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County Topped Allotment for Victory Loan—Raised Nearly $2,000,000.

NEWS FROM SIMCOE

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Write Simcoe Agency, Box 311, or phone 356-3 all matters regarding delivery or subscriptions, news items or advertisements.

(From our own Correspondent)

Simcoe, Dec. 6.—Through the courtesy of Mr. H. Frank Cook, secretary of the Victory War Loan organization in Norfolk, we are able to give a summary statement of the county's subscription. The canvass was placed in the charge of nine teams, and as previously stated, the county's allottment was divided among the minor municipalities on the basis of equalized assessment.

The exact allotment to Norfolk was $422,938. For purposes of easier division, $445,000 was taken, and this was the first objective.

Team.	Subscribers.	Allotment.	Subscribed	P.C. of Allotment
1. Townsend and Waterford	266	$100,000	$189,050	189
2. Simcoe	656	80,000	275,400	344
3. Pt. Dover-Woodhouse Tp.	441	70,000	161,300	230
4. Windham	204	50,000	95,700	191.4
5. Delhi and Middleton	310	40,000	142,250	355.6
6. Charlotteville	141	35,000	63,700	182
7. Pt. Rowan and S. W'ham	167	40,000	99,250	248
8. Houghton	80	10,000	19,350	193.5
9. N. Windham	79	20,000	35,250	176
Total	2344	$445,000	$1,081,250	244

Frank Reid of Simcoe topped the county in the amount of bonds sold. He had 220 sales, totalling $90,800.

C. W. Barwell, of Dover, led in the number of subscribers, 245, for $65,100. He worked in Port Dover and landed a bond for every fifth inhabitant of the Port.

W. E. Sutherland of Delhi is second in amount raised, $69,950.

"Gus" McKnight of Windham sold more than the other three men on the Windham team.

C. S. Buck, of Port Rowan took 120 applications for $65,100.

But far away, Houghton is to be the most congratulated of all. Isolated, and as one might suppose out of touch, Houghton has been steadily pulling on the bit, as one has said, ever since the war began. And there is no more loyal community in Norfolk than triangular Houghton. Always ready. Through the late Chas. G. Sanderson, ex-reeve, she thumped the table at the county council for good roads. She is always there with the goods.

The 2344 war bond subscribers may consider with disdain those who interrupted the Wallace meeting recently, when an appeal was being made for subscriptions to the Victory Loan.

The investment habit has been immensely cultivated during the past three weeks, and it should be possible, while the war lasts, for the county to finance its own flotations.

Port Rowan and Simcoe will have debentures at 5 per cent or 5 1-2 per cent on the market in the near future, and it will be well for the county if those who have means will encourage development at home rather than accept 3 per cent. from the banks, while the money goes off to turn the wheels of industry or promote development elsewhere.

Fire in Fred Sebring's Stable

The brigade was called out shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday to extinguish a fire in Fred Sebring's stable, North ward. The chemical made its second response to the call promptly. E. Ramey driving and Wm. Stewart on deck. Mr. Stewart was in time to bring out Mr. Sebring's horse, as the owner was out of town, and the brigade confined the fire to the upper part of the building which was filled with hay. Loss, about $250.

Will Provide a Winter Occupation.

The evaporating plant is at present working on vegetables, principally onions and carrots, and employing upwards of thirty hands. When this plant gets established and has sufficient supply of raw material locally grown, it will provide winter labor for those who can always find summer occupation out doors. It promises to fill a long-felt want in Simcoe.

All women in sympathy with the Unionist cause are invited to attend a rally at the Government candidate's headquarters at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.

Just think of it! Hon. Alex. McCall and Hon. W. A. Charlton, off to Windham and Delhi to-day in a common cause. There must be a reason.

Mrs. Harrison Stringer Receives

There was a delightful reception yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harrison Stringer, Norfolk St. south. Mrs. Stringer and her mother Mrs. Hawthorn, received. The living room was decorated with rare roses. Miss Myrtle Porter conducted the callers to the refreshment room, which was most beautifully set out in a yellow and white scheme, with roses, narcissi and mums.

