

VETERANS OF THE SHOE GAME

Shoe & Leather Journal has Interesting Stories of Two of Belleville's Veteran Business Men

The last issue of The Shoe & Leather Journal, of Toronto, contains the following interesting article in reference to two of Belleville's most honored and respected business men, who are "veterans of the shoe game":—

"Belleville can boast of two veterans in the shoe game, who were doing business when the scattered provinces of Canada were welded together in a homogeneous whole. To-day these self same gentlemen are still going down to business on the fiftieth anniversary of Confederation. These pioneers are J. J. Haines and John McKeown. Both have been in business for fifty-three years, although Mr. Haines started some months before Mr. McKeown. The former is the head of the J. J. Haines Shoe Houses, who have stores in Belleville, Napanee, Trenton and Smith's Falls.

"In conversation with the Shoe & Leather Journal the other day, on conditions in 1867, he said:

"Yes sir, there have been some changes in fifty years in the shoe business. Long boots were the order of the day then, and lots of them. Our shelves were crowded with them and how our arms ached on Saturday night in the fall when the head of the family had been to town and fitted all the children out. Everything came loose, no cartons, and for the ladies, prunella boots were the thing. These were tied together and packed in shelves and drawers, and were the correct thing to wear laced, gaiter and button style, plain, and foxed with leather.

No Credit Then, Says Mr. Haines

"We did not give credit and were not troubled with appropriation till later years when styles multiplied our troubles. Appropriation and credit crept in and gave us all kinds of trouble, but lately we have got rid of both of these evils. We also did repairing years ago but this has been dropped in late years as it was a big expense and a source of all kinds of evil. We notice in our cash book of 1864 that we paid 50 cents a pair for half-soled calf boots, and from the same book we observe that cordwood had a prominent place at \$3.50 per cord, and cutting same 75 cents. No coal in the good old days.

"We had only silver money, which did not pass for face value and was always a loss in exchange. All merchants in the country petitioned the Government when we got our dollar bills, which was a great relief and saving.

"At night big wooden shutters were put on our windows outside. We always used newspaper advertising from the beginning, and large fence and barn space as well, and still find it pays to keep our name before the public. We have always given good value on the dollar, and find it pays to give our customers the very best we can for the money.

"Fifty years ago you could get a man's good boot for \$3.50; that was about the limit. We dealt with Geo. Offord & Co., Kingston; Mulroney & Donovan, Montreal; O'Thadeau, Montreal; Smythe & Edmondson, Montreal; and Brown & Childs, Montreal.

Mr. McKeown Closed Shop to Fight

"The other veteran in the shoe trade ranks is John McKeown, of Belleville, who has been selling shoes in that city for fifty-three years. He was in a reminiscent mood when speaking of old times.

"Yes," he said, "I closed up my shop for three weeks during the Fenian Raid in 1866, and did duty at Prescott. I was a member of the 15th Battalion at that time, and enlisted with several others. As to how many business men would close their shops now, and volunteer to go overseas and fight I cannot say, but I know that I did it cheerfully in those anxious days. With us the protection and interest of our country came first and business afterwards.

Mr. McKeown is seventy-eight years of age, and is still active. He was born in Kingston, but it was in Picton that he got his education and learned shoe-making. Coming to Belleville in 1860, he served at the bench for four years, and then launched out for himself in 1864. For some time he conducted in connection with his shop, a flourishing custom shoe department, employing as many as fifteen men. But factory-made goods gradually came in, and more general use and displaced

the custom variety.

"I remember," declared Mr. McKeown, "the days before any rubber shoes came on the market. We used to make some overshoes entirely of leather, and they answered the purpose very well. The greatest change that Mr. McKeown has witnessed in the evolution of the shoe business, is the rapidly altering styles and lasts, which necessitate merchants carrying much larger stocks. To this day Mr. McKeown says he makes a few shoes to order, principally for cranks and cripples, he humorously added. In the old times, six dollars was a fair price for a hand-made calfskin shoe. One of the first factory shoes that Mr. McKeown sold was known as the Penitentiary Brand, made at Kingston by A. & C. N. Ross & Co. Mr. McKeown says that people buy a much finer and better class of footwear today than ever, while business has improved in many other respects."

