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A REGULAR COMMUNICATION of the Lodge No. 284, A.F. & M., will be held in the Masonic Hall, Glencoe, on the evening of Thursday, March 25, at 7:30 o'clock sharp. General Business, conferring First Degree. Official visit of R. W. Bro. Reedy, D. D. G. M. All Masonic brethren welcome. — C. R. McLean, W. M.; J. Y. McLachlan, Secretary.

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District News Items.

R. H. Bellamy will build a garage at Mount Brydges.

Mrs. F. L. Harrison, of Strathroy, is dead, in her 80th year.

John N. Gibb, a prominent contractor, of Wallaceburg, died last week.

Contracts have been let for eight or ten new houses to be built at Mount Brydges this year.

Mrs. Christina McKillop, of Dutton, died last week, aged 78 years. She had resided in Dunwich all her life.

The discovery of a trousers button led to the arrest in Toronto of four boys charged with the theft of plumbing.

C. T. Pearce, retiring manager of the Toronto News, was presented by the staffs of all the departments with a case of silver.

A. Silas Code, C. E., of Alvinston, and Miss Isabel E. Gibson, youngest daughter of John Gibson, of Petrolia, were married last week.

One of Ontario's best known commercial travellers died in Toronto Wednesday in the person of John Hope Paterson, in his 62nd year.

Dr. J. B. Martyn, M. P. P. for East Lambton, in a speech in the Ontario Legislature last week, pleaded for the establishment of model farms in all the counties.

At 83 years of age, Mrs. Huntley, of Ingersoll, has indicated her loyalty and her interest in the welfare of the soldiers by knitting fifteen pairs of socks for them.

A reward of \$50 is offered for the arrest of Fred Billings, a Strathroy bank clerk who cashed a cheque for \$1,000 and decamped. He was traced as far as Detroit.

During a wedding reception at the residence of W. H. McAlister, Dutton, a few evenings ago someone entered one of the rooms upstairs and stole \$11 in cash from a dresser drawer.

Two little daughters of Leonard Cuthbert, of St. Thomas, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home on Friday afternoon while their mother was visiting a sick neighbor.

A. W. Buchan, a well-known old resident of Lawrence Station, died on Saturday. He was born near Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1845 and came to Canada and settled at Lawrence in 1883.

Mrs. Amasa Thomas died at her home in Windsor, Ontario, on Saturday. She was an elderly woman, and had been in poor health. Her husband died a short time ago.

Oxford county council passed a resolution asking the Ontario Legislature to amend the Ontario Elections Act so as to have municipal elections every two years, instead of every four years.

Strict vigilance is being maintained at the Sarnia tunnel, militia guards are still on duty, and every train passing through the tunnel must have all windows and doors locked. Passengers are also requested not to leave their seats while trains are in the tunnel proper.

Under an arrangement made with the Windsor & Lake Shore railway, Flora Bondy, 6-year-old daughter of James Bondy, Harrow, will receive \$1,000 for injuries caused by the neglect of the company. While the child was sitting in a tree in her father's orchard a high-power line came in contact with the limb on which she was seated. She was severely burned, and it is believed, will be disabled for life.

The R. J. Graham Company, of Belleville, secured an army contract for potatoes, onions and soup mixture, totalling \$250,000. This order will keep ten evaporators busy until June. These plants are located, one in Belleville, six others in Ontario (mostly in Hastings and Prince Edward), two in Michigan, and one in Nova Scotia. The Graham Company has been busy all fall and winter producing similar army supplies.

During the month which has elapsed since the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' convention, 500 farmers have agreed to give one acre of crop to the empire, in answer to the call made at the convention. It is expected that at least \$5 per acre of the farmers of the province will contribute to the scheme, and that together with the unorganized farmers who have fallen in with the idea, at least 25,000 acres will be set apart for this patriotic move.

St. Patrick's Box Social.

The box social under the auspices of the Ladies' Patriotic Society of Glencoe on Saint Patrick's eve proved to be very enjoyable. It was indeed a pretty social event. The rooms were artistically decorated with Irish and patriotic decorations and were made homelike and hospitable by the committee in charge.

