

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of Edward George Fairbrother, late of the Town of Aylmer, in the County of Elgin, Yeoman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 56 of the Trustee Act, being Chapter 121, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914, that all creditors and other persons having any claims whatsoever upon or against the Estate of property of Edward George Fairbrother, late of the Town of Aylmer, in the County of Elgin, yeoman, who died on or about the Thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen, are on or before the Twelfth day of February, A. D. 1918, to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said Edward George Fairbrother, deceased at his office, Brown House Block, Aylmer, Ontario, a statement in writing of their names and addresses, and full particulars of claims with vouchers, and the nature and value of all securities, if any held by them, and Notice is hereby further given, that after the said last mentioned date, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been received as above required, and the said Executors will not be liable or responsible to any person of whose claim notice shall not have been received as aforesaid, at the time of such distribution for the assets of the Estate or any part thereof so distributed.

Dated at Aylmer this Eleventh day of January, A. D. 1918.

A. E. HAINES,
Solicitor for the Executors
William Frederick Fairbrother,
and William Melvin, Executors.
Jan. 17/24, 31, Feb. 7.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

of William Warren White, deceased

Pursuant to Sec. 56, of Chapter 121, R. S. O. 1914, notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of William Warren White, late of the Town of Aylmer, in the County of Elgin, Division Court Bailiff, who died on or about the twenty-fifth day of November, A. D. 1917, are on or about the First day of February, A. D. 1918, to send by post, prepaid, to Edward Allen Miller, of Aylmer, executor of the last will of the said deceased, their christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, and that after the day last aforesaid the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to such claims of which notice shall have been given as above required, and the said Edward Allen Miller will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim or claims notice shall not then have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Aylmer this 19th day of January, A. D. 1918.
MILLER & BACKUS,
Solicitors for the Executor,
E. A. MILLER, Executor, Aylmer, Ont.
Jan. 24/31 Feb. 14

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Of Mahlon E. Lyon, deceased.

Pursuant to Sec. 56, of Chapter 121, R. S. O. 1914, notice is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of Mahlon E. Lyon, late of the City of Monrovia, in the State of California, who died on or about the Twelfth day of April, A. D. 1917, are on or before the Seventeenth day of February, A. D. 1918, to send by post, pre-paid, to Miller & Backus, of the Town of Aylmer, in the County of Elgin, solicitors for the Executors of the said deceased, their christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, and that after the day last aforesaid the said Executors will proceed to distribute assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to such claims of which notice shall have been given as above required, and the said Executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim or claims notice shall not then have been received by said Solicitors at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Aylmer this 14th day of January, A. D. 1918.
C. R. LUTON, and
EDNA E. LYON, Executors
by MILLER & BACKUS,
their Solicitors
Jan. 17/24, 31 Feb. 7

MORTGAGE SALE

Of Valuable Farm, Township of Bay-

ham.
Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage which was produced at the time of sale, and a Judge's Order made herein there will be offered for sale by public auction, subject to a reserve bid on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1918 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the law offices of Miller & Backus, Talbot street west, in the town of Aylmer, the following property, namely, about one hundred and twenty-two acres, part of lot two in the Fifth concession at present occupied by

THE BATTLE IN THE MUD

The British troops went forward again to day, October 12, further up the slopes of Passchendaele Ridge, striking northeast toward the village of Passchendaele itself, which I saw this morning looming through the mist and white smoke of shellfire, with its ruins like the battlements of a mediæval castle perched high on the crest.

They had the same grim adventure, they, too, fell into shell holes, groped their way forward blindly in the wild downpour of rain, lugged each other out of bogs, floundered through mud and shell fire from 5 in the evening until a few minutes only before it was time to attack.

The enemy were busy with their guns all night to catch any of the British who might be on the move. His heavy shells were scattered over a wide area and came howling through the darkness and exploding with great upheavals of wet earth. Small parties of men dodged them as best they could and pitched into shell holes five feet deep in water when they threatened instant death.

Then gas shells came whining with their queer little puffs, unlike the exploding roar of the bigger shells, and the wet wind was filled with poisonous vapors, smarting to the eyes and skin, so that some of the men had to put on gas masks.

The march up to the battle line might have shaken the nerves of most men, might even have unmanned them, by the fainting sickness of fear, but it only made the British angry to the point of wild rage.

"To hell with them!" said some of them. "We won't spare them when we go over; we will make them pay for this night."

