

THE BLASTER

By B. C. FORBES

The following article has been handed to the Ontario for a reader who is on the lookout for "good things." It previously appeared in a recent issue of The New York American and was written by the financial editor Mr. B. C. Forbes.

I have killed more men than all the armies in the world.
I have blighted more homes than all the plagues of history.
I have robbed more children of their birthright than all the thieves ever born.
I blast careers.
I am the parent of untold poverty.
I breed diseases.
I spread misery wherever I go.
I am oftentimes the instigator of the recklessness that strews the world with accidents and catastrophes.
I am the most subtle, the most insinuating, the most alluring of temptations.

I wear the guise of joy-of-happines, of gaiety, of goodfellowship.
I promise pleasures.
I deliver death.
I charm the rich as easily as the poor.

I am embraced by the educated as well as by the ignorant.
I repeat every language.
I know every clime.
I am as old as history.
I am mightier than kings and emperors.

I have driven rulers from their thrones and overturned dynasties.
I can render the strongest armies impotent.
I own all nations.
I rejoice in bringing dishonor and degradation.

I fill prisons.
I fill insane asylums to overflowing.
I feed hospitals with patients.
I cause more divorces than jealousy can explain.

I am equally powerful in aiding women as in wrecking men.
I am welcomed in every class of society.
I am given place at the tables of the most cultured and the most exclusive.

I am as eagerly sought after by the present and most ignorant.
I am as potent as the function of electricity in brilliant social gatherings, and great public dinners is accounted complete without my presence.

I am coveted by many governments for the revenue I yield them.
I consume, however, more wealth than has been spent in building all the cathedrals and all the steamships of the world.

I am the costliest inhabitant in every nation.
I and my activities call for the expenditure of unreckonable millions for prisons and for police forces and courts, for hospitals and for doctors and for nurses, for insane asylums, for almshouses, for orphanages.

I am, however, beginning to be seen in my real colors.
I am being subjected to scientific investigation and found wanting.
I am falling into moral disrepute.
I can no longer fool the wise.

I have received a body blow from the economic regeneration precipitated by the war.
I have been discovered to be the arch-enemy of progress, of strength, of efficiency.

I have been drummed out of one country with beneficial results which have astonished a world blind to my real character.

I have been barred from nineteen states in this great commonwealth, but though many believe they foresee my doom from east to west and from I still have many powerful friends whose pockets I fill with my blood money, but whose lives and families I wreck sooner or later.

I have all the forces of evil on my side, and I shall fight to the last ditch.
I can prevail so long as I am allowed to wear my mask.

I cannot hope to endure for a day if I am revealed in all my real hideousness.

I therefore summon every enemy of the State, every enemy of the home, every enemy of family life, every enemy of happiness, every enemy of progress, every enemy of decency, every enemy of honor, every enemy of health, every enemy of all that makes life worth while—I summon all these, my supporters and my worshippers, to enrol themselves under my banner of skull and cross bones and so battle for me that I, the arch enemy of mankind and of civilization, shall be victorious over every agency of righteousness.

Who am I?

I AM DRINK.

WINTER HARD ON BABY

The winter season is a hard one on the baby. He is more or less confined to stuffy, badly ventilated rooms. It is so often stormy that the mother does not get him out in the fresh air as often as she should. He catches colds which rick his little system; his stomach and bowels get out of order and he becomes peevish and cross. To guard against this the mother should keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house. They regulate the stomach and bowels and break up colds. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A MOTHER'S DUTY TO HER DAUGHTER

Her Health Must Be Carefully Guarded As She Approaches Womanhood

The mother who calls to mind her own girlhood knows how urgently her daughter is likely to need help and strength in the years between early school days and womanhood. It is then that growing girls droop, become feeble, bloodless and nervous. As time is passing for more nourishment than the blood can supply. Signs of distress are plainly evident in dull eyes, pale cheeks, weak and aching limbs, loss of depression and often a desire for proper food. These signs mean weakness—that is bloodlessness.

