

The Threnody of the Leaves

Written for The Ontario by Chas. M. Bice, Lawyer, Denver, Colorado.

The leaves are falling fast. Earth's autumnal robe of cloth-of-gold grows thicker and thicker, ply upon ply. Here and there, to be sure, a tree wears a livery of almost summer greenery still, in Colorado. Some are clothed thickly in all the hectic colors of the dying year—gold, purple, flaming scarlet and all the shades of russet. But the greater number shiver these frosty mornings in the mere rags and tatters of their former vestments, and many are quite bare, holding their fretwork of twigs against the sky in a dumb, pathetic manner.

One by one the leaves release their feeble grasp, which in summer was so tenacious, and float to the ground—dust to dust, ashes to ashes. Or, under the pinch of frost or rude puff of wind, they make their last pilgrimage in great companies, like flocks of butterflies.

They were a merry host but a few weeks since. In bloom time the bees hummed in their midst. Robin, oriole, grosbeak and thrush drenched them with brimming cups of song. The sun kissed them; every wandering zephyr caressed them until they quivered with joy. At night they were soothed to sleep by the strident

how of the katydid and the fairy sleighbell chorus of the snow-tree crickets. Now they are dying—dead. We read our own pensive thought into them, of course. In their end we forecast our own. We may be changing our mood, regard them as sprites as they lie upon the ground. Under a gale they scamper about in a perfect frenzy of flee; they race from goal to goal; they join in siffling dances about the trunks of trees; they play hide and seek in the shrubbery.

Yet, even so regarded, if you watch you will notice that their ranks grow thinner. Fear has entered their hearts. As opportunity offers, they struggle into the pockets of the grass wherever it grows long and thick, as in nature. They edge in between the canes of brambles! They pack themselves in solid masses, like bees in a hive, under the hedges. They seek out every available nook, as if animate and intelligent.

And, finally, when they become sodden from rain, broken, ragged and skeletonized, they move no more. Even November's boisterous blasts elicit but a shiver from them. Their play days are over. They turn to dust and are no more.

Victory Loan Parade A Huge Success

The Kaiser Takes a Tumble—Splendid Speeches on the Market Square.

The Victory Loan parade held this morning was one of the most successful demonstrations yet held in connection with either one of the campaigns for Victory Bonds. The streets were gayly decorated with the flags of the Allies, and the crowds along the way were enthusiastic and large. The parade was headed by decorated autos following which was the Depot Band in full force headed by their bugle band. This was the first opportunity the people of Belleville have had to see this organization on parade and they were greatly impressed by the excellent appearance of the men. The playing of the bugle band was also much appreciated. Following the battalion were the veterans in autos, then a flot with the Kaiser hanging in effigy. Boy scouts were next carrying boards with appropriate legends urging the buying of Victory Bonds. The Fire Dept. which followed made a splendid appearance with the horses and wagons tastefully decorated.

Meeting on the Market Square After the parade an open air meeting was held on the market square where a large number of citizens listened to excellent speeches by Belleville's leading orators. Mr. W. B. Deacon, county chairman introduced the speakers: Mr. W. C. Mikel, K.C., Lieut.-Col. W. N. Ponton, K.C., Rev. Canon Beamish, Lt.-Col. E. D. O'Flynn, Sergt.-Major Gerald Spaford and Rural Dean Swayne made formal addresses, after which Mr. Deacon requested any wishing to buy bonds to step forward. The response was immediate and good. The meeting was excellent and will be productive of good results.

Aeroplane Help During the parade and throughout the meeting two aeroplanes from Camp Mohawk circled over the street performing hair-raising stunts and dropping Victory Loan literature which was eagerly picked up by the people on the street.

The Kaiser was Dropped At 12 o'clock sharp after the last post was sounded by the buglers, Kaiser Wilhelm was gently dropped from off the city hall tower and crashed to the ground with cheers from the onlookers and was quickly pounced upon by the small boys and torn to pieces. This end of the amusement created no end of excitement, and was a fitting climax to a morning of excitement and entertainment which it is hoped will not be in vain. The good people of Belleville should keep the excitement up until the last day of the campaign and make a record of which Belleville should be proud.