They used savage and flaming words, cursing the enemy, the weather, the shell fire and the foulness of it all. I know the state of the ground, for I went over this crater land this morning to look at the flame of fire below Passchendaele spur.

I had no heavy kit, like the fighting men, but I fell on the greasy "duckboards," as they fell, and rolled into the slime, as they had rolled.

The rain beat a tattoo on one's steel helmet. Every shell hole was brimful of brown or greenish water. Moisture rose from the earth in a fog. The British guns were firing everywhere through the mist and thrust sharp little swords of flame through its darkness, and all the battlefields belled with the noise of the guns.

I walked through battery positions; past enormous howitzers that at twenty paces' distance shook one's bones with the concussion of their blasts; past long-muzzled high-velocity whose shells, after the first sharp hammer stroke, went whining away with the high, fluttering note of death; past big-bellied 42's and monsters firing lyddite shells in clouds of yellow smoke.

Before me, stretching away round Houthulst Forest, big and dark and grim with its close-growing trees, was Passchendaele Ridge for which the British were fighting, and their baggage fire crept up to it, and the infernal shell fire rising in white columns was on top of it, hiding the broken houses there until later in the morning, when the rain ceased a little and the sky was streaked with blue, and out of the wet gloom Passchendaele appeared with its houses still standing though all in ruins.

There were queer effects when the sun broke through. Its rays ran down the wet trunks and forked naked branches of dead trees with a curious dazzling whiteness, and all the swamps were glowing with light on their foul waters; and the pack mules winding along the tracks, slithering and staggering through the slime, had four golden bars on either side of them when the sun shone on their 15-pounder shells.

There was something more ghastly in this flood of white light over the dead ground of the battlefields, revealing all the litter of human conflict around the captured German "pill boxes," than when it was all under black storm clouds.

This morning I have been among men who lay out last night before the attack which followed the first gleams of dawn to-day, and who staggered and stumbled up to take part in the attack. These men I met had come back wounded. Only in the worst days of the Somme have I seen such figures. They were plastered from head to foot in wet mud, their hands and faces being covered with clay like the hands and faces of dead men.

They had tied bits of sack round their legs and this was stuck on them with clots of mud. Their belts and tunics were covered with thick, wet slime. They were soaked to the skin and their hair was stiff with clay.

They looked to me like men who had been buried alive and had been dug out again. And when I spoke to them I found that some of them had

Albert Baldwin, south of Richmond, and is fully described in the registered Mortgage-Instrument No. 16601 for Bayham. On the premises is a frame house, a frame barn, and other buildings, and a quantity of pine and other valuable timber. The property is said to be composed of not only good grain growing soil, but an exceptionally good stock and sheep farm.

Terms of sale: \$20000 down at time of sale, balance to be paid within 30 days. Further particulars and conditions of sale will be made known on the day of sale, or may be had in the meantime upon application to

Miller & Backus,
Solicitors for Vendor

After Stock Taking

There are always Odds and Ends in every Department that we place on sale at Slaughter Prices

This applies to Odd Coats in Children's, Misses' and Women's sizes. Warm Winter Coats at a fraction of the Regular Prices.

Children's Odd Coats at \$2.00, \$3.00 and \$4.00

Misses' Odd Coats at \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.50

Women's Odd Coats at \$4.50, \$5.50, \$6.50 and \$10.00

Comforter Percales

10 pieces 36 inch Comforter Percales, a soft finish cloth, light and dark grounds, Dresden and others, new designs, fast in color, special at 25c

15 pieces of Wool Dress Goods

Odd lines at Clearing Prices, qualities in the lot worth up to \$1.00 a yard. On sale this week at 25c, 35c, and 48c.

Men's Wool Undershirts at 48c.

Heavy union and all wool double breasted shirts, odd lines at Clearing prices, regular 75c, 85c and \$1.00 qualities selling at 48c. We can supply drawers from regular stock.

25 pieces of Wrapperettes

and Cashmerettes, excellent for house dresses or waists, wear better and heavier than prints in a good range of patterns, special at 15c and 16c

50 pieces of Flannelettes

in white and stripes, all widths and qualities, light or dark stripes, or plain greys, English and Canadian makes, very special prices while they last. 17c, 20c, 22c, 25c and 30c

Look over the Remnant Counter, always ends at remnant prices worth picking up.

