

## THE FOOL

R. W. Service in The Montreal Standard

"But it isn't playing the game," he said, And he slammed his books away; "The Latin and Greek I've got in my head Will do for a commoner day." "Rubbish!" I cried. "The bugle's call. Isn't for lads from school." "Oh, not at all! D'ye think he would listen? Oh, not at all!"

So I called him a fool, a fool.

Now there's his dog by his empty bed, And the flute he used to play, And his favorite bat . . . but Dick he's dead,

Somewhere in France, they say— Dick was his rapture of song and sun, Dick of the yellow hair, Dickey whose life had but begun, Carried out there.

Look at his prizes all in a row, Surely a hint of fame; Now he's finished with nothing to show— Doesn't it seem a shame? Look from the window! All you see Was to be his one day, Forest and furrow, lawn and lea, And he goes and chucks it away.

Throws it away to die in the dark, Somebody saw him fall; Part of him mud, part of him blood, The rest of him not at all. And yet I'll bet he was never afraid, And he went as the best of 'em go, For his hand was clenched on his broken blade, And his face was turned to the foe.

And I called him a fool . . . how blind was I!

Oh, the cup of my grief's abrim! Will Glory of Britain ever die So long as we've lads like him? So long as we've fond and fearless fools, Who, spurning fortune and fame, Turn out with the rallying cry of their schools, Intent on playing the game.

A fool! Ah! no! He was more than wise; His was the proudest part, He died with the glory of faith in his eyes And the glory of love in his heart, And though there's never a grave to tell, Nor a cross to mark his fall, Thank God! we know that he "batted well" In the last great game of all!

## SHERWOOD SPRING

Nov. 6

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hagerman, of Mallorytown, were guests on Sunday at Mr. Geo. Stewart's.

Little Miss Elma Clow, who has been very ill is gaining slowly. She was taken to Lyn to be near Dr. Judson, who is attending her.

Mrs. Annie Eligh, and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Eligh were recent visitors at Mr. Blake Dickey, Yonge Mills.

Cards were received from Halifax from Pte. Allan Clow, and Mort Hodge, and later word was received that the 156th, and other battalions had arrived in England. Xmas boxes are already being sent.

Mrs. J. Jenkinson was a visitor on Monday at Mrs. A. Elighs.

Word was received here last week, of the death "somewhere in France," of Pte. Leonard Jewett, a former resident of Sherwood Spring.

## FRANKVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hanton, Prescott, have been spending a few days here with relatives.

W. J. Reynolds and W. M. Hanton have returned home after a tour of Western Ontario taking in Toronto, London, Hamilton, Niagara Falls etc. They report crop conditions something similar to this section, being a shortage along the line with the exception of hay.

S. Montgomery has remodelled his hotel premises for a general store and will open in a few days.

Two of our villagers, Messrs. Wm. Ennis and J. L. Gallagher have both been on the sick list.

M. Kilborn has leased the Joseph Hanton farm and will be found tilling the soil next year.

At a meeting of the patrons of Farmer's Friend cheese factory held a few nights ago they very generously voted J. I. Smith, the manufacturer, 25c per ton of milk to reimburse him for the extra and unexpected rise in the price of rennet.

The Beavers, composed of the young ladies of this vicinity have taken quarters over W. G. Richards' store for the winter and will have weekly meetings to do Red Cross work making and sending comforts to the soldiers.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Grattan, who recently arrived here from England, have got settled in the rectory. A few nights ago the members of St. Thomas church and others spent a very enjoyable evening at the rectory. Refreshments were served and we gave Mr. and Mrs. Grattan a hearty welcome to our village and although they will find many things different to the old land they will soon fit into the life of our village and community.

