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GLENCOE, ONTARIO, CANADA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1916.

Whole No. 2343.

Stovewood Wanted

10 cords of sound dry hardwood, maple preferred. Must be free from bad knots.—JOHN S. WALKER, Concession St., Glencoe.

Teacher Wanted.

Protestant teacher for S. S. No. 1, Mosa; duties to begin immediately after Christmas holidays. Applications to be by the 22nd of December. State salary, experience and qualifications.—Wm. R. Goff, R. R. No. 1, Glencoe.

Ekfrid Taxes.

Owing to heavy demands which will be made upon the council on Dec. 15th, the close of the financial year, it is urgently requested that all taxes of 1916 be paid on or before that date. M. R. BROWN, Collector.

Township of Ekfrid Nomination Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Municipal Electors of the Township of Ekfrid will be held at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of Friday the 22nd day of December, A.D. 1916, in the Town Hall, Appin, for the Nomination of the Candidates for the offices of Reeve and Councillors to serve in the year 1917, of which all persons interested are required to take notice. Dated at Ekfrid the sixth day of December, A.D. 1916. A. P. McDONALD, Township Clerk.

Poultry Wanted

Will now receive all kinds of good Poultry at the old stand every day except Saturday, for which the highest market prices will be paid. For further particulars see Alex. McNeil or Dan Hagerty.

Cream Wanted.

We want your cream during the winter as well as summer, and the wagon will still be on the road. 1916 ALEX. MCNEIL, Glencoe.

Dressmaking.

Miss Little, formerly of Detroit, has opened dressmaking rooms over Chas. George's store, and invites the patronage of the ladies of Glencoe and vicinity, assuring them of satisfaction both in style and work. Phone 69.

Notice to Creditors.

Creditors and others having claims against the Estate of James Hixon, late of the Township of Ekfrid, in the County of Middlesex, Ontario, who died July 25, 1916, or against the Estate of Richard Hixon, late of the said Township of Ekfrid, Ontario, who died August 11, 1916, are required to send to the undersigned solicitors particulars of their claims on or before the 14th day of January, 1917, after which date the Administrator of the above estates will be at liberty to distribute the assets of both estates among the parties entitled, having regard only to the claims of which he has had notice, and he will not be liable to anyone of whose claims he had not notice at the time of such distribution. Dated at London, Dec. 12th, 1916. MacPherson & Ferris, 57 Dundas St., London, Ont., Solicitors for James Hixon, Administrator.

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Funeral Directors
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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

ONLY 14 MORE SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS

Bargains for the Christmas Buyer

Look over these prices and realize the bargains we are offering in Watches, Jewellery, Diamonds, Cut Glass, Ebony Toilet Sets, Silverware, Etc.



Mens' and Boys' Watches

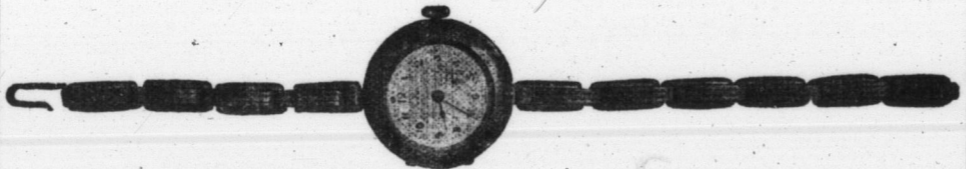
Gold Filled Fortune case. Our special movement \$7.50
Our special movement in solid nickel case \$4.00
Waltham movement in solid nickel case \$5.00
Regina works, 7 jewels, in gold filled case \$12.00
Regina works, 17 jewels and 21 jewels, in gold filled case \$18.00 & 25.00
Hamilton works, 21 jewels, in gold filled case \$30.00

Ladies' Watches

Gold filled case. Our special movement \$12.50
Regina movement in gold filled case. \$15.00, 18.00 and 25.00.
Regina movement in solid gold diamond set case \$45.00



Ladies' Bracelet Watches



Ladies' 15-jewel works in guaranteed gold-filled case—special price, \$10.00
15-jewel works, Fortune case, \$12.50 to \$20.00
Gents' Wristlet Watches, \$3.00 to \$12.00

Diamond Rings

We are offering a number of specials in this line. 14k setting, platinum crown, with a brilliant white diamond, \$12.00 to \$100.00.

Ivory Frames 25c to \$1.00

Toilet and Manicure Sets

Ebony Toilet Sets in leather case. Large Brush, Comb and Mirror \$5.85 to \$12.00
Ebony and Silver Manicure Sets in leather case \$2.50 to \$5.50
Ebony and Ivory Manicure pieces—Nail Files, Cuticle Knives, etc. 35c each

Pearl Necklets and Pendants

14k gold, with pearl and other settings to choose from \$3.50 to \$20.00

Hand Painted China

Bon Bon Dishes 35c to 50c, Butter Tubs 75c to \$1.25, Cream and Sugars Set to \$2.50, Spoon Trays 35c to \$1.00, Nut Bowls \$1.25 to \$3.25, Olive Dishes 50c to \$1.25, Celery Sets \$1.50 to 3.00, Dresser Sets \$1.75 to 2.50, Salt and Peppers 25c to 75c per pair, Jewel Trays 35c to 75c, Cups and Saucers 35c to 50c, Tea Pot Tiles 50c, Jelly Dishes 75c to \$1.50, etc.

Cut Glass Specials

Cut Glass Bon Bon Dishes \$2.75
Bowls \$4.00 to 5.50
Comports \$2.75 to 4.10
Spoon Trays \$2.50
Pitchers \$2.50 to 7.00
Vases \$1.00 to 5.50
Cream & Sugars \$1.75 to 5.50

Sterling Silver

Thimbles
As per cut 25c to \$1.00

Fountain Pens

Waterman's Self-filling Fountain Pens \$2.50 to 5.00
Regular styles \$1.25

Silverware

Rogers' Knives and Forks, doz. \$4.50
Tea Spoons, per doz \$5.00
Dessert Spoons, per doz \$5.00
Table Spoons, per doz \$6.00

Other Gifts for Men

Gillette Razor \$5.00, Cuff Links 50c to \$5.00, Pearl set Tie Pins \$1.00 up, Fobs \$1.00 to 7.50, Cigarette Cases \$1.25 to 2.50, Military Brushes \$4.00 to 5.00, Briar Pipes \$2.50 up, Bill Waflets \$1.00 up, Signal Rings \$2.50 to 6.00, Traveling Sets \$3.50 to 5.00.

Other Gifts for Ladies

Pearl Brooches, Signet or Stone-set Rings, Bracelets, Fobs, Lockets, Fountain Pens, Hand Bags, Jewel Cases, Clocks, Umbrellas, Glasses, Eye Glass Holders, Card Cases, etc.

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The Central Grocery

NOW is the time to buy your supplies for the CHRISTMAS and holiday season. Just a word of advice before you buy. Remember we have a large and well assorted stock of everything you need in Groceries and Confectionery, such as

Currants, Raisins, Peels, Mincemeat (bulk or package), Spices, Baking Powders, Tea, Coffee, Cocoa, Sugars (raw, icing, etc.), Christmas Wines, Fish, Oysters, Oranges, Bananas, Figs, Dates, Spanish Grapes, Candies, Nuts, etc.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES just opened up—all kinds of Mixed Candy, high class Chocolates and Bon Bons.

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District and General.

Pte. Herb. Fillmore, formerly of Dutton, is reported killed in action. Thirty-five thousand women are now serving as clerks in Canadian banks.

One thousand dollars was granted by the Middlesex county council to the British sailor's relief fund.

There are to be no more units raised in Canada. Hereafter enlistments will be for reinforcements in drafts only.

John Wallace, 13 years old, son of John Wallace of Metcalfe, died on Friday after an illness of only two days.

The barn belonging to Ezra Thomas, 7th concession of Gosfield North, was struck by lightning and burned last week.

Saskatchewan voted by an overwhelming majority for the abolition of the liquor dispensaries, to go into effect Dec. 31st.

British-born residents of the United States continue to enlist in Windsor in large numbers for service with Canadian battalions.

Sixty-five thousand Canadian casualties have been reported since the beginning of the war. Canada is nobly doing her bit.

Robert McMillan, keeper of the Middlesex House of Refuge for the past two years, died in Strathroy on Sunday, in his 62nd year.

Two well-known citizens of Strathroy, Henry J. P. Nicholson, real estate agent, and Wm. Waters, retired farmer, died on Monday.

James D. McKee of Longwood is suing the Grand Trunk Railway for \$500 for the loss of three horses killed on the track last September.

Jonah Webster, clerk of Dawn township, has received word that his eldest son, Corp. Robert Webster, was killed fighting in France, November 18.

During a severe thunderstorm last week the public school at Canfield was struck by lightning and four boys were severely and five or six others slightly injured.

There are now 56 inmates in the Middlesex House of Refuge, 39 males and 17 females. The net cost of the institution for the year 1916 was \$3,229.35.

Petrol has been considerably aroused by alleged laxity in enforcing quarantine laws regarding scarlet fever, of which there are several cases in that town.

Farmers on the Sarnia market Saturday demanded 65 cents a dozen for eggs. The people got together and refused to pay the price, which eventually dropped to 50 cents.

The town council of Leam is protesting to the Provincial Secretary against the recent appointment to the provincial consular post of Peter H. Butler, a negro of that place.

The appointment of a district recruiting officer for Western Ontario, with headquarters in London, is to be followed by a systematic campaign for men in all parts of the eleven counties.

Fire, following an explosion thought to be due to spontaneous combustion, destroyed most of the Quaker Oats plant at Peterborough on Monday, causing the death of probably sixteen men.

A lady customs inspector put on at Sarnia check for smuggling business obliged one woman to put up duty to the amount of \$38 and another the price of an eight-dollar pair of new shoes.

