

ANOTHER LETTER FROM MR. LEVI YOUNG

Writes the Express of his visit to St. Augustine, Florida, that grand old historic town of Spanish origin and Daytona, one of the prettiest spots in the state.

Daytona, Florida, Feb. 4, 1918 Leaving Jacksonville, I moved south to St. Augustine, 37 miles from the former place. This is a quaint old town built in Spanish and Moorish architecture. This is the oldest town in the United States. It was held in succession by the Spanish, English and Americans.

The old part of the town, near the water front, with its streets from 10 to 20 feet wide; narrow sidewalks, and on the narrow streets, no walks at all make it look very funny to a northerner.

In this area is situated the oldest house in the United States, and stands today practically as it was built. It was occupied by the monks of St. Francis from 1565 to 1690. It is used as a sort of museum of ancient relics, which are valued at \$75,000.

The old Spanish fort is another interesting place to visit. It was built to protect the town from both land and sea, and withstood the separate attacks from both land and sea. The interior is shown by guides, who take you through the Spanish prisons, dungeons, chapel and the other parts, also showing the prison in which Oseola, the chief of the Seminole Indians was confined after being captured by the United States troops in 1832. Its walls are from 4 to 40 feet thick, 26 ft. high and made of coquina rock, quarried from Anastasia Island just across the lagoon, or bay. This rock enters into the construction of a greater part of the town and is composed of small shells formed into rock during many centuries.

The hotels, Ponce de Leon, and Alcazar, the former costing \$1,000,000, and the latter \$500,000 are famed among the noted resort hotels of the world. The surroundings and courts of these hotels, with their palms, fountains and many other designs, make them veritable beauty spots.

St. Augustine beach, like most of Florida beaches, is a smooth, white sandy beach. It is 18 miles long and at low tide is 12 rods wide, and as hard and smooth as asphalt, making a speedway where sixty miles an hour is both safe and lawful.

After five days sojourn at St. Augustine, I left it with its quaint streets, its palm gardens, its lovely drives and beautiful beach, for Daytona, 73 miles south.

Daytona is practically a winter residential town of 5000 inhabitants, situated on Halifax river, or lagoon, which at this point is a half mile wide, between the river and the sea. Its palatial residences, owned by wealthy northern men, its beautiful wooded streets, its fine drive-ways, together with its water front, make it a very beautiful town.

There are people who own cottages from all the northern states and Canada, and spend their winters here. The temperature is ideal: not too hot and not cold enough to be disagreeable. The atmosphere is somewhat damp, but that dampness is soon dispelled by the bright sunshine of the day. Orange and grape fruit groves are near the town and many orange trees, loaded with the ripe fruit, are seen in the gardens within the town. This is the most desirable winter residential place I have seen yet, especially for northern people.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Matt Connor, who with his family, has taken rooms for the winter here.

Comments

The southern people, especially the younger generation, speak somewhat rapidly, cut their words at both ends, and draw out the middle with a nasal sound which makes it quite hard for a northerner to follow.

On account of the dampness of the atmosphere I should say that Florida would not be a good place for consumptives or asthmatics.

Levi Young

REPORT OF AYLMEY RED CROSS SOCIETY FOR JANUARY

Table with Receipts and Donations columns. Receipts: Monthly collections \$126.25, Men's coll. per Mr. Warnock 188.00, Fees 11.00, A. Friend 5.00, Mrs. Kingston 10.00, Mr. Sheldon, Buffalo 5.00, Mr. Hicks 2.00, Summers' Corners L. A. 2.00, Trinity Ladies 5.00, Sale of Rugs 9.75, Sale beans from Jaffa school 10.20. Total \$374.20. Donations: Kingsmill and Mapleton W. I., 19 shirts; North Hall Ladies, 4 shirts, 21 pr. socks; Lyons Ladies, 46 pairs socks, 2 sheets; Trinity Ladies, 2 quilts; Mrs. Lemon, 12 pair slippers; Mrs. D. Sears, old linen. Societies assisting during the month: Summers' Corners' Ladies, Mt. Salem Mapleton and Kingsmill W. I., North Hall, Calton, Lyons, Trinity Ladies.

RED CROSS LETTER

To the General Public:

Some weeks ago a meeting was called, comprised of the Red Cross ladies and some of the men of the town, who are ardently in sympathy with the work of the society, and as the finances of the society were not equal to the increasing demands, and the amount and the cost of the materials used has been steadily increasing, it was decided to ask the gentlemen present to take up the financial end of the work and see what could be done. The society wishes to thank those men for the active interest shown, and the result has been that more money has been promised, and much of the worry, from a financial standpoint, has been taken off the women's shoulders. There are a few matters which seem to be misunderstood, by a few people, and for the benefit of all concerned, we wish to state a few facts. All goods are shipped free of charge by the society to Hyman Hall, London, Ont., which is the Government official headquarters of No. 1 military division for the Red Cross, and the Canadian War Contingent Association, who have practically the same officers, and who are so united in their work that they use one purse. By far the greater proportion of the socks sent to London are handed over to the C.W.C.A. for the use of the men in the trenches. The goods from Hyman Hall are sent direct to the warehouses at 123 Victoria street, London, Eng. and are distributed by the quartermaster, who is to provide the men with comforts, and which is a part of his duty. Ample proof that this is carried out has reached the Red Cross headquarters, in the form of letters, which are literally overflowing with gratitude to the women, who have so freely given of their time, and money in the making of the supplies. We regret to learn that there are a few in Aylmer who have not, and do not contribute to patriotic funds, who do not seem to hear the pleadings of the boys overseas, appealing to every patriotic heart, and are they not unworthy to be known as the kin of soldiers, if they are unwilling to daily deny and constantly sacrifice for their sakes, and the sake of the Empire, and world freedom. We know that some are contributing to the other patriotic societies of the town, which is surely quite right, which is not alone their duty, but their privilege. If anyone has been missed in the canvass and feels they would like to contribute to this worthy cause, if they will hand their contribution to Mrs. Caughey, secretary, it will be gratefully received.

