

Letters From Our Soldier Boys

R. W. FELSTEAD WRITES ANOTHER INTERESTING COMMUNICATION

Mr. W. J. Craig has received the following unusually interesting letter from his friend, R. W. Felstead, who has been for some time with the British forces in France. Two of the trooper Felstead's bright and readable communications have appeared in previous issues of The Ontario.

France, March 15, 1915.

Dear Bill:—

Your ever welcome letter dated Feb. 25th, rec'd here yesterday. The Belleville boys are doing their fair share of the work it seems. Good luck to them all. I hope to very soon be back in Belleville again and see them all.

They gave the Canadians 150 rounds each before they left England. We have had a good many thousand rounds since we left England. I think all were a bit excited about them at first, though I don't think anyone takes a great deal of notice of them now, with the exception of saying "here comes another fellow to try and hurt somebody." A lot of German shells are being sent over without bursting, so they do very little damage. Well we have thousands of horses out here and some of them are alright and some are not. We have some that are not in the battery and they have a nasty habit of trying to chuck a fellow over his neck. I have been thrown off three times but didn't get hurt much, the horse got hurt though.

Say, Bill, I can hear some of the shells coming over here now as I write this letter. I believe the Infantry got so many days on and so many off, but we don't get very little rest or the guns either, they are at it day and night. As you say it is more comfortable in Belleville than it is here. The letters that are sent to us are not opened, we receive them just as they are sent.

Well give my best wishes to all the boys and I will write as often as possible.

I remain your sincere friend, Dick.

P.S.—Papers are always welcome.

Grim Reaper Very Busy at Detlor

By telegraph on Sunday of last week the sad news was conveyed to Messrs. Moore and Smith of the death by accident at Niagara Falls of their uncle, Mr. Frank Moore, formerly a resident of this vicinity. After a post mortem and inquest the remains were brought by Mrs. Moore and Miss Millie, only surviving child, accompanied by their friend residing in Niagara, Mr. H. Golt, to the former's home for interment in Egan Creek Methodist cemetery, the same being on the corner of their old home. On Thursday the remains were carried from Mrs. Moore's old home to the last rest by his four nephews and two others with the family. Mr. Moore's two nieces arrived from Belleville for the funeral.

On Sunday March 21st, we were again forcibly reminded of the uncertainty of life. Truly it is most forcibly put to us. We know not what the day may bring forth; to some, happiness, joy supreme and others sadness, which we all at some time are called to experience. Early Sunday morning on rising Mrs. V. Bowen noticed something very serious was wrong with Mr. Bowen. Upon calling her daughter, only child at home, she hastened away to a not far distant neighbor to get him to go for a physician. Her daughter, upon reaching her father, found to her horror he had passed beyond all earthly help. She hastened to catch her mother, who has been in frail health for some time and, as a consequence of the shock, is in a very serious condition. The funeral rites were conducted at the home on Tuesday. With Mr. S. Kingsven's death on March 1st this is the demise of three elderly men ranging from 65 years upwards in three weeks.

Now the laborer's task is o'er, Now upon the farther shore, Lands the voyager at last. There the tears of earth are dried, There the work of life is tried By a juster judgment than here. Father in Thy gracious keeping she leave me now Thy servant sleeping. Mine is an unchanging love, Higher than the heights above, Deeper than the depths beneath, Free and faithful, strong as death.

MOTHER'S PRAISE

BABY'S OWN TABLETS
Mrs. S. E. Laurie, Grafton, Ont., writes: "I have used Baby's Own Tablets ever since my baby was two weeks old and would not be without them as I consider them the best medicine in the world for little ones." What Mrs. Laurie says thousands of other mothers say. Simply because they have found the Tablets safe and sure and pleasant for the little ones to take. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

prisoners for they all seem to be fed up with it. While this has been going on we have had a few German shells coming our way, but all the casualties we have had is one man slightly wounded with a piece of shrapnel shell. They keep sending us a few shells, but we are having our usual luck so far and are as well as ever we were. We are all eager to do our bit and give them you know. For the sooner we have them wiped out the sooner we shall get home again.

I feel quite confident that I shall come out on top and that we are going to be the winners in this World's war, for it is to the interest of the whole world that Germany should be defeated, we know what it would mean if they ever set foot in England as victors, but thinking is about as near as they will get. Well it is not very nice to have shells dropping around and I think all were a bit excited about them at first, though I don't think anyone takes a great deal of notice of them now, with the exception of saying "here comes another fellow to try and hurt somebody." A lot of German shells are being sent over without bursting, so they do very little damage. Well we have thousands of horses out here and some of them are alright and some are not. We have some that are not in the battery and they have a nasty habit of trying to chuck a fellow over his neck. I have been thrown off three times but didn't get hurt much, the horse got hurt though.

