PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION IN OPERA HOUSE LAST EVENING

Hon. Robert Rogers and Mr. E. M. McDonald Present From Ottawa and Delivered Addresses--Optimistic Views Expsessed by Local Speakers--Presentation of Claims of Canadian Patriotic Fund.

The campaign to raise $30,000 in Belleville for the Canadian Patriotic Fund is off to a good start. Last evening in Griffin's Theater in flawless oratory two of the leaders in political life in Canada, one from the land of blue noses and the other from the garners of the west presented the claims of the wives and children of the men at the front. Belleville indeed was honored on this occasion in having as her guests the Honorable Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works and Mr. E. M. McDonald Liberal member from Pictou, N.S. It was their first visit to this city and they saw Belleville in its patriotic dress.

There was a fairly large attendance of the citizens, the ladies being present in such large numbers as to draw the praise of the speakers. The stage was decorated with flags and the boxes and front of the theater with such placards as "Fight or Pay."

The 15th Regimental Band played a number of selections.

The 39th Battalion in command of Col. Preston paraded in order to assist in filling the capacious theater.

Among those on the platform were J. F. Wills, K.C., chairman; Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Hon. Robt. Rogers, Hon Senator Corby, Mr. E. M. McDonald of Pictou, N.S.; E. G. Porter, M.P.; B. R. Hepburn M.P.; J. W. Johnson M.P.P.; Mayor W. H. Panter, Thos. Ritchie, R. Tannahill, S. Robertson, Rev. E. N. Baker, D.D.; J. L. Hess, A. R. Walker, Col. J. A. V. Preston, Col. S. S. Lazier, Col. W. N. Ponton, Col. T. Stewart, Col. W. G. Ketcheson, Col. L. W. Marsh, Col. J. J. Farley, A. McGinnis, A. C. McFee, F. E. O'Flynn, T. H. Coppin, W. L. Doyle, H. F. Ketcheson, H. Sneyd, F. S. Deacon, W. Carnew Dr. Clinton, C. J. Bowell, J. O. Herity, Mr. Rean and others.

Mr. J. F. Wills, K.C., opened the meeting with a brief address. He expressed his delight in greeting the large audience, on this occasion of a national crisis. The work of the Belleville Patriotic Association has carried on its work faithfully and well A balance of $2,000 is on hand but the calls are increasing so that additional assistance is necessary. We must show that we are one with the country in the great patriotic work.

The city is proud of the 3rd Contingent which was present. We admire the n, for a soldier is a brave man. Those who do not go to the front will have to pay for it. (cheers)

E. G. PORTER, M.P.

Mr. E. G. Porter, K.C., M.P. who was first called on, expressed his own feelings as follows—"I have not the slightest doubt of the loyalty of the City of Belleville and the County of Hastings" Belleville has been ever ready no matter how great the demands, to show its patriotism and liberality.

Were the allies to fail, what does it mean to you, to me, and to all posterity that will come after us? To give until it hurts you, is the proper thing to do. No citizen should feel he has done his duty until it has pinched him. (cheers)

The necessity of the occasion has outgrown the relief that the Patriotic Association of Belleville has up to the present been able to give. But we must keep our promises to the brave boys who have gone to the front. Do not be satisfied with what you have done, but dig down and do everything that it is possible for you to do. It is inspiring to see the self-sacrificing efforts of the ladies of our city. Men, relieve the ladies of the great responsibility. The ladies will not relax their efforts if they see the men of the community ready to assist. "It is up to us. We have given our bond to those that are gone. They are sacrificing time, health, and laying down their lives. Can we do too much for them? We have given our solemn promise to look after their wives and children. Men, will we not rather than break our bond pay our debt twice over.

