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## EKFRID MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

### 26th Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Policy Holders of above company will be held in the Town Hall, Appin, on Wednesday, the 21st day of February, A. D. 1917, at the hour of two o'clock afternoon, for receiving the officers' report for 1916, the election of two directors and transaction of any other business brought before the meeting.

A. P. McDONALD,  
Ekfrid, Jan. 24, 1917. Sec'y.

### Wood Wanted.

Tenders will be received at E. T. Huston's office up to the 31st of January for 10 cords of hard body wood 22 inches long and 10 cords of soft body wood 16 inches long, to be delivered at the Glencoe Public School yard before 1st of March next.

A. B. McDONALD,  
Chairman Supply Committee.

### Wanted.

10 cords green hard wood, 18 inches long, free from bad knots, maple preferred.—John S. Walker, Concession St., Glencoe.

### Wood Wanted.

Tenders for 6 cords of hard body wood, 20 inches long, will be received by the undersigned up to Thursday, Feb. 1, 1917, to be delivered at Tait's Corner's Presbyterian church not later than April 1.

### Cream Wanted.

We want your cream during the winter as well as summer, and the wagon will be on the road.

ALEX. McNEIL, Glencoe, 4067.

### Re Hugh McLean Estate.

NOTICE pursuant to R. S. O. 1914, Chap. 121, Sec. 96, is hereby given that all having claims against the estate of HUGH McLEAN, late of the Township of Ekfrid in the County of Middlesex, gentleman, who died Oct. 29th, 1916, are required to furnish THE LONDON & WESTERN TRUSTS COMPANY, LIMITED, Administrators of said Estate, 285 Richmond St., London, Ont., particulars of their claims, duly verified, before February 15, 1917, after which date the Administrator will distribute said estate, having regard only to claims of which it then had notice.

Dated January 10, A.D. 1917.  
J. K. McLEAN & INGRAM,  
14 Southwick St., St. Thomas, Ont., Solicitors for The London & Western Trusts Company, Limited, Administrators of said Estate. F.R.

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One Clydesdale Stallion, rising 2 years.  
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### J. B. COUCH & SON

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### WM. WEHLANN

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Seventy-three lives and 14 vessels were lost on the Great Lakes during the season of 1916.

## A SPLENDID CURE FOR Headache

Eyestrain is one of the most common causes of headache. Here are publicly uttered opinions from two of the world's most famous physicians:

Dr. Andrew Wilson—"Properly adjusted glasses will cure many forms of headache and save the sight from being injured." (Therefore consult a competent optometrist whose business this is.)

Dr. A. L. Ranney—"I look to eyestrain as the chief cause of nervous derangements." (The optometrist relieves eyestrain by properly fitted glasses.)

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Reductions in all Winter Goods.

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Economical housewives of Glencoe and vicinity to benefit by our

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OF GROCERIES AT WHOLESALE PRICES

Present stock to be reduced at once. Positively no reserve. Everything in our store offered at prices lower than the lowest. Come and be convinced.

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## THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

### REQUESTS

### THE PEOPLE OF CANADA TO

### BEGIN NOW

### TO SAVE MONEY FOR THE

### NEXT WAR LOAN

JAN. 9, 1917

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
OTTAWA

## RED CEDAR POSTS

SPECIAL FOR JANUARY

We are offering three cars of large, straight Cedar Posts at reduced prices for this month.

LUMBER is advancing in price every day, and if you intend to build next spring it will pay you to draw your materials home this winter as we have bought before the raise.

## McPHERSON & CLARKE

PLANING MILL LUMBER YARD COAL & WOOD

### District and General.

A law under which the smoking of a cigarette in Oklahoma would make the smoker liable to arrest is in prospect. St. Catharines munitions factories and other industries are weeding out young men who are eligible for enlistment.

Enlistments in Canada to the end of 1916 totalled 385,953, more than half that number having been enrolled during the past year.

The death occurred in London of Margaret Corbett, daughter of David Corbett of North Bournemouth. She had been ill for some time.

John Campbell, 75 years old, a well-known carpenter of West Lorne, was found dead sitting beside the stove in his home, where he lived alone.

Sarnia health authorities fear that a case of diphtheria resulted from infection from old papers collected for the Red Cross and placed in the city schools.

Hugh Lamont, Harold Hale and Chas. Miller, three well-known young men of Wardsville, have donned the khaki uniform and are now in training in London.

Lambton's 119th Battalion is endeavoring to secure 200 recruits, and Sgt. R. Moorhouse is conducting a canvass in both Dawn and Euphemia townships.

London manufacturers who are feeling the pinch of the coal famine are anxious that the natural gas now piped to the city limits should be brought in to the city.

Andrew Borman, aged 50, of Strathroy, dropped dead while sweeping snow from his front porch.

