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## Honorable Wounds.

THE DEATH occurred in Guelph of MAJOR J. D. Doughty. The passing of this fine young officer is just one more chapter to the story that tells of the price Canada's best paid to stop German domination. MAJOR Doughty received the wounds from which he ultimately died, away back in August of 1918, and ever since life has been a battle against troubles and complications of which the outside world knew nothing at all.

How many similar cases there are no one knows. Many of these splendid chaps carry their troubles with a smile, playing the game of everyday life with the same heroism that made the Canadian soldier equal to any and superior to most.

The man who stayed at home is apt to lose sight of these things. The only thing he got hurt was his purse. He is too apt to think that the war ended toward the close of 1918, and what has taken place since then is a matter that concerns only the returned men and the government dealing with them.

And yet for many of the men the war started all over again after they left the army. These are nervous systems that will never be healed; there are wounds, bravely borne, that still hamper every move, and may continue to do so until the very end; there are men who strive to speak, yet cannot raise the voice beyond a whisper. To these, and there must be thousands of them in Canada, the war has been going on ever since.

For such the heart of the country should be as great as the suffering. We should exercise a great deal of consideration and patient effort in our estimation of and dealing with these men. They are still bearing their honorable wounds.

## The Ontario Town.

GOING THROUGH some of the figures shown by the latest census returns, it will be seen that Ontario towns are losing in many cases. One paper takes a few of the towns in the northern part of Western Ontario, and states:

"The last census returns indicate that many of the towns in this part of the province are losing population. For instance, Chesley has a population of 1,708, or 26 less than 10 years ago; Durham has 1,491, a loss of 90; Harrison has 1,253, a loss of 338; Mount Forest lost 136; Palmerston lost 144; Walkerton has 2,232, or 263 less than ten years ago; Wingham also lost 153, its present population being 2,085."

Small towns in Ontario are somewhat the same in many ways, particularly in that they have the same problems to meet.

A picture taken about 30 years ago of the pupils attending a public school in one of the towns in the north end of Middlesex, shows about 160 attending school then. Today there are five of those in the picture residents of the town, and the same thing has been taking place ever since. Where do they go?

Let us take a western town, Fernie, B.C., for instance. The owner of the newspaper there was JOHN WALLACE, a Parkhill boy; two of the printers came from Ontario; the WHALEN brothers were running a splendid hotel, having come there from Napanee; JACK GATES, from Harrison, was in the same business; HAMILTON, the plumber, came from Stratford, as did M. KASTNER, in the real estate business; JACK CRAWFORD, in the cartage business, was from Parkhill; the managers of all the banks were from the east; Dr. HONNELL and Dr. CORSON were both from Western Ontario; BLUNDIE, the grocer, came from Petrolia. Those are simply a few of many names that could be used. They are mentioned because they were the first to be remembered of Fernie, as it was a few years ago.

There are hundreds of places in Western Canada that can tell the same story. They are made up of men who come from Eastern Canada.

Look at it another way. What has the town to offer? Take a concrete case, and get down to facts, so far that purpose we mention Parkhill, in Middlesex county. When a boy got his entrance there, he had a chance to go to high school. At sixteen, let us say, he was through school. There used to be an occasional chance to learn a trade at the local foundry, printing office, or carriage and blacksmithing establishment; sometimes one of the stores had room for a boy, or one of the banks was prepared to take on a junior clerk. There may have been a few other openings, but in the main the above covers the lot fairly well.

What were the other boys going to do? The answer is so plain that

one hardly needs to suggest, it, viz., get out and dig for a place in the big world, and that is exactly what the boys, and many of the girls, have done.

The smaller centres of Old Ontario have played a very big part in building up this country, including the city life and the smaller centres that are dotted all over the vast expanse of Western Canada.

So, when they have done counting noses, and compared the count with ten years ago, many of the towns may not find much satisfaction in finding out that they have actually slipped back 100 or so. But let their imagination go out a little, and see where the boys and girls from that town have gone. You will find them all over the country. They have become mechanics, foremen, superintendents, owners; they are the leading doctors and surgeons; they have fine legal practices; they are editing and managing some of your biggest newspapers; they are teachers and principals in schools and colleges; they are merchants, and bankers and salesmen. If it were possible to stand them all together it would make the old town proud to think it had contributed such a wealth of manhood and womanhood to the world.

