

## Belleville—Its Beginning and Early History

Maurice D. Lynch in Chicago-Belleville News.

(Continued from April issue.)

PART VI.

There is a magic about a gold mine that weaves its spell around even the most unimpressive of people and history points a thousand fingers to the fact that wherever gold has been discovered there has followed an epidemic of "Gold Fever."

It is not a matter for wonder, then, that the good people of Belleville and Madoc Township became excited in 1866. They could hardly be blamed for thinking that right at their back door was another California waiting to be exploited, for gold of surpassing richness was found in many parts of that region in the years mentioned. Unfortunately, these finds of gold, while rich enough and frequent enough to give basis to the belief that immense deposits of the precious metal were thereabouts, were confined chiefly to "pockets" widely scattered. No genuine, sure-enough vein of any richness was struck.

There was what appeared to be an exception to this in the case of the "Richardson Mine," where really wonderful discoveries of gold in pockets and quartz of apparent richness were made. This prospect looked so good that much machinery was installed to treat the ore and extract the gold. Outside of the rich pockets, however, the rock treated was not very productive. It is true that it was yielding \$15 to the ton, which in some gold countries would be considered quite satisfactory and would pay the company very handsomely, but when all your life you've been led to expect and believe that your rich uncle is going to leave you two hundred thousand dollars, it's tough and disappointing to learn that the miserably old duffer only mentioned in his will to the extent of a measly five hundred. That's how the officials and stockholders of the Richardson Mine felt. They had held the belief that their mine was of fabulous wealth and ordinary commercial mining did not appeal to them. They believed that if they had much more powerful machinery and more of it, they could increase the yield, so they went ahead and installed it, going heavily into debt to do so. The new and improved machinery did not do the trick and the per ton value of mine's output was not increased. Then Old Mister Big Debt, who had a collar and elbow hold on the company, began to get in his work and he proved too much for them, so they gave up a losing fight.

Gold was found the following year near Bridgewater, in Elziver Township, near Baunockburn, in Madoc Township, and also in Hungerford, and everyone in those neighborhoods began in fancy, to see themselves decked out in purple and linen and giving

their usual homespun suits to the tired man. But, alas and alack, and also, curses on the luck, these finds were all of gold in pockets, but not in sufficient quantity to warrant the installation of proper machinery. At that the district thereabouts was well dotted with quartz mills and much, yes, even very much, money was invested which never came back to say "Howdy do" to the people who turned it loose.

Notwithstanding the failure of the district to live up to first reports, gold seekers continued to pour in during the fall and winter of 1866 and great numbers of them remained through the summer of 1867, and as gold seekers have to eat, even as you and I, Belleville and vicinity in 1867 was treated to one grand little old exhibition of gold mine swindling. If there was any scheme left unworked it was only because the barflies didn't need to use it. It really was a shame the way they took the money away from the natives. It was like taking candy from a baby. The people came up in crowds and they lined up, figuratively speaking, and held out stockings and sugar bowls full of money and asked the kind gentlemen to please take it from them. Bellevillians of that year learned all about "salted" mines, crooked "assays," phony quartz mills and all the other thimblebriking that accompanies a gold boom in a place where there is no gold.

All sorts of "mining companies" were formed and many a family in that section and elsewhere gathered in exchange for real money, enough money, gaudily printed Mining Stock Certificates to paper the spare bedroom. If they used them for this purpose they got a little good out of them, anyway. They should have made very fair wallpaper (they were printed on good tough stock) but that's all they were good for, as none of these companies ever paid dividends.

The result of all this was that the Belleville district got a reputation for poor old thing really did not deserve. For the sharpers were straight, and mostly city slickers from the States, but it gave the mining industry thereabouts a black eye which it carried for many a day.

In later years the "Gatling Mine" was fairly prosperous. They found much ore of good quality and treated much that yielded as high as \$35.00 a ton, but the deposits were not extensive and the mine finally petered out. The Gatling Mine had an exhibit at the Philadelphia Centennial in 1876 and received a Medal and Diploma for the samples of ore shown.

(To be continued.)

## MAGIC BAKING POWDER

(From Thursday's Daily.)

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The Colonel made reference in his speech to the great necessity of a man being able to use a rifle. He was glad to be present, to present to the members of the Association the prizes won during the winter months; the man behind the gun was the man that was needed, and sorely needed, at the present time. He hoped that every member of the Association would make an effort to aid in the recruiting now going on. He showed some posters which were being used in England for the purpose. He then proceeded to present the prizes in the courses of which he made reference to the keenness shown by Mr. G. B. Smith and his staff of the Seymour Power Co., also to the members of the Police force and several veterans who were there to receive prizes they had won. Speeches were also made by Mr. Walter Alford, Mr. J. Douch, the Club Captain, Mr. C. C. Walker and others. The following is the prize list:

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**"Daily Mail" Certificate.**  
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**Winners of Sterling Silver Spoons.**  
2 each—Mr. G. B. Smith, Mr. J. C. Willis, Mr. A. Symons, Mr. G. D. Gratton.