Remnants from the Fur Department

Musk Rat Coats, 50 inches long in dark, well matched skins at prices 10 per cent. less than the manufacturers are asking. Buy your Musk Rat Coat now, save at least 30 per cent. We have only 3 to sell at \$48.75.

Odd Muffs and Odd Stoles

Clearing at less than they cost. We have one table of Muffs and Stoles at prices very tempting. See them on the second floor.

27-inch Cord Velvets in good shades, lengths from 3 yds to 10 yds. Clearing at 50c a yard.

Wool Blankets

10 pairs of Wool Blankets at old prices, some slightly soiled. Also Wool Top Blankets, warm and durable. You can save by buying these Blankets now.

We are opening every day Cotton Goods in Gingham, Prints, White and Grey Cottons, Shirtings, Lawns, Dimities, Piques, Repps, Foulards and Zephyrs. See the display.

been buried alive and unburied while they still had life. They told me this simply as if it were the normal thing. Others, without being flung down by a shell burst or buried in a crater, fell up to their waists in shell holes and up to their armpits and sank in water and mud.

A little group of men whom I knew had to make their way up to join in their unit's attack in the dawn. It was at dusk that this handful of men set out on the way up to the battle line, and it was only a few miles they had to go, but it took them eleven hours to go that distance, and they did not get to their journey's end until half an hour before they had to attack. They had no food all that time. "I would have given my left arm for a drop of hot drink," said one of them. "I was 'fair perished' with the cold."

They went over to the attack, these troops who were cold and hungry and exhausted after a dreadful night, and they gained their objective and routed the enemy and sent back many prisoners.

In evidence of the titanic character of the struggle for the ridge it was announced Nov. 16 that data in possession of the British staff showed that Crown Prince Rupert of Bavaria two months had exhausted ninety-one German divisions (nearly 1,365,000 men) in defending vainly the Passchendaele ridge, and in fruitless

counter attacks.

After that period of diverting raids further south, the British, with the Canadians in the lead, made a sudden advance from their positions on Bellevue Spur and Wolf Copse, reached out and took most of the defenses of Passchendaele, and then retired to their old positions in the face of overwhelming German reinforcements, which were slaughtered by a barrage covering the retirement. Then, after a week of bombardment, the Canadians tried it again, this time sweeping clear through Passchendaele to positions 800 yards beyond. From the 7th to the 14th there were heavy German counter attacks, but this time the Canadian line beyond Passchendaele did not budge. The Germans lost heavily.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

"The neat and even elegant appearance of the American soldier isn't maintained," said United States War Secretary Baker in an address, "without hard work. Yes, the work is hard, but doesn't the result more than justify it?"

"On the train the other day a private sat with his tunic unbuttoned, for the temperature was high. A sergeant strode up to him and said:

"Button up that tunic. Did you never hear of by-law 217, sub-section

D? I'm Sergt. Jacob Winterbottom."

"A gentleman in the seat behind tapped the sergeant sternly on the shoulder.

"How dare you issue orders with a pipe in your mouth?" he asked. "Go home and read paragraph 174, sec. M, part IX. I am Major Eustace Carroll."

"Here a gentleman with a drooping white mustache interposed from the other side of the aisle:

"If Major Eustace Carroll," he said coldly, "will consult by-law 31 of sec. K, he will learn that to reprimand a

sergeant in the presence of a private is an offense not lightly to be overlooked."

The sympathetic visitor to the jail saw that one of the prisoners had a rat in his possession. "Ah, you have a rat, I see," he said blandly. "Yes, sir," said the prisoner. "I feed him every day. I think more of that rat than any other living creature." The reply pleased the visitor immensely. "In every man," he said, "there is something of the angel left if one can only find it. How came you to take such a fancy to it?" "Cos he he bit the jailer."

VALENTINES

Valentine's Day February 14th

The great day for the kiddies. They work for days and weeks preparing the tokens for their little friends, and its an unfortunate Jack or Jill that gets less than a score of Valentines in the "post office."

We have here all the articles they will need red cardboard, water colors, paste, gold paint, gold paper, etc., etc., and too, the ready made Valentines, 1c; up and Valentine post cards, all prices, lots of them here.

Wall Papers

Most of the new Wall Papers are now in and ready for selling. Prices are higher of course—but we still have some of last year's papers which we are clearing out and they are splendid value. Quite a few remnants too. Bring the exact size of your rooms.

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