Mrs. Rowat and Mrs. L. C. Gibson served the salad and bread and butter; Mrs. Jno. McInally and Mrs. Milton Porter poured tea and coffee.

Mrs. Billie and Mrs. Arthur Lea cut the ice cream and cake, and the following ladies assisted in serving: Mrs. Harvey Johnston, Mrs. Harry Martin, Mrs. W. G. Jackson, Mrs. Harry Pursel, Miss Aileen McInally, Miss Vera Collins, Miss Edna De Cou, Miss Maude Porter, Miss Furry.

Mrs. Wm. McGuire returned Tuesday from Salem after attending the funeral of her uncle, Ezra Wissler. Miss Biggar, who accompanied Mrs. McGuire, remaining in Salem for a week.

What's the Use.

Another exasperated citizen who, a few days ago lowered a parasol at the post office door and with difficulty opened the same, only to find three or four coming through the 20 inch opening while the lady stood under the dripping from above, wants the Courier to say nasty things. We said what's the use. If one always goes in by the East entrance he will never meet those coming out at the west entrance, and one can do this generally though occasionally, in post office hours too, we find the east entrance locked, possibly for the purpose of augmenting the congestion With both doors unlocked the public should be able to get temporary relief. We know that children and feeble adults cannot manage the western door in slippery weather. Our advice is, don't try. "In east and out west" will do the trick and one should try this remedy before complaining. Yes, we agree, it was a fool door construction, but then, it's there, and there's a way to help over the difficulty for those who care to try.

County Council in Short Session.

Members of the County Council returned with great praise for the exhibit at the Guelph Fair and settled down to a short session last night at eight o'clock. Communications were read and the Pedlars-Vendors license by-law received one readings.

County Council Notes.

Kelly and Porter's account as solicitors amounted to $320.33.

The Patriotic League at Port Royal and the Women's organization at St. Williams, receiving each $25 monthly from the S. Walsingham council, asked for grants from the county council to purchase supplies, principally yarn.

Eighteen ladies at Port Royal have knitted 402 pairs sox 31 pairs mitts, 24 French caps and have made 45 suits pyjamas and numerous other articles.

Vienna High School asks for $79.19, Woodstock C. I. for $423.94 and Tillsonburg High School for $826.29 for tuition of Norfolk county students.

Time for the Danger Signal

It appears to be quite time for it to be observed that in other lines of work than farming, the shortage of help has been felt and felt perhaps more seriously than in the farm. Towns folk, whether following mercantile or manufacturing occupations have felt the shortage but have paid the price where help could be obtained or curtailed operations where men could not be secured; and they have done so without a murmur. Simcoe has felt the shortage of men as teamsters, paper hangers, painters, factory hands, clerks, carpenters, masons in fact in everything. But it has never got into the papers nor has it been discussed from the public platform.

The farming community has, up to the present, suffered little financially through the war, the prices for products of the farm have soared comparatively higher than the price of what he has to buy.

In a sense isolated and busy on his acres, hearing little discussion about the war except a disinterested "I wonder will it soon be over," the farmer who has no close-in relation in arms is living in the confidence that old Britain always won before and she will this time, and the war is of little concern. Perhaps it would be quite fair to say that the hog-market is quite as interesting a page of the newspaper, as is the war news. The farmer is probably loyal, at any rate he wishes to be thought so, but he is just apt to over-do the grumbling for when we get right down to brass tacks, the rural contribution in men, falls proportionately low. Volunteer enlistment did not strip the farm as it did the villages towns and cities. True we must have the farms and the production, but we must have commerce and manufactures as well, and it just occurred to the writer that the farmer is not any more pinched for help than many others who are saying less about it just because they know the need at the front.

$10 Fine and $10.10 Costs.

