

ARKONA

The Misses Lillian Thomas and Bessie Brown are spending the week at Grand Bend.

Mr. Barnett, of Standard Bank, has returned after spending his vacation at home in Paisley.

Mrs. Arthur Jackson and family, are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson.

Miss Elva Fuller has returned after spending the week with Mrs. (Rev.) R. F. Irwin, of Wheatley.

See our new line of black dutchess satins, the right finish and weight for fall wear.—Brown Bros.

Mr. Wilbert Keens, of London, is spending the week with Mr. Ralph Rooks.

Rev. H. J. Fair left last week to visit his daughter Mrs. (Dr.) Brace, of Biggar, Sask.

Miss Leila Dowden, is spending the week with friends in Detroit.

The UNINO young ladies club picnicked at Port Frank Wednesday of this week.

Mr. R. J. Shillington, of London, is spending the week with his uncle, Mr. J. Geo. Brown.

Try Parke's catsup flavoring and pickle mixture. For sale by Brown Bros.

Misses Ethel and Lillian Davidson, of Armada, Mich., are the guests of Misses Della and Mary Davidson, this week.

Mrs. Savage and daughter, of Capac, Mich., are spending a few days with Mrs. Cornell.

Mr. Geo. Holmes, of Sarnia, attended the funeral of the late Thomas Riggs, which was held on Tuesday last.

Miss Dorothy Cutler, of Coldstream, is visiting friends in town and vicinity.

Ginghams at reduced prices.—Fuller Bros.

Mr. Joseph Janes is on the sick list this week.

A new blacksmith has arrived in the Ark. Now for business.

Miss Clara Morgan and Miss Wilkens, of Toronto, visited at Mrs. W. J. Evans' last Tuesday.

Wedding bells will soon ring east of the Ark.

Dr. Copeland is getting ready to move to London, next week.

The Misses Sarah and Hilda Lampman and Fred Glover, spent Sunday in Strathroy.

An auto party comprising Mr. A. Russell, of Norwich, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Russell, son and daughter of Berlin, spent a few days at Mrs. Glover's.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Evans, of Durand, Geo. Juner, Clarence Goodie and Miss Komp, motored to Arkona one day last week and spent the week with Geo. Evans' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Evans, and returned on Tuesday taking with them Mrs. Eliza Fair, of Durand, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Evans for the last two months.

A very pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent at the meeting of the Red Cross Workers Union at Mrs. W. J. Evans' on Friday last. There were about forty ladies present and everybody worked faithfully up to five o'clock when a dainty lunch was served. The meeting was opened by singing "God Save the King," and closed by singing "God be with you till we meet again." Everybody went home well pleased thinking they had done a good act.

FRUIT NEWS

Plums will be at their best the last two weeks in August. The first to get to market are the Gages and Burbanks. The Burbank is the best Japanese plum. Everybody knows the preserving qualities of the Gages. The quality this season is unusually fine and it will be well to put down an extra supply. Early River and Alexandra peaches are also ready. They are both supremely delicious sliced with cream. The Triumph is the first yellow fleshed peach, and excellent for canning. Better quality will be obtained both in peaches and plums if orders are placed early.

KERWOOD.

Rev. C. Salisbury, called on his sister, Mrs. I. Newell.

Mrs. M. Bennett, of Toronto, is a guest at Mrs. A. Morgan's.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers and infant daughter, are holidaying at Mr. Alf. Rogers.

Mrs. R. Kelly, London and Miss M. Kincaide, Mt. Brydges, are visiting at Mr. V. Kincaide's.

Mr. Orville Dowding, Toronto, is spending his holidays with his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunt, Owen Sound, and Mr. and Mrs. Bunt, London, called on friends at the Parsonage.

Miss Ethelwyn Rogers, Toronto, is holidaying under the parental roof.

Ruth O'Neil, little daughter of Mr. John O'Neil, had the misfortune of falling and breaking her leg.

Miss Margaret Harris, Poplar Hill, is the guest of Miss Margaret Armstrong.

Mr. Richard Lewis is home for his vacation.

A very pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent at a meeting of the Woman's Patriotic circle on Mrs. Jas. Richardson's lawn on Tuesday of last week. There were about forty ladies present who worked faithfully.

The bale packed contained 7 sheets, 4 pair pillow slips, 19 towels, 24 rolls of bandages, 25 handkerchiefs, 325 mouth cloths, 10 yds. cotton, bar of castle soap, and \$16.00 in cash. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. deGex on Tuesday, Aug. 24th, at 2 o'clock, at which lunch will be served at the usual fee. Donations such as cash, new or old linen or cotton will be thankfully received.



LIEUT. R. H. STAPLEFORD of Watford, wounded at Festubert on June 15th and invalided home.

WELCOME HOME

Lieut. Stapleford Receives an Enthusiastic Reception by the People of Watford and Vicinity.

