

Aylmer Express CORP. W. R. HARE

NOTES AND COMMENTS

When a fellow is invited out in the country these days, it becomes a serious question as to whether the hostess will fill you up at the supper table, so you can't eat any warm sugar, or whether she will fill you up with warm sugar, so that you can't eat any supper.

We do not know of anything that has happened in Aylmer for a long time, that has given more general satisfaction, than the grant of \$1250 which Corp. W. R. Hare received on Monday last from the Canadian patriotic fund. It was well deserved, and the money was well placed, as the chances are, that Mr. Hare will never have the use of his arm again. It makes him feel that his services and sacrifices are appreciated, and shows that Canadians look after, and care for their volunteers. This will not effect his pension in the least.

The contracts for sugar beets are not coming in as fast as we should like to see them, although nearly every farmer wants to see a factory here, and all expect to raise beets. This won't bring a factory here, gentlemen. You must sign the contracts, or you will never have a factory. Don't wait till some one goes to the bother and expense of driving around to see you, when you can sign for what you want at half a dozen places that you pass every week. It is your own picnic, or your own funeral, not ours, and you will realize it some of these days when pork takes a tumble, and the bottom drops out of cheese, cattle and farm produce, as it surely will. When that time comes if you have a sugar factory here, you will have a sure crop, sold at a fixed price before the seed is planted, which the speculators cannot control, to help you out of the hole. Put this short article away and tell us what you think of it three years from to-day.

There was not as great a display of new Easter bonnets in the different churches last Sunday, as there would have been, had the weather been on its good behaviour. Quite a number of the ladies stayed at home however, rather than face the victorious gaze and haughty air of their more venturesome lady friend, who had secured her new hat, and was not afraid to wear it. We got out with our new 35 cent cap, but it did not seem to create any great flutter of excitement among the other male members of the congregation, although we tried to look important and superior. If we hadn't greater powers of observation, and a higher appreciation of the new and the beautiful, than Harry Pollock, Frank Caven, W. Warnock, Ed Scott and some of the other fellows who attend the same church as we do, we would confine ourselves to the week night services of the church, and not show up at all on Sunday. Its really discouraging, and we do not propose to buy another new hat for the next ten years.

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Miss Olive Roberts, of St. Thomas, is the guest of Mrs. H. Lyons and other relatives here.

Miss Smith, of Ingersoll, and Miss Farnick, of Woodstock, were the guests of Misses DeGroat, for a few days last week.

Mr. Kershaw, of London, gave a very interesting lecture, accompanied by views of the late war and other places, in the hall on Friday evening last.

Miss Demary, of St. Thomas, is spending Easter holidays at her home here.

Mr. J. Kinzie has moved his family to Shackleton's Corners.

Mr. Archie McIntyre has bought the mercantile business of Mr. Jas. Row. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Row is retiring on account of his ill health.

Mr. Wm. Maybee and daughters, of Vienna, spent Easter at Mr. H. Wiltries.

Miss Jolliffe, Mrs. and Miss McIntyre, of St. Thomas, are the guests of relatives here.

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Arrives Home and Receives a Grand Reception.

When it became known early last week that Corporal W. R. Hare would arrive home on Good Friday, arrangements were at once made to give him the reception which was so well deserved, and which developed into larger proportions than was at first anticipated. He came from Ottawa by C. P. R. and arrived in St. Thomas about noon, where he was met by his wife and family with a carriage, and started at once on the drive to Aylmer. They were met at the corporation line by the mayor and councillors, the band, senior and junior cadet corps, firemen and several thousand citizens of Aylmer and surrounding country, on horseback, in carriages, and on foot. Corp. Hare was placed on a beautiful white horse, and surrounded by a guard of honor, composed of his son, W. A. Hare, A. Wharton, of Springfield, Sperry Cline, of Orwell, all returned volunteers from South Africa took his place in the motor procession which was formed under the directions of Capt. White and C. T. Burdick. After marching through town and on some of the principal streets, which were gaily decorated with flags and bunting, the procession came to a halt at the Brown house corner. Every window in the vicinity, the tops of all the buildings, and every available point of vantage, was crowded with people, while the road and sidewalks were blocked in every direction. Mayor Glover called upon the Rev. J. W. J. Andrew to offer up a prayer, after which he read an address of welcome and presented Corp. Hare with a purse of gold and a beautiful gold watch, on behalf of the citizens of Aylmer. At the same time Mr. W. A. Hare was presented with his gold watch, which presentation had been delayed until the arrival of his father. The address read as follows:—

