

**THE ACADIAN**

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**Editorial Brevities.**

When the boys come marching home we suppose those patriotic Kings county horse dealers will drive over in their automobiles to give them a cheer.

Another channel through which Canadians can help the gallant soldiers who have gone to the war from the Dominion has been opened. The people of this country have been asked by the government to contribute to a Disabling Fund which will augment pensions and otherwise help our soldiers who have suffered injuries in fighting the Empire's battles. Every new appeal has heretofore been generously answered and no doubt this one will also find a hearty response.

The Canadian Magazine for September contains a valuable historical article by Professor W. P. M. Kennedy, entitled "Wolfe at Quebec." In fact the number is remarkable for its historical interest. There are some new sidelights on Joseph Howe, by Francis A. Carman; an article on the trial of Anderson, the fugitive slave of the time of the American Civil War, by Frank Yeigh; a chapter entitled "The Glamour of the Fur Trade," by Dr. George Bryce; and from Mr. G. W. Bartlett there is an article dealing with early explorations in the Upper Stikine. There is also a sketch of General Sam Hughes by Britton B. Cooke, and a number of good short stories.

**The Poultry Breeder's Opportunity.**

WONDERFUL INCREASE IN CONSUMPTION AT HOME AND ABROAD—BRITISH NEEDS.

Canada in past years has imported more poultry and more eggs than she has exported. Yet her production has materially increased, but it has failed to keep pace with the consumption. In twenty years the egg production developed from 64,499,241 dozen to 123,071,034 dozen, but the consumption increased from 11.8 per capita to 17.39. That is to say the individual fondness for eggs has increased over fifty per cent. The population grew in those twenty years, or from 1891 to 1911, according to the census, from 4,833,239 to 7,204,938, an increase of 2,371,599, and the egg production mounted up to 58,571,793 dozen. In spite of this fact, and although the exports fell about to zero, 2,378,640 dozen had to be imported. In the same time the number of poultry in Canada grew from 12,666,701 to 29,548,723. Here again, although the increase was close upon thirteen million, the imports exceeded the exports in value to the amount of \$111,696.

Last year, the excess of imports of eggs over exports reached the virtual enormous total of 11,159,106 dozen; while of poultry in 1914 we exported in value \$206,370, but we imported \$406,366, a difference against us of \$199,996. These figures, striking as they are, and almost impossible as they seem, are yet official, being taken from pamphlet no. 7, of the poultry division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, entitled "The Egg and Poultry Situation in Canada, with notes upon the possible effect of the war upon the development of the industry," by W. A. Brown, B. S. A. M. S., and can be verified on application for the pamphlet to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

The statistics given in the pamphlet are both phenomenal and interesting. No other articles of food have shown such an increase in popularity. At the same time prices generally have increased and been well sustained. Mr. Brown does not under take to explain the phenomena, but contents himself with proving that it is so and that the increase in every particular is common to all the provinces. He also gives particulars of imports of poultry into Great Britain, which in 1913 amounted in value to \$5,411,684, of which Russia supplied \$1,640,923, the United States \$999,890, Austria-Hungary \$470,767, Italy \$410,902, China \$219,472, Egypt \$130,300, Holland \$121,739, Belgium \$108,268, Norway \$68,960, Germany \$48,005 and Canada, seemingly, nil.

From the foregoing figures and the general condition of things in Europe, Mr. Brown arrives at the conclusion that Britain will be short of eggs and poultry this year to the amount of a million and a half of dollars, or of eggs alone to the sum of one hundred million dozens. Every Canadian grower should endeavor, therefore, to produce this year more and better eggs and poultry than ever before.

**Recent Deaths.**

The death of one of Kings county's best known ladies occurred at Kentville last Friday in the person of Annie, widow of J. Leander Wickwire, formerly of Canning. The funeral service was conducted at Kentville on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended; the interment taking place in Canning.

