

RITCHIE'S

CARRY ON

The spirit that animates the boys in the trenches is the spirit of "Carry On"; they realize that what was worth doing when they started is still worth doing and despite their troubles and hardships they intend to see it through.

That spirit which radiates from the battlefield should stimulate every business enterprise that is worth while, to "Carry On" at home in a manner that will do themselves credit.

We at home are urged to practice thrift and economy, and that is good sound advice; but there are many other ways to practice thrift and economy besides curtailing expenditure. You can plan to purchase your necessary wearing apparel or commodities for the home in a store that puts quality first, and yet always manages to have its prices as low, if not lower, than you will find elsewhere.

The Ritchie Store does that very thing. This autumn season we are "Carrying On" with a more vigorous and progressive store policy than ever before. Our buyers still go to the large centres, only more frequently. We are buying the staple lines of Merchandise in larger quantities than previously, and the styles you see at Ritchie's are selected with infinite care by our buying experts so that they combine the very latest dictates of fashion and the finest qualities procurable.

The stocks we have assembled and are assembling every day for the new season surpass any of our former attempts—and we are quite satisfied that in arranging to practice thrift and economy in a practical way you could not do better than to arrange to do your autumn shopping at Ritchie's.

The RITCHIE Co. Ltd.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE IN TODAY'S DRIVE

LONDON, Aug. 26.—(Official)—British troops attacked this morning in the Scarpe sector east of Arras and good progress is being made. The British position southeast of Mory and west of Croisille has been improved in spite of heavy rain which is falling on the battlefield. Strong German counter-attacks north and south of Bapaume have been repulsed by the British. Favreuil, amile and a half northeast of Bapaume has been captured and British have advanced beyond the village, the statement says. In the battle area south of the Somme, General Deboney, of the French army, has captured Fresnoy-le-Roye, about three miles north of Roye according to today's despatch. General Mangin's army has also made a slight advance between the Ailette and the Aisne. Four hundred prisoners were taken by this army yesterday.

BRITISH TOOK 1500 PRISONERS YESTERDAY

British Headquarters in France, Reuter's Limited — British troops yesterday took another 1500 prisoners and made a further collection of guns, trench mortars and machine guns. Field Marshal Haig's forces swung forward as far as Longueval in their advance north of Somem and have captured Orange hill.

P. O. Employee Found Dead in Bed at the Y. M. C. A.

W. G. Stebbings, of Sackville, N.B., was found dead in bed at the Y.M.C.A. at six o'clock Wednesday morning, after a night of sickness. Stebbings, who was a middle-aged man, is known to have been subject to fits, and Carver Craig, who was called attributed the death to natural causes. Funeral arrangements are being delayed for the arrival of Rev. H. A. Goodwin, a brother-in-law of the deceased who is expected to reach the city this morning.

The fact that death had occurred during the early hours of the morning was discovered by E. L. Matton, who shares with Stebbings the room he occupied. The latter was taken suddenly ill on Tuesday night, being attended by his physician, Dr. W. Gliddon. During the night, it is stated, Matton looked after his friend for some hours and finally turned in. At six o'clock, however, he awoke to find Stebbings dead. Stebbings was at the Y.M.C.A. for some months, and was an employee of the Post Office Department.

Englands' Grain Crop Biggest Since 1868

London, Aug. 24.—England's grain crop this year will be the biggest since 1868, Sir Charles Fielding, Director-General of Food Production, informs the Daily Mail. Several thousand soldiers are working on farms and other harvesters include schoolboys, undergraduates, boy scouts, village and college women and girls of the land army, Belgian and Serbian refugees and German prisoners. City clerks are spending their vacations on farms.

"Back to Civvies"

By CAPTAIN A. F. OZANNE

He had been twelve years in the Army and had been invalided out two months ago, and he was wandering about in one of the streets leading out of the Commercial Road, East, looking as hopelessly out of his element as a stranded codfish. In that motley gathering of East End street arabs, dark-eyed Jewesses, bearded Jews, and grubby Gentiles, he stood out a square-jawed, resolute-looking figure, and he obviously seemed to have little in common with his surroundings.