WILL ATTEND EXECUTIVE MEETING

Messrs. L. E. Allen and W. W. Anderson, members of the Executive of the Ontario Good Roads Association, will attend the Executive meeting in Toronto tomorrow. The program calls for a meeting at Toronto; Wednesday a tour over the proposed Hamilton-Toronto Highway and through Peel, Dufferin and Simcoe Counties; a visit to Long Branch aviation school; Ennascloer Horse Farm, owned by Mr. Herbert C. Cox, near Oakville; luncheon at the Village Inn, Oakville; a visit to Mayor Oster's Lakeview Farm, Bronte; dinner at the Caledonian Mountain Trout Club. Thursday, the Toronto-Hamilton Highway and tour through York, Peel and Simcoe; luncheon at Warrington; visits to Collingwood, Devil's Glen, and Camp Borden.

BIG DAY IN TRENTON

Plans are being laid for a big day in Trenton on Wednesday afternoon, August 8th, the Trenton civic holiday, under the auspices of the Trenton firemen.

There will be a baseball match between the Senior Ontarios, of this city and the Trenton Seniors. Geo. H. Goulding, world's champion walker, will engage in exhibition contests. There will also be a wrestling bout between Jean Paradise and Arthur Bernard, two of the best wrestlers in America. There will in addition be \$200 in prizes for running races and other athletic features.

THE LATE PATRICK McAVOY

Patrick McAvoy, whose demise was noted in Saturday's issue, was one of the most respected and worthy yeomen of the Township of Thurlow. He had been ailing for about three weeks past from pneumonia and his death occurred on Friday last. The funeral was held Monday morning from the family residence to Stirling where service was held in the Catholic church and where interment took place. The late Mr. McAvoy was a native of the Township of Huntingdon, where he was born on the fifth concession, seventy-five years ago. There he spent his boyhood and after his marriage engaged in farming operations. For a number of years he resided on the Ryan farm in the third of Huntingdon, but removed to Thurlow in 1896 where he purchased a farm in the seventh concession. His farm was a model of skilled cultivation and he was known as one of the best farmers in his neighborhood.

In addition to his sorrowful wife (neé Miss Green) he is survived by three sons and two daughters. Patrick, at home; Owen, of Bogart, Larry, of Edmonton; Mrs. Maurice Fitzgerald, Edmonton; and Mrs. Michael Fitzgerald, of Maynooth. He is also survived by one brother, Owen, of the fifth of Huntingdon, and two sisters, Mrs. John Boyle, Springbrook, and Mrs. R. Green, Toronto. The late Mr. McAvoy was a member of the Roman Catholic Church and in politics a Liberal. Though a very faithful member of his church, he was broad-minded and liberal in his views. He was a most obliging neighbor, and in his home a most affectionate husband and father. The Ontario joins with a multitude of friends in extending sincere sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

W. A. TENNEY

William A. Tenney, of Point Anne, passed away on Monday at his home. He leaves a widow, one son, E. Tenney, of Point Anne, and one daughter, Mrs. Archibald Leach, of Guelph. He was a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters. Prior to living in Point Anne, he resided in Deseronto. Lately he had been living a retired life. He was 62 years of age.

THE MAN WHO CAN'T REVERT

(Special Correspondence to The Evening Telegram from Douglas S. Robertson.)

London, July 18.—England contains many dissatisfied officers today and no doubt many have arrived in Canada with grievances. These are the senior officers who, there being no vacancies for them, have under the now more stringently enforced regulations, either to revert to lieutenancies or go home.

It does seem hard and it is hard, that captains, majors and lieutenant colonels who have recruited enthusiastically in Canada, and rallied thousands of men to the colors, should on arrival find themselves in such a plight. Many a colonel has told me his story. After gathering with what he deemed proper pride "one of the finest battalions in Canada" about him, spent much of his own hard cash on it, learned to know his men personally, and generally put his whole soul into the work, he is told that the battalion must be broken up for drafts, and stands brokenheartedly by as company after company is sent off to reinforce other regiments.

As for himself, failing some job at the base, there is only one finale. After a brief sojourn in England, perhaps a two-weeks' tour of the front, if he be lucky, and a taste of the real thing in the trenches, he must go home. A lieutenant-colonel cannot become a subaltern.

With the majors it is scarcely less hard. A lieutenantancy is no small step down in pay, and for married men with families a positive financial barrier forbids the reversion. Majors, too, are generally on the elderly side for lieutenants' work. So they too, unless one of the rare base jobs comes their way, must, after an interval, take ship back to Canada.

For Captains there is less excuse. Most of them are youthful enough for subaltern duties, though in the case of captains with families the consequent reduction in pay is also a serious matter.

