Letters To The Editor

NO CAUSE FOR DEPRESSION

Editor Ontario,—

A wave of depression has swept over us, which in my opinion, is unmerited. In order to sustain this view, let me in a few words, review the past. Germany's forty years of preparations, had placed her in possession of the greatest army the world had ever seen. Complete to the last strap. Every precaution taken. Krupp had furnished her with cannons and implements of war, far surpassing in power and effect, everything in the history of the world. As a fighting machine the army justified the Kaiser's remark to Colonel Roosevelt, who was present at a grand review, "that with this army, he could whip the world." Lulled to sleep, the present allies had no idea of Germany's plot. In vain did Lord Roberts and others, urge preparation upon England. Roberts was treated as a dreamer by the War Lords, who laughed him to scorn. The war was launched, the contemptible little army" was all Great Britain could send across the North Sea to meet this panoplied and enormous host.

The Germans outnumbered their opponents at least forty to one. Their artillery reserve was enormous. Their great divisions of the celebrated Guards, in splendid formation. At Mons the armies met. The Huns in masses poured upon the ranks of the Allies. Their guns plowed red lanes through their opponents. Back were driven the Allies. Back for five consecutive days, they retreated. Torn by shot and shell, devoid of food much of the time, sleepless, without water frequently. The left wing, under Smith-Dorien received the impact of the masses who knew well that if they turned the left wing, it meant absolute success.

Like wildcats with their leaders at their head they stopped retreating and with all the energy left in them, they hurled themselves at the foe. How they fought—"this thin red line"! They drove the enemy back and saved the army. Sir John French said: "I say without hesitation that the saving of the left wing could never have been accomplished unless a commander of rare and unusual coolness, intrepidity and determination, had been present to personally conduct the operation." General Smith-Dorrien and his noble men thus achieved eternal fame. Then take the Marne. The foe was within a short distance of Paris. The Huns in victorious masses had driven back the Allies. Van Kluck had, it seemed, only to continue his advance and Paris would have fallen. But the Allies said "thus far shall you come and no farther." They performed prodigies of valor and they drove them back and saved Paris. The world stood aghast. How was the miracle accomplished? By the splendid and heroic valor of the Allies. Think of these splendid successes, achieved when the Allies were unprepared either with men or guns against German-Austrian forces. Now that the Allies are fully prepared, in the light of past history can anyone think it possible that the Huns can win? Perish the thought. They cannot and will not win. Remember the Crown Prince at Verdun. Has Verdun fallen. No, and never will fall. This assault on the West is the very best thing which could have happened. I pointed out recently in a letter that the Huns might attack Salonika and Greece and how impossible it would be for the Allies to succor their army which has been three years at this place. Then there was the strong probability of their passing through Switzerland, overrun and capture Italy and enter France through the back door. They have elected to win or lose in this attack on the West Front. It is the move of desperation. To win the war they must crush the Allies before the United States can send their full strength. That is the whole thing. The German forces are penetrating Russia. Conquered Roumania. They have not yet received the support which a million and a half of prisoners now in Siberia would give them when freed. If Japan, and possibly China intervenes, they never will get those prisoners to join their ranks.

Don't be discouraged. We will certainly win. If she could not conquer in the past, when the Allies were so defenceless, how can she win now. The flags of the Allies will never be lowered to the Huns!

J. J. B. Flint

Spring Wheat Production Campaign At Rawdon

Under the direction of Warden Montgomery, Reeve of Rawdon, the rSping Wheat Production Campaign was inaugurated last Sunday at Stirling and throughout Rawdon. Father O'Reilly being overseas and no priest being in charge as yet, it was impossible to make arrangements for the Roman Catholic parish, but in all the other churches, appeals were made. Warden Montgomery spoke at St. Thomas and S. McComb at St. Mark's, Anglican, T. J. Thompson at Springbrook Methodist, S. Meikle-john at Rylston Presbyterian and W. McIntosh, District Representative at the three Methodist Churches of Rawdon circuit. In Stirling, C. W. Thompson, Capt. Walt, Dr. Bissonnette and T. Belshaw spoke.

The response was most encouraging. Warden Montgomery thinks a 10,000 bushel increase in Spring Wheat is a conservative estimate of the direct result of last Sunday's appeal, and that the impetus given will result in a much larger increase.