"It's awful, said he. "I keep looking in for brass button to clean, just to keep me and in, in a manner of speakin'. I find myself wantin' to salute officers as I meet 'em." This was true enough, and it was a smart salute from him as I passed which had brought about this conversation.

"You see, sir," he went on, "I've had two years of it and I belong to the old lot. But that don't make much difference nowadays. The new lot 'ave bitten on to the routine quick enough, and I don't mind bettin' they'll feel the same when they get back to civvie. True enough there was days when we used to grouse and wish for them days when we would be out of it, but for, when you gets out of it you seem lost. I suppose I shall get used to it in time."

"There's the old feeling that one's place is with the boys 'out there'. It's like 'avin' to watch a football match you've been playin' in because you 'appened to sprain yer ankle just before 'arf time. Fair sicken' it calls it. Not but what the lot out there ain't doin' all right, mind you. It was a fair eye opener to see 'ow they've tackled to the game. They've all been born to it, I reckon."

Young Dan, who is aged 18, and is looking forward to being a driver in the R.F.A., passed us with a grin and a tug at his cap.

"As a matter of fact," said my friend, "it was that youngster's brother who saved my life I reckon. We was in the same battery, and 'e found me up in the branches of a tree where a shell 'ad blown me. I don't remember much about it at the time but anyways, 'ere I am, thanks to 'im."

There are many Dons waiting down in the East End, waiting to follow in the footsteps of their elder brothers. The fame of their enthusiasm is not suffered to diminish by the time-compressed or invalided veterans in their midst. Stout youngsters they are too, who will give a good account of themselves when the time comes, and they also will show that the new lot is the same as the old.

FURS

To make room for our spring one we will sell our manufactured skins at a discount before stock up. This is a good opportunity to secure a bargain. Miss Hayes, 22 Campbell St.

Th' Hills O' God

Rev. W. Harris Wallace, pastor of Victoria Ave. Baptist Church spent his vacation in St. Thomas. The following poem is an appreciation of the sermon, "The Hills of God," preached last Sunday evening in St. Thomas Baptist Church.

TH' HILLS O' GOD.

Last Sabbath Nicht, I went too hear A modern Apollo; A man frae Scotland's heathered hills, The Reverend Harris Wallace, 'Twas nice to hear th' Scotch accent— Ye canna hear a richer— It weel because th' cultured voice O' this strank Baptist preacher.

He read th' sermon on th' mount, An' discoursed verra finely Upo' th' mountains o' th' bulk That has been sent divinely Th' rugged rocks produces fowk. Perhaps, 't' rough exterior, But, for guid character an' brains, Ye canna find superior.

Th' rocky land o' wee bit Wales, Wi' many a mountain gorge, Gave tae th' world, as gift frae God, Th' matchless man Lloyd-George, Auld Scotland gaed us Livingstone, Th' greatest o' explorers, An' many ither men o' note Th' preacher brought before us

Not level plains, but Judah's hills, Saw Abraham's best behavior, An' Gallilee, wi' barren rocks, Gave tae th' war-our Saviour, On Slnia law was given, An' when th' Prince o' Glory died 'Twas mighty rocks were riven.

Of, on a mountain Jesus prayed, Ane new His fierce temptation, Ane saw Him bow His held in death, Ane witnessed His translation, He has ben ca'd by many names, Ane is Th' Rock o' Ages, An' that He waul come back again We learn frae sacred pages. —Mack.

May Urge Public to Conserve Sugar

Two Pounds a Month is Mentioned As the Probable Limit.

While there is no prospect that there will be an issue of sugar-cards in the immediate future, it is a foregone conclusion that a strong appeal will be made to the people of Canada within the next month or six weeks to reduce their consumption to two pounds per person per month. At present Canadians use seven pounds in the month, as compared with a present rationing of two pounds in Italy and France, and 2 pounds in England. Therefore, as Canadians are consuming over three times as much as Americans or persons living in Great Britain, and nearly five times as much as the French or Italians, they will be appealed to in an attempt to reduce the average very materially.