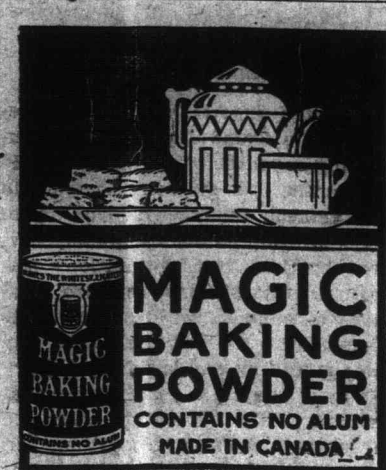
"They put it up to me," declared a Toronto captain not long over with a battalion which has been broken up. "They told me I would have to revert to a lieutenantancy or go home. Well, I told them that I would revert if they would assure me that I would be sent to France at once, but they couldn't. Now, scores of lieutenants are waiting to go over, and some have been waiting for months. I guess I will go home. I can't afford the long reduction in pay." This captain is a young married man with a wife and two children.

"Just picture me going back to Canada, back to the town where I recruited a battalion, and facing the mothers whose sons they thought would be under me at the front! What am I to tell these people? What will they think of me for not going to France?" Such was the lament of one lieutenant-colonel. I talked to a major with a family, a school teacher who works hard for his living, is another example. Financial reasons make it impossible for this man to revert. And yet he hates to return to his home town and be upbraided as a slacker. These are examples. Many of these officers deserve sympathy. And yet surely at this late date they must have known what was likely to be their fate. For long past almost every new battalion has been broken up, and its senior officers perforce stranded.

Heavy, as have been the officer casualties at times, the Canadian Army Corps has never lacked a surplus. Scores of lieutenants in English camps are anxious and ready to go to France. Besides, for some time past there has been, as indeed there should be, a large promotion from the ranks. Each battalion in France is supposed to send one private or non-com. every week to take a cadet's course in England. And, needless to say, these men who have fought it as rankers in the trenches have practical experience far beyond anything possessed by lieutenants who have never seen the front. The whole ubiquitous system of raising battalions after battalions in Canada with full complements of officers, in face of what was happening on their arrival in England, was the fault of the old regime at Ottawa. The reserve battalion system should have been adopted long ago. In the meantime the present Canadian military administration here is striving hard to remedy the evil results of the old mismanagement and steadily has been clearing England of the host of unattached officers who, through no fault of their own, have been costing the Canadian Government a tidy sum in pay.

Canadians should be considerate at least, of these older officers who are returning. Don't be too critical until you know the exact circumstances. To tell of colonels and even majors going to the front as privates is absurd, and people who argue thus don't know how nonsensical their contentions sound to those in the trenches.

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SURPRISE AND PRESENTATION

The pupils and friends of S. S. No. 15, Thurlow, gathered at the home of Mr. D. L. Palmer on Thursday evening, June 28th, to bid their teacher, Miss Badgley, farewell. The first part of the evening was spent in games on the lawn. Then all were asked to come into the house. After the chairman, Mr. R. Reid, had called the company to order, Miss Helen McMullen read the following address:—

To Miss Badgley,

Dear Teacher and Friend,—

Two years have quickly passed by since you came to take charge of our school. During this time we have become attached to you and all too soon we find we must part.

We wish to tell you of our gratitude to you, although sometimes you may have thought we did not appreciate your patience, zeal and untiring efforts.

We have been led to respect you for your real worth. You have been an example in many ways, in patriotism, a leader in Red Cross Work, a cheerful and generous contributor, quiet but unassuming and always on the side of right, holding up the highest ideals.

We have always found you ready to share in our games and merriment while all the time we knew you had a great sorrow, known only to those who have dear ones in this awful "World Struggle." We sympathize with you and hope that your dear brother may be spared, and now as an expression of our love we present you with this necklace.

Bessie McMullen

Letitia Palmer

Although surprised, Miss Badgley made a suitable reply, thanking them for the gift and for the many kindnesses shown her during her stay in the neighborhood. The rest of the evening was spent in music and conversation. "God be with you till we meet again" was sung just before she gathered dispersed.

INSANE MAN BROUGHT IN

A man was brought into the city from the country yesterday in charge of a constable and taken to the jail for the present. He was working on a farm and had the hallucination that he was going to be poisoned by his employer.

LAI'D TO REST

The funeral of the late Miss Sarah E. Myers took place on Monday from her late residence, Front of Sidney, Rev. Mr. Marvin officiating at the service. Interment was in Belleville cemetery, the bearers being, John H. Fair, George Heagle, Samuel Jenners, James Harry, George Saylor and James Sandercock.