In some of the churches the Sunday school lesson of the day "Christ Feeding the Hungry Multitude" was used to enforce the present appeal.

BIG ISLAND

More than a week of bright sunshine, how foolish we were to do so much grumbling in January!

Mrs. E. Thompson who has been visiting friends in Belleville for a week, returned home on Saturday.

Mrs. Ellen Sprague, Mountain View, has been spending several days with friends here.

Sorry to report Mrs. D. B. Salisbury's health so poor that it was thought best for her to go back to the hospital.

Mr. Chas. Peck wears a smile these days. It's a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Carson, of Belleville spent the week-end with friends here.

Her many friends gave a miscellaneous shower on Thursday evening to Mrs. Ray Peck, nee Miss S. Clement The bride was the recipient of many useful and beautiful presents, and a highly enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hinemard were guests on Saturday night of Mr and Mrs. J. Kerr.

Several from the Island attended the dance given at the hall in the village on Friday evening.

OAK HILLS

Mr. Fred Elliott is moving to his new home in Thurlow. Friday evening previous, a number of his friends and neighbors invaded his home laden with dainties. After a social chat they were ordered to be seated when an appropriate address was read and Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were presented with two beautiful chairs and table. We will miss them as they have endeared themselves to us. We wish them ever success in their new home. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wannamaker are moving in and they have purchased that property.

Mrs. L. McKutcheon entertained a few friends on Saturday evening in honor of her niece, Miss Alex Hoord who is visiting there.

Mrs. Dickens is quite ill with plura-pneumonia. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clarke, of Angus was called to the bedside of his father, Mr. Geo. Clarke, who is very ill.

A Red Cross society was organized at the home of Mrs. Fred Elliott's Friday evening, with a membership of 13.

Sight To Make Toronto women Blush

Not since the Women's Tribute Night has Massey Hall seen such an impressive gathering as that on Saturday, when those two thousand marching veterans entered the big hall and every available seat was filled. Then to the flag-decked platform marched fifty of the "Originals" while cheer after cheer fairly rocked the building. First had come the National Anthem, and then, while the audience stood with bowed heads the band played "Abide With Me" in memory of their fallen comrades. In that great parade of protest had marched members of the G.W.V.A. woman auxiliaries, and others occupied seats on the platform.

But no sight to warm any woman's heart was that Massey Hall gathering. For what thinking woman could look on it without blushing with shame?

For there on the platform were men who had left Toronto in August 1914, to protect its women from the invader. Yet what did they HEAR on Saturday afternoon? They heard the revolting details of how the aliens they had gone out to keep from our shores were here in our very midst fattening on the blood of Canada's manhood!

Think of it!

What did the Originals SEE on Saturday afternoon?

They saw battered and bruised men, who had given one, two, three years of their best, with one leg stump through Toronto Streets to plead for justice, to urge that Canada for whom their comrades had died, be not given over to te alien.

Was not that a thrilling reception for these Originals?

Will it not be an inspiring story for them to take back to comrades still fighting for us in France?

What are "representative" women doing about it?

Of the twelve Toronto women chosen by Ottawa's War Cabinet as most representative in war activities not one was present at the record gathering of Toronto's veterans!

But the enthusiasm of the women there present promised much. For there were recognized women who have quietly helped each work for the soldiers, and among the very first to arrive was Mrs. W. B. Hendrie from Hamilton, who has been such a staunch upholder of the veterans of that city.

Four Women Replace 3 Men

Says Both W.A.A.C.'s and Wrens

London, Mar. 27.—Mrs. Prothero, wife of the President of the Board of Agriculture, said at the Women's War Service Exhibition that 12,000 recruits were wanted for the Women's Land Army.

"The wages are not very high, but then the army was never a highly paid profession," said Mrs. Prothero "But besides the 18s a week minimum wage you are offered the opportunity of eating your midday meal out of doors and the chance to watch the changing seasons; not a rest cure but an open-air work cure, a remedy for nerves."

Both the W.A.A.C.'s and the Wrens are of the opinion that four women are required to do the work of three men. While it is interesting to note that the British Government has recently announced that it requires only five women to do the work of four men in munition factories, despite the fact that most of the women pitched in without training.

She Would Farm

The young woman who wanted to do something for her country had in mind a farm.

