# "THE TRAIL OF THE SWINGING LANTERNS"

New Book by JOHN M. COPELAND, of Toronto
(A Belleville Old Boy)

INTERESTING REFERENCES TO HIS NATIVE HOME

A new book by a Belleville author is by no means a common event. But when the book is one of uncommon interest and merit, the event becomes notable.

"The Trail of the Swinging Lantern," by John M. Copeland, Canadian representative of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway( is primarily a book of interest to railroaders. It is not a text book but "a racy review of transportation methods and men." It is in reality a series of articles, somewhat loosely connected, teeming with interest to every man connected with a railway and to many who are not. There are several invaluable historical articles in reference to the Grand Trunk railway, the Canadian Northern system, the Toronto and Nipissing and others. Biographies of prominent railway men figure largely in the contents. Among the biographies is that of William H. Biggar, vice-president and general counsel of the Grand Trunk Railway system. We take the liberty of reproducing the appreciation of Mr. Biggar.

### William H. Biggar

During the turbulent period in Britain's history, when Sir Francis Drake's bucanneering exploits had Spain by the ears and intrepid Champlain was spying out the boundaries of Bay of Quinte, there flourished under the checkered reign of the first James in bonny Scotland, Herbert Biggar, and it is coincidence that centuries after his descendants settled on the rim of the bay where the great explorer had camped. This Scottish gentleman was Laird of Barbine and Nethergloy and espoused Janet Maxwell, Balterson, in the Parish of Holyrood, who survived, dying in 1689, and their children were the ancestors of the subject of this sketch.

William Hodgins Biggar, called to the Bar in 1880, twice Mayor of Belleville, and in 1890 elected M.P. P. for West Hastings, Ontario, now director of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and vice-president and General Counsel of the Grand Trunk Railway, was born in September, 1852, at Carrying Place, an historic portage where no doubt, Samuel de Champlain and his Indian allies carried from Quinte Bay to Lake Ontario their supplies and canoes.

Late in the autumn, two thirds of a century ago when older units of the family were sailing westward with equipment and settlers' impedimenta enroute their original location near Brantford, Canada, the voyageurs were frozen in and stalled by winter's rigors and thus fate or fortune, unsolicited, determined a new world habitation, giving point to the proverb, "There is a destiny which shapes our ends rough hew them as we may." From here it was that James Lyons Bibbar, general merchant, often journeyed in the interests of East Northumberland to parliament in far off Quebec before Confederation and this sturdy trader of pioneering days was wont to accompany goods shipments from the tide-water by wagon, coach and vessel to their western destination.

"There is luck in odd numbers," said Rory O'More and as young Biggar was but one of nine lusty children—all of whom later attained individual prominence—he was not featured as a favorite. Who can tell to what influence his Celtic mother from the city of Dublin, whose surname and temperament he inherited, attributed the success of her son, perchance the good fairies or to the "Luck in odd numbers". The acquisition of knowledge was easy for him because he gave the task his attention and his inclinations developed system in study. His preliminary education in the village of Trenton Grammar School, culminated with the gilt lettered honor of Head Boy at Upper Canada College, Toronto, and that distinction has since been bestowed on one of his four children, Winchester, on the eve of his entry to McGill University and gravitation to the army. The mother of the interesting trio and the curley-headed dictator of the family, was Miss Marie Louise Ballou, of New York.

A cardinal qualification, noticeable in the majority of leaders in Law and Commerce, is the ability to cast aside the superfluous, bare a proposition and promptly discern the gist of the matter; this qualification W. H. Biggar possesses, combined with a clear, well ordered mind and a splendid memory for facts and precedent. It won him the confidence of the late John Bell of Belleville, former General Counsel of the Grand Trunk Railway and his legal acumen soon became exact and expanded by contract with the ripe experiences in railway jurisprudence of his senior who took the young lawyer into partnership giving him charge of their civil practice. His penchant for deductions explains his skill as a billfardist and one time enthusiastic lawn bowler at home and on the green at Niagara-on-the-lake, when he was President of the Ontario Bowling Association. He is decidedly deliberate towards all appeals for his opinion on any topic, does not make snap decisions and would never be caught in the fix of the man who jumped at the conclusion of the departing ferry boat and fell into the harbor.

In the capacity of General Counsel for G.T.R.—G.T.P.R., he has dealt with many weighty railway corporation matters and affairs of national import and—no doubt, participated prominently with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his cabinet in governmental and financial endorsation of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway past and present.