Strathroy will send only one representative to the county council next year. Owing to a slight decrease in the number of municipal voters on the list, the town will not be entitled to a deputy-rep.

Several oil wells have been drilled in Brooke township, near Alvinston, and many good finds have been reported, but to date the shipping of oil has not been heavy. One well is reported to be doing 15 barrels a day.

Five Elgin young men were reported last week as killed in action. They are Privates Wm. C. Lea, St. Thomas; George Hobbs, Eagle; Melrose Frederick, Eagle; Joshua E. Bertram, Dutton, and C. J. Williams, Fingal.

Infantile paralysis no longer rears its dreadful head and alarms parents from one end of the province to the other. Returns to the provincial board of health for November indicate that the disease has been practically wiped out.

Dr. Helen McMurchy, assistant inspector, does not give a very favorable report on her initial inspection of the Middlesex House of Refuge at Strathroy. Among other unsanitary conditions she reports vermin in the buildings.

Figures published by the Census and Statistics Monthly show the following decrease in live stock in Canada in 1916 as compared with 1915:—Horses, 5,494; milch cows, 83,901; other cattle, 83,636; sheep, 73,591; swine, 297,228.

These decreases are deserving of the attention of producers and consumers as well.

While removing bodies from a small cemetery near Port Huron, a digger removed the body of a petrified woman who was buried more than fifty years ago. The features were as natural as on the day of the funeral, it is declared, but the head broke off during the movement owing to the brittle condition of the body.

Adding moisture to the air reduces the amount of heat necessary for comfort. As much as 20 per cent. of the coal can be saved by adding moisture to the air. Air should never contain less than 40 per cent. and preferably 50 per cent. of humidity.

Death of Roland Shields.

The death of Roland Hill Shields occurred at his home, lot six, concession nine, Mosa, on November 29th, 1916, after an illness of one week.

Deceased was born in Berwickshire, Scotland, on March 25th, 1835. When a young man he, with his mother and three sisters, came to Canada to join two brothers who had come across one year previous.

Mr. Shields first lived near Brampston and later came to Mosa. He was a miller by trade, but after his marriage to Euphemia Campbell in 1863 he settled on the farm on which he died. He leaves to mourn his loss one sister, Mrs. Margaret Campbell of Brooke, and six sons and three daughters, as follows:—Andrew, Inwood, Ont.; Dr. Duncan C. Bernard, Iowa; George W. Seattle, Wash.; James, on the old homestead; Roland H. Brooklyne, N. Y.; John E. Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. John McCallum, Alvinston; Mrs. Hugh McAlpine, Mosa, and Mrs. John Carswell, on the old homestead. He also leaves eighteen grandchildren.

In politics Mr. Shields was a staunch Reformer, taking a keen interest in the affairs of his country, and was a justice of the peace for many years. When a younger man he took a very active part in school affairs.

His funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Dr. Smith, on Friday, Dec. 1st.

Glencoe Losing Good Man

Ridgetown, Dec. 8.—Rev. George Weir of Glencoe, who has been extended a call to Ridgetown Presbyterian church, has signified his intention of accepting, and it is expected he will be inducted so as to commence his duties as pastor the first Sabbath in the New Year. He is most favorably impressed with Ridgetown and the unanimous call extended him.

Rev. Dr. Dickie, of Chatham, and Rev. Mr. Martin, of London Presbyterian, both speak very highly of Mr. Weir, pronouncing him a splendid minister and a good worker. They look for him to do a grand work in Ridgetown.

In connection with the above The Transcript can assure the Presbyterians of Ridgetown that they are getting a live, working pastor, while the town will find in him an energetic, useful citizen—altogether a man of strong character and with the courage of his convictions. Glencoe will greatly miss Mr. Weir and his estimable family.

Local County Court Case.

Webster vs. Quick was a case of local interest heard at the county court in London last week. Webster, of Strathroy, sued Wm. Quick, of Glencoe, for the price of some 250 cords of gravel, which they claimed defendant contracted for at a stated price. After taking some 60 cords, the plaintiff claimed, the defendant refused to take the balance, according to contract.

Defendant claimed that he agreed to purchase the gravel for the construction of a culvert on the Tait bridge. After he had drawn several cords, the bridge contractor claimed the gravel was showing too high a percentage of clay and was not adaptable to culvert work, as it would have been detrimental to a bridge foundation.

Defendant was willing to pay for the gravel he had taken, in fact had tendered such payment to the plaintiffs. After hearing several witnesses, judgment was given in favor of the defendant, who however was assessed a portion of plaintiff's costs, as it was held by the judge that defendant had not made legal tender of payment for the gravel taken.

London Presbytery.

At a recent meeting of the London Presbytery the call to Rev. John Smith of Dorchester to Manitoba was accepted. The call from North Ekfrid and Appin to Rev. James McIlroy, a minister without charge, was discussed. He asked time to consider the question, although the call was unanimous.

In regard to the call from Ridgetown to Rev. Geo. Weir of Glencoe the presbytery decided to hold a special meeting on Dec. 19 to consider it.

School Reports.

Report in per cent. of S. S. No. 9, Mosa, for November:—
Sr. IV.—L. Henderson 81.
Sr. III.—p. Alma Henderson 78, Jessie Mitchell 63.
Sr. II.—p. Albert Munroe 61.
Sr. I.—Verna Henderson 96, Hector McLean 94, Verna Henderson 92, Maggie Livingston 81, Catharine Mitchell 60.
L.—p. Johanna Mitchell 89.
p means perfect attendance.

R. GUBBINS, Teacher.

Report of S. S. No. 7, Mosa, for November:—
IV.—Allan MacLean 83 per cent.
Sr. III.—Elsie Seaton 83, Clarence Clements 73, J. D. Gillies 72, Grace Seaton 61, Willie Muskett 47.
II.—Robert Seaton 86, Helen Gillies 80, Willie Benson 77, Harry Turner 77, Alton McVicar 76, Annie Turner 71.
Sr. I.—Marion Armstrong 74, Jane Gates 73, Archie Gates 72.
Jr. I.—Dan Armstrong 90, Marguerite McVicar 87, Clarence Scott 82, Willie Scott 74, George Turner 88.
Pr. A.—Florence McLean, Violet Gates.
Pr. B.—Verna McNaughton, Elta Scott, Jean King, Willie Turner, Irene McLarty, Bessie McVicar.
Pr. C.—Edith June.

VERNA BURCHELL, Teacher.

High School Annual

An unqualified and pleasing success marked this year's annual concert by the Glencoe High School, given in the Opera House on Friday evening. This school in the past has never failed to win popular favor with its public entertainments, the mere announcement of the date being sufficient to ensure a crowded house. This year's concert was no exception to the rule, but on a timely and easily said to have ranked inferior to none. Many were disappointed to find the seats all taken beforehand, and it was announced that the concert would be repeated for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The concert opened with a patriotic chorus, "One Flag," by the students. Then Principal Hamilton gave a short and timely address on the benefits of a High School education and training. He also stated that the concert was entirely to the credit of the students and that its object was to raise funds for much needed new blackboards. A pretty scarf and flag drill by sixteen girls becomingly robed in white was cleverly done and was finished with a chorus by all the students. Following this came three solos—an Irish song by McKellar McArthur, a piano solo, "Queen of the Fairies," by Miss Adeline Poole, and the song, "Call Her- in," given in character by Miss Cleo Sutton. All three revealed surprising ability on the part of the young students, who were compelled to respond to rousing encores.

The feature of the evening, an intensely amusing play in two acts entitled "Mr. Bob," was then introduced. In this the characters were for the most part exceptionally well taken and with a dramatic effect often not seen among pretentious professionals. The play had Harry Moss as an easy-going and cheery yachtsman; McKellar McArthur, a dignified English butler; George Grant, clerk to a firm of lawyers; Miss Jean McLachlan, a maiden lady whose hobby was peacocks; Miss Florence Keith, her niece; Miss Lottie Eddie, the latter's friend; and Miss Edna Poole, maid. The play throughout was a succession of mistakes and misunderstandings the outcome of a practical joke, yet, after many ridiculous and laughable experiences, had its happy denouement.

Interpreting the acts Miss E. McNabb and Miss Baird rendered very pleasingly the piano duet "Zampa" and responded to an encore. A chorus, "Jack Canuck," by the students, and the National Anthem concluded the evening.

Glencoe Public School.

Literature.
Sr. IV.—Mary Simpson 91, Catharine Stuart 80, Agnes McEachren 76, Frances Macdonald 65, Helen McEachren 66, George McCracken 66, Edna Leitch 52, Gertrude Manders 50, Mamie Grant 46, Annie George 46, Cameron McPherson 45, Frank Brown 40.
Sr. III.—Francis Sutherland 67, Jean McEachren 61, Lloyd Farrell 56, Hazel McAlpine 50, Jessie Currie 48.
Sr. II.—Marion Copeland 70, Albert Anderson 63, Clifford Ewing 65, Young 56, Ulea Moore 49, Willie Quick 48, Gladys Bechill 40.

Arithmetic.
Jr. III.—Ethel George 75, Nuala Stuart 75, Clarence Leitch 65, John Simpson 60, Arlie Parrott 60, Margaret McDonald 60, Muriel Weaker 55, Pat Curry 55, Gladys Eddie 50, Willie Stinson 50, Florence McEachren 45, Stewart Weir 40, Roderick Stuart 40.
Sr. II.—Shirman McEachren 85, Charlie Stachan 70, Jim Donaldson 70, Emma Reycraft 65, Glen Allen 65, Willetta Wehlann 40.

Geography.
Jr. II.—Lionel—Clifford Stinson 94, William Moss 89, Winnie Sillert 87, Isabel McCracken 87, Evelyn Allen 80, Gladys Condon 79, Grey Doull 76; pass—Willie Kelly 73, Daisy Dorman 67, Martin Abbott 65, Mabel Wright 64, Ada Ehlann 53, Duncan Scott 58, Charlie Davenport 57, Ivan Ramsay 54, Verna Stevenson 51, Thelma McCaffery 46, Wilfrid Haghigh 43.