A programme was first given, when Miss Marion Huston, Miss Bateman, Miss Elliott, Miss Ivy McDonald and little Charles Auld took part. All the numbers were well given and much applauded. Special mention is made of the pleasing instrumental rendered by Miss Bateman, of the solos by Miss McDonald, of Appin, and of Charles Auld, who, although so young, captivated his audience. The expression of force and clearness of voice made his bright songs very entertaining.

Then followed the auctioning of the dainty and ingeniously and prettily designed well filled boxes by L. L. McTaggart, reeve of Ekfrid. This part of the programme was very ably and cleverly managed by Mr. McTaggart, who, in spite of a small audience, succeeded in securing good prices for the boxes. Proceeds amounted to \$38.00.

We are at present living in a barn on the outskirts of a small village that was at one time occupied by the Germans, and are receiving every kindness from our allied friends, the French. Although we are several miles from the actual firing line, it is not hard for one to realize what is taking place, by the sound of the guns in the daytime and searchlights and gun-fire at night.

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Western Real Estate.

J. J. Poole, clerk of the Supreme Court at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, sends The Transcript a copy of The Western Globe, published at Lacombe, Alberta, which contains a short description of real estate conditions there.

Mr. Poole says:—"These conditions are a fair sample of the situation in every other town in the province. During the 'boom' I had numerous letters from all parts of Ontario, all of them in fact from perfect strangers to myself, asking for information as to 'investments' in Alberta, as they fondly called them in their blissful ignorance. In reply, I always warned them not to touch the stuff. I never got thanks once for the pains I took in getting the right kind of information. I always thought that I didn't give them the encouragement which they looked for, and thus they 'came mad' and gave me the cold shoulder. They wanted to sow the wind and never once thought of the whirlwind which they were sure to reap, and against which I was trying to warn them. I might just state that I am not the least bit sorry for a lot of these eastern people, who certainly let their avarice, or should I rather call it greed, get the better of them."

After expressing satisfaction over the arrest and commitment for trial at Toronto of the McCutcheon brothers, real estate manipulators, on charges of fraud in connection with selling worthless sub-division properties to "festive Eastern and English suckers," the Lacombe paper says, in part:—"In Hyde Park and Fairview subdivisions to the town of Lacombe thousands of lots have been sold to poor people throughout Ontario and England, and these people have not the slightest chance in the world to realize anything from their investments. The war is blamed for the slump in the realty business, but it is not a factor. Had it not been for the war, conditions in Alberta would be a hundred times worse than they are. The war has been the salvation of the province. The real estate slump and the oil boom fizzle were both due long before the war started. Real estate in Alberta towns and cities was never worth the price it was selling at, and never will be until Alberta boasts of twenty million people. The oil steal graft, and is in no small way to blame for the hard times, in the cities especially. Millions of dollars have been wasted in leasing worthless oil lands, in buying worthless stocks, and the money blown in by the suckers would come in very handy just now."

"The city papers are deploring the hard times. No one factor is so much to blame as the great loss of money to our citizens by the same city papers. Page after page of boosting stuff were printed in these papers month after month, and they are now reaping what they sowed. The easy money secured from this advertising is gone, and the city dailies are having pretty hard sledding to make ends meet. The city papers should be put under the claw of the realty and oil manipulators for without their aid many of the fakes could not have been put over."

Letter From the Front.

In assisting to prepare a box of soldiers' comforts recently forwarded by the ladies of Glencoe, Mrs. James Poole wrote her name and address and enclosed them in a pocket of one of the garments. Yesterday she received a letter from George Secord, a former Moss boy, who enlisted in the first overseas contingent at Brandon, Man., and into whose possession the garment happened to fall at Salisbury Plain when the contents of the box were being distributed to the soldiers. The letter was written from an unnamed place in France, under date of Feb. 20.

In his letter Mr. Secord says:—"I can assure you it was no little pleasure for me to receive a gift from yourself and other young ladies of my home town, Glencoe. I am very grateful, indeed, and I hope I may be allowed to return home at some way try to return the kindness. I don't know who the other young ladies are that contributed, but I will ask you to offer them my thanks."

"I think when I say that we are given every assistance possible from our good Canadian friends that I am voicing the sentiments of each and every one of my many comrades."