The watchful mother takes prompt steps to give her girl the new, rich, blood-giving system called for, by giving her Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which transform weak, anemic girls into a condition of perfect health through the rich new blood these pills actually make. No other medicine has ever succeeded like Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in restoring the health of weak, bloodless girls who have proved their worth. Miss Mabel Sinclair, Cobourg, Ont., says: "About three years ago I was a very sick, nervous and run-down girl. At the least excitement would trouble and pain as war, and the slightest noise would annoy me. I had severe pains about the heart, and would often take dizzy and smothering spells. I lost in weight and the color all left my face. My mother got all sorts of medicine for me, but all failed to do me any good and I was still going down hill. One day we read in the newspaper of a similar case cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and the next time my mother went to town she got three boxes. In about time I felt the Pills were helping me, and from that on every day they helped me more. I took altogether nine boxes and felt like a new person. I was ready for all my school work, gained in weight, the color came back to my cheeks and I was again enjoying perfect health. I had never since enjoyed a better condition. I earnestly advise all weak girls to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial, as I am sure they will do as much for them as they did for me."

You can get these pills from any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box, or by mail at \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

42nd Annual Meeting of the Baptist Church

The 42nd annual meeting of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church was held on Wednesday in the spacious Sunday school hall of the church. In spite of prevalent sickness and sloppy weather a good number of members and friends of the congregation sat down to the banquet at 8 o'clock and partook of the choice viands provided by the Ladies' Bible Class. The pastor, Rev. C. G. Smith, B.D., presided over the business meeting that followed and presented a report of the year's church work. From the spiritual viewpoint prosperity and progress marked the year 1915 and the members are to be congratulated on their splendid showing. 20 new members were added to the church roll and all the regular services have been well sustained. 20 boys from this church are engaged in the service of King and Country and the ladies are actively engaged in making comforters for the brave soldiers and their dependents.

Receipts from all departments of the church reached the splendid total of \$6,000. Of this amount \$585.40 was for missions from the church, \$3,815.00 for the Ladies' Bible Class, \$1,029.27 for the church fund, and \$585.40 for the church fund. The church mortgage fund reached the sum of \$1,029.27. Special mention was made of the splendid work of Mr. Albert Blackburn as treasurer of the building fund. Mr. Blackburn, son of the church, has been working on the mortgage fund for many years and has seen the mortgage reduced from \$13,000 to \$5,000 under his earnest leadership and the co-operation of the members of the church. Reference was made to the church service rendered by Mr. W. B. Riggs as choir leader and the choir was thanked for their work during 1915.

Feeling reference was made to the loss the church sustained in the death of Mrs. Jas. Riggs and Mrs. Isaac Spratt during the past year. They served the church for many years and have passed on to their Heavenly reward.

The annual reports from each of the church's departments and societies were read and approved and reflected a year of prosperity and spiritual effort. The generous services of Mr. Chas. Hart, the efficient church treasurer was fittingly referred to upon his unanimous re-election to his office. The following officers were elected to serve the church during the year 1916: Officers of the church and treasury of the building fund, Mr. Albert Blackburn; chairman of the board of ushers, Mr. W. B. Riggs; financial recording secretary, Mr. Wm. Nurse; church treasurer, Mr. Chas. A. Hart; treasurer of church societies, Mr. James S. Peck; organist and choir leader, Mrs. W. R. Deaton; assistant choir leader, Mr. Jack Cookson; music committee, Mrs. Deaton, Mr. Cookson and Miss Forman; Supr. of Sunday School, Mr. P. C. MacLaurin, B.A.

During the evening Messrs. Albert and William Wonnacott played an instrumental duet and Mrs. MacLaurin sang a solo.

All Night with Asthma. Everyone knows how attacks of asthma often keep their victim awake the whole night long. Morning finds him wholly unfitted for a day of business, and yet, business must still be carried through. All this night suffering and lack of rest can be avoided by the prompt use of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy, which positively does drive away the attacks.

Good Work Done by the Lonsdale Red Cross Society

Following is the annual report of the Lonsdale Branch of the Red Cross Society for the year ending December 31st, 1915.

