

ARKONA HONORS A DEAD HERO

Memorial Service for Lance-Corporal
Fair Draws Large Crowd

Residents of Arkona and vicinity and a military guard filled to overflowing the beautiful Methodist Church in Arkona village on Sunday morning last to take part in the memorial service in honor of the late Lance-Corp. Roy Nichols Fair, son of Rev. H. J. Fair, pastor of the church, who lost his life fighting near Festubert recently. Although the church was packed a large number of people stood around the building in hope of hearing the service, while others were not able to get within hearing distance. The crowd was probably the largest ever seen in the village on a Sunday, showing the respect and deep sympathy of the community for Mr. and Mrs. Fair and family and also emphasizing the fact that the war is seriously affecting every section of this fair land of ours.

A military procession was formed at the town hall, in which were Lieut.-Col. (Dr.) Kelly, Lieut.-Col. Kenward, Capt. McLaren, Lieut. Connolly, Mitchell, Osborne, Smyth, Matthews, Swift and Brown, of Watford; Lieut. Williams, of Arkona, Lieut. White, of Forest, Lieut. Campbell, of Petrolia, Lieut. Fair, of London, and Adjutant Browne, of Alvinston, followed by about 50 soldiers from the surrounding district. Headed by the Arkona brass band, playing "Onward Christian Soldiers," the company marched with solemn tread through the spectator-lined streets to the church, the interior of which was tastefully draped with flags and purple.

The service opened with the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past," followed by the special war prayers, part of the burial service read by Rev. Lieut. Connolly, and the reading of the 90th Psalm. Miss Jennie Carrick, of Camlachie, sang a solo, "Abide With Me," the Misses Lucas a duet, "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me," and the choir, "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Fight the Good Fight," the congregation joining heartily in the singing of the hymns.

Before giving his address Rev. Capt. Irwin, chaplain of the 27th Regt., read letters of condolence received by Rev. and Mrs. Fair from the King, the Prime Minister of Canada, and Major-General Hughes, Minister of Militia. The Chaplain took for his text John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." The reverend gentleman said in part:—

"We have met to-day to commemorate the passing away on the field of battle of a hero; Corporal Roy Fair gave his very best for King and country, namely, his life. He gave his life-blood for the Empire. The Christ Himself has said:—

"Greater love hath no man than that a man lay down his life for his friends." Since the war began ten months ago, life has become greater and grander, something far more mysterious, and the question for Canada to ask herself: Have we a soul big enough to meet the great things about us? All honor is due to the men who have gone forward and shown to the world that Canada has a soul large enough to meet the crisis. The conduct of our men at the front has won the admiration of the whole world. The London Standard, speaking of their work said, "They achieved the impossible." The one for whom we mourn to-day helped to "achieve the impossible" and so he must ever live on as one of Canada's greatest heroes. This war has revealed that our hero had a great soul, a great heart, and remember, we are going to be judged very largely for the good and great things we do, and in the case before us, Roy Fair followed the example of the Master Himself who died for his friends—and it is just here that we see the better side of war. It brings out many qualities that are unknown, save in the stress of war. It makes men more unselfish, as our comrade says in one of his letters home: "Many a last penny I have seen shared, since joined the army." This war also has taught many men and women how to pray, it has made our boys and girls think of and pray for others. We entered this war to keep our treaties, our agreements, but it has long since passed this stage. We are fighting now for our very life, for the right to be free. England has a large army in France and Belgium to-day for she realizes that she can fight Germany better there than in England. We have a large army in Belgium and France, for we feel that there is the critical spot. If we were not fighting there, very soon the fight would be on our own soil. Therefore the supreme call for the young men of the Empire now is to serve King and country."

