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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1917.

WANTED

Three returned soldiers for service in the inside Post Office and nine men, sons or relatives of soldiers, to assist the letter-carriers in Belleville post office during the holiday season. Wages \$2 to \$2.50 per day.

E. Guss Porter, Robertson Block, Front St., Belleville.

Since when did Mr. Porter become postmaster of Belleville? If Mr. Porter has not been appointed postmaster why should these ten-cent jobs have to pass through his hands?

We presume the idea is to impress the fortunate individual who lands one of the highly paid sinecures, that it is only through Mr. Porter that one of these princely jobs can be secured.

We were under the impression that one of the heaviest planks in the platform of the new Union Government was the abolition of the patronage system.

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NEITHER RIDICULE NOR INSULT

The detested enemy up street has some most inappreciative remarks to make concerning the address to the ladies. The Ontario took so much pains to prepare for Mr. Porter. It asserts that we have been ridiculing the women of Belleville and insulting Canada's brave soldier boys overseas.

We deny most positively and emphatically that the address contained any expression whatever casting ridicule upon the ladies of Belleville and we challenge the enemy to produce any reference justifying its claim. On the contrary the address was genuinely laudatory and admiring in its tone.

As for the "insults" to the brave boys overseas permit us to point out that the only mention of the boys overseas was in that eloquent passage descriptive of the battle of the Marne.

In using this remarkable account of the Canadian victory at the Marne we were guilty of plagiarism. The account was taken word for word from a wonderful address delivered by an eminent Conservative statesman from Belleville at a "recruiting" meeting at Maynooth in January last. The Ontario has a verbatim report of this epoch-making address which has set historians right as to the real winners of the Marne.

We feel certain that the eminent statesman from Belleville had not the slightest intention to insult the brave boys overseas.

Little Tammany's days are numbered.

The difference between Graham's benefits and Porter's "benefits" is that the former have an existence outside of the imagination.

It's now only a question of the size of Graham's majority.

Trenton is also lining up alongside of Belleville and Sidney to give Graham a sweeping majority.

Our friends are often more embarrassing to us than our enemies. Mr. Porter must be praying fervently these days for deliverance from the consequences of the journalistic support he is receiving.

It is nonsense to assert that Mr. Porter was prevented from attendance at parliament by illness during the past six years. It is true that through the latter part of the session of 1917 he was seriously ill, but in the first four months of that session he was able to carry on his regular occupation at his office in Belleville.

The Ontario has repeatedly requested Mr. Porter or his journalistic sponsor to inform the public on how many days he put in an appearance at the house of commons during the six months' session of 1917 and for how many days he drew pay for that same session. The attendance should correspond with the seasonal indemnity, but does it? This information is of a public nature that the people are entitled to know.

Mr. Porter still apparently labors under the delusion that he is the Union candidate for West Hastings and made a labored effort in his City Hall address to show that he had Unionist standing.

No amount of endorsement from Ottawa can change essential facts at home. Mr. Porter cannot show that he was nominated by anybody but picked Conservatives in a straight Conservative convention and duly advertised in that way.

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THE FIRST SNOW-FALL

The snow had begun in the gloaming, And busily all the night Had been heaping field and highway With a silence deep and white.

Every pine and fir and hemlock Wore ermine too dear for an earl, And the poorest twig on the elm-tree Was ridged inch deep with pearl.

From sheds new-roofed with Carrara Came Chanticleer's muffled crow, The stiff rails softened to swan's-down, And still fluttered down the snow.

I stood and watched by the window The noiseless work of the sky, And the sudden furies of snow-birds, Like brown leaves whirling by.

I thought of a mound in sweet Auburn Where a little headstone stood; How the flakes were folding it gently, As did robins the babes in the wood.

Up spoke our own little Mabel, Saying, "Father, who makes it snow?" And I told of the good All-father Who cares for us here below.

Again I looked at the snow-fall, And thought of the laden sky That arched o'er the first great sorrow, When that mound was heaped so high.

