

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

BANCROFT

Mr. and Mrs. A. Laundry of Montreal are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Laundry and other friends in Bancroft.

Mr. M. Robertson of the Belleville Creamery Co. was in town yesterday.

Mr. Thos. Sanders of Whitney sold four head of beef cattle recently for \$42000.

Mr. Thos. Walker has rented his blacksmith shop to Mr. Jno. Wilson who has been in his employ for the past seven years.

Dr. and Mrs. Embury and Master Fred left on Friday last for Warsaw N. Y.

Mrs. W. Whitefoot, who has been living with her son at Parry Sound is spending the week with her son, Mr. E. Whitefoot, and other friends in town.

While hunting up his cows the other evening, Geo. Bierwirth came across a bear up in a beech tree feasting on nuts.

Mr. Dick Peever arrived home on Friday last on a three months' furlough.

Sergt. Rowland Haryett, of Fort Stewart, who has just completed a three months' course at Camp Borden, was in town this week on his way to Toronto where he will resume his studies at the Royal Dental College.

The attendance at the Continuation school makes rapid strides.

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present, lunch was served by the ladies of this place.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Dick Downey of Thomasburg, reached us on Sunday.

West Huntingdon Red Cross Society wishes to thank the people for their splendid donation of \$25, part of the proceeds of the social held at Mr. Michael Kerby's.

Rally Day was observed here on Oct. 7th, the church being full.

Quite a number of our young people took in the fair at Norwood.

Miss Sarah Wilson gave a party to her S.S. class on Thanksgiving.

A carload from Campbellford visited at Mr. E. Pitman's on Sunday.

Mrs. E. Sarles and Myrtle Ashley were our delegates to Cannifton.

BLESSINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McFarlane have returned from their honeymoon.

Mr. Striron Badgley spent Sunday with his uncle, G. Badgley.

Fred, spent Sunday evening at Geo. Badgley's.

Mr. Sherry Clarke and Miss Irene Clark spent Sunday evening at Fred Robinson's.

A number from here took in the Mutt and Jeff Opera on Monday night.

Quite a number of our eligible young men are being examined for military service.

NILES CORNERS

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increased effort for hospital and other supplies for our soldiers.

Our pastor, Rev. H. H. Mutton, had charge of Missionary Services on Northport circuit on Sunday.

Mrs. C. Platt, Belleville, spent Thursday the guest of Mrs. D. H. Young.

Mr. Yarrow, who has been working Mr. H. Breeze's farm, held a sale of stock and implements on Wednesday.

Several of the young men of this locality who come under Class I called by the Military Service Act, presented themselves before the Medical Board, Belleville, on Saturday.

A large number from Melville attended the special services at Allistonville, conducted Sunday morning and evening by Miss Morton, evangelist.

In an illustrated supplement of The Montreal Standard received here, that stupendous structure, the Quebec bridge, which has recently been completed, is given a prominent place, showing the carrying of the Union Jack as a symbol of victory across the bridge by three men.

One of the men is Mr. William Morton, who, with two others, had the task of superintending the steel structure.

We are proud to claim Mr. Morton a native of Melville, where he spent his early days.

Miss Florence Eaton visited Mrs. Lewis Wallbridge, Huff's Island, on Thursday.

Col. A. A. Ferguson, Wellington, who purchased the Caldwell farm, South Lakeside, from Mrs. R. H. Anderson, Alberta, had a bee on Monday removing the house to higher ground near the wooded bank, which is a much more desirable location.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Morton, accompanied by Mrs. Lizzie and Mrs. Amelia Morton, motored to Mount Pleasant on Sunday and called on Mrs. Mary Johnston, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, accompanied Col. and Mrs. Ferguson to their farm on Monday.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

On the evening of Friday Oct. 12, a pleasant time was spent at the home of Mrs. W. W. Reid of Shannonville.

Having sold her home, and about to go to Belleville to take a business course at the O. B. C., a few of her friends took advantage of the pleasure of spending the last evening with her in her old home.

Although a total surprise, Mrs. Reid was as usual equal to the occasion, and acted her part as a good hostess in looking after the entertainment of each one.

After spending sometime in playing of games, sandwiches, cake and coffee were served to which all did justice.

