

District Jottings

The Ontario Invites Correspondence Where Not Already Represented.

CENTRE

Mr. and Mrs. I. Gay spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Gillie. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gilles and family and Mrs. Cyrus Gilles spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Stafford.

MOIRA

Since the severe storm and block ade of last week, everything is going as usual in our town. Rev. Mr. Reddick gave a talk on "Suffering Americans" Sunday for the purpose of a relief fund, to which a good response was made.

A special offering was asked for at Sunday school. Special mention should be made of the Wide Awake class which gave \$20, making \$28 for the school. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. B. Ketcheson also Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Foster spent Wednesday evening, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. Ketcheson, of Bethel.

MADOC JCT.

The funeral of Mr. Stephen Tutts was held on Wednesday afternoon from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Ashley at Madoc Jct. Rev. C. S. Reddick conducted the service at Eggleston church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Kemp, of Holloway church. A number of Orangemen from Holloway Lodge also attended. Those from a distance were, Mr. S. Tutts, Winnipeg, Mr. E. Tutts, Madoc, Mr. R. Tutts, Tweed, Mr. P. B. Hamilton, Rosemore, Mr. W. Tutts, Belleville, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stapley took charge of the singing. Miss Sadie Jarvis is away this week visiting friends near Madoc.

Mr. Jarvis has two boys at the front, but we hear no complaint, although many can understand the lonely hours he spends and the sorrows he must feel since the death of Mrs. Jarvis which was unusually sad. Mr. W. Eggleston is home from the west on his annual trip. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fitchett also Mr. and Mrs. C. Fitchett attended a reception in Thurlois last Friday evening and were stormed in at Mr. Sparrows for several days. Mrs. Hamilton, of Sidney, visited her daughter, Mrs. Nelson Stapley this week. Mrs. Welmas of Wooler is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. Bird.

8TH LINE OF SIDNEY

Miss Eva Sine is visiting friends in Rawdon. Mr. Wm. Rose has purchased a new Chevrolet car. Miss Addie and Mr. George Archer of Rawdon, spent Sunday with friends here. A lot of people from this way attended the services at Walbridge every night. Mr. Gerald Sine and Mr. Ross Darioe spent Tuesday in Belleville. Miss Wright of Murray, is our new school teacher. Miss Edna Ketcheson is visiting in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Paul visited at Mr. J. A. Ladd on Tuesday last, Mr. and Mrs. C. Montgomery, of Rawdon, spent a few days last week at Mr. Harold Powers'. Miss Myrtle Bell spent Sunday in Murray at Mr. Ezra Anderson's.

MOUNT ZION

Mr. Will Down, of Sask. is visiting friends and relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. A. Chase and Mr. and Mrs. C. Chase visited at Mr. G. S. Way's on Monday evening.

The high winds of last week blew down Mr. Stephen Harrington's shanty.

Pte. Ray Pearson returned home last week, having received his discharge. He has done his bit and has lost a leg, taken off by a bursting shell.

The King Cheese Factory held a meeting on Tuesday afternoon to let out the milk routes.

Mr. Brookes, of the west, is visiting his cousin, Mrs. C. Down.

The men are drawing wood to Trenton for eight and ten dollars per load.

CROKSTON

Everyone is glad to be able to get out after being storm staid for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sherry are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Kilpatrick.

Miss Annie Lancaster spent a few days with Miss Earla Post of Fuller.

A number attended the social evening held by the Ladies Guild at Mrs. R. Brue's on Friday evening. All report an enjoyable evening.

Miss Laura Emerson has returned home after spending a few weeks with her friend, Miss N. Benson, of Iveshoe.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Masters of Kingston are visiting at Mr. A. Wallace for a few days.

Mr. E. Hattman, of Farnsworth, spent Sunday evening in our village.

Mr. Percy Lancaster spent a few days last week at Farnboro.

NILES CORNERS

We all welcome the sunshine once again after one of the worst storms in the remembrance of the oldest inhabitants.

Mr. and Mrs. C. McCartney and children of Rose Hill were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Elliott on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. McConnell, of West Lake spent over Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Norris Darioe visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Darioe on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ellis entertained company from Wellington on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ellis took tea with Mr. and Mrs. C. Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. McConnell on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Ellis visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Amans at Wellington quite recently.

On Monday Mr. Watt left his team standing at the house to run back to the barn when the team walked off and gave Mr. Watt a run of about a mile through the snow, but fortunately no damage was done. It pays to tie your team.

STOCKDALE

Rev. R. M. Patterson and wife took tea with Mrs. Sarah White on Wednesday.

Miss Lizzie Wood of Trenton was home during the past week suffering with an attack of la grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. Morley Davidson took tea at Mr. N. Bates on Monday evening.

Several from here attended the funeral of the late Oscar Reddick at Walbridge on Friday.

