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John W. Ward, who was for six years associate editor of The Grain Growers' Guide, was wounded in the leg two weeks ago. He writes us that he was in one of the hottest corners of the fight, and was going over the top with his unit when he felt a couple of sharp stings in the leg and an instant later found himself in a deep shell hole. A comrade who was in the hole ahead of him helped to apply the first dressings.

A German machine gunner was pumping bullets around the shell hole so thick that Ward waited three hours before he thought it wise to venture out. Then he started towards the dressing station and walked five miles until an officer of a Scottish regiment picked him up in his automobile and took him to the main dressing station. Here a Y.M.C.A. man gave him a package of cigarettes a bar of chocolate, some biscuits, and a cup of tea.

From the main dressing station he rode on lorries and in ambulances, stopping in one place for a couple of hours, and another for a couple of nights till he reached a regular hospital, where he had a good bath, was given a blue suit, and went under treatment. He says his wound is now nearly healed and he expected to be back in the fighting line by the time this is printed.

He says the wonder to him is that his wound was such a slight one considering the hail of bullets through which his company was charging. In fact another bullet struck him in the middle of the breast and tore part of the attachment off his gas-mask, but

glanced off without wounding him. Many of The Guide readers will be acquaintances of Mr. Ward. If they would care to write to him his address is as follows: Pte. John W. Ward, No. 234015, c/o W. Ward, Esq., 95 Ranelagh Road, Felixstowe, England.

The Doe Dads will return next week to their regular accustomed romping place on the lower half of the Young Canada Club page of The Guide, where (their holidays being over) they will continue their weekly performances more mirthfully and amusingly than ever, to the delight of their innumerable friends, who are waiting to greet them on their return.

Three Crop Estimates are set forth together in this week's Guide—that of the North-West Grain Dealers' Association, which figures the wheat crop of the three provinces at 163,025,000 bushels; oats, 214,825,000; barley, 37,154,000; and flax, 7,000,500; that of the Winnipeg Free Press, which places the wheat total at 149,844,000; oats, 183,045,000; barley, 41,957,000; and flax, 5,056,300; and the estimate of the provincial department of agriculture of Saskatchewan, 98,464,845 bushels of wheat from 9,101,000 acres under crop in that province, which, on the basis of \$2.24 per bushel, gives a total value of \$220,561,252, or only \$4,974,748 less than the value of last year's wheat crop in Saskatchewan.

Wayne Dinsmore, secretary of the Percheron Society of America, has written an article on the early history and general characteristics of the Percheron, that appears in this week's Guide. The story of the development

and improvement of any breed of livestock always makes interesting reading and in view of the fact that this particular breed is popular and so wide spread throughout Western Canada, it should command the attention of every Guide reader who is at all interested in obtaining reliable information on Percherons.



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