Mrs. Wickwire was a daughter of James Lawton, of St. John, and was married forty-nine years ago. On the death of her husband, twenty-four years ago, she moved to Kentville to be near her sons. Mrs. Wickwire is survived by four children: H. H. Wickwire, E. G. M. P. F., of Kentville; Cecelia F. W. Wickwire, now in England with the Army Service Corps preparing for the front; Mrs. B. A. Kirkpatrick, of Halifax; and Mrs. G. L. Foster, wife of Colonel Foster, now in France with the Canadians.

**One of Our Brave Canadian Soldiers**

WRITES AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM FRANCE.

The following private letter to his mother from Mr. Leon Archibald will be read with profound interest we assure:

No. 2., Canadian General Hosp., France, July 27th, 1915.

DEAR MOTHER:—Received two letters from you, latter part of last week, and as these were addressed by you directly here, it looks as though I were once more in line to receive mail regularly. Both of these were written from the dear old Maplebrook Farm, and I do not hesitate to say that some of your descriptions made me a bit homesick. Well do I remember it all, and needless to say, I'd like to be there right now.

Crops here are somewhat ahead of Nova Scotia. Haying was finished over a month ago. Coming here in the train from Le Havre I could see hay being put up all along the line. It is done practically after the fashion that we do it at home; but women are greatly in evidence everywhere, as all the men physically fit are engaged elsewhere, in a harvest of a vastly different nature.

Grain has been ripe for over two weeks, and nearly all harvested, new potatoes, cheries, etc., have been on the market for about a month.

This town is a summer resort. A goodly number of the inhabitants make a living from fishing. Every day a fleet of trawlers can be seen standing off the shore, while others derive the wherewithal from railroading and shipping.

The town is by no means as prosperous looking as some others I have seen, yet cleanliness, good order, etc., characteristics common to them all, are quite evident here. One notices few fine residences excepting those for the accommodation of visitors, such as our elegant hotel on the cliff-occupied by the British as their general hospital. Our Canadian No. 2, Genl. Hospital occupies about sixty acres back of this fitted up with huts, and tents which contain one thousand beds. It is wonderfully organized and the work goes on as smoothly as it would in any well equipped hospital building under the direction of some of Canada's finest doctors and nurses and judging from the opinions expressed by the patients their treatment in every particular leaves nothing to be desired along these lines.

Miss Strong, who by the way is from Canning, N. S., a nurse, in charge of the Red Cross supplies. Now if you or any others are sending anything from home I would suggest that they be directed here. Every one appreciates Miss Strong's kind care and thoughtfulness. Anything reaching her hands from home will surely find its way to the parties most needing it. Home made preserves, fruit juices, in fact anything with a 'home made' flavor, is more than appreciated by the boys who have been applying their bit on, principally 'billy (canned) beef' and hardtack day in and day out.

Not because I am one of them do I say this, but, honestly, I am sure you will agree with me that these boys are deserving of the country's very best, and still, some more; for they have endured unimaginable hardships without so much as a grumble. You, for one, have already done your share, if I know anything, and I certainly am not putting this project up to you, but if anyone has anything tasty that they can spare tell them to box it up and address to No. 2, Canadian Genl. Hospital, Le Treport, France, care of Red Cross; putting the sender's or senders' names inside so that it may be acknowledged. This hospital gets Canadian wounded, and I'll guarantee that there will be one thousand glad faces and tears of genuine joy and gratitude in return for a taste of home made jam or preserves, and you will hear about it later.

This sort of thing does more to ward a cure than all the doctors and nurses can do. Nothing so helps to cure homesickness and that weak down and out feeling as some of mother's jam, just such as you and all the good Nova Scotian mothers know how to make so well. Just try it on these poor fellows and note the results.

Sir R. L. Borden visited us, as well as the other two hospitals, on Sunday last; but evidently his time was precious as he was here but a few minutes. However, it was good to see someone from home, and incidentally hear from such a man that our country thought well of us.

