

PROUDFOOT NOTED FIGHTER FOR PROGRESSIVE METHODS

WAS A LEADER IN BATTLE AGAINST THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC—HIS SON RECENTLY WON MILITARY CROSS AT THE FRONT

Mr. William Proudfoot, K.C., the new leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, is a Liberal of long standing in Provincial politics. In 1902 he was tendered the nomination for the Provincial Legislature, but declined to stand until 1908 when he successfully contested the riding. He has never been defeated. Since his election to the Legislature he has been one of the most prominent members on the Opposition side of the House in fighting for progressive legislation along temperance lines. In fact, he was one of the strongest supporters of the abolition of the liquor license system in Ontario.

HASTINGS DOES ITS DUTY WELL BY THE CAN. VICTORY LOAN

Over Two Million and a Quarter Subscribed by Citizens of the County. One in Nine of Population Bought Victory Bonds.

The response to the appeal to buy Canada's Victory Bonds in Hastings County was magnificent. While the objective sought was only \$805,000 and this objective was considered too high, the amount bought was \$2,357,000 or nearly three times the objective. One in every nine of the population, men, women and children bought a bond. When it is considered that the latest Liberty Loan in the United States, there was just one in every eleven bought, and in the previous loan, one in every twenty-seven, some idea can be had of the magnificent efforts made by all the workers connected with the Victory Loan in Hastings County, and the co-operation accorded them by the entire population.

Table listing subscription amounts by township: Belleville, Trenton, Deseronto, Tweed & Hungerford Twp., Sulphide, Marlbank, Stirling & Rawdon Twp., Madoc & Madoc Twp., Marmora & Marmora & Lake Twp., Deloro, Sney Twp., Thurlow, Tyendinaga, Huntingdon, Elizavir, South Tudor, North Tudor, Coe Hill & Wollaston, Bancroft, Carlow & Mayo, Maynooth.

THINGS HAVE NOW CHANGED

"Things have changed considerably since I was a young fellow," said an old-timer to the Sentinel-Star on Wednesday. "Years ago on New Year's eve liquor was as free as water, but now—say, you cannot get a drink for love nor money." And so times have changed, no doubt for the better. Not a drunk was to be seen on the streets of Cobourg that day, and not an arrest was made in the holiday season. Chief Ruse, who celebrated his 35th anniversary as an employee of the town, even said it was quiet, and he ought to know. And by the way, on his 35th anniversary, we may just remark that he has served the old town faithfully and well. No town that we know of has a more faithful, honest and conscientious employe than Cobourg's Chief of Police.

XMAS CAROUSAL COSTLY ONE

Lindsay.—The aftermath of the Coronet's sliding Christmas carousal was ventilated in the police court this morning, when two of the participants were fined \$16.20 and \$14.20 by County Police Magistrate Moore. License Inspector Thornbury laid the information, and on Wednesday drove some 83 miles in connection with the case. The parties fined lived near Cobocook and Kirkfield. The third man, who furnished the "red eye" in Toronto and did not appear, but Inspector Thornbury is not inclined to let him ignore the summons.

F. J. SQUIRE COMMITTED

F. J. Squire, of Havelock, was committed for trial on two charges of perjury by County Magistrate Langley at Peterboro on Thursday morning. Mr. Squire appeared for the defence and Mr. Joseph Wearing representing Crown Attorney Hogg, who was engaged as a military tribunal. One charge was that at the Fire Marshall's inquiry in Havelock on Tuesday, December 4th, Mr. Squire swore falsely to the quantity of coal consumed in the fire on Saturday, November 10th, and secondly that he swore that he had received a threatening letter previous to the fire, knowing this statement to be false. In his evidence for the prosecution Detective Newhall told of a conversation he had with Mr. Squire in Armstrong's Hotel, Havelock, subsequent to the Fire Marshall Rogers' inquiry. Mr. Squire admitted having made foolish statements on that occasion and finally came to Peterboro and wrote a long confession which was presented in court. It was an admission reversing in effect, the statements upon which the perjury charges are based. Chief Thompson and Mr. F. Clithero, of Toronto, official stenographers at Fire Marshall Rogers' inquiry, were also called as witnesses. The evidence at that investigation recalled Mr. Squire's testimony that about a week before the fire on 10th November, he as officer of the military tribunal in Havelock, had received a threatening letter, which he said he destroyed.