NO DOUBT OF BELLEVILLE'S LOYALTY

Senator Harry Corby, the next speaker, said, "I have never had any doubt of the loyalty of Belleville" This is not a fight for Great Britain. We are fighting for our own homes in dear old Canada. If necessary we will fight, every one of us, every one must fight. If needed the women will fight. (cheers). to protect Canada. Britain has given us one hundred years of peace. Senator Corby welcomed Hon Mr. Rogers, and Mr. McDonald of Picton to Belleville (cheers) "I know you will in the next two or three days show the country that Belleville is as loyal as any city in Canada" Let every one turn out and do his or her duty. Rally round the workers and do your duty to the women and children who are depending on the men who may never come back.

ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF THE ALLIES

Sir Mackenzie Bowell was given a warm reception. "I have but one idea, the ultimate success of the allies, even if it takes a little longer time than we should like." Sir Mackenzie pointed to a true sign of the harmony in the present situation, the presence of the two gladiators on the platform from Ottawa. (laughter)

"What would be our place except that of serfs, if Germany conquered? Conquer, never!" (Applause)

One sentiment prevails throughout all Canada "British connection and no surrender."

"THE SOLDIERS' PARTING HYMN."

The hymn "The Soldiers' Parting Hymn," was very tenderly and with deep emotion sung by Miss Anna Ponton. This solemn song was based upon "Abide With Me," played by the band as the soldiers left Belleville in the first days of the war. The accompaniment of the song was interpreted very ably by Mr. Kenneth Ross

GREET COLLECTORS WITH SMILE

Mr. B. R. Hepburn, M.P., for Prince Edward County, expressed his pleasure at his ability to appear before a Belleville audience without party affiliations. In these days of excitement we cannot help thinking of the men who have left wives and children. Now that the casualties are coming in, we realize their sacrifice. The appeal for the patriotic fund is a just one. Picton has done well and Belleville will greet the collectors with a smile.

PEOPLE NEVER FAIL TO RESPOND

Mr. F. E. O'Flynn, expressed his delight at greeting the people of Belleville.

"Here's a question on which there cannot be two opinions. All must stand together."

The speaker paid a feeling reference to his son Capt. O'Flynn. Loud applause greeted the words. If he should not return, the speaker would thank God that he had a son brave enough to go to the front.

Mr. O'Flynn recited the stirring song "Call All Hands." Never yet have we gone to the people with a good straight question, and found them to fail" (Hear, hear!) It is our duty to stand by the boys. Any one who does not do his best is not worthy of the name of a British or Canadian citizen. (Hear! hear!) This war is not won by one man doing a big thing, but by all working together.

Mayor Wills paid high tribute to Capt. O'Flynn as an alderman of the City of Belleville last year. (cheers)

ALL FOR THE STATE IN THIS CRISIS

"All are for the state and none for the party," said Mr. J. W. Johnson M.P.P., referring to the British House of Commons, the Federal Parliament and the Ontario Legislature, where harmony reigns. Party lines have been broken down in Canada. It is a stock-taking time for most of us How did we secure this land? By the sacrifice of British blood in the deaths of our fore-fathers. We can only retain possession of this land by being ready to do what our forefathers have done for us. No dominion has done more than Canada in men or money

The graduates of the Royal Military College of Montreal founded by Alexander Mackenzie are heroic. In the future our boys must be trained by being put under military drill in their early life. Mr. Johnson said he gave credit to his early discipline for his stalwart health today.

Today we require the army and navy to protect our title deeds. So in future we must maintain such a force in Canada in order to be able to defend ourselves. One of the first friends to cable $5,000 across the ocean to the Patriotic Fund was Senator Corby. Individuals have raised over $6000. Every cent is carefully administered.

SACRIFICE SOMETHING

"You can sacrifice something.

No mother has a right to shelter her son behind another woman's son. It may seem hard to say it,

The city of Berlin largely of German descent, is a standing example of patriotism. No men are more loyal than those of German descent in the Legislature. Berlin has given more to the fund pro rata than any city in Canada.

Mr. Wills said Belleville was proud of Mr. Johnson's son, now at the front (applause). He crossed two oceans to join the colors.

Mrs. A. P. Allen sang the favorite "Tipperary." Miss Edna Wallace being accompanist.

Mr. E. M. McDonald of Pictou, Nova Scotia, was heralded by cheers. He caused applause by his references to the nobility of the Citizens of Belleville, gentlemen and ladies.

