

LETTERS FROM SOLDIERS AT SALISBURY PLAINS

The following interesting letter has been received by Mrs. (Dr.) H. A. Yeomans, from her son, Ted who is with the First Contingent in the artillery.

Devizes, Eng., Jan. 15th, 1915
Dear Mother—

I suppose you have received about ten letters from Pat since the last one I wrote you—as usual.

It was a week ago last Tuesday, that we packed up and came in and were billeted here. I tell you, it is nice to be in a home again.

We had to start away about two or three weeks ago—I don't remember if I told you about the live shell firing practice or not, but anyway here goes again—

About two weeks ago some of our officers went to observe some artillery practice firing, and Lieut. Thackeray of our section, thinking we would like to go too, took us along. When we arrived at the ranges, we were standing watching the proceedings when three aeroplanes and a biplane appeared on the scene, and by one of them, they dipped and alighted on the ground near by.

Seen up came a bunch of fusser aeroplanes, from which a couple or three men took various mysterious pieces of apparatus and began to set them together; and in the space of a very few short minutes, in the face of our wondering eyes, the "aeroplanes" assembled and reassembled themselves so that, before we could realize it almost, there was a field wireless outfit ready for the operator. Now the battery commander having come upon the scene, a battery was brought into position, and then one after the other, each of the three aeroplanes rose into the air and flew off in different directions—presumably searching for a target. One after the other they came back, last of all the one in front, which however only stayed down for a few minutes; and then rising, flew off in the direction from which it had come. Presently it returned and flew in circles over our heads. I was wondering what the idea was in doing such apparently foolish things, when my wondering gaze came to rest on the wireless outfit—then I understood. The aeroplane above, which appeared to be idly circling in the air, was in reality sending directions to the battery beneath, by means of wireless. Suddenly "bang" a gun exploded, and the aeroplane which had started off just previous to the firing of the gun, was over the target almost as soon as the shell—it's passenger carefully noting the position of the bursting of the shell in order to correct the aim. So it went on for the remainder of the day till well on in the afternoon—the aeroplanes taking taking turns at the job of directing the fire. Sometimes they would fly quite close over our heads. I remember once, while watching the guns, I suddenly heard a humming whirr overhead, and, glancing up, started, saw a biplane, which, by the way, flies more quickly than any aeroplane I have ever seen dip and fly swiftly not twenty feet over my head, come to the ground about thirty yards away, and propeller still going, turn round under its own power and roll back into position. There were many things I learned that day—how a wireless set is erected on the field—how some aeroplanes are equipped with a powerful lamp by which they can signal with flashes—how wonderfully useful an aeroplane can be in directing artillery fire—in fact I learned innumerable things of great importance, and you may well imagine that I came away feeling that that day had certainly been well spent.

A few days after that we got orders to pack up and be ready to move at any moment. That was Jan. 4th and on the next day we were ordered to saddle up and move into billets in the town of Devizes. The morning turned out beautiful, but, as we marched, the clouds began to gather, and thickened so that I thought it would pour—as usual—by the time we reached D thought it was only a dis-

tance of nine miles. Happily it did not, though it started to drizzle when we were about three miles from our destination, occasionally varying itself with a light rain.

We reached Devizes in the afternoon and after we had got the gun stationed on the village "green," and the horses in the stables, a policeman took us to our billets, which, as Pat has most likely told you, is at No. 1 Bloomfield Terrace, and where we were welcomed by Mrs. Fishlock, who showed us to our rooms and gave us a chance to deposit some of our heavy baggage. We found Mr. and Mrs. Fishlock to be very nice and, very certainly treated us with great kindness. They have two children, a little girl about two years old, and a baby of seven or eight months.

Everything is fine now. The horses have improved wonderfully for the most part, though Billie, my horse, has grown visibly thinner in the last week, owing to a attack of eczema. I think he will pick up soon however. Next week we are to return to Salisbury to do some artillery firing. Our stay, however, will only last over the space of three days.