To Corporal William R. Hare, Esq., Aylmer, Ontario:

The citizens of Aylmer gladly accept this opportunity to welcome you home again, but with feelings of sadness intermingled with unfeigned sympathy, at the intelligence that you now suffer for your country's cause.

An enemy's bullet has caused you serious injury, leaving a scar that will be an everlasting tribute to your patriotism, and undaunted courage; your love for the flag that proudly protects this land you are proud to call your home; the nation who are ever ready to resent an insult to her subjects in any clime; the nation whose flag now floats over one-fifth of the globe, and under which true freedom of thought and action is guaranteed.

Canadians are proud of their noble sons, who were the heroes of Paardeburg, proud that to them is attributed the victory of that glorious battle, and proud that history will give to the sons of Canada more than their expected share of praise for success in South Africa.

Please accept from the citizens of the town of Aylmer these watches and this purse as a token of appreciation of your services on the field of battle and long may you live to treasure and esteem them as emblems of approval of the course you adopted and the noble cause you so worthily represented.

Signed on behalf of the citizens of the town of Aylmer
JOHN H. GLOVER, Mayor.
JUNIOUS BRADLEY, Clerk.

His Honor Judge Hughes, who happened to be in town, also made an excellent speech, after which Corp. Hare returned his thanks in a few words. He said that both he and his son had gone through the campaign with an unblemished record, not a mark for any kind of misconduct being recorded against either of them. He had himself unfortunately, been wounded, and consequently was in the hospital for some time, but "the kid" had never been off duty for an hour from start to finish, and the gun to which they were attached had never gone on parade, or into active service, that the boy was not with it. He was proud of the boy's record in every way and doubted if there was another like it in the whole army. After cheers for the Hares, the other volunteers, the King, etc., the procession escorted Corp. Hare to his home.

Corp. Hare and his son passed through a large number of engagements unharmed, but the former was wounded at the battle of Lilliefontein, near Belfast, on Nov. 6th last, being struck by a mauser bullet, which passed through the shoulder blade, and severed some of the nerves, leaving the arm practically useless. They had just advanced with their gun to a new and closer position, and were turning the horses about when Hare, sr., was struck, as reported previously in these columns. The wound

caused no pain at the time, but rendered his arm useless and he was taken off the field in the ambulance and removed to the Middleburg Field hospital. On his arrival there, the first thing that was put before him to eat was a can of chicken put up by the Aylmer Canning Co. Will says no one can just imagine his feelings when he saw that well-known brand, and the names of D. Marshall and T. M. Nairn, and it did not take him long to let the nurse, doctor and wounded soldiers know that it came from his old home. Fresh memories of home and friends crowded on his mind, and that can of chicken seemed like a message from home. He found the Aylmer canned goods at the hospital in Pretoria also, and says that while there were other brands there, every soldier would ask for the Aylmer canned goods, because they were so much nicer and better than any of the others. It made him prouder than ever of Canada, of his native town and its most important industry. He remained about two weeks at Middleburg and was then taken to the General hospital at Pretoria where he remained for several weeks, then proceeded to Cape Town, but arrived there two days too late to come home with his son. From there he sailed for England, and after a pleasant voyage of twenty days arrived at the Netley hospital on Jan. 28th. This hospital is large enough to accommodate over 3,000 soldiers, and the doctors, nurses and attendants could not do too much for him. Every luxury that money could buy was provided, and every want was supplied, and he says he cannot find words to express his appreciation. He remained there until March 1st and gained over 20 lbs in weight. Not hearing from home he became anxious, and asked to go away, which request was granted, and the night before he left he received a batch of letters, which, had he received sooner, would have changed his movements, and he would have remained another month probably, as the treatment was doing his arm good. He arrived in Halifax on March 27th, and after spending a week or so in and around Ottawa came on home. While there he was presented with a handsome gold watch and the following address by the township of Nepean, where he was born.