The first of what it is hoped will be a series of hearty welcomes to our returning soldiers was given on Saturday evening when Lieut. R. H. Stapleford arrived home from the battle front on a three months' leave to recuperate from his wounds, and it lacked nothing in warmth and enthusiasm. When it was learned that Lieut. Stapleford was on his way home a committee was named to make suitable arrangements for his reception, and they did their work well and were ably assisted by the people of the town. At about 6.15 a crowd began to gather at the G. T. R. station, word having come that Lieut. Stapleford was in London and would arrive in Watford on the 6.30 train. By the time the train pulled in every foot of space on the platform and approaches was taken up and the railway yard was filled with automobiles. When he alighted from the train, limping on crutches, he was met by Lt.-Col. Kelly and a detachment of soldiers under command of Adjutant Browne of Alvington. After a hearty cheer the band struck up, "O, Canada," and Lieut. Stapleford who was accompanied by Lieut. Chesham, of Strathroy, was escorted to Lieut. J. H. Mitchell's auto where his wife and family, including baby Mons (whom he had never seen until they met him in London) had already been seated.

Reeve F. Kenward then stepped forward and read the following address:—

TO LIEUT. R. H. STAPLEFORD—

On behalf of the citizens of Watford I wish to express our pleasure upon your safe return to your old home town and to your family. We gladly welcome you and trust you may speedily recover from your wounds and be able to answer Roll-Call at the front again. We congratulate you on the "Bit" you have had the honor to do for King and country and hope to hear from you again. Canada has every reason to be proud of her boys at the front, and we are justly proud of our Watford contingent. We are sorry that some have fallen but hope to be able to welcome many of them back again when the menace to our Empire is past. We are sorry that owing to your arriving so late in the week we could not make arrangements as we wished, but hope to be able to add to our welcome of to-day at an early date.

Again we wish you speedy recovery and every success as an officer and one of our "Boys."

(Signed) F. KENWARD, Reeve, Watford, Aug. 14th, 1915.

Lieut. Stapleford made a short reply thanking the people for the warmth of their welcome and protesting that he had merely done his duty.

Reeve Kenward then called on Mr. R. Sturtevant, of Petrolia, Dr. Pickering, Messrs. H. J. Pettypiece and John Farrell, of Forest; Lieut. Chesham, of Strathroy and Rev. F. G. Robinson, of Watford, to say a few words.

All the speakers tendered a hearty welcome to the returning officer and praised him and the other heroes from this district who have helped in the noble and self-sacrificing work of endeavoring to crush the German despot and his hateful system of militarism, and thus preserve the cherished British ideals of liberty and democracy so dearly bought by our forefathers on the field of battle.

The speakers endorsed the sentiments expressed in the civic address of welcome and were glad of the opportunity of joining with the people of Watford in the enthusiastic welcome accorded Lieut. Stapleford.

The "Maple Leaf" and "God Save the King" were then sung and a procession formed by Sergt. Davis, acting marshal. The Citizens' Band was followed by a detachment of volunteers, 20 strong, then came the auto with Lieut. Stapleford and family and over thirty other autos, most of them gaily decorated with flags and bunting. The procession went up Main St. to the Public Library, turned and went back to Front St. where the National Anthem was played and Lieut. Stapleford was

FRUIT BULLETIN

Niagara District Peach Season is now open, and the favorite Yellow St. John open ready. Some excellent white flesh Peaches will also be in. The Plum season is now bringing in many good varieties. Tomatoes also ready.

left at his home.

The streets were crowded with people of all ages, from the venerable octogenarian to the toddling babe, everybody who possibly could turned out to add to the welcome. Main Street was profusely decorated with flags and bunting.

Lieut. Stapleford has been invalided home for three months. One ankle was badly fractured by a shrapnel shell and is still in bad shape. The foot will be saved, several plates having been inserted, but it is doubtful if the ankle will ever be strong enough to permit of heavy marching or work necessary in the fighting line. He has six other wounds, one a bayonet thrust in the arm, but these all have healed.

While in London Lieut. Stapleford was interviewed by a Free Press reporter and he made the following statement. It will be found of interest:

"He paid a glowing tribute to Col. Becher, Major Smith, Capt. "Fritz" Robinson, Lieut. Campbell, Capt. Helliwell, Capt. Swift, Capt. Wilkinson, and other officers of the 1st Battalion who were killed or wounded.

"Col. Becher was one of the finest officers, a battalion every had," said Lieut. Stapleford. "He was a splendid soldier, brave, considerate, and a most likeable man. The officers and men thought the world of him, and they were sorry to lose him. I was talking to him a minute before he was killed. He gave me an order to take reinforcements to Capt. Smith, and I had hardly left him when he was killed. He was calm to the last and died like a hero.