FIGURES MUST BE SPREAD ON THE TABLE The Canadian people are entitled to information about the operation of the Military Service Act—detailed information, including the number of men who have been drafted under it, the number of men who have been drafted under it, the number of men who have not answered the call or who have deserted, the number who have been exempted. And the figures for the different military districts and provinces should be given. Before there is another call for men this information should be forthcoming, else there will be widespread discontent and resentment.—Hamilton Herald.

PICTON Mr. J. Livingston, of The Fair, has sold his residence on Maple avenue to Mr. Hiram McQuaid. Judge Huyske, of Peterboro, visited his sister, Mrs. Wm. Moore, Cherry Valley, while in town this week. Mr. Lyons, of Kingston, was in

town over the week-end to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. C. Lyons.

Mrs. Rae Nelgrove and daughter, Vera, have returned to their home in Regina after staying under the parental roof for some time.

Mrs. Minnie McGillivray has returned from Toronto where she was called on a case of nursing.

Dr. A. W. Heaslip has recovered from an attack of influenza and has resumed practice.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Allison motored to Belleville on route to Fort William to spend several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Marshall, their son-in-law and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Kelly have returned to their home on Ferguson street after a visit with their son at Winnipeg.

Lt.-Col. M. K. Adams is in receipt of a cable from his son, Capt. E. A. Adams, stating that he has again returned to active service in France after several weeks spent in hospital in England.

Mr. Edward Dorland left for Toronto on Friday morning to spend the winter with his sister, Mrs. Wilford Phillips. Mr. Dorland resided in Winnipeg for several years but returned to Prince Edward about one year ago, and spent last winter in Picton, and the summer months in Sopsibusburg.

Miss Isabel Welsh, New York, is now attached to the Army Nurses' Corps, Barron Arsenal, Metchen, N.J., undergoing a short training before going overseas.

While in Picton attending the opening Victory Loan meeting on Monday last, Judge Huyske, of Peterboro, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Young.

J. N. Lyons, of Fort Corington, N.Y., was in attendance at the funeral of his mother, the late Mrs. John Lyons, at the home of his sister, Mrs. S. W. Pettinell, returning on Tuesday.

Miss Laura E. Davis came down from London, Ont., last week, where she has been nursing for several months with the Victorian Order of Nurses, and spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Lee R. Scott, before going on to her home near Ottawa.

At the time of going to press no news has yet been received as to any arrangements towards bringing home the remains of the late Cadet Willet Bedell, who died on the steamer Northland on Oct. 17th while going overseas. Permission to bring the remains home was given by the Canadian authorities, but the consent of the Admiralty has not yet been secured. His parents are expecting to hear definitely in the matter at any time.—Times and Gazette.

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Names and Addresses of Soldier Boys Requested by Quinte Chapter I.O.D.E. Editor Ontario:—The Quinte Chapter I.O.D.E. has sent Christmas boxes to boys overseas each year since the war started and this year is no exception to the rule. On account of the epidemic, which has prevailed in the city the past few weeks, it has been more difficult than usual to get names and proper addresses. So we are appealing to the friends of our Belleville boys to hand them in to Mrs. (Dr.) Dolan, 17 Victoria Ave., office of the Y.M.C.A. or to officers of the Chapter. A large number have been received but the Chapter is able to provide about ninety more boxes. Names and addresses of boys from Belleville or vicinity, who are friends or not likely to receive many remembrances from those at home, are particularly requested.

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Obituary

BARBARA E. BURLEY Barbara Elizabeth Burley, three months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Burley, died this morning at the family residence, Cannifton Rd., Thurlow. Burial will be at Trenton. Both parents are very ill.

CLARA MAY LINN Clara May Linn, a well-known nurse, who graduated from Belleville Hospital in June, 1918, passed away at that institution last night shortly before midnight. She had been nursing a family in the city who were ill with influenza and contracted the disease a short time ago. She was removed to the hospital for treatment but from the first her case seemed very serious.

Miss Linn was 23 years of age, having been born in Rawdon Township in the year 1895. She was a daughter of Mr. William Linn, of Springbrook. Other members of the family are her mother, two sisters and one brother.