She felt it would be constructive. Her family hesitated since she knew nothing of farms, and her acquaintance with the world of growing things rested largely on occasional trips to the florist's to order something sent up to her friends.

Still, she said earnestly, she felt that she ought to begin work at once The country did not need food, and what were the Allies going to do about it?

"So, I feel that no matter how hard it is nor what a struggle, I am to go through I must go into farming seriously," she confided to a horrified friend, who had once farmed and has never yet made a complete recovery from the financial depression she suffered thereby. "Yes I feel that I have already made a good beginning. I've telephoned to the agent to get a good farm somewhere and I'm going to devote the whole afternoon to looking for wicker chairs and a tea table for the verandah."

How New York Proposes To Spend The Sabbath

Sunday motion pictures are made a matter of home rule in the cities, towns and villages of the State of New York under the terms of a bill introduced by Senator George F. Thompson and Assemblyman Clarence F. Welsh in the Legislature at Albans.

The bill is backed by State conference of mayor and moving picture interests. If no local ordinance prohibits the exhibitions, motion picture shows may be given on any Sunday after 2 o'clock.

Barbering in New York city before 8 o'clock a.m., will be prohibited by two bills introduced by Senator Thompson, which also fix a ten hour day for barbers. These bills also prohibit barbering after 12 o'clock noon on Sunday, instead of 1 p.m., from June 15 to September 15. The bills apply to Saratoga Springs.

Power to seize milk stations and plants during any dispute which shuts off the supply of milk of a city is given the State Farms and Markets Council under a bill introduced by Senator Wicks, Republican, of Oneida. The bill carries an appropriation of $100,000.

Dr. Eugene H. Porter, State Commissioner of Food and Market wired the Federal Milk Commission a protest against the April prices to consumers. He points out that while 2 1-16 cents have been taken off the amount allowed the producer, the reduction to the consumer is only one cent a quart, thus giving the distributor an extra 1 1-16 cent a quart over what he got in January, in spite of the fact that weather conditions make the cost of distribution in April less than in January.

The April milk prices, Dr. Porter declared, constitute a discrimination against the infants who are dependent upon milk supply almost entirely These prices, he added, may also react upon the milk producing agencies by compelling consumers to shorten their supply of milk at a time when milk should constitute one of the most important part of a meal. The Federal Government's plan to save 100,000 babies who in the past years have died from lack of nourishment will fail if these prices are maintained, he said.

Lily Martin Went Downtown ; Is Now Missing

Girl Left Her Home To Visit Some Friends and Did Not Return—Was Good Looking.

Lillian Martin, a ward of the Children's Aid Society, who was a domestic at 43 Tyndall avenue, Toronto, has been missing for one week, G. W. Powell, agent for the local branch was advised today. The girl is aged sixteen.

The girl left her home last Monday to go down town to visit some friends, and that was the last seen of her. The detective department at Toronto has the case in hand.

When the girl was last seen she was wearing a long brown coat, new shoes and stockings. She is further described as a good-looking girl.

Mr. Powell said the girl had a fine home. She was originally taken from a home in Dummer.

Obituary

RICHARD O. REID

Richard Osborne Reid, a native of Prince Edward County, died at his residence, 71 Wilson avenue, Toronto, in the 84th year of his age. He was with the Golden Lion for ten years, then removed to St. Catharines for fifteen years, returning to Toronto about seven or eight years ago. The late Mr. Reid was a member of the Order of Chosen Friends. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Richard Franklin and Robert A. Reid, of Toronto, and by two daughters by his first marriage, Mrs. M. McCrae, Rochester and Mrs. Chas. Fyles, Merritton, Ont.

THE STORM HAS BEEN WEATHERED

While the German wedge is still moving, its progress is not alarmingly rapid, as it was in the first rush of the Teutonic hordes. The yielding line, it is asserted, has absorbed the impetus of the shock and has weathered the storm remarkably well. Berlin claims that 45,000 prisoners have been taken These were probably units which were left to hold the easier defended points, while the main portion of Field Marshal Haig's army fell back.

The British losses have been heavy, but it is officially announced that, considering the magnitude of the struggle, they are not unduly large. On the other hand, the Germans have suffered terribly, even Berlin admitting that Teutonic casualties before Peronne were "comparatively heavy."