You asked me, I believe to outline our duties on the field. At present, our horses being out of condition, our duties do not differ from those of the other men in the battery, the common duties being to take the horses out for exercise rides, the intermediate time being spent in grooming them and cleaning the harness. When in good trim, however, that is, when we are able to drill as though on active service at the front, our main duty, in fact our only duty when the battery is in action is to establish communication at all costs between the battery and the battery commander. Since a battery of artillery is always, except in the most urgent cases concealed when in action in the best possible place from the eyes of the enemy—sometimes behind a wood, sometimes behind a hill or some high bush—as a general thing the battery commander cannot observe the effect of, and direct the fire from the position of the battery, and, unless measures were taken for him to make the observations and correction the battery would be useless. He therefore has to separate himself from the battery and find a place where he can do as he wishes while still keeping in communication with the guns. Having found a suitable place, he conceals himself as well as possible, and it is then our business to set up communications with the battery. Of course we have a variety of means at our service; and these are used, first in order of safety, and second in order of speed. The first means is by telephone, which is both safer and swifter than any other; the second is by "flag signalling"—semaphore—preferable, speed being greater; and the semaphores is too risky. The third, and most desperate resort is by word of mouth through a chain of orderlies stretched from battery to battery commander.

Such are our duties on the field. In my next letter, if I remember, I'll let you know how "telephone" communication is established, but I must close for the present, so goodbye.

With best love, "Ted"

A letter was received from Captain Olympe this morning dated January 22nd in which he describes the work of one of the attacks by the Battalion and the second "Divisional day" in which the whole Division was out at manoeuvres. He also said that the dance given for the Battalion was a success, by the officers had been carefully planned for for medical reasons.

He says that the second battalion is in splendid health and that meningitis has not appeared amongst them. The Captain said the men were in good spirits, the Belleville men were all well, they did not know when they would leave Salisbury, but were ready to go whenever orders came. He enclosed some snapshots of the officers of the battalion, and sent his best wishes to the Belleville friends.

THE NEW ORANGE LODGE

The first official duty devolving upon the District Master of the Orange Lodge of the District of Kingston, was that of instituting Primary L.O.L. No. 2599 at Point Anne on Friday last, this being the fourth new lodge organized in this district within the last two years. It was assisted by Brothers George McCartney, Grand Organizer; W. C. Reid, Grand Auditor; D. M. Farrell, Master of L.O.L. No. 274, Wilfred J. Davidson, Master of L.O.L. No. 2519, George P. Rutledge, P.M. 274, Louis Soule, Treasurer 274, and others.

Last night the new lodge held its first meeting and advanced 17 of its members to the several degrees necessary to qualify for office, after which the following were elected and installed as officers for the ensuing year, viz—

Master—Wm. P. Bowyer
D.M.—R. P. Bowyer
Chaplain—Bro. Best
Rec. Sec.—L. Hall
Fin. Sec.—Ross Laughlin
Treas.—D. McDonald
Lecturer—Howard Darlington
D. of C.—N. Langhille
Committee—Bros. J. Cricknell, C. Mitchell, J. Mosier, A. McDonald, L. Dehane.

A sympathetic report was done full justice to. The lodge starts off with every prospect of abundant prosperity.

Mr. W. B. Sparling Lindsay, was guest of Mr. J. J. Davis, and Mr. G. F. Stewart, Belle Isle, guests of Mr. F. C. Vanstone, "Cedar Cliff" while in town over Sunday.—Bowmanville Statesman.

WOMEN'S RIFLE CLUB

The weekly shoot of above club took place at the annual on Thursday afternoon. The following scores were made—

Miss V. McLean	97
Mrs. E. Wheatley	96
Mrs. M. E. Falkner	95
Mrs. Douch	94
Miss S. Walton	93
Miss Fraileck	93
Miss Herrington	91
Mrs. Platt	90
Miss MacCausland	89
Miss H. Anderson	89
Mrs. Stallworthy	88
Miss MacDonnell	88
Miss A. Laidler	88
Miss McCarthy	86
Miss J. McLean	85
Miss Hurley	85
Miss Campbell	83

G.M.B.A. CONVENTIN FIGHTS RATES INCREASE

To Ask Dominion Government Not to Let Grand Council Raise Them

Kingston, Feb. 3.—The Catholic Mutual Benefit Association convention which concluded its session here today, decided to ask the Dominion Government to refuse to permit the Grand Council to raise its rates on July 1, as decreed upon by that body. It also decided to ask Mr. F. H. Hackett, President, at St. Catharines, Que., asking him to call a special convention in May.

INDUCTED IN PASTORATE AT MADOC

Rev. Dr. W. S. McTavish Formally Assumes New Charge on Thursday

Thursday was a notable day for Presbyterians in North Hastings. On this date Dr. W. S. McTavish, for several years Field Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, and one of the most useful and prominent of the ministers of the Presbyterian church, was inducted into the pastorate of St. Peter's church, Madoc.

