

Thoughts by the Way

VOTES FOR WOMEN

Written for The Ontario by "Wayfarer."

The present election campaign is marking a new era for Canadian women. For several years the phrase "Votes for Women" has been received with scorn and ridicule and it has been considered that only the manly woman—the loud-voiced, boisterous and self-assertive woman—had the desire to vote.

The new set reads: "A female person when qualified as to age, place and residence, as required of male persons, is capable of voting if she is the wife, widow, mother, sister or daughter of any person, male or female, living or dead, who is serving or has served without Canada in the military forces, or within or without Canada in the naval forces of Canada or Great Britain in the present war."

A few years previous to the war, a gentleman, in conversation with the writer, concerning the right of women to the franchise, flung defiantly, as a conclusive argument, the words, "Oh! She can't fight," inferring that as woman could not take a part in defending her country, she therefore could claim no political right.

"Bands in the streets and resounding cheers. And honor to him whom the army led! But the mother moans through her blinding tears, 'My boy is dead—is dead.'"

"Is not the woman worthy to vote who makes such a sacrifice? And how many, very many have done so! Those of us who have not been called upon to sacrifice loved ones, cannot begrudge the privilege of the franchise to these Spartan women who have given their own flesh and blood."

"Did your brain ever give a queer little twist and suddenly you were conscious that the present mental process had taken place before. If you have ever had it, you will know what I mean, and if you haven't I cannot make you understand. I had that feeling then. I said to myself, 'Where have I seen that face before?' Then suddenly I remembered, and in my heart I cried out: 'Mike! old friend, Mike! Dead these many years! Your bones lie buried under the fertile soil of the Souris Valley, but your soul goes marching on! Mike, old friend, I see you again—both feet in the trough.'"

"Will women vote?" One of the earnest reasons against granting the franchise to woman has been that women didn't want the vote and wouldn't use it. Suppose that some women do not vote. There are plenty of men who neglect their duty in his respect? But we believe if there is any great moral matter at stake the majority of women will not neglect to vote.

After the franchise was granted to the women of Illinois, over one thousand women went out of business. It is estimated that in the province of Ontario there are 184,000 women earning their own livings. Why should not such women be allowed to vote? "Who will mind the baby?" cried one of our public men, in great agony of spirit, "when the mother goes to vote?"

One woman replied that she thought she could get the person that minded it while she went to pay her taxes—which seemed to be a fairly reasonable proposition. The old English law that "Woman is not a person as regards rights and

after the eventual smashing of the Hindenburg line.

They swept proudly out of Messengers on their chargers, with their sabres making merry music against their trappings. They returned stooped and thereby hangs a narrative of bravery and strategy which is worth recording.

For a considerable distance the horsemen cantered along over the rolling grasslands without encountering any enemy. East of Rumilly, however, they came upon several British tanks which had run almost into a German battery position, and were being fired upon point-blank by great guns.

The monitors were in a tight place and needed assistance badly. They got it. The cavalry came pounding up in columns of four, and their leader sizing up the situation, sent them swerving in on each side of the battery. Then they charged in straight among the gun crews, their sabres flashing. It was over in a moment, and the last enemy lay trampled upon.

This incident finished, the cavalry trotted off in search of other adventures. Not far away was a sunken road, which concealed considerable enemy forces armed with machine guns. Cavalry scouts discovered this trap, and dashing back, gave the word to the commander. The latter snatched out a command, and the squad, most of whom were still unaware of the presence of the sunken road, divided into two bodies, one of which deployed to the right, toward a break in the wall of the road, while the other drew their sabres and charged straight ahead.

The Germans not knowing that British cavalry was in operation in this section, still remained in the big ditch, and the Canadians reached the edge of the miniature precipice without seeing the enemy. They saw them there in numbers and realized for the first time that they were headed for a drop of several feet to the level of the road.

Not a horseman hesitated. They took the flying leap straight down amongst the surprised Germans and began their work of death. Half a hundred of the enemy lay dead, when the remainder took to their heels and fled toward Rumilly.

The cavalry commander was then out of touch with the remainder of the advancing British forces, and decided to remain in the sunken road for a time until he could get orders. Accordingly he sent back a courier to carry information as to the location of the squad. It developed quickly that another force of German machine gunners was stationed in a commanding position nearby. These opened a grilling fire on the cavalry and succeeded in killing several horses within a short time.

It became apparent that the men and the rest of the horses must suffer the same fate if they remained where they were. The commander knew it would be suicide to ride out into the open, and he seized upon an ingenious plan to outwit the Germans. The horses were gathered together and stampered with their empty saddles in the direction of Cambrai.

The ruse worked, for the Germans, peering through the mist, thought the horsemen were escaping. The machine guns came into action against the galloping horses, and the troopers meantime made good their escape from the road. They started back, but, losing their way, at one time were actually in the outskirts of Rumilly.