Mrs. George Davidson visited at Mr. S. Powell's on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Orr visited at Mr. C. Chase's on Friday eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson also Mrs. Gay and Miss Keene took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crowe on Saturday.

Miss Florence Osterhout is confined to her home with an attack of a gripe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wood visited at Belleville Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bates took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Morley Davidson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tony, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. H. McMurtre spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. Watt.

Miss Memie Orr spent Sunday at her home here.

MELROSE

Congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous voyage through life are extended Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Embury. Mrs. John Hawley who has been ill for some time has gone to spend the

winter with her niece, Mrs. Harry Swan, of Blessington. Mr. Harry Smith and Mr. Bert Simpkins spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Matprize, of Colbourne.

An At Home under the auspices of the Presbyterian church will be held at Mr. Earle Anderson's on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wannamaker and family spent Sunday evening at Lorne Brickman's.

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Through the snow one of our old esteemed residents, Mrs. A. Loucks, was carried and placed in God's acre yesterday, and now the mantle of snow is spread lovingly over her.

We will miss her very much for wherever there was work for the uplift of humanity Mrs. Loucks was in the midst.

One by one our loved ones slowly pass beyond the bounds of time: One by one among the holy Sings the victory song sublime. And still we must take up the work and carry it on.

Our W.M.S. is preparing for a concert in about two weeks with an especially good program. A drama is to take up part of the time and is very amusing; also some very extra foreign talent is expected to take part.

Among other things that have given Foxboro people pleasure this new year is the honor that has come to one of our old boys, one that grew up in our midst, Mr. Thos. Holgate, son of our former old resident, Mr. John Holgate, who has been placed in the important position of mayor of Bowmanville. One hears on every side words of appreciation of it and we feel as if an honor had been conferred on Foxboro, for our boys are always dear to us and their success is our pleasure. We have our old boys in all walks of life, doing their bit for the world's good, and also in the trenches overseas; and sorry to say some in the hospitals and some have given up all for their country. God grant that those left will be spared to return and that this

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Service next Sunday at 2.30 p.m. The Ladies Aid was well attended at Mrs. Fred Bonta's. Next meeting at Mrs. M. B. Weese's on Thursday of this week.

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ALL SIGNS POINT TO BIG BATTLES SOON

OPERATIONS INCREASING ALL ALONG LINE ON WESTERN FRONT

London, Jan. 22.—On the western front in France and Belgium the military operation apparently are increasing all along the line, as compared with those of the past few weeks, when little or no fighting, except sniffling duels and minor raids, was carried out.

Entente allied airships have bombarded Germany's submarine base at Ostend, on the northern Belgian coast, while around Ypres, between Lens and St. Quentin, on the Chemin des Dames, on the St. Mihiel sector and north of the Rhine-Marne canal there has been notable increase in the operations by the infantry. The probabilities are with the return of good weather the expected big battles may take place. One indication of the probable early commencement of fighting is the resumption of aerial activity on a large scale, especially on the French front. Saturday French airmen had a good day operating against the Teutons, sending down eight machines in fighting in the air.

On the Italian front the fighting again has turned to the artillery wings of the opposing sides, the infantry keeping to their trenches except for some patrol engagements. All along the northern front the artillery duels are of a violent character, and at several points along the Piave River a like condition prevails.

He came right to the house with me. They were all in bed, but he pointed to the door with his walking stick till he got them up and they made tea for me.

Well, this is all for this time. I will tell you more again, so goodbye, as ever.

Doctor—"You mean that you ran away with another man's wife?"

Man—"I am not saying anything; but they conscripted him, and he produced a marriage certificate, but could not produce a wife, and he peached on me. Here I am to produce a wife but my certificate is weak and they are after me, and what am I to do; I am told they are about to nail me for bigamy."

Doctor—"Bigamy! have you two wives?"

Man—"No, but my wife has two husbands."

Doctor—"The bigamy game is up to her and not to you."

Man—"Well, I don't want to get bumped for both, deserter and bigamy."

Doctor—"Well, your only plan is to surrender yourself to Gen. Oles as a deserter and put up the best excuse you can."

Man—"Gen. Oles, who is he?"

Doctor—"He is the Registrar-General in Toronto."

Man—"What is the first train for Toronto?"

Doctor—"What time in the morning?"

Man—"Five o'clock."

Man—"I'm off at 5 o'clock, for they tell me I am to be closed up at 8 in the morning. But what is my excuse to Oles?"

Doctor—"Have you anything wrong with you?"

Man—"Yes, a stiff finger—look at that."

Doctor—"Well, tell him some old woman told you that you were defective. He will likely put you in the clinic for a couple of days and then in khaki for the rest of your life."

Man—"Thank you doctor, I'm a soldier in the morning."

Now comes the chance for some speculation. If both of these men get shot will this woman get two pensions? Is she entitled to two separation allowances?

