

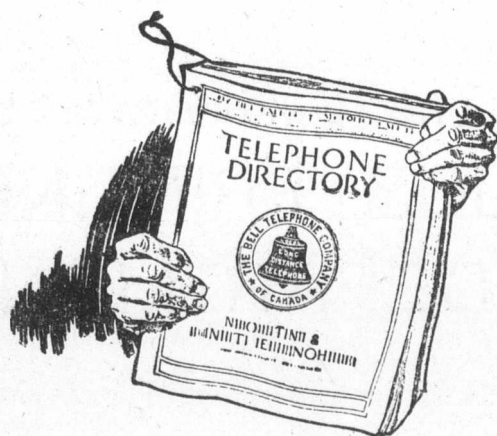
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### A Few Lines From Sergt. E. Dodds

Mrs. T. Dodds received last week a short letter from her son Sergt. E. Dodds who was gassed early in November. It was written from Queens A. 2 Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester, Sussex, England, and says in part:—  
"Am here in England once more but do not know for how long. If I have my say, and things work out the way I expect, I will not be here for six months. When I was at Etaples, the Canadian Base, I sent for Nurse Reed and she came to see me the afternoon before I left. I have not received any mail for a long time and dear knows when I will get any as I have to wait for it to be returned from France. The gas which I got at Passchendaele Ridge has put my heart and left lung on the bum, but the doctor here is a hypnotist and has done some wonderful work for his patients, so I expect to get well before long. I was awful lucky while in Belgium for we had a very large number of casualties but I was fortunate enough not to get a wound, but I would sooner have been wounded than gassed. A number of boys died in the general hospital all around me, but I am out of that now and back once more out of the sound of guns. It was the 8th of November that I got gassed. It is nearly six weeks since I got any pay and I lost all my stuff in the first hospital I was in."

Mrs. Dodds also received a letter from Nursing Sister Rose Reed which speaks of Sergt. Dodds, from which the following is an extract:—

"I went up to see Eddie in the British Hospital. He asked to come to us but they have to go where they are sent, but the hospital is next to ours. The Chaplain came down and told me he was very anxious to see me. I will never forget our meeting. When Eddie saw me he tried his best to laugh instead of cry and I did the same, but both being Soldiers we pulled ourselves together. He was quite badly gassed. The lungs catch it most and he was very hoarse. He is leaving for England, or as the boys call it 'Blighty,' and will be over there I presume, a month or six weeks in hospital and then his leave."

Other letters from England state that Sergt. Dodds is badly gassed and paralysed from the waist down.

### Presentation to Rev. R. M. Stevenson

At a large gathering of the members and adherents of Watford and Zion Congregational churches held in the basement of the Watford church last Thursday evening, a presentation of a well-filled purse was made to the minister, Rev. R. M. Stevenson, F.R.G.S., as a token of esteem and appreciation.

The following address was read and handed to Mr. Stevenson along with the presentation:—

DEAR MR. STEVENSON:

We, the assembled members and friends of Zion and Watford churches take this opportunity to extend to you our best wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year; and also to express to you in some measure our deep appreciation of your labours amongst us. We are not unconscious of your unwearied efforts in our behalf. Your words from the pulpit are ever inspiring and expressive of your deep and earnest interest in our spiritual welfare. You are ever faithful in sounding out the Gospel's glad message, and you ever show a kindly interest and sympathy in the routine affairs of our daily life. We ask you to accept this purse, not that its monetary value represents adequately our feelings, but rather as an expression of our good-will and kind appreciation of your labours here. Again we wish you a happy New Year, and hope that you may be spared many years to labour in the Master's vineyard. Signed on behalf of the Watford and Zion Congregational churches,

WILLIAM MARWICK,  
FRED THOMPSON.

After a pleasant social time together, and a friendly cup of coffee, the meeting was brought to a close.

### Court Pearl Officers

At the last regular meeting of Court Pearl, No. 306, C.O.F., Brooke, held December 27, 1917, the following officers were elected for 1918:

C. R.—A. B. Sisson.  
V. C. R.—W. Kelly.  
F. S.—C. G. Sisson.  
R. S.—H. Moffatt.  
Chaplain—Jos. Acton.  
Treasurer—A. Higgins.  
S. W.—Sterling Lucas.  
J. W.—F. Rundle.  
Sr. B.—W. Barker.  
Jr. B.—Sanford Lucas.  
Conductor—T. Leach.  
Court Deputy—Ed. Kelly.  
Auditors—E. Moffatt and A. Moffatt.  
Court Physician—Dr. W. G. Siddall.  
(recommended.)