Not long ago his interpretations of the intentions of certain clauses respecting the Government's attitude towards the sale of bonds of the western section of the N.T.R., were sustained by the Privy Council at London and that body's vindication of Mr. Biggar's insight was equivalent to an immense saving in favor of the "G.T.R."

With the strain of business he intersperses a lively participation in golf, always evinces a keen interest in good sport and when a younger man in Belleville owned and raced his yacht "Iolanthe" on Lake Ontario and across the bay beside his birthplace. He was also a bit of an angler and could pink the bull's eye at rifle ranges. Many a time, when a boy, have I seen him galloping past in the saddle accompanied by (Justice) R. C. Clute, the late U. E. Thompson, then City Ticket Agent of the G.T.R., Thomas Ritchie, T. S. Carman, publisher of the "Ontario" and the late Senator Harry Corby. A gentleman of the old school, Will Biggar was as prompt to perceive the charwoman's curtesy as he would to acknowledge the gracious inclination of the city's first lady.

Like some men in public life, he is reserved, almost shy of the lime light, but an interesting companion among his intimates and a favorite with little children and generally popular, so much so, that he proved a rara avis in local politics when he carried the Liberal standard to victory in "Tory" West Hastings n 1890 with the untrumpeted aid of many Conservative friends, it has been said. He was always a "man's man" but now gives the Mount Royal and other Clubs only such a share of his limited leisure as domesticity will permit

### Quinte Bay

Esconced in a setting of green and gold,
She is ever young to young and old;
Could her waters speak as they flow along,
'Forget me not" would be their song

As the divisional point and home of the workshops upon the Grand Trunk main line it is naturally to be expected that Belleville should turn out some real railroaders. Few of us, however, will have any idea that the list is so formidable until we see this book of Mr. Copeland's. Whole page is required to accommodate the names of those who attained prominence or risen to fame in the railroading world. Here they are,—

**Prominent Bellevillian Railroaders:**

W. B. Bamford, District Freight Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway, Toronto, Ont., H. E. Beasley, General Superintendent, Esquimalt & Nanimo Railway, Victoria, B.C.; John Bell, (the late), General Counsel, Grand Trunk Railway, Montreal; W. H. Biggar, Vice-President and General Counsel, G.T.R., Montreal; W. E. Burke, Assistant Manager, Canada Steamship Lines, Toronto, Ont.; A. B. Chown, Traveling Passenger Agent, Grand Trunk Railway, Pittsburg; J. M. Copeland, T. F. & P. A., Chicago and Northwestern Railway, Toronto; R. J. Cottrell, Locomotive Foreman, Grand Trunk Railway, St. Thomas, Ont.; W. P. Dempsey, T. F. & P.A., Chicago & Northwestern Railway, Detroit; E. Donald, Land and Tax Commissioner, Grand Trunk Railway, Montreal; W. J. Duckworth Superintendent of Construction, G.N. W. Telegraph Co., Toronto; J. H. Ellis, Secretary Louisville & Nashville Railway, Louisville Ky.; W. E. Foster, K.C. Solicitor for Ontario, Grand Trunk Railway, Montreal; John A. Grier, (the late), G.F.A., M.C.R., also General Manager Hoosac Tunnel Line, Chicago; R. Hay, C.P. & T.A., Canadian Northern Railway, Vancouver, B.C.; J. Hay, Locomotive Foreman, Grand Trunk Railway, at Sarnia, Ont.; D. J. Hay, Former Air Brake Inspector, Grand Trunk Railway, Stratford, Ont.; E. W. Holton, General Passenger Agent, Northern Navigation Co., Sarnia, Ont.; R. Ivers, (the late), Locomotive Foreman, Grand Trunk Railway, London, Ont.; H. R. Kelly, Superintendent, Canadian Northern Railway, Capreol, Ont.; W. H. Kennedy, Master Mechanic, Grand Trunk Railway, Toronto—Fighting for us in France; T. W. R. McRae, Claims Agent, G. T. R., Montreal, Que.; R B. Moodie, (the late), General Agent, Intercolonial Railway, Toronto; F H. Phippen, K.C., General Counsel Canadian Northern Railway, Toronto; Geo. H. Pope, (the late), Right of Way Commissioner, Grand Trunk Pacific Ry.; W. W. Pope, Secretary Hydro Commission—former Assistant to General Counsel, G.T.R.; J. P. Pratt, Assistant to General Counsel, Grand Trunk Railway, Montreal; W. D. Robb, Vice-President, Grand Trunk Railway System, Montreal, Que.; W. Robertson, Former M.S., G.T.R., Maker of Robertson Cinder Conveyor Chicago; T. Waterson, Chief Clerk to General Counsel, Grand Trunk Railway.