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Celebrated Their Third Anniversary

A very pleasant event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blair, front of Sidney, when a number of their friends gathered to give them a surprise on the third anniversary of their wedding. A short address was read and a number of beautiful and useful gifts were presented to the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. Blair made a very nice reply thanking their friends. The evening was spent in music and dancing, light refreshments were served. All enjoyed themselves and wish Mr. and Mrs. Blair many happy years of wedded life.

Mr. Mark Ottery is ill with grippe, we hope to see him around soon again.

Concluding Message Was Omitted

Owing to an unfortunate typographical error in Wednesday's issue, the last few lines were omitted from the letter of Lieut. Richard Ponton to Mr. Craig, of Oshawa, whose son, Pte. George Craig, had been killed in action in France. The concluding lines were: "Always keep in mind that he died only as a soldier dies—bravely in defence of the Empire. With sympathy, Richard D. Ponton."

Wedding Bells.

NICOLSON—PRINGLE.

The home of Mr. W. A. Pringle, of Madoc township, was the scene of a very happy event on Wednesday, March 24th, when at high noon his daughter, Alice Maud, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony to Mr. J. Everet Nicolson, of Frankford. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Walter Smart, of Queensboro. Miss Laura Pringle played the wedding march while the contracting parties took their places under an appropriate wedding bell hung in a lovely archway. Miss Alice, leaning upon the arm of her father, looked charming, being attired in a wedding gown of silk crepe with pearls and lace net and carried a fragrant spray of carnations. Only the immediate relatives and friends were present. After a bounteous wedding repast a hearty toast was proposed by Mr. Angus Nicolson in his very happy manner. Among the numerous presents was noticed a cheque from the groom's parents and a substantial easy chair from the bride's father. The groom's gift to the bride was a silver-mounted purse. The bride's gift to the groom was a silver-mounted purse. The bride was much missed from Hart's choir and other church duties. The choir presented the bride with a silver-mounted salad bowl with spoon and fork, also a dainty sugar bowl and cream pitcher. The best wishes of all follow them to their new home.

Given Surprise and Presentation in Sidney

The home of Mrs. Sharp, sr., 4th con. of Sidney, was the scene of a happy event on Wednesday night when fully one hundred friends and neighbors gathered at her home to say good-bye to herself and Mrs. Caverley, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Shorey, prior to their removal. Mr. Chas. Massey acted as chairman for the evening and Mrs. Albert Spencer read the following address—

To Mrs. Sharp, sr., Mrs. Caverley and Mr. and Mrs. E. Shorey.

Dear Friends:—

Life has been wisely compared to a wilderness through which as travelers we make our journeys, each seeking the land of promise and meeting the while various experiences of discovery and the like.

Some of us spend a longer time than others, making life a series of disappointments of brief or greater duration. We make friendships and these are sometimes suddenly broken by strange or mysterious circumstances. Thus it is that our neighbors and loved ones often upon very short notice pitch their tents in our pastures or take their departure upon the great trek and we are left to miss them and to hope in the future reunion when the desert days are past. You have seen many of such peculiar breaks in the chain of friendship and now as the chess player says: "It's your turn to move." You are not accustomed to this experience for we believe, Mrs. Sharp, you came to this place which has been home so long, nearly four-score years ago while the other members of the family have been happy and sad events for a less number, but not a few, faithful years. We will not entirely forget, no we believe not in eternity, many of the ways in which you have made your lives a blessing among us, for after all it is thus we all are known and remembered as you, Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Caverley, are leaving to be with one who is dear to you and well known as a former useful member of our community. We rejoice with you in the hope of a pleasant close to the journey you have been pursuing with all diligence and Christian good cheer and we pray that these tokens, this memento of the many happy times we have spent together as also suggestions that we hope to meet again when the wilderness is crossed.

Mr. and Mrs. Shorey may we express our hearty good-will with the slight evidences of a china tea set which we ask you to accept believing that the God of earth and sky, who has been so kind to us, shall also bring us all safely to the everlasting place of mansions. Signed on behalf of the neighbors and friends and Wallbridge appointment.

During the evening a number of the gentlemen presented addresses and the time was very pleasantly spent in music and conversation. The happy gathering broke up about eleven o'clock.

Toronto Girl Discovered

That Her Sweetheart At Front Had Wife and Children.

