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### CANADIANS IN ACTION.

Rev. Father O'Leary, Roman Catholic chaplain with the first Canadian contingent in South Africa, has written a graphic description of the marching and fighting of the men in South Africa, to his brother in Ottawa. The letter says: "We have just completed our terrible march of one hundred miles —one that will rank among the greatest achievements in military history. Our average for the last five days was twenty miles a day—the most of which was through a ravaged and deserted country, where even water is at a premium. To say that both men and animals dropped by the wayside gives but a faint idea of the awful ordeal we passed through. You must naturally feel anxious to know how I passed through it. Well, I only fell out twice, and that for a few hours only, thus doing my average like the youngest of the men, and with no greater fatigue.

I have not been sick, physically, a single day, but sick at heart often, alas, too often. Never, never, will I foaget the terrible work we have gone through, from the day we charged the enemy at Paardeberg, until we drove him from his laager on that memorable Monday night, or rather, Tuesday morning. The awful scenes are all vi vid in my memory. Had I the necessary talent I could easily transfer them to canvas, rivalling Detaille at his best. Take the fording of the swollen Modder River, or the wild charge made on Sunday, February 18, just as the shades of evening were deepening. What weird, soul-stirring pictures they would make. Then, the forlorn hope turning the Boer laager in the depth of night, when our brave boys held each other by the hand at arms' length, not to lose each other, as they stole forward on the enemy's trenches.

But what of the scenes of the field after the battle. The expressions of some of the upturned faces, some besmeared with blood, baffle description. Here a poor fellow would seem plunged in childlike slumber. Further on, the distorted features of another would easily attest the indescribable agony he had endured before the Almighty relieved him of his sufferings, whilst now and then, the fierce yell seemed ready to break forth from the open eyed and open-mouthed soldier, as with clenched hands, he fell, shot through the heart.

But what of the sad and hasty burial of our dear boys They had marched and fought, shoulder to shoulder, blade beside blade, nor were their ranks broken in death. Side by side they were tenderly, lovingly laid, to sleep in a foreign soil, their long last sleep.

Another trying moment was, when in the early hours we were lying almost within touch of the laager. Oh, how that hell-fire mowed down every thing around us, but we held our ground, and when day broke, the Boers hoisted the white flag and surrendered, the best tribute ever given to Canadian worth and Canadian bravery. While everyone of the other regiments is loud in our praise, we can well afford to be proud of our brave boys. They are indeed worthy of it."

### The Ottawa Civil Servant.

H. F. G., in Toronto Star, says: He is beautiful to behold in his spring garments, his stand-up-lie-down collar, his bright cravat, his flamboyant waistcoat, and his trowsers turned up to show that his shoes have a genuine ten cent shide. Also he has a cane and a pair of reddish kid gloves, which he carries at least a foot in front of himself, so as to give you the impression that the cane is taking him out for a walk, rather than that he is taking the cane. It is the mode in Ottawa, if you want to be considered civil service, not to allow the cane to touch the ground. It must always be held like a musket at the "present," and your general carriage must be that of a military man in mufti. Also you must be careful about your accent, and when anybody asks you the time of day, you must say, "Hawlf after four," or whatever the case may be. [illegible] not good form to smoke anything [illegible]han a cigarette on the street.

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### GREENBUSH.

TUESDAY, May 1.—Miss Jackson of Plum Hollow is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Gifford.

The funeral of the late Mr. King took place at Rockspring yesterday.

Much sympathy is felt for the family of Mr. Simeon Loverin in their sickness, they having been poisoned by eating horse radish, but we are glad to report that they are all recovering.

Mr. Talmage Smith of Smith's Falls, and L. Smith of Athens, have been visiting their mother, Mrs. M. E. Smith, recently.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Richard Kerr is able to be out of bed again after a severe attack of rheumatism that she has had. We hope she will soon entirely recover.