Form I.—Reading.
First Class—Charles George 40, Fred George 38, Bessie McKellar 35.
Primer, Class A.—Tom Hillman 40, Albert Young 40, Albert Diamond 38, Kenneth McLay 35, George Kelly 34, Gordon Doull 30, Georgeans McLay 30, Margaret McLachlan 25.

Hockey Schedule Arranged.

The O. H. A. championship schedule has been arranged for group No. 10, intermediate series, consisting of Glencoe, Blenheim and Bothwell-Thamesville clubs, with Rev. A. M. Boyd of Thamesville as convener. The games arranged are as follows:—
Jan. 2—Thamesville at Blenheim.
Jan. 4—Blenheim at Thamesville.
Jan. 10—Glencoe at Thamesville.
Jan. 12—Blenheim at Glencoe.
Jan. 17—Glencoe at Blenheim.
Jan. 19—Thamesville at Glencoe.

St. John's Church.

The Lord Bishop of Huron on Sunday next will administer the rite of confirmation in the Anglican church at 11 a. m. The Bishop is becoming an increasingly popular speaker and as the new service for confirmation will probably be used there will be added interest in the service.

Canadian casualties since the outbreak of the war total 75,000, made up as follows:—Killed in action, 10,338; died of wounds, 3,825; died of illness, 639; presumed dead, 1,072; wounded, 47,187; missing, 2,707. Enlistments to the end of November totaled 377,205.

LLOYD GEORGE BECOMES BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Bonar Law, Who Declined to Undertake Formation of a New Ministry, Will Act in Co-operation With Lloyd George.

A despatch from London says: David Lloyd George has overthrown the Asquith Cabinet and will become Prime Minister himself. The new Government will be coalition, like the old one, but probably without the same measure of harmonious support which attended the formation of the first coalition Government, because its birth has created additional factional differences.

There was a prospect on Wednesday afternoon that the personal offices of the King might solve the situation. The King called the party leaders to Buckingham Palace and conferred with them for more than an hour. Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George, of the Liberals, Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Balfour of the Unionists, and Mr. Henderson of the Labor party were with the Sovereign. It is many years since a British ruler assembled the representatives of the different factions face to face when they had shown themselves unable to settle their differences. But no such serious

crisis has arisen before to require such action by the King.

Whatever passed in council is held secret, but the inference that the King tried to arrange a reconciliation appears a most natural one. The five statesmen departed separately, four in their motor cars, and the workingmen's spokesman foot.

Afterwards the King gave an audience to Mr. Bonar Law, who declined to undertake the formation of a new Ministry, and then to Mr. Lloyd George, who accepted the responsibility, as everyone anticipated he would if the opportunity came to him.

The official announcement that Mr. Lloyd George had undertaken the task, with the co-operation of Mr. Bonar Law, was a notification that the new Government would be coalition. Any party Government would be impossible because neither the Unionists nor the Liberals have a majority in the House of Commons; either one must attach the Irish Nationalists or the Laborites to itself to command a majority.

"SPEED UP" WAR PARIS DEMAND

Momentous Changes in Policy
Expected in France—
"Knockouts" Busy.

A despatch from Paris says: Following the example of Great Britain changes of moment can be foreseen also in France. In fact, the coming to a head of the British situation has only hastened in France developments which were before practically certain.

The secret session of the Chamber of Deputies, at which the demands of the French "knockout" group are being urged, has now almost reached its end. It probably would have lasted several days longer, and there is little reason to doubt that the result would have been the same, but after the British action further discussion has become practically impossible. The resolution presented by the "knockouts" for the consideration of the Chamber reads as follows:

"In the interests of national defence it is urgent that the secret session of the Chamber of Deputies end as soon as possible, and that in a precise memorandum the people's representatives point out to the Government the demand of the country."

There is no doubt as to what this means, and there is no doubt as to what will be the result. A complete change of policy, probable shift in the personnel of the high command, and a few minor changes in the Government are almost certain. The Ministry, however, is likely to remain as it is constituted.

PULLMAN HOSPITAL CARS.

Several Being Fitted Up To Transport Wounded Soldiers Inland.

A despatch from Moncton, N.B., says: At the request of the Military Hospitals Commission several Pullman cars are being converted into hospital cars, to be used in transporting returned wounded soldiers from the port of landing in Canada to interior points.

FRENCH RETAKE LOST TRENCHES IN THE REGION OF VERDUN

German Gain Temporary Foothold in French Position in Apremont Forest.

A despatch from London says: Hill 304, in the Verdun region, and the forest of Apremont, south-east of St. Mihiel, have been the scenes of the only reported activity on the western front. Paris claims the Germans were ejected from a section of the trenches on Hill 304, but Berlin asserts the troops of the Crown Prince repulsed French attempts to retake the trenches. The Germans, Paris records, succeeded in gaining a foothold in French trenches in the forest of Apremont, but later were ejected by a counter-attack.

The official communication from British headquarters issued on Friday night says:

"During the day the enemy shelled our front south of the Ancre and in the Gueudecourt and Ransart areas. We retaliated by bombarding various positions behind the enemy's lines. Our trench mortars were active south-east of Armentieres."

GERMAN U-BOATS AT MADEIRA SINK GUNBOAT AND SHELL CITY

The Steamers Kangaroo and Dacia Were Also Torpedoed and a Number of Sailors Drowned.

A despatch from London says: German submarines visited the Island of Madeira on Sunday and bombarded Funchal, the capital of the island. Fifty shells were fired, 34 persons being killed. The remainder of the population fled, and only returned when the submarine departed under an intense fire from the fortress. The sub-

marine shelled the shore for two hours, especially the English cable station and other public buildings, but only small damage was done to the city. The French gunboat Surprise, however, was sunk and 34 of the crew perished. A few Portuguese were also killed aboard the steamers Kangaroo and Dacia, which were torpedoed.

Nurses Wanted

THE TORONTO HOSPITAL FOR incurable afflicted with Bellevue and Allied Hospitals, New York, offers a Three Year Course to women wishing to enter the Nursing Profession. Applications will be received by the Superintendent, Miss Cook, 130 Dunn Avenue, Toronto.

Markets of the World

Breadstuffs.
Toronto, Dec. 12.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.84; No. 2 do, \$1.81; No. 3 do, \$1.78; No. 4 do, \$1.75; No. 5 do, \$1.72; No. 6 do, \$1.69; No. 7 do, \$1.66; No. 8 do, \$1.63; No. 9 do, \$1.60; No. 10 do, \$1.57; No. 11 do, \$1.54; No. 12 do, \$1.51; No. 13 do, \$1.48; No. 14 do, \$1.45; No. 15 do, \$1.42; No. 16 do, \$1.39; No. 17 do, \$1.36; No. 18 do, \$1.33; No. 19 do, \$1.30; No. 20 do, \$1.27; No. 21 do, \$1.24; No. 22 do, \$1.21; No. 23 do, \$1.18; No. 24 do, \$1.15; No. 25 do, \$1.12; No. 26 do, \$1.09; No. 27 do, \$1.06; No. 28 do, \$1.03; No. 29 do, \$1.00; No. 30 do, \$0.97; No. 31 do, \$0.94; No. 32 do, \$0.91; No. 33 do, \$0.88; No. 34 do, \$0.85; No. 35 do, \$0.82; No. 36 do, \$0.79; No. 37 do, \$0.76; No. 38 do, \$0.73; No. 39 do, \$0.70; No. 40 do, \$0.67; No. 41 do, \$0.64; No. 42 do, \$0.61; No. 43 do, \$0.58; No. 44 do, \$0.55; No. 45 do, \$0.52; No. 46 do, \$0.49; No. 47 do, \$0.46; No. 48 do, \$0.43; No. 49 do, \$0.40; No. 50 do, \$0.37; No. 51 do, \$0.34; No. 52 do, \$0.31; No. 53 do, \$0.28; No. 54 do, \$0.25; No. 55 do, \$0.22; No. 56 do, \$0.19; No. 57 do, \$0.16; No. 58 do, \$0.13; No. 59 do, \$0.10; No. 60 do, \$0.07; No. 61 do, \$0.04; No. 62 do, \$0.01; No. 63 do, \$0.00; No. 64 do, \$0.00; No. 65 do, \$0.00; No. 66 do, \$0.00; No. 67 do, \$0.00; No. 68 do, \$0.00; No. 69 do, \$0.00; No. 70 do, \$0.00; No. 71 do, \$0.00; No. 72 do, \$0.00; No. 73 do, \$0.00; No. 74 do, \$0.00; No. 75 do, \$0.00; No. 76 do, \$0.00; No. 77 do, \$0.00; No. 78 do, \$0.00; No. 79 do, \$0.00; No. 80 do, \$0.00; No. 81 do, \$0.00; No. 82 do, \$0.00; No. 83 do, \$0.00; No. 84 do, \$0.00; No. 85 do, \$0.00; No. 86 do, \$0.00; No. 87 do, \$0.00; No. 88 do, \$0.00; No. 89 do, \$0.00; No. 90 do, \$0.00; No. 91 do, \$0.00; No. 92 do, \$0.00; No. 93 do, \$0.00; No. 94 do, \$0.00; No. 95 do, \$0.00; No. 96 do, \$0.00; No. 97 do, \$0.00; No. 98 do, \$0.00; No. 99 do, \$0.00; No. 100 do, \$0.00.