Arrangements are being made for the Association to hold their Summer shooting at the Butts which will be started as soon as the rifles and ammunition arrive. Messrs. L. R. McMullen and C. C. Walker were elected on the committee.

Respectfully,  
C. T. RUSSELL.

**39th in the Country.**

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The 39th battalion, C.E.F. went out on a route march this morning to Foxboro and did not return until late this afternoon. The route was a new one to the soldiers and their appearance in the country caused quite an amount of excitement. Large wagons containing food for the dinner of the hungry infantrymen left the city early this morning.

Today's casualty list contains the name of Gunner W. A. Gomes of the First Artillery Brigade as among the killed in action. His home was New Amsterdam, British Guiana, but he was a resident of Belleville for some time, having enlisted here with the 34th Battery, which left for Valcartier at the end of August. Gunner Gomes was 26 years of age and a graduate of the Ontario Business College. For some time he was ticket agent at the Grand Trunk station here.

Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup is agreeable to the taste, and is a certain relief for irritation of the throat that causes hacking coughs. If used according to direction it will break the most persistent cold, and restore the air passages to their normal healthy condition. There is no need to recommend it to those familiar with it, but to those who seek a sure remedy and are in doubt what to use, the advice is—try Bickel's Syrup.

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## Second University Company Canadian Expeditionary Force

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The Second University Company, the organization of which was authorized by the Militia Department on April 24th has made substantial progress towards completing its establishment. The company under the command of Captain George C. McDonald has its headquarters at 382 Sherbrooke St. West, where about 110 men are already enrolled and in training. In addition to this, two officers, Mr. G. M. Smith and Mr. D. G. Haggerty of the Toronto University, C. O. T. C. have been appointed to look after recruiting in Toronto. A number of men have already been sworn in there, and it is expected that before June 1st, Toronto University will have furnished a full platoon of about 60 men.

The full complement of all ranks required is 227, so that it is likely that the Company will be up to its full strength at an early date. The rank and file are a splendid type of the young educated Canadian, being recruited from University graduates or undergraduates, or men of a similar class. They are drawn from nearly every part of Canada, groups having been brought from Vancouver, Edmonton, Saskatoon, and Winnipeg, as well as from the Eastern provinces. A number for men with C. O. T. C. certificates have enlisted in the ranks. In the training of this unit, special attention will be given to further instruct men studying for officers' certificates. A great many of the men have already received the benefit of the training at the C. O. T. C. camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake, which was held from May 2nd to 15th.

When the Company has been brought up to full strength it will probably be moved to one of the permanent camps to undergo further training before going to the front.

The first University Company ("D" Co. 38th Battalion C. E. F.) which has been selected as a draft to reinforce the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry is at present in camp at Niagara-on-the-Lake, and will probably sail for England inside of the next fortnight.

**Successful Musicales.**

One of the most enjoyable functions given for the enlargement of the Patriotic Fund was a Musicales given by the "Golden Ray Knitting Circle" on Tuesday evening. This pleasing event was held at the home of their convener, Mrs. F. Mitchell, Cedar St. and the proceeds were very gratifying owing to the large number that attended.

The programme was one admirably adapted for the enjoyment of both old and young, consisting of readings, duets, piano, vocal and violin solos. There was a most perceptible sense of both humour and patriotism throughout the entertainment that was very interesting to all present.

The gracious lawn and verandas were artistically decorated with Japanese lanterns, and with such a charming environment and excellent programme, the evening was, in all respects, one to greatly please the large number who attended. After the singing of the National Anthem those who kindly assisted by lending their talents to so worthy a cause were informally entertained by the girls of the Club, and dainty refreshments were served.

Those taking part in the programme were:—The Misses Malvey, McCormick, Diamond, Duckworth, Panter, Simpkins, Wallace, Lafferty, Ryan, Nina and Mary Yeomans, Vandervoort, McIntosh, Campbell and R. M. Towle.

The members of this Knitting Circle are to be congratulated upon the splendid success of the evening and the admirable manner in which the entertainment was carried out.

**Severe Frost Last Night**

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Last night there was a heavy frost and potatoes and tomatoes in many districts suffered heavily, the leaves and stems being black this morning. Such a frost is most unusual at this late season, but its severity may be imagined from the formation of ice, which is reported from various sections.

Mr. John Harris of this city tried a plan to protect his young plants in his garden on Yeomans street. He and his son George with others assisting kept bonfires burning all night so as to create a warmer atmosphere in the vicinity of the earth. Mr. Harris had not ventured such a scheme before, but his plan proved successful.