It is rumored that Mayor Reid is to move his office from the Grand Central to the Webster block on Main st.

Mrs. Thos. Hoy and two children, of Prescott, have arrived at the Buster House, where they intend spending the summer.

The sidewalks are in a very dangerous condition on Mill street.

### CRANWORTH

MONDAY, April 30.—Fishing is the sport of the season.

Mr. Oscar P. Blancher will conduct the cheese factory this year. We presume he has moved his family back. He is all in readiness for a start.

On Wednesday Mr. John A. Looby and Mr. Orvil Nichol of Lombardy were the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Oscar P. Blancher.

Mr. Nelson and Ernnie Jones of Frankville paid Cranworth a visit on Sunday.

The people are glad to see Mr. John Tomb around again.

Mr. W. M. Singleton of Newboro was a guest at the cheese factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Blancher of Addison were guests of his brother, Mr. O. P. Blancher.

The farmers are busily engaged in sowing their seeds.

### SEELEY'S BAY

MONDAY, April 30.—Mrs. C. Float and daughter, Miss Jessie Float, left last Thursday for their home at Inglewood, Chicago.

A. Neal will commence the season's operations on his brick and tile yard next week. Steam power, for the first time, will be used this season.

Mr. J. Wright is getting the material on the ground for the erection of a house and shop on his lot next to St. Peter's church.

The new bell for St. Peter's church arrived here on Thursday last and is being placed in position to-day (Saturday).

The canal is free of ice.

Gilbert Bros. are having the roof of their show rooms covered with galvanized iron.

The reflection of the big fire at Ottawa was plainly seen here.

The open division held by Amity Division S. of T, last Monday evening was a decided success. The division room was filled to its utmost limit. A fine programme was given which was well received, and a pleasant time was spent by all present.

Mr. A. Jackson has purchased the lot on Concession street owned by E. C. Collinson.

### A Difficult Problem.

An interesting suit over life insurance has been before the courts at Toronto. Oscar Shaver of Brampton died of blood poisoning. He was insured in the Independent Order of Foresters for $2,000 payable to a young lady, Miss Thompson, to whom he was engaged. Before dying, he made a will bequeathing this insurance money to his brothers and sisters. His executor and brother, H. H. Shaver, asked the court to declare that the will governed and invalidated the beneficiary certificate held in the I. O. F. and that he and his sisters were entitled to the money instead of the said Miss Thompson. There had been an attempt to change the certificate by petition to the I.O.F. but the order said that intention had not been carried out. The will was made only a few days before death. The I.O.F. was ready and willing to pay the sum to whoever the court said was entitled to it. After a careful consideration of the case, the court has decided to givs effect to the wishes of the deceased as expressed in his will.

The reflection from the great fire at Ottawa was plainly visible in Athens,

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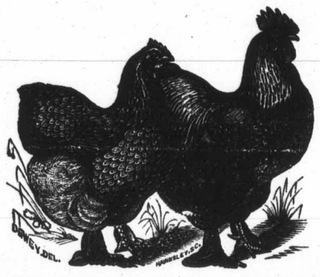

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### Village Council.

The municipal council met in special session on call of the reeve, on Monday evening last. All the members present. Minutes read and approved.

Clerk reported that he had examined the road-roller belonging to town of Brockville and had been offered same F.O.B. at Brockville for $75. On motion, clerk was instructed to accept offer and make arrangements for transportation of same to Athens.

On motion, the sum of $50.00 was placed to the order of the reeve to be forwarded to the relief of the sufferers by the Ottawa and Hull fire.

On motion, Mr. Rappell was authorized to engage Jos. W. Kerr to take charge of the sprayer belonging to the village and arrange to have all fruit trees attended to at once at the lowest rate possible.

The crushing of the stone now piled on west end of Wiltse street was left in the hands of the road commissioners to make the best arrangements possible.