Country Produce—Wholesale.
Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 41 to 42; creamery prints, 45 to 46; solids, 44 to 45; Eggs—No. 1 storage, 41 to 42; storage selects, 44 to 45; new laid, in cartons, 45 to 46; out of cartons, 44 to 45; Cheese—Large, 25c; twins, 25 1/2 to 26 1/2; triplets, 25 1/2 to 26 1/2; Live poultry—Chickens, 15 to 16; turkeys, 25 to 26; geese, 25 to 26; ducks, 25 to 26; Dressing poultry—Chickens, 21 to 22; turkeys, 25 to 26; geese, 25 to 26; ducks, 25 to 26; Hens—No. 1, 15 to 16; No. 2, 14 to 15; No. 3, 13 to 14; No. 4, 12 to 13; No. 5, 11 to 12; No. 6, 10 to 11; No. 7, 9 to 10; No. 8, 8 to 9; No. 9, 7 to 8; No. 10, 6 to 7; No. 11, 5 to 6; No. 12, 4 to 5; No. 13, 3 to 4; No. 14, 2 to 3; No. 15, 1 to 2; No. 16, 1/2 to 1; No. 17, 1/4 to 1/2; No. 18, 1/8 to 1/4; No. 19, 1/16 to 1/8; No. 20, 1/32 to 1/16; No. 21, 1/64 to 1/32; No. 22, 1/128 to 1/64; No. 23, 1/256 to 1/128; No. 24, 1/512 to 1/256; No. 25, 1/1024 to 1/512; No. 26, 1/2048 to 1/1024; No. 27, 1/4096 to 1/2048; No. 28, 1/8192 to 1/4096; No. 29, 1/16384 to 1/8192; No. 30, 1/32768 to 1/16384; No. 31, 1/65536 to 1/32768; No. 32, 1/131072 to 1/65536; No. 33, 1/262144 to 1/131072; No. 34, 1/524288 to 1/262144; No. 35, 1/1048576 to 1/524288; No. 36, 1/2097152 to 1/1048576; No. 37, 1/4194304 to 1/2097152; No. 38, 1/8388608 to 1/4194304; No. 39, 1/16777216 to 1/8388608; No. 40, 1/33554432 to 1/16777216; No. 41, 1/67108864 to 1/33554432; No. 42, 1/134217728 to 1/67108864; No. 43, 1/268435456 to 1/134217728; No. 44, 1/536870912 to 1/268435456; No. 45, 1/1073741824 to 1/536870912; No. 46, 1/2147483648 to 1/1073741824; No. 47, 1/4294967296 to 1/2147483648; No. 48, 1/8589934592 to 1/4294967296; No. 49, 1/17179869184 to 1/8589934592; No. 50, 1/34359738368 to 1/17179869184; No. 51, 1/68719476736 to 1/34359738368; No. 52, 1/137438953472 to 1/68719476736; No. 53, 1/274877906944 to 1/137438953472; No. 54, 1/549755813888 to 1/274877906944; No. 55, 1/1099511627776 to 1/549755813888; No. 56, 1/2199023255552 to 1/1099511627776; No. 57, 1/4398046511104 to 1/2199023255552; No. 58, 1/8796093022208 to 1/4398046511104; No. 59, 1/17592186044416 to 1/8796093022208; No. 60, 1/35184372088832 to 1/17592186044416; No. 61, 1/70368744177664 to 1/35184372088832; No. 62, 1/140737488355328 to 1/70368744177664; No. 63, 1/281474976710656 to 1/140737488355328; No. 64, 1/562949953421312 to 1/281474976710656; No. 65, 1/1125899906842624 to 1/562949953421312; No. 66, 1/2251799813685248 to 1/1125899906842624; No. 67, 1/4503599627370496 to 1/2251799813685248; No. 68, 1/9007199254740992 to 1/4503599627370496; No. 69, 1/18014398509481984 to 1/9007199254740992; No. 70, 1/36028797018963968 to 1/18014398509481984; No. 71, 1/72057594037927936 to 1/36028797018963968; No. 72, 1/144115188075855872 to 1/72057594037927936; No. 73, 1/288230376151711744 to 1/144115188075855872; No. 74, 1/576460752303423488 to 1/288230376151711744; No. 75, 1/1152921504606846976 to 1/576460752303423488; No. 76, 1/2305843009213693952 to 1/1152921504606846976; No. 77, 1/4611686018427387904 to 1/2305843009213693952; No. 78, 1/9223372036854775808 to 1/4611686018427387904; No. 79, 1/18446744073709551616 to 1/9223372036854775808; No. 80, 1/36893488147419103232 to 1/18446744073709551616; No. 81, 1/73786976294838206464 to 1/36893488147419103232; No. 82, 1/147573952589676412928 to 1/73786976294838206464; No. 83, 1/295147905179352825856 to 1/147573952589676412928; No. 84, 1/590295810358705651712 to 1/295147905179352825856; No. 85, 1/1180591620717411303424 to 1/590295810358705651712; No. 86, 1/2361183241434822606848 to 1/1180591620717411303424; No. 87, 1/4722366482869645213696 to 1/2361183241434822606848; No. 88, 1/9444732965739290427392 to 1/4722366482869645213696; No. 89, 1/18889465931478580854784 to 1/9444732965739290427392; No. 90, 1/37778931862957161709568 to 1/18889465931478580854784; No. 91, 1/75557863725914323419136 to 1/37778931862957161709568; No. 92, 1/151115727451828646838272 to 1/75557863725914323419136; No. 93, 1/302231454903657293676544 to 1/151115727451828646838272; No. 94, 1/604462909807314587353088 to 1/302231454903657293676544; No. 95, 1/1208925819614629174706176 to 1/604462909807314587353088; No. 96, 1/2417851639229258349412352 to 1/1208925819614629174706176; No. 97, 1/4835703278458516698824704 to 1/2417851639229258349412352; No. 98, 1/9671406556917033397649408 to 1/4835703278458516698824704; No. 99, 1/19342813113834066795298816 to 1/9671406556917033397649408; No. 100, 1/38685626227668133590597632 to 1/19342813113834066795298816.

Provisions—Wholesale.
Smoked meats—Ham, medium, 24 to 25; do, heavy, 22 to 23; cooked, 22 to 23; corned, 19 to 20; breakfast bacon, 25 to 27; backs, plain, 25 to 27; boneless, 28 to 29; Pickled or dry-cured meats, one cent less than cured. Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 18 to 19; per lb. clear, 18 to 19; Lard—Pure, hard, 18 to 19; soft, 20 to 21; tallow, 20 to 21; tallow, 20 to 21; Cooking oils—White, tallow, 16 1/2 to 17; yellow, 16 to 17; below white.

Montreal Markets.
Montreal, Dec. 12.—Wheat—American No. 1, \$1.15 to \$1.16; No. 2, \$1.14 to \$1.15; No. 3, \$1.13 to \$1.14; No. 4, \$1.12 to \$1.13; No. 5, \$1.11 to \$1.12; No. 6, \$1.10 to \$1.11; No. 7, \$1.09 to \$1.10; No. 8, \$1.08 to \$1.09; No. 9, \$1.07 to \$1.08; No. 10, \$1.06 to \$1.07; No. 11, \$1.05 to \$1.06; No. 12, \$1.04 to \$1.05; No. 13, \$1.03 to \$1.04; No. 14, \$1.02 to \$1.03; No. 15, \$1.01 to \$1.02; No. 16, \$1.00 to \$1.01; No. 17, \$0.99 to \$1.00; No. 18, \$0.98 to \$0.99; No. 19, \$0.97 to \$0.98; No. 20, \$0.96 to \$0.97; No. 21, \$0.95 to \$0.96; No. 22, \$0.94 to \$0.95; No. 23, \$0.93 to \$0.94; No. 24, \$0.92 to \$0.93; No. 25, \$0.91 to \$0.92; No. 26, \$0.90 to \$0.91; No. 27, \$0.89 to \$0.90; No. 28, \$0.88 to \$0.89; No. 29, \$0.87 to \$0.88; No. 30, \$0.86 to \$0.87; No. 31, \$0.85 to \$0.86; No. 32, \$0.84 to \$0.85; No. 33, \$0.83 to \$0.84; No. 34, \$0.82 to \$0.83; No. 35, \$0.81 to \$0.82; No. 36, \$0.80 to \$0.81; No. 37, \$0.79 to \$0.80; No. 38, \$0.78 to \$0.79; No. 39, \$0.77 to \$0.78; No. 40, \$0.76 to \$0.77; No. 41, \$0.75 to \$0.76; No. 42, \$0.74 to \$0.75; No. 43, \$0.73 to \$0.74; No. 44, \$0.72 to \$0.73; No. 45, \$0.71 to \$0.72; No. 46, \$0.70 to \$0.71; No. 47, \$0.69 to \$0.70; No. 48, \$0.68 to \$0.69; No. 49, \$0.67 to \$0.68; No. 50, \$0.66 to \$0.67; No. 51, \$0.65 to \$0.66; No. 52, \$0.64 to \$0.65; No. 53, \$0.63 to \$0.64; No. 54, \$0.62 to \$0.63; No. 55, \$0.61 to \$0.62; No. 56, \$0.60 to \$0.61; No. 57, \$0.59 to \$0.60; No. 58, \$0.58 to \$0.59; No. 59, \$0.57 to \$0.58; No. 60, \$0.56 to \$0.57; No. 61, \$0.55 to \$0.56; No. 62, \$0.54 to \$0.55; No. 63, \$0.53 to \$0.54; No. 64, \$0.52 to \$0.53; No. 65, \$0.51 to \$0.52; No. 66, \$0.50 to \$0.51; No. 67, \$0.49 to \$0.50; No. 68, \$0.48 to \$0.49; No. 69, \$0.47 to \$0.48; No. 70, \$0.46 to \$0.47; No. 71, \$0.45 to \$0.46; No. 72, \$0.44 to \$0.45; No. 73, \$0.43 to \$0.44; No. 74, \$0.42 to \$0.43; No. 75, \$0.41 to \$0.42; No. 76, \$0.40 to \$0.41; No. 77, \$0.39 to \$0.40; No. 78, \$0.38 to \$0.39; No. 79, \$0.37 to \$0.38; No. 80, \$0.36 to \$0.37; No. 81, \$0.35 to \$0.36; No. 82, \$0.34 to \$0.35; No. 83, \$0.33 to \$0.34; No. 84, \$0.32 to \$0.33; No. 85, \$0.31 to \$0.32; No. 86, \$0.30 to \$0.31; No. 87, \$0.29 to \$0.30; No. 88, \$0.28 to \$0.29; No. 89, \$0.27 to \$0.28; No. 90, \$0.26 to \$0.27; No. 91, \$0.25 to \$0.26; No. 92, \$0.24 to \$0.25; No. 93, \$0.23 to \$0.24; No. 94, \$0.22 to \$0.23; No. 95, \$0.21 to \$0.22; No. 96, \$0.20 to \$0.21; No. 97, \$0.19 to \$0.20; No. 98, \$0.18 to \$0.19; No. 99, \$0.17 to \$0.18; No. 100, \$0.16 to \$0.17.