RECEIPTS

Collection	\$42.72
Entertainments	138.00
Donations	9.70
Quilt	28.00
Tobacco fund	2.10
Cocoa and chocolate	1.25
Total receipts	240.27

EXPENSES

Material	\$9.21
Towelling	6.65
Yarn	93.75
Expenses	6.10
Postage and stationery	2.10
Soap	1.00
Shipping expenses	3.62
Chocolate and cocoa	1.25
Tobacco	20.00
Total expenses	\$234.76
Balance on hand	\$5.51

Geo. Treas. S. E. MacRae.
Pres. Mrs. R. D. Tucker.
The society wish to thank all who so kindly contributed or helped in any way with this work.

The society shipped five boxes of hospital and field supplies during the year containing:

250 pairs socks
81 day shirts
94 night shirts
34 pairs wristlets
7 caps
11 scarfs
75 pair towels
80 wash cloths
45 pillow cases
64 pillow cases
50 pads
150 handkerchiefs
75 rolls linen
3 quilts
105 gossams
45 boxes saline
20 boxes oint
1 bottle boric
6 cans cocoa
4 bars chocolate
40 quarts fruit
11 boxes candy
25 pounds tobacco

A number of boxes were sent by friends to the boys in the trenches. Donations were received from the following:

Township Council	\$25.00
Mrs. A. Anderson	5.00
Mrs. Alex Hewitt	2.00
Mrs. Alex Hewitt	1.00
Mrs. F. McCullough	2.00
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Mrs. J. McCullough	1.00

155th Officers Attended Funeral

Col. Adams, Major Allen and staff were in Porton yesterday attending the funeral of the late Lieut. Raymond Carter of the 10th Regt. of P. E. Edward. Interment took place at Glenwood cemetery. Prior to enlistment Lieut. Carter had been engaged in banking. He recently passed away with disintegrating the tests at the Professional School of Infantry at Kingston. He was about to be attached to the 155th Battalion for duty and instruction. His death was due to a grippe after a few days' illness. His death is deeply regretted. He was only 18 years of age but gave promise.

The Khaki Club

The night of the week to members of the two battalions in Belleville, is Wednesday when the weekly program is given at the Khaki Club. Whatever the club can't hope to successfully compete with the club's program and it is very possible to accommodate a few civilians at the club on Wednesday they would soon be crowded out of the club.

While the club is always crowded from the time of the first number is presented till the last one is finished, last night the condition of the streets meant that it was crowded from supper time right on.

The attractive program was presented by Mrs. Wilson, Miss Jean Oudwell, Miss Milburn and Mr. Milburn.

Miss Oudwell sang "Just a weary night for you and me" choruses of several songs in which the men have heard her before, for she has been well welcomed by her services. Mrs. Wilson will be very welcome again, judging by the cheering her friends and regularly rendered numbers received. Among them were the following selections from "Tonight's the night": "The only way", "They didn't believe me" and "I'd like to bring my mother home". Nothing finer than these have been heard since the club opened.

Miss Milburn accompanied her father whose numbers were "Mandarin", "The Stein Song" and "Sons of the Sea".

After the usual refreshments another delightful evening closed.

Very Early Break-up

A portion of the Moira River ice has broken up above the lower bridge. At the footbridge the ice is piled up in late spring style. This early break-up takes back the older memories to the winter flood of thirty years ago.

Finlander Goes To The Central

Oscar Lahti, alias H. Hill, was convicted here before Judge Roche of stealing 49 pounds of silver or the value of DeLoro Mining and Reduction Company and sentenced to two years less one day in the Central. The stolen ore was all recovered.

B. of Q. Battalion At Half Strength

What Military Expenditure Means To This Community

Paymaster Captain Holton of the 155th estimates that up to May 1st, \$275,000 to \$300,000 will be expended by the 155th in pay, board and transportation allowances. In January the pay sheets will total about \$25,000. The month of February will see expended about \$30,000. March and April will require much heavier expenditures. This money is spread over all parts of Hastings and Prince Edward.