Toronto, April 3.—The news says: A pretty, attractive Toronto girl, twenty-two years old, who good-bye to her sweetheart, who went away in khaki with the First Contingent. He wrote regularly from Salisbury Plain. She regularly replied. Then news came that his regiment was at the front. She began to watch the newspapers with almost painful interest. He had been calling to see her regularly for over two years. One day last week she saw his name among the wounded in a casualty list. With it it was "Mrs. in front of it." The girl got a telephone book and rang up. "Why certainly I'm his wife," came back the reply. "We've got two children."

Paper Prices Going Up

It is difficult to tell what is going to happen to newspaper publishers if the advance in price of paper goes on as it has been doing since the war began. A few months ago we received notice from a wholesale newspaper dealer withdrawing all quotations for different classes of paper. This month another notice has come from them saying that, "On account of the advance in the cost of manufacture, the imposition of war tax on raw material and the general advance in duty we are compelled to raise the price on a number of lines of paper." This is what all publishers are up against and this condition will force them to raise not only the subscription price of their newspapers but the price of all kinds of printing as well.—Tweed News.

BIG ISLAND.

House cleaning is the order of the day. Mrs. John Wardner and Mrs. Albert Wager spent Tuesday with Miss Nettie Cunningham. The Misses Helena and Dorothy Goodmurphy are spending their Easter holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Goodmurphy. Miss Nettie Cunningham took tea on Friday last with J. M. Kerr and family. Mr. Mansfield is saving wood in our vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. D. Johnston were in Uplinton on Wednesday. Mr. R. Dumais attended a sale at Waupoos on Wednesday. We are glad to report that Mrs. Allison is improving in health.

Fine Concert Given by Pupils of Queen Alexandra School

The concert given by the pupils of Queen Alexandra school, assisted by the 15th Regt. orchestra, was a great success, everyone participating in it did splendidly.

Master Saedy acted very efficiently as chairman. The choruses given by the entire school were well received. Also the duets rendered by Master Charles and Miss Lillian Pratt. Little Douglas Marshall has a particularly sweet voice and Lila Sprague won applause for her remarkable singing. Francis White's recitations were encored. She is a promising elocutionist. The physical culture classes gave a fine demonstration of their training. The patriotic drill was good and the nursery rhymes excellent. The price of admission was 15 cents—the entire proceeds being devoted to the Patriotic Fund. The program closed with a vote of thanks moved by Mr. Thrasher and seconded by Mr. Mott to all participating in the concert.

Following is the program—Orchestra—Selected. Choir—Men of Harlech. Instrumental duet—Lillian and Charles Pratt. Orchestra—Selected. Solo—Lila Sprague. Song—Six little girls. Dialogue—"Making Pumpkin Pie"—by four little girls. Solo—Douglas Marshall. Drill—Primary class. Solo—Lila Sprague. Nursery rhymes for Fighting Times—by ten little boys. Orchestra—Selected. Physical Culture Class. Vocal solo—Gerald Watts. Chorus—Miss Fleming's Class. Recitation—Frances White. Patriotic Drill—Miss Caskey's class. Orchestra—Selected. Choir—Robin's Return—Miss Craig's class. Cadet Exercises. Recitation—Vera Ferguson. Song—Lila Sprague and school accompanied by orchestra in chorus. God Save the King.

Looking Backward.

Special to The Ontario.

TORONTO, April 3.—276 A. D. was where W. H. Price, the new Conservative member for Parkdale, began his speech in the new liquor bill. Mr. Price's speech was typical of the Government's stand from several points of view.

In the first place, as Mr. Rowell pointed out, Mr. Price had to go back seventeen centuries to find any fitting parallel with the inadequacy of the Government's present proposal. Mr. Price followed the lines taken earlier in the session by J. W. Johnson, Conservative member for West Humber, in casting a slur on the churches of the Province. Mr. Johnson's tirade has had serious effect on his standing in his own constituency and Mr. Price's speech will likely have the same effect. What is more important, the speeches of these two members apparently represent the opinion of a large section of the Conservative members who delight in indirect ways, in attacking the churches.

Mr. Price raked up all sorts of ancient and obscure history to belittle the moral influence of the churches in the past. He said that in 276 A.D. vineyards were attached to the churches and were an integral part of the organization. He gradually worked up to 689 A.D. when he said the liquor traffic was definitely connected with the church. In the seventh century he pointed out that the church was right in the business. In the eighth century he said the churches sold ale. By gradual and exhaustive process, Mr. Price worked up to the reign of Henry VIII, and finally to the early history of the Wesleyan Church which, he said, at first was not averse to the liquor traffic.

Mr. Price's speech would not be worth attention except that it apparently represents quite a wide-spread opinion among the Conservative members and also it represents graphically how weak are the arguments in favor of the government's present proposal when its supporters, instead of talking about the present situation, talk about the war, talk about 276 A.D. instead.