According to Mr. H. F. Keefer, collector to the Canada Food Board, the need for the reduction is not due to any shortage, but to the difficulty in transportation. Canada's sugar supply comes from the West Indies, Hawaii, Porto Rico and Louisiana Transportation Problem.

There is, of course, a great scarcity of ocean tonnage available for the purpose, owing to the necessity of using as many vessels as possible for the transportation of supplies to Great Britain and Europe, so that the shipping from the sugar-producing districts other than Louisiana, is very limited. In addition, the difficulties of transportation by rail are great, and it is expected that the supplies of both sugar and coal will suffer as a consequence.

Until the canning season is over, however, there is not likely to be any change in the supply, or any appeal for less consumption. Nor will there be any further curtailment in the amount available for the use of candy manufacturers and those making soft drinks. These are receiving only 50 and 75 per cent, respectively, of the amounts used last year, and it is not thought wise to reduce them.

Mr. Keefer also intimated that owing to the shortage of coal, many of the non-essential industries may be compelled to close down for limited periods during the coming winter.

Wrestled from Asthma. Strength of body and vigor of mind are inextricably impaired by the visitations of asthma. Who can live under the cloud of recurring attacks, and keep the body and mind at their full efficiency? Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy dissipates the cloud by removing the cause. It does relieve. It does restore the sufferer to normal bodily trim and mental happiness.

NAPANEE

Lieut. E. F. Roach, of Calgary, is spending a few days with his uncle, Mr. W. J. Roach, being invalided home from the front, after doing his bit for the last three years.

Mr. Theo. H. Bird, is visiting his mother at 1033 Niagara St., Denver, Col.

Mr. Matt. Carlisle and Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Huse, of Boston, arrived in town on Wednesday and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Lowry, Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Freeman returned this week from a two weeks' motoring trip.

Miss Isabelle and Dellarean Jeffrey are spending their holidays in Michigan.

Miss Mary Derry is visiting her aunts in Kingston.

Miss Emma Hawley is visiting friends in Cleveland.

Mrs. J. W. Hall, Mrs. Allan Vagar and Mrs. C. W. Hamby are spending a couple of weeks at Alexandra Bay.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Griswold and two little girls, of Hartford, Conn., motored to Napanee this week and are the guests of Mrs. Griswold's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Soby, Bridge street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Finkle, who have been visiting his mother, Mrs. Martha Finkle, Centre Street, left on Wednesday for Providence accompanied by Mrs. Finkle.

Mrs. Zaffee, of Owen Sound, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Charlie Chapman.

Mr. Willet Casey returned this week to Boston.

Mr. George Challis, of Toronto, was renewing acquaintances this week in town.

Mr. Charlie Fox, of St. Louis, is visiting his father, Mr. Max Fox.

Mrs. T. B. Lund and daughter, Mrs. C. W. VanZant, of Toronto, are spending this week with Mrs. J. B. Allan, Madoc.

The Misses Maysie Madole and Hattie's Warton are spending a few days with Miss Joan McPherson, of Prescott, at their camp on the St. Lawrence.

Miss Edna Moulds, of Ottawa, and Miss Lauretta Barker, of Port Huron, Michigan, are spending the week in town, guests of Miss Edith Vine.

Mrs. David Smith, Adolphustown, and Mrs. R. J. Macdonald, Camden East, returned on Saturday after spending two weeks with friends in Ottawa, Montreal and Macdonald College. —Express—Beaver.

The threshing machine is busy in our midst.

Mr. Murney Parks has been laid up for some time with a very sore eye.

Mr. R. Peersall of New York is visiting his sister, Mrs. D. S. Doolittle.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson were at Wm. Nelson's Bloomfield on Sunday.

