

## NEWS AND VIEWS FROM OUR AMELIASBURG CORRESPONDENT

It might not be out of place by way of introduction to this letter to say something about the weather. Not particularly that there has been any changes which have taken place and been unnoticed, but hasn't there been some of the most wretched weather this winter that could have been turned out by any German weather bureau? It's not to be wondered at there has been so much sickness of a fatal character. One day fall-like, the next a blizzard equal to a polar, then another day of sunshine, winding up before sunset with rain. By way of variety to educate pedestrians and stock to walk with equilibrium, an occasional sleet and icy period would be introduced to furnish amusement for those who did not indulge in probability. And then the most remarkable part of the whole program—these various changes were sandwiched with gales of wind. Those people who are always complaining about it being too hot or too cold, too dry or too wet, should have been able this winter to have at least part of the time had their tastes satisfied. It has been so far very unfavorable weather for those desirous of doing much teaming. The wheeling has been better than the sleighing, while the ice has not been for years so unsafe for driving. Dangerous cracks, running in all directions, rendered crossing on the ice particularly at night a risky piece of business. So much rain and warm weather has been a great preventive of making thick ice. This has greatly interfered with the storing of ice for the summer. And, unless a sudden change takes place very soon, there is pretty sure to be a scarcity of ice for home consumption this season during the hot weather.

I notice that Peter McArthur, has come to the conclusion, there is not much clear money to be made for Red Cross or any of the other patriotic funds out of entertainments gotten up on a large scale. Peter gives an instance of where \$500 was collected as door receipts and after the expenses were paid a little over \$19.00 was paid into the fund. Peter is not the only one who has noticed that there has been too much of this kind of grafting going on. That "Red Cow" lecture of Peter's drew a big crowd and it was a good lecture but whether he has reference to the distribution of profits in that case he does not say. His summing up of the transaction reminds one very much of the man who said he cleared \$800 one winter cutting wood and when he was asked what he did with the money he said it took it all to pay off the hands. There appears to be some very bad financing being done throughout the country on behalf of these patriotic funds, viz., so far as real profitable results to the funds are concerned compared with the receipts.

Last year the cry throughout Canada was to produce double, if not triple the output of the previous year. This enormous increase of farm production was said to be needed for war purposes. That the farmers of Canada put forth their best efforts to meet this demand, is clearly proven from the records given. In order to produce such results from the farm, labor was necessary. Still there were not enough laborers to handle the crop. The question will naturally come up now, what are the prospects for this year? The reply is, no, she cannot for the simple reason that labor will be far short of last year and the crop cannot be put in and if it were possible to sow, the grain it could not be harvested. The Hon. G. W. Brown, former Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, speaking at a recruiting meeting lately, said "So many men of Western Canada have enlisted 6,000,000 fewer acres would be ready for crop this year than would have been had the men not enlisted." That means quite a shortage in the West. Then add to this the shortage in the other grain producing provinces and the outlook for a reduction in the cost of living is not encouraging.

The hints thrown out for better home protection in a very carefully written letter by Mr. J. J. B. Flint is worth something more than a passing glance. No one will dispute Mr.

Flint in what he says that there is too much indifference, altogether shown in regard to the practicing of greater vigilance. This waiting to cover up a well until some one has fallen into it is a bad policy. Suspicious characters and many possibly cunningly trained, so they do not take on a suspicious look, should not be trusted but housed at once. At the present time when so many are enthusiastic to secure recruits would it not be possible for some "undesirable" person to get into the ranks. If the country is full of German spies as we are told, there is no place where they could operate to better advantage than in the ranks with the King's uniform on. The German Spy System has been acknowledged to be the best in the world and it is time every true British subject wakened up and laid a death grip on every suspicious character of the Sauer-Kraut nationality.

The Hepburn deal has come in for a good deal of talk in some places throughout the county. Of course there are those, who look over with a forgiving eye, any wrong Mr. Hepburn may have done, in turning over a contract which he knew from the first he could not fill, to a Montreal concern. A contract for \$700,000 is a pretty heavy job for a town like Picton especially if the work has to be done in a little planing mill. Still some wonderful things are done these days, but it happened this job could not be done successfully in Picton and the friends of Mr. Hepburn say he did no worse than Dr. Pugsley or Mr. Carroll with their saw-dust deal and hay contracts. It's not whether Mr. Hepburn is as bad or worse than Dr. Pugsley or Mr. Carroll. If they did wrong there was no excuse for his doing so, if he did, and in either case if the guilt is proven the government should get busy and make an example of them. There is too much on both sides, of the two great parties in this country, trying to justify their own dishonesty by the alleged dishonesty of the opposite side.