I remembered the gradual patience That fell from that cloud like snow, Flake by flake, healing and hiding The scar that renewed our woe.

And again to the child I whispered, "The snow that husheth all, Darling, the merciful Father Alone can make it fall!"

Then, with eyes that saw not, I kissed her, And she, kissing back, could not know That my kiss was given to her sister, Folded close under deepening snow.

James Russell Lowell.

Other Editor's Opinions

AERIAL TRAINING

Occasional accidents in the aerial training camps give an impression that the risks attending the ordinary flight of an airplane do not appreciably lessen. But the explanation given by a high authority on such matters disposes of this idea.

Major-General Sir David Henderson, who is retiring from the chairmanship of the British Air Board to undertake an important "special duty", described recently the kind of training which is being given to British airmen.

"The total number of our training casualties increased heavily, but that was mainly because so many more men were training. It must be admitted, however, that the actual percentage of casualties in training all increased slightly, owing to the fact that our training has grown so much more comprehensive.

"Looping-the-loop" has come to be almost a kindergarten exercise in air training, and the man training to be a fighting pilot must practice the side-slip, the fall-slide, the nose-dive and other aerobatics of a most complicated character, until he is able to do almost anything with his machine.

"Actual field experience is most valuable training for the aviator. No pravery or native skill can compensate for lack of experience and training in actual war. The best airmen in the British army, speaking generally, are those who have been at it the longest.

For instance, one of our squadrons contains 18 men, who have downed 300 enemy machines in six months, and won a victory over that superb German aviator, the late Lieut. Voss. The leaders of that squadron are men who have had long experience at the game.

They are just as daring as anybody, but they have learned by that very experience how best to protect themselves while inflicting the greatest damage on the enemy.

Recalling the stages of development reached at the outbreak of the war, the wonder is that accidents are not more numerous when every pupil is learning what were then regarded as the most daring exploits. The reason for such strenuous preparation is clear; the first flight over the enemy's lines might necessitate the employment of the most intricate evolutions in the struggle for the dominant position, or in the desperate fight to safety.

Incidentally it may be remarked that the General hinted that the progress of the United States in airplane construction ought not to be too rapid. The danger of over-standardization, as destroying the ability to improve the type as experience and science dictated, he particularly emphasized.

This corroborates the criticism of the ambitious plans and exaggerated expectations prevalent in the States when the agitation for vast expenditures on airplanes and crews was at its height, as tending to result later in disillusionment and disappointment.

—Winnipeg Free Press.

LADIES COMING FORWARD

The determination of the ladies to take part in the political campaign is an inspiring sign—except to those who have an instinctive dread of womanhood stepping out of the home sphere. It ought to ensure the uplift of the whole political movement, for it is scarcely to be expected that the sordid methods of campaigning that have got by in the past will be tolerated by the ladies.

So we reiterate that the entrance of womanhood into the political campaign is an inspiration as well as the logical development of their being given the vote. The one naturally follows the other, and it would seem strange indeed if the woman suffragette, with all her yet unbiased enthusiasm for the right to help govern as well as make a nation, did not insist upon working as well as voting for the candidate she looks favorably upon.

Great work has been done in the "Die Land" by the Primrose and other leagues of ladies, banded together to secure the election of political candidates, and greater things must be expected seeing that they now have the right to follow their convictions to the polling booth.

Political discussion will probably have to take a wider range, and we hope a higher one. Certainly the

home-makers as well as the housekeepers will not be content unless matters immediately affecting their sphere of influence have places in the discussion from political platforms.

That fact is going to prove a trying ordeal for some politicians who in the past have paid more attention to public matters than they have to their names and the needs of the common people, but the result ought to be good—as good as we hope will prove the entrance of the women into political life for the first time in Canada.—Gaulth Herald.