No stronger appeals have been heard than those made by the local speakers. He paid tribute to the Belleville boys now at the front.

It was a great pleasure to be present on the same platform with the distinguished ex-premier, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who saw confederation. This portion of Ontario honors him.

ADVANTAGE OF BRITISH CONNECTION.

Canada has passed through 48 years of national life. During that period we have been thrice compelled to take up arms. In 1885 incipient rebellion was crushed in the west without loss of much life. Then in 1900 we had to take part in the war against Kruger, who was backed up with German methods. Today what a splendid illustration of the advantage of living under the British flag, we find that the greatest general of the Boer war against the British, Gen. Botha, is now commanding the forces of Great Britain against the Germans. After the war, doubtless Germans will learn the lesson that Botha learned.

There were no differences between Austria and Servia that could not have been settled had Germany not interfered. The Germans hoped to obtain possession of the Balkan States to the Black Sea and deliver a blow to their old enemy, the French. Then came the attempt to obtain British neutrality, the invasion of Belgium. The distinguished parliamentarian quoted Mr. Asquith's address at Guild Hall, showing the British stand of honor.

DO WE APPRECIATE BTITISH RULE?

Have we been appreciative of the glorious rule of Britain? Never have war's alarms stirred our hearts in this northern portion of America as the present war. The baptism of blood in the American civil war brought together the best in the United States And the result of this war will be a higher appreciation by Canadians of Britain's rule.

Mr. McDonald drew a graphic picture of the composite elements of the Anglo-Saxon race. In this great issue we are not English, Irish, Scotch or French, but in Canada there will be a deeper appreciation that we are Canadians and Britishers.

At the Empire's call, men who worshipped at every altar, have gone to defend the Empire on the historic soil of Flanders, and death has touched with equal hand the forehead of rich and poor alike.

TASK OF THOSE AT HOME.

What is the task to those who remain at home? Only the man who enlists will know the soldier's fate—hardship, death; but the lone wife who sits in the quiet home in this Canadian land, and waits for the husband who may never return, and the child who may never see his father again, these are they who should be a charge upon the nation.

In closing Mr. McDonald expressed his confidence that Belleville would do its share when she sent her sons to war.

The chairman quoted instances of several large contributions which had been promised.

HON. ROBERT ROGERS

The Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, after a rousing reception, expressed his gratitude for the warmth of the welcome and the invitation. This was his first appearance in Belleville. He took the large attendance as a sign that the interests of the country were placed before everything else. The presence of the ladies was an evidence of willingness to do their full share and duty in the great struggle in which we are now engaged. Hon. Mr. Rogers drew attention to the ladies' fidelity in their work of knitting. And they are one with the ladies throughout Canada who are toiling day and night.

He presented Mr. Northrup's regrets at his inability to attend.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss ways and means for the Patriotic Fund.

WHY IS BRTIAIN AT LIBERTY?

While Canada has had her trouble in the past, never before have we ever before known what war is in the sense of the challenge to liberty. In August last, the Government, sure of the confidence of the people, gave quickly and generously in men and gifts, thus fulfilling their duty. Then we showed to the world that we were ready to stand by the right. Our sons in their response also served notice to the world that the individual recognized his duty and that Canada would not sheathe the sword until the principles for which Britain went to war are accomplished. Britain is at war, not for conquest and trade, for she has possession and the trade of the world. Why then is she at war? She is at war for the maintenance of human liberty. This is not the first occasion that Great Britain has taken this stand. She occupied the same position when Napoleon had his dream of the world and wrought havoc. We suffered then from the vicious plan of a despot and today we are suffering from the still more vicious dream of a despot. The Kaiser has his dream of world conquest. Millions have been lost, nations ruined and millions of men, will be sacrificed to his inordinate ambition, Napoleon was crushed at Waterloo and Britain shall obtain victory.

If Britain had not entered into war she would have lost her sense of responsibility For one hundred years she has been the guarantor of liberty and commerce. No people understand this better Canadians. Had England allowed her treaty to be broken, she must have ceased to occupy the proud position she now holds.