The funeral of the late Patrick McAvoy, was held yesterday at the Stirling Catholic Church, where in the presence of a large crowd, Rev. Father O'Reilly celebrated a solemn requiem mass. The burial was at Stirling, the bearers all being relatives of the deceased: Messrs. James McEvoy, Thomas McEvoy, P. McEvoy, James McEvoy, Thomas McEvoy and Frank O'Carroll.

BROUGHT FROM MARMORA

A man named Murphy has been brought in from Marmora, and lodged in the county jail here on a charge of larceny. He was committed for trial by Magistrate Hubbel.

GRAND LODGE OF MASONS MEET

On Wednesday — Board of General Purposes Now in Session at Armouries

The 62nd annual communication of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario will open in Belleville on Wednesday morning. Mayor Ketcheson will present the welcome on behalf of the city, which is peculiarly fitting as he is the present district deputy. The three local lodges will each extend a welcome.

Yesterday at eleven-thirty the members of the Board of General Purposes met in the armouries to prepare the business for Wednesday and Thursday. This committee is composed of over one hundred members. This is election year in Grand Lodge. The present Grand Master is Most Wor. Bro. S. A. Luke and he will likely be followed by M. W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K.C. of Hamilton. The Grand Treasurer, M. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, K.C. of Toronto, and Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. R. L. Gunn will be re-elected without opposition.

The Deputy Grand Master will likely be R. W. Bro. F. W. Harcourt, K.C., Toronto, a prominent Belleville mason who was in line for the position having, it is said, signified his intention of not being a candidate at this time.

Tomorrow afternoon the members of the Board of General Purposes will be entertained by the local brethren.

CAPT. TROUSDALE OF THE 80. BATT. WEDDED IN AUCKLAND

Captain A. C. Trousdale of the 80th Battalion, who is well and favorably known here, was recently married to Miss Clyssie Macklow of Auckland, Australia.

Five years ago Captain Trousdale was a member of the 6th regiment of Vancouver, B. C., and was chosen as a member of the Cadet Company of that unit which accompanied the British Columbia Cadets on their tour of Australia. He spent several months there and in New Zealand, and one day met a charming young lady, who was an interested observer of the military drill which was being given in the city of Auckland. At their first meeting neither dreamed of the events which were to follow, or of the striking change in the currents of their young lives which were then being accomplished. When the young cadet came back to his home, he remained but a short time in Vancouver. He came east and took up the management of his grandfather's farm near Sydneyham, following the latter's death, and remained till the war broke out. His early training as a cadet had awakened a love for military life, and he soon heard the call to arms. He enlisted with the 80th Battalion and was for a time located with that unit at Barrielfield and later in this city. He went overseas with that unit and was wounded several times, being finally invalided home, reaching here early last spring.

The excitement of the war and the trying experiences he had passed through had not caused him to forget the pretty maid whom he had left five years before in Auckland, and as soon as he had recovered from his wounds he left Vancouver and sailed for the Orient to claim her hand. After a short honeymoon in the vicinity of the bride's home, Captain and Mrs. Trousdale embarked on the Niagara for the long voyage to Canada, arriving at the home of his mother, Mrs. Laura Trousdale, Sydneyham on Wednesday last.

Captain Trousdale will immediately take up his duties as O. C. of the 21st Reinforcing Draft and he and Mrs. Trousdale will take up residence in Kingston.

S.S. No. 15, THURLOW.

Promoted to Sr. IV.—

Ross Salisbury, Roy. Rose, Garfield McMullen, Frank Palmer.

Promoted to Sr. III.—

Mollie McMullen, (H) Kenneth McMullen, Vera Lloyd, Bert Spencer.

Promoted to Jr. III.—

Neilie Reid, Jack Cole, Horace Palmer (R).

Promoted to Sr. II.—

May Stevenson (H), Clarence Armstrong (H), Richard Granston, Pearl Spencer, Marjorie Granston, Harold Bird, Hazel Hawley (R).