The remains were prepared for burial by Messrs. Tickle and Sons Company and shipped this afternoon to Springbrook to her former home. Burial will take place at Springbrook.

The staff of the Belleville Hospital are deeply grieved at the loss of the nursing profession has sustained in the death of Miss Linn.

It is a sad fact that the late Miss Linn's younger sister died at Springbrook on Wednesday and was buried there yesterday.

MICHAEL JOSEPH HART After only four months illness of influenza, which was complicated by asthmatic trouble, Michael Joseph Hart passed away in the Belleville General Hospital on Friday afternoon, November 1st. Only on Monday last was he stricken with the fatal disease.

The late M. J. Hart was born in Tyendinaga and was a son of the late Michael Hart. He was 34 years and 7 months of age. Until the last summer he had resided in Tyendinaga farming. Recently he sold his farm and settled in Belleville. He was a member of St. Charles' R. C. Church, Read, and latterly of St. Michael's, Belleville. He was well known and was held in high esteem throughout the district in the city and his death is deeply regretted. Deceased was unmarried.

Mourning his loss are three brothers—John Hart, of Belleville, Patrick Hart, of Stoco and Thomas Hart, of Detroit and three sisters—Mrs. Thomas Corrigan, Mrs. Joseph Candon and Mrs. George McWilliams all of Read.

The remains are being taken to the home of his brother, Mr. John Hart, 285 John St., whence the funeral will be held tomorrow.

THOMAS PIGDEN Thomas Pigden, whose death was recorded yesterday, was born in England, 86 years ago. He came to Canada as a young man. He was for forty-five years a faithful employee of the Rathburn Lumber Company as head shipper at Belleville and later at Deseronto. For the past eight years he had made his home with Mr. Harry Smith, 66 South Church St. He was a member of St. Thomas Church and a Conservative in politics. He leaves one daughter, Miss Berta Pigden and two sons, Alex and Thomas. The remains are being taken to the home of Mr. Harry Pigden, his nephew, who resides on Ann street.

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Osgoode Hall Legal Notes

Before J. A. C. Cameron, Official Referee, Nov. 1st re Dominion Permanent Loan Company re Winding-up Act. Bain, Bicknell & Co., made an application before the official referee on behalf of the liquidator, G. R. C. Clarkson, to place a large number of shareholders of the Dominion Permanent Loan Co., now being wound up, on the list as contributors for dividends received by them amounting to over \$4,000,000 on the ground that these dividends were paid out of the capital of the company and not out of earnings. W. C. Mikel, K. C., who appeared for a number of shareholders, took objection that the referee had no jurisdiction to place the shareholders on the list of contributors under any circumstances as these shareholders, if liable as ordinary debtors, could be reached by an ordinary action. He also took the objection that only directors could be made liable for improperly paid dividends but not the shareholders unless the shareholders had actual notice that the dividends were unlawfully paid. A number of other counsel representing shareholders from various parts of the province were present and raised other objections.

The referee directed that test actions be brought to dispose of all the objections raised, the costs of all parties to be paid out of the assets in the liquidator's hands, in the meantime all further proceedings to be stayed in other claims and all parties who have not put in a defence be given 10 days to put in their respective defences.

Official Canvassers For Victory Bonds

CITY OF BELLEVILLE Ketcheson Ward—H. F. Ketcheson, S. Burrows. Baldwin and Blecker—Robt. W. Adams, Chas. Whelan. Sampson and Foster—Mark Sprague, A. S. White, Walter T. Lingham. Coleman—W. R. McCreary, Richard P. White. Murray—W. A. Woodley, Geo. A. Bonisteel.

Additional subscriptions received at Victory Loan Headquarters, Front and Bridge Sts. Sidney—Thomas Blanchard, F. A. Blakley, Albert Ketcheson, E. E. Ketcheson. Thurlow—Henry Denyes, Geo. A. Reid.

