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SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

IN BEHALF OF TREES.

It was just about as ugly a little house as one could pick out.

Narrow, too tall for its height, three windows across the front upstairs, two and a front door down stairs; no porch at all, just a front stoop, with a little gingerbread work on the small roof; the same gingerbread decoration repeated under the eaves of the house. The main house was painted red and the gingerbread work a marvellously ugly yellow.

You know what it looked like almost as well as I do. If someone had tried to make a house utterly without charm of any sort, he could hardly have done better.

And yet as we passed it in the trolley the other day my eyes were irresistibly drawn toward it. And with pleasure not distant.

Why I Looked.

Why? Because on the tiny scrap of front lawn there stood two perfectly beautiful birch trees, just softening into the tender green foliage of early spring.

Slim, straight, exquisite, lovely in line and color, they atoned to the eye for the ugliness that man had created.

And as I looked at them I wondered why we don't make a fuller use of this adornment that nature offers us so freely.

Of course some people do, but many more don't.

One reason those two birches drew my eye so strongly was because in the neighborhood there were almost no trees.

True it was a neighborhood of small single houses, and but two strike family houses, but not a poverty stricken neighborhood, I don't believe it would

have been difficult for any of the families to get hold of a few trees if they cared for them.

A Good Investment.

In another part of the city what was a few years ago a pasture has been converted into a community of two family houses where the rents range from \$50 to \$80 a month. The apartments themselves are attractive but one feels a sense of rawness and newness about the whole place. And one reason is utter absence of trees. Of course one could hardly expect full grown trees in such development but if trees had been started five years ago, they would be half grown now and in a few years they would be a real asset. If any land company would spend even \$10 per house on trees I believe it would reap a large return in added value to its property.

A Tree Protection Council.

A neighbor—not a friend—of ours once chopped down the most wonderful split maple I ever saw whose frothy leaves soaring against the blue sky had been one of the joys of my childhood, because he said it was too much work to rake up the leaves in the fall. How could anyone be so utterly insensitive to beauty? Another neighbor was about to cut down a beautiful white birch when a tree lover appealed and saved its life. I wish there might be a law that before cutting down a full grown tree the owner must appear before a tree protection council and give some good reason.

A house can be built in a few months. It takes years to build a beautiful tree.

I don't know whether there is anyone who hasn't read Joyce Kilmer's lyric in honor of trees. In case there is I am going to append the last verse of that beautiful and popular tribute.

"I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree.
Trees are man's best friends
For they give us shelter and shade
But only God can make a tree."

C. L. B. Cadet



The National War Memorial ceremonies during the first week of July is increasing the pressure on all ranks of the 1st Nfld. Regiment C.L.B. Cadets. Thursday evening at eight sharp the Brigade under Lt. Col. Walter Rendell C. B. E. and staff marched off to rehearse their part in order to do honour to England's Great Commander in Chief—King Haig—who unveils Newfoundland's tribute to her sons on Tuesday, July first. The C.L.B. was followed about five minutes later by the Newfoundland Highlanders and Catholic Cadets. The various units proceeded to their duties and returned to Headquarters at 9.15 p.m. The Boy Scouts and Girl Guides were also on parade.

The Officers at Headquarters extend a hearty welcome to all members and ex-members of the C.L.B. when visiting St. John's during memorial week. Amongst those coming is Lieut. V. L. Randall of Port Rexton, Trinity East Company. All ex-service men, and ex-members of the Brigade are invited to parade with the C.L.B. on Sunday morning, July 20th at 9 a.m., and attend Divine Service with the C.L.B.

Portugal Cove Company advises that they will muster about twenty lads for Topsyall Camp, 24th of July, and will proceed there by motor boat, under Captain Sheppard O.C.

Lamaline Company reports for May with twenty-six on the strength—and an average attendance of twenty-one. Pte. Fred Kirby is on leave of absence. Bell Island under Major Lind-

say sends a budget of good news for May. J. Co. has 44 on the strength. Mr. H. C. Hussey has received his commission at Second Lieut. direct from London Headquarters. The Company's indoor sports was held May 2, and were most successful in every way. The winners were principally first, Pte. Fred Gover, 13 points; second, Pte. John Pico, 3 points; and third Pte. Gordon Bennett and Pte. W. Bursey equal with seven points. The silver Cup given by Brigade Major Williams for attendance and good conduct was won by Pte. Robert Bennett with a record win of 96.6 per cent. Congratulations lads!

Grand Falls Company advises that their Camp Contingent for Topsyall will be about 24 lads, including three Sergeants. No officers will likely accompany the contingent as far as can be ascertained at present. This is double the number that came last year from the Paper City!

J. Co., No. 3204, Bell Island had a special anniversary celebrated May 27th also, it being the 11th of the opening of their own Armoury Headquarters—the only one owned by the Brigade outside of St. John's. His Lordship the Bishop of Newfoundland and Reginald Chaplain, visited Wabana May 31, and was met by a guard of Honour from J. Co., on arrival. The Bishop appreciated the Mining City had been passing through a strenuous period and was pleased that the Officers had "carried on" so successfully. "It is only those who 'stick it out' in fair wind and foul finally conquer and win the laurel wreath of victory. We hope Major Lindsay will be in the City for the unveiling of Newfoundland's National Memorial representing the C.L.B. lads of Wabana whose comrades did a full share in the cause of British freedom.

Lt. Col. Rendell C.B.E. has placed the C.L.B. Armoury as Headquarters for the "Old Guard"—the Royal Newfoundland Regimental representatives who will act as a special Guard of Honour for King Haig. The building is also used by the massed City Choirs and massed Bands for musical practices. The building is proving itself to be more than a C.L.B. Armoury—it's a public utility—and the Brigade is always ready provided it continues to merit the good will and financial support of the public, without whose help it could not "carry on". This building is a living witness to the zeal and energy and foresight of Colonel Robert C. Rendell C.B.E. who was responsible for the building and who turned the Armoury over to his successor valued at forty thousand dollars clear of all indebtedness.

Topsyall Parish, of which our Camp Padre is Rector, the Rev. A. Pittman, has asked the Brigade this year to co-operate with him in assisting his parishioners there with a garden party Wednesday, July 30th in order to raise funds to repair church property. The officers met last night and unanimously agreed to offer their services and the C.L.B. lads in arranging a sports programme. This will be held

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The Rector of Curling, Rev. Henry Petley, is considering the question of a C.L.B. Company for Curling and Corned Brook. Will all the ex-members of the Brigade kindly volunteer their services to the Rector and see the job goes through in good shape by helping the lads of the West Coast to organise successfully.

This week we have good news from St. John N.B. where ex-C.L.B.ite Wm. J. Groves Jr. (now a Gunner in the Canadian Artillery) with twenty more Newfoundland C.L.B. members are endeavoring to start a Company. A cousin of Sergt. Major Rendell and Mr. Warren of Trinity Bay working at the Western Union, are also interested in launching the C.L.B. in St. John. Carry on Groves as with Rev. E. Rodgers, Brigade Secretary, London behind you, and the pocket

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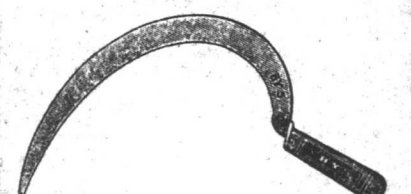
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