

Thurlow Red Cross

The Council of Thurlow invites all Citizens to Attend a PUBLIC MEETING to be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH At 1 p.m. Sharp at TOWN HALL CANNITON To receive the Annual Report of the Thurlow Red Cross Society, decide what shall be done for the Cause of Liberty this year and for other business N. VERMILYEA, Reeve. God Save the King.

Confectionery Alteration Sale

For ten days beginning Thursday, March 9th, we are selling our whole stock of Confectionery at greatly reduced prices. Come in and get a 50c box of Candy for 35c. 40c Chocolates at 25c. 30c Rock Candy at 20c. 50c Temporary Chocolate at 20c. etc., etc. CHAS. S. CLAPP

Lecture in John Street Church

There was a splendid audience present in John Street Church last evening when Major Rev. T. J. Thompson of Ottawa delivered his lecture on "Active Service." Mr. Thompson has recently returned from Cairo to which he went as chaplain of the Second Divisional Engineers. And it gave his many friends in the congregation and of our citizens outside, much pleasure to welcome him back as physically fit as when he went away. As he opened "the windows" of his personal experiences abroad, he gave the audience interesting glimpses of many things of which they expected to hear. The thorough way in which the high seas have been policed; the smooth working of the transportation system, for which great credit is due to former Belleville man, Mr. J. Lyons Bigger; the elaborate trench construction, the signalling system and the admirable work of the Army Service corps, which for thoroughness and efficiency has been remarkable—all came into line in the descriptive sketch of the lecturer. The scenery of machine guns when the war began was pointed out. The Germans had ten to our one. But we have them now and are beginning to use them. The machine gun is no automatic toy but a complex destroyer and can be handled only by the expert. Major Thompson made one observation in common with every other lecturer who has spoken to us on the war situation, namely that "it was certainly not of man that the great onrush of the Germans towards Paris was stopped." London, Folkestone, Shoreham, Salisbury Plains, Gallipoli, Cairo and other places of present day interest came in for some illuminating, incidental touches at the hands of the lecturer, and for the pleasure of his audience. Young Canada is learning in this conflict that "the only can rule who has first learned to obey."

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Belleville Boy Killed by Bomb

Harold Ashton, Former Employee of Gas Works, Slain Somewhere in France

Harold Ashton, 21st Battalion, a well known employee of the Belleville Gas Works until after was broken out has been killed in action by the explosion of a bomb. News of his death reached the city this morning in a letter from a comrade at the front. Harold Ashton was about 21 years of age and was of English birth. He was in the City Gas Works for some time and showed himself a very efficient workman. He answered the call, but was rejected for the First Contingent on account of varicose veins. So ardent was his patriotism that he underwent an operation and joined the 21st Battalion at Kingston. He was a tall and well built youth. He had no relatives in Canada. During his residence in Belleville he boarded at Mrs. Neve's restaurant, Front street.

The Campbells Are Coming

Some idea of the stupendous nature of the Universal Multiple Reel photo drama of the massacre of Kaw-pore, India, in 1857, and the relief of Lucknow in the same year may be obtained from the fact that the masons' and carpenters' bills for the erection of sets in the play at Universal City, California, totalled \$117,000. The wall surrounding the City of Lucknow, India, was faithfully reproduced and some of the most exciting action of the play takes place on its encampments. Natives are bayoneted and hurled from the heights eighty and a hundred feet to the ground below, while hand-to-hand fights take place in mid-air which fairly cause one's eyes to bulge from their sockets. Seven thousand combatants take part in the fight for the possession of the gates of the fort and scenes are astounding when one considers that they were all staged by a moving picture company. "The Campbells are Coming" is a four reel photodrama, which from the very first scenes to the last stupendous battle is a thriller which brooks comparison only with the actual scenes of war itself. It will be shown at Griffin's opera house tonight and tomorrow, matinee and night, along with a program of other selected photoplays.

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HUSBAND SAVED HIS WIFE

Stopped Most Terrible Suffering by Getting Her Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Denison, Texas. "After my little girl was born two years ago I began suffering with female trouble and could hardly do my work. I was very nervous but just kept dragging on until last summer when I got where I could not do my work. I would have a chill every day and hot flashes and dizzy spells and my head would almost burst. I got where I was almost a walking skeleton and life was a burden to me until one day my husband's step-sister told my husband if he did not do something for me I would not last long and told him to get my medicine. So he got Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for me, and after taking the first three doses I began to improve. I continued its use, and I have never had any female trouble since. I feel that I owe my life to you and your remedies. They did for me what doctors could not do and I will always praise it wherever I go." Mrs. G. O. Lowrey, 419 W. Monterey Street, Denison, Texas.

If you are suffering from any form of female ills, get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and commence the treatment without delay.