St. Peter's has long been a center of strong religious influence. From its membership have gone out many missionaries, clergymen, leading professional men and many others who have themselves become radiating centers for the whole-some Christian enthusiasm carried from the old home.

At 4:30 p.m., the hour set for the induction, Rev. E. C. Currie, pastor of John Street Presbyterian church, Belleville, took charge of the proceedings in the absence of moderator. There was present a splendid representation of the congregation as well as a number of the Presbyterian clergy from surrounding charges. Mr. Currie performed the ceremony of induction and addressed the minister, Rev. J. T. Hall, of Stirling, addressed the congregation on its duties and responsibilities. Rev. P. N. Sinclair, of Eldorado, conducted public worship.

At the close of the service Dr. and Mrs. McTavish were introduced to the members of the congregation, and which all retired to the basement where refreshments were served.

Just prior to the serving of tea the ladies of the congregation presented Mrs. McTavish with a beautifully worded address and a bouquet of carnations.

In the evening an informal program of music and addresses was carried out in the auditorium of the church. Among others, impromptu speeches were delivered by Rev. A. E. Smart, rector of the Methodist church, Rev. W. T. Wilkins B.A., clerk of the Presbytery, Trenton, Mr. Wm. Mackintosh, for forty years a member of the session, Mr. Wm. Cross, chairman of the board of management, Mr. Tuller, the oldest member of the congregation, Mr. D. V. Sinclair, of Belleville, one of the old boys of the congregation and others.

Colts were rendered in a delightful manner by Miss Bertha and Miss Pyne, and there were other musical numbers as well.

The entire proceedings were most enjoyable, and there is among the congregation a highly optimistic feeling. Dr. McTavish enters upon his charge with a wide field of prospects for a most successful pastorate.

MOBILIZATION CENTRE HERE

Opinion That No Change Will be Made of Location of 39th Battalion

From Saturday's Daily.

While no information has yet been received by the local authorities relative to the changes at the Canning Factory in preparation for mobilization of the 39th Battalion, some of the officers do not take the intimation as heralding the mobilization at another point than Belleville. The reasons given for this view are the letting of contracts for meat, bread, lumber and so forth, and the leasing of premises for the third contingent. One officer said today he could not understand how at this late date after so much preliminary work had been performed, there could be a change of location. He expects Belleville will still be the mobilization centre.

Another point is that seven carloads of goods out Feb. 17 or 18 have been shipped out of town.

Sergeant-Major Hill of Shannon is a busy man these days drilling his recruits. The sergeant major has the respect and confidence of his men.

Some criticism by the recruits has been offered because some N. C. O's who have not become recruits with the 3rd contingent under took to drill the men who had enlisted to go to the front.

Major W. J. Brown of the 15th Regiment, now of the staff of No. 3 Division, Kingston, is in the city today.

Yesterday a telegram was sent to Mr. E. G. Porter, K.C., M.P., at Ottawa, regarding the order to stop work at the Canning Factory. But Mr. Porter was in Picton and is still there today.

The message in question was one which had been sent from Kingston on Tuesday, but the letter had to be redressed to Belleville from Orangeville, to which latter place it had been originally addressed.

Belleville Patriotic Association

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge with thanks the following payments since added to the lists published up to the 30th January.

Th. total of \$562.05 on 31st February
W. W. Knight, payment for Feb.—2.00
E. F. Milburn, payment for February—1.00
Household on John St., payment for February—\$1.00
Miss Helen R. Felen, payment for February—\$1.50
Employees of McIntosh Bros., payment for February—\$96.10.

CITY LEAGUE HOCKEY

(From Saturday's Daily.)

At the arena last evening, two excellent hockey matches were pulled off under the auspices of the city league. The Bell Telephone boys and the Belleville Hardware youths were the first on the ice. The second match was between the Midgets and Bridge Street Ever Readies.

Hardware 6
Bell Telephone 0

The Hardware men were too hard for the "central" line-up. The game was closely contested. There were three periods of 15 minutes each. The first period resulted in one score for the Hardware, the second gave them two and the third three. Although the "Bell" boys failed to net, any goals the score was not a criterion of the game, for both sides played strenuously. Naturally the Hardware seven had the best of it.