Paris has again been bombarded by the mysterious German cannon, which is said to have been located in the forest of St. Gobain, south of La Fere. An interruption in the bombardment on Monday was considered as an indication that the mysterious guns, or possibly a battery of them, had been located by the French aerial forces

In the face of reports of continued falling back on the part of the British, the people of London and Paris have preserved a remarkable calm. This is reflected by the attitude of Washington, where it is felt that the momentum of the German thrust will have soon spent itself. President Wilson has sent congratulations to Field Marshal Haig and expressed confidence in the ability of the British to stop the enemy.

MARMORA

Sergt. D. R. Southworth of the Special Service Batalion, is visiting at his home here for a few days.

Mrs. W. A. Fisher and son expect to leave the first of next week for Montreal, where they will take up their residence.Herald.

Nothing Matters Exeept That the War Shall be Won

Makes Stirring Speech Urging War Savings So That World May Be Set Free; Whole of Civilization Is Security for Loan.

Folkstone, England, March 26.—"Nothing else under heaven matters today except that the war shall go on to victory," declared Rudyard Kipling here today in a striking and picturesque speech in advocacy of war savings. "The money we loan to the government helps to set our land and our world free," continued Mr. Kipling. "Our security for our loan is not only the whole of the British Empire but also the whole of civilization which has pooled its resources in men, money and material to carry on this war to victory."

What is the personal aspect of the case for you and me? We are fighting for our lives, the lives of every man, woman and child here and everywhere else.

"We are fighting that we may not be herded into actual slavery such as the Germans have established by force of their arms in large parts of Europe.

"We are fighting against eighteen hours a day forced labor under lash or at the point of the bayonet with a dog's death and a dog's burial at end of it.

"We are fighting that men, women and children may not be tortured burned and mutilated in the public streets, as has happened in this town and in hundreds of others. And we will go on fighting till the race who have done these things are in no position to continue or repeat their offence.

"If for any reason whatever we fall short of victory—and there is no half-way house between victory and defeat—what happens to us? This:

"Every relation, every understanding, every decency upon which civilization has been so anxiously built up will go—will be washed out, because it will have been proved unable to endure. The whole idea of Democracy—which at bottom is what the Hun fights against—will be dismissed from men's minds, because it will have been shown incapable of maintaining itself against the Hun. It will die; and it will die discredited, together with every belief and practice that is based on it.

"The Hun ideal, the Hun's rootnotions of life will take its place throughout the world. Under that dispensation man will become once more the natural prey, body and goods, of his better-armed neighbor Women will be the mere instrument for continuing the breed; the vessel of man's lust and man's cruelty; and labor will become a thing to be knocked on the head if it dares to give trouble, and worked to death if it does not. And from this order of life there will be no appeal, no possibility of any escape. This is what the Hun means when he says he intends to impose German Kulture—which is the German religion—upon the world. This is precisely what the world has banded itself together to resist.

"It will take every ounce in us, it will try us out to the naked soul. Our trial will no be made less by the earnest advice and suggestions that we should accept some sort of compromise, which means defeat, put forward by Hun agents and confederates among us They are busy in that direction already. But be sure of this. Nothing—nothing we may have to endure now will weigh one featherweight compared with what we shall most certainly have to suffer if for any cause we fail of victory."

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News and Views
From Our Ameliasburg Correspondent

