

# May Gazette

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## NOTICE!

### \$1.50 RATE AUGUST 1st.

In accordance with previous announcements, the subscription price of the Gazette will be raised to \$1.50 per year on the 1st of August next. The large increase in the cost of everything which goes into producing a newspaper makes this increase in price absolutely necessary.

We will be pleased to receive new and renewal subscriptions at the \$1 rate up to the 1st of August and as a further inducement to new subscribers we will send the Gazette to January 1st, 1917, for 40 cents providing order is placed with us prior to August 1st.

The \$1.50 rate for weekly newspapers is being adopted in nearly all parts of the Dominion. The publishers, to keep in pace with the constant increase in prices, need additional revenue in order that they may make both ends meet.

### Hot Weather

Old Sol has roasted saint and sinner during the past week. The mercury has been climbing the scale with a facility born of frequent practice. It begins about nine o'clock in the morning with a little over 70 degrees, and with that as a basis reaches 90 by noon, and gradually creeps up to about 95. About five o'clock p. m. it begins to fall away from its perch.

### Patriotic Meeting.

Lt. Col. Williams, chief recruiting officer of Canada, addressed a meeting of the ladies of Walkerton on the 20th inst., dealing with recruiting problems. Col. Williams has called a meeting of the ladies of Military District No. 1, at London on Tuesday, August 1st, and has asked for representative ladies from each important point in the County of Bruce to discuss such problems. The Mildmay ladies are requested to meet as soon as possible to elect one or more delegates to attend this convention.

### Predicts Early Victory.

Lloyd George, the head of the British War Office, predicts an early victory for the Allies. In his speech in the House of Commons last week he said:—"Numbers and all other resources are on our side." There was only one fear—that years of training and thought on the part of a great military power might be something that might be insuperable. Our men have demonstrated that it is not so, and that British resourcefulness and intelligence are, as in fields of commerce in the past, when they have been able to snatch victory out of what appeared to be complete commercial disaster. Going to snatch victory again in a few months from what appeared at one moment to be something that was invincible.

### The Forestry Battalion.

A military unit whose ideals and aims should appeal to any man anxious to do his bit for the Empire, but who still does not feel like trusting himself to the hazardous life of the trenches, or with any of the fighting forces, is the 239th Forestry Battalion, which under the command of Lieut. Col. W. R. Smyth, M. P. for Algoma, has recently received authorization to recruit all over Ontario and as far west as the Pacific Coast. While the military duties of the Foresters will not carry them into the fighting zone, the services which they will be called upon to perform are just as essential to the saving of the Empire as is the actual fighting in which other units must engage. It will be remembered that a short time ago the 224th Forestry Battalion, the first of its kind to be raised in Canada, was sent over to England to cut down the forests of Great Britain in order to keep the men at the front supplied with the necessary timber for the building of trenches, bridges, railways, dugouts, and for the hundred and one other uses to which timber must be put on the firing lines. This unit is now engaged in trimming out the historic forests of Windsor, but as they are unable to turn out enough material for the front the call has been sent out for two similar battalions to be raised in Canada, and one of them, the 239th, is now making its appeal all through this district for young farmers, teamsters, sawyers, lumbermen, mill-hands, and any other person who thinks he is husky enough to play his part in the forestry work.

### Building Observation Tower.

The Dominion Government is erecting a huge observation tower on a high hill on James Kemp's farm on the first concession of Carrick. The structure is to be about 75 feet high, and can be seen for miles around. Enormous quantities of lumber are being used in its construction. The tower is being built for the purpose of taking observations to correct former maps and surveys. Mr. Kemp's hill is said to be the highest point of land in the southern part of Bruce.

### Bought Threshing Outfit.

Messrs. Frank, George and Joseph Kueneman, in company with Mr. H. Ebel, general salesman of the George White & Sons Co. of London, and Philip Lobsinger, local agent, motored to London with the intention of purchasing a threshing outfit. Frank found everything satisfactory, and bought a 25 horsepower rear mount engine and a White Separator complete with cutting box and chaff blower. Frank has been threshing in Carrick for the past eleven seasons, and has always tried to please his customers, and will now be in better shape than ever to do so.

### Lightning Does Damage.

A very heavy rainstorm, accompanied by vicious lightning, passed over the southern section of Carrick last Thursday evening. The rain fell in torrents, and the lightning was alarming. Ignatz Hinsperger's barn was struck and badly splintered, and a brood sow in the stable got the tail end of the shock, completely paralyzing it. Another stroke hit Mrs. August Kleista's chimney on the Elora road. The chimney was wrecked and the wall slightly damaged. The current then was carried off by the telephone ground wire. A brood sow on the premises of Jos. Vogar was killed by lightning, and William Dahms is also reported to have lost a horse during the storm. Several other smaller losses are also reported.