Winnipeg Grain.
Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.84; No. 2 Northern, \$1.81; No. 3 Northern, \$1.78; No. 4 Northern, \$1.75; No. 5 Northern, \$1.72; No. 6 Northern, \$1.69; No. 7 Northern, \$1.66; No. 8 Northern, \$1.63; No. 9 Northern, \$1.60; No. 10 Northern, \$1.57; No. 11 Northern, \$1.54; No. 12 Northern, \$1.51; No. 13 Northern, \$1.48; No. 14 Northern, \$1.45; No. 15 Northern, \$1.42; No. 16 Northern, \$1.39; No. 17 Northern, \$1.36; No. 18 Northern, \$1.33; No. 19 Northern, \$1.30; No. 20 Northern, \$1.27; No. 21 Northern, \$1.24; No. 22 Northern, \$1.21; No. 23 Northern, \$1.18; No. 24 Northern, \$1.15; No. 25 Northern, \$1.12; No. 26 Northern, \$1.09; No. 27 Northern, \$1.06; No. 28 Northern, \$1.03; No. 29 Northern, \$1.00; No. 30 Northern, \$0.97; No. 31 Northern, \$0.94; No. 32 Northern, \$0.91; No. 33 Northern, \$0.88; No. 34 Northern, \$0.85; No. 35 Northern, \$0.82; No. 36 Northern, \$0.79; No. 37 Northern, \$0.76; No. 38 Northern, \$0.73; No. 39 Northern, \$0.70; No. 40 Northern, \$0.67; No. 41 Northern, \$0.64; No. 42 Northern, \$0.61; No. 43 Northern, \$0.58; No. 44 Northern, \$0.55; No. 45 Northern, \$0.52; No. 46 Northern, \$0.49; No. 47 Northern, \$0.46; No. 48 Northern, \$0.43; No. 49 Northern, \$0.40; No. 50 Northern, \$0.37; No. 51 Northern, \$0.34; No. 52 Northern, \$0.31; No. 53 Northern, \$0.28; No. 54 Northern, \$0.25; No. 55 Northern, \$0.22; No. 56 Northern, \$0.19; No. 57 Northern, \$0.16; No. 58 Northern, \$0.13; No. 59 Northern, \$0.10; No. 60 Northern, \$0.07; No. 61 Northern, \$0.04; No. 62 Northern, \$0.01; No. 63 Northern, \$0.00; No. 64 Northern, \$0.00; No. 65 Northern, \$0.00; No. 66 Northern, \$0.00; No. 67 Northern, \$0.00; No. 68 Northern, \$0.00; No. 69 Northern, \$0.00; No. 70 Northern, \$0.00; No. 71 Northern, \$0.00; No. 72 Northern, \$0.00; No. 73 Northern, \$0.00; No. 74 Northern, \$0.00; No. 75 Northern, \$0.00; No. 76 Northern, \$0.00; No. 77 Northern, \$0.00; No. 78 Northern, \$0.00; No. 79 Northern, \$0.00; No. 80 Northern, \$0.00; No. 81 Northern, \$0.00; No. 82 Northern, \$0.00; No. 83 Northern, \$0.00; No. 84 Northern, \$0.00; No. 85 Northern, \$0.00; No. 86 Northern, \$0.00; No. 87 Northern, \$0.00; No. 88 Northern, \$0.00; No. 89 Northern, \$0.00; No. 90 Northern, \$0.00; No. 91 Northern, \$0.00; No. 92 Northern, \$0.00; No. 93 Northern, \$0.00; No. 94 Northern, \$0.00; No. 95 Northern, \$0.00; No. 96 Northern, \$0.00; No. 97 Northern, \$0.00; No. 98 Northern, \$0.00; No. 99 Northern, \$0.00; No. 100 Northern, \$0.00.

United States Markets.
Minneapolis, Dec. 12.—Wheat—December, \$1.34; May, \$1.33; No. 1 hard, \$1.33; No. 2 hard, \$1.32; No. 3 hard, \$1.31; No. 4 hard, \$1.30; No. 5 hard, \$1.29; No. 6 hard, \$1.28; No. 7 hard, \$1.27; No. 8 hard, \$1.26; No. 9 hard, \$1.25; No. 10 hard, \$1.24; No. 11 hard, \$1.23; No. 12 hard, \$1.22; No. 13 hard, \$1.21; No. 14 hard, \$1.20; No. 15 hard, \$1.19; No. 16 hard, \$1.18; No. 17 hard, \$1.17; No. 18 hard, \$1.16; No. 19 hard, \$1.15; No. 20 hard, \$1.14; No. 21 hard, \$1.13; No. 22 hard, \$1.12; No. 23 hard, \$1.11; No. 24 hard, \$1.10; No. 25 hard, \$1.09; No. 26 hard, \$1.08; No. 27 hard, \$1.07; No. 28 hard, \$1.06; No. 29 hard, \$1.05; No. 30 hard, \$1.04; No. 31 hard, \$1.03; No. 32 hard, \$1.02; No. 33 hard, \$1.01; No. 34 hard, \$1.00; No. 35 hard, \$0.99; No. 36 hard, \$0.98; No. 37 hard, \$0.97; No. 38 hard, \$0.96; No. 39 hard, \$0.95; No. 40 hard, \$0.94; No. 41 hard, \$0.93; No. 42 hard, \$0.92; No. 43 hard, \$0.91; No. 44 hard, \$0.90; No. 45 hard, \$0.89; No. 46 hard, \$0.88; No. 47 hard, \$0.87; No. 48 hard, \$0.86; No. 49 hard, \$0.85; No. 50 hard, \$0.84; No. 51 hard, \$0.83; No. 52 hard, \$0.82; No. 53 hard, \$0.81; No. 54 hard, \$0.80; No. 55 hard, \$0.79; No. 56 hard, \$0.78; No. 57 hard, \$0.77; No. 58 hard, \$0.76; No. 59 hard, \$0.75; No. 60 hard, \$0.74; No. 61 hard, \$0.73; No. 62 hard, \$0.72; No. 63 hard, \$0.71; No. 64 hard, \$0.70; No. 65 hard, \$0.69; No. 66 hard, \$0.68; No. 67 hard, \$0.67; No. 68 hard, \$0.66; No. 69 hard, \$0.65; No. 70 hard, \$0.64; No. 71 hard, \$0.63; No. 72 hard, \$0.62; No. 73 hard, \$0.61; No. 74 hard, \$0.60; No. 75 hard, \$0.59; No. 76 hard, \$0.58; No. 77 hard, \$0.57; No. 78 hard, \$0.56; No. 79 hard, \$0.55; No. 80 hard, \$0.54; No. 81 hard, \$0.53; No. 82 hard, \$0.52; No. 83 hard, \$0.51; No. 84 hard, \$0.50; No. 85 hard, \$0.49; No. 86 hard, \$0.48; No. 87 hard, \$0.47; No. 88 hard, \$0.46; No. 89 hard, \$0.45; No. 90 hard, \$0.44; No. 91 hard, \$0.43; No. 92 hard, \$0.42; No. 93 hard, \$0.41; No. 94 hard, \$0.40; No. 95 hard, \$0.39; No. 96 hard, \$0.38; No. 97 hard, \$0.37; No. 98 hard, \$0.36; No. 99 hard, \$0.35; No. 100 hard, \$0.34.

Live Stock Markets.
Toronto, Dec. 12.—Heavy steers, choice, \$5.35 to \$5.40; medium, \$5.25 to \$5.30; do, good, \$5.15 to \$5.20; do, medium, \$5.05 to \$5.10; do, poor, \$4.95 to \$5.00; do, very poor, \$4.85 to \$4.90; do, rejected, \$4.75 to \$4.80; do, very rejected, \$4.65 to \$4.70; do, refused, \$4.55 to \$4.60; do, very refused, \$4.45 to \$4.50; do, rejected, \$4.35 to \$4.40; do, very rejected, \$4.25 to \$4.30; do, refused, \$4.15 to \$4.20; do, very refused, \$4.05 to \$4.10; do, rejected, \$3.95 to \$4.00; do, very rejected, \$3.85 to \$3.90; do, refused, \$3.75 to \$3.80; do, very refused, \$3.65 to \$3.70; do, rejected, \$3.55 to \$3.60; do, very rejected, \$3.45 to \$3.50; do, refused, \$3.35 to \$3

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A Christmas Suggestion

In our advertising columns today there appears an appeal which should go straight to the heart and conscience of every Canadian. It is made by the Canadian Patriotic Fund on behalf of the families of our soldiers, and it consists of the simple straightforward suggestion that this Christmas we should give moderately to our relatives and friends and generously to our soldiers' families.

Naturally the less we give to those who are not in actual need the more will we have to give to those who are. And it is only those who are assisted by the Fund. Of the families of the men who have enlisted in Canada's armies, but two out of three receive help from the Fund. The aim of this great patriotic organization is to supplement the Government grant and the soldier's pay by such sum as will maintain the families in reasonable comfort. To accomplish this, the enormous sum of fourteen million dollars will have to be raised in 1917, and of this Ontario is being asked to contribute six millions.