**Three More Recruits.**

The Fifteenth Regiment yesterday afternoon secured three more recruits for the 4th contingent battalion at Kingston. The complaint is that Belleville men are not responding.

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Warts are unsightly blemishes, and corns are painful growths. Hollway's Corn Cure will remove them.

## Social and Personal

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Mrs. Blakely, of Hartford, Conn., is visiting her father, Mr. Robert. With this city.

Mr. Frederick C. Stewart, of Toronto, was the guest of Miss Eva A. Bailey, "Maple Grange." Stirling, over the week-end.

Mrs. R. L. McAfee, of Toronto, is spending a few days at "Maple Grange." Stirling and will remain for the Stewart-Bailey wedding.

Miss Eula Rose who is teaching school at Boboaygon and who spent the 24th with her parents, Dundas St. West, has not returned, owing to the serious illness of her brother, Clayton Rose.

Miss Gwendolyn G. Bailey of Toronto, spent the week-end at "Maple Grange." Stirling, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. German I. Bailey, accompanied by her friend, Mr. Stanford E. Dack, of Toronto.

Attendants for the Stewart-Bailey wedding which is to take place next Wednesday, June 2nd, will be matron of honor, Mrs. R. L. McAfee; bridesmaid, Miss Maude Clara Bailey; flower girls, the little Misses Blanche and Dorothy Bailey; and the groomsmen, Mr. John L. Stewart, of Bradford.

The Ladies' Patriotic and Red Cross Society of Belleville beg to acknowledge with thanks the handsome donation of five dozen sheets, 21-2 doz pillow slips, and 30 pairs felt slippers from the Plainfield Patriotic Association, of which Mr. Alex. Moore is president; Mr. G. W. Henderson, secretary and Mr. E. D. Horton, treasurer.

**Assessments Confirmed in Very Many Cases**

The court of revision met last evening and considered appeals against the assessments in Ketcheson and Baldwin Wards. In many cases the assessment made by Mr. J. A. Kerr was confirmed. In any case where the assessment was no higher than last year, the court without hesitation dismissed the appeal. A number of appellants asked to have the cases laid over on account of unavoidable absence.

The following reductions were made:—

**Ketcheson Ward.**

Mrs. Emma Hyman, West Front St., \$20,000 reduced \$1000.

Thompson Furniture Co., W. Front, \$17,550 reduced \$500.

E. T. Cherry, \$7,400, reduced \$300.

Elizabeth Corbett, Front street properties reduced from \$13,500 to \$12,500.

I. O. F. Temple, Front St., \$11,150 reduced to \$10,000.

Jane Wallbridge, Front St., \$5,900 reduced \$5,400.

Canadian Express, business tax of \$3,000 40% off business tax.

Belleville Club Limited, \$19,000 reduced to \$18,000.

H. J. Mouck, Bridge St., \$7,300 reduced by \$1000.

Dr. Marshall, Bridge St., \$2800 reduced by \$200.

Edith Anning, Bridge St., \$3400 reduced by \$400.

**Baldwin Ward.**

James McC. Potts, City Hotel \$6,700, reduced to \$6,000.

O'Hara Estate, E. Front \$5,200 reduced to \$4,500.

A. J. McCrodon, E. Front, \$16,200 reduced to \$15,200.

E. T. Cherry, Victoria Ave., \$2,500 reduced to \$1,800.

R. A. Huffman, West Charles \$2,800, reduced to \$2,500.

Annie Smith, vacant house, W. Charles \$2,100, reduced to \$1,600.

G. A. Benntt, East Charles \$500, reduced to \$450.

**Chimney Blaze.**

The firemen had a run at one-thirty today to a fire, which happened to be a chimney blaze at the residence of Mr. W. Thompson, Pineapple street.

**Police Blotter.**

Mr. John Henley reports that last evening some one broke a window in his shop in the footbridge gangway and took away one boot.

The police have a clean sheet today. There were no arrests and no court cases.

**Like a Grip at the Throat.** For a disease that is not classed as fatal there is probably none which causes more terrible suffering than asthma. Sleep is impossible, the sufferer becomes exhausted and finally, though the attack passes, is left in unceasing dread of its return. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy is a wonderful curative agent. It immediately relieves the restricted air passages as thousands can testify. It is sold by dealers everywhere.

## SMUT

Don't Have Smutty Grain Use

**Formaldehyde**

(Formalin)

Sure Cure - 40c lb.

**Waters Drug Store**

**ICE CREAM**

We are prepared to furnish our Pure Cream Ice Cream

for parties, lawn socials, lodges, Epworth Leagues, Churches, etc., in quantities from one gallon to a hundred or more.