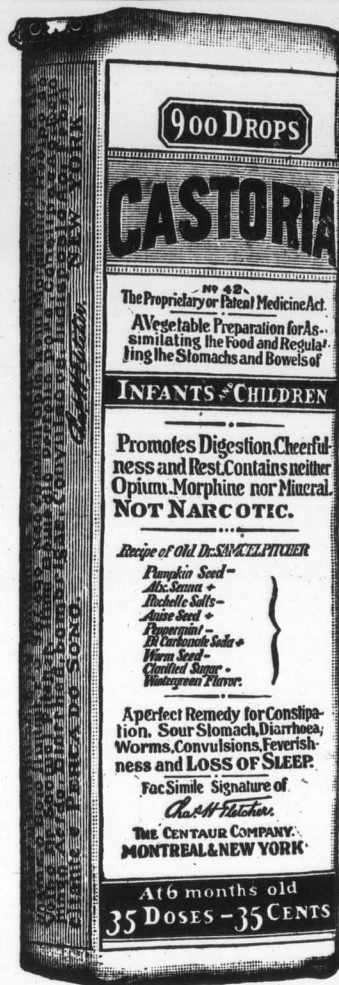
Mr. G. A. Rudd, of Toronto, and sister, Mrs. W. R. Goodfellow, of

Smith's Falls, were recent visitors in the village. Mr. Rudd spent his boyhood days here. He remarked on the improved appearance of our village since his last visit some ten years ago.

The trustees of the Methodist church have been making some much needed improvements to the parsonage

in the way of painting, cement work, new poultry house etc.

W. C. Dowdley, I. P. S., made his first official visit here recently. He visited the school here where a few years ago he was learning his primary lessons. We congratulate Will, as we always knew him, on his success of life thus far.



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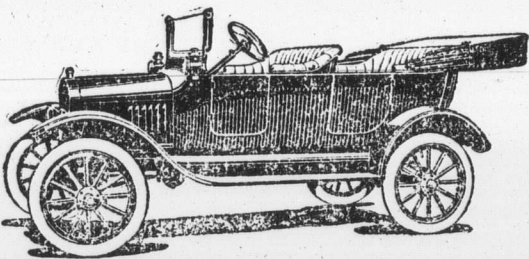
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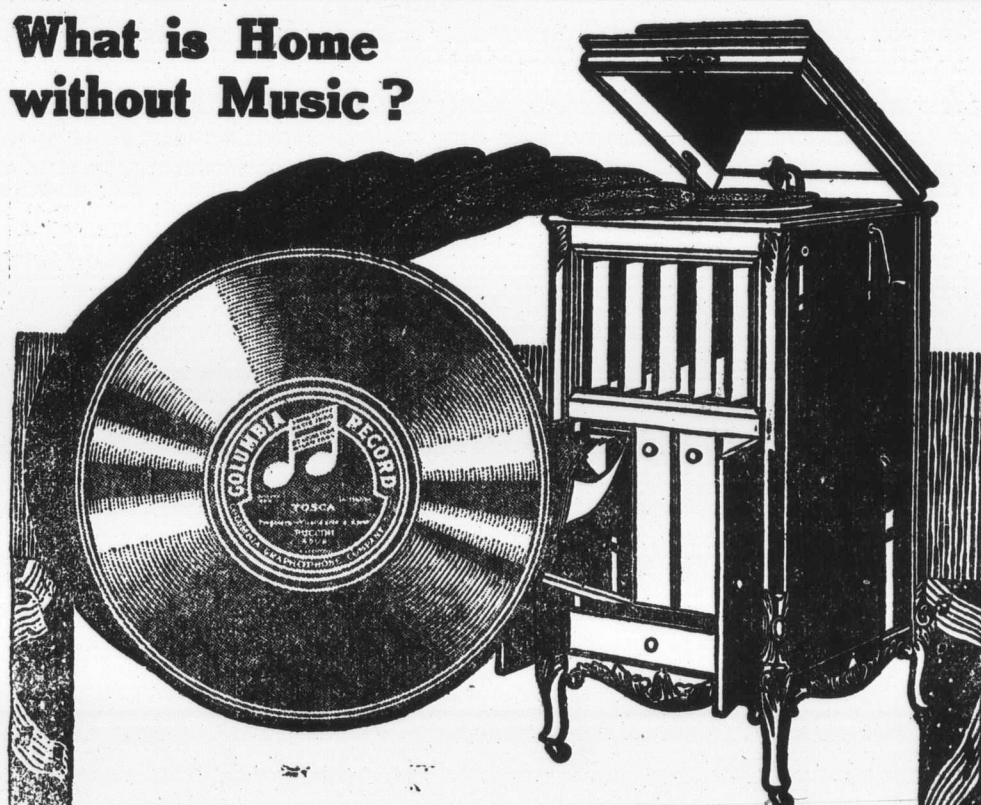
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