WHERE IS BELGIUM TODAY?

Belgium has loyally kept her treaty. The treaty lasted until Aug. 4th last. On that day the Germans plunged their millions upon a defenceless people. Belgium stood by her bond. And where is she today? A desert of blood and tears. She cried to Britain. What other answer could Britain make than she did? And Britain and all parts of the Empire are not sorry for this stand. We have confidence in our troops. But we must remember that peace has her victories no less renowned than war. No returns in money or kind can pay for the lives given for country. But those at home do work as responsible but less spectacular. And no one in Canada but feels his duty to fight or pay. Each one realizes the need to give comfort to our troops and their dependants. Better a long war than an indeterminate peace. Britain and the allies owe it to crush Germany's unwise ambition and to guarantee peace for another century to come.

It would be a great calamity if the two races in North America should go to war. Canada never did anything to cause any rupture with the United States, we have never been guilty of one unfriendly act towards our neighbor.

DUTY OF CITIZENS

It is the duty of every citizen to assist by contribution. It is our privilege. We want to render every service we can to our gallant sons. They are fighting to protect our membership in the great British Empire. What then is our duty towards them? To do everything we can. We have confidence in Britain and her allies and hope for an early peace.

Col. Ponton assured the Minister of Public Works that he was now using the cement of the Empire. Belleville called Hon. Mr. Rogers and Mr. McDonald co-workers. On the platform were the representative of the far east, Nova Scotia furnishing the brains of Canada, and the representative of the granary of the west. But they in these days know nob oundary

We have heard of "scraps of paper," but there is another scrap of paper, "the cheque." We should not merely endeavor to reach the $30,000 We hope we can say at the end of the campaign, "You've helped to ease the soldiers' load, bless you Belleville"

Mr. Robert Tannahill, treasurer of the patriotic fund, in seconding the vote of thanks, moved by Col. Ponton, announced that the principal and staff of the Ontario School for the Deaf had promised to contribute 3% of the yearly salaries within three months. This amounts to over $1000

Hon. Mr. Rogers announced that a telegram had been received from Mr. S. D. Lazier stating that he would contribute $500.

The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

AFRAID SHE WAS DYING

Suffered Terribly Until She Took "Fruit-a-tives"

ST. JEAN DE MATHA, JAN. 27th, 1914.

"After suffering for a long time with Dyspepsia, I have been cured by "Fruit-a-tives". I suffered so much that I would not dare eat for I was afraid of dying. Five years ago, I received samples of "Fruit-a-tives". I did not wish to try them for I had little confidence in them but, seeing my husband's anxiety, I decided to do so and at once I felt relief. Then I sent for three boxes and I kept improving until I was cured. While sick, I lost several pounds, but after taking "Fruit-a-tives", I quickly regained what I had lost. Now I eat, sleep and digest well—in a word, I am completely cured, thanks to "Fruit-a-tives".

MADAM M. CHARBONNEAU

"Fruit-a-tives" is the greatest stomach tonic in the world and will always cure Indigestion, Sour Stomach, "Heartburn", Dyspepsia and other Stomach Troubles.

50c. a box, 6 for $2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

Belleville Boys Are all Well

Mrs. O'Flynn received three communications from Captain O'Flynn dated 4th, 7th and 8th of March. He said they had been relieved from the trenches and that he considered they were much more fortunate than the English troops who held the trenches through January and February as the condition of matters then could hardly be described. He commends especially the bravery and steadiness of the English troops and says it is admitted by all that their conduct during the winter campaign was magnificent.

He writes that Dick (Lieut. Ponton) and he are in the best of health and that he had been chatting with some of the Belleville boys on the preceding day, and they were all well. He specially mentions Mr. Fred Wallace who is with the artillery and is getting along fine, and said Fred never looked better. He wished to have the information sent on to Mrs. Robert Wallace.