The 155th battalion is now about half strength, well over 500 men. The unit has only been six weeks in organization. Recruiting is still in progress. The money is spread over all parts of Hastings and Prince Edward.

Lieut. Arthur G. McGee of the Machine Gun Section 155th Battalion appeared before the officers' uniform for the first time. He is a member of the G. A. R. and has been in the service since 1914.

Col. Adams, Major Allen and staff yesterday appeared before Prince Edward County Council and requested a grant towards the 155th Batt. On Sunday afternoon and evening the 155th will hold a concert at Griffith's Front St. Theater. On Sunday the 155th will have a sacred concert at Pictou War films will be shown.

Patriotic Utterances of Capt. Ruston

Lands Spirit of Sacrifice in Which S. A. Bandmen are Enlisting For Overseas

THE SALVATION ARMY.

The annual band and musical was held Tuesday night in the S. A. Club hall in a good number sat down to the well spread tables. After the table had been cleared, a few games were played and the evening closed.

Before closing Captain Ruston expressed how pleased they were to have the bandmaster, Mr. Wardle, back in his place after a forced absence. He said he was glad to see the bandmaster very suitably replied.

The Captain then expressed his appreciation of the sacrifice his bandmen were making on the altar of our country's liberties. "While we regret the cruel necessity we know you will stay at home while the call for men and more men daily grows stronger," he said. "It is important to remember that the Germans are not the only enemy which you and your children have to fight. There is a war waged every day in the hearts of men between good and evil. We trust you will fight the good fight."

In closing he presented on behalf of the bandmaster a small pocket testament to Bandmaster P. W. Smith, 59th C.E.F. and made reference to the men enlisting in the 155th Batt.

Artillery Recruits Much Needed

Recruits are much needed for the artillery as a new battery is to be formed. Here is an opportunity for Belleville young men to join this branch of the service.

Toxins and Serums Supplied Free

The Provincial Department of Health, through its Chief Officer, Dr. McCullough, announces that it will supply free of charge to any Board of Health that makes application for diphtheria antitoxin, rabies vaccine, smallpox vaccine, anti-meningitis serum, tetanus serum, and other antitoxins and sera. The latter having been free for some time.

Raid at Brockville

Chief Burke of Brockville conducted a raid last night upon a flat on King street where three women and five police station. This morning one of the women was charged with conducting a disorderly house and the other two women were charged with keeping a disorderly house. The raid was conducted by the police and the women were taken to the police station.

Taken To Napanee

The Belleville police yesterday at the request of Chief Barrett of Napanee took into custody John Edgewood who is wanted in Napanee for alleged disorderly conduct. Chief Barrett took Edgewood today to Napanee.

Married

At St. Mark's Church, Deseronto, on Jan. 25th, 1916, Mr. Jos. Farfield Johnston of North Bay to Miss Evelyn Alice Rixen, eldest daughter of Mayor Rixen of Deseronto.

On Wednesday Feb. 9th

Prof. Dorowood of Toronto, Canada's foremost harp-goods artist will display and demonstrate a sample stock of ladies' quality harp-goods and gentlemen's toupees and wig at the Hotel Quinte, Belleville. A free demonstration of any style is available to anyone interested. 327-lw, f4, f8

United Meeting of Woman's Institutes

Under Auspices of E.B.W.S. At the High School this coming Monday afternoon, Miss Bella Hall, Directress of University Settlement, Montreal, formerly agitator of advanced woman's work in Winnipeg, Man., will give an address commencing at 4 o'clock. All women of Belleville are invited, don't miss this address. No collection.

Former Resident Has Passed Away

Abel Finkle, for many years a well known business man of this city, passed away at 8:20 p.m. on Thursday, at his home in Toronto after a prolonged illness. The funeral is being held today at Toronto.

The late Mr. Finkle was a native of this city, and resided here until about twelve years ago when he removed to Toronto.

He is survived by his wife, two sons William R. and Percy, and one daughter, Mrs. Bert Moodie, all of Toronto.

Mr. Finkle was a devoted member of the Methodist church and held in high esteem by his many friends. He was of a jovial disposition and very popular in business circles.