Goal	H. Duesberry
Defence	E. Brown
Defence	J. Marshall
Forward	F. Caron
Center	H. Smith
Right Wing	P. Smith
Left Wing	C. Duesberry

Midgets 2
Ever Readies 1

The surprise of the evening was the win of the Midgets, many of whom have not been in any kind of training. The Ever Readies and their opponents played a strenuous game. Railbirds looked for the Ever Readies to win out by endurance on the ice but they were disappointed. The first period was a blank. In the second the Midgets scored and a shout went up but the cheers subsided when the Ever Readies netted the puck. Both sides had several O.H.A. players on their line-up and their strenuous play kept the game lively. Tommy Hunter played a remarkable game and was always in the thick of the melee. The third period gave one to the Midgets and during the last ten minutes might, they could not score. Checking was heavy all through the game.

The referee was Mr. C. Froehlich. The players were:

Goal	Nurse
Defence	Fink
Defence	Ketcheson
Forward	Tuite
Center	Moon
Right Wing	Bowen
Left Wing	Green

On Monday night the Grand Trunk team will play the Hardware men and the O.B.C. clashes with the Ever

TODAY'S MARKET

From Saturday's Daily.

The market this morning was not as large as usual, owing to the conditions of the roads. Sleighting is good, but the drifts are bad in many places. Still in spite of the ridges of snow a good quantity of hay is coming into town at this week-end.

One farmer on his way to market, this morning, noticed the fact that the fences along the roads were responsible for the easy driving along some roads by reason of the absence of drifts. He strongly condemned those who were objecting to the building of wire fences.

The sensation of the market today was the high price of grains. Corn was so scarce as to be a negligible market commodity. Some of the buyers were asking as high as \$1.40 to \$1.50 for wheat by the single bag, but they did not sell very freely of their offerings. Barley of the best grade is bringing 73c to 75c per bushel.

Potatoes sold at 70c, but the market was quiet and some although offered towards the close at 65c, remained unsold. The inner market was quiet. Eggs brought 32c to 34c, and butter 50c to 55c.

Chickens sold at 50c to 75c, a piece. Some fine specimens sold at \$1.65 per pair. Sauer-kraut is still offered for sale and buyers turned away. Some fine Maltese terrier puppies raised in Prince Edward County drew the biggest crowd on the market. Fifteen dollars a piece was asked for each of them.

RECRUITS WANTED

Although the representatives of the Militia Department in Belleville have received orders to discontinue all work and preparations for the housing of the Thirty-ninth battalion here, this order does not mean that recruiting has ended. The officers are still anxious to secure more recruits. It is expected that work will again be resumed in a day or two and the original arrangements carried out.

POICE SHELTER.

From Saturday's Daily.

Two tramps were sheltered last night at the police shelter. This is a sign that the snow blockade has been broken. For the first time in ten days weary wanderers have snoozed in the station. The blockade in the early part of this week accounted for their absence part of the time.

The police responded to a call near the High School grounds yesterday where some boys were disorderly. They were advised to go home.

ENJOYABLE REUNION OF O.B.C. STUDENTS

(From Saturday's Daily.)

There were scenes of mirth and jollity and sounds of revelry in the assembly-room of the Y.M.C.A. last night when more than one hundred of the students and staff of the Ontario Business College congregated so as to get better acquainted with one another and have a general good time. Mr. J. W. Johnson, M.P.E., principal of this institution that draws its patronage from every province in the Dominion and from the islands beyond the seas, occupied the chair. After the introductory musical numbers, Mr. Johnson, in a brief sketch, gave a most interesting account of his early experiences in sailing out one of the liners, "The City of London," from Montreal to the head of the Great Lakes. For five years he held the position of purser on this boat.

Prior to this Mr. Johnson welcomed the students to the reunion. Among those in attendance at the college at the present time there were eleven French Canadians, and three had come from Cape Breton, and one from Quebec province. The French and British races in Canada were complementary to each other. The cordial relations subsisting between the two nationalities was an omen of good for the future. Besides those from Quebec there were students now present from Antigua, and Tobago in the West Indies, British Guiana, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Vermont. The college was also represented by two volunteers at the front, Messrs. Hatt, and Garland. These two volunteers were also from the West Indies.