The speaker went on to say that "we have met to-day to honor the memory of a young man who belonged to this town, and who laid down his life for his friends, who was faithful unto death. As soon as war broke out Roy Fair was one of the first to respond to the call for men, and he has brought great honor to this village in dying the death of a hero. I am sure you must all have felt proud the other day when the newspapers all over Canada recorded that Arkona was mentioned in the honor roll. When writing home and speaking of the death of some of his comrades he says, "Remember it is a noble cause and a glorious death" and then later on, by the grace of God, he was able to say of himself, "I know you will be glad to know that if I am killed here I am not afraid to die. I am now living a good clean life and if I have to die I will be able to meet my God with a clean heart." This young soldier was just 21. It seems a short life, but no life is short in the eyes of God if it has done its duty, and this young soldier did his duty—he was faithful unto death."

The chaplain then made an appeal for all to do their duty and suggested three different ways: (A) by enlisting (B) by giving to patriotic purposes (C) by praying for success. If all do their duty success and victory will be ours. The speaker also offered on behalf of the officers of the 27th Regt. their deepest

sympathy to the bereaved and prayed that God's Holy Spirit might be their great comfort, realizing that their son had brought distinguished honor and glory to the family. Nothing higher can be said of any father or mother than that they gave their son in this war. The graveyard of Canada is very large in Belgium. Those who lie there have left their remains on alien soil. Around those cemeteries in France our government is going to plant the maple. Maple trees will surround our cemeteries there. But the resurrection morn. and Christ will say "Arise" to our heroes there, "thou wert faithful unto death, for greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The solemn and deeply impressive service closed with the National Anthem and the guard of honor marched back to the town hall.

The late Lance-Corp. Fair was the youngest son of Rev. Hugh J. and Mrs. Fair, of Arkona. He enlisted at Sarina for the first overseas contingent and at the time he was killed had just attained his majority. He met death in a noble and heroic manner, fighting for King, home and continued liberty, like a true Britain who realized his duty and never flinched. He was a young man of thoughtful and ingenious turn of mind and well spoken of by all. Besides his parents he leaves three sisters and two brothers, viz.:—Maude, teacher, of Toronto; Mrs. (Rev.) J. W. Johnson, Camlachie; Mrs. (Dr.) Bruce, Biggar, Sask.; Harry E., Assistant Principal, Princess avenue school, London, and Harold, of Ayr.

ARKONA

Mrs. Schooley, of Los Angeles, Cal., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKay.

Miss Beatrice Palmer, of Brown City, Mich., is visiting Miss Lena Oakes this week.

Misses Mattie Bryson and Leona Harper, of Watford, spent Sunday with Mrs. R. Riggs, Sen.

Mr. Nathan McKay, of Lobo, is visiting his brother Mr. Wm. McKay, this week.

Miss Irene Dickson, of Toronto, is spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dickson.

Just received a shipment of Fancy Netts and Overlaces for Blouses, also several pieces of Organdie Embroidery and laces for collars.—Fuller Bros.

Miss Sarah McKay, of London, is spending a couple of weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. McKay.

Mr. Leonard Irwin, of Windsor, is visiting at his home here.

Mrs. Sanford Lucas, of Alvinston, is visiting her father, Mr. Waterman, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Keene, of London, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Rooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herrington and family spent Sunday with Mrs. J. White.

Men's wearing shoes, French or English kips, scarce goods. We have well assorted stock.—Fuller Bros.

Misses Alta and Stella Rook are visiting friends in London this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell, of St. Thomas, spent 1st July with Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Dennis.

Mr. Henry Rivers, of Strathroy, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilcocks.

Mr. Albert Stuever, of Capac, Mich., spent Sunday with friends in town.

Miss Ida Huntley, who has been visiting friends in Strathroy, returned home on Sunday.

Miss Emeline Bryant, of Strathroy, spent Sunday at her home here.

Shipment of Redpath Sugars just arrived.—Fuller Bros.

While the memorial service was being held in the Methodist church on Sunday morning an overflow service was held in the Baptist Church in charge of the pastor, Rev. H. W. Wright. An offering in aid of Red Cross work was taken at both churches and amounted to \$35.00.

KERWOOD.

Miss Annie Richardson, Hamilton, visited her parents here.

Miss Hattie Rogers, Toronto, is home for the holidays.

Miss Irene Armstrong, Detroit, spent a few days with her parents here.