Signed on behalf of the Red Cross Society, Mrs. C. S. Bridgman, President, Mrs. R. K. Caughey, secretary.

JACK BRANION HAS ANOTHER NARROW ESCAPE IN FRANCE

Was Helping Unload a wagon load of bombs, when Fritz sent a shell through the middle of it.

X-3C, D.T.M.B., France Jan. 13/18

Dear folks: I am going into the line again tomorrow, so thought I would write again to-night. Have not much news but you seem glad to get them whether interesting or not. In the last two or three days, I have received a couple of parcels and a couple of letters.

My good luck is still hanging on. We were up the line the other night packing up some of our ammunition and had a wonderful escape. We were unloading a wagon load of bombs and quite a number of us were right around the wagon when zst! and a 41 went straight through the centre of the wagon. Luckily the bombs didn't explode, just the charges. The wagon was practically cut in two and bombs went in every direction. One boy was wounded in the loin. When the horses jumped, Middleton, whom I told you was with us, was knocked down and run over, receiving a fractured shoulder. They were the only casualties. A fire started but we got it out before any damage was done. Middleton is lucky just out a few days and now away to Blighty for the winter. It is a funny thing, but when we get reinforcements, the new men get wounded while the old ones carry on. Had a letter from Lulu yesterday. She sure must be enjoying herself. Well, all for now. Love from JACK

SOUTH MALAHIDE TELEPHONE CO. NOTICE

For any subscriber to say that they did not get a card notice of their dues, will not excuse them, for every one knows that the time of payment is on or before the first day of March. Addison Turill manager Feb. 14/21

S. DORHESTER COUNCIL

East Elgin Agricultural Society Gets Grant of \$20.00

South Dorchester Council met February 4, all present. The audit report was read and adopted. Gravel

The Big Store AYLMEY'S BEST STORES The General Store

OVER THE TOP

With a Horde of New Merchandise for Spring

Of practical things at prices that means Big Savings for early buyers. The Government is urging conservation on the table, in our dress and finance, and in keeping with the times the Big Store announces a sale of practical things and at savings too, that will conserve the family purse. Remnants of Towellings at prices less than we can buy them to-day Table Linens, prices of Linens is almost prohibitive, but we were fortunate in securing some odd lots (not a full range in any line) at nearly the old prices, when these are all sold up prices will be naturally higher.

At the General Store

Everything in Staple Shoes at prices that will suit every purse. There is a lot of good reasons why you should come here for your Shoes. Our prices are low, our qualities are so thoroughly dependable that good service and satisfaction are assured. School Shoes—the boy or girl who wears a pair of our School Shoes will not only have good looking shoes but will be assured of the greatest satisfaction in wear, up-to-date styles in reliable Shoes.

- Boy's Solid Leather School Shoes \$2.50 to \$4.25
Girl's Solid Leather School Shoes \$2.00 to \$3.50
Little Gent's Solid Leather School Shoes... \$1.75 to \$3.15

New Chamoisette Gloves at \$1.00 We have just received a new line of gloves that we have marked in keeping of savings of the times.

A Fur Sensation

You have but to visit our Fur department to realize that here is a sale of the utmost importance. A splendid collection of the most desirable High Grade Furs are offered at sensationally low prices.



Here is the Silk News!

And good news it is, of current nature teeming with promise and opportunity. News of beautiful shimmering Silks, they have been magnetically priced for quick selling—Silks to meet the requirements of Spring fashioning in the delightful way that Silks of Quality should—Silk news that should be the means of unusual activity and interest in the Silk Department, specially priced... \$1.00 to \$3.50 a yd.

New Gingham 20 to 45c the yd.

The famous Anderson Scotch Gingham noted for their fine yarn construction and their dear bright colorings.

New Silk Blouses \$2.50 to \$8.50 Each

Beautiful new Spring Blouses of Crepe de Chine and Georgette to mark a new epoch

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Advertisement for STRATTON & MARTIN, AYLMEY'S BEST STORES, 'Honest Goods at Honest Prices.' Highest Market Prices Paid for Produce. Good to shop at both Stores.

grant, N. T. Line, \$75. F. McIntyre, commissioner. J. Ferguson was appointed assessor and collector. A grant of \$20 was made in favor of the East Elgin Agricultural Society; a grant of \$50 for gravel N. T. line, with proviso. The council adjourned to March 4th.

CLEARING SALE OF 35 Head of Purebred HOLSTEINS AND 35 HIGH QUALITY GRADES TILLSONBURG Tuesday, February 26

Beginning at 12 o'clock, sharp, the following property: 1 Purebred Holstein Bull, Prince of the Maples, 29025; 34 Purebred Holstein Cows, Heifers and Calves; 35 High Quality Grade Holstein Cows; 1 B. L. K. Milker, 3 units, in first class condition 1 Air Pump, large size; Vacuum tank large size; about 400 feet of air pipe and fittings; Gasoline Engine 6 h.p. nearly new. TERMS—6 month's credit on notes approved by the Bank without interest; at the rate of 6 per cent. off for cash. L. H. Lipsit, Sales Manager. Lindsay & Pound, Winters & Smith, Auctioneers, J. W. Allin, Proprietor.

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