So far 2,175 Canadians have won decorations for gallant conduct at the front. And many another has deserved like distinction in the rough and tumble of war without happening to get it.

A declaration by the session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, London, that steps must be taken to combat and oppose Sunday automobile use was approved at the annual meeting of the church.

A North Aldboro man is said to have placed a pair of runners where the front wheels of his Ford car should be and now finds he can plunge through snowdrifts without any difficulty and make better time.

Mike Tancredi, under sentence of death in the county jail at London for the murder of Raffaele Barbado in April last, will not pay for the crime with his life. The Dominion Cabinet has decided to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

Mrs. Alma Schultz, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents of Dutton, passed away at the home of her son there after an illness of two weeks with a paralytic stroke. The late Mrs. Schultz was in her 81st year and was born in Southwold, her parents being among the pioneer settlers of that township.

Canadian authorities in England are seriously contemplating the advisability of ordering Canadian wives and women relatives of soldiers to return to Canada to help the food situation in Britain, and avoid the possibility of future shortages. It is estimated there are 60,000 wives and other relatives of Canadian officers and men living in Britain.

### CHRISTMAS AT THE FRONT

Rest and Good Cheer Enjoyed After Battle of Somme.

Pte. Geo. W. Moore writes, Dec. 29th, from France to his brother and sister here as follows:—

I will pen you a few lines this afternoon, as I have nothing else to do but sit beside our little fire and smoke and read.

We are now out for a month's rest, and I may also say we needed it, as we have been in action since August, when we were put on the Somme front and where we soon knew what real war was, although it was not enough in the Ypres salient at times, but the Somme put the climax on it all. We got used very rough in some of the battles there and I could give you a good description of the following battles. The first was the taking of Moquet farm, then Courcellette, and last but not least, the fall of the German stronghold, Thiepval. If you were to go over that battlefield as I have done you would soon wish your self back in the land of the Maple Leaf. Then again you would marvel at the strength of a human being's endurance, as the sights which come before you are numerous and I will give you a brief description of two instances which will never be forgotten by the boys who saw them, and is certainly a credit to two Canadian homes, but no doubt their parents will never know of it. In a trench not far from Passiers we noticed a Canadian on his knees and on making a close examination found him with his both hands tightly grasping a German's throat and it appeared to us they had been in a clean hand-to-hand fight for life and death and the Canadian had come out victorious until a German launched his bayonet into his back, and there the two men were, in a death grip, only to await the arrival of the burial party. The second one is of a Canadian battalion making a bayonet attack and there we found a Canadian soldier standing half bent forward and still gripping his rifle. He had driven his bayonet through a German's neck and into the back of the trench and the Canadian was dead, being hit by machine-gun fire. I could tell you many little such incidents, but time and space will not permit.

So far as the weather is concerned, there is no desire on the Western front for what is called a "Good old-fashioned Christmas," hard frost, although it is better than rain, does not add to the amenities of life in the trenches and in this mild and sunny weather lies the best possibility of comfort for the season. It is likely to afford.

Yet everywhere that it is possible, in hospitals, in billets, in thousands of small messes all along the front, the spirit of festivity (generally taking the form of something to eat) is not to be denied, and the very guns themselves are sometimes to be seen decked with incongruous holly and mistletoe.

In all their instinctive efforts to "keep the feast," the troops are assisted not only by the merciful army organization that in all its complex parts is running like a perfect machine, but also by the countless friends and societies at home, and these may rest assured that their gifts and kindnesses can never be bestowed with greater blessing, both to give and receiver, than they are in these wintry days in the fields of France.

The campaign itself has no concern with Christmas, but goes grimly on to its appointed and inevitable end. Our trench raids, so unimportant in an official communique, constitute in the aggregate a formidable minor offensive. They are pursued systematically all up and down the line, and bear their steady increase of prisoners and information.

What the Germans seem to desire above all things is to be left alone, and not to provoke us to the kind of activity which they feel may break out against them at any moment and at any point of the line; but, while greater things are preparing, our raids and patrols continue, and our guns ceaselessly search the areas behind the German lines for whatever work and consolidations are being attempted.

