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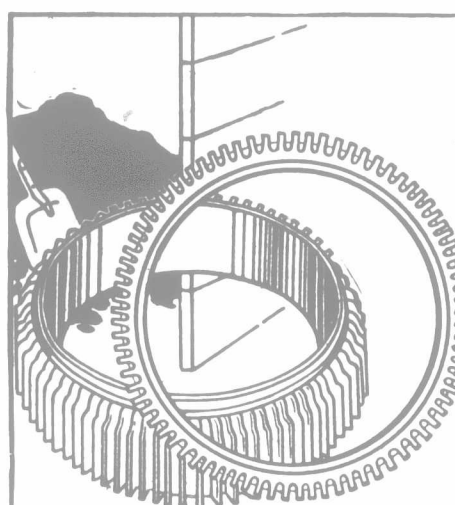
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were issued a card on which was indicated how much horse or elephant meat would be allotted to us every four days.

I walked home alone one afternoon in the dusk; two old men, beyond the age of military service, walked in front of me, and as they came opposite our house one stopped, and, snatching something hastily from the ground, hid it in a bag. "It will mean food to-morrow," he said triumphantly to his companion.

Afterwards I discovered what it was that they had snatched up so eagerly. It was our cat.

Next door to us was a woman who had sent two boys to the battle: they were members of the Sixty-second also. She was older than I, as old as my mother, but from the day when the first bad news came to Paris until the siege was raised we were inseparable. We had sent our men out to bleed, and our hearts bled with them.

From the very first I used to hear her at night walking up and down her room, walking, walking, walking, walking, with never a pause. Later, when the news grew bad, or, worst of all, when there was no news, I, too, walked.

I will not say that it is harder to wait than to shoot: I do not know. But it seemed to me in those terrible four months that every shell that was fired sent its own agony into my heart. The woman whose sons were gone, and I, followed the same routine. At six o'clock the firing called us. Hastily I would dress and snatch a mouthful of food, and always I found her waiting for me, impatient to be off.

We would run in the direction of the firing, sometimes a mile, sometimes two, and arriving breathless and distraught we would call to the sentries:

"What regiments fight here?"

Then they would tell us: and if, as often happened, the Sixty-second was not engaged, we would hurry across the city to another point where there was the noise of firing. So sometimes all day long we wandered from one far corner of the city to another, and came home at night tired out, but for the moment relieved. The Sixty-second had not fought that day.

Some days there was no fighting, and we sat all day to make bandages, tearing our best linen sheets and tablecloths. We gave them gladly.

But generally our days were spent cowering underneath the walls.

"The Sixty-second fights here," the sentry would call. And then would come the cruel, slaying wait.

Here is a wounded man brought through the gate! Run quick. "Oh, s'il vous plait, un moment, let me see his face!"

"Ce n'est pas Francois!"

"Ce n'est pas mon fils!"

"Grace a Dieu!"

All day long we would stand, darting out as each new stretcher was carried by, or following the hospital train to its destination, dreading to look at the ghastly passengers were carried out, yet dreading not to look.

There came at last a morning when there was no firing, when the news went round that the war was over. I remember how we wept: and, also, by some trick of fancy, I remember the first man who walked through the gates from outside after the siege was raised. He carried a great loaf of white bread. A crowd followed him for blocks laughing and crying out to him, and smacking their lips.

Francois came back. He looked old. There were dark lines under his eyes; he seemed to stoop a little, as though the weight of the gun had dragged him down. But the same smile was on his face, the same light in his eye. I threw my arms around his neck: it seemed as though my tears would never stop.

"A bloody battle," the newspapers say. "Twenty-five thousand killed and wounded and missing." But no paper tells of twenty-five thousand women who, back home, are killed and wounded, not by bullets, but by the news. For twenty-five thousand of them there will be no more sunrise—I think of them all day long, and sometimes at night—the thousands of mothers who will struggle heart-sick through life with fatherless children, the thousands of sisters left unprotected, and the thousands of wives, some of them young wives, some of them married on the day the troops marched away, as I was.—Selected.