So the towns do not need to be discouraged. They have made a memorable contribution to the national life of Canada, which, in the last analysis, consists entirely of the sterling worth and character of its men and women.

## Farms and City.

LONDON Chamber of Commerce believes any measure that can bring the city and country closer together is well worth developing to the limit, and in that they are right. All that is necessary is to convince the city man there is no propaganda in it, and to make it clear to the farmer that it is not going to be dominated by city interest, and the thing is off to a good start.

It should not be a hard matter to clear up this point. London is the natural market centre for a very wide area. It is the splendid agricultural development of this area that has helped to make London what it is. London needs this district, and this district needs London as its natural buying and selling point.

That is a good point from which to start any movement, viz.: One of mutual need.

Looking over a list of suggestions, which have come from the farmers themselves, it is easy to see that their mind turns at once to practical problems, the solution of which is going to mean better business for the farmer, and if for the farmer, eventually for the man in the city.

In brief, here are a few suggestions summarized:

Farm help distributed from London instead of Toronto.

Parking places for cars.

Investigation of charge for weighing hay.

Covered market and more ventilation in the present butter and eggs building.

Cold and dry storage plants to help stabilize prices.

Decreasing spread in price between what farmer gets and London man pays for milk.

Manufacturers in city to provide trucks in season to cooperate in taking away apples and vegetables for factory employees, the farmer not having the help or facilities to prevent a waste here.

Improving the leading roads running to the city.

Extension of university training to bring schools closer to the people.

Farmers and city people to discuss problems at mutual meetings.

Using the press to make farm and city people get each other's viewpoint.

Stop city auto owners from pilfering fruit from orchards.

Well, that is not by any means the whole list, but it goes to show that when people start to work seriously they can soon get in shape to arrive at a desirable destination.

It is the easiest thing imaginable for a lot of misunderstanding to grow up between the farm and the city, and there are those who find it suits their purpose to see that it keeps right on springing up.

When the farmers of this district and the men of London come to the point where they can sit down together and discuss, as serious and sensible men, their various problems, they will have done a remarkably fine day's work.

## Cruel and Foolish.

A WILD FOX was turned loose in the heart of New York City's most congested district.

It was the scheme of a fur company's press agent, seeking free advertising by the circus method of doing the unusual.

But the fox, terrified at the roar and confusion of traffic, covered against the side of a building. Its exploiters poked it out with sticks.

The fox trembled with fear.

It didn't run. No place to run to. Finally it tried to cross 42nd street.

A limousine ran it down, broke a leg.

The press agent is getting free advertising. But not the kind he wanted. The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals goes after him with a warrant.

There are some jackasses who never seem to get things straightened out.

A wild fox is as much out of place on 42nd street, New York, as the limousine that ran it down would be in the haunts of the wild fox.

The press agent who tried that stunt was just a plain jackass.

## 25 YEARS AGO TODAY

Here We Have Items of Local and District Interest. As Recorded in The Advertiser of 1897.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31, 1897.

Weather—Fair and milder.

Rev. Professor Burgess of the Western University preached in the Episcopal Church near Samia yesterday.

Rev. Andrew Moffatt of this city preached in the Wofford and Knox Presbyterian Churches in Warwick on Sunday.

The Western University have decided to hold their annual convocation on Friday evening. A general committee of arrangements has been appointed, with Dr. James chairman, Misses Burns and Mabel Williams, treasurers, and Mr. Doherty, secretary. Dr. Sykes is convener of the program and printing committee; Miss Flo Fraser of the refreshment; Mr. Merchant, scientific; Mr. E. B. Smith, reception; Miss S. Blackburn, of invitation.

Miss Baldwin of this city, daughter of the Bishop of Huron is visiting her cousin, Miss Ethel Baldwin, on Lower avenue, Toronto.

Chelsea Lodge, S. O. E., held a social evening in their rooms last night. After regular work Bro. George Gregory was elected chairman, and with a few remarks, introduced the following program: Song, Dr. Williams; solos, Bro. Major Woosley, Plewes, James Smith, Herbert Fountain, J. Fleming, J. Dealey, E. Russell, Victor Chamberlain, E. Fleming and George Tambling; recitations, Bro. C. Walker and A. E. Taylor; guitar solo, Bro. Williamson. Speeches were given by Wm. Bridgman, Bro. Wyatt and J. J. Carter.