The friends in this district join in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Musical Comedy At Scott's Theatre

Felix Martin and his company kept the large audience at Scott's Theatre last evening in laughter from start to finish. Mr. Martin played the part of an Irishman in a sketch entitled "Fun in the Court Room," and displayed his talent to the fullest extent. He was ably supported by the other members of the company.

\$2,000 PER MONTH UNTIL JUNE FOR CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Was Voted On Friday By Hastings County Council—At June Session Question Will Be Again Considered—The Debate

Two thousand dollars per month until June was voted to the Canadian Patriotic Fund by the Hastings County Council on Friday afternoon after a prolonged discussion. At the June session the matter will again come up for action.

Mr. Montgomery had moved, seconded by Mr. Fox, that Hastings County contribute to the Canadian Patriotic Fund \$2,500 per month for the year 1916, beginning January 1st.

Mr. Montgomery read reports to show that other county councils were giving from \$5,000 to \$7,500 per month during the duration of the war.

Mr. C. H. Ketcheson moved in amendment that the council grant \$1000 per month until June when further action could be taken.

Bruce is levying four mills on the dollar and Prince Edward three mills for the Patriotic Fund, declared Mr. Montgomery.

Hastings is burdened with lack of uniform territory, with poor municipalities and bridges, said Mr. Ketcheson in support of his contention.

Mr. Rollins favored the motion of Mr. Montgomery. "We should give at a time when the necessities demand it most. Whatever we intend to do let us do it now." The government officials may provide for the fund.

Mr. Moore and Mr. Hawkins supported Mr. Ketcheson as did Mr. N. Vermilyea. The Patriotic Fund and the Red Cross must be supported. Today we have not the borrowing power.

Mr. McLaren expressed himself as strongly in support of the \$2,500 per month grant.

Express Confidence In O'Brien's Bridge Committee

Hastings County Council unanimously on Friday passed a resolution expressing absolute confidence in the special committee having charge of O'Brien's Bridge repairs. It was moved by Mr. S. Fox, seconded by Mr. S. B. Rollins.

"Whereas considerable discussion has taken place in reference to O'Brien's Bridge repairs none of which reflects in any way on the committee or engineer having same in charge—

"Resolved that this council hereby express its implicit confidence in the committee having same in charge and hereby requests said committee to carry on the work of repairs to O'Brien's Bridge and piers as they in their best judgment deem advisable and the treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the chairman's orders for any work in connection therewith."

West Belleville Institute

The regular meeting of the West Belleville Women's Institute was held Friday afternoon in Queen Mary School.

Judge Fralick gave a very interesting and instructive address on "Legal Rights of Women" dealing with the rights of women from the early ages when women had no recognized legal rights, to the present day when women have practically the same rights as men with the exception of the franchise.

Mrs. W. Campbell gave a paper on "Home and Home Influence" which was very much appreciated by the audience. The speaker had every point well thought out and delivered the paper in a very effective manner.

Miss S. Walton gave a piano solo in her usual pleasing way.

The president explained the Home Nursing and St. John's Ambulance Course, which will be sent here by the Ontario Government through the Women's Institute.

These lectures will be given by Dr. Caroline Brown and will start about Feb. 14th.

The St. John's Ambulance Class will be held in the afternoon and the general class in the evening. Any one wishing to take these courses should communicate at once with the president or secretary of any one of the Institutes.

An examination will be held and a certificate awarded to those passing in the St. John's Ambulance class.

TEN MINUTE COLD CURE RELIEVES ALMOST INSTANTLY

Nothing cures so quickly as the healing pine essences in Catarrhazone. It fills the breathing organs with a healing, soothing vapor that relieves irritation at once. Ordinary colds are cured in ten minutes. Absolutely sure cure for Catarrh, and in throat trouble it works like a charm. Catarrhazone is a permanent cure for bronchitis and throat trouble. Not an experiment—not a temporary relief—but a cure that's guaranteed. Get "Catarrhazone" to-day, and be aware of substitutes. The dollar out is guaranteed and small size 50c; trial size 25c at all dealers.