The tribute on the following page is inspired by the charm and beauty of the bay where Belleville's absent son sailed, skated, fished and swam.

Upon the opposite page appears a composite photograph showing many of those whose names appear above.

Upon the page following is a poetic tribute to Belleville's beautiful bay. The ode is nameless as to authorship, but we fear that Mr. Copeland, in his undue modesty has not admitted the work to be his own. The imagery and descriptive power are worthy of so fair a subject.

### Lines to Quinte

Green are the hills when far away,
And Youth in leash craves Manhood's sway:
Placid the waters that wash the sands,
The sky is blue o'er distant lands.
Yet phantom castles—springtime dreams,
Dissolve like foam on woodland streams,
As Fancy—chastened by breath of Time,
Reasons in prose and not in rhyme:
Yearning ceases—behold at home
The glories pictured by they who roam.
Rimmed with vesture of verdant green,
Basks Quinte Bay—perennial queen,
Matron—a seer—she spans full years
Of promise, hardship, wreckage, tears.
From pre-historic days of yore
Her scroll lies writ with mystic lore.
O'er her breast stole birchen craft
Burdened with Redskin, bows and shaft
Swiftly stalking widgeon and deer
Or Paleface tiller settled near
Champlain and Franklin sensed her spell,
As did good priest with book and bell.
Soldier, trapper and creaking stage
Have seen Dame Quinte lashed in rage,
But seldom doth she portend ill,
Her mood is tranquil, coaxing, still.
Who hath not felt her soft caress,
Limpid, seductive as maiden's tress,
Who hath skimmed her foaming crest,
With spreading sheet at her behest,
And doth not sing throughout his days
Of this real gem amongst the bays.
Ensconced in a setting of green and gold,
She is ever young to young and old:
Could her waters speak as they flow along,
"Forget me not" would be their song

The book is tastefully and attractively bound in cloth, is printed on fine quality coated paper and illustrated with numerous engravings. The book is on sale at Jennings and Sherry's.

### The Author

Mr. John Morrison Copeland, the author, is the son of Mr. James Copeland, the well known Front Street harness manufacturer. He was educated at Belleville separate and high schools and after graduation he entered the service of the Central Ontario Railway at Trenton. His ambition and ability marked him out as one bound to rise. He arose from post to post until he became travelling freight and passenger agent of several American railways in Canada. Latterly he has been with the Chicago and North Western as their Canadian representative.

Although Mr. Copeland has written many descriptive articles and been a frequent contributor to magazines, "The Trail of the Swinging Lanterns" is his first book. The solid merit of this premier effort should make of it an instant and lasting success.

# Prices Easier on the Market

**Larger Attendance Than Usual To-day.**

Belleville market began to-day to take on its old aspect with a larger attendance. Sickness has had its effect on the numbers attending but the great improvement in the situation during the past week or more was shown today in the attendance of both citizens and farmers.

Many prices are showing a tendency to weakness by reason of the recent war conditions. This is noticeable in grains and so forth. Oats are wholesaling at 75c; barley at $1.00 and buckwheat at $1.00.

Hides are bringing 14c; horsehides $4 to $5; lambpelts $2 to $3.

Potatoes are on the market at $2 to $2.25. Butter sold today at 55c and eggs were down to 60c. Chickens sold at $1.00 each. Some sold at 28c per pound.

Pork is selling at $22.00 per cwt. by the carcass. Beef hindquarters bring 18c to 20c per pound. Lamb is wholesaling at 24c to 25c.

Turnips bring 20c peck; carrots 30c peck; parsnips 30c peck; beets 30c peck; onions 50c peck, cabbage 5c to 10c each.

Apples were fairly plentiful at $1.00 per bushel and upwards.

Hay is scarce, very little offering from week to week.

# Laid to Rest

The funeral of the late Giva Jaesshi, a Serbian, took place on Friday from the residence of Mrs. Tuttle, No. 9 Emily street, who he had boarded with, Rev. Rural Dean Swayne conducted the service. Interment was made in Belleville cemetery.

Gunner E. J. Ash, Depot Field Battery, has been transferred to the 76th Battery, C.F.A.