The death of Mrs. Deborah A. Anderson, near Rossmore in the Township of Ameliasburg, County of Prince Edward on Feb. 19th, 1918, was a distinct loss to the community in which she lived. The late Mrs. Anderson was the eldest of the family of the late Col. Samuel Jones, of Hillier Township, who came from Ireland with his parents when four years of age, landing at Pictou, upwards of 100 years ago. Prince Edward at that time did not have the good roads it has today and the long walk from Picton to Hillier by this litle boy and his parents was attended with many difficulties. The old homestead was selected in Hillier where the late Col. Jones grew to manhood, and reared his family of nine children under the many difficulties experienced by the early pioneers. One son, the late Rev. R. N. Jones, formerly of Aultsville, an Aglican clergyman, will be remembered as one of the leading clergymen in the Ottawa diocese. The surviving members of the Jones family are Mrs. Minaker (Mary), of San Francisco, and Prof. L. Jones, connected with one of the leading educational institutions of California. The late Jas. Jones, for years a successful representative of the Massey Co. in Belleville was also a brother. The subject of this sketch, the late Mrs. Anderson was born in Hillier township on October 1st, 1842, being 76 years of age at the time of her decease. She married the late Levi Anderson, who predeceased her some years ago, leaving the great responsibility and care of rearing a young family. The late Mrs. Anderson was one of the most devoted of mothers in the early training of her family with sacred care and the deepest reverence and regard for things spiritual. In the management of her home she was ably assisted by her step-son, A. W. Anderson and her daughter, Miss Ella who never omitted anything which would contribute to their mother's comfort and happiness While her health would permit she was active in church work and devoted her efforts with the same zeal in connection with the Methodist church she would have done for her own church had she been in a position to do so. She loved her family and watched with zealous pride only as a mother could o, their success in life and her family entertained for her the strongest affection, until the time of her death.She lived to see her family all comfortably settled in homes of their own. Her step-children, Mrs. Cunningham, Sask., Jas. F. Anderson, Belleville, A. J. and A. W. of Rossmore, Mrs. Ketchapaw near Picton will always with grateful affection remember her motherly care over them. Her own children Rev. S. H. Anderson, D.D., Milwaukee; Rev. F. J. Anderson, Belleville, W. B. and Charles of Carroll, Manitoba, Geo. of Kitomatt, B.C., Miss Ella at home and John Senior master at Wingham, Ont., will mourn the loss of an affectionate Christian mother, who set an example worthy of emulation. Her illness which extended over some years at times, was atended with considerable suffering, which she bore with resignation and patience and at the last passed peacefully to her reward. The funeral service was conducted at her late residence by the Rev. Mr. Gall, who took his text from Job 23 Chap. v 10 at the close of his discourse Rev. Frank Anderson briefly referred to the Christian life his mother had lived and the lasting impression it had made on the lives of her children.

ZION

The W. M. S. held a missionary quilting at the home of Mrs. P. C. Caverly on Wednesday last.

A number from here spent Saturday in Belleville.

Mr. R. Reid lost a fine horse on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Walt and daughter Vera and Miss Lena Kennedy of Foxboro spent Sunday at Mr. E. Kennedys.

Mr. Harold Ray spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. M. B. Spencer's.

Master Winsor Bushel while playing at school at noon was struck between the eyes with an axe. We hope the accident is not serious and that he will soon be back to school again.

Mr. A. Glass spent Sunday with friends in our neighborhood.

Mrs. E. Kennedy and Mrs. B. Kennedy and children spent Wednesday at the home of Mrs. A. Walt of Foxboro.

Mr. G. Sills is busy getting out his logs on the oak hills. Mr. L. Bough and Mr. C. Simpson is helping him.

We are all glad to see Mr. W. Sills out again after his long illness.

HALLOWAY

Sawing wood and making maple syrup is the order of the day in this locality.

Mr. T. J. Kelly is very low with pneumonia.

Miss Leitra Rose celebrated her birthday at the home of her cousin, Mrs. R. Tounsend.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Ward spent Sunday last at the home of Mr. C. Kelly.

An airplane passed over this vicinity on Tuesday last.

Mrs. M. Rose has returned home after spending a week with her son near Stirling.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Montgomery and family of Belleville were guests of Mr. S. Bird on Sunday evening last

Mr. S. Gay occupied the pulpit on Sunday last.

Mrs. R. B. Mullen and family left for the west on Monday last where she expects to join her husband.

HALSTON

Don't forget the W.M.S. thanksgiving offering at Mt. Pleasant next Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Denyes and others are expected to help in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Parks and Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gibson spent Monday evening at Mr. S. Moult's.

The Red Cross tea at Mrs. C. Sargent's on Wednesday night was well attended despite the bad condition of the roads.

Miss Maggie Glass spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. W. Sills of the fourth concession.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. McTaggart and family in our neighborhood.

Mr. Miller and Miss Edna Parks spent one evening recently at Mr. O. Glass's.

Mr. H. Goodman of Hay Bay is visiting at Mr. C. L. Goodman's.

Miss Edna Lawrenson, of Gilead visited her aunt Miss Ida Collins last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Parks were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Boldrick Sunday evening.

The wheels have made their appearance again and we hear the song of the robin.

Muriel Shannon had the misfortune to get her knee cut and sprained by falling on the ice. We hope she will be able to attend school again in a few days.

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