Mrs. Dies then came forward and read the following address and the presentation was made by Miss Beatrice Fuller, Mrs. Reid:—

Dear Friend,—

We are sincere, when we say we are as friends gathered here tonight to spend a social time together and to show our appreciation of your services amongst us, and to wish you success in your new undertakings.

You have always favored social events and thoroughly enjoyed our little feasts, so consequently we desired to have one more with you before you leave our village.

You have stepped up many pounds of coffee, made innumerable quantities of sandwiches and beaten up cakes galore, for all these occasions and now we are here to treat you to some you have not had a hand in preparing.

You have done a great deal of hard work while you have been in our village, in trying to make a success of every undertaking which has been for the advantage of the church, fraternal societies, agricultural society or Red Cross.

You must not think they have passed unnoticed, for while nothing has been said in the way of appreciation, and the contrary attitude has been assumed, yet you know one has to die or leave us in some way in order to have the good things said about them.

We shall miss you very much in such things as your services have always been so heartily and cheerfully given. Your zeal has inspired others to work and your untiring

efforts have stimulated the weary ones to follow along.

Your aim has always been to climb and not to be satisfied with present achievements.

In leaving us now and parting with home and all it means to you, you are only following out the aim of your past life to push along and plod still higher.

We sincerely trust you may attain to that for which you are aiming and that success may ever be yours.

We ask you to accept of this money, which we wish you to invest in something as a reminder of our little gathering here to-night.

Again, wishing you ever success, we remain your Shannonville friends.

Mrs. Reid made a very suitable reply expressing her pleasure and appreciation of the gathering.

Duets and solos were well rendered and good old fashioned songs were heartily sung.

The company dispersed at the midnight hour after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Austrians Are Cruel

ROMANIAN SOLDIER TELLS OF VERY BRUTAL TREATMENT

A Terrible Tale Told Simply and Dramatically—Men Were Forced to Eat Horrible Food, Including Soup Made From Human Bones, and Many of Them Died of Starvation.

A Roumanian soldier, Toma Haralam, taken prisoner by the Austrians last September in the Roumanian invasion of Transylvania, has just succeeded in escaping to the Italian lines on the Carso.

The following is his story in all its simplicity and horror: "As soon as I was taken prisoner in a wood near Basso I was brought before a German officer, who examined me. I refused to answer his questions and betray my country, so he handed me over to an Austrian sergeant who kicked me without mercy. I was left absolutely without any food, not a piece of bread or a drink of water, for three days, and then taken with many other prisoners to a concentration camp in Hungary on the River Leytha, where 20,000 prisoners of war, Russians, Italians and Roumanians were confined.

We were literally starved. Our rations consisted of five ounces of bread and a handful of boiled beans daily with a small piece of meat every week.

On January 23 my comrade, Niku Crestin and I decided to escape. Our flight was favored by an Austrian soldier, a native of Bukovina, who gave us a knife and a box of matches. We hoped to catch some animal, kill it and cook it. We walked for three days in the direction of the Italian lines with nothing to eat, but we finally reached the ruins of a village where we found a pigsty. We took shelter here and found some potato peelings and turnips, which we ate.

On the following day I went out in search of food and nearly caught a stray chicken, but I heard voices and ran back to the pigsty. My comrade was exhausted but when night came on I made him get up and we both went out in the snow. He could hardly walk and wept like a child, begging me to give him a piece of bread. The cold was intense. We reached another village completely in ruins and we could hear the Italian guns very near. We could not find anything to eat and my comrade was more dead than alive. We slept during the day and when night came on I tried to arouse my comrade, but he was dead.

"Just then I distinctly heard the characteristic sound of machine gun fire and I knew I was near the first line trenches. I decided to go on, and after two hours I crossed, or rather crawled, through the Austrian lines, where the men were having hot coffee served out to them. The smell of the coffee drove me crazy. I could no longer resist and I shouted out in the hope of being discovered. I knew I would be shot, but then I hoped that I would taste the coffee. I tried hard to shout but failed. I had completely lost my voice. I must have lost consciousness because I lost count of time and must have slept for many hours before my mind cleared and I decided to go on. I was still dark, possibly another day had gone by, and as I crawled on, I began to weak to walk upright. I tumbled into a ditch, where an officer was asleep.

