

heroes, your old king has come to die with you or to drive the enemy out. If our enemies win they will take an empty country." These are the words of a man seventy years of age. No wonder he is popular with his people.

In times of peace, our informant tells us, he travels about the country as an ordinary business man. Cane in hand, without guard and without attendants, he boards the trains and goes to this town and to that visiting among his people just as a minister might do.

Social conditions in Servia are unusual. The farmer cannot be touched for debt. He has reserved to him his land and buildings, a team of horses, a cow, two sheep, and his farming implements exempt from all levies, even taxes. A portion of every crop has to be placed at all times in the military storehouse and these stores when three years old are sold and the money appropriated by the government. Servia has held its place by the sword. With the Turks on one side of her and Austria on the other it has been a work of necessity to be always prepared for war.

Patriotic Servians.

Jack Bugarski was in Detroit, when hostilities broke out. He at once sent an offer to Major-General Hughes to bring over 1,500 Servians for enlistment, and actually presented 158 to Col. Wigle at Windsor for drill.

He produced a Servian paper published in Newark, N.J., containing a letter from Melin Lubovevitch, serving under the Canadian colors at Pond Farm Camp, Salisbury. You Canadian men read this from a Servian serving in the Canadian army:

"I am with the Canadian army and I am glad to be in the army because it is a duty for every Servian to fight for their own liberty. If there is no chance for him to go home to Servia it is just as good to join the Canadian Army. They are fighting the same enemy, and when little Belgium is free, Servia will be free too. So I just call to all Servians in America to join Canadian Army as quick as they can. So I wish to see many of you boys with me. If I live after

this war and Leka won't be under the Servian rule or France or England, I will not go back to live at my home. I might come back to live in Canada or to Servia. It will be a shame on the men of my own Province if they do not join the colors."

Simply written though the letter may be, it is as eloquent a call to arms as has been penned.

BERTIE STARTS WITH \$600.

Patriotic Fund Has Auspicious Beginning.

The Bertie Patriotic Association, which was organized on Wednesday night, start off under most promising auspices. Reeve Willson, who occupied the chair, explained that even before organization Bertie had well on to \$600 in sight for the fund. The Township Council, at its statutory meeting on Tuesday, made a vote of \$300 to the fund. The proposal that no elections be held would add another \$100 to the fund. The reeve and members of the council were going to make subscriptions which would amount to from \$50 to \$75. The Lake Erie Excursion Co. and the Ridgeway Milling Co. were each ready to make substantial subscriptions just as soon as the lists were opened. The fund had about \$600 to begin with, and Reeve Willson looked upon this as a very hopeful start.

The inaugural meeting held in the Town Hall, Ridgeway, was largely attended and proved of much interest. Officers were elected as follows:—

Pres.—Dr. Geo. B. Snyder.

1st Vice Pres.—Wm. Robinson.

2nd Vice Pres.—J. R. Phillips, Jr.

Sec'y.—Treas.—W. G. Athoe.

Able addresses were given by Judge Livingstone and T. D. Cowper, on behalf of the fund. Chairman Willson also called on two Fenian Raid veterans, Rev. Thos. Boyd, pastor of the Methodist church, and Major Clark. The pleasure of the evening was greatly added to by the selections of the Ridgeway orchestra and the singing of the boy scouts.