Agricultural Instruction Coaches

The Ontario Department of Agriculture and the Canadian Pacific Railway have completed arrangements to run Agricultural Demonstration Cars over the Railway's Ontario lines from October 4th to November 15th. The equipment will consist of two coaches—one for transportation of the various classes of live stock produced in Ontario, including heavy horses, beef and dairy cattle, poultry, swine and sheep. The other coach will contain illustrative and demonstrative material covering seed selection and testing; identification and eradication of weeds; rodding of farm buildings; drainage; soil moisture; poultry raising, housing and equipment; insects and fungus diseases attacking farm, orchard and garden crops; feeds and feeding; marketing farm products, etc., etc.

Competent instructors will be in charge of the equipment throughout the day, prepared to answer questions. Valuable agricultural literature will be distributed to those who avail themselves of this opportunity of visiting the Better Farming Coaches.

In order that the farmers may be permitted to thoroughly inspect the many educational exhibits contained in the coaches, the Department of Agriculture have arranged for the cars to remain a full day at each place visited, the instructors being in charge from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m., except at a few places where the coaches will be open for inspection for the afternoon only. One of the Department's most competent Women's Institute workers will, at 2.30 p.m. daily, address the local Women's Institute. At 8 p.m. a Public Meeting will be held in the Town Hall of the place visited, when addresses will be given by lecturers from the staff of instructors. These lectures will be supplemented by lantern views, and, in those places where electricity is available, moving pictures, illustrative of up-to-date agriculture, will be shown. These pictures have been secured by the Department of Agriculture at considerable cost, and should prove not only entertaining, but educative. Part of the itinerary has been arranged, and is as follows:—

Place	Date	Train may be visited
Claremont	Oct. 4	10.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Burketon Jct.	" 5	11.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Blackstock	" 5	(Afternoon and Evening Meetings)
Tweed	" 6	1.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Apple Hill	" 7	11.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Finch	" 8	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Winchester	" 9	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Kemptville	" 11	9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
Merrickville	" 12	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Carleton Place	" 13	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Stittsville	" 14	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Perth	" 15	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Norwood	" 16	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Lindsay	" 18	11.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Coldwater	" 19	2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Craighurst	" 20	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Alliston	" 21	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Tottenham	" 22	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Bolton	" 23	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Shelburne	" 25	11.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Chatsworth	" 26	12.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Owen Sound	" 27	1.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Flesherton	" 28	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Orangeville	" 29	9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Brampton	" 30	11.00 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

The itinerary of the coaches from November 1st to 15th will appear in a later issue.

Competent men will be in charge of the Live Stock and will demonstrate the characteristics of the various classes represented and give instruction in judging, breeding and feeding, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. Where possible, Live Stock will be secured locally to supplement the animals carried on the train. Seats will be provided for the use of those attending the Live Stock Judging Demonstration, and, should the weather be unfavorable, a tent will be erected.

The staff of instructors will be drawn from the Agricultural College, the Department of Agriculture and the regular Institute staff. Only men with special training and experience have been selected to give instruction. The Hon. Mr. Duff, Dr. Creelman, Prof. G. E. Day, and other well known leaders in agriculture will address some of the evening meetings.

While the special trains which have been operated in Ontario during recent years have been an important feature in the dissemination of agricultural knowledge, we believe that the method to be followed this season will be more effective than in former years.

We cannot urge too strongly upon the farmers, business men of the towns and villages, housewives, as well as the boys and girls of our High Schools and higher grades in the Public Schools, to take advantage of this special opportunity to gain valuable agricultural information from a visit to the Better Farming Coaches and Stock Judging Demonstrations during the day, by hearing the instructive addresses and seeing up-to-date agricultural operations, selected stock and beautiful farm home scenes reproduced by the moving picture machine at the evening meeting.

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