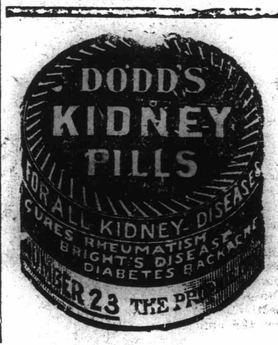
When writing the last letter he says the experience in the trenches is such a novel one that one never will forget it. The Germans are a cheerful bunch of fellows, and they often hear them singing at night and at times not a shot is heard, nothing but an awful silence which is much worse than a fusillade of shots. At times if it were not for the casualties one would imagine they were all actors playing a part for the movies.

A few nights before the letter was written a group of Germans in the trenches started to sing "God save the King" and it sounded odd coming from their trenches. The Captain says he has often pictured in his mind what the trenches and grounds between them were like but his mental pictures were all wrong, everything is so different from what he imagined.

He says he never was so proud of the British soldiers as he is today. It is wonderful what they have gone through during the long winter months.

He wrote a long and interesting letter going into many personal matters and at the conclusion said that he might not be able to write as regularly in the future as in the past as demands upon them were increasing all the time and sometimes it was almost impossible to write.

Nearly all children are subject to worms, and many are born with them Spare them suffering by using Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator, the best remedy of the kind that can be had.



EXHIBITION OF WAR POSTERS

Only Original Collection of British Posters in Canada on Exhibition—Owned By Lt.-Col. Ponton

If recruiting has been such a success in Great Britain and Ireland, a large share of this must be due to the influence of the Posters issued by the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee of London, England. If these works of art with their peculiar appeal in these days should have failed of their intended effect, no one could understand the reason. For they impress upon the manhood of the nation the need of response to crush the hydra- headed militarism of Prussia and appeal to the wives and mothers to persuade their sons to take up arms in defence of country.

Belleville today has an opportunity of seeing these posters. It is hoped that they will aid in recruiting and in patriotic work. It is due to the thoughtfulness of Lieut. R. D. Ponton, now in France that Col. W. N. Ponton received from Salisbury Plain a large number of the finest recruiting posters published by the Parliamentary Committee. Mr. Arthur Playford of London, England has also sent some of these to Col. Ponton. The latter has had these all framed and they are now exhibited in a window of the Ritchie Co. Ltd., Front Street. They form the only original collection in Canada. Eight of these have been photographed and slides will be made for exhibition in all parts of Canada. The posters have the popular appeal. They are works of art.

The appeal of these posters is unque. One is known as the "Veteran's Farewell." Another contains the words of His Majesty, "In Her Hour of Need, Your Country Calls For You." "Lend Your Strong Right Arm to Your Country. Enlist Now."

"What in the end will settle the war? Trained men. It is your duty to become one."

"Your proud of your pals in the army, of course. But what will your pals think of you?"

"Fight for freedom with the strength of free men" reads another.

"Britain is fighting not only for the freedom of Europe, but to defend your mothers, wives and sisters from the horrors of war. We must crush the idea of "Germanyover all."

A picture of "Bobs" with the laurel wreath above and the flags at the side contains these direct words "He did his duty, will you do your duty?"

One graphic poster has a service cap featured in the centre with this appeal to the individual—"If the cap fits you, join the army today."

Two of the posters should stir the whole nation. They are known as "Remember Belgium" and "Remember Scarborough." These lurid and yet inspiring pictures of war must have led thousands to don the King's uniform. In the former a British soldier stands on guard haering the cry of widow and orphan of Belgium, while a smoke cloud pours up from the devastated homes. The second shows Britannia with sword in hand pointing over the waves.

"There is still a place in the line for you. This space is reserved for a fit man. Will you fill it?

"Think! Are you content for him to fight for you? Won't you do your bit? We shall win, but you must help. Join today."

"Another Call," is a very clever poster, containg Kitchener's words, "More men and still more men until the enemy is crushed."

Of particular appeal to Canadians is the khaki poster "The Empire Needs Men." It reads "Helped by the young lions, the old lion defies his foes." Grouped around the old British lion are the lions of the overseas dominions, Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand.