There are many hardships undergone that I have not yet been called upon to undergo, but as a few of my companions have gone to the firing line, I will go on.

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The Unemployed.

There are four things which the Canadian community can do about its large present collection of out-of-workers. It can let them starve. It can maintain them by charity. It can ship them to Europe (if Europe will stand for it). And it can provide them with work. Taking it by and large, it seems as if the latter was really the cheapest of the four. For let us consider the situation briefly.

As regards letting them starve. That method is scarcely humanitarian. But that consideration need not concern us for the moment; we are considering economic problems. Is it advantageous for Canada? Scarcely. Canada is still a great and fertile and richly endowed and largely undeveloped country, whose chief need is men. Letting our out-of-workers starve will not merely reduce the supply of men at present on hand, but it will make it very hard for us to secure fresh immigration when business livens up again. Men will not starve quietly. The newspapers insist on talking about it. The news of their deaths gets over to England and Scotland and Ireland and Italy and Sweden, where their relatives are, and has a singularly discouraging effect upon other English and Irish and Swedish who have been thinking about coming to Canada. If we decide the starve our present out-of-workers, we may figure with great certainty that the population of Canada will be about stationary for a good many years to come.

As regards shipping them back to Europe. It is not quite so objectionable as letting them starve, but very nearly so. It reduces the man-power of Canada by just the same amount. It may not give the reputation of Canada, as an immigration-seeking country, quite such a hard jolt, but it will certainly not help it any. And it is much more expensive than the starvation method.

As regards maintaining them by charity, that also is expensive. A family living on charity may not consume quite so much as a family living on work, but it is a kind of disguised Government, but it consumes a lot, and it produces nothing. And far worse than that; it develops in its members that fatal attitude of dependency, of weakness, of unenterprising hopelessness, which is the mark of the pauperized. And the workers themselves (I am not referring to the skilled professional men, who are a different class) are not so much as they were before. Many of them, and the best at that, would about as soon starve as live on charity. They do not claim that society owes them a living; all they claim is that society owes them an opportunity.

There remains the final option, that of providing them with work. Is there no work in Canada that needs to be done? Is the credit of the country of this country so ruined by the war that we dare not undertake any of the tremendously important jobs that we were talking about only a few months ago as being absolutely necessary for the future of the Dominion? Do we need no roads? Do we need no new territory opened up? Do we need no new land broken for crops? Do we need no more food supplies? Can we sell no more wheat or cattle or lumber or potatoes to the foreigners—who in all too many cases is so busy fighting that he has no time to raise them for himself?

The only difficulty is in organizing the work and bringing the laborer to it. And here surely is the place for our Governments to show that they are worthy of the people they create. It is too big a task for individuals. What is needed really is the mobilization of another army, an army of labor. That army must be enlisted from the ranks of the unemployed. They want to serve, and must be transported to the field of labor just as the fighting army is transported to the battle-field. At the moment, the field of labor is not so much as it was before the war, and is a great deal more largely in the rural sections. But the individual worker cannot go wandering all over the rural parts of Canada looking for the place where he is wanted. Ten to one he cannot even afford to take a train to the railway station which is nearest to the place where his job might be. The Government should do that for him. The country will lose nothing by such an expenditure: a man and a job together are an asset to Canada, but a man without a job and a job without a man are both a liability. When you put two liabilities together and make an asset, you are doing good business.—Beck's Weekly.

Englishman Who Made Good.

In an address delivered at the Patriotism and Production conference held in Strathroy, recently, John Farrell, immigration agent, of Forest, said:—"That the farmers are now without sufficient help, I believe, is largely their own fault. The Department will make every effort to provide help, but you must use the help right when you get them or you can never keep them. Some people say that the help from the old land is no good, but I met a striking example to the contrary right here in this hall and from this very neighborhood. A young Englishman a few years ago arrived here with very little money and practically no experience in farming. What is his record? Last year he rented a 100-acre farm. He paid \$350 for rent, \$100 for fertilizer and \$225 for help. From 17 acres of corn he realized \$750, and \$150 for half the cornstalks; 10 acres of peas netted him \$240; 13 acres of potatoes \$885; 205 bushels of oats, \$170; 12 tons of hay, \$150; sale of pigs, \$152; a total of over \$2,500. Is that not an evidence of intelligent farming? And that is only one instance of many I could quote you."