No doubt you had been thinking, on Christmas day, of us over here and where we were and what we were doing, and still perhaps more how we were enjoying the day. Well to be sure we didn't do any more than we could possibly help, but, although we were, and at present are, within hearing of the steady roar of the guns, we spent the day very enjoyably. On the day previous we each put two francs (forty cents) into our "Christmas Fund" as we called it, and used it to buy a few extras for our Christmas dinner, which we sat down to at five o'clock Christmas day. Our N. C. O.'s acted as waiters and they ably filled their positions, and so our dinner commenced and consisted of the following menu: soup, fish, roast chicken (canned), mashed potatoes, French June peas, creamed corn, creamed onions, pudding and jelly, oranges and apples, cake and cookies, coffee, one bottle each of Bass's English ale, cigarettes and tobacco, and lastly an issue of army rum. Then we all opened our Christmas box, a gift from our noble and highly esteemed Canadian Red Cross workers, to whom the Canadian soldier owes his comforts, and, as I heard one poor fellow say one night as I gave him a clean pair of socks, a suit of pyjamas and shirt with the Red Cross compliments, "Thank God we have such noble workers." He certainly appreciates their good work as does every man on this front. However, to get back to the socks again, the average pair and parcel attached contained two handkerchiefs, one pack of cards or dominoes, two oranges,

nuts, candy and chocolate, tobacco and one pipe, one box of matches and one packet of cigarettes, all of which we were pleased to receive and have conveyed our thanks to the donors by way of the card which was enclosed. So after all we spent a very enjoyable Christmas, but oh, my! the next morning it was very hard to go back on the regular everyday army ration.

I, with four others, am now billeted in a French house, and there are a nice room and, just imagine, a "real" bed it only comes every fifth night; but I had the pleasure of sleeping in it Christmas eve and it was the first real bed I have had the pleasure of sleeping in since I left Canada, and when I awoke on Christmas morning I could hardly believe I was still in France, but I was! I slept and enjoyed a bed so much, as you can well imagine, as I have slept in open fields, haylofts, horse and cowstables, chicken-pens, cellars, attics of houses, mills, dug-outs, trenches, barns, under trees and hedges, and one night in a cemetery, and every place but a dog kennel. On one occasion we took refuge in a small shed and it looked fine as there was plenty of straw, so we went to bed, and gee! when we woke up in the air to the sweet strains of a hog grunting for we had been sleeping in a hog pen and had the pig for a bed partner.

I see by the paper where some of the boys of the 135th state they can hear the roar of the guns in England. Well, when they get over here, they will then realise a war is on and especially when they are near enough to see an eighteen inch howitzer raising its nose up in the air to send its iron ration over to Fritz, as the large guns make a trifle louder bark than a Newfoundland dog, but it is a merely one gun, but thousands of them, and one town the British guns levelled in three minutes was larger than Glencoe, so you may draw a conclusion as to what a noise the shells are a little more noisy than a fire-cracker. But after all we are all happy even though we do get a few hardships.

Well I must close now, hoping you are all as well at home as this leaves me, and to hear from you soon.

With love to all, I remain,  
Your affectionate brother,  
GEO. W. MOORE.

### Agricultural Society Meets.

The Moss and Ekfrid Agricultural Society held their annual meeting in the Town Hall, Glencoe, on Saturday afternoon.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:—President, Duncan McCallum (re-elected); first vice-president, James McCallum; second vice-president, James McCallum; directors—J. W. Eddie, J. E. Hull, C. E. Davidson, Chas. Willey, H. McTaggart, James Lethbridge, Lachlan Leitch, D. McKellar, Roy Goff, T. Henderson, John Gillies, Wm. Roycroft, Mungo Leitch, D. M. Sutherland, D. P. McCallum; auditors, D. W. Gillies and A. M. Graham; secretary-treasurer, R. W. McKellar; delegates to Fairs Association, A. B. Gillies and R. W. McKellar.

The reports show the society to be on a good financial basis and having a paid up membership of 106. It was decided that the society would enter the field crop competition, with corn as a crop. The dates of the fall fair were set for Sept. 26 and 27.

### Melbourne Agricultural Society

Melbourne, Jan. 20.

The seventh annual meeting of the Melbourne Agricultural Society was held in the W. O. W. hall this afternoon, and the attendance of former years was in no respect wanting.

The balance to credit reflected no small amount of credit to the energies of the retiring board, particularly Mr. H. D. A. Mackenzie, manager of the Home Bank of Canada, whose shoulders have willingly carried an ever increasing burden since the organization of the society.

The following officers were elected for the year 1917:—President, Wm. Graham; 1st vice pres., Francis Howe; 2nd vice pres., C. J. McTaggart; directors—Mal. McNeil, H. A. Fletcher, James Sutherland, W. Stevenson, Thos. Carruthers, David Hardy, Ross McCracken, J. B. Cornell, G. W. Spontenburg.

Application was made by the society to enter into the standing field crop competition. The next fall fair will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, 1917.

### Benefit Entertainment.

Under the auspices of the Newbury Women's Institute, the Dramatic Club will repeat the play "A Soldier's Sweetheart" on Friday evening, Jan. 26th, in the Newbury Town Hall. The net proceeds will be given to Private Alex. Humphries, returned wounded soldier. Admission, 35c for adults, children 25c. Come one, come all and pack the hall and swell the fund for our wounded soldier.

