

## ONE OF "OURS" WRITES FROM AYR

**Does Not See Any Reason Why Election Should Not Be Held, And Hopes For the Triumph of the Liberal Union Party.**

21 Nfld. Regt.,  
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Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest your article in *The Advocate* re general election this fall. Some while since a friend informed me that you had refused to coalesce with Morris. Personally I can see no reason why the election should not be held, or any difficulty in our lads at the front being able to record their votes or those in the navy either British Columbia and Australia have had elections and in both cases, both sailors and soldiers on active service voted, also it is very probable a general election will be had in this country about September, in which case provision will be made for those on active service, both sailors and soldiers, to vote. I have also been informed by a friend that your party is stronger than ever in the Northern districts. While this speaks well for the party and certainly speaks well for your leadership it is of very little use politically, as you have in these districts as many members as can be elected. I should like to hear of the party making some progress in the districts of the South Coast, and in Conception Bay south of Bay de Verde.

I see you have started a branch of the Union in Hr. Grace. I trust it will meet with the success it deserves. Hr. Grace has proven a rather tough proposition in the past, but you have an advantage in that the majority are fishermen.

I trust the shipbuilding plant will become an accomplished fact. I would like to see the old place so ahead.

I have also read some of your comment, and some correspondence re the English affair. Unfortunately I didn't see English's article, so am only able to guess at its tenor. It appears to me to be a dirty trick used on the eve of an election to prejudice you in the minds of the Roman Catholic electors. The first time this fellow English came into prominence was after the Glazid expedition (?) to Labrador. He was a member of that party, styling himself, I think, commissariat officer, or some such high sounding name. It surprises me how the other side could take up with such a fellow.

The Morris combination appears to me to be more rotten than ever, and it is to be hoped you will oust them in October. Sir Edward paid us a short visit some time since, on a Sunday. He addressed the Regiment, "My People." As I wanted to enjoy the good dinner I didn't listen to it.

A draft of 135 left for France on Friday morning, another of 175 will leave about Tuesday; these include all A 2 and 3 men, whose training will be completed in France. D Co, to the number of 270, will leave about Thursday.

Things are quiet on the West Front, but it is probably only a lull before a storm. The Italians have been doing good work and are now within 10 miles of Trieste, their objective. I am mailing you a "post" containing an excellent "cut" of the situation and which will give you an idea of the difficulties that had to be overcome. Russia is doing nothing, it is to be hoped she will not remain inactive much longer. While the Allies have made little progress this spring in the way of occupying territory, the killing out process has continued steadily. The Hun has suffered frightful losses; in some cases battalions have lost 60 to 80 per cent.

We cannot disguise the fact however that the big offensive of July 1st, last year, was a disappointment to the Allies. Their position now is only what they expected to gain there.

Again the Government and people of this country underestimated the strength and resource of Germany. Perhaps no one except the late Lord Kitchener fully realized it. She is up against a harder proposition than she bargained for. But she will get there. At the time war was declared, this country was infested with German spies and was getting thoroughly Germanized. It is a blessing the war was not delayed for five years longer. Again, take it from me, the Hun, with all his boasted "kultur" is worse than a savage. I speak now from information got first hand from men who were out in the first of it, and whose word I have no reason to doubt. Their atrocities in Belgium and Northern France, especially the former are not fit to repeat, much less to put on paper, and I doubt if

of this "Hell Crew" shouldn't be classed as Christians. I saw two of the devilish weapons the Hun uses against us. One was a "saw" bayonet. It has sharp teeth on each side and leaves a jagged wound. The other was a revolver with a clip of "dum-dum" bullets; these are flat nosed and when they strike a bone open out, tearing the tissues, and making a wound almost impossible to heal.

The food problem is not so serious as some of the papers would have us believe. There is need of economy, because of the world shortage; but the U boats can't starve us.

The first American contingent, consisting of a medical unit, has arrived, also a flotilla of destroyers. It is said they escorted safely over 25 food ships.

I forgot to mention that we have a new gas, very deadly. The first time it was used all the Huns in the trench were found dead, although they had gas masks on.

The country is, of course, in mourning over the late list of casualties. Our boys won the glory, but paid the price. They have proven themselves

## THE BRAVE LADS OF ELLISTON, T.B.

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your widely read paper for a few verses composed in honor of our boys who have volunteered to fight for King and Country. Some of those have stood the test and have shown their bravery upon the battlefields of France, and as you all know have gained the title, "Better than the best."

We are glad to be able to record the bravery of Private Oliver Goodland, who has returned to us with honor, wearing the Military Medal, which could not have been gained without bravery. We must thank those boys for protecting our homes and loved ones from German tyranny. No doubt the mothers of these boys feel it very hard when their boys take their stand

as good or better than the best.