Conductors Charged With Defrauding C.P.R. Railway

(Special to the Ontario) Montreal, Quebec, March 8.—Great importance is attached in railway circles to the case coming on at Ottawa tomorrow in which seven conductors and three alleged conspirators undergo their preliminary trial for defrauding the C.P.R. by duplicate sale of tickets. The men were remanded last week by Judge Green, under heavy bail, amounting to surties of the six of \$1000 each with an additional \$10000 as security.

Rifle Association

Last night's scores were as follows: H. Hall 100 A. R. Symons 99 J. Douch 99 A. Harrison 98 J. C. Wills 98 W. J. Andrews 97 J. S. Peck 96 H. Day 96 G. D. Gratton 95 G. B. Smith 94 C. J. Wills 94 J. Woodley 93 This is perhaps the best scoring in the history of the Belleville Association.

WEDDING BELLS

The marriage took place at 1:30 this afternoon of Mr. Oscar Fargy, son of Mr. Scott Fargy of Roslin and Miss Carrie J. Morton, daughter of Mr. Robert Morton of Thomsburg. The Rev. A. L. Green officiated. The groom is instructor in physical drill and bayonet fighting and is a member of A Company, 98th Battalion, Welland. Mr. and Mrs. Fargy left this afternoon on a trip to the west. They will reside in Welland.

Both Mills Will Reopen

Instructions from the head office of the Steel Company of Canada have been received by the management of the mills at Belleville to get the plant in readiness to resume manufacturing. As the mills have not been running for about two years, it will take a short time to put the plant in shape. Both nine and eighteen inch mills will open up. It is not known what will be the nature of the orders filled.

Bellevillians in Toronto

Belleville is represented in the monster parade of 25,000 prohibitionists this afternoon by a large delegation of citizens, among them the welfare and leaders in the Civic Welfare League's operations.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Sprague announce the engagement of their daughter Adalene Eugenia to Mr. Ben. J. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Anderson, Mountain View, Ont. The marriage will take place the latter part of March. Miss Annie Tickell, Church St., is spending a few days in Toronto this week.

PURE METAL

A Woman Who Proved Her Worth When the Test Came.

By RICHARD BAKER SHELTON. (Copyright, 1915, Associated Literary Press.)

The rain came down in sheets. The wet pavements glistened as if with a recent and thorough polishing. In the wide front window of the club Blake and Johnson burned good tobacco and listened with a feeling of supreme content, to the beating of the rain against the panes. "I'm sorry," said Johnson slowly, as if he had weighed the words with extreme care before uttering them. "Sorry?" Blake repeated, with a surprised start. "Why, look here, I thought you'd be the first to congratulate me."

"I don't congratulate you," said Johnson stately. Blake's face suddenly hardened. "Why not?" he demanded in crisp tones. Johnson studied thoughtfully for a moment the cigar he was twirling in his fingers. Then he smiled. "It's all too obvious," said he. "Don't speak in riddles," said Blake sharply. "Well, then," the other went on, "if you want me to be plain I will be—butraly plain. I can't congratulate you, Tommy, because it's all so ghastly apparent that you've been played for a good thing. I haven't a doubt but that your mother is gloating over the match. Tommy, you're deserving of better things. You, with your good nature and your big heart, ought to marry a woman—a woman!"

He paused suddenly, evidently a bit surprised at his own temerity. "Go on," said Tommy Blake coldly. "Well, you ought to marry some one who would care for you for your own sterling qualities. Can't you see the length of your nose, boy? What show would you have had with her if you hadn't been the catch of the season? None, none; not a ghost of a chance. They've played you for a good thing, Tommy—a good thing. That's why my congratulations on your engagement to Ethel Carrington aren't forthcoming." "You're mistaken," said Blake. "Am I?" said Johnson quietly. "I wish to heaven I were." "You are," said Blake in the same tone. "You are. Why, confound it,



SHE TOOK THE LETTER INTO BITS AND FLUNG IT FROM HER.

man, I ought to give you an everlasting good thrashing for eave blinding such a thing. The girl's my fiancée, and—"

Worked the Collector

M. Chaudard, the great French picture collector, was always adding to his pictures, and the higher the price the more anxious he was to secure the painting. A dealer one day offered him the "Vache Blanche," by Tryon. M. Chaudard was told he could have it for £1,000. "It must be an imitation," he said. "Take it away." The dealer said some of his colleagues and he promised to get him £5,000 for the same picture if he would split the difference with them. "Go ahead," he replied. A few days later a Russian prince (he visited M. Chaudard's galleries and remarked on leaving that he was delighted, but it was a pity the collection did not include an example of Tryon's work. M. Chaudard, whose vanity was wounded by the remark, wrote to the dealer, "Bring me the 'Vache Blanche'." The reply was it was too late; it had been sold to a collector. The millionaire collector said he must have it at any price. He finished by securing it, but it cost him £10,000. —St. James Gazette.