Mrs. George Fox, Irene and Georgina visited at Mr. T. Boyle's, at Hillier on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wright, Hillier visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fox at Sunnyside Farm on Monday.

The Dominion Cannery, Wellington, are sending a motor truck daily to this vicinity for bean pickers.

A number of people have been frightened from time to time by the sudden appearance of what has been described as a "big ball of fire". Your correspondent recently had the pleasure of meeting "his spookship" which proved to be nothing more supernatural than a "will-o-the-wisp" and no ways terrifying. It is round white misty light about the size of a dairy pail.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks and Roland visited at the home of Mr. George Fox on Wednesday last.

Irene and Georgina Fox visited at the home of their uncle Mr. David Fox.

Mrs. Matthew Marsh is visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Epton are visiting friends near Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott, of Montreal, are visiting Mrs. Andrew Scott.

Miss Beavis, of Toronto, is visiting her brother, Mr. A. J. Beavis.

Miss Ada George is visiting friends in Stirling.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Madoc motored to town on Sunday.

Mr. F. C. Humphries, of Atlanta, Ga., is spending his holidays in town.

Mr. R. Armour, of Hastings, has been engaged as principal of the public school.

Mr. J. Payne is in poor health and may have to go to a hospital for treatment.

Mrs. (Dr.) McCulloch, of Toronto, was the guest of Mrs. (Dr.) Embury for a couple of days this week.

Mr. W. N. Simmons, of Frankford, was renewing old acquaintances in town on Monday and Tuesday.

Garden stuff and potatoes in this vicinity have suffered considerably from frost during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davy, of Trenton, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davy, in town.

Lieut. Clarence Howell, of Montreal, has been visiting friends in Bancroft and vicinity for the past week.

Rev. Fr. Warnock, has been transferred to the charge of a Toronto parish and intends removing from Maynooth in the near future.

A cable has been received from Sapper Roy E. Payne, who went overseas with the Canadian Engineers, announcing his safe arrival in England.

Miss Violet Price, of Montreal, accompanied by her friend, Miss Watson, is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Price, Montclair.

Mr. Albright and Mrs. Geo. Walker have returned to their home in Toronto, after a lengthy visit with the latter's brother, Mr. Jas. Vance, and other friends.

Mr. E. E. King, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, is spending his holidays at his home at Milton, Mr. White, of Toronto, is acting manager during his absence.

Belgium Looking to Canada for Help

Seeking Horses and Cattle for Rehabilitation After German Plundering.

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—That Belgium is looking to Canada to further assist her in the effort to rehabilitate herself after the plundering Germans are driven from her soil is indicated by Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture, who stated today: "A few days ago I met two Belgium gentlemen who are now in Canada on a mission for their Government. Their object is to find out where in Canada and the United States they could secure pure-bred Belgian horses and Holstein cattle, in order that when the war is over they may be taken back to Belgium to lay the foundation for again building up the country's stock. Prior to the war Belgium was justly proud of her magnificent horses. I am told that practically none are left. Their horses have all been taken to Germany. The same applies to their cattle. "What has happened to Belgium happened also to Northern France, to Serbia, and is now being carried out in Russia," declared Hon. Mr. Crerar. "Such is the spirit of the military autocracy that controls the destinies of Germany. The only thing that saves Canada from the fate of Belgium, Serbia and Russia is our ability, along with our allies, to defend ourselves. If Germany could send her troops up the St. Lawrence the same fate would be ours."

Class 1 Men for Siberia.

Orders have been issued from Ottawa to the effect that any man who is liable for military service in Class 1, and who has not been called to the colors may voluntarily enlist in the Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force that is now being organized. When the authorities first announced the raising of the force they said men in Class 1 could volunteer. A few days later they changed their minds and would not accept men under the M.S.A. Now they have again changed their ruling and those wishing to enlist may apply at the local mobilization centre, where they will be medically examined and, if fit, taken on the strength of the expedition.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Penny left yesterday for Toronto where they intend spending the next week taking in the exhibition and also seeing Niagara Falls.