Worms are encouraged by morbid conditions of the stomach and bowels and so subject. Miller's Worm Powders will alter these conditions almost immediately and will sweep the worms away. No destructive parasite can live in contact with this medicine, which is not only a worm destroyer, but a health-giving medicine most beneficial to the young constitution, and as such it has no superior.

GRAVEL ROAD

A few slights and cutters were put on Saturday and Sunday taking advantage of the snow.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Hayes and Miss J. O'Brien spent Sunday at Mr. F. Corrigan's, Beasington.

Mr. P. Cassidy shipped cattle and logs on Thursday and Saturday this week.

Mr. F. O'Sullivan spent Saturday in Nanawan.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Clark spent Sunday with friends in Morven.

Mr. F. Bowen has been ploughing on his new farm near Brockville.

The many friends of the late J. J. Semmler, who was killed in action on Oct. 20th, wish to extend their sympathy to his sorrowing parents, brothers and sisters.

A Medical Need Supplied.—When a medicine is found that not only acts upon the stomach but is so composed that certain ingredients of it pass unaltered through the stomach to find action in the bowels, then there is available a purgative and a cleanser of great effectiveness. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are of this character and are the best of all pills. During the years that they have been in use they have established themselves as no other pill has done.

MOIRA

Rev. Mr. Kemp, of Foxboro, conducted service in our church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Foster were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hagaman on Monday evening.

Mrs. S. H. Connor, of Tweed, spent a few days last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Salisbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clark also Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hollinger spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mitts, of Ivanhoe.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Wm. Spence is convalescent after her long illness.

Mrs. J. F. Horly entertained the members of the "Wide Awake" S. S. class last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Haight took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. Vandewater on Sunday.

Miss Mildred Clark is attending Albert College for the winter.

Quite a number from here attended the S. S. Institute held at West Huntingdon on Wednesday last.

Miss Mae Herity, of Toronto, has returned home after spending the past week at the home of her father, Mr. A. Herity.

Mrs. Fred Haight was the guest of her mother, Mrs. C. Wright, of Holloway, a couple of days last week.

The ladies of the Red Cross met at the home of Mr. J. Fox on Thursday and finished up the work of the past two months. 7 Suits of pyjamas, 18 pillow slips, 18 towels, 7 sheets, 32 pairs of socks.

A Household Medicine.—They that are acquainted with the sterling properties of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the treatment of many ailments would not be without it in the house. It is truly a household medicine and as it is effective in dealing with so many ordinary complaints it is cheaper than a doctor. So, keep it at hand, as the call for it may come most unexpectedly.

LINDSAY FARMER HURT

A very serious accident happened Thursday afternoon at the farm of Mr. Ed. McCorvie, near Lindsay.

A threshing machine was being moved out of his gate, when it slowed, pinning Mr. McCorvie between the flywheel of the machine and the gate post, breaking three ribs, one piercing his lung. Although his injuries are very serious his recovery is looked for.

MEET TONIGHT IN GRAHAM'S COMMITTEE ROOMS.

Mr. Hilton Clapp, Niles' Corners, appointed as enumerator to ascertain the number of women voters Thursday.

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THE FINNIGAN CARRIAGE & WAGONCO BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO

Word was received by Mrs. Ed. Prentice of the death of her uncle, Mr. James Sharpe of Oswego. Mr. Sharpe was a brother of Mrs. Hearn's and Mrs. Vandervoort of town.

Mrs. Fred Harrison has gone to visit Mr. and Mrs. B. Harrison in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Johnston entertained a few of their friends at their home on Tuesday evening.

The Sunshine Class of the Methodist Sunday School held an "At Home" on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Bert Mott. Over \$30 was taken in, which goes for the Sunday School work.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Meyers took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Sandercock on Sunday. They also attended the funeral of Mr. Lorenzo Vandervoort in the afternoon.

The services at the different churches were held as usual on Sunday. Mass in St. Francis at 11 a.m., by Rev. Father O'Reilly, the Methodist at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. in the Windsor Hall, by Rev. Mr. Anderson of Smithfield, Trinity at 7 p.m. by Rev. E. F. Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. D. Knox preached anniversary services at Smithfield on Sunday for Rev. Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Herbert Horsey, Independent Liberal candidate for Prince Edward county, was calling in this neighborhood last week.