In police court last night the adjourned case against H. Brown for being tipsy on the street was disposed of. Magistrate Gunton handed out a decision for $10 and costs and the total was $20.10. Brown handed out the money. Some few days ago we spoke of Magistrates Swinn and Wallace handing out $10 and costs each to two men guilty of this same offense and our brevity was misunderstood by readers who did not know the magistrates personally.

Another case slated for last evening was adjourned owing to the failure of one Clarence Brackenbury, summoned as a witness to appear.

A warant was issued for his arrest on a charge of contempt of court.

BOY KILLED BY TRAIN.

By Courier Leased Wire

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 5.—John Rogers, eight years old, was run down and instantly killed by a Grand Trunk shunting engine on the Beach road this afternoon. Three other lads had a narrow escape. The dead boy's father is a soldier in France.

EDITOR DEAD.

By Courier Leased Wire

New York, Dec. 5.—Frederick Edward Saward, editor and proprietor of the Coal Trade Journal, died suddenly here last night, aged 71 years. Mr. Saward, who was born in London, founded his paper in 1869, one of the first American coal trade publications. He was a recognized authority in his field.

RATS

They Have Them Four Legged and Two Legged in the Trenches.

(By Capt. H. B. C. Pollard)

Peter was, by way of being something of a sportsman, and it is probable that in remote aboriginal days, his tribe had prayed to a cat totem, for Peter was cat-like in his hatred of cold, wet and rats and mice. Trench life had merely familiarized him with these vile discomforts, but it had in no way induced a greater tolerance. Cold and wet were unavoidable—but rats and mice might be subdued.

Various traps had been tried. Army orders had even been issued upon the subject; but the rats and mice were insubordinate, and ceased not their infesting of the trenches, dug-outs and billets. Everywhere that the troops frequented seemed to be alive with the beasts. Brother officers had tried wonderful rat devouring dogs without success. Peter tried a powerful and experienced-looking dereliict cat that he acquired in a shell-shocked village. For twenty-four hours puss proved a success killing four rats and intimidating many others, but success proved the undoing of the cat, as it so often has of men. Peter's platoon petted and made much of the victorious animal, and it adapted itself as if by instinct to the life of a regimental pet; that is to say, it ate as much as it could of the men's rations, took the warmest corner in the billet, and did no work of any kind.

Then Peter went on ten days' leave with the twin ambitions of having a riotous good time in London, and bringing back three of four good ferrets. Being a youth of enterprise, he acquired the ferrets on the second day of his leave, buying them at a celebrated animal dealer's near the docks. He kept them in his hotel bedroom for two days and the problem of feeding them became acute. Nothing if not resourceful, Peter purchased a couple of live tame rabbits from the dealer, conveyed them back to the hotel in a leather handbag, and the ferrets who lived an unhygenic existence in an old uniform case, were assured of two grisly meals.

The following day saw Peter expelled from the hotel by a disgusted and vociferous staff for his secret and one, at least, of his ferrets had leaked out, and in the dull corridors of that respectable hotel had been dread scenes—women in disarray and men in violent tempers—till the fugitive had been discovered and captured. Sobered by this experience Peter boarded the ferrets at the dealer's till his leave expired.

We will pass over in silence the horrors of the journey to France, the long voyage in the crawling leave train, the comment of the other officers in the carriage about the perfume that distinguishes ferrets. Peter rejoined his unit with three live ferrets and the remains of a dead rabbit, introduced his little friends to the mess and was forbidden to bring them inside the place again.

"As a sport," said the C.O., "ferreting may be useful and amusing, but as a domestic animal I prefer the rats, because their natural odour is less pungent. You had better find a man to take charge of them."

The platoon sergeant found a suitable man at once. Private Thomas Merryfield emerged from obscurity into his proper place in the scheme of the European war and became O. C. Rats. O.C. was merely a courtesy prefix. Within a day ,the whole battalion knew Private Merryfield as "Rats."