Mr. Johnson then went back to recount his experiences at a mariner on the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence river fifty years ago. From 1867 to 1872 he had spent five years in sailing between Montreal and Chicago as purser on the "City of London." Mr. Johnson then showed some interesting exhibits of posters of excursions in which the "City of London" had the honor of conveying the excursionists. The one in 1868, the other in 1869. Upon his first trip down the St. Lawrence the boat in which Mr. Johnson sailed, the "Greenich," was wrecked on a rock in the Lacine rapids. A copy of the Kingston Whig of May 10, 1867, was shown giving an account of the accident.

He also came nearly suffering shipwreck again on Dec. 7, 1871, in a terrific storm on Lake Erie.

He next referred to an important bit of history of the years 1864, and 1865 that seems to afford a precedent for the present time. In those years sympathisers of the Southern cause in Canada organised filibustering expeditions in this country and were attempting to annoy the forces of the Union. The Canadian government at once sent out what were known as "Administration Battalions" to guard the frontier. Among others, two companies of 60 men were sent from Belleville in 1864 in command of the following officers—Capt. Levisson, Lieut. Mackenzie, Bowell, Ensign Jas. Brown, Sergt. Major P. H. Hamby. In 1865 a company of the Fifteenth Battalion went to the Niagara frontier under command of Capt. Beckett, Lieut. McLeod, Ensign Ridley. Of those who composed the latter company only two are now living, Messrs. Jas. A. Roy, Wm. Gibson, and J. W. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson the United States government should now do as much for us, by preventing German-American activities along their northern frontier.

There was a brief but highly enjoyable musical program of which the following were some of the features: Piano solos, Miss Duckworth, and Miss Ashley; vocal solos, Miss Bowden, Miss Brown, Mr. Davidson, and Mr. Lavigne; vocal trio Misses Yeomans, Misses Bowden and Brown; male quartet, Messrs. Matthews and Matthews, Bruner and Lavigne and the Marcellaise hymn sung in French.

Nelson Pelkey Dead

(From Saturday's Daily)

The death took place yesterday of Nelson Pelkey at his home in Canbyton. He was sixty-eight years of age and a Methodist in religion. He leaves one son Albert of Auburn, N. Y. and four step-children, Philip Belch, Mrs. John Russell, James Belch all of Watertown, N.Y., and Wellington Belch of Kingston. Surviving are also six brothers Alfred and Joseph, Crescent, N.Y., Joseph of St. John, James of Trenton, Canada of the United States and Edmund of Toronto.

NAROW ESCAPE.

Mr. Fred W. Sprague, excise officer at Corbyville Distillery, yesterday morning met with a most serious accident. He was working in a stooping position eight feet above the floor in the tank sealing room sealing a liquor tank. Unfortunately he missed his footing and fell to the floor. Mr. Roper who was nearby hastened to him and found Mr. Sprague lying unconscious on the floor. He thought him dead. Mr. Sprague had fallen on his head and there were severe bruises on his left eye. It was sooo learned that he was living and he was hurried to his home on Charles Street, in this city in a cutter. Dr. Gibson attended him.

To-day the unfortunate young man is in bed unable to move but conscious. His left eye is badly swollen. It is too early yet to know whether he suffered any internal injuries.

What Big Storm Cost Railways

Just one half million dollars (\$500,000) is what Tuesday's snow storm cost the railways. This statement was made by a railway official at the Union station, Toronto, Wednesday, who is connected with the transportation department. He said that the snow storms to equal that of the past 18 hours, said he "About seven years ago I don't think it cost as much to clean up after that week as it will after the recent gale."

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OBSEQUIES
LATE FIRE

Impressive Funeral
Campbell—Borne t Firemen

(From Friday's city in many a day w late Fire Chief William Hundreds of citizens turned out to pay the one whom they held in esteem. His long residence his prominent position and in fire prevention and his admirable per eristics had made him classes of society. His the fire brigade turned form in a body to best tribute to the memor ceased chief. Belleville also attended, because relationship that exist departed and the poli The city council was

Rev. H. S. Osborne, Street Methodist church impressive service at a dance, corner of Bridge and Isabelle street. He of the vicar during The cortege formed to Belleville cemetery and rites were observed The bearers were a led so that two pe No. 1 Company and the Company and two the der—Capt. W. J. Brov mons. Robert Tuite, O'Hara and J. O'Connell Many beautiful received as tributes to Fire Department—G No. 2 Fire Departme Family—Pillow. Grandchildren—Wren Mr. and Mrs. Andry Mr. and Mrs. A. W. family—Sheaf. Our Hunting Party—

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