Gunner R. Chambers, Depot Field Battery, has been transferred to the 76th Battery, C.F.A.

# TYENDINAGA IS SECOND DISTRICT TO WIN THE HONOUR FLAG

**County Passes Million Mark and Half-way to Objective—Victory Loan Appeal in Trenton—Picture Show To-night.**

From Saturday's Daily

Yesterday Tyendinaga went over the top for its honour flag, the objective being $65,000. Congratulations are in order. This is the second district to win the coveted penant, and the people of the old township have reason to be proud of the showing made. Sergt.-Major Gerald Spafford and J. F. Hinchey are responsible for the excellent showing made in this district. Hard work and electioneering is the answer. These tireless workers have been on the job from the opening of the campaign. They have one of the most difficult districts in the county to cover. Some days the work of these hard working canvassers extended into the wee small hours of the morning, but they were determined to put the good old township of Tyendinaga on the map in this last great war effort and they have done so with a vengeance. Hats off to Tyendinaga.

**Help! Help! Help! Boost Belleville's Bunch of Bonds That Will Bust the Boch.**

Mr. J. F. Hinchey, one of the canvassers for Tyendinaga has won a double honour. Besides having his district proudly flying the Governor General's honour flag as a result of his and his partner's efforts, he has been presented with a shield by the Sun Life Assurance Co. This is the fourth time Mr. Hinchey has won this honour.

It is expected that a celebration will be held in Shannonville on Monday night, when the Governor General's honour flag will be unfurled.

**Honour Flags Won.**

To date the following honour flags have been presented in Hastings county:

District honour flags—
Maynooth district,
Tyendinaga district.
Company honour flags—
Headquarters Section, 42nd Wing R.A.F.
Engine Repair Section, R.A.F.
Rathbun Hospital, R.A.F.
Deloro Smelting & Refining Co.
Grand Trunk Motive Power Department.

**County Passes Million Mark.**

Yesterday Hastings county reported $109,300 for the day, bringing the total amount to date up to $1,037,650. This is just the half-way mark to $2,100,000, the honour flag objective for the county. Now, let everybody put their shoulder to the wheel and put Hastings county over the top for its honour flag. Maynooth and Tyendinaga have done their bit, let us do ours. All together now, one big shove for the honour flag!

**Trenton Hears Splendid Appeal.**

Last night during the performance of Mutt and Jeff in Wellar's Opera House in Trenton an excellent appeal was made by Pte. Wm. Davies, late of the 52nd Battalion, who was severely wounded in France. Pte. Davies is now attending Albert College, Belleville.

Mayor Ireland introduced the speaker after the second act, and Pte. Davies was received with an enthusiastic applause. His appeal was sympathetically received. He spoke of the horror of war that we know nothing of. He asked the people of Trenton in the name of his comrades, who are in France struggling to make victory complete; he asked them in the name of his comrades of immortal memory, who now lie beneath the blood-sodden fields of France and Belgium; he asked them on behalf of their country to go forth and buy at least one bond. His appeal was sympathetically received and th response was immediate. From different people in the audience initial payments were thrown on the stage and one little boy, 5 years of age, walked down from the top of the house and handed Pte. Davies $10, for which he wanted two bonds. This action was most appealing and the audience broke out in enthusiastic applause.

**More Honour Flags Won.**

The Deloro Smelting & Refining Co., under the supervision of Mr. F. A. Baptie has won an honour flag. To date the employees of the Deloro Smelting & Refining Co., have subscribed over $35,000. This is one of the most satisfactory showings in the County of Hastings for this reason that the company has promised to subscribe through the special subscription committee, dollar for dollar with their employees. Therefore, the subscription from this company alone will amount to over $70,000 to date. The Motive Power Dept. is all right.

The Grand Trunk Motive Power Dept., Belleville, have also won their honour flag with 89% of their employees buying bonds for 10% of the pay roll. 372 men have already subscribed; more power to them.

A 100% honour card has been won by the Bell Telephone Plant Dept., under the supervision of Mr. E. I. Mooney. Out of the total of 12 employees in this department, 12 have bought bonds; good work.

**Last Night's Picture Show Postponed.**

The picture show, which was to have been held last night on Front St. was post-poned until tonight because of the rain. It is expected that a large crowd will be on hand tonight to see these picturs and hear the speakers.

**Victory Loan Appeal in Churches**

Arrangements have been made in several of the churches to have prominent laymen give addresses from the pulpits on Victory Bonds. In this way a great many people will be reached who must realize their duty to their country at this time. It is expected that as a result of this appeal from the pulpits the third week of the Victory Loan campaign, the subscriptions will greatly increase.