To comply with the request means sacrifices but certainly none to compare with those made by the women who have sent their husbands to face the German bullets. It should be our pride, as it is our duty, to see that these brave women do not suffer privation by reason of their patriotism—for it must be remembered that no married man has left Canada for the front without his wife's consent.

Ontario as a whole, is prosperous, and there probably will be a tendency this Christmas towards lavish giving of Christmas-boxes. A little thought will show that generosity, even if based on the kindest of motives, is misplaced at this time of great national emergency, it implies any weakening of ability to help the cause to which we are all devoted. Let our Canadian people, therefore, save in all things non-essential, that they may be better able to give the things that are essential. And certainly there is nothing more essential than the maintenance of the women and children whose husbands and fathers are fighting Canada's battles "Somewhere in France." To these let us "give till it hurts."

Scarcity of Good Horses

"There are a lot of horses in this country that never should have been foaled, and the sooner they go to the glue factory the better," said John Bright, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner, at the director's luncheon at the Winter Fair in Guelph. "For there is not, never was, and never will be a demand, but real good drafters were never scarcer. We are, indeed, facing an alarming scarcity in this case, and for no other line of live stock breeding is there a brighter future. I say this irrespective of all we hear about autos and tractors. Even in the West tractors are less prominent to-day than they were."

Dealing with the cattle situation, Mr. Bright ventured the prediction that when grass comes again breeding horses will be worth \$4 per cwt. more than they are now.

A Call From the 135th Battalion.

The following lines were written by the boys of the 135th Battalion, Prisoner of War, and sent home by Pte. Arthur Squire to his brother Clifford:

You can talk of all the regiments
That have come from far and wide,
But you never saw a better lot
Than the boys of the 135.

For some of them are farmers,
Right off Canadian land;
They heard the call of Britain
And have gone to lend a hand.

There's our good Colonel Robson,
And Lieutenant Jackson, too;
They left their farms in Canada,
Their little bit to do.

And some of them from London,
That old Canadian town,
Who gave up home and loved ones,
To help crush the Germans down.

And now we are in England—
Not far from the firing line,
Major Calton is with us also,
Which makes things more sublime.

Soon we'll be fit for the trenches,
Then away we will gladly go,
So come on, boys, and help us
To beat the common foe.

Just stop and think a minute
Of the boys who have gone before,
They gave up home and comforts;
Yes, some of them, gave up more.

For some of them gave their limbs,
And others gave their sight;
Still others gave up willingly
Their own dear precious life.

They gave up all these for you, boys,
That loved ones could be free,
So put the king's own khaki on—
And help smash Germany.

And when the war is over
And you return again,
You can show Canadian people
That you have played the game.

STICK TO THE OLD FARM. The man who stands behind production through the period of reconstruction soon to come will find his position secure.

A CAREFULLY PREPARED PILL—Much time and attention were expended in the experimenting with the ingredients that enter into the composition of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills before they were brought to the state in which they were first offered to the public. Whatever other pills may be, Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are the result of much expert study, and all persons suffering from dyspepsia or disordered liver and kidneys may confidently accept them as being what they are represented to be.

GIFTS THAT CHARM

Gifts that give joy to the giver.

Gifts that are useful.

Gifts that charm the recipient.

Please shop early. It is better for all. We gladly hold any article and deliver anywhere as directed.

Gifts For Women

Few are more appreciated and more useful than Toilet articles in cases. We have a line of excellent quality. Our prices are right, as we bought very early in the year.

Parisian Ivory

Brush, Mirror, Comb and Manicure Set in handsome Case \$12.50
Manicure Set in Ivory Box \$5.00
Mirror and Brush \$3.50
Jewel Boxes \$1.50
Manicure Pieces 35c and 50c

Ebony Goods

Brush, Mirror, Comb and Manicure Set in solid ebony, sterling silver mounted \$12.50
Other Sets \$3.50 up
Ebony Mirrors \$2 to 3.50
Ebony Brushes \$1 to \$3
Cloth Brush \$1 to \$2
Bonnet Brushes \$1

Fancy Stationery

These always please. Many of our boxes have two or three sizes of paper and envelopes. Others have paper and correspondence cards with envelopes to match.
Kid Finish \$4c to \$1.75
Bedford Linen \$5c to \$1.50
Pembroke Linen \$5c to \$1.50
Other boxes at 25c and 35c.

Gifts For Men

The man's gift is easily solved in our store.

Fountain Pens

A fine assortment of Waterman's Ideal Pens. Every pen is guaranteed and we will gladly exchange any point that does not suit perfectly.
Self-filler Safety \$2.50
With gold bands \$3.50
Other lines at \$1.25, 1.50 and 2.00

Toilet Brushes

Military Brushes in leather cases \$4 to \$8
Cloth Brushes \$1 to \$2
Hat Brush to match \$1

Shaving Articles

Mirror on stand \$2
Gillette Safety Razor \$5
Auto-sharp Safety \$5
Shaving Brushes 25c to 75c
Toilet Water 25c to 75c
Shaving Cream 25c

Smoking Sets

Cigars
Give him a box of his favorites.

Pipes

Kodaks and Cameras
Don't forget the great gift—the one that pleases for years—a Kodak. Prices \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25.

Gifts For Children

Toy Books
We have a large assortment for all ages and our stock is carefully picked to get the best matter for the young.

Girls' Own Annual \$1.50
Boys' " \$1.50
Chatterbox \$1.00
Sheaves of Gold \$1.00
Bible Stories 25c, 35c and 50c
The Children's Book, by Frances Hodgson Burnett 50c
Picture Books 5c to 35c
A B C Books \$1 to \$2
Linen Books 5c to 35c

Toys

Mechanical Toys 25c to \$1.50
Building Blocks
Modern Builders \$2 to \$3
Plasticine 50c and 75c
Horses, Dogs, etc.
Dolls 15c, 25c and 50c

Books

For Boys—
Alger 25c
Henty 25c
Bert Wilson 25c
Boy Scout 35c
Standard authors 25c to 50c
For Girls—
Bessie 25c
Elsie 25c
Standard authors 25c to 50c

SCOTT'S CHRISTMAS STORE

Red Cedar Shingles

Do not "CLOSE THE DEAL" for your roof until you let us figure with you. Our 5X B. C. Shingles make a cheap and permanent job.

Galvanized Iron Roofing

We sell this Roofing and it will pay you to get our prices.

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GLENCOE, ONT.

Beaver Board and Fibre Board in stock

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West Lorne

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\$1,500 in prizes for Corn, Seed Grain, Potatoes and Poultry

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Watch for program of speakers

T. W. Sims, Sec.

West Lorne, Ont.

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Capital Authorized \$25,000,000
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1916

Another Christmas

There is no way to stop it—this return of Christmas. It will break upon the world once more with its song, "Glory to God in the Highest, peace on earth among men of good will." That so many a land is stained with blood, that battles rage in which millions of men, brothers all, are killing each other by every means the brain of man can devise, will make no difference, Christmas will come.

"Christmas!" One can almost imagine the world saying to it, "What are you? Who believes in you? Who ever heard your message? Little use have this world's children for your gentle words of goodwill and peace! Blood and iron and ill-will and death—these are the words with which our ears are filled!"

But still the Day will dawn as for two thousand years. Its message will steal down through all the roar and din of war, and millions of hearts will hear it and know that against its celestial music jars the wild clamor of strife and war,—know that it is only because men have not believed the message or received the messenger that they have called good evil and evil good,—know that, after all, love is stronger than hate.

While the war lasts men and nations are growing asunder. There are threats of a hate that will outlive the war and renew it in the realms of trade.

This is the supreme hour for the men of good will. The past they cannot recall—the future they can save.

Above all, let this land be generous in deed and word toward healing the wounds that war has made. No matter where our sympathies—the people of each contending nation are worthy our friendship and our honor. Never did the world so need the Spirit of Christmas as to-day.—From Our Dumb Animals.

MEN'S WALK-OVERS

\$4.50



English lasts, with long straight lines and medium heel. Lace; black and tan.

High-toe model, medium high heel. Button or blucher. Black and tan.

All sizes (5 to 11) and widths (A to D)—\$4.50.

These are great bargains at present prevailing prices. Every shoe is a genuine Walk-Over, of standard model, quality of leathers and workmanship. Stocked before the advance—we offer you the benefit.

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For Foxes, Skunk, Mink, Raccoon, Mink, Fisher, Marten, Beaver, White Weasel, Bear, and other Fur Bearers collected in your section.

SHIP YOUR FURS DIRECT TO "SHUBERT" the largest house in the world dealing exclusively in NORTH AMERICAN RAW FURS a reliable—responsible—safe Fur House with an unblemished reputation existing for "more than a third of a century," a long successful record of genuine Fur Shippers prompt SATISFACTORY AND PROFITABLE returns. Write for "The Shubert Shoppers," the only reliable, accurate market report and price list published.

Write for it—NOW—IT'S FREE

A. B. SHUBERT, Inc. 25-27 WEST AUSTRALIA, DEPT. CHICAGO, U.S.A.

Keith's Cash Store

A large display of Christmas Specialties—Dry Goods, Millinery, Groceries, Etc.

P. D. KEITH

Notice to Creditors.

In the Estate of John Donald Campbell, Late of the Village of Melbourne in the County of Middlesex, Retired Farmer, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to "The Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914, Ch. 121, Sec. 54, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of John Donald Campbell, who died on or about the tenth day of September, 1916, are required on or before the twenty-third day of December, 1916, to send, by post, prepaid, or deliver to Messrs. Elliott & Moss, of the Village of Glencoe, Solicitors for Robert Campbell Alexander and Allan McLauchlan, Executors of the last will and testament of the said deceased, their christian and summaries, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said Executors will not be liable for the said assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated the 24th day of December, A. D. 1916.