The finance committee of the city council held a short meeting last night. The members present were: Ald. Bennet, chairman; Turner, Gerry, Douglass, Winnett and Secretary Pope.

Last evening a large number of the laborers of the city assembled in Labor Hall for the purpose of organizing a directory of the Industrial Brotherhood of Canada. Mr. Joseph Marks, assisted by other members of the brotherhood, was the organizing officer. The following officers were elected: Past worthy director, H. McLaren; worthy director, Geo. Walters, Clowin.

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Nash; worthy vice-director, Thos. Whittaker; recording secretary, R. Burleigh; financial secretary and treasurer, W. Burleigh, 691 York street; inspector, M. Williams; guard, R. Inch; trades and labor delegate, Geo. Nash, R. Burleigh and Thos. Whittaker.

At the regular meeting of Court Deference of the Canadian Order of Foresters, Bro. A. R. Galpin, D.D.H.C., assisted by Bro. W. J. Element, P.C.R., installed the following officers: P.C.R., Bro. H. N. Fleming; C.R., Bro. W. A. Reid, P.C.R.; V.C.R., Bro. Wm. Harding, Jun.; Chap., Bro. James Moore, P.C.R.; R. S., Bro. J. W. Fletcher; F. S., Bro. P. C. Toon; treas., Bro. Thomas Burridge, P.C.R.; Con., Bro. George Harper, P.C.R.; S. W., Bro. Thomas Plack; J. W., Bro. A. Ferguson, P.C.R.; S. B., Bro. Wm. Bishop; J. B., Bro. N. Pratt; guards, Bro. A. E. Reid and F. W. Parkinson, P. C. R.; Bro. A. Ferguson and H. N. Fleming, P.C.R., were chosen as trustees; Bro. Wm. Harding, Jun., auditor, delegate to the high court session Bro. W. A. Reid, P.C.R., was chosen at Niagara next February.

The skating carnival held Friday night at the Exeter rink was a most enjoyable affair, fully 350 people being present. The judges were: Messrs. Deputy Reeve Taylor, Joe Davis and Will Weekes.

The following is a list of the characters: Miss Christie, Shepherdess; Miss Smith, Highland Lassie; Miss McLaughlin, Stars and Stripes; Miss Gidley, Good Luck; Miss Gerie Hicks, Sunflower; Miss Ida Newton, Queen of Hearts; Miss Sweet, Grandma; Miss Vera Hawkshaw, Evening News; Miss Kinsman, Fairy Queen; Miss Dyer, April Showers; Miss Newton, Mother Superior; Miss Maggie Sweet, Sister Martha; Miss Creech, Mother Hubbard; Miss Dennis, Spring; Miss Kemp, Sunflower; Miss Hicks, Deer; Miss Coxworth, Hensall, Shepherdess; Arthur Kemp, Gentleman of the Seventeenth Century; George Brooks, Colored Dude; Charlie Hyndman, the New Woman; Frank Bayden, Mason; Rus. Howard, Paddy; Tom and Fred Jekell, Brownies; Earl Brownie, Sawbones; Wellington Westcott, Spackman's Tinware; Fred Walters, Clowin.

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## LIBERAL LEADER

[Kincardine Reporter.]

SHORTLY there will be another trying out for a Liberal leader for the province of Ontario. What Liberalism lacks at the present moment in this province is an outstanding figure. Among the members elect are none that have the qualities to lead and whom the party would follow. Mr. Dewar was a brilliant man, a capable leader, but he lacked the support of certain factions of the party. They pilloried him but have not produced anyone who could take his place. In fact, few men today care to run the gauntlet of Toronto Liberalism. That bunch believe they know more than all the rest of the province combined, but with all their knowledge and wisdom, the answer to the question of the Liberal leader is not in their hands. It is not taken seriously at home. It looks as if the Legislature will meet without a real fighting head, for Mr. Wellington Hay, the leader pro tem, is not a well man. Surely some big man can be found. It is not necessary that he come from Toronto.

[Goderich Signal.]