Hope my letter has not been too long. With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

ONE OF "OURS."

to protect their homes and friends and country. But cheer up, mothers, the same God that will protect them at home will be watching over them even in the trenches or in a hand to hand combat. It is not because they are upon the battlefields that they are gone forever. If it is God's will that they are to return, all the bullets that the enemy can fire will not take any effect. Let us pray that God will soon bring this great and terrible struggle to a close, and may peace be proclaimed throughout the world, and may nation join with nation, and the world come back to its place of peace and happiness, and may all learn to love God from the least to the greatest, when there shall be no more war and bloodshed, but peace to reign forever.

Thanking you, sir, for space,

Yours truly,

ROBT. BAKER.

Elliston, T. B.,

June 11th, 1917.

Mr. Baker has sent us a great many verses which owing to our rule we may not print. He tells the story of

## Bay De Verde Notes

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—I again, with your permission, take my pen in hand to write a few lines concerning the doings of this place.

Since last writing there have been a few changes: (1) The wet cold easterly winds have given place to the warmer winds of the south and everything looks brighter and better than it did a short time ago. (2) There is a fine sign of fish here now. The caplin have also landed and so the trawlers are getting their share of the cod as well as the man with traps.

Although the fish haven't come in to the land yet for trapping, yet the

our Nfld. boys in battleships, submarines and trenches. The boys from

Elliston are as follows: Oliver Good-

land, M.M.—Crew; Norman Gough,—

Trask (Northern Cove); Edgar Wade

(Stanley's Lane); Walter Samson, Jim

Chaulk (tried three times), Titus Cole,

Gordon Crew, Thos. Porter,—Chaulk

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fishermen believe that when the caplin moves in from the deep water to the warmer water near the shore, there will be a good harvest.

Four more members joined the local Council of the F.P.U. of this place at the last meeting, and we hear that there are more to follow. So, Mr. Editor, you see that the Union spirit is growing fast in this place.

The Liberal-Union Party is sure to win this fall.

Vice-President Broaders who was in the city for a few days came back a few days ago.

The salmon has been scarce here this season, and it is expected to be a poor salmon fishery.

The railway station is now open and in full swing. This is another effort on the part of the Government to keep themselves in power for another year or two.

With these few lines, Mr. Editor, I shall close. Many thanks for space.

CORRESPONDENT.

Bay de Verde, June 17, 1917.

ADVERTISE IN THE ADVOCATE

## WHAT'S MISSING?---It's His Hat!

AND he is only not thinking of buying one, but perhaps he has lost it, how about yourself? If you are without a hat or has lost it, don't lose your head and go anywhere to buy something that won't look just right; we can supply hats to suit all heads and faces.

Let us dress your head this season and we will see that you wear a becoming hat.

SEE OURS

## ANDERSON'S

### Fashion Says!

A FANCY hat band on the hat, men welcome it, it gives them a chance to show a cheerful bit of colour in their dress.

Dashing colour effects for young men, neat grays for conservative men, choose your hat band as you would. Your tie, to please your fancy, suit your complexion or go with your clothes.

Styles change in hat hands as in everything else—better find out what they are, we can show you fancy bands, also very plain ones too, same colour as hat.

Cost nothing to come in and see them, you'll find many renowned makes represented.

### Our Special American STIFF FELT

The hat with no exaggerated brim or crown, just that new flat rim whose popularity is unquestioned, has special corded silk band and bow with pointed ends, sweat band of real leather.

This has been pronounced the smartest hat for men who wear stiff Felts.

We invite you to see this recognized hat for summer 1917—the hat that is stamped with distinctiveness and cost but

**\$2.00**

### SUMMER HOSIERY FOR MEN

You ought to have pretty neat socks for summer especially if you wear low shoes.

The patterns are the newest we have ever shown—and with quality considered prices have never been so low.

We are not going to tell the whole story this time—we are simply offering one—as was shown in our window—a Grey and Black at

**20c pair**

### SALE OF FLOWING-END TIES

If you are thinking of a new sport tie let your thoughts direct you here. You will find dainty charming designs in plain and fancy silk wide-ends.

You needn't sacrifice style in order to take advantage of a bargain offer.

In pattern and general effect they have looks that cost double.

All marked to one price now.

**42c each**

## MIDSUMMER--The Felt Season

THE summer hat—the finishing touch to a well dressed man is his hat, here you see hats for every kind of an occasion—it's a superb collection of the newest summer felts.

We were never behind with hat styles—now we are second to none.

If you are a soft hat man or a stiff hat man—we can suit you.

Do you know what the name "Anderson" means, it means hat satisfaction, it means hats that bring the wearer back.

SEE OURS

