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LOCAL MENTION

Miss Marjorie Tait, of Hamilton, is visiting at the home of Herbert Hawkins.

Mr. Leslie Cairns and wife, of Nelson, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Slater.

Victor Carson, of Rochester, N.Y., is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Carson.

Rev. J. H. Wells, wife and family, of Paris, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Attridge.

Wm. Atkinson and wife, of Appleby, are spending a few days with W. Spence and family.

Major Thos. Wright, wife and daughter, of Grenfell, Sask., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Donaldson.

Bert Withington, of Philadelphia, has been spending a few days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drummond.

Keith McGregor, of Sioux City, Iowa, and Mrs. George McGregor, of Toronto, are visiting at Dr. J. O. McGregor's.

Mrs. H. B. Edwards and daughter, Mrs. G. P. Stevens, of Hamilton, were renewing old acquaintances in town last week.

A meeting of boys for the purpose of organizing a troop of Boy Scouts will be held Friday evening, July 19, at the school grounds.

Mr. Ernest Grenold, a former resident of Waterdown, and now overseas in a British hospital, is, we are glad to say, getting better.

Oliver Springer, who was injured some three months ago in an auto accident, died last Saturday, July 13. Burial took place at Millgrove cemetery.

Rev. J. A. Ross, B.A., of Waldenar, and Mr. J. Russel McGregor, Indian agent at Gore Bay, visited the latter's father, Mr. Peter McGregor, this week.

Mr. A. M. McKenzie, of Hamilton, had eight of the delegates at the Painters and Decorators convention in Hamilton, out to our village on Tuesday last.

Capt. McCallum, of the Base Hospital, Toronto, wife and young daughter, motored from Toronto last Thursday and spent the day with W. A. Drummond and family.

Miss Velma Featherston, of Toronto, spent the week end at her home.

Miss Cordner and Mrs. M. A. Davidson, of Hamilton, were visitors at the home and Mr. and Mrs. P. Davidson on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. James and Master Charles; Chas. Ebbage, Chas. Mason and Mr. Sheppard, proprietor of the Rosedale Creamery, all of Kitchener, and Miss Pepler, of Welsley, are visiting at the home of John Kitching.

F. G. McAllister, of the Fuel Controller's department, Ottawa, and wife, were guests at Mr. and Mrs. C. P. McGregor's on Wednesday.

Miss Fraser, a former resident of Waterdown, and now of Toronto, is spending a few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pearson and daughter motored to Brussels and Wingham on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Margaret Porter and Miss Blough were guests at the home of W. R. Flatt, Locust Lodge on Sunday.

In publishing the report of the school examinations, we unintentionally omitted the names of Muriel Everitt and George Griffin, who both passed with honors from Jr. III. to Sr. III. We regret very much this mistake on our part, and take this opportunity to congratulate the two pupils on their success in the examinations.

Letters from the Front

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as the whole family dig in and help. It brings back old times to see the women and children pulling wild mustard. I do not know if they get a penny a basket as we used to get at home.

Sports are about over, and our company, C, has a good safe lead, so we are around now with a chip on our shoulder. During the dinner hour we were treated to a feed of Canadian apples, Baldwins. No taste to them but still they are apples, and can always be taken.

As runner or guide, my work is very interesting, taking us, as it does, over so much of the country, and we see many strange sights, about which I will have to say, like a friend of mine who was writing home, nothing to write about; am well; will talk things over when I get back. Short, but to the point.

To date have managed to keep moderately clean, as we are handy to bath house and numerous shell holes, even if a little slime covered. Have long since got used to bombardments, and only wake up for a smoke or to roll over on a softer spot. The buttons of your uniform have a bad habit of getting in the small of your back.

The cats do not become alive until after lights are out, and as I'm a good sound sleeper they don't bother me. Nuff said. Trust all are well.

Your ever loving son,
WALKER.

Sunday, 23-6-18,
19 Newton Road, Bayswater, W. 2,
London, England.

Dear Will:
At last I have found some paper and ink to write you a few lines, after all this long silence. I have been going to write you several times, but something always turned up to prevent me, and, as you may guess, there is lots to see over here in Little London. Believe me, I am always out after supper and never see bed till about midnight, and very often early morning. Well, old boy, glad to say I am keeping fairly well these days. We keep very busy at our workshop, and it looks like being so for some time.

I had rather a bad time last March. I got a large carbuncle on my left shoulder blade, and boils on my neck. I was dressed for a week at our M. C., and was then sent to London General Hospital and had some time of it. Had them lanced open, and was there for 10 days, but I got a special pass and got out before my time. I was tired of seeing the awful sights of the wounded soldiers. As soon as I got out I got 10 days' sick leave and went to Birmingham, but did not put in a very good time, as the sores broke out, and had to return to have them looked after again. Oh, well, as Paul used to say, that's good for your old skin.

We have had very few air raids of late, one 7th March and Whit Sunday. But say, Will, I have seen some exciting times when they were on. We are used to them now.

Really, you would hardly know there was a war on if it were not for the soldiers—everything goes on just as usual, everybody enjoying themselves, but things are a terrible price, oranges 8 cents each, bananas 8 and 10 cents each, cheap at half the price, and everything in proportion. Money goes nowhere. I know I soon spend all mine without any trouble, and always welcome pay day.

I'm afraid this life has made a great change to me, being away two years last April, and goodness only knows for how much longer. I sometimes think I have nothing left now. I hear very rarely from home, and the boys never write me, except Gerald, he writes occasionally. I sometimes think I am a widower, and shall have to look after another wife to look after me in my old days.

How are things with you in Waterdown. I trust Mrs. Read and your sister are quite well, and also that you are in good work all the time. You told me about your gardening. Gee whiz, your hours are too long for me. Nothing doing in that line for me.

Are you keeping to the business? Don't give it up on any consideration, for there is lots for you to do.

I really don't know what I shall do after my discharge. I seem very unsettled these days.

Am sorry to know so many poor boys have lost their lives in this war. Such is the price for such dirty work.

Please remember me to all the friends, and I hope to come and see you all again some future day.

Excuse scribble, as I am in a hurry, as I am going out for a good time. I put in some good times over here, Will. I am in no hurry to return home for some time yet, things are too good over here, I can tell you.

Now I trust this finds you all in the best of health and spirits, and with my kindest regards to each.

Your sincere friend,
EDWIN ROBERTS.

Want "Santa Maria."

H. H. Richards and Capt. James Hunt have gone to the Maritime Provinces with a view to making arrangements if possible, to get the replica of Christopher Columbus' flagship, "Santa Maria," back to Chicago, whence it set out four years ago on an educational cruise, and was eventually taken to Prince Edward Island. Owing to shipping facilities being tied up by the war there may be some difficulty in getting the "Santa Maria" to Chicago.

Tribute to Canada.

Canada has done wonderfully well thus far with its war finance, and there is every reason to expect that she will keep this pace to the end. Canada is enormously rich in undeveloped resources and her promises to pay are among the best securities in the world. As a matter of fact, there is practically no difference between Canada and the United States so far as financial responsibility is concerned. After the war there is bound to be a rapid development of Canada's resources with great increase in the visible wealth.—Buffalo Express.

Medieval Quebec.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Royal Asiatic Society in London, Lord Reay said British culture had not sought to impose itself upon other people, but to further the national ideals and aspirations of peoples with whom it came into contact. No more striking example of British respect for national idiosyncrasies could be found than in French Canada. The Frenchman who wished to study his past history had to go to Canada to find out what France was like in the seventeenth century. He could find it in Quebec.

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