The Clerk volunteered to be at the fire hall on Friday afternoon to receive contributions of clothing or bedding in aid of the sufferers by the Ottawa and Hull fire. See item in another column.

### Abolition of Toll-Gates.

What is the Council of Athens going to do about the proposed purchase of the toll road? We understand that the offer of the company is now in their possession and at their first meeting in May some definite conclusion should be reached.

The people of the township who favored securing the removal of the gates memorialized their council to take action and as a result their decision in the matter has been clearly declared, viz.: they will submit for approval a by-law providing for 40 per cent of the cost.

A considerable number of the ratepayers of Athens strongly favor the removal of the gates, but, are they willing that the village should contribute 60 per cent of the cost? That is the question. The submission of a money by-law costs considerable and the council should be fully assured that there is a reasonably strong feeling in favor of it before incurring the expenditure.

Some of the stockholders in the Perth canning factory want to wind up the business. The Expositor says the chief trouble is that the farmers will not raise enough stuff to keep the concern going.

There will be no place for the tramp in Ontario hereafter. The experiment was made last fall of a round-up of the professional tramps and putting them in gaol over winter, and the experiment was so successful in lessening the number of offences that the Attorney-General has decided to order the adoption of a similar policy every spring and fall.

A Yorkshire vicar recently received the following letter from one of his parishioners: "This is to give you notice that I and Miss Jemima Arabella Brearley are coming to your church on Saturday afternoon to undergo the operation of matrimony at your hands. Please to be prompt, as the cab is hired by the hour. Forewarned is forearmed."

People often ask if we charge for an item of local news or a personal mention. We never charge for any news items. If our columns are used to publish matter that is to benefit the advertiser we want a share of the profits, but news is what we are after and if you have a local or personal item send it in.

C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, demonstrates most effectively the value of the agricultural and dairying interests of the province in the following table: Per capita, the fisheries yield $4, the mines $5, forests $16, and agriculture $120, showing that the latter is immeasurably the most important. Gold is valuable, but the entire world's gold production, $280,000,000, is only equal to the returns realized from farm produce in Ontario alone. Canada's mines are no doubt very important, returning about $30,000,000 annually; yet our cows return very near as much in value as the output of Canadian minerals of all sorts.

"Sing a song of swelled head, fellow full of gin, coming home at 4 a.m. his wife won't let him in. His feet are full of tanglefoot, his head is full of wheels; the keyhole runs around the knob; he a funny feeling feels. He puts his foot upon the porch, his head upon the ground: all the time within his mug the wheels are going round. He thinks that he is sober, and that everyone is tight, he thinks he's in his bedroom instead of out all night. He thinks the moon's a dollar and will buy a dozen drinks, and various other thoughts, he thinks and thinks and thinks. But when the morning cometh, and cometh soon at that, he looks around and murmurs, "Great Snakes! where am I at?—Ex.

### McLEOD'S DELIGHT.

**Rheumatism Made Misery—South American Rheumatic Cure Brought a Welcome Relief.**

Mr. McLeod, of Leith, Ont., walked into the store of a local druggist in Owen Sound at which he has purchased South American Rheumatic Cure, and said: "I am so perfectly delighted with the results obtained from the use of this grand remedy that I come unsolicited to offer you the use of my name in recommending it to others who may be as great sufferers from rheumatism as I was." Sold by J. P. Lamb & Son.

We ought to be thankful to certain bad people for being bad, for it enables us truthfully to say that we are better than others.

### "AS GOOD AS DEAD."

**Heart Disease that Baffled the Cleverest Physicians Gives up the Fight—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Wins Again.**

It isn't a bit of boast to say that Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart works miracles every day. A Toronto lady, living on Queen street west, was given by her doctor "'til morning at most to live," and when the life cord seemed just about to snap this great remedy was suggested as a last resort—and it saved the life—stopped the pain inside of 30 minutes, and to-day she is enjoying excellent health, free from all heart suffering. Sold by J. P. Lamb.

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