescend to quote his authority?

It is only fair to add that positively no lobbying was done regarding the motion in question. It was introduced in committee of the whole as a reason why the manager of the Bank of Commerce should not be re-appointed auditor.

The People Are Satisfied. Up to the present we have heard but two men demur the change, one of them quite passively, and we are willing to abide by the disinterested judgment of the electorate as to the motion in question.

Mr. Donly to such an extent that this editorial notice is necessary, well and good. Otherwise, we can only repeat what we observed a few days ago, ament the attitude of the town papers to matters municipal: "One never discusses civic matters," "the other, if at all, seldom encourages," "and generally in a tone of assumed superiority or for the quite "patent" object of venting personal "spiteen."

All this aside, the manager of Molson's Bank has not, up to the present, interviewed the mover of the motion in question regarding the matter. We believe he is big enough and fair-minded enough to know that nothing but public courtesy to all our banks actuated the change, and that the wishes of the patrons of all banks should be considered by Council.

The intimation that the members of Council had the wool pulled over their eyes may be wisdom on Mr. Donly's part. Personally our estimate of our colleagues at the board is, that even Mr. Donly can't accomplish such a thing.

Splendid Ice. Coates Bros. have in store 60,000 tons of clear ice, most of it twenty inches thick and the best ever cut. Jackson's cold storage plant got about three hundred loads and private icehouses about town are being filled. Farmers, too, now that the roads are opening, are beginning to draw home their supply.

Don't Worry. About the yeast. The order across the border closing factories and giving a Monday business holiday, therefore, does not affect dealers in perishable commodities and local grocers have been advised that the yeast will still be shipped without interruption.

Press Photographs. Mr. John Lepiant of the county engineer's office was operated upon for appendicitis on Wednesday and came through the ordeal well.

Mr. John Anguish, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks after a delicate operation for a severe attack of the same disease, is recovering steadily, if slowly.

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