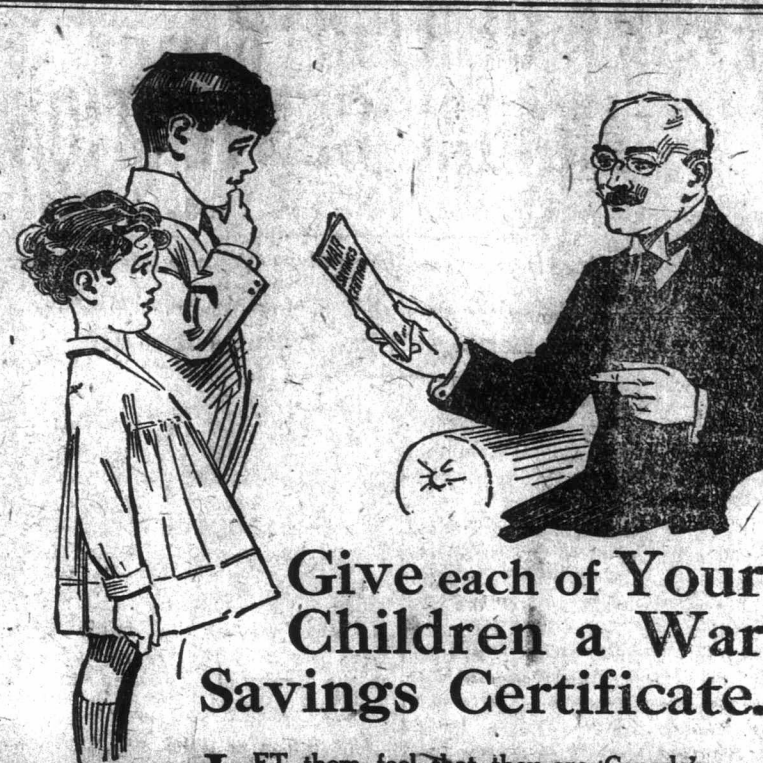
Promoted to First.—

Aletha Bird, Willie Armstrong, Clarence Salisbury.

Promoted to Primer.—

Windsor Bushel, Lauriston Kelly, Malcolm Bird, John Townsend, Howard Armstrong.

—Grace Badgley, Teacher.



LET them feel that they are Canada's partners—that they have each a definite share in the stern struggle—the certain victory—and the free and glorious future.

Encourage them to save and buy Certificates themselves! You'll be developing their patriotism, their thrift and their business sense—for Canadian War Savings Certificates offer absolute security and excellent interest return. More important still, you will be guaranteeing their future, for every dollar lent to Canada helps win the war.

For each \$21.50, \$43 or \$86 lent now, the Government issues a Certificate, payable in three years, for \$25, \$50 or \$100. This means that interest is added at over 5% per annum. Certificates may be purchased at any Bank or Money Order Post Office.

For the sake of Canada and your children, save and invest in War Savings Certificates.

The National Service Board of Canada, OTTAWA.

GREECE ACTUALLY IN STATE OF WAR

WASHINGTON, July 18.—Uncertainty as to Greece's status in the world war was cleared away today with the receipt of official information that the Greek Government not only has severed relations with all four of the central powers, but is actually in a state of war with them.

Information has reached the state department that the Greek minister in Paris has notified the French Government Greece considers herself a full belligerent and will act accordingly. He said it was not necessary to issue a formal declaration of war, as the government feels it is bound by the declarations previously issued at Salonica by Premier Venizelos, who took with him to Athens all the responsibilities and commitments of the temporary Salonica government.

As a belligerent Greece is expected to lose no time in mobilizing her war resources and joining effectively in the common allied operations in the Balkans. The strength of the Venizelos army is placed at about 60,000 men and the remnant of the former regular army, while not over 30,000 now, has at times been mobilized to a total of 200,000 men, and is capable of reaching 300,000 if munitions are provided.

FOUR GERMAN VESSELS CAPTURED BY BRITISH DESTROYERS

LONDON, July 17.—The Admiralty announces the capture of four German steamers by British destroyers in the North Sea. The vessels are the Pellworm, Brietzig, Mariehorn and Heinz Blumberg.

BRITISH GAINED GROUND NEAR WIRNEMON.

LONDON, July 17.—The war office statement says the British troops gained ground during last night northwest of Wirnemon. In the Nieuport sector a British raiding party encountered a large party of the enemy in front of the German positions and drove them back to their lines after sharp fighting.

FRENCH VERY ACTIVE IN CHAMPAGNE

PARIS, July 17.—The French war office reports that in the Champagne the Germans made another serious attack but their assaulting waves were caught under the French fire and compelled to retire in disorder on the left bank of the Meuse. The positions occupied by the Germans on June 28 and 29 were retaken by the French in a spirited attack last night.

NEW NAME FOR ROYAL HOUSE AND FAMILY

LONDON, July 17.—King George today at a meeting of the privy council held at St. James Palace announced the new name of the royal house and family to be "The House of Windsor." The attendance at the council was the largest since the coronation.

ZIMMERMAN'S SUCCESSOR NOT YET SELECTED

COPENHAGEN, July 17.—The selection of a successor to Foreign Secretary Zimmerman was still unsettled yesterday. The proposed nomination of Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, the German minister at Copenhagen, is meeting with considerable opposition.