The following address accompanied by a gold watch was presented to Corp. W. R. Hare and five other Transvaal heroes at Nepean township:—After a year's absence on arduous military duty in South Africa, involving more than fifteen thousand miles by land and sea, your numberless friends and admirers, who have followed your career with deep interest, wish to formally and most heartily and sincerely welcome you home. We are devoutly thankful that so many of you have returned in safety, the picture of health; and we would not forget to express our heartfelt sympathy for the friends of those who fell to rest no more. We rejoice, not merely at your return, but at your honorable return. We rejoice that you have acquitted yourselves like men; that the name Canadian has received a new, or rather let us say its true lustre and significance; a new bond of sympathy, the strongest and most enduring of all, has been created between the most remote parts of the Empire, and a fine illustration has been given the world of the old proverb, "United we stand." We are proud, not only of your share in the momentous struggle of the past fifteen months, but also of the fact that what you have done is but a sample of what there are thousands more ready and willing to do. Yet we trust that peace in its entirety will speedily prevail in South Africa; that animosities will be forgotten; that Briton and Boer will remember that they are brothers, and, having given each other the right hand of fellowship, will unite in forward-looking good-will and harmony in the fruitful years of the twentieth century. We again congratulate you, and those nearest and dearest to you, on your safe return; and we trust that in the more peaceful pursuits which await you, success and prosperity and the blessing of Divine Providence may crown your efforts. In conclusion we wish to present each of you with a gold watch as a memento of this occasion, and in recognition of invaluable services gallantly performed.

GEO. BOYCE, Chairman Committee.
J. E. CALDWELL, Sec. Committee.

He likes the climate of South Africa says it is a rich country, but the Boers are too lazy to work it properly. With British capital, push and enterprise it will develop rapidly. He says the Canadians and Australians could have done much more than they did, had been brigaded together and been given a chance. They have the dash and courage and use their heads to take every advantage. The regular British soldier has great nerve, but will do nothing without orders. They will stand still and be shot at all day, unless someone orders them to take cover, and when once under cover,

will not fire a shot unless ordered to do so. The Canadians and Australians on the other hand, go to cover like a bevy of quail, at the first shot from the enemy, order or no order, and the first Boer to show his head afterwards, will get a dozen holes through it, without any preliminary order to fire. Corp. Hare's arm is still in very bad condition, and it is doubtful if it will ever be much better. He can only raise it a few inches from his side, and the hand is swollen all the time. On Monday morning last he received a check for \$1250, from the Canadian Patriotic Fund, which will come in very acceptable at this time, and the first remark he made, after receiving it was, "who says the Canadians do not care for their soldiers." It is certainly a proper and deserving act, on the part of the managers of this fund, which was raised by the citizens of Canada for just such contingencies, and we are pleased to recall the fact, that Aylmer did her duty in subscribing to the fund, little thinking at the time that one of our own citizens would receive part of the benefit.

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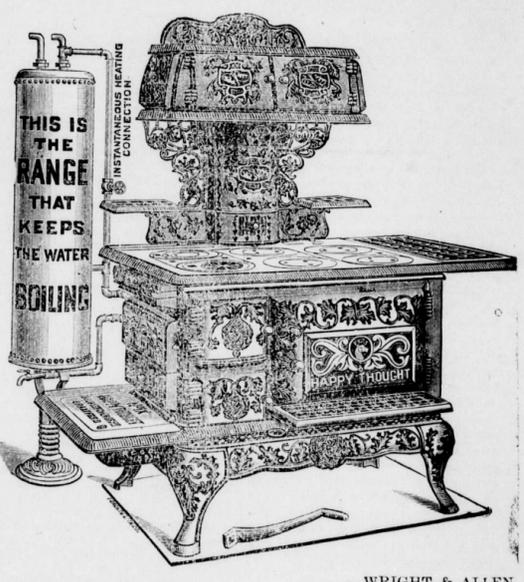
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