

Returned Men Given Rousing Welcome Home

Immense Crowd Gathered at the Park after Big Procession. Addresses of Welcome by Prominent Citizens Replied to by Returned Men.

Monday night last was chosen by the Aylmer authorities as the occasion to extend a hearty welcome home to our brave fellows who have returned home after doing their bit overseas. Some have served in the fighting line in France for many months, been severely wounded, nerves shattered and sent home to be discharged. Others were not physically fit to reach France and got but as far as England, but as one speaker put it, "There hearts were in the right place, and 'twas no fault of theirs they were turned back." Other men have been sent home for a complete rest and change and expect to very shortly go back to France and again take a hand in the big fight. The "Welcome Home" was a most successful event and one never to be forgotten by the brave fellows who were ready to lay down their life for their country.

The big procession started at 8 o'clock sharp from the Methodist church, corner of Talbot and Queen streets. It was headed by Messrs. Dan. McLean and Leonard Thayer on horseback, the Citizens' Band, the Public School Cadets with their bugle band, and a string of some fifty or more cars filled with prominent Aylmer citizens. The procession proceeded west on Talbot street to Wellington street, where it turned south to Sydenham and east to the Park. The park was prettily decorated with flags and bunting, and here more than 1,000 people gathered to listen to the welcome extended to the men.

Mayor Wright, who has a son in France with the artillery, presided and called on Rev. T. J. Mitchell, Rev. Chas. Miles, Rev. W. K. Hager, and Rev. W. G. Charlton, who in rousing speeches welcomed the men back home. Each speaker spoke in feeling terms of the brave men from this vicinity who would never return, and had made the supreme sacrifice. Many tributes were also made of the sacrifice and silent suffering of the mothers, sisters and sweethearts of the men overseas.

Captain Douglas Dunnett was the first to reply for himself and his comrades. "The welcome you have given us this evening, I can assure you is felt with the greatest and deepest pleasure. Especially would I like to bring to your knowledge that it is the men who have been wounded and the others that have been over there that have done the most. They have done more than I have. It is not the officers, although they could not be done without, that will win the war, it is the men in the ranks who are doing the biggest part towards winning the war. I have been asked time and again when I think the war will end. When I went overseas they thought the war would end in a short time. They are still thinking the same thing, and it is keeping the allies puzzled to find an answer to the question. I would also like to bring to your notice the splendid work of the officers who first enlisted and went overseas. It is to them that we owe the splendid results now. It was the example of the men that have died that we have tried to follow and like them to do our best. If any of you people who have relatives or friends overseas, and I know anything about them, I will be very glad to tell you about them. I am glad to be back with my people again, and thank God that it has been possible for me to safely return after three years of fighting."

Flight Sub-Lieut. Kenneth Stratton, who is home convalescing, after a fall of several hundred feet in his machine while flying in France, also made a fitting reply and said that the most pleasant memories he would carry back to France. He spoke of the spirit of the British sailors, who are never tiring in their pursuit of the enemy. They are ever anxious to meet the enemy in engagement, and even the little patrol boats ever on the look-out for German subs, have no hesitancy in trying to ram the big undersea boats, which are equipped with heavy guns. In the air the spirit is the same. An allied air man has no hesitancy in taking on two or three Germans. The main thing, said Lieut. Stratton, is to get a man afraid of you, and we have the German air men afraid of us now. He was glad the welcome home was given in the park, for he said while on either land or sea, every time a

military band played his mind always went back to the band concerts in the park in Aylmer, and it brought back pleasant memories.

Sgt. Harold Sawyer, who won the military medal in France; Driver Jack Parker, who carries eleven wounds in his body from a German shell, and Gunner W. Antill, who has ring tributes paid, the returned fellows just returned, also replied to the stirrings by Aylmer speakers. They thanked the citizens who had turned out to welcome them, for their is nothing more cheering than a hearty welcome. Other returned men on the platform considered it beyond them at that time to get on their feet and say anything, but as each man was mentioned the crowd cheered, auto horns sounded, and the song, "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow," was rendered many times.

There are a number of returned men in this district who were unable to be present, but those on the platform were: Captain Douglas Dunnett, Flight Sub-Lieutenant Kenneth Stratton, Sgt. Harold Sawyer, Gunner Antill, Driver Jack Parker, Gunner Tighe, Pte. G. T. Harvey, Pte. K. H. Moore, Springfield, Pte. W. Butler, Pres. Aylmer Branch G. W. V. A., Pte. H. Walker, Pte. Chas. Picknell, Gunner R. G. Thomson, Pte. D. J. Chapman, Bandsman A. R. Christie.

During the evening the Citizen's Band rendered several selections.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grass and children spent the week end with Mrs. Grass' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howey, Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thomson, Mrs. G. R. Thomson, Mr. Gordon Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomson, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thomson, and Mr. and Mrs. Cutmore, of Brantford, motored over and spent a few days last week in Aylmer and Port Bruce.

Next Wednesday afternoon, June 5, will be the first of the Wednesday half-holidays during June, July and August. All places of business will be closed in Aylmer at 12 o'clock noon and everybody must remember and do their shopping in the morning. The Express office along with other places of business will be closed.

During the past few days this district has experienced several terrific thunder storms, accompanied by much rain. The lightning was particularly severe, but very little damage is reported, however. The big barn on the farm of John VanFatter, south of town, was struck and one end badly damaged during the storm early Monday morning, but did not set the barn on fire. The rains have been worth thousands of dollars to the farmers and the crops are now shooting ahead with bright prospects for a big yield.