When the news flashed over the wires last Friday night that those magnificent Parliament Buildings at Ottawa which have been a national pride so many years, had been burned, a realization that Canada was at war came over some people for the first time. That there was at the time and continues to exist a strong feeling still, that an enemy had done the trick cannot be denied. While the Chief of the Dominion Police appear to continue firm in his opinion that it was an accident there appears to be many who do not agree with him. Since a thorough investigation is to be made by a select committee, it may be more prudent to withhold judgment until further particulars are heard. There has been a number of versions as to how the fire started, perhaps there are none which would interest our readers more than the one given by Mr. Frank Glass of London, Ont., member for East Middlesex. This statement has no doubt been read by many but for the benefit of those who may not have read it I take the liberty of copying a portion of it and if the reader is satisfied with the statement made by Mr. Glass, he will likely come to the conclusion the fire was accidental. Mr. Glass says:

"I was standing reading one of the files in the reading-room" when Sir Thomas White came through. He stopped and glanced at a paper. The only other person in the room was Mr. Northrup, M.P. for Hastings, and I noticed that there was no attendant."

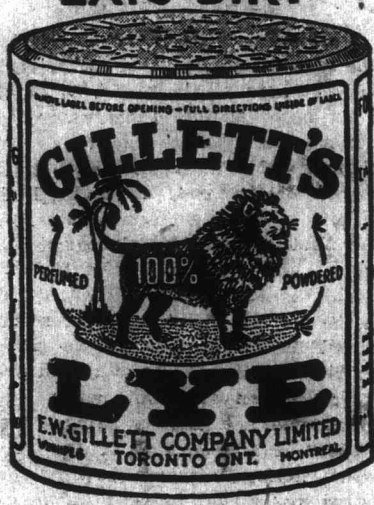
It will be noticed that no other persons were in the library at this time. Proceeding Mr. Glass says: "Sir Thomas went out to his private room and when I looked around Mr. Northrup had left also. I continued to read. Presently I felt an unpleasant heat from behind and turned. I then noticed that smoke was coming from a pile of newspapers under the file desk behind me. It looked so simple, no flame or anything."

"I walked to the glass doors and called the policeman who is stationed at the entrance to the Speaker's chambers. 'There's a little blaze here', I said, not thinking the matter was very serious, and believing that he would smother it with his coat. Instead of that he rushed in, looked at it, and then ran down the hall for the extinguisher."

"By the time he had returned the flames had, of course, broken out, and the moment he opened the door and threw on the chemical the smoke and fire burst out so suddenly that he was driven back."

"I walked down the corridor to the main door of the chamber, stepped to the side of the Speaker, and said: 'Mr. Speaker, the House is on fire.' There was no panic. The Speaker

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promptly adjourned the House and ran to the door. At the same moment the policeman and an attendant rushed down the corridor shouting: 'fire! The House is on fire!'

Could Have Quenched It. "It was pretty sudden, but if I had known that the policeman didn't intend to throw his coat on it, I would have taken mine off. In moments such as these, one naturally looks to the policeman, and perhaps that is why I overlooked the part I could have played."

"There was a five-gallon bottle of mineral water outside the reading-room door and this could have been broken on the fire and extinguished it."

Can any one after carefully reading this statement of Mr. Glass come to any other conclusion than that he and the policeman were guilty of culpable negligence. Mr. Glass says when he saw the fire first there was no blaze. While in this condition he made no effort or attempt to stamp it out. He knew or ought to have known that paper was an inflammable material and burned slow only when held in a compact form. A Boy Scout would have known enough to have made the attempt at least, to smother the fire before the flame broke through. Every second at such a time counted. Mr. Glass may have thought it beneath his dignity as a member of parliament to attempt to put out a fire. He walks (he does not say he hurried) to tell a policeman about it. The policeman after being made acquainted of the fact goes to the scene of the fire with out any water or extinguisher to put it out, if it were possible to do so. More time is lost until he gets the extinguisher. Mr. Glass appears to have made no move towards getting any water in the meantime, although he says there were five gallons nearby. The result is by the time the police gets around it is too late. Then Mr. Glass says he went and whispered to the Speaker, the house was on fire. His sensitiveness appears to have gotten the upper hand of his better judgment. Had the Speaker of the House followed in the same strain, he would have for fear of breaking the rules of the house allowed the member speaking to have finished his speech and then asked some member to move the adjournment of the house. To the credit of Mr. Speaker he acted promptly and prevented what surely would have resulted in a terrible fatality. The same may be said of Sir Sam Hughes when he became acquainted of the fire did not walk around and see how the fire was progressing and consult with his colleagues as to what course to adopt. Sir Sam promptly calls out the 77th Battalion. They did not come walking to the grounds the band playing the death march, but on the double—and formed a line about the burning building and it may be said that to the foresight of Sir Sam Hughes and the valuable services rendered by members of the 77th Battalion along with the firemen much of the valuable in the form of paintings and other treasures the people of Canada prize so highly were saved from being burned. If when the commission of inquiry present their report and if they should find the fire was accidental it may be wisdom upon the part of parliament to prohibit smoking in the library in the future.