The womanhood of the Empire is not forgotten. "To the Women of Britain, some of your men folk are holding back on your account. Won't you prove your love for your country by persuading them to go."

"If you cannot join the army, try and get a recruit."

Motorcyle Accident

A motocycle accident occurred yesterday afternoon which was fortunately not serious. Mr. Reuben Cooper was driving a motocycle down N. Front street, his father Mr. L. B. Cooper was seated in the side car. At the corner of Moira street, the machine would not turn in time and ran into a pole. Mr. Cooper senior was thrown out but not hurt, while his son received a few scratches. The machine was somewhat damaged.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

FARMER'S WIFE ALMOST A WRECK

Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—Her Own Story.

London, Ont.—"I am a farmer's wife and a very busy woman. Last summer I was taken with severe pains in my back so bad that I could not get up or scarcely move without pain, and my periods were painful. My husband called in a good doctor and I was under his care for some time, but he did me little or no good. One day a friend of mine told me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as she had been greatly helped by it. I began taking it and soon got well, and my periods became natural again. Since then I have had perfect health. In fact I have never felt so well in my life. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a medicine many women need. If you think this letter will help other women please publish it."—Mrs. K. C. YOUNG, Tambling's Corner, London, Ontario, Canada.

Women who suffer from those distressing ills peculiar to their sex should not doubt the ability of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore their health.

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

Military Notes

Lieut. Farrell will go overseas as medical officer of the 7th Brigade, C.F.A.

The 38th and 39th Battalions have been ordered to mobilize as quickly as possible. It is expected that by the first of April mobilization will be completed in Ottawa and Belleville

James E. Fenwick, harness maker, George A. MacFarlane and Edward Snyder, blacksmiths, all of Napanee, have enlisted in the A.S.A. and will be sent to Quebec at once, and later will proceed overseas.

On Sunday afternoon Mrs. Bristlin, Main stret, was notified by the Department of Militia and Defence that her husband, Sapper F. T. Bristlin, had succumbed to the ravages of tetanus in the Eastern hospital at Cambridge, England, on March 20th.

Thursday morning she received word that her husband had been admitted to the hospital to be treated for poisoning which was the result of wounds he received at the front. She asked the department to make known to her as soon as possible any change in his condition. Sapper Bristin passed away on Saturday and word was received in the city yesterday.

Mrs. W. F. Nickle called the attention of the Daily Standard to the fact that soldiers at the front found it very difficult at times, as well as in parts of England in their camps, to get writing paper and envelopes, and suggests that it would be a good thing for all when writing to soldiers overseas, to enclose paper and envelopes for reply.

Lieut. MacKay, of Renfrew, who has been reported killed at the front, was the only son of his parents, a bright promiseing young man of barely 19. He was a nephew of Mrs. J. G. Elliott of this city, his mother having ben a Miss Wilmot. He enlisted in the first contingent, and was the first recruit to go out of Renfrew. He was in the employ of the Bank of Ottawa, and had served for some time when a boy in the Boy Scouts of that city. He was a tall handsome fellow, standing nearly six feet, and well liked by all who knew him. The blow is a hard one to the mother, and Mrs. Elliott will go to Renfrew tomorrow, to be with her sister in her sorrow.

Private Frankie Lee, now serving with the Princess Pats, has been invalided to England with frozen feet. Lee had been for many hours in the trenches in very cold weather, and his feet were badly frozen, and it was necessary to send him to England. Lee formerly belonged to the R.C.H.A and when in the battery here, had the name of keeping the best set of harness of any driver in the R.C.H.A. Several members of the R.C.H.A. and the Ordnance saw Lee after he was invalided.

Funeral of Late W. B. Dockstader

The funeral of the late William B. Dockstader took place on Monday afternoon from his late residence, in Front of Thurlow, to Belleville cemetery. Appropriate services were held by the Rev. Mr. Robeson at house and grave and a large number of friends paid their last tribute of respect to the deceased by attending his obsequies. The bearers were Messrs. Bunnett, Grass, Greatrix, Hall, Johnson and Weese.