Entrapped by His Disguise

In one of the principal western cities the proprietor of a large jewelry store reported to the chief of police an extensive diamond robbery. He was asked by the chief if he suspected any one. "Yes, sir," hesitatingly answered the merchant. "Although we have no proof but a man whom I have known for twenty-five years was in the store day or two before the robbery, took a sound and appearing to be ill at ease. He has since disappeared." "What kind of looking man was he?" "Dark complexioned, tall, with long curly hair and a heavy mustache." "Well," said the chief after a moment's thought, "I hope to be able to give you some news of him soon." Then he sent this telegram to the police authorities of several other cities: "Arrest tall man with close cropped head and white upper lip. Diamond thief." The next day he received this dispatch from a town in Missouri: "Got diamond thief. Have recovered goods. Am holding him subject to your order."—Youth's Companion.

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THE "JOLLIES."

Branch of the Royal Marine

"If ever the hour of danger should come to England, the Marines will be found the country's sheet-anchor," said St. Vincent, one of England's greatest admirals, once said, and certainly "The Jollies," as the Marines have been nicknamed, have always worthily upheld the fighting traditions of the British Empire. To-day the corps of the Royal Marines has reached the greatest expansion of its wonderful record of 250 years. To-day it not only man and fights about a quarter of the guns of the Fleet, but is employed in a variety of other capacities, as in coast defence batteries, heavy and light artillery brigades, an infantry brigade, field engineers, transport, and submarine miners units. To fill the gaps in their ranks and to keep their complement to full strength, the Marines are now asking for recruits, and men may join either for long service or for the period of the war.

Marines, though part of the naval forces, are in the first place soldiers and trained as soldiers in every respect. The man who joins for the period of the war, however, will probably be trained only as a soldier, says The Times.

Young men between the ages of eighteen and twenty-three are accepted for long service, and between nineteen and thirty-eight for the period of the war. The physical standards for war recruits are: For the Marine Artillery, height 5ft. 7in., chest 35in.; for the Light Infantry, height 5ft. 7 1/2 in., and chest 34 1/2 in. The privates' pay in the Artillery branch is from 8s. 2d. to 9s. 4d. a week, and in the Infantry branch from 8s. 2d. to 9s. 11d. Extra "efficiency pay" can be earned, and men of certain rank qualified in gunnery can obtain further pay ranging from 7s. to 10s. 6d. a week. Men employed on shore receive extra pay for special duties, and men with the knowledge of certain trades may add considerably to their pay. Separation allowances are made on the usual basis. During the first two or three weeks of his training the recruit is instructed in the duties of sentries, etc., he is employed on fatigue, and later has two or three weeks devoted to musketry. Next he undergoes a course of field training, and the last two weeks of his course are given up to infantry drill on parade. Then, as has been said, if he is a long-service recruit, he passes on to his division at Chatham, Gosport, or Plymouth, for further training, before joining his ship, or if he is a war-service recruit, he is probably drafted immediately to the Dardanelles.

British Orders for Women

There are several British Orders and decorations which though not exclusive to women, may yet be won by them upon occasion. For example, the greatly-coveted Order of Merit has been conferred upon one woman—Miss Florence Nightingale. The rarely-awarded Lloyd's Medal for saving life at sea has also been conferred upon one woman, Miss Kate Gilmour, for heroism in connection with the burning of the passenger steamer Sardinia, in 1908, off Malta—a unique honor.

The Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England is a decoration that can be worn by women in any position in life. In practice, however, it is almost wholly awarded to nurses, or women interested in nursing. It is a small Maltese cross, enamelled white, bearing the words, "For Service in the Cause of Humanity," and it is worn suspended from a black ribbon of watered silk. The wearers of the decoration, no matter which class they belong to, have reason to be proud of it, for it is one of the very oldest Orders extant, dating back to the year 1084, and not, however, until it was incorporated in Queen Victoria in 1838 that it was allowed to take its place among recognized orders.

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The Minister of Militia declared that the Department had done all in its power to reduce waste and to keep down prices. It had made few mistakes, and when it discovered that exorbitant prices had been charged it had promptly demanded refunds. Sir Sam devoted considerable time to a discussion of the part Colonel Wesley Allison had played in securing goods in the United States, at reasonable prices. That officer, he said, had received no commission on Government orders and had saved Canada and Great Britain no less a sum than \$50,000,000 on purchases of explosives, ammunition, copper, brass, and zinc. He also declared that, through Colonel Allison Canada secured for \$5,814,000 goods, which would otherwise have cost \$7,423,620. The Minister submitted evidence to show that the country had bought revolvers, automatic pistols, machine guns, motor trucks at moderate prices.

Hydro Will Build Line

As a direct outcome of the opposition that is being made at Ottawa to the granting of an extension of the charter to the Mackenzie & Mann interests to build an electric line from Niagara Falls to Toronto is the proposition of a Hydro-Electric-publicly-owned line. The announcement has been made from the offices of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission that plans have been completed for the line, and it is proposed to have the municipalities interested in the matter vote upon it within the next six weeks. The route of the Toronto to London line will be followed as far as Port Credit, and then a separate line going through Oakville, Burlington, and Hamilton will be taken.

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