A PROVINCIAL Liberal convention is to be held at Toronto March 1 and 2. Four delegates are to be chosen from each provincial riding, and the Liberals of Center Huron will meet at Goderich Friday, Feb. 2, to name the four representatives from this riding. The convention at Toronto is to select a provincial leader to succeed Mr. Hartley Dewar, who resigned the post a few months ago. The city papers, with their usual generosity, have been offering the party certain men as leaders, but the city papers are not in touch with Liberal opinion throughout the Province, and in one or two instances at least their nominations have approached the ridiculous.

Without venturing on prophecy, we should say that the ready in active political life, has at least one feeling against him, and he is not a leader who will probably want a leader who, if not at least a reputation as a working Liberal, and furthermore, one who is not under Toronto influence. This does not mean exactly that he must not be a resident of Toronto. Although Mr. Dewar is a Toronto man, there was no feeling against him on this account, for it was well known that he was not in line with the peculiar political interests represented by the Globe and the Star. There seems to be a feeling that the coming session of the Legislature will be the last before a Provincial general election, and the Liberals with a new leader will endeavour to improve their position in the Province.

[Winnipeg Free Press.]

TO a provincial convention for the reorganization of the Liberal party of Ontario there have been invited all the Liberal candidates at the last Dominion election. Plainly the purpose is to make the provincial Liberal party a mere wing of the Dominion party. There is a growing opinion that too close connection between provincial and Dominion parties is not in the interests of the provinces and should be discouraged.

HOW TO KEEP WELL

Sore Throat

BY DR. R. H. BISHOP.

IMPLE sore throats are simple only to careful people. For the careless they are often tragic.

Sore throat may be the first danger signal of any of a number of serious diseases, from tuberculosis to cancer. It may be due to tonsillitis, laryngitis, or it may be merely what is known as a smoker's sore throat of a clergyman's sore throat.

Often times, it is the first symptom of infantile paralysis. Its most common cause is tonsillar or laryngeal affection.

When there is an epidemic of scarlet fever, there is often an epidemic of sore throat.

There is chronic sore throat in cases of tuberculosis, cancer and ulcerated conditions.

Thus we see that we cannot afford to be careless with a sore throat.

The first thing to do is to see a physician. You may have diphtheria or scarlet fever in the first stages.

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ease from gaining any headway. Rest often cures a sore throat, especially in cases of laryngitis. Many times when a man is a little hoarse he will talk and talk, thus irritating his throat. Coughing often causes sore throat.

A cold compress on the neck is considered efficient treatment for a sore throat. The cloth can be wet with equal parts of alcohol and water, or ice bags can be placed on each side of the throat.

Always apply hot water to the feet, cold to the neck.

## A Curler's Prayer

Guid Weather Clerk! Incline thine ear

Tae this request I hae: I ne'er hae troubled thee a lot, Noo dinna say me "Nae".

It's frosty weather we've had here— 'Tis bonnie weather braw; We plan tae hae a big bonspiel— Oh! dinna let it thaw.

We're grateful for oor ice sae keen— Here's noo oor thanks tae thee; Co-operation wi' us still, Wit thou be pleased the gie? Hear this petition brief o' mine; It's frosty a Scotsman braw; Gie's frosty weather for twa weeks— Oh! dinna let it thaw.

Ye maunna, maunna disappoint We folk who lo'e this game— Braw lads wha plan tae journey here, An' o' oor lads at home. A warmer temperature, ye ken, Wad nae dae weel ava; Sae it's sincerely noo I plead— Oh! dinna let it thaw.

Oor date is February, Clerk— 'Twill be the seventh day, An' gin ye no' will turn us doon A bonnie time we'll hae. Noo, listen Clerk! This is R. D. Sae hear me when I ca'— Remember weel oor big bonspiel— Oh! dinna let it thaw.

Nae folk ava! this plea o' mine Wi' selfishness can blame; Maist brother Scots, an' lots forbye, Lo'e fine this Poarin' Game. There's nae a "druppie" noo about, Tae steal oor wits awa; Sae let us curle tae hert's content— Oh! dinna let it thaw.

—Mack.

London, Jan. 30, 1922.

READ YOUR CHARACTER

[By Digby Phillips.]

NO. 106—THE MENTO-VITALS.

Reading character is like most everything else. Theoretically you can draw hard and fast lines. Pract