A large number from Aylmer attended the postponed Mother's Day service at Copenhagen church last Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Hager, most interesting address and special pastor of St. Paul's church gave a music was furnished by Aylmer talent, including the splendid orchestra from the Men's class of the Baptist church here. A large number of the men of the Men's Class of St. Paul's church attended and assisted with the singing. A special song service was enjoyed, which was ably conducted by Mr. Will Starr. Dan McLean was chairman and filled the chair most acceptably. Solos were rendered by Messrs. Starr and West and Master Rozelle. It was a service long to be remembered by the large congregation which filled the church.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE SURROGATE COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ELGIN
In the Matter of the Estate of William Edward Eastbury, late of the City of Buffalo, in the County of Erie, and State of New York, Assistant Secretary, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to R. S. O. 1914, Cap 121, Sec. 56 and amending acts (if any), that all persons having claims against the estate of the said William Edward Eastbury, who died on or about the nineteenth day of February, A. D. 1918, are required to send by post prepaid, or to deliver to George Owen Eastbury, Aylmer, Ontario, the Administrator, on or before the first day of July, A. D. 1918, their names, addresses and descriptions, and a full statement of particulars of their claims, and the nature of the security, if any, held by them, duly certified, and that after the said day, the Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice.


Dated this 29th day of May, A. D. 1918.
GEORGE OWEN EASTBURY,
Administrator, Aylmer, Ont.
By W. HAROLD BARNUM,
His Solicitor and Agent.
M30, J. - 618, 30.

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Good Morning ! Yes, You Know Me

Though probably we have not met in quite this way before—My name is "Advertising"—and I am going too be quick and perfectly with you—I have a problem—I have been given a responsibility which I have been entrusted with full knowledge of my inability and my limitations, I have been entrusted with the knowledge of informing women concerning Bias Filled Corsets—not merely concerning the name but also concerning the advantage of Bias Filled Corsets—Now to me the word woman carries with it the meaning every woman—and here my problem begins—I have been doing my work in the best manner I know how—at least this has been my thought and intention—and I know many women have been encouraged through me to find out about Bias Bias Filled Corsets—and they have been glad, but I am thoroughly aware that there are many more women who have never heard the name Bias Filled Corsets and that I am aware that it is my responsibility until they do know—Sometimes I think because I know Bias Filled Corsets and their advantage so well that I am inclined to take the knowledge of others for granted—and not go enough into detail—Sometimes I fear the opposite to be true—Two things are certain—one is that every woman should about Bias Filled Corsets—the other that every woman does not know Bias Filled Corsets—Now if you were I what would you do? How would you go about it? If you had the responsibility of informing every woman about what you sincerely believed to be the most notable line of Corsets in the entire world from the standpoint of style, of variety of models, and of values in individual Corsets—I ask what would you do—If you were given the duty exploiting this complete line of Corsets for every woman—indeed they are worth knowing, and every woman should know Bias Filled Corsets that is the point—How would you go about it to let every woman know? A visit to the Bias Filled Corsets Section at the Big Store may give you an idea—Will You Tell Me?



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GINGHAMS

It is Gingham year—most certainly a Gingham year. Femininity everywhere is fascinated—and the wonder is that it has not happened before as it is happening now—When one really stops and analyzes the attractiveness of Gingham as Gingham is to-day the wonder is that women have not revolutionized for Gingham before.

EXCLUSIVE BLOUSES

Each one a creation—the dream of a designer. The artist has designed a blouse of Georgette white or a drift of snow with delicate trimming. See how the Big Store has anticipated your wants in Georgette Crepe and Sheer Organdies \$3.50 to \$8.50. Blouses of Crepe de Chine or Georgette.

STUNNING WHITE CANVAS FOOTWEAR

Comfortable cool—lasts and lasts. The minimum amount of leather easily cleaned. Here's patriotic footwear for you—wear white canvas this summer a splendid showing at the general store—built on smart lines and economically priced.

MIDSUMMER DRESS MODES

Dress Skirts \$6.50 to \$12.50 each. The pretty separate skirts for wear now and every day of summer. Individual looking plaited and patch pocket models. Wash Skirts \$1.50 to \$3.50 each—Women will want more than one of these for sports wear, for the office and for afternoons—there are so many calls for them—White Gaberdines and Pique—Mostly patch pockets and button trimming—easy to launder. \$1.50 wouldn't pay the tailor for making one.

<p style="text-align: center;">The Big Store</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dry Goods, Millinery, Ladies' Ready-to-wear, Gent's Furnishings, Clothing, House Furnishings, Hats and Caps.</p>	<h2 style="margin: 0;">STRATTON & MARTIN</h2> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">AYLMER'S BEST STORES "Honest Goods at Honest Prices" Highest Market Prices Paid for Produce. Good to Shop at Both Stores.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The General Store</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Neckwear.</p>
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Mr. Jack Mann, of Bridgeburg, is visiting his father, T. T. Mann, and sisters here.
Mr. Michael Brian and son, Ed., city engineer, of Windsor, are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. Wm. McConnell, Caltan.
Mr. Edward Mills has returned to his home in New York city after visiting his father, and at the home of Mr. George Cutten, Orwell.
The large barn of W. Ashton, north of town, was struck by lightning during the severe electrical storm Sunday morning.

NOTICE

Applications for the position of Collector of Taxes for 1918, will be received by the undersigned up till 4 p.m. Monday, June 3rd, Salary \$150.
D. C. DAVIS, Clerk

BANKING HOURS

Commencing 1st of June, until further notice, the following Banking hours will be observed—

9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.
Saturdays 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon

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Transact your banking business in the morning as far as possible, and as early as possible. Try to avoid a rush at closing time.

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