Sores Heal Quickly.—Have you a persistent sore that refuses to heal? Then, try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the dressing. It will stop sloughing, carry away the proud flesh, draw out the pus and prepare a clean way for the new skin. It is the recognized healer among oils and myriads of people can certify that it healed here other oils failed utterly.

Soldiers Aid Commission

A representative meeting was held at the Lecture Room in the Armouries last evening to establish a branch of the Soldiers' Aid Commission of the Province of Ontario for the district consisting of Hastings County, city of Belleville and town of Trenton.

The object of this branch will be to take care of and to find employment for members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force who return to Canada during the period of their war, particularly those who have returned to this district and to assist, advise and co-operate with the Soldiers' Aid Commission and other local committees and organizations to attain these objects and to do all things which may be incidental and auxiliary thereto.

Upon motion His Worship Mayor Ketcheson occupied the chair and J. F. Willis, K.C., acted as secretary, pro tem.

The proposals and correspondence with the secretary were read and discussed and upon motion of His Honor Warden Nugent seconded by Beave Naylor or Deseronto, it was unanimously determined to establish a branch of the Commission in this district upon the lines suggested by secretary Cochrane of Toronto.

The meeting then proceeded with the consideration and adoption of a constitution for the branch as suggested by secretary Cochrane with a few slight variations adaptable to this community.

It was determined that this branch should have representatives in every portion of the district whose knowledge of the district would ensure their active sympathy in this most worthy cause.

The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—

Hon. Presidents—The Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, K.C.M.G.
Hon. Senator Corby.

President—E. Guss Porter, K.C., M.P.
Vice-Presidents—W. B. Northrup, K.C., M.P., (East Hastings); J. W. Johnson, M.P.P., Sandy Grant, M.P.P., J. R. Cook, M.P.P., Warden W. H. Nugent, Mayor H. F. Ketcheson, Mayor W. Ireland.

Executive Committee—The Reeves of the Municipalities of the County of Hastings, Robert Weddell, Geo. Collins, (Trenton), Mayor E. A. Rixen, (Deseronto), H. F. Coyle, (St. Catharines), H. W. Ackerman, (St. Catharines), W. B. Deacon, J. Elliott, W. C. Springer, J. A. Higgs, (Rolling Mills), S. E. Carman, C. J. Howell and J. O. Herity.

Secretary-Treasurer—A. M. Chapman (county clerk).

In accordance with the constitution of the commission the following committees were elected for this branch for the ensuing year.

Chairman—E. Guss Porter, K.C., M.P.
Vice-Chairman—J. F. Willis, K.C. Sec. Treas.—A. M. Chapman.

Finance Committee—C. Ketcheson (Reeve of Sidney) Mayor Ireland, Reeve Naylor, J. Elliott.

Employment Committee—Mayor Ketcheson, Robt. Weddell, (Trenton) Henry Blecker, (County Superintendent), Mayor Rixen, (Deseronto) and W. B. Deacon.

The local branch of the commission have the assurance of the support and active sympathy of the representatives and the people themselves in every part of this district and "a helping hand" from time to time when the returned soldier needs it, is what they ask.

Monthly Spoon Shoot

At the monthly spoon competition at the armories the following was the result. Possible 100.

CLASS A
J. C. Walls 99
J. Bouch 97
H. H. H. 95
A. R. Symons 92
W. J. Andrews 91
G. D. Gratton 87
A. Harman 87

CLASS B
H. S. Peck 95
C. C. Walker 94
C. J. Symons 93
C. J. Walls 91
xWinners of Silver Spoons.

Police Blotter

A complaint was made to the police last night by a citizen that he had missed some money which he thought was taken by some man. The story told was that the citizen had been attempting to get some clothes to leave his premises where they were not wanted and he had gone to complain of them, carrying a stick in his hand. He says the latter took the stick from him and pretended to search him for a revolver or knife. After this the money was said to be missed.

The police advised the citizen to return to the station this morning and some steps might be taken. But he did not turn up.

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