WAR ACTIVITIES OF THE K. OF C.

CONFIDENCE IN K. OF C. WAR

secretaries of the Knights of Columbus and volunteer chaplains are now going to Frauce to help those already over there, to develop and carry on the work which the Order has been doing with such success in this country.

This is the most important problem now facing the Knights, but despite the obvious difficulties that surround the selection and sending abroad of the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is the proper type of men, the work is being handled with businesslike the proper type of men, the work is the work

BISHOP MULDOON'S FINE TRIBUTE

The way the Order has taken was 87%; of si and mixed 36% carried it on up to the present is the admiration of the thinking Catholics of the country. Speaking at the meeting of the Supreme Directors of the Knights of Columbus, held at Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, Ill., May 26 27, Bishop Muldoon, of Rockford, Ill., said many complimentary things of the work of the K. of C. of which the following are a few extracts:

"Criticism you are going to get frequently, and it may be from the Bishops and priests of this country. But has the Knights of Columbus work failed? I think not. It is up to you, therefore. I will not interfere unless I see something absolutely . I hear things you do wrong. . . I hear things you do not hear. They are very complimenary. And the criticisms,—they are mostly childish and spring in great numbers from people who know only

what they hear on the street-corner. "They criticise your work in this country and the same tendency is shown to criticise your work abroad. Some people ask; what have the Knights of Columbus done in France and Italy? You are a young organization, and there is much work. I am glad to hear you criticise your-self. . . Go on and criticise yourself but do not listen too seriously to some soldier who is writing from France. You will never have covered all the territory. It will not be physically possible. The Y. M. C. A. are learning that now.

"There is word of the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. sending back men all the time, and this is a family affair. . . all the difficulties you are having, the Y. M. C. A. are having them every one. Do not become dis-couraged at criticism. If you can-not reach all the fields even by the time the War is over, do the best you Let our criticism be with the

idea of betterment.
"One word more before leaving. I am highly pleased. I am sure the Bishops of the country are. You are learning by experience, you are doing the work of Jesus Christ. Carry on, . . . go forth to France. You are the representatives of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church in this country. The Knights of Columbus are doing a sacred work, a truly priestly work. May Jesus Christ

bless you all." Such words as these cannot but be heartening to those who are charged with the war work of the K. of C. Sentiments of this kind, coming from such a source, indicate that the K. of C. is backed up most heartly by the Catholics of this country, Bishops, priests and laity. Criticism of their work is bound to express itself occasionally, and those who only know a small part of the immense field may find fault because they imagine that particular section is apparently neglected, but there is evidence constantly coming in that offsets the criticism—although so long as the criticism is constructive, it is heartily welcomed by the Knights.

is a Massachusetts boy, and under date of April 19th, he writes to his folks who live in Springfield, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. John H. Curran of Prospect Hill. The letter appeared originally in the Springfield Union, May 27th.

Now a word about the Knights of Columbus. They surely are Knights in every sense of the word. Father, it would take volumes to tell you of the work they are doing over here. The Chaplains sent over fear nothing and lend a helping hand to all the boys. With my own eyes I have seen the K. of C. Chaplains and secretaries come into the Hospitals and willingly dig down into their pockets willingly dig down into their pockets whenever they thought a fellow needed a little extra, and you ought to hear the fellows tell about the warm receptions they receive in the K. of C. Huts. . . Tell the folks back home that whatever they give to the Red Cross, or Y. M. C. A., or K. of C., is money well spent. Now this is from one who knows."

many from those who do not know.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF MIXED FARMING IN THE WEST

A remarkable increase during 1917 A remarkable increase during 1917 in handlings of Live Stock and of butter, cheese, eggs, dressed meat, than a consistent proportion of the desead poultry, over its lines in Western Canada is indicated in a statement compiled by the Freight Départment of the Canadian Northern Railway. Any great increase in tennage in these commodities, of

course, could not be accomplished ances and call loans, while the rewithout pronounced progress in mainder is largely in the form of securities of the Dominion, Provinby the C. N. R., in Manitoba, Saskatcial and British Governments and CONFIDENCE IN K. OF C. WAR WORK

At the rate of twenty-five a week, acretaries of the Knights of Columnary of the

sheep 261 cars in 1917 as against 76 in 1916; and mixed stock 8,407 in 1917 as compared with 2 501 in 1916. The percentage of increase in cattle was 87%; of sheep 243%; hogs 29%;

The butter shipped amounted to 8 146,000 pounds as compared with 6,826,000 pounds in 1916, an increase of 1,820,000 pounds. The cheese low, Ii shipped totalled 1,072,000 pounds as peace. increase of 292,000.

OBITUARY

MISS MARGARET M. O'LOUGHLIN

Miss Margaret M. O'Loughlin died at the family residence on Beckwith street, on Sunday, June 2, evening. She had been ill since Christmas time, when she spent a month in St. Francis hospital in Smiths Falls, but for the past few months she has been carefully nursed at her home here. A daugther of the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin O'Loughlin, deceased had always lived in Perth with the excepalways lived in Perth with the excep-tion of a period of five years when she resided in Smiths Falls, being organist at St. Francis de Sales church. Miss O'Loughlin was highly regarded by a wide circle of acquaint-ances and friends. Her death will be keenly felt by her brother and sister, Mr. John O Loughlin and Miss Mary O'Loughlin, the sole surviving members of the family. The funera took place on Wednesday morning to St. John's Church, where a solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Tather Killeen, parish priest of ville, a relative of the family.-Perth

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Among a number of gratifying features in the report of the Mer-chants Bank of Canada for the year ending April 30, as presented at the annual meeting on the fifth of June, perhaps the most interesting is the continued expansion in the item of Current Loans and Discounts in Can-It is true this expansion would not have been possible but for the very notable increase in the vol-ume of deposits, but a rapid increase of deposits has become a normal condition among Canadian banks of late, whereas few of these banks have employed the resultant funds so largely for the support of current trade and industry in the Dominion. The Current Loans are now \$76,194,-016, an increase of about thirteen and a half millions for the year, following an increase of nearly fourteen millions in the preceding year. While much of this expansion is doubtless due to the increased valuation of all sorts of commodities which are the subjects of commercial loans, the figures are interesting in the business situation on the part

The splendid growth in the deposit Testimony as to effective work accounts is a tribute alike to the reputation of the banks and energy and wisdom of its policy under Gen and wisdom of its policy under General manager D. C. Macarow and the Board of Directors. Non interest deposits rose about seven and three-quarter million dollars, interest bearing deposits rose eleven million quarter million dollars, interest-bearing deposits rose eleven million paring deposits rose eleven million dollars, and note-circulation nearly three million dollars. The only class of public liabilities to show a decline was that of balances due to banks and correspondents outside of Canada. The rate of growth in the deposit accounts was over 21 per cent.

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The total assets of the Bank, as the result of these significant expressions of the public's confidence in the institution, have now reached the total of \$140,937,544, showing an increase over last year of nearly twenty million dollars, or $16\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. It is interesting to compare these figures with those of 1914 when, with an equal paid up capital this is from one who knows."

It may be added that one word from one who knows is worth a great the value of the shareholders' property.

erty.

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Of cattle in 1917, there were han316,681 was added to the profit bal-

WELSH.—At Warminster, Ont., on Friday, May 31st, Ellen Carmilla Welsh, aged seventeen years. May her soul rest in peace.

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