Death of Mrs. McLean.

The death occurred at the home of her son Andrew in Detroit early yesterday morning of Mrs. McLean, widow of the late Allan McLean, of Glencoe.

Mrs. McLean had been in ill health for some weeks and went to Detroit to visit her son and secure expert treatment for her case. Bronchial pneumonia developed a few days ago and she passed away as stated.

Deceased was well known and greatly esteemed by a large circle of relatives and friends here, where she had resided nearly all her life. Her husband died in the spring of 1902 on the farm occupied by the family near Glencoe. Last fall Mrs. McLean disposed of the farm and bought a house in Glencoe which she had intended to occupy in the spring. She was 60 years of age and leaves a family of six sons and two daughters—Andrew and John, of Dutton; William, James, Hugh and Frank, of Saskatchewan; Mrs. Cowan, residing near Galt, and Miss Sarah, of Glencoe. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Mary McRae, of Glencoe, and one brother, Joseph Mawhinney, in California.

The funeral takes place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her sister, Mrs. McRae, Wall, street, to Oakland cemetery.

Change of Managers.

Geo. Batcheller, who came to Glencoe from Brantford a few months ago as manager of the Royal Bank to succeed Mr. MacGowan on the latter's moving to Calgary, has tendered his resignation of the position, and E. M. Doull, who has been manager of the branch at Embro, is now in charge at Glencoe. Mr. Batcheller, who is a captain of artillery, will join the forces for overseas service and will leave shortly for the training camp at London.

Pastor Farewelled.

On Wednesday evening, March 10th, the Tait's Corners congregation met to bid farewell to their pastor, Rev. W. L. Nichol, before his departure for Parkhill.

During a short programme, when J. G. Lethbridge acted as chairman, Mr. Nichol was presented with an address and purse.

The address was read by Bert McCracken, and James Cook made the presentation. Mr. Nichol made a suitable reply, thanking the congregation for their kindness and loyal support during his pastorate.

At the close a dainty lunch was served by the ladies.

The address read as follows:—
To the Rev. W. L. Nichol:
Dear Pastor,—In all the relationship of life that bind us together, save that of the family circle, there is none stronger than that of pastor and people, united as we are in the bonds of sympathy and love, brought about by our union to the great Head of the Church. At no time do we feel this so much as when that tie is about to be severed.

Knowing that you have only one more Sabbath to be with us as pastor, we, the members and adherents of this congregation, gather here this evening to express to you our appreciation of your services during the past seven years. You came to us as a young man fresh from the colleges and your kind and genial manner has found a warm place in our hearts and will not be soon forgotten.

We appreciate very much all our endeavors to build up in our spiritual life and for the splendid services rendered in all the branches of our congregational work.

Your kindness to us in our homes and the words of comfort and consolation spoken to many of us as we were called to pass through the deep waters of affliction will ever be fresh in our memory.

As we look back over the years you have been with us we note the gradual progress our congregation has made in every department. In the matter of giving to missions we find that in the year 1907 we contributed from all sources a little over one hundred dollars while in 1914 we reached the full amount allotted to us of the budget, four hundred dollars.

Our membership has increased by over fifty in that time. This, we believe, indicates that our spiritual life has been deepened.

Wherein we have failed to give you our united support in the work we trust you will forgive us and we will from this time forward think only of those things which under God's guidance we have been able to unitedly accomplish.

And now, dear pastor, we ask you to accept this purse as a token of our affection and esteem. In bidding you farewell we wish you success in your new field of labour and pray that His choicest gifts upon you and that you may be spared many years to serve in the Master's vineyard. "The Lord bless and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

Signed on behalf of the congregation — J. G. Lethbridge, clerk of session; Duncan Hyndman, chairman of the board of managers.

That the Ontario Government proposes to introduce legislation to close hotel bars at 7 o'clock every night in the week was a current rumor at the Parliament buildings Thursday. Although the Provincial Secretary's department has given no inkling of its intentions, liquor legislation of a radical nature is known to be under consideration.