"Probably he was dreaming of food and mistook me for the spectre of hunger. I stood still and waited. When I knew that the officer was sound asleep again from his regular breathing I crawled out and carefully climbed over the parapet of a trench. I let myself fall on the opposite side. The snow was high and soft and I fell without noise. Besides the Austrians, like their officer, were all asleep. I already felt free but I had to get over the wire entanglements

Sir Joseph Flavelle Now to Retire

That is the Rumor that is Circulating in Ottawa

Ottawa, Oct. 17.—With bacon at 60 cents a pound, damaging evidence in the bacon inquiry at Toronto, and other factors operating in the case, the rumor is increasingly current at Ottawa that Sir Joseph Flavelle will retire, or be retired, from the membership of the Imperial Munitions Board.

It is a British Government appointment, but in considering the personnel, Ottawa was consulted.

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BRIDGE ST. PAVEMENT

The public works department is busily engaged on the construction of the asphaltic macadam pavement on West Bridge street. The application of the asphaltic oil has been made from Yeomans street to Dunbar and the top covering of small stone is being put down. From all appearances the roadway will be an excellent one.

BELLEVILLE GREATLY IMPROVED

Mr. Geo. Reddick of Wesley Macon Lake arrived in the city yesterday and will spend the winter here. This is Mr. Reddick's first visit to Belleville in 18 years and he was greatly impressed with the important visible improvement on every hand.

Mr. Reddick is a native of Prince Edward and has been doing the work of guide at the lake during the years of his residence there.

WALKED OVER TO GERMAN TRENCH

British Officer Sincerely Lectured Occupants—Called Them Swine For Firing on Red Cross

With the British Armies in Flanders, Oct. 18.—How one British officer walked across "No Man's Land" to stand in front of a German trench and call its defenders "swine" and other choice epithets because they were violating the battlefield code of honor by shooting down Red Cross workers, was told to-day.

It happened in the Poelcapelle section. The hottest fighting of Sir Douglas Haig's most recent drive centred there, particularly about the brewery. Stretcher-bearers were constantly shot by the Germans.

When a census revealed that 190 of these ministering forces had been shot out of 250 on duty, this particular officer's sporting sense and indignation led him to act. He saw a group of a group of four stretcher-bearers shot down before his eyes. The Red Cross flag fell.

The officer stepped out from behind shelter, picked up the emblem supposedly regarded as inviolate by international agreement, and deliberately marched on to the German lines.

The Germans, utterly astonished, stared at him. Standing alone in front of their guns, he read them in the choicest of German epithets. "Only swine," he concluded, "are capable of sniping Red Cross men engaged in rescuing sufferers from the mud."

Then he turned around, his back disdainfully facing the enemy's guns and slowly walked back to his own line. The Germans were so taken aback that they didn't fire until a contemptuously defiant wave of the officer's hand marked his last appearance from under cover.

Desultory fighting continued to-day in the mud. The brewery in Poelcapelle is still the centre of the thickest battling. Both sides have repeatedly captured the position, but neither has yet been able to hold it.

Peevish, pale, restless, and sickly children owe their condition to worms. Mother Graves' Worm Expeller will relieve them and restore health.

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CURLING CLUB'S NEW OFFICERS

Mr. T. E. Ketcheson Re-elected President at Annual Meeting Last Night

The Belleville Curling Club held its annual meeting last evening in the club rooms with a large attendance of members. President T. E. Ketcheson was in the chair and in his address gave a resume of the work of the season 1916-17.

The activities of the club has been very pronounced and the season most successful. Mr. Ketcheson was prevailed upon to accept the presidency of the club for another season, a petition signed by all the members requesting him to undertake the duties for 1917-18.

Mr. Ketcheson has been one of the most active presidents the club has had and it was felt that just now his retirement would be a serious loss to the association. The announcement by Mr. Ketcheson that he would stand was received with applause by the members. Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

Pres.—T. E. Ketcheson. Vice Pres.—J. W. Davison. Hon. Pres.—J. G. Galloway. Secretary—H. B. Stock. Treasurer—R. W. Adams. Management committee—Dr. M. J. Clarke, Dr. M. A. Day, W. N. Beal, F. D. Diamond, J. A. Borbridge. Ice committee—R. J. Wray, W. E. Vanderwater, A. S. White, J. T. Clare.