Mrs. L. Lout, Ameliasburg, spent a few days last week the guest of Mrs. Fred Weeks.

As a result of the sitting of the local military tribunal, a year's exemption from military service has been granted to farmer's sons in this locality, with the exception of Mr. Arthur Kinnear, who has been granted exemption only as long as he remains a farmer.

Mr. Oscar Boyay and Mr. Alfred Smith have been drafted for overseas.

Miss Dossie, Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. (Rev.) Mutton.

The members of the Epworth League enjoyed an excellent program on Friday evening, with the president, Mr. Orville Locklin in charge. Mrs. Mutton conducted an interesting feature in questions on proverbs and Miss Clara Chase read a comprehensive paper on the topic, "Social Evangelism." A vocal duet by Miss Ella Locklin and Mrs. Mutton was much appreciated as was also a dialogue by Luella Young and Alice Cruickshank. Refreshments were served.

The heavy casualty list has brought sorrow to many homes. Mr. A. D. Bush, B.A., signaller on overseas service and son of Mr. and Mrs. David Bush, is among the fallen heroes. Also, Pte. Jacob Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Adams, and Pte. Joe Simonds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Simonds, are among the slain.

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seriousness illness, necessitating her removal to Toronto hospital for an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Edna Vance has returned home after visiting friends in Picton. The "At Home" under the auspices of the local Red Cross Society, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chase Wednesday evening was a great success. About seventy were present and while many of the ladies busied themselves in knitting, all enjoyed the excellent program conducted by Rev. H. H. Mutton. "We'll never list the Old Flag Fall" was the opening number sung in chorus. Patriotic addresses were delivered by Mr. Chas. Kinnear, Mr. Frank Zuffelt and Rev. Mr. Mutton and appropriate readings were given by Miss Mulholland, Miss Edna Chase and Mrs. W. H. Anderson. Miss Ella Locklin gave several piano selections and Mr. Mutton sang. A voluntary offering resulted in the magnificent sum of \$30 to be used in purchasing supplies. Refreshments were served after which the evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

A detailed financial report of the Society was given by the secretary, Mrs. Lee Smith. The following is the report in brief:

Money received from: Belleville Council \$30.00 Belleville Cheese Board \$2.50 Individual Donations \$7.55 Bazaar and Social \$70.57 Two "At Home" \$17.73 Names on Cushion \$10.00 Collections \$11.38

Total \$269.83 Paid for material \$259.26 Balance on hand \$10.57

SIXTH LINE OF SIDNEY

Mr. Wilmot Rose is confined to the house through illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lott spent a day last week in Trenton.

Scott's Sunday School are preparing for the Christmas entertainment on the Christmas morn.

Miss Eva Sine spent a few days last week on the 5th concession.

Miss May Rose had a slight operation on Sunday night on her foot.

Mrs. J. Kierman of Wallbridge, spent Friday last with her mother.

Wise mothers who know the virtues of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator always have it at hand, because it proves its value.

BIG ISLAND

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. G. Rightmyer, Bethel. The relatives have the sympathy of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot Wager were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Carr, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Allison, Mrs. M. and Mr. C. Allison and daughter, Violet, were visiting friends in this vicinity recently.

Many from this vicinity spent Thursday in Demorestville, it being Field Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wager spent the week-end in Belleville.

Mrs. A. E. Mills spent Monday with Mrs. Clayton Sprague.

The fishermen have returned to their homes in Belleville.

Could Hardly Live for Asthma

Wife's one man who after years of suffering has found complete relief through Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy. Now he knows how needless has been his suffering. This natural remedy gives sure relief to all afflicted with asthma. Inhale as smoke or vapor it brings the help so long needed. Every dealer has it or can get it for you from his wholesaler.