

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Captain William Warnock and his able Victory Loan Lieutenants would be pretty good men to enlist in a Memorial Hospital Campaign for East Elgin.

Malahide may be a little slow on the start in a race but comes very fast on the home stretch. However, there's nothing like a good start, a good steady pace and then a final spurt.

The Victory Loan of 1919 has resulted in a great victory, the amount asked for being more than doubled by the subscriptions received. This speaks well for the people of Canada. In every district they have gone over the top, and have done their part nobly and well. This splendid and gratifying response must not, however, be the sign for the government to squander the money provided in unnecessary expenditures. Our National debt is large but Canadians themselves are carrying over four-fifths of it. Our credit is now good, but for the next two or three generations the people will feel the burden of the taxation necessary, yet Canada, through the loyalty of her people, occupies a much more favorable position than any European nation. Our debt is not one-half as much per head of the population as that of the Mother country, but no extravagances by the Government can be permitted if we are to retain our present standing.

It is a foregone conclusion that a Farmers' party is to be an active element in the next Federal Election. Organization has already taken place in Ontario and three western provinces—Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—while others are sure to enter the field. A platform on which the party will appeal to electors has been announced, and embraces features that while startling for their progressiveness will be difficult to combat by the old-time politicians. Some of their proposals are as follows: "An immediate all-round reduction of the tariff, coupled with an increase in the British preference to fifty per cent; complete free trade between Canada and Great Britain in five years; reciprocity with the United States along the line of the agreement of 1911; the abolition of all food taxes; the enforced publication by corporations engaged in the manufacture of protected products of annual statements of earnings; public hearings before a special committee of Parliament of all claims for tariff protection; the abolition of the Senate; the prohibition of the importation or manufacture of intoxicants; the abolition of titles; direct taxes on the unimproved value of all lands, including natural resources; a sharply graduated income tax; the abolition of patronage; proportional representation; the initiative; referendum and recall; the adoption of Provincial franchise laws for Federal elections; equality of the sexes in voting and in holding seats in Parliament and the Legislatures; special insurance for soldiers who become undesirable risks; laws requiring owners of land held idle to fix a selling price; co-operative marketing." Every candidate who accepts nomination must pledge himself to carry out the principles as above laid down, and failure to keep his pledge is to be the signal for his resignation and future political oblivion.

St. Thomas has for some time been sounding the people of Elgin county as to her chances of establishing a Memorial Hospital dedicated to those who paid the supreme sacrifice on the fields of Flanders. The Express is emphatically opposed to the county adopting any scheme whereby the people will put up the money and St. Thomas reap the benefit. We have no hesitation in endorsing the idea of establishing a Memorial Hospital; in fact we think there should be two such institutions—one in East Elgin and one in West Elgin—and if St. Thomas wants a third, we have no objections so long as the city finances the project. Many years ago a hospital was presented to St. Thomas, and there has been ample time and opportunity to develop and improve it to an extent that it would be a credit to the city and county, but unfortunately it does not seem to enjoy that reputation. What is to prevent the city from bringing the one they already have up to the standard of those in other cities, which would fill their "long felt want" they now talk about. Such an institution is highly desirable and practically a necessity in Aylmer if we would keep up with the procession of progress. This is one of the planks in the platform of the recently established Chamber of Commerce, and it should be warmly endorsed by the people of East Elgin. Other towns no larger nor more important than

Aylmer have their hospitals, which are successfully conducted, and do much to relieve the sufferings of the afflicted. It appears rather presumptuous on the part of our neighbors to the west to ask support for a second hospital when we require one so badly ourselves, yet we do not blame them if they can get away with it. If a hospital were established here, and we see no serious reason why it should not be if a united effort of the municipalities concerned is made, it will prove a real live, useful institution, and not the failures some are that have been running for many years. Our advice is to ignore appeals made for the county town, and to boost for a hospital for Aylmer. We have doctors and surgeons fully as competent as those in any town or small city, and they could well care for most of the cases that now go to London, and at far less expense to the patients, if they are provided with proper premises and equipment.

The first flurries of snow came on Tuesday, warning us that our long, beautiful season of autumn weather is over, and that winter is rapidly approaching. It is hard to realize it, but Christmas is but five weeks distant, and if you are to do your Christmas shopping early, you should now be visiting Aylmer's well-equipped stores and make your selections. We fail to see why it should be so, but many people seem surprised at the great record made by Bayham and Vienna in the purchase of Victory Bonds. The Bayham Lambs started off at a record pace from the start and kept the pace to the end, adding stars to their crown. All honor to them. They know a good thing when they see it, and their loyalty is unquestioned.