Entertainment committee—E. W. Dickens, A. R. Symons, R. A. Backus, S. Robertson. Auditors—J. G. Galloway, M. Wright. Representatives to Ontario Curling Association—F. E. O'Flynn, Judge Wills.

Representatives to Central Ontario Curling Association League—J. A. Kerr, H. B. Stock. Patrons—Judge Wills, E. Guss Porter, F. E. O'Flynn. Patronesses—Mrs. Wills, Mrs. E. Guss Porter, Mrs. O'Flynn.

The treasurer's report was as follows: Balance 1915-16 \$ 32.97. Membership fees—50 at \$ 5.00 250.00. 24 at \$ 6.00 144.00. 12 at \$ 5.00 60.00. 3 at \$ 3.00 9.00. Specials 111.50. Total receipts \$ 522.47. Expense account—Water 15.00. Light 25.20. Curlers' Limited 292.69. Caretaker's salary 155.32. Heating 61.13. Postage and stationery 6.60. Intelligence, printing 7.75. Morton & Herity printing 3.25. Curling Assn. N. Fees 17.60. Telephone, rents, calls 17.65. Refreshments 52.47. Sundries 44.19. Bal. in Merchants bank 120.12. \$ 822.24. R. W. Adams, Treas.

M. Wright, J. G. Galloway, Auditors.

Mrs. C. H. Bull and children left this afternoon for their home in Winnipeg after having attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Lang.

Canadian Spiked to Door by Huns and Left to Die

Kingston, Ont., Oct. 17.—Sergt. A. Anderson of the Second Battalion tells a horrible tale of the Prussian soldier. He says Lieut. Bert Bristor, of Brockville, was spiked with bayonets to a door and there, living, left to die. Anderson's company found him lifeless when they arrived on the scene.

HOCKEY CLUB ORGANISED

Officers Elected for the Coming Season—Hope to Enter Junior City League

The Junior Ontario Baseball Team have organized a Junior Hockey Team for the coming winter with a view to going into the proposed Junior City League. It is to be hoped that this league will come to a focus early as this is the only way Senior Hockey players are developed besides giving good games for the spectators to enjoy during the dull winter evenings. If other teams intending to come into the League can start when the ice season comes.

The following officers have been elected for the season: Hon. Pres.—Col. E. D. O'Flynn. President—W. J. Thompson. 1st Vice Pres.—Fred Smith. 2nd Vice Pres.—J. L. R. Gorman. Sec. Treas.—W. Ormand. Managing Committee—Thos. Bowie, Walter Gerow, R. Colling. Captain—W. Canning. Coach—S. Symons and T. Whalen.

Taken to Drydock

Schooner Gertie Calkins Left Yesterday for Kingston

The schooner Gertie Calkins, which ran against the bay bridge pier on Sunday, October 7th and stove in her bow, was then run aground, was yesterday taken away by a Kingston tug to Kingston where the vessel will go into dry dock for repairs.

MOTOR TRUCK STRUCK DRAY

Mr. J. Champagne in Accident on Front Street This Morning

This morning about eleven thirty o'clock Mr. Joseph Champagne, carter, met with an accident. When his truck was struck by a heavy motor dray on Front Street, near Campbell St., the shafts and fore part of the wagon was damaged, and Mr. Champagne was thrown from his seat. He received a blow on the head. The horse was not injured. Mr. Champagne was able to proceed some with the horse.

WRECKED PLANES IN CITY

Last evening two wrecked flying machines from the Deseronto Camps passed through Belleville, having been brought in by two trucks from Thurlow, where they fell yesterday. Fortunately the flyers were not hurt. About five o'clock last evening a third machine was forced to land by reason of lack of gasoline.

CAPT. CARMAN REVERTS IN RANK TO GET TO FRANCE

Word has been received here that Capt. Stanley E. Carman has reverted to the rank of Lieutenant in order to get to the front. He is now in France. Capt. Carman is a younger son of Mr. T. S. Carman, former publisher of The Ontario. Capt. Carman displayed the true patriotic spirit in the first place by leaving most important business interests here to get to the front and in the second place by sacrificing his rank in order to enter upon active service.

Births

BOYLE—At Toronto, Oct. 12, at St. Mary's Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Boyle, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

Deaths

ROBERTSON—In Pictou, on October 17, 1917, Mrs. William Robertson, aged 79 years.