BROCKVILLE MAY BE PASSED OVER

Peterboro will secure for the Island City. Brockville, Jan. 5.—Through some blitch in the arrangements and the fact that Brockville is already the quarters of the Railway Construction and Forestry Dept, it is not expected that, as previously stated, this town will become a sub-station for the Eastern Ontario Depot Regiment to which the men now being drafted will be attached. All arrangements had been made for the institution of a sub-station here and an advance party of two u.c.o.'s and six men arrived here yesterday to prepare for the reception of between 400 and 500 men belonging to places between Cornwall and Ganouque. Owing to differences of opinion, the party were forced to return to Kingston today and it is expected that the quarters of the men will likely be shifted to Peterboro. There is some hope, however, that the matter will be adjusted and that the sub-station will ultimately be opened here as was previously intimated.

SMASHED UP HER CUPBOARD TO GET FUEL

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 5.—The attempt on the part of the city authorities to alleviate the coal shortage situation in the city is revealing many cases of distress. Today the mother of five children, whose father is a soldier fighting overseas for the last two years, told of having gone two weeks without coal while the children were kept in bed to keep warm. The household chairs were broken up to provide fuel, she said. "This morning," she added, "I smashed up the cupboard for fuel. It's a shame the way they do business in this wealthy Canada of yours and let their people suffer," was her final comment as promise was given half a ton of coal would be sent her at once.

DON'T STOP WRITING

A Belleville officer now serving in France has just sent a personal letter to the editor from which we make the following extracts:—"I ran across the enclosed article in the London Daily Mail. Personally, I have no cause to complain, as I got many letters and an "Ontario" once in a while and which is, as before, very interesting. "But there are many who do not get their share. The home folks sometimes don't take into consideration that it takes three or four weeks at times for a letter to reach the boy in France. His facilities are never too cushy for writing and often his location, surroundings and circumstances are against him also. "Writing is assuredly an art. I have composed many letters and use a vast difference. Some chaps apparently could write pages. They seem to have the knack of being able to write entertainingly on many subjects. And on the other hand, there are hundreds who can't think of a thing. "I remember one of the boys from Belleville who made good—your old friend, Dan Cameron, actually teaching one of the boys how to write,—and this right in the front-line trench! "To me, the few lines, badly written, badly spelled and saying nothing, mean as much or more than the rouma. They represent more hard work and perhaps more thought. "The article from The Daily Mail is as follows:—"No letter for me again! A right; I can play at that game." That is the kind of thing one hears nowadays when the mail is distributed. The disappointed Tommy turns away promising to wait another twenty-four hours in the hope of receiving a precious envelope bearing the stamp of "Brighty." "Girls, don't let this sort of thing happen! Do not let the boys out here get it into their heads that because the war goes on and on you are forgetting them. There is enough to grieve about, Heaven knows. And the longer the war continues, the more necessary your letters become if the "blues" are to be routed. "Parcels are scarce; but we can understand that. Letters do not cost any more than they did in 1914, and they are much more valuable to us than ever they were. So write often, and write at length. It is easy to say in an occasional letter: "We are always thinking of you," but this is hard to believe unless we receive the evidence of frequent letters. "Do not let correspondence cease even if you have met your correspondent only once or twice. Remember that since enlisted his life has been at a standstill in most respects. In terms of civilian life he is not a day older. You may have met all sorts of people and done all sorts of things since you last saw him; he has had no such diversions. He does not ruminate over the experiences he has had in the army—he would like to put them behind him as soon as may be. But he does remember that last meeting with you—remembers it as keenly as though it happened only yesterday. He finds it difficult to understand why you do not let him hear from you on a holiday and thought fit to send him a few letters when he missed him a few days. He passed the correspondence dropped. Are you sure he was the last to write? Do you not recall