It was also noteworthy that Mr. Hanna in his hour's speech on the Bill did not mention once the question of the effect on the liquor problem.

FOXBORO.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Daniels were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonnell on Sunday last. Mr. and Mrs. C. Hetherington were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Watt last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Nell Davis and son Jack called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart on Sunday afternoon.

There is to be a drama held in the Methodist church next Thursday evening, also a debate.

Miss Mabel Bailey spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Potts at the home of Mrs. A. Reid. Mr. Kenneth Prentice and Mr. Arthur Gibson went to Frankford last Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. John Holgate of Bowmansville, formerly of our village, spent a few days with their friends here.

Mrs. Davis of Madoc Junction spent Tuesday with her son, Mr. C. C. Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Embury Irvine and son John spent Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. Leonard Snider. Quite a number from here attended the social at Carmel on Tuesday night. Mrs. and Mr. Neil Davis and Helen spent Wednesday afternoon with the former's sister, Mrs. Jan Stewart. Miss Beesley, of Hetherington, spent Wednesday afternoon with Miss C. Gay.

FINE WAS IMPOSED ON MERCHANT FOR FLYING THE UNION JACK

Because It Floated Over the Sidewalk—Proprietor of College Book Store Will Appeal

"No person shall erect or suspend or maintain in, over, or upon any public street or place in the city, any streamer, flag or banner, cloth or paper sign, or device, except on His Majesty's birthday or on Dominion Day or on other lawfully authorized holiday, except Sunday."

This reads one of the Kingston by-laws regarding obstructions on the street, and in the Police Court on Tuesday morning, Joseph Nash, proprietor of the College Book Store, was fined \$1 and costs by Magistrate Farrell for committing a breach of this by-law. The breach consisted of flying the Union Jack.

Constable Arnel, who laid the complaint, stated that last week a blue flag had been flying over the sidewalk in front of the store with the words "College Book Store." Mr. Nash had been informed that he was violating the by-law, and on being notified he removed the blue flag and replaced it with a Union Jack.

Mr. Nash, speaking to the magistrate, in his own defence, having pleaded "not guilty" to the charge, said that he did not believe it was the intention of the makers of the by-law to forbid the flying of a flag in this way. "The flag is about forty feet above the street," remarked Mr. Nash. What about the flag of the American Consul, which is allowed to fly over the sidewalk in front of his office. There are many other flags around the city allowed to fly in the same way.

The magistrate said that if there were others violating the by-law they should be brought before the Court.

"The trouble in this matter is that if one person is allowed to put up a flag in this way, others will want the same privileges," said Magistrate Farrell. "No doubt this by-law was framed so as to prevent the street being filled with banners, flags and streamers."

"In Toronto the Union Jack is allowed to fly over every place and in Montreal it is the same way," said Mr. Nash.

"I was in Toronto the other day," said Magistrate Farrell, "and I did not see flags flying from every place. You have been using flags as an advertising medium, and you have attempted to escape the by-law by taking the Union Jack as a refuge. The only remedy for you in this matter is for you and other merchants who take objection to this by-law to go before the City Council and ask to have it repealed."

"This case will make a laughing stock of the city during war time," said Mr. Nash, as the case was finally disposed of. He stated further that he would appeal.

MADOC JUNCTION.

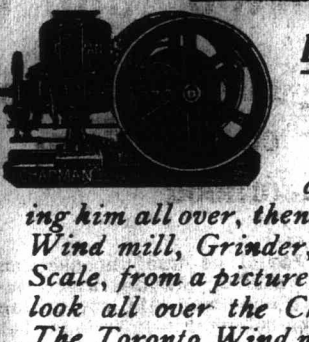
Rev. Mr. Byers called on friends here one day last week and conducted service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Juby.

A special service, Sunday, April 11th, 2.30 p.m. will be conducted by the pastor at Eggleston Church in the interests of the Women's Missionary Society and on Monday evening, the 12th, there will be an entertainment consisting of about one hundred views of work among the Indians in British Columbia. Friends from Sidney will assist with the music on Sunday.

Mrs. Davis spent a day with friends at Foxboro this week. Rev. C. S. Redick gave us the second of a series of sermons on "Conscience" last week. The subject has aroused great interest among the people here.

Mr. Richmond, pastor of Sidney Baptist Church called on friends here this week. We are sorry to hear that little Bessie Bird is on the sick list. The newly organized Mission Band will hold their first meeting on Thursday afternoon, April 8th at 4.15, at the close of the W. M. S. which meets in the church on the same date. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Carr of West Humber spent Sunday with friends here.

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