Societies are doubtless arranging for lawn socials this summer. Kindly consult us as to your ice cream.

**CHAS. S. CLAPP**

**MONEY**

Private money to loan on Mortgage on farm and city property at lowest rates of interest on terms to suit borrowers.

F. S. WALLBRIDGE, Barrister, &c. Corner Front and Bridge Sts., Belleville, over Dominion Bank.

**Help Wanted—Female**

LADIES WANTED TO DO PLAIN and light sewing at home, whole or spare time. Good pay, work sent any distance, charges paid. Send stamp for particulars. National Manufacturing Co., Montreal.

**NOTICE TO BREEDERS**

I have for service the following standard bred horses, which will be at the Belleville Driving Park barn next to the Grand stand, driving season of 1915: Day Spring, No. 50743; record 3 yrs. old 2:27 1/4, trial 2:17 3/4, by Moko, to insure \$25; Arthur King, No. 56230, by King Belline, age \$15. A. Ball, Wallace Park, Owner. Manager. 13-8 t.w.

**Farm for Sale**

35 acres, one mile west of Wellington, on Lake Ontario, well watered, frame house, good barn, 5 acres of young orchard, 5 acres wood, convenient to school, church, canoeing facilities, station, well fenced and good cultivation. Telephone, John A. Bowerman, Wellington, P. O. Edward Ontario. m43nw.

**FARM FOR SALE**

100 acre Farm, part lots 13 and 14 3rd con. Sidney, well fenced and drained, two wells, good orchard and first class buildings. Apply on premises, W. H. Bonisteel, R.R. 23-2m.w.

**FARM FOR SALE**

In the county of Prince Edward, six miles from Picton, and one mile from Bloomfield. County road, rural mail, telephone. 191 acres first class lands, no stone, 20 acres apple orchard, out 12 years, all red winter fruit. Solid brick-house, 12 rooms, banked barns, hipped roofed in good repair. Never failing water supply. First-class fruit, grain, vegetable and dairy farm. Price right for quick sale. Write G. F. Hepburn, owner, R.M.D. No. 1, Picton, Ont.

**FOR SALE**

A large tract of pasture land only, near Massabesee Park, but not to include the island, or cottages, or lands used in connection therewith. Offers will be received by the undersigned. The highest or any offer not necessarily accepted. Northrup & Ponton, Barristers, Belleville. 30,m1&w.

**Notice to Farmers**

On account of the enlistment of many of our young men, and the interruption of immigration caused by the war, farm help is going to be scarce the coming season. Farmers in need of help are therefore advised to leave their names with the Immigration Agent or with Mr. John Elliott, Standard Bank. The Agent will be at the said bank daily from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. D. J. FAIRFIELD, Canadian Government Employment Agent 223 Cole man street, Belleville. Phone 460. 125 3m.w.

**AUCTIONEERS.**

D. J. FAIRFIELD, Licensed Auctioneer for the Counties of Hastings, Prince Edward, Lennox and Addington and Durham and Northumberland and also for the city of Belleville. Terms Liberal, satisfaction guaranteed. Phone 460 at my expense. D. J. FAIRFIELD, 223 Coleman St., Belleville.

T. L. PALMER, Licensed Auctioneer, Real Estate Agent. Pure bred Stock a specialty. Belleville, Ont. Phone 188. A. J. Brown, Auctioneer, Hotel or Revue.

NORMAN MONTGOMERY, Auctioneer. Pure bred Stock a specialty. Phone No. 191. Real Estate Broker, also City License. Box 130, Brighton, Ont.

Henry Wallace, Licensed Auctioneer, for the county of Hastings, special attention given to sales of Farm Stock. Phone 46, write Stirling P.O. R.M.D., Phone No. 3821.

## PASTOR RUSSELL IN REPLY TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS

To the Editor:—

I perceive that I have hurt the feelings of a Christian Scientist named Smith. I regret this and am sorry that Mr. Smith did not mention which statements of mine seemed to him "harsh epithets." I would have expected him rather to say: "All is truth; there is no error. All is love; there is no harshness." I assure all your readers that I know of no untruth and no harshness in my argument, and I invite proofs to the contrary. I did not deal in inferences and suggestions of evil intentions, as does Mr. Smith. I believe the Christian Scientists are honest and, of all people ought to be honest.

Mr. Smith asked, "In what manner, then, did Mrs. Eddy deal with the mystery of evil?" I answer that she ignored it and said: "There is no evil." Denying that there is evil, she could not deal with it at all.

I note Mr. Smith's proof texts, which, he assures, teach that God is everywhere and in everything. But these texts do not so read. They do declare that God's Wisdom extends throughout the Universe; that His

eye or discernment grasps everything throughout the world; and that His mighty Hand or Power can everywhere be exercised