This may have given rise to the report which became current that the British had occupied Rumilly. Challenged by EnEMY The Canadians continued their journey toward what they thought were the British lines. As they were proceeding they were challenged by a German officer and nine men. It happened that among the troopers was a little chap who spoke German fluently. He was sent forward with orders to engage the German in conversation until the rest of the troopers could close in with their sabres. The little ensignary fulfilled his mission by engrossing the attention of the officer with a cock-and-bull story to which the German listened, because he did not know that the British cavalry was in his zone. He listened a moment too long, however, for the Canadians rushed in and killed the men accompanying the enemy officer. The latter was then taken prisoner and compelled to conduct the horsemen back to their own lines.

QUIETLY WEDDED

Mr. Gerald B. Vance and Miss Helen Hurst, both of Belleville, were quietly wedded at Holloway Street parsonage this afternoon by the Rev. J. N. Clark. The happy couple left on the International Ltd. train for Toronto and points west. On their return they will reside in Belleville.

FOUR MEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION IN TRENTON

British Chemical Company's Plant Scene of a Sad Tragedy this Morning—Solvent Recovery Building Totally Wrecked and of the Nine Occupants Four Are Killed

The British Chemical Co's plant at Trenton was the scene of a terrible explosion at 2.45 this morning. As a result 4 men are dead, another likely to die and two others badly injured.

The explosion occurred in a small separate building known as the "Solvent Recovery" department. What the cause was has not yet been ascertained but was probably due to some of the chemicals forming an explosive compound.

Mr. Shannon, formerly of the Anglo-American hotel in this city, but now an employee at the plant, witnessed the explosion. He describes the explosion as follows: The heavy roof was thrown up skywards to a great height and the walls shattered to splinters. Fire immediately broke out and the bodies of three men, who had been stunned or killed outright by the explosion were burned to a crisp. Nine men were working in the building at the time the explosion occurred. Of these three were killed at first, one has since died, and another is unlikely to make recovery. Two others were seriously injured. The dead are: J. B. Smith, Drummond; Mr. Macdonald, of Perth. And two others whose names we could not be ascertained.

Edwin Noonan who is so badly burned that he is likely to die, is a cousin of Mr. George Lee; the well known Front Street presser and cleaner. He is a youth only seventeen years of age and comes from Perth. Last night was his first at the Chemical Co's plant. He had been timekeeper with the C. P. R. through the summer but was let off when the freeze-up came. Smith and Macdonald were his boon companions and were perhaps a year or so older than he. Noonan is a son of

Women Once Invalids

Now in Good Health Through Use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Say it is Household Necessity. Doctor Called it a Miracle.

All women ought to know the wonderful effects of taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound even on those who seem hopelessly ill. Here are three actual cases:

Harrisburg, Penn.—"When I was single I suffered a great deal from female weakness because my work compelled me to stand all day. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for that and was made stronger by its use. After I was married I took the Compound again for a female trouble and after three months I passed what the doctor called a growth. He said it was a miracle that it came away as one generally goes under the knife to have them removed. I never want to be without your Compound in the house."—Mrs. FRANK KNOWN, 1643 Fulton St., Harrisburg, Penn.

Hardly Able to Move. Albert Lea, Minn.—"For about a year I had sharp pains across my back and hips and was hardly able to move around the house. My head would ache and I was dizzy and had no appetite. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills, I am feeling stronger than for years. I have a little boy eight months old and am doing my work all alone. I would not be without your remedies in the house as there are none like them."—Mrs. F. E. VOSE, 611 Water St., Albert Lea, Minn.

Three Doctors Gave Her Up. Pittsburg, Penn.—"Your medicine has helped me wonderfully. When I was a girl 18 years old I was always sickly and delicate and suffered from irregularities. Three doctors gave me up and said I would go into consumption. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and with the third bottle began to feel better. I soon became regular and I got strong and shortly after I was married. Now I have two nice stout healthy children and am able to work hard every day."—Mrs. CLEMMENTINA DUBERNE, 34 Gardner St., Troy Hill, Pittsburg, Penn.

All women are invited to write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for special advice.—It will be confidential.

Trumport took place at Wellington on Wednesday. She was aged sixty years and a well known resident.

HALSTON Mr. McIntosh of Belleville, took charge of the service at Mt Pleasant on Sunday. He was accompanied by Miss Hunter, of the Tabernacle choir.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bell, of Frankford, visited at Mr. T. Parks last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Alexander, of Moneymore, spent Sunday at Mr. J. Baldricks.

Messrs. S. Mont, R. F. Elliot, C. L. Goodman and Arthur Glass, attended the convention at Madoc.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Palmer, of Shannonsville, spent Friday at M. T. Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Clapsaddle, of Roslin, visited at Mr. W. Sherry's on Sunday.