While the complete returns of the Victory Loan Campaign are not as yet available, it is certain that the total subscriptions will be upwards of \$674,000,000. Of this great sum the Province of Ontario alone subscribed \$354,000,000, considerably more than one-half. There were 442,658 subscriptions in this province, and they subscribed at the rate of \$137.82 for every man, woman and child. Every district exceeded its objective, which is a most satisfactory showing. South Oxford comes out with the best record, having raised \$3,308,600, being 231 per cent. of its objective. Elgin did well, every district exceeding its objective, and all but one having one or more crests added to their banners. Modesty prevents us from enlarging on the record of good old Aylmer unduly. It is but justice, however, to say that Aylmer made the most wonderful record of any town of similar size in Canada. Our objective was \$165,000. That amount was easily achieved in the first two weeks, while the final total was \$405,350, an average of over \$200 for every man, woman and child within the corporation limits. In addition to the Honor Flag this entitles Aylmer to five crests. All honor to Captain William Warnock and his efficient assistants, J. M. Farthings, and C. S. Bridgman, and all honor to our loyal citizens. The achievements of three Aylmer industries is worthy of special mention. The Carnation Milk Products Co., obtained an Honor Flag and twenty-four crests; the Aylmer Shoe Company a flag and nine crests and the Aylmer Steam Laundry of which nearly all employees are women, a flag and four crests. Tillsonburg, our neighbor to the east, also did well, raising the handsome total of \$384,200.

## ST. PAULS METHODIST CHURCH

Aylmer, Ontario  
Rev. W. K. Hager, B. A., Pastor  
Bible School Supt.—Mr. H. E. Armstrong.  
Choir Director and Organist—Mr. Chas. Howey.

## SUNDAY

10 a.m.—Junior League and Fellowship Meeting.  
11 a.m.—Divine Worship.  
Sermon subject: The Gospel by St. John. "The Coming of God into the Life of the Christian."  
3 p.m.—Bible School and St. Pauls Brotherhood.  
7 p.m.—Divine Worship.  
Sermon subject: "A Christian Test of Life, Confession, or Profession or preaching."  
Monday 8 p.m.—Epworth League. "The Report of the East Elgin Sunday school Convention."  
Wednesday 8 p.m.—Praise and Prayer.  
Friday 8 p.m.—Choir Practice.  
Ladies' Aid on the 4th Thursday at 4 p.m.  
W. M. S. on 3rd Friday at 3 o'clock.

## THE BAPTIST CHURCH

## NEXT SUNDAY

11 a.m.—Rev. W. A. Ashmore, B. A.  
3 p.m.—Sunday School  
7 p.m.—Rev. W. A. Ashmore, B. A.  
Everyone is cordially invited to these services.  
Monday, 8 p.m.—Young People's meeting.  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting  
Mr. E. C. Monteith, Choir Leader  
Mrs. E. H. Smith, organist

When a fool opens his mouth you can see right through him.  
Before marriage, men and women argue; after, they dispute.  
When a man compliments a woman she always admires his frankness.

## KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minister, Rev. (Captain) J. A. H. McLean, B. A.

## Sunday Services

Morning at 11 o'clock—Subject, "The limitations of the Dwarf."  
Evening at 7 o'clock—Subject. The second in a series of four sermons on "Death and the Hereafter. "What is Heaven?"  
Sunday evening, Nov. 30—"What is Purgatory?"  
Sunday evening, Dec. 7—"What is Hell?"  
Sunday School at 3 o'clock.  
Monday, at 4.30 p.m.—Young Peoples' Society, under the leadership of Miss O'Neill.  
Wednesday, at 7.30 p.m.—Prayer and Fellowship Service.  
Wednesday at 8.30 p.m.—Choir practice under the directorship of Prof. Bristowe.  
Superintendent of Sunday School, Mr. Howard McGregor.

## TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rev. C. A. Miles, B.A., Rector  
NEXT SUNDAY  
Matins 11 a.m.—Rev. Brownlee.  
Sunday School 3 p.m.  
Evensong 7 p.m.—Rev. Brownlee.  
Monday 8 p.m.—A. Y.P.A.  
Wednesday 7.30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.  
Wednesday 8 p.m.—Choir Practice.  
Mrs. M. Campbell, Directress and Organist.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. George Street, Aylmer  
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