ELLIOTT & MOSS,

Solicitors for Robert Campbell Alexander and Allan McLauchlan, Executors of the will of the said deceased.

OH, SUCH A HEADACHE!

Nearly everyone has ripping, tearing headaches at times. Disordered stomach—stomach liver does it. Cheer up! here's the real relief—Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Stomach and bowels right. All druggists, 25c, or by mail from Chamberlain Medicine Co., Toronto.

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"Birds-eye" and "Purity" Cannel Coal. Try these kinds in your range or grate.

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35 cents per peck.

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ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE LADIES of Glencoe and vicinity

At last you can purchase Women's High Grade Footwear in Glencoe, comprising all the latest styles of leather made upon the newest last, and at prices that are considerably lower than you would pay in the larger cities.

We buy from the most up-to-date women's shoe manufacturer in the Dominion, and an inspection of these shoes will convince you that what we say is true.

We are willing at all times to show our goods, and do not think it time wasted.

A full line of LIFEBOUY RUBBERS to fit all shoes.

We also carry the best makes of Men's, Boys' and Youths' Heavy Shoes; in fact, everything that could be purchased in a first-class Shoe Store.

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SYMES STREET, GLENCOE

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Our Fall Hats now ready for inspection

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GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Main Line.

Eastbound—No. 12, mail and express to London and intermediate points, 9:27 a.m.; No. 11, express to London and intermediate points, 3 p.m.; No. 10, Eastern Flyer, for Toronto, Montreal, etc., 6:25 p.m.; No. 10, local accommodation to London, 10:10 p.m.

Westbound—No. 13, local mail and express, 7:30 a.m.; No. 14, way freight and passenger, 8:45 a.m.; No. 15, express from London and points east for Detroit, 12:25 p.m.; No. 11, local mail and express, 6:42 p.m.; No. 12, International Limited, from Toronto and east for Detroit, 9:51 p.m.

No. 14, 16, 15 and 13, Sundays included.

Wabash and Air Line.

Eastbound—No. 32, mixed, local points to St. Thomas, 8:35 a.m.; No. 2, Wabash, 12:30 p.m.; No. 34, way freight and passenger to St. Thomas, 4:20 p.m.

Westbound—No. 31, way freight, St. Thomas to Glencoe, 9 a.m.; No. 33, mixed, local points, St. Thomas to Glencoe, 2:50 p.m.

No. 2, Sundays included.

King's Highway Branch.

Leave Glencoe for Alvinston, Petrolia, etc., connecting for Sarnia, London and points west, No. 35, mixed, 7:30 a.m.; No. 17, passenger, 3:10 p.m.; No. 37, mixed, 10:10 p.m.

Arrive at Glencoe—No. 18, passenger, 7:55 a.m.; No. 12, express, 2:45 p.m.; No. 34, mixed, 8:45 p.m.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Eastbound—No. 624, daily, 12:30 p.m.; No. 672, Chatham mixed, daily except Sunday, 6:30 p.m.; No. 69, daily, stops only for passengers from west of Chatham, 10 p.m.

Westbound—No. 63, daily, 3:45 a.m.; No. 671, Chatham mixed, daily except Sunday, 9:25 a.m.; No. 62, daily, 8:15 p.m.

GLENCOE POST-OFFICE.

Mails closed—G.T.R. East, 9:00 a.m.; G.T.R. West, 6 p.m.; London and East, 2:40 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Mails received—London and East, 8 a.m.; G.T.R. East, 7 p.m.; G.T.R. West, 3:45 a.m.

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Having bought the well known and established business of J. E. Roome, this store will continue to cater to the best trade in

SHOES, AND FRESH AND SEASONABLE GROCERIES

We ask for this store a continuance of the large patronage it has had in the past, and we trust to be able to please in good value and prompt service.

W. J. Strachan



Highest Cash Prices

paid for good Poultry, Cream and Eggs. Poultry taken every day except Saturday. See Wm. McRae or Dugald McIntyre, Glencoe, 2 doors north of McAlpine House. Phone 51w.

SILVERWOODS, LIMITED

ADVERTISING RATES.—Cards of Thanks, In Memoriam Verses, Complimentary Addresses, 5 cents per line, minimum charge 50c; notices of entertainments to be held, also notices of Lost, Found, Wanted, or For Sale, 1c per word each insertion, minimum charge 25c—all to be prepaid.

Marriage licenses issued by D. H. McRae, Strathburn, 55tf

SPECIAL NOTICES

Nuts, candy and bonbons at McLachlan's.

Hundreds of Christmas gifts. See Mayhew's adv.

Christmas concert at Middlesex Friday, Dec. 22nd.

Pure bred Rhode Island Red roosters for sale.—John Gould.

Best Manitoba flour for sale at McLachlan's Bakery. 95tf

Christmas candles, nuts, oranges, peels, etc. See Mayhew's adv.

Good bay driver for sale, coming 5 years old.—F. Biddle, Newbury, 44

Don't forget the entertainment at S. S. No. 7, Ekfrid, on Dec. 14th. 43

Ebony manicure sets in leather case, \$2.50 up.—Davidson, the jeweler.

25 cases nice sweet Navel oranges at 15c each while they last, at Mayhew's.

See "Christmas Present" announcement in Merchants Bank advertisement.

Davidson's jewelry store is the place to buy hand painted china. Pieces 25c up.

For shoes, rubbers and men's wool socks, go to Sexsmith's. Repairing a specialty.

For sale—A1 frame barn 30 x 40, situated on w. h. s. hf. 24, range 3 south, Ekfrid.—D. R. McRae.

For sale—Radiant Home heater and Happy Thought range, as good as new. Apply to A. Marsh.

For sale—a bass-viol in good condition. For particulars enquire of Dan H. McRae, agent, Glencoe.

Ladies' bracelet watches, guaranteed works and gold filled case, \$10 and up, at Davidson's, the jeweler.

Oysters, direct from the oyster beds, received daily at McLachlan's.

For sale—1 pair sleighs, nearly new, and a good set of heavy double harness. Apply to Wm. McRae, Glencoe.

Solid ebony brush, comb and mirror toilet sets in leather case, for real bargains. See these at Davidson's, the jeweler.

Come and enjoy yourself at the patriotic Christmas tree to be held at S. S. No. 3, Ekfrid, Thursday evening, Dec. 21st.

For sale—house and lot and stable, half acre soft water, on McRae street, Glencoe. Apply to Mrs. W. H. Waterworth. 44

Do not fail to hear Miss Gladys Wright, L. L. S. E., London's popular concertist, at S. S. No. 7, Ekfrid, on Dec. 14th.

Get your homemade candy for Christmas at McLachlan's.

For sale—frame barn 28x40, situated on east quarter 7, 2nd range north, Moss; also some basewood and hard maple timber.—H. Amstutz.

Glencoe Methodist Sunday School entertainment will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 20th. Admission, 15c; children of the school, free. 43 1

Lost—on Friday last, a lady's fur muff, on Main street, south of G. T. R. highway. If anyone has it, please bring it to the Transcript office and receive reward.

For sale, in the village of Appin—good eight-room house, cellar under all, good furnace, hard and soft water, good barn.—Apply to M. R. Brown. 33r

Colt for sale—in the spring, broken and all ready to go to work. He is a Delft colt and a good one. Apply to Arthur Ritchie, Ferguson's Crossing. 42 3

Every Regina watch bought from us this Christmas is guaranteed to be kept in running order 3 years from date of purchase.—Davidson, the jeweler.

We want your cream during the winter as well as the summer and the wagon will continue on the road all winter.—Wm. Muirhead and Dugald McIntyre, Glencoe. 41tf

Don't forget the Christmas entertainment to be held in S. S. No. 17, Moss, schoolroom on Friday evening, December 22nd. Good program, including a three-act comedy.

Don't forget the chicken supper, bazaar and concert in aid of the Red Cross at S. S. No. 1, Moss, Friday evening, Dec. 15. Supper served from 7 to 9. Admission 25 cents.

Funerals—Terms strictly cash. A fair amount of the public patronage will be appreciated.—W. T. Jelly.

Ekfrid Union Sunday School is holding a Christmas entertainment in the schoolhouse S.S. No. 4 on Friday evening, Dec. 22nd. Good program of recitations, songs, dialogues, etc., and music by the Ekfrid orchestra. Admission, 25 cents and 15 cents. 43 2

The teacher and pupils of S. S. No. 3, Ekfrid, are giving a Christmas entertainment in the schoolhouse on the evening of Friday, Dec. 22nd. D. C. Ross, M. P., is expected to preside and there will be an interesting program of music, drama, recitations, etc. Admission, 25 cents.

I am sorry to have to disappoint my customers in and around Glencoe (especially as so many wish photographs for Christmas) but as my weekly visits have to be made by auto, during the present condition of weather and roads, it is impossible for me to continue same, until further notice through Transcript.—A. E. Cantelon, photographer, Dutton.

Send us the news from your section. It is always welcome.

One dose of Miller's Worm Powders will clear the stomach and bowels of worms, so that the child will no more be troubled by their ravages. The powders are sweet to the taste and no child will object to taking them. They are non-jurious in their composition, and while in some cases they may cause vomiting, that must not be taken as a sign that they are unwholesome, but as an indication of their effective work.

APPLES, ORANGES, FIGS AND PRUNES

Are The Four Fruits Used In Making "Fruit-a-tives"

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" is the only medicine in the world that is made from the juices of fresh ripe fruits. Thus, it is manifestly unfair to say, "I won't take Fruit-a-tives because I have tried other remedies and they did me no good". On the other hand, the fact that "Fruit-a-tives" is entirely different from any other preparation in the world, is just why you should give it a fair trial, in any trouble of the Stomach, Liver, Bowels, Kidneys or Skin. "Fruit-a-tives", is composed of the active principle of fruit and the greatest nerve tonic ever discovered. 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. A tall dealer's sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL

—Evan McColl of Ottawa is holidaying at his home here.