The little man took his new duties seriously, and admitted that he understood about "raabetts," "ratten," and the like. He was a typical South Country Englishman, stocky, pink-cheeked and straw haired. A cow-keeper and stockman by breeding, instinct and heritage; it is a matter for doubt whether a Merryfield had ever done aught else since the days of King Offa till this Merryfield became in Flanders—"O.C. Rats."

The prevalence of rats in trenches is a plague that needs to be suffered before it can be realized. Nobody ever likes rats, but when they steal your food off the table, run over your face at night, chew the laces off your boots, and eat the corpses out in No Man's Land, they become even more of a trial than amid less rural surroundings. Garbage eaters, scavengers, unclean beasts always— in war time they become an even more revolting vermin; gross and bloated with the plentitude of their ghastly victuals.

"Rats" and Peter put up great hunts. There were delirious moments of excitement when the vermin bolted and were clubbed to death in the trench by enthusiastic men. And there were moments of breathless anxiety, when one of the priceless ferrets emerged from a bolt hole somewhere below the wire, and was reported steering for the German trenches where it would probably be killed, cooked and eaten. The whole brigade knew the tale of "Rats," devotion and heroism in retrieving a loose ferret from No Man's Land in daylight, and under fire; a deed honored by the rank and file, but regarded as reprehensible by the authorities.

Little by little the gentle art of rat hunting was learned by the whole battalion. Men became wise on ferret lore, cunning about interpreting the noises of the underground struggle between the antagonists. Then came the day that the battalion had to go "over the top," and Peters' half-company were cast for the job of moppers-up. Their duty it was to bomb and clear out dug-outs and tidy up such Boches as survived the barrage and the assault, when these fierce scourers had passed over the first line of the enemy position.

The attack went well, and Peter and his men were busy among the wreckage of the enemy line. Fritz was surrendering nimbly when caught in the open, but the narrow mouths of the deep dug-outs were still centres of sporadic resistance. The system of dealing with them was simple; if the challenge to surrender was disregarded, a bomb was thrown down the stairs, and its effect in the confined space was such as to abolish all human resistance. Complex series of connected dug-outs were cleared out and were investigated by men using electric flash lamps to illuminate the darkness.

One such burrow had been disposed of, and Peter, supported by a corporal, "Rats" and one other man, entered the narrow gallery to explore. At the end of the steps, some twenty feet underground, a rude door gave entry to a lateral passage. Light in one hand, revolver in the other, Peter kicked open the door and walked on into the dug-out chamber. In front of him he sensed movement, and almost before the words of his command to surrender were out of his mouth, a pistol cracked in the darkness, and a bullet pierced his arm above the flash light which dropped extinguished to the floor.

He fired his own pistol instinctively in the direction of the flash, and his men pushed past him leaping to the attack. In an instant the narrow vault was in a turmoil; shouts, curses and cries of "kamarad" intermingled. Shots exploded at close quarters, their detonation strangely muffled by their close contact with human flesh. A body lurched towards Peter, pressing him against the rough beam that formed the upright of the door. He went down under the impact, and hearing the German words fired again into the bulk that pressed him. There was silence for a moment, then groans and a soft, lapping sound as of splashing water. Then came the voice of Rats:

"Are you hurt, sir? We've settled 'un." Followed the rasp of a match, the streak of light on the box, and then the steady flame. Peter struggled to his feet, and saw dimly the bodyguards grim and menacing still standing over the bodies of the slain, and "Rats," blood-smeared and anxious, holding his dulled bayonet knife-wise in his hand.

They regained the trench level and Peter submitted to a first field dressing before making his way back to the dressing station.

"It's a fair pity, sir," said "Rats," "you being 'it so early like, 'cause you will miss the sport in all these 'ere burrows. Fair 'uman ferreting I calls it, 'unting these 'ere Bocne rats out." Rats meditated for a moment, then added: "Yus; blooming rats these 'uns are. Run in the open, fight in a corner; just like rats. But we are ferrets we are! Good old D Company ferrets!"

We tuned to sniff at another dug-out door, and quipped his bayonet more carefully.

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