On Saturday evening, the 27th, a reception will be tendered to Private Humphries. The public are invited to be present, free of all charge, when the Bank book representing the amount of money realized the evening before will be presented to Private Humphries. Come and show by your presence your appreciation of what Private Humphries has suffered on our behalf. The Newbury Town Hall will be open and free to all for this reception. Saturday evening, Jan. 27th. Remember the play—remember the reception.

Mrs. J. W. HAMMETT, President.  
Over 200 rural newspapers in Canada raised from \$1 to \$1.50 rate in 1916.

### THE FARMER'S HOME

Many Have Not the Comforts the Occupants Could Provide.

A letter from a farmer appeared in a recent issue of a farm paper. He asked whether farmers have not the right to remove to town to take life a little easier, and that their wives may have some of the conveniences and facilities that are not available on the farms. Surely the farmer has as much right to all the modern household conveniences as has any person, and if his object in moving to town is to make life easy for his wife he is to be commended. But there are several phases of the subject that are not to be passed over so lightly, for the community has an interest in the matter that the retired farmer seems disposed to overlook entirely.

To begin at the beginning, the farmer has not made the most of his opportunities on his farm, or it would have all the facilities that are available to him in town. If he had a right to the period of retirement with money enough to live on his income while availing himself of all the conveniences of the modern village or city, he surely has enough money to provide his farm house with heat, light, and water systems, to displace the old oil lamp, the woman-killing pump and the back-breaking coal stove and kitchen range. This would mean that in the kitchen would be found hot and cold water available at faucets, and a sink for dishwashing, and, in another part of the house or a detached building, laundry tubs, with power-operated washing machine, mangle and gas iron, power-operated cream separator and churn; and, in another part of the house, a bath-room with lavatory and sanitary closet. All these he could place in the farm home for less cost than to buy or build and equip a home in the nearby village.—American Lumberman.

### The Late Mrs. Richard Reycaft.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Richard Reycaft of Moss township took place on Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made in Oakland cemetery. The funeral service was conducted in the Methodist church, Glencoe, by the pastor, Rev. R. Fulton Irwin, assisted by Rev. W. J. Ford. The choir rendered appropriate music. The pastor took for his text Psalm 17: 35: "I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness," and preached an appropriate sermon.

Over eighty-four years ago, in Skibgreen, Co. Cork, Ireland, the deceased was born. Sixty-one years ago she was married to Richard Reycaft who survives her but was too ill to attend the funeral. A year or so after marriage they left their native land for America, landing in New York, where Mr. Reycaft worked for a short time. They afterwards came on to London, Ontario, where they lived for five years before coming to their present farm which was then a primeval forest.

To them were born nine children, all of whom survive—Thomas of Detroit, Elias (now reeve of Moss for the second term), Mrs. Rowe of Idaho Falls, Idaho, William H. of Moss, Jennie at home, Mrs. Gubbins of John of Moss, Richard and Joseph on the homestead. Their grandchildren can be counted to the number of eighteen and their great grandchildren to seven.

The deceased saw some strenuous times as a pioneer bringing up her large family. She was a hardworking woman, a faithful wife and a devoted mother and with her husband a loyal member of the Methodist church. Her difficulty in hearing, however, of late years prevented her from attending public worship. She was in her usual health until a couple of weeks ago, when she contracted a cold, which developed into pneumonia, and notwithstanding a trained nurse being called and having the best of care she passed to her eternal home last Saturday afternoon.

### Fire In Strathroy.

One of Strathroy's business blocks was burned Saturday night, and for a while it was feared that the whole downtown section might be destroyed. Sarnia and London fire departments were appealed to for help. The fire started at 9 o'clock in the Roland block, and before midnight the calls to London and Sarnia were cancelled, just as the special trains were being made up. Three stores were destroyed by fire, those of the Canadian Smallwares, Limited; Jamie Wood, confectioner, and the Wright Piano Company. Two others suffered heavy losses from water, Bunting's clothing store and Freil's boot and shoe store. The total loss may exceed \$50,000. The fire is believed to have started in the basement of the Smallwares store. The individual losses: Canadian Smallwares, \$5,000; Freil's & Sons, \$12,000; Wright Piano \$7,000; James Woods, \$2,500; H. E. Bunting, \$10,000; Queen's Hotel, damage to building, \$20,000.

### Turkey Dealers Lose Heavily.

A Toronto paper says:—A dozen produce dealers in this city and Hamilton are said to have lost about \$75,000 on Christmas turkeys. American buyers, foreseeing a shortage in the United States, came to Canada and outbid the local men. High prices were then demanded by the Canadian dealers in this and other cities. The Housewives' League of Toronto, and other places responded to the dealers' demands of 41 cents with a refusal to pay more than 35 cents and as a result thousands of turkeys were carried over and are now selling at 25 to 28 cents per pound.