Mr. McRae, Detroit, visited his sister, Mrs. V. Kincadee.

Mr. Sinclair, Port Huron, visited his sister, Mrs. J. Blain.

Mr. Craig, Detroit, spent the week end with Mr. W. R. Smith.

Mrs. Ira Case, Mikado, Mich., is visiting relatives in the village.

Miss Annie Smith has returned from visiting friends in Detroit.

Mr. Wm. Richardson and family, Strathroy, spent Sunday with his brother Mr. Jas. Richardson.

Miss Sarah Spinks, of Norwich, is a guest at the parsonage.

Willie McIntyre, of Cleveland, is visiting friends in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Farley have returned from their wedding trip to Port Huron and Detroit. Their many friends wish them much happiness.

Mr. Waddell attended the funeral of Mr. Frank Wilson, of Lambeth.

Mr. Will McIntyre is spending a few days in Komoka.

FRUIT BULLETIN

Buy your cherries now: White, Black, Red Sour, all Niagara Peninsula grown are now most plentiful. The Red Sour is the par excellence for preserving. Have your grocer secure your needs at once. Raspberries begin to arrive next week.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Minutes of a special meeting of the Board of Education called for general business held in the Library Board room on Monday June 28th at 7 p.m.

Present—P. J. Dodds, chairman; Dr. Newell, Dr. Hicks, John White, R. C. McLeay, Dr. Howden, J. W. McLaren and Wm. Harper.

McLaren—White, and carried, that the repair and supply committee be authorized to lay cement walks around the High School to replace all board walks; also cement top on well and cement floors in front of furnaces.

Newell—Howden, and carried, that we advertise for tenders for painting, oiling and varnishing the High School. For particulars apply to P. J. Dodds, Chairman of the Board. Tenders to be in the Secretary's hands by the 12th July.

McLeay—Newell, and carried, that we place on record our appreciation of Mr. Charles Potter's services during his long sojourn in Watford. The Board of Education in particular and the public in this vicinity in general are well aware that Mr. Potter spent the best of his ability and time in bringing the school to the high standard it has attained.

Hicks—Harper, and carried, that the Board advertise for teachers as per the following qualifications, to be in by July 12th, consecutive insertions:—The principal to take Science, Geography and Writing; Male Assistant to take Mathematics, Upper School Physics and Book-keeping, also to hold Cadet and Physical Instructors certificate. Two lady assistants, one to teach Latin, French, Lower School English; the other Middle Upper School English, History, Art and English Grammar. Latter to hold Elementary Art certificate.

Harper—Newell, and carried that we adjourn. D. WATT, Secretary.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education held in the Library board room on Monday, July 5, 1915, at 7 p.m.

Present—P. J. Dodds, chairman; Dr. Newell, Dr. Hicks, John White, Dr. Howden, R. C. McLeay, J. W. McLaren, Rev. T. M. Mead and Wm. Harper.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and confirmed.

Harper—Mead, and carried, that the following accounts be passed and paid:—Wm. Williamson, acc't for coal for the Public and High schools, \$464.44; Wm. Harper, 3 picture frames and glass for High School, \$8.25; Walter Scott, fixing closets, sidewalk, etc., \$2.50; A. McDonald, looking after and weighing coal for Public and High schools, \$4.00.

Hicks—Harper, and carried, that the municipal council be requested to provide \$175.00 for Public School purposes by July 15th.

A communication was read from the Dennis Wire and Iron Works regarding iron steps for the High School.

Newell—Howden, and carried, that the communication be received and filed.

Newell—White, and carried, that we adjourn. D. WATT, Secretary.

WATFORD COUNCIL.

Watford, July 5th, 1915.
Regular meeting of council. Present—Kenward, Johnston, McKercher and Doan.

Minutes read, no objection Reeve confirmed same.

Kenward—Johnston, that application of Alfred J. Weight for billiard and pool license be laid over for future consideration.—Carried.

McKercher—Doan, that the Reeve and Mr. Johnston attend to repairs necessary to sidewalk south of bridge on Main street.—Carried.