### Laid to Rest

The funeral of the late Martha Ketcheson took place on Thursday afternoon from the residence of Mr. Bert Ketcheson, 30 Henry Street, Rev. R. C. Blagrove D.D., of Christ Church conducting the service. Interment was in Belleville Cemetery, the bearers being Messrs. T. E. Ketcheson, W. H. Ketcheson, Albert Ketcheson, R. H. Ketcheson, Harry Ketcheson and L. C. Yeomans. Among the beautiful floral tributes were the following:

Wreath—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ketcheson.  
Spray of Roses—Beulah Ketcheson.  
Anchor—Mr. C. J. Symons and Mrs. Woodley.

Chief—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Larrabee.  
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Letters From  
Our Soldier Boys  
December 24, 1915.  
Moore Barracks Hospital,  
Shorncliffe, Eng.

Dear Mother and Sister—  
Your letter arrived O.K., and it was the first letter I received after arriving here so it was all the more welcome.

Well here it is Christmas Eve and I think it very appropriate that I should write you a letter seeing that I cannot be with you at this festive season. I have been transferred to the Medical Corps and have worked into the dispensary. I am now in the manufacturing part of that department and will have to work pretty hard to hold that position as there are so many after it. It is a very large hospital and accommodates the soldiers who have been taken sick at the Shorncliffe camp and also many from other camps and from the front.

It is terrible sometimes to see the poor fellows especially those who have been hit with shrapnel. It seems to be about the worst wound that is possible to get. And when we think of these men who have fought so gallantly for their flag and then to come back maimed for life, it makes the blood boil in your body and makes you want to get after the Kaiser right at once. Just as soon however as the men become strong enough to get around, they are sent to some convalescent home. A great many of those who are able to travel at all have been given leave of six days for Christmas and they are all very glad to get home. In my new quarters I have it is quite comfortable. There are two others in the room with me, and I was just thinking tonight that Mabel might want to come if I told her there was a fireplace in the room. She always wanted a house with a fireplace, they are real common here. One in every room in the resilient part of the hospital, even in the wash room. We are given all the coal we need but we have to carry it ourselves, so we generally have some on hand. The weather is not very cold not even freezing, but very damp so that we really feel the necessity of a fire. It does not seem much like Christmas. It might as well be 24th of May or some other day as far as appearances are concerned, but just the same we are wishing one another a Merry Christmas just to be sociable. I am glad you got the picture I sent home and did not feel at all insulted when you told me I looked like a foreigner. I felt like one, but am beginning to get used to it now. I also sent you a picture of myself and some films, hope you have received them. That part of your letter where you spoke about the trunk full of good things to eat certainly made me feel very hungry. And as mother is sending me a fruit cake, I think I will be able to eat it all right. The other fellows have been getting parcels from home and from their brothers and sisters and they have been treating me so I will have to try and pay back some of my debts. I haven't received the parcel yet, but it may have gone to St. Martin's Plain as the post office here can hardly handle the amount that is coming at this busy season. I would like a book from home written by Professor Heebner if you can find it mail it to me at once. I don't think there is anything else unless something to eat, but perhaps it costs too much to send eats so far, better let it go. Occasionally I go to Folkestone and get a good meal, but it costs so much. They say it is because they are all Canadian troops in this district and they boost the prices accordingly. It costs from 2 to 3 shillings for a meal, that seems exorbitant.

Well, hoping you are enjoying a merry Christmas and wishing you one and all a Happy New Year and hoping to get a letter three times a day I am your loving son,  
Percy.

Mrs. O. A. Atwood,  
Lakesend, Alta.

### Local Legal

Jeffrey vs. Alyea, et al.—At the adjourned sittings of the County Court, this action was tried before His Honor Judge Deroche yesterday.