Much sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gow, of Latta, whose little boy, Carman, met with the fatal motor accident last Monday.

Word reached here that Mrs. J. Carter, of Toronto, formerly of this place was seriously ill with pneumonia. We hope to hear of her speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Glass, of Oshawa, visited the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. O. Glass, recently.

Master Arthur Shannon has been quite ill with tonsillitis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McCraay and Helen were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Mains, of Latta, on Sunday.

NILES CORNERS We are having snow winter weather at time of writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Ellis visited friends at Rose Hall on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ryan visited Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Spencer at Consecocan Wednesday.

Mrs. B. Cruickshanks visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Ellis on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. May and two sons, of Little Kingston, and Mr. H. Harrison and daughter, Dorothy, of Wampoons East, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ryan on Sunday.

Mr. Davis from the lake shore drew milk to the factory on Saturday morning on a sleigh for the first of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Datoe visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Datoe on Sunday.

DIED In Belleville on Wednesday, November 28th, 1917, Florence Smith, wife of Mr. William Smith, at the age of forty years.

SIDNEY TOWNSHIP MAKES GREAT EFFORT TO SHOW HANDSOME MAJORITY FOR MR. GRAHAM

All the Outlying Districts are Pulling Strong for Graham and Reports are Most Encouraging.

From every section of the constituency comes highly favorable reports regarding the progress of the political campaign as it affects Mr. Graham's candidature. This is particularly true of Sidney township.

As Mr. Finkle, Mr. Graham's organizer in that section put it yesterday, "Mr. Porter's most ardent supporters are deserting him in large numbers." Mr. Finkle has spent several days organizing and canvassing in Sidney township in Mr. Graham's interests and he is extremely optimistic as to the final count when the election is over.

On Wednesday evening Mr. Finkle addressed Mr. Graham's supporters in the committee rooms as to one instance of how the voters are rallying around Mr. Graham. He said he had called on eleven staunch Conservatives, men who had never cast other than a Tory vote in their lives and after he had put the facts clearly before them, they all decided that Mr.

Graham was the one and only man to represent us at Ottawa, in fact, 3 of them offered their services to make that end possible. Mr. Finkle cited another instance of the change in public opinion. He called upon a strong Porter man, who had a son overseas in the front line trenches. This man greeted him with "Don't talk Graham to me, he is making too much money to want the war to end."

But after Mr. Finkle had enlightened occurrence of a serious nature. In so important a matter surely the public has some rights. All day long people, who have friends at the front, have been calling The Ontario office for particulars. Great exaggerated reports as to the loss of life having been in circulation this morning. Surely in a case of this kind the company officials should welcome publicity and furnish all articles fully and freely in order that the minds of anxious relatives might be set at rest.

An inquest will be opened tonight at Trenton and Mr. Carney will proceed to Trenton to represent the crown.

MR. GRAHAM HOLDS ROUSING RALLY AT TURNER'S SCHOOL HOUSE

Sidney Residents Again Turn Out in Large Numbers to Greet the Union Candidate.

The most successful of all Mr. Graham's political meetings was the one held last evening in Turner's school house, Sidney. The auditorium was packed to the doors to welcome Mr. Graham and many had to be turned away through lack of accommodation. Mr. James Fargoy made a very able chairman for the evening and he was most emphatic in his endorsement of Mr. Graham. Mr. Graham put his many reasons for contesting this election in a

clear, convincing form and it was quite evident that his audience was with him to the man. There were several other prominent citizens on the platform with Mr. Graham and they all made appeals in support of Mr. Graham. These men were Chas. Vanderwaters, Harry Ketcheson, Newton Bird, F. E. Mallory, all of Sidney township and Mr. William McIntosh of Belleville.

Mr. Graham's meeting in Sidney have all been a huge success and there is no doubt as to the final count when the ballots are counted on election day. The Frankford crew was in attendance and rendered several much appreciated selections.

But say, let's not forget the Christmas entertainment in the Methodist church on Dec. 30th. We believe a first-class program is being pro-

Whose who! Everybody ready for sport now!

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TO ORT HOPE

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27.—Ex-Mayor morning. He some time, and a life was de- ent of his ad- patient recalled. ved slight im- was only for a ing death came ek. w had been in the public life half a century. city in 1837. t Upper Canada up, law after per Canada, and ed to the bar. Legislature. a, from 1834 to lderman, and in to England to of an issue of the return from lected president 1836 he was a but was de- 1837 he was two terms. In an unsuccessful yorally. topped out of few years, only politics. He onto in the from 1808 to ed to make y-General, J. F. been displaced by Mr. E. W.

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M. DONNAN a respected rson passed or a prolonged those misde- was a native of ved by two Hamilton, at er, Mrs. Jan- don township. sed her about sed lady was a and highly es- terling qual-