Alsace Becomes Entrenched Camp

A Great Reserve Zone is Also Created by Germans in Lorraine With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Nov. 1.—The Germans have created a great reserve zone in Lorraine, through which civilians, unless they have authorization may not pass. They also have transformed a part of Alsace into a great entrenched camp, in which carefully prepared defensive positions will make up for their lack in human material.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF CANADA

UNITE TO HELP VICTORY LOAN WAR MEMORIAL

ONE MILLION SCHOLARS! ONE MILLION DOLLARS!

A million Sunday School scholars and members of Young People's Associations of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist and Congregational Churches are co-operating on a plan which has the threefold purpose of helping to boost the Victory Loan Over the Top; assisting the Churches to extend their mission work, and commemorating the heroism of church members who have fallen at the Front.

"Every School at least one bond" is the cry that will help to carry the 1918 Victory Loan to the Sunday Schools' million dollar objective. Above is a reproduction of the shield to be presented to each Sunday School subscribing a bond.

Quebec, Nov. 1.—Dr. Henri Beland, M.P., ex-Forestmaster-General, who was for over three years a prisoner in Hanko, is to don khaki. According to news reaching here from his town in Bassee county, he will join the Canadian Medical Corps with the initial rank of captain, and will be sent in all likelihood to the large French-Canadian hospital established by Laval University at St. Cloud. Dr. Beland was to have toured the United States on a lecture tour, but the plan had to be abandoned on account of the epidemic conditions prevailing.

New York, Nov. 5.—In connection with the Brooklyn Rapid Transit wreck, when one hundred people were killed, William Lewis, train dispatcher, pressed into service as a motorman, and Samuel Russeoff, guard on the train, were arraigned in the police court today on a charge of homicide, and were held for examination on Thursday.

The magistrate refused to grant the request made by the attorney for the Boston Rapid Transit that the defendants be admitted to bail. Lewis told Mayor Hylan and the district attorney that he went to work 5 o'clock yesterday morning as a train dispatcher, and that at 4.30 in the afternoon he was assigned as a motorman on the Brighton Beach line.

The construction and completion of the Quebec Bridge attracted the attention of North America. Another great work has been under way, and is now completed. Mount Royal Tunnel, Montreal (3.35 miles in length) was opened on October 21st, on which date the Canadian Northern Railway established through train service between Toronto Union Station, Ottawa, Central Station and Montreal Tunnel Terminal, 415 LaSalle Street W., two blocks from the Windsor Hotel, Windsor and Bonaventure Stations.

Rail sleeping and parlor car tickets are obtainable at all Canadian Northern Railway ticket offices.

Mrs. White, 78 Gordon street, is improving after a severe illness.

Miss Bessie Sherwood is home from Whitty looking after her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sherwood, who have both been ill.

Mr. H. B. Collins, Hamilton, is renewing acquaintances in Napanee. Miss Rolla Fox left on Tuesday for New York to complete her training as a nurse.

Orna R. Dande, R.A.F., Toronto, is spending the week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bowen.

Miss Leta Haycock is home from Collingwood visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Haycock, Adolphstown.

Flight Lieut. H. Stan Holcombe, Toronto, spent the week-end the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bowen and family, Dundas street.

Mr. D. B. Wilson returned this week from the West. Mrs. F. H. Carson was down from Toronto for the week-end.

Mrs. C. H. Wartman returned to Peterboro this week to spend the winter with her son, Mr. Leonard Wartman.

Mrs. G. A. Wallace returned from Toronto on Saturday last. Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Calhoun removed to Kingston this week.

Miss John McConkey, Deseronto, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Walter Thompson.

Mr. Claude Sprout, Toronto, is visiting his sisters, the Misses Sprout.

Mr. Jack Wilson is here from Leaside Camp for a few days. Mr. Garret Neely, Govan, Sask., is visiting friends in Camden.—Express.

Mr. Murray Darlington, of Point Anne, is the guest of his grandfather, Mr. Joseph Sedore, South-Napanee.

Mrs. Charlie Smith and two children, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. F. S. Wartman, returned last week to Sackatoon, Sask.

Miss Lena Williams, of Lyons Falls, N.Y., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. S. S. Wood, South Napanee.

Mrs. W. S. Whittington, of Marysville, spent Thursday in Napanee.