### Peculiar Poisoning Case.

Jas. Burnett, who lives near Clifford, had a rather mysterious experience last Friday. After having eaten a plate of oatmeal porridge for breakfast, he went to Clifford to do some shopping. His mother-in-law, Mrs. McManis, who lives with him, took her breakfast a little later and detected a peculiar taste in the porridge, but not suspecting anything serious, gave it to the dog to eat. In a very short time the animal died, and Mrs. McManis, becoming alarmed, telephoned to Mr. Burnett at Clifford to ask him if he felt any evil effects of his breakfast. Mr. Burnett said he was feeling all right, but after dinner he took suddenly ill, and two doctors were called to attend to him, one of whom was Dr. Clapp of Mildmay. They found him suffering from what looked very suspiciously like strychnine poisoning, but they succeeded in getting him over it. The whole affair has stirred up a good deal of excitement in the neighborhood. The oatmeal was bought from a local store, and how it came to contain the poison is a mystery.

### War Summary.

German military writers state that the present struggle on the western front cannot continue long by reason of the great losses suffered by both armies. They believe that the Franco-British advance will be brought to a standstill, as all other offensive operations have been on the western front during the past twenty months, because no General is prepared to pay the price in men's lives that must be paid to break the opposing lines. This is not the British view. General Haig continues to push along day by day, making gains of more or less importance against a constantly growing German army which has now many more heavy guns at its disposal than when the struggle began. No estimate of the losses of either side is obtainable. The London correspondent of the New York Tribune lifts a corner of the censorship curtain when he states that the casualty lists published in London on Monday contained nearly six thousand names of officers and men killed, wounded and missing. It is added that not since the stubborn fight of the original advance on July 1 have so many names appeared as on Monday. The British losses may reasonably be estimated as averaging four thousand a day. The Germans, it is believed are suffering quite as heavily, for they are counter-attacking continuously and with great vigor along the British front. On that part of the battle-line where the French are opposing the Germans the losses are not quite so heavy in killed and wounded, but for some reason the Germans there surrender more freely than they do to the British. Paris reports the capture of 20,000 prisoners, but this probably includes those taken on the British front.

The Gazette is always anxious to publish interesting items contained in letters from the front by local people, and all letters placed in our care for this purpose will be taken due care of and returned to the owners. We do not publish these letters complete, but make mention of interesting extracts which are contained in nearly every letter from the firing line. This matter makes interesting and appreciative reading.

### B. C. Rhodes Scholarship.

Mr. Edward Weldon Berry, a third year graduate of the University of British Columbia, and a son of Mr. John W. Berry, a former resident of Mildmay, has been accorded the honor of being chosen as this year's Rhodes scholar from British Columbia. The Rhodes scholarship, as is generally known, comprises a four-year course at Oxford University, England, and is accorded to the graduate who is considered by the committee entrusted with the choice, to be the best all-round scholar in the province each year. Mr. Berry ranked slightly the highest in merit of any of the candidates and was the unanimous choice of the committee for the scholarship. He is probably as yet unaware of the honor that has been conferred upon him as, at last accounts, the Queen's battery of artillery, to which he became attached to some time ago, had completed its training about a month ago in England and crossed over to France. By this time he is in all probability engaged along with the thousands of other British guns, in blasting a way for the advances of the British Tommies on the Somme front or elsewhere on the western battle line. Under the present conditions, of course, the new Rhodes scholar will not have to take advantage of the honor that has been conferred upon him this year. Arrangements have been made to hold any scholarships conferred during the period of the war until a sufficient time after peace has been declared so that those serving with the colors or prevented otherwise from taking the course may do so later.

## NEUSTADT.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rahn and family of Elmira spent a week's holidays with friends and relatives in town.

The Misses Florence and Charlotte Weinert are spending a week's holidays in Berlin and St. Clements.

Miss Anna Huether is spending a week's holidays in Wiarton.

Miss Lillian Seigmann of Toronto is spending her vacation at her home here. Miss Seigmann is a milliner with the R. Simpson Co.

Mr. Otto Weppeler spent a few days in Hamilton and Toronto last week.

Mr. John Eckenswiler returned home last Wednesday evening. Johnny has formerly been a bugler in the 160th Battalion.

Mr. Herbert Weinert left last Thursday morning for Galt where he has secured a position at the G. T. R. station there. Herb had formerly worked at the G. T. R. station here for four years. Herb had always been a sport and will be missed by the boys.

Mr. Henry Haehnel of Detroit is spending two weeks holidays with his mother here.

A number of our sports from town attended the dance in Carleton Place Wednesday evening and report a good time.

## FORMOSA.

Mr. Lorne A. Bady, of the Telescope was in town last week on Wednesday.

Miss Lillie Scheffer is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Tara.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Opperman and Mr. and Mrs. Jos. J. A. Borho motored to New Germany on Saturday and returned Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Val. Weiler, Philip Weiler, Mrs. Chas. Bildstein and son Harold went to Berlin, Breslau and New Germany by automobile on Saturday.

Bobby Flachs of Hamilton arrived in town on Saturday for a short visit.

Miss Rachel Bildstein who had an operation for appendicitis at St. Joseph's hospital, Guelph, has returned home last Monday and is getting along nicely.

Mr. John Schurter and family and book have moved into Felix's house formerly occupied by John.

We are pleased to report that Anthony Schurter who was last week is improving.

The Mildmay juvenile basketball team played the return match with here last Tuesday, and won with the score of 22-9.

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