"Capt. Smith, of Chatham, was wonderful. He took his men to the second line of German trenches. He was having a terrible time, and sent back for reinforcements. Getting no answer, and as he was wounded himself, and not useful for fighting, he decided to go back for reinforcements himself. He crawled the whole distance, although every step gave him terrible pain. Just as he reached our trenches he was killed by a sniper. It was a brilliant bit of work.

"Lieut. Campbell, of Mount Forest, who has since died of wounds, was another officer who played the game magnificently. He is certain to get the Victoria Cross, as his feat was one of the most courageous we ever heard of. He was shot in the hip, badly hurt, and the Germans were crowding him. He was in charge of a machine gun, and lay down in the trench. He held his legs up and a sergeant placed the gun on it, and fired 3,000 rounds. He was beside me on a cot, and I thought he would recover. He was a fine chap. Capt. Helliwell, Capt. Swift, Capt. Wilkinson, in fact, all of them showed the stuff they were made of. The men in the ranks fought like demons, and never gave up for a minute. We got an awful grueling, but we did not fail to do credit to Canada.

"The machine guns of the Germans are what are doing the great damage, and our troops will have to get more. The enemy place them in their trenches on concrete in a semicircle and they are hidden so that it is almost impossible for the big guns of the British and French to reach them. If they do not all the guns are put out of action, with the result that they pepper us constantly. We must have more machine guns, although more are coming. We have been using the Colt gun, and it is not so satisfactory as the Lewis gun. However it seems impossible to get them. The campaign for machine guns here should produce good results, although it is going to be difficult to get them for a time.

"I saw Lieut. Chester Butler just before I left. He came to visit me in the hospital and has recovered from his wounds. He is in the record office, and is doing well. He is a fine officer.

"The reception Sir Robert Borden is getting in England is wonderful. He, Major-Gen. Hughes and others visited us, and in every hospital he was given a splendid reception. He is one of the big figures in Great Britain at this time.

"In fact, the Canadians are treated with every consideration. The men in hospitals have visitors by the scores, who are anxious and willing to do everything possible for them. They place motor cars at your service, and do what they can to make one comfortable. When we walk the streets we are given the best that can be had.

"I was at Shorncliffe for a time, with the machine gun section. I met Lieut. Forbes-Mitchell and other officers of the 18th. This battalion is in great shape, one of the finest in the world and is ready. I expect to hear any day that they have gone to the front. There is a rumor that they will go to the Dardanelles, but no person knows anything about that, definitely, except those in high authority. They will give a good account of themselves."

War Notes

Petrograd, Aug. 16.—The Germans attacked Ossowetz to-day, preceding the attack with a bombardment by asphyxiating gas bombs. The wind suddenly changed, and the Germans fled in panic to escape the poisonous fumes.

Three thousand German who were caught between the fire of the fortress and that of their own artillery, were overtaken by the gas and practically annihilated.

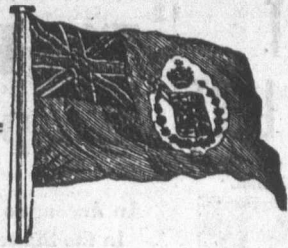
Ossowetz is a fortress in northern Poland near the German border.

Amsterdam, Aug. 16.—Despatches from Berlin to-day state the Government has commenced the 1915 crop of oats throughout the Empire.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 16.—Hon. T. Chase Casgrain announced at the Canadian Club banquet in Vancouver to-day that he had been officially advised by the Minister of Militia that fifteen thousand of the Canadian soldiers now in Britain will be sent to the Dardanelles.

London, Aug. 16.—Parton, Harrington and Whitehaven, in Cumberland, England, on the Irish Sea, were bombarded to-day by a German submarine, a British official statement to-day announced. Some fires were caused, but the damage was slight and there were no casualties.

The text of the statement follows:—



THE CALL TO ARMS

Every fit young Canadian should be in khaki.

The need of the Empire for your services was never greater.

Britain's war is Canada's war and Canadians must share in its results.

Every male German over the age of 17 is compelled to perform military duty.

Every Canadian owes a similar duty to his country and to the Empire. He is expected to do the duty voluntarily, and the time is now.

Conscription has been a hateful word to all Britishers. It depends upon how those of military age come forward in this supreme crisis whether conscription will be necessary or not.

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CASH OR TRADE J. WHITE

"A German submarine fired several shells at Parton, Harrington and Whitehaven between 4.30 and 5.40 a.m. to-day, but no material damage was caused. A few shells hit the railway embankment north of Parton, but the train service was only slightly delayed. Fires were caused at Whitehaven and at Harrington, which were soon extinguished. No casualties

were reported." The part of Cumberland raided is about midway up the county's Irish Sea coast line. Whitehaven is a city of 19,324 inhabitants, and is an Irish shipbuilding centre. This city, together with Harrington and Parton, are also engaged in coal mining operations. Harrington's population is 3,679 and Parton's considerably less.

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