

ODE TO POET LOW-RATE AND "THE MOTE AND THE BEAM."

Oh thou critic lend an ear
To a girl that has no fear
Of the darts that leave a bow so faultly
strung;
Of thy criticism, raged,
Of thy witticism, aged,
In a mind that will remain forever young.

If thou would'st a poet sing,
Tie thee with an apron string
To a muse whose vision wider has become;
Tune thy throat to reach the skies,
Strike a note that never dies,
Let the voice of little fancies perish dumb.

When the year had but began,
Who resolved (like many a man)
Not to criticize the ladies or their dress?
Who that scrap of paper tore?
Like a Hun his oath unswore,
And attacks us with a sad forgetfulness.

Leave the path where thou hast
strayed,
Many others there have brayed,
And we feel, the man that thus his fail-
ings shun,
Whom by others would excuse,
Does himself the more accuse
And forgets the noble work he has begun.

C. P. L.

OUR DEAD AND WOUNDED.

WM. H. SMITH.

Official news is received that William Hammond Smith, formerly a letter carrier on the staff of Toronto post office, died in a military hospital on May 15th, as the result of wounds received in action. Deceased enlisted at the outbreak of the war and belonged to the First Division of the Canadian Expeditionary Force. He was thirty-six years of age and joined the postal force two years ago.

WM. A. HAWKINS.

Corporal William A. Hawkins, of the 19th Battalion, C.E.F., a Toronto Customs man, returned as wounded in a recent casualty list, is best known throughout the Empire as the winner of the King's Prize at Bisley in 1913. "Billy" Hawkins is a 48th Highlanders man of ten years standing. In peace-times he punctured targets with his unerring rifle. In war-time he has been sniping Germans "somewhere in France." How he was wounded, when and where is not yet known, but it was since October 3rd, on which date he wrote the last letter received by his wife.

F. POSTLETHWAITE.

A shell which broke a foot and a shoulder put F. Postlethwaite, of the 7th Battalion, C.E.F., out of action and into hospital in England. But Postlethwaite will not "stay put." He is now out of hospital and attached to the casualty company of the 30th Battalion and will go back to the front as soon as fit. He is an employee of the Department of Public Works in New Westminster.

T. BRIDGE.

Details are not to hand regarding the wounding of T. Bridge, a Public Works employee of Medicine Hat, who went to the front with the First Division, C.E.F. He has been discharged from the army as unfit for further service because of his injuries and has returned to Medicine Hat.

MURDOCH MATHESON.

Official news is received that Private Murdoch Matheson, 28th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, was killed in action with the enemy on October 9th. Private Matheson was connected with the Dominion Public Works establishment at Victoria, B.C., and enrolled for overseas service on February 28th.

OSCAR A. VANASSE.

Private Oscar Antoine Vanasse, 2nd Battalion, C.E.F., was admitted to No. 24 General Hospital, Etretat, on October 14th, suffering from a wound in the leg. Private Vanasse is an Ottawa employee of the Department of Public Works, is twenty-five years old and unmarried. He was a recruit from the 43rd Regiment.

CAPT. RENE DE SALABERRY.

Captain Rene de Salaberry, 2nd Battalion, C.E.F., has been wounded by shrapnel when in action near Ypres and is in hospital at Dieppe. His wound is in the leg and he is rapidly recovering. Further reference to him will be found elsewhere in this issue. Before the war Capt. de Salaberry was in the Department of Justice and was an officer of the Governor-General's Foot Guards.

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