# Meets Death in a Restaurant

**Piece of Meat Lodges in Man's Throat and Efforts Failed to Revive Him**

Ogdensburg, Nov. 9.—Andrew Hartman, a machinist from Massena, choked to death in Hector Burnette's restaurant on South Water street Wednesday night about 8 o'clock while partaking of a meal. Dr. C. C. Bartholomew was called to attend the man but death ensued before he arrived. The remains were removed to the McLellan undertaking parlors pending burial arrangements. Hartman's identity was discovered by means of a pay voucher which was found in his pocket. He also had $38 in money and a lady's watch. The police were notified and are endeavoring to locate his relatives.

Hartman who was a man of large build, between 45 and 50 years old, entered the restaurant shortly before 8 o'clock and called for some fried eggs. A man next to him ordered some steak and Hartman asked him for a piece of it, which he gave him. Hartman started to eat it when he was suddenly seized with a paroxysm of choking. Several of those present went to his assistance and vainly endeavored to relieve him. While they were working over the man hurried calls were sent for physicians but medical help arrived too late to save his life. Policeman Chas. J. McCormick was notified of the case and assisted the coroner in conducting a preliminary inquiry into the circumstances.

# President's Daughter

**Arrives in France to Sing in Soldier Huts**

Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's eldest daughter, is overseas in the uniform of a military welfare worker, and is going to make a twelve-months' tour of the American front and rear areas. Despatches telling of her safe arrival in Paris have been received.

She will sing at Y.M.C.A., Knights of Columbus and Salvation Army centres, and in the course of her tour will visit every point where any considerable body of American troops are concentrated. With her are Rose David, a tenor, who has been her instructor for years, and Mrs. David, who is her accompanist. They carry an organ.

Although Miss Wilson seeks and expects no favors not extended generally to army entertainers, it is considered probable that before her return she will be presented to President Poincaire, King George and Queen Mary and Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy, and to the Military leaders of the Allies.

In the course of the last year she has sung at nearly one hundred training camps in this country at the request of Thomas S. McLane, chairman of the entertainment section of the Y.M.C.A.

**WAR AND THE SUGAR BOWL**

**No. 8**

Sugar is the best of the "quick energy" foods to stimulate blood and brain of soldiers in the grim campaign. They must get it. Manufacturers and all large users have been strictly limited by the Food Board in the use of sugar, and they are now using substitutes in large quantities in a splendid effort to conserve, yet serve the public as well as before. Private homes should follow the example and use substitutes, especially corn syrup and glucose.

Bishop Farthing, Montreal, has received word that his son, Bombardier John Farthing, has won his commission on the field.

Sergt. W. D. Curzon, C.A.S.C. Training Depot, M.D. No. 3, has been discharged to civil life.


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# Ohio Dry by Safe Margin

**Early Lead by Wets is Overcome in the Late Returns**

Columbus, O., Nov. 9.—On Tuesday Ohio entered the fast growing column of states where intoxicating liquors cannot be sold or purchased. With the reports from rural counties returned showing a marked tendency towards the dry amendment it became evident early that the 30,000 lead that the wets had obtained would be overcome and predictions to this effect proved true.

With slightly less than 500 precincts out, almost all located in territory which heretofore has been dry, the prohibition forces have assumed a lead of 5,810 and the leaders confidently predict that the final majority will be close to 15,000.

Prohibition polled 396,436, while the voters opposed to prohibition polled 390,585.

**CHISHOLM'S**

Quite a number around here have the Spanish influenza.

Mrs. Will Campney spent a few days last week at Point Petre with her daughter, Mrs. James Cole, as they are all sick with the "flu."

Mrs. Libbie Burlingham, who has been spending a couple of weeks with Mrs. Ed. MacDonald, has returned to her home at Rose Hall.

Mr. William Brown's family have moved out to Gilead.

Miss Alzina Bishop has been staying a week with Mrs. Burton Pearsall, who has been seriously ill but is improving slowly.

Mr. John W. Thomas, Gilead, and Miss Vera Irene MacDonald, Chisholm, were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage, Wellington, on Oct. 26th, by Rev. A. J. Terrill.

Miss Myrtle Campney is spending a few days with Mrs. L. Jackson, East Lake road.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas and Mrs. Huff spent Sunday at Point Anne with Nicholas MacDonald's.