The parties live in Ameliasburg, the plaintiff being a farmer's wife and the defendants husband and wife, the husband being an apple dealer. The plaintiff sued to recover \$387. balance claimed to be due her on a sale of the apples in her orchard in 1912 for \$700, and for some other small sales of fruit and for labor in picking the same. The defendant denied buying the orchard and claimed that he received the apples on commission and that he sold them at a loss and therefore there was nothing due her. The plaintiff claimed the same amount against Mrs. Alyea alleging that after Mr. Alyea left these parts she threatened to at-

test Mrs. Alyea denied.  
Judgment was given for the plaintiff against both Mr. and Mrs. Alyea for the amount claimed with interest and costs.  
J. Guss Porter, K.C., for plaintiff.  
F. E. O'Flynn for defendants.

### MAGNIFICENT LEAD BY LOCALS

(From Saturday's Daily)  
St. Andrew's College Juniors of Toronto came, saw, but did not conquer, last night when they struck the Belleville O.H.A. line-up, one of the best teams in Ontario. After one of the finest exhibitions of hockey ever witnessed here, Belleville defeated the collegians by the magnificent lead of six in the score of 10 to 4. Lawson Whitehead of Toronto was the referee.

When the bell rang the following players lined up—

Name	Goal	Willoughby
Lyne	Right Defence	Whitaker
Holloway	Left Defence	Yeal
Whelan	Rover	Wallace
Arnott	Center	Watson
Armstrong	Right Wing	Cameroo
Green	Left Wing	Green

Once the puck was faced off, the thousand spectators knew they were about to see the fastest hockey in junior circles. The students started in with an amazing amount of speed. Belleville boys did not take themselves so seriously however. While they checked energetically and skated fast and worked combination, they let the collegians wear out the energy in their dashes. The first period gave Belleville a 4 to 3 lead against the Toronto boys.

The second period saw very close work on the part of both teams. St. Andrew's seemed to have a little the advantage in the opening, but this was more apparent than real. In the closing five minutes, the home team scored twice in rapid succession. Watson, the center of the visitors was the amazing skating phenomenon, but he could not do the impossible. The period ended 6-3 in favor of Belleville.

Hopes ran high when the youths of the Bay of Quinte came upon the ice for the last time. The students did not look so good a proposition. The strain of the forty minutes of play had told upon them. This period gave them one goal but henceforth Belleville scored one, two, three, four. Such a lead was most gratifying in view of the return game of the round to be played in Toronto where Belleville will be playing under new conditions.

St. Andrew's boys were very clever in "hooking" with their hockey sticks one or two of them urged their weight in body checking.

The match was remarkably free from spite or foul playing of any kind.

### KINGSTON IS LIKELY TO HAVE SEYMOUR POWER

The Utilities Commission of Kingston and the Seymour Power Company have practically agreed on the terms of a 20 year contract to supply power to Kingston on the terms of cost published previously and shown below. Such was the outcome of the special meeting held last night at which E. Strachan Johnston, general solicitor for the company and W. S. Robertson, general manager attended. The draft contract was gone over and several minor changes made.

The basis upon which the city will pay for power if the contract is signed follows—  
If the amount for which charge is made is not more than 3000 h.p. a rate of \$25.00 per h.p. per annum.  
If the amount for which charge is made is above 3000 h.p. and less than 4000 h.p. a rate of \$24 per h.p. per annum for the 3000 h.p. and a rate of \$22.00 per h.p. per annum for the excess power above 3000 h.p.

KEEP LITTLE UNES WELL IN WINTER

Winter is a dangerous season for the little ones. Two days are so changeable—one bright, the next cold and stormy, that the mother is afraid to take the children out for the fresh air and exercise they need so much. In consequence they are often cooped up in overheated, badly ventilated rooms and are soon seized with colds or grippe. What is needed to keep the little ones well is Baby's Own Tablets. They will regulate the stomach and bowels and drive out colds and by their use the baby will be able to get over the winter season in perfect safety. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 5 cents a box from The Little Ones Medicine Co. Brockville, Ont.

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## STIRRING RECALL

Splendid Night at The

One of the most attended recruiting been held since the war was the city audience to theater last night. The speaker of Col. R. B. Hamilton recruiting officer Hamilton is an offhandedly enthusiastic delivered in a score are all the more of their entire makes his appeal some of his hearers find and insult for those who have succeeded to don the

MAYOR K. Adams, and himself made a "quest" appeal. He is the object of the welcome so many was proud of the had already seen could do more—to help us bring successful conclusion danger and Britain some. The need now of thousands have and they are back follow. He felt as would not fall up

Lt-Col. Adams, of the 155th was reception as he deliver a brief address undoubtedly one of useful and popular tag officers in On ext time and his recruits to fill out regiment awake a response in the au

Col. Adams in of people of Belleville that had been sh and men since the up quarters in the carry away with the finances that would life itself.

He came here a 80th Battalion and been connected with organization. "Col.

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