DEATH OF MRS. E. W. SNELGROVE

A pall of sadness spread over the community on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 29th, 1917, when it was announced that Mrs. Emmett W. Snelgrove, Colborne, had passed away. She was in apparent good health until found by her children unconscious on the floor of her room last Thursday morning from the effects of a stroke. Everything possible in the way of attention was given by doctors, nurse and friends, and while at times she seemed to know what was going on around her, she was unable to speak. Deceased, who was in her 34th year, was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Matthews, of Colborne. She was a bright, active woman, and a most devoted mother to her young family of six children—four girls and two boys—the eldest 5 years and the youngest 5 months old. Mr. Snelgrove had gone to Toronto on business the day before, returning Thursday afternoon. For him and his young family and for the parents and brothers the deepest sympathy is felt in their sudden and sad bereavement. The funeral services were held at the home on Monday afternoon by Rev. R. A. Court Simmonds, Rector of Trinity Church, and the interment took place in Lakeside Cemetery. A large number of friends were present. Relatives from a distance attending the funeral were: Capt. Mack Shaw, of Kingston; Capt. Geo. Matland, of Toronto; Mrs. Robinson, Capt. and Mrs. Jas. H. Peacock, Capt. Wm. Peacock, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Snelgrove, of Port Hope; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Snelgrove, of Brighton; Mr. and Mrs. Henry I. Matthews, of Cobourg; Mrs. Paussett, of Toronto.

WHY NOT USE PEAT?

Last week Mr. E. B. Haanel, chief of the division of fuels and fuel testing in the Canadian Department of Mines, read a paper before the Canadian Club in Montreal, urging the need of utilizing Canada's vast fuel resources contained in the great peat deposits of Ontario and Quebec. Mr. Haanel referred to the fact, which his department demonstrated some years ago, that peat fuel could be made very profitably by the "wet process," which utilized sun and wind to dry the peat. In these times of great coal shortage it does seem strange that the Province of Ontario, for instance, should be contented to face a coal famine when right at our doors lie immense deposits of available and valuable fuel, which, if utilized, would make us, to a very large extent at least, independent of the Pennsylvania mines. It may be that this peat fuel would not be as pleasant as coal, but in a time of great scarcity it would surely be a most welcome boon to our people. Why should not our Provincial Government, which has had the courage to secure great provincial water power for the people, turn its attention also to the development of the peat industry? At present our peat bogs are valueless and yet for generations other countries have used peat as fuel, and the Dominion Government's experiments at Alfred, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, showed apparently that peat fuel could be produced from peat at a cost equivalent to \$3.50 a ton for hard coal. Between \$3.50 and \$12.00 there is a considerable margin and it would seem to be worth while for the province to try its hand at developing our peat beds.

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OUR BAKERY GOODS

Are fine and fresh every day. Have you ever tried a Johnnie Canner Cake? They are resp. ndio 20c each. Chas. S. Clapp.

Hot Water Bottles

Save Your Eyes. When you have your eyes examined here you get the benefit of 24 years of experience gained right here in Belleville, and a knowledge that can be obtained only through wide study. Our expert organization is devoted solely to the care of your eyesight. Quality Accuracy Promptness. Angus McFee, Mfg. Optician, 216 Front Street.

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A 3 Year Bag With A Guarantee Tag. More Money Doesn't Buy More Value. 2 qt. \$2.50 3 qt. \$3.00. Belleville Pharmacy, THE KODAK STORE, 21 Bridge St. E.

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Hot Water Bottle advertisement with text: "something you can depend on as well as the best. Many, you know, are made from inferior stock simply to be offered as bargains. Ours are not that kind. You can not buy better Rubber Hot Water Bottles than we offer. Prices \$1.50 and \$3.00."

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