Bay of Quinte Train Service

So unprofitable is the passenger traffic on the Bay of Quinte railway a C, N. R. road, that the railway Commission in a judgment just delivered says the request of the Deseronto Board of Trade for a more convenient service on the Bay of Quinte cannot beg ranted. The Board orders, however, thatt he present service must not be reduced. The railway officials have proven to the commission that the passenger traffic earnings were as low as eight cents per mile, while the actual cost of maintaining the service is eighty cents per train mile.

Kingston Named For Executions

Ontario Sheriffs Want Hanging Abolished and Electric Chair Substituted.

At a meeting yesterday of the Ontario Sheriffs' Association held at the Parliament Buildings, a resolution was passed recommending that hanging be abolished and the electric chair substituted.

The sheriffs also recommended that an official executioner be appointed for the province, and that all executions take place at Kingston and Toronto. It was asserted that when hangings were held in small towns they had a bad influence on the communities. The sheriffs also wished to rid themselves of the task of hanging a man when the regular executioner failed to appear.

Sheriff Magwood of Stratford and Perth county, was elected president.

T. Harford's Estate

Mrs. Alice Harford has applied for administration of the estate of her husband, Thomas Harford, Toronto who died intestate December 25 last leaving $1,097 in the Post Office Savings Bank. The widow will receive one-third, the remainder, being equally divided between the five children Mary, Anna and Elizabeth, of Toronto, Thomas of Trenton, Ont. and Mrs. Alice Sheridan of Calgary.

Belleville Patriotic Association

Beneficiaries of the Belleville Patriotic Association who have received regular payments from the funds

16 mothers of soldiers on active service.

54 wives of soldiers on active service.

101 children of soldiers on active service.

Total paid out to date $3417 which with the amount of $461.75 being due March 31st, make a grand total of $3878.75.

These payments will continue to the end of the war, and are based on the following scale which was established by the Canadian Patriotic Association at Ottawa.

Wives receive $10 per month from the fund as well as the $20 per month given as separation allowance by the government. Children between the ages of 11 and 15 receive $7.50 from the fund, children from 6 to 11 years of age receive $4.50 from the fund and the children under 6 years receive $3. per month.

These are the rates that have been paid by the Belleville Association and paymnts will continue on the same scale.

This fund guarantees that no dependent of our brave men who have gone to the front and have enlisted shall want during their absence.

PROSPERITY FACES THE FARMER.

From all that we have read and from an edoitor's outlook on the food situation, we believe that the farmers are facing one of the most prosperous periods ever known to this generation. The result of the continued shortage in cattle, the future price of bef, and the solution of the perplexing problem of feeding the world, are vital questions uppermost in the minds of many thinking people today and they may very well be too. Western ranching has declined greatly owing to advancing conditions in farming. One of the causes assigned for the decline in western stock-raising is the reduction in the area available for grazing on account of so many big ranches being converted into to farms. The demand is constantly increasing, while for this and other reasons the supply is decreasing. There can be only one result—prices must soar. The farmers should therefore prepare for the new conditions by raising more good farm stock of all kinds. Young stock must be conserved this year if farmers wish to be ready for the increased demand next year and afterwards. Some farms are better suited to mixed farming and there is the same urgency for getting ready to supply the positive demand that is coming, too, apace.—Bowmanville Statesman.

A WOMAN'S MESSAGE TO WOMEN

If you are troubled with weak, tired feelings, headache, backache, bearing down sensations, bladder weakness, constipation, catarrhal conditions, pain in the sides regularly or irregularly, bloating or unnatural enlargements, sense of falling or misplacement of internal organs, nervousness, desire to cry, palpitation, hot flashes, dark rings under the eyes, or a loss of interest in life, I invite you to write and ask for my simple method of home treatment with ten days' trial, entirely free and postpaid, also reference to Canadian ladies who gladly tell how they have regained health, strength, and happiness by this method. Write today, Address: Mrs. M. Summers, Box 87, Windsor, Ont.