### Death of Pte. Fred de Gex

Pte. Fred G. de Gex, of the 63rd Depot Battery, died in the military hospital, London, on Thursday of last week. Pte. de Gex was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward de Gex, the well-known raiser of pure bred sheep near Kerwood. Mrs. (Major) Chesham is a sister. The funeral took place on Saturday, with full military honors, from the undertaking parlors of Smith, Son & Clarke, London, to Strathroy, where he enlisted. The cortege left the undertaking parlors at about 11 o'clock, the band of the Western Ontario Regiment playing the "Dead March" from "Saul," the casket, covered by the Union Jack, being conveyed on a gun carriage, whose crew consisted of six of the dead soldier's comrades.

The party entrained on the G.T.R. to Strathroy, where the interment took place. The service at the cemetery was conducted by Hon. Capt. MacGillivray, camp chaplain. The 63rd Depot Battery

# A Woman's — Problem

## How to Feel Well During Middle Life Told by Three Women Who Learned from Experience.

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supplied the firing party for the last volley over the grave and the trumpeters of the Battery sounded "Last Post."

### Nominations Elsewhere

PETROLEA  
For Mayor—Mayor John McRobie, R. Stirrett, E. Preston, K. C. Kerr, George Morris, Jas. Peat: reeveship—R. Stirrett, George Morris, K. C. Kerr, Thomas Johnston: deputy reeve—George Morris, Wm. Brown and C. Humphrey: water commission—John Walker, S. Pollard, Milton Napper: hospital board—Neil McDougall: hydro commission—R. Jackson, P. Carey, A. W. Ellis: Council—Wm. Brown, J. W. Patterson, A. Hessey, J. Faulkner, J. McKenzie, D. Steadman.

ENNISKILLEN  
For reeve—Thomas Simpson, Elroy Steadman and J. H. Burnard. For deputy reeve—Jas. Jardine, Joseph Hackett and A. W. Brock. For councillors, three to be elected—Angus Stonehouse, John W. Metcalfe, John Kirkpatrick, Alex. Bygrove, Richard Bailey, Thomas Wilson and John Walsh.

PLYMPTON  
For Reeve—Robt. McLaren (acclamation). For deputy reeve—H. Patterson, J. Brownlee. For councillors, three to be elected—Charles King, John Canton, Duncan Gordon, A. S. Minnelly, David Watson, Duncan Smith and John Nicholson.

FOREST  
For mayor—Wm. Frayne, Robert Hair, H. Patterson and Ed. Rumford. Reeve—G. W. Beatty (by acclamation). Councillors—J. F. Brush, Peter Campbell, R. N. Daly, A. W. Gifford, Wm. McPherson, W. Byrns, C. W. Stuart, J. E. Sutcliffe, Wm. Frayne, L. P. McKindry, S. J. Rawlings and L. D. Scott.

METCALFE  
Reeve—Robert Denning (acclamation). Councillors—Archie Campbell, Angus McCallum and Wm. Hawken.

ADELAIDE  
For Reeve—John Currie and Andrew Pedden. Councillors—Fred Brent, T. Callahan, Fred Conkey, Alf. McArthur, Albert Ayre, T. Anderson and John Campbell.

GLENCOE  
The entire Glencoe Council was re-elected by acclamation as follows: Reeve—A. J. Wright; Council—A. McPherson, P. D. Keith, J. E. Roome, W. A. Hagarty.

BOSANQUET  
Reeve—Robert Tidball (by acclamation). Councillors—Rich. Thomson, W. W. McDonald, Hugh Russell, Wm. Stewardson (by acclamation).

The ratepayers of Southwold will vote as to whether their statute labor will be performed as at present or be commuted at \$1.00 per day.

### Work of the Experimental Farms

For the convenience of specialists, farmers, and others interested in the different lines of agriculture dealt with in the three-volume annual report of the Dominion Experimental Farm, the several subjects have been issued in separate pamphlet form. These include the reports of the Dominion Animal Husbandman, of the Dominion Cerealists, of the Dominion Horticulturist, of the Supervisor of Illustration Stations, of the Dominion Apiarist and of the Dominion Tobacco Husbandman. Any of these reports can be had on application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

The Kent County Oil and Gas corporation is the name of a new gas company organized in New York. The company is putting on the market 58,000 shares of \$1 value and which will be sold for 25 cents. The authorized capital is \$2,000,000 and the company claims to have leased 3,000 acres between Chatham and Wallaceburg.

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