Am keeping well in body. My arm after the thorough X ray examination was termed a 'green stick fracture', and although a trifle painful at times, when fully knitted, will, I trust, be as good as new. I am glad to be able to render some assistance even here. Patients are allowed access to the beach and I can assure you that a dip in the briny by those who are able is a treat. This is certainly a change from Salisbury Plain experiences, the three months in the trenches and their dramatic three days' ending.

Since coming here I have been able to think of something beside what the morrow might have in store for us, and as I look back over the recent past I wonder if it can be real. Perhaps I have not, in the past, been accused of being sentimental or emotional—this life is not conducive to such, but when I think of the 5th Battalion, or in fact, any whole contingent, well—words fail me. Of the Corps of Guides, with whom I left Regina (the finest band of men of whom I have been my privilege to be associated) but three remain. Some died of their wounds, some are prisoners,

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some missing. Hartley left us in England to join 'Kitchener's new army' regiments. This indicated that the position of Battalion Scout which was ours, was far from being considered a healthy organization.

Considering the casualties, in the main, all that is now left of us is to trust that what is ultimately gained may be worthy of the price paid. The reservation of a species looks expensive to us now; but I am sure that other generations if not our own will benefit by this great sacrifice. Hoping to get home letters regularly now, they mean as much to us all here.

Your boy,  
LEON ARCHIBALD.

It is needless to state that on the receipt of the above letter Mrs. Archibald started in at once to make preserves for the wounded Canadian boys at Le Treport.

Many kind friends whose hearts have been touched by the story of the seeds of this hospital have responded heartily in the gifts of sugar and fruit jars; as Mrs. Archibald's supply became exhausted after a week's strenuous efforts in this direction. She has so far supplied all the fruit, performing the labor unaided—is more than glad to do it. So far about 75 jars of fruit, quarts and pints, are ready to be packed. Some contributions promised are to be handed in at once. There are peaches and plums to be put up later on which will require more sugar and jars.

Mrs. Archibald is pleased to state that the three boxes shipped to wounded soldiers in April reached their destination safely, and the replies from the wounded Nova Scotia boys who received of the contents more than repay for the effort made. The names of the following are those from whom donations of sugar and fruit jars and money towards same have been received:

Mr. Arnold, Mr. Hennigar, Mr. W. Harris, Miss Watson, Miss Sexton, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Andrew Johnson, Mrs. Samuel Bishop, Mr. W. Bleakney, Mr. Hebin, Mr. Baird, Mrs. Bryant, Dr. McKenna, Mrs. Albert F. derick.

**Boy Scouts.**

The fifth annual camp was a most successful one from every point of view. The attendance was the largest we have ever had, and recreation and education were combined to an extent never attempted before.

Those in charge of the camp were: Mr. Hemmeon, Mr. Murray M'let, Mr. Stairs, the Rev. Mr. Miller and the Scoutmaster. We are all indebted to the Rev. Mr. Miller, of Kingsport, who acted as chaplain and helped in every way about the camp.

Thanks are especially due to those who so kindly contributed money for prizes, to Mr. W. Harris for 10 gal. of molasses and to the others who helped out with the grub list; also to those who loaned teams to convey the boys and their outfit to and from camp.

The competitions resulted as follows:

1. Best story round the camp fire, prize given by Mr. B. O. Davidson, won by Karl Nowlin.
2. Most fish caught while at camp, prize given by Mr. M. Tamplin, New Glasgow, won by Harold Jones.
3. Neatest tent, prize given by Mrs. Parves Smith, won by Mr. Miller's tent.
4. Best collection of leaves of trees, prize given by Mrs. G. E. De Witt, not yet decided.
5. Best collection of birds seen at camp, shown by drawings or description, prize given by Mrs. A. V. Rand, not yet decided.
6. Rowing, Arthur Brown and Bert Schurman.
7. Diving, Ronald Stewart.
8. Relay Swimming Race, Oter Patrol, Harold Shaw, Arthur Tingley and Romeo Shaw.
9. Swimming competition for novices, prize given by the Scoutmaster, won by Rufus Burgess.

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