The case also illustrates the old proverb that "She who grasps at too much is likely to loose all. This woman tried to keep two men from conscription and lost them both. Poor woman! We wish her better luck next time.—Reformer

WAR COST IN 9 MONTHS 171 MILLION DOLLARS

REVENUE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN IN SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Canada's war expenditure for the nine months of the fiscal year ending December 31st amounted to \$171,748,950. During the same period in the previous fiscal year the expenditure was \$170,229,748. For the month of December alone the war cost \$19,779,563. In December, 1916, it cost \$23,702,217.

The revenue of the Dominion for the nine months was \$130,456,270, as against \$166,855,349 for the similar period in 1916. For December alone the revenue was \$20,617,343. In December, 1916, it was \$21,845,775. Expenditure chargeable to revenue totalled \$96,982,537, as compared with \$31,696,505 in the previous year.

The total net debt of the Dominion on December 31 stood at \$970,425,804. On the same date in 1916 it was \$722,111,443. During December the debt increased by \$18,427,208, which was approximately a million less than the war expenditure for that month.

PTE. BENSON IN EMERALD ISLE

IVANHOE BOY VISITS ANCESTRAL HOME IN IRELAND AND GIVES HIS IMPRESSION IN AN INTERESTING WAY

The following is a letter written by Pte. Fred Benson of Ivanhoe, to his father, while the former was on a visit to his father's old home in Ireland. Mr. Benson's death occurred about ten days before the writing of the letter but Pte. Benson would have no knowledge of the fact at the time.

Keadee, East, Carrick-on-Shannon, Ireland, Dec. 22nd, 1917.

Dear Father,—

Well, I have got to your old home at last and am writing this letter, sitting by the old fireplace, burning turf. They have no stoves here in this country yet and I don't think they ever will. I don't think they saw a stove.

I eat my meals off the same table as was yours, they tell me, and part of the house is the one you lived in. I think if you were here you would not see much change.

An old man, Mike Benson, came in to see me last night. He is a cousin of yours and remembers you well when you left. I have all kinds of cousins around here. I don't think I will be able to see them all. James said I am going to his brother's to-day for a load of turf with the cart and jacks. All the people are very kind to me. They tell me it is the same stone floor in the house now as when you left. I was to a public house yesterday kept by James Cleary. His wife is a cousin of yours. I had a long drive from Carrick-on-Shannon here, about eight miles. I

got here about one o'clock in the morning and it was very cold. We stopped at a house to find out the right road and an old man came with me to show me the way. I told him it was too cold a night for him to come out but he said, "My lad, I would go twenty miles with you."

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Picked Up Around Town

Interesting News Items Gatered by Our Reporter While on His Rounds.

Last evening between 6 and 7 o'clock the pupils of Queen Mary school defeated a team from Ann St. school in a game of hockey at the Arena by the score of 3 to 2. The game was fast and clean.

From four years ago upwards boys and girls are now learning to dance in Belleville. Mr. Albert Johnston's Saturday afternoon class being very popular. At two o'clock the tots and smaller children learn the fancy dances and at three the fourteen to sixteen year old tread the mazur. Mr. Johnston stated today that after next Saturday no new pupils will be enrolled.

Pris and beef figured in case before Police Magistrate, Bedford's Court at Deseronto yesterday in a charge of receiving stolen property. It appeared that Edward Toppings had been for some months passed delivering pris to the Camp Mohawk and doing other work around the camp, and on the 10th of January a parcel of beef rolled up in sack-

was found in his sleigh. Toppings says while waiting at the canteen some man, unknown to him, came up and dropped the parcel in his sleigh, and thinking it was a parcel to be delivered and not knowing what it was or that it was stolen, he thought nothing of it. This was to some extent corroborated by Corp. Baskin, a report to Sergeant Baskin. The case was sent up for trial and Toppings admitted to bail. W. C. Carney for the crown; W. C. Mikel, K. C. for the accused.

No Warrant Officers, Class 1 have been, or will be appointed in the C. E. F. in Canada. There is not, nor has there ever been, any such rank as warrant officer Class 2 in Canada. Therefore N. C. O's who have held warrant rank Class 2 automatically lose the same on return to Canada. Warrant officers, Class 1, who have received their warrants in the field, are permitted to retain their rank in the C. E. F. in Canada, provided they do not accept an appointment lower than that for which the warrant was granted.

The city of Belleville was called city since the 1st of January. This is what Fuel Controller ville, told the O yesterday was the coal dealers ton of coal in the d. The city of B depot before the Willis was called city.

Mr. Willis had show what coal what the coal d. He was called evidence, and for the amount and the price of coal in the profit allowed the Fuel Control as close as could

"Got 1,581 T The Belair "got 1,034 tons at \$14.50 and 5 half tons, this at the mine; the had 340 tons and \$12.75, costing and \$6.20 at the different stores; had 132 tons of \$12.50, costing at the mine; the tons, and sold them \$7.15 at the

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