Johnston—McKercher, that we permit Loyal Orange Lodge No. 505, the privilege to appoint two special constables at park on July 12th.—Carried.

Johnston—Doan, that we grant Ray Morningstar the privilege of placing a gasoline pump on street in front of his garage.—Carried.

Finance committee examined accounts and recommended payment.

Wm. Phair, clearing north drain..... \$ 2 50
Geo. Chambers Electric light ac..... 74 18
Miss S. Percival, ringing bell and gr..... 16 00
Walter Scott, care of engine and gr..... 7 50
W. S. Fuller salary \$30, postage, express ac..... 33 00

Richard Manders, road work 4th line..... 1 00
A. E. Peaslee, for sand..... 3 50
Thos. Glen, tile in Johnston div..... 5 50
Wm. Lamb, labor Hawn's div..... 40 00
N. Chatterton, salary..... 21 00
Guide-Advocate, printing ac..... 9 00
J. S. Williams labor at cemetery..... 14 50
Ed. Clark, trimming trees Main st. and labor at cemetery, ac..... 75 00

Treas. Bd. Education, public school..... 175 00
McKercher—Doan, that accounts be passed and Reeve grant his order.—Carried.

Doan—McKercher, that we adjourn.—Carried.

W. S. FULLER, Clerk.

Griffeth—Holbrook

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holbrook, Brooke, on Wednesday, June 23rd, when their second daughter, Rhea Arlene, became the bride of Mr. Jordan E. Griffeth, a prosperous young farmer of Brooke Township.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. S. V. R. Pentland in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. Promptly at six o'clock, to the strains of Lohengrin played by Miss Blanche Holbrook, the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, entered the drawing room and took her place beside the groom under an arch of maple leaves and orange blossoms bedded in ferns.

The bride wore a gown of silk embroidered net over white silk with pearl trimmings and veil held in place with a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses and maiden hair fern. Her only ornament was a pearl necklace, the gift of the groom. During the signing of the register, Miss

Merle Holbrook, sang very sweetly. "O Perfect Love."

After the usual congratulations, the whole company proceeded to the dining room where a sumptuous wedding repast was served. The house was prettily decorated with orange blossoms, peonies, carnations and ferns.

The groom's gift to the pianist was a gold brooch. The bride's presents were both numerous and costly. On the evening preceding the marriage her girl friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Parker, and showered her with many most useful kitchen utensils. Mr. and Mrs. Griffeth will be at home to their friends after July 24th.

A List of Military Heroes

We have procured from Mr. H. Manning, of Kingscourt, the following list of names of his own relatives who have fallen honorably serving their King and Country during the present European War.

We do not attempt to claim this as a record, but it tends to show to what extent, not only the Old Country generally but individual families are suffering, and also the manner in which they are responding during the present crisis.

To commence with Mr. Manning himself. He served in the Imperial Army, completing 12 years in the Norfolk Regiment, the bulk of this being service in India and the Colonies.

Corp. Cecil Manning, 1st Batt. C.E.F., wounded, son.

The following is a list of those killed:—Private Herbert Manning, brother, Suffolk Regt.; Pte. Herbert Fisher, cousin, Norfolk Regt.; Pte. George Fisher, cousin, Norfolk Regt.; Pte. George Fordham, cousin, Suffolk Regt.; Pte. William Watson, cousin, Suffolk Regt.; Pte. John Watson, cousin, Suffolk Regt.; Pte. Harry Watson, cousin, Suffolk Regt.; Pte. Harry Morlock, cousin, Suffolk Regt.; Pte. William Fordham, cousin, Grenadier Gds.; Pte. Charles Fordham, nephew, Suffolk Regt.; Pte. Henry Fordham, nephew, Suffolk Regt.; Pte. Charles Manning, nephew, Suffolk Regt.; Pte. Henry Manning, nephew, Suffolk Regt.

In addition Mr. Manning unfortunately has another cousin who was wounded by having both legs blown off whilst serving with the 1st Suffolk Regt.; during the early stages of the campaign in Belgium.

This makes a total of 13 killed and two wounded, all bread winners from one family circle.

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