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(To the Editor)
Dear Sir,—Kindly permit me space in your highly esteemed paper for a few remarks. I see in our paper that our Honourable Member is referring to some one that is dissatisfied with the picking of partridge berries. Well, I think I can allow myself to say that there are a great number of people this year very much dissatisfied with the picking of those berries. I don't think such a law should have been established in such a place as Summerford, where the berries grow on a distant island and where one is forced to take their boat and row over a mile of water to pick those berries. It is alright in a place like Twillin-

gate or any other place where the berries grow on the main land where you can go any time you like to pick them, but in a place like this where a woman has to take her boat and row over a mile or more of water to secure a few berries for her needs, and you say that the berries must not be picked before the 15th. of September, when it is stormy and a woman is not able to allow herself to cross such a distance of water, but there are a few landmarsh men and lazy boys here sacking around all th summer and just when they like they can land and pick berries, while others are waiting for the time to be up to go and pick them, then the berries are all picked. It will never be otherwise here, because there would want to be something such as a foaming sword placed on the island to keep some people out. Some will go for rabbit slips and others for blue berries, and when they get there they will pick just what they like.

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This summer there was an old man and his grey haired wife, together with their grandchildren, went on the island to pick a few blue berries. They seen it was getting stormy they desired to go home and went out to the landing, and to their surprise their boat had been taken by some rascals and moored off out of reach, so there they were on a distant island, the rain pouring down and cold enough to perish them. People heard them shouting but did not know what it meant, but at last a motor boat chanced to pass by and delivered them to their boat.

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I have often heard of the crookedness of the law, but is the law so crooked as that to allow people to act with one another. If it is so it is no use at all. It is better for it to be broken and trod under foot than to have a law like that. Some people think they can just do what they like. If another person go on the island there they are with their eyes and mouths wide open enquiring what kind of berries did such a person pick, with their surprise they got the kind of medicine they did not expect. It did not suit them, it was not to their taste. I laugh at people in such a rage. Are they not as David said in the Psalm: "Such as a lion greedy after his prey." The law that is made by man they meditate on, but they don't fear the law of God. So much for the law that was here about partridge berries, it was only a mere talk, no notices posted whatever. If there was any notice here it was put up on the inside of a house. It looks very strange to me. Just look at it over since the Christian people had enough sense to know when a berry was fit to pick until now, and now the law is made about them, which should never have been made. It was never done for the benefit of the struggling man of woman. No, it was done because of the rich people that wanted the very best. Let I say let them put up with the kind they get, like he toilers do, because if the toiling people can't get them at the 15th Sept. they must go without them what lots of people have to do this year.

Let me say if those people had stayed on that island all night, wet and cold, it would have been on account of the law, so I must cut it short. Thanking you for space.
UNION MAN.
Summerford.

So good bye from Chesley to his mother.
(The above writer is Chesley Belbin, son of Mrs. Mary J. Belbin.)

MY SOLDIER BOY

Silently the shades of evening
Gather round my lonely door,
Silently they bring before me
One dear face I'll see no more.
Thou art gone my brave young soldier
And your loss I deeply feel,
But we must bow in submission
To our Heavenly Father's Will.
In a dream I saw him standing
Silently beside my bed,
And he stooped and softly whispered
And those are the words he said:
Room for Jesus, King of Glory,
Harken now, His word obey,
Swing your hearts' door widely open,
Bid Him enter while you may.
Long I gaze upon his picture,
Till the tear bedims my eye,
Shutting out the smiling features
Of my brave young soldier boy.
Thou art gone from me my darling,
Your dear face I'll see no more,
Till we meet again up yonder,
On a bright and happy shore.
For I know I shall be happy
In that land so bright and fair,
Where there will be no more parting,
For no sorrows enter there.
All the sad and lonely parents
In our island Home to-day,
Mourning now the loss of loved ones,
Who have died so far away.
Many a tea is shed in silence,
Many a sad and aching heart,
Only God knows what it costs us
From our soldier boys to part.
Jesus, while our hearts are bleeding
O'er the spoil that death has won,
We should at this solemn moment
Calmly say "Thy will be done."
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Dear Mother,—In answer to your kind and welcome letter I received a few days ago, I was more than glad to hear from you and to know you were well. You spoke about me coming home. Well mother I am in hopes of coming home when my time is up. I know it will be hard for you this winter if I cannot get home, but if I cannot get home I will let you know as soon as I can and you will have to do the best you can. You spoke about Dorcas. Well I have not got many letters from her this summer, but that won't keep me away from home if I can get out of the Navy. You said to send and let you know if I intended to come home or not. Well, yes mother, I do, if I am alive when the war is over, I will be home if not before. I have not got much strange news to say. I am still on this ship. I like to be here. If I was near you I would be able to tell you lots of news, but I cannot say much now. I was sorry to hear grandmother was sick, give my kind love to her. I would love to see her now. Remember me to all my friends home. You said for me not to forget to write. Well mother, I am writing all the time, hope you get my letters. You can send me a pound of tobacco. Hope you are getting the money alright. Remember me to Eli Button and wife and to all the family and to the Sunday school. I was glad to hear you get lots of letters from me. I know it cheers you up, but I have not sent either one for a long time. Remember me to Herbert and all the children. I would like to be able to see you all again. I would be able to tell you lots of news. I did not get either letter from Uncle Frank this summer. Well mother my news is getting short. Write as often as you can. I am going to see the Captain the last of this month to get home with you, so I hope I will be able to come home. I have said all for this time. I will tell you more next time. I suppose all the men are coming home from the Straits by this time, hope they have done well. All my chums are well and wish to be re-

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