—Miss Maggie Waterworth has returned from London after visiting her brother.

—Mrs. Fothergill of Bothwell spent a few days with her daughter, Miss E. L. Fothergill.

—Harry McLachlan visited his brother Norman at Petrolia for a few days recently.

—Miss Theo Waterworth of London spent a few days with her aunt, Mrs. H. Lumley.

—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Waterworth of London spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. Lumley.

—Mrs. Waters of Mount Brydges is visiting her brother and sister, Edward and Margaret Berdan.

—Miss Agnes and Jack McNabb of Melbourne spent the week-end in Glencoe with their sister, Miss Ellen McNabb.

MAKESVILLE.

Miss Jean McIntyre is on the sick list.

Dan, Laughton is seriously ill at his home here.

Remember the Christmas entertainment on December 20th in Appin town hall.

Miss Lorena McIntyre was in London hospital last week having her tonsils removed.

Quite a number of young people from around here attended the ball in Appin last Wednesday night and report a good time.

Letter of Condolence.

Glencoe, Dec. 4, 1916.

To Mrs. James Harris and Family:

Dear Mrs. Harris,—We, the reeve and surviving members of the municipal council of the village of Glencoe, desire to express the sincere sorrow we feel at the death of your husband, and extend to you this token of our deepest sympathy for you in your bereavement.

You have sustained the loss of a loving husband and kind protector; this council has lost a member whose advice and assistance has always been held in high estimation, and the village has lost one whose usefulness will be missed.

We pray that the Divine Spirit may give unto you that peace of mind and soul that nothing else can give, and that as time passes by you may become fully resigned to His divine will, and rest confident of that great reward that awaits all who remain steadfast and faithfully unto the end.

Signed on behalf of the municipal council—J. A. McLachlan, Reeve; P. D. Keith, A. J. Wright and A. McPherson, Councillors; Chas. George, Clerk.

CLUBBING RATES

The Transcript and—

Weekly Sun, 1 year, \$2.35

Farmers' Advocate, 1 year, 3.00

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Daily Free Press, 1 year, 4.25

Canadian Countryman, 1 year, 2.00

Daily Globe, 1 year, 4.25

Daily Mail, 1 year, 4.25

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Address Transcript Office, Glencoe, Ont.

Beauty may be only skin deep, but judging from the skirts they are wearing nowadays some of the girls seem to think it is also knee high.

Help for Asthma. Neglect gives asthma a great advantage. The trouble, once it has secured a foothold, fastens its grip on the bronchial passages tenaciously. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy is daily curing cases of asthma of long standing. Years of suffering, however, might have been prevented had the remedy been used when the trouble was in its first stages. Do not neglect asthma, but use this preparation at once.

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at once for Glencoe and District for CANADA'S GREATEST NURSERIES

Spring 1917 Planting List now ready. Splendid list of Hardy CANADIAN GROWN Fruit and Ornamental Stock including

McIntosh Red Apple
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and many other leaders.

New illustrated Catalogue sent on application.

Start now at best selling time. Liberal Proposition.

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The Fonthill Nurseries
(Established 1897)

Toronto Ontario

Stoves! Stoves!

Cold weather is here and we have the Stoves. Never before have we had a better line than the present. The prices have steadily advanced but our stock was booked early and while they last our customers will have some of the profits.

RANGES from \$26.00 to \$65.00
HEATERS from \$9.00 to \$50.00

ROGERS BROS. 1865 SILVERWARE

The ware that wears well. We stock this in all the latest designs. Tea Spoons, Dessert Spoons, Berry Spoons, Cold Meat Forks, Sugar Shells, Knives, Forks.

JAMES WRIGHT & SON

Sherwin-Williams Paints Perfection Oil Heaters

A Christmas Present!

Lay the foundation of success for your boys and girls by giving a Bank Book for Christmas. Teach the habit of thrift and saving, and prepare them for the responsibilities of life in later years. Open an account of \$1 in

THE MERCHANTS BANK OF CANADA

and deposit this amount each week thereafter. Watch this space next week and see what the result would be in ten years.

GLENCOE BRANCH J. A. McKELLAR, Manager

WESTERN BUSINESS COLLEGE

"THE CLASSY SCHOOL"

FACTS
Will occupy its new premises, Auditorium Hall, December 26. Everything in order for January 2.

Will have the finest classrooms and equipment in Western Ontario. Large classes—Business growing—Positions for 500 graduates during 1917.

250 of Detroit's largest business firms get their office help from the Western.

COURSES
Stenographic, Typist, Business, Secretarial and Banking. Our Banking and Clerical course for young women is entirely new.

Gregg Shorthand, Pitman Shorthand, Touch Typewriting, Accountant's Bookkeeping.

Let the Western Teach You and Place You
I. S. McCallum, Principal,
Box 56, WINDSOR.

Write for Catalog.



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The following prices for Ford cars will be effective on and after August 1st, 1916

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CHAPTER XIV.—(Cont'd.)

"No, Lady Constance," he said. "I fear the world gives me too much credit. I have nothing to do with the whim of Adrien's save to pay out the salaries for the company. The management is his—or rather, perhaps, I should say, Miss Lester's; and I am not answerable for its failures or its successes. I believe, too, he is about to give the whole place to Miss Lester."

Lady Constance started almost unconsciously, and Jasper knew that his words had hit home at last. "I am sure you do your best to help him," she said, after a moment's pause.

"You are most kind," he returned with a bow and an ironic smile. "I

trust you will let me prove my friendship both to Adrien and yourself."

CHAPTER XV.

It was the night on which Adrien had returned to town. Jessica, ignorant that he had ever left it, had found her way to his chambers, and waited there patiently and hungrily in the hope of once more seeing him. As the clock struck eight she decided that it was useless to remain any longer, and accordingly retraced her steps through the crowded thoroughfares.

Anything would be better than waiting like this, she thought despairingly. After the silence of the deserted street, the crowd, pushing and jostling her, brought her almost a feeling

of satisfaction. Even if she were alone, at least she could not be solitary while the world rushed past her, in its eager search for pleasure.

At one point near Charing Cross a few curious loafers had collected on either side of the brilliantly-lit facade on a theatre, over which, in colored lights, was the name, "The Casket."

As Jessica stood watching listlessly, indeed almost unconsciously, a handsome motor rolled up before the imposing entrance. The little group surged back before the white-gloved commissionaire, who hurried forward, but the door of the car had already been thrown open by the chauffeur, and a gentleman and lady stepped out.

At the sight of one of them, Jessica's indifference became changed to a feverish eagerness. The color left her face; her eyes dilated, her lips parted. She, swayed back, half fearful, half desirous that he should see her; for it was he, the man for whom she had waited so long, the man she had enshrined within her heart.

Adrien, all his doubts as to the possibility of winning Constance's love returning to him in full force once he had left her presence, had come down to the theatre with two objects. One to distract his thoughts from his hopes and fears, the other to arrange with Jasper for the entire transfer of the theatre to Ada.

He meant this to be the last night as far as the Casket and Ada Lester were concerned.

Absorbed in his own reflections, he hardly saw the group of humble spectators, and did not appear to hear their murmurs of recognition but turned and held out his hand to assist the lady who accompanied him.

Jessica's eyes flashed fiercely as they wandered from his face to that of the woman beside him.

"She is beautiful," she murmured beneath her breath. "She is beautiful, and with him!"

All the love which had been aroused in her passionate heart surged up, and for the minute, almost turned to jealousy. "Beautiful, and with him!"

It was agony to her to see him as he bent down to catch some light words of his companion, whose perfumed satin cloak swept by the crouching girl, as the pair passed into the theatre.

Full well she knew that she herself could never hope to hear his voice, or feel the pressure of his hand; yet it was with the bitterness of death that she saw him pass her by in the company of this beautiful woman. Mingled also with her jealousy was another feeling, that of partial recognition.

For the moment—she could not remember where—but at some time in the past, she fancied she had seen that dark highly-colored face, and heard the harsh vulgar voice.

As Leroy turned from the motor, she heard him say to the chauffeur: "Be here at eleven."

"At eleven," she thought, "then I will be here too, and see him once more."

She hung on the outskirts of the group and listened with greedy ears for any chance word that might arise about her idol.

"A regular beauty, I should just think so," said a man, addressing another who had passed a remark on the lady in question. "She's the biggest star on the stage, you bet! Ada Lester knows her value, and ain't likely to forget it neither."

The other man ventured a remark concerning the lady's escort.

"Him? That's Leroy—son of Lord Barmister—the richest of 'em all. She belongs to him, she does; so does the whole theatre. Costs him a pretty penny, you bet. But lor' bless yer, he don't mind! Can't send his money fast enough. My brother's the one of the shifters; and the things he cud tell yer about 'er, and 'er temper, 'ud make yer 'air stand on end."

Jessica moved away, while members of the group aired their knowledge of the rapidly entering, smartly-dressed audience.

"That's Mr. Leroy's friend, Mr. Vermont," commenced the first speaker again. "I've 'ard tell 'e does all the work and pays out all the other one's money; but he ain't no class himself—he's not a real tip-top swell like them others." He pointed to a little group of white-waistcoated, immaculately-dressed men, now standing on the steps of the vestibule.

"Lord! this 'ere 'Casket' 'll be crammed with all the swells to-night—'cos it's the fashion."

"So Ada Lester is the fashion now, eh?" commented his companion, who had probably known her in her poorer days, and therefore was inclined to be interested in her.

"Not 'arf, she ain't," agreed the man, with the Londoners' ride in laying down the law on the subject. "She's got a house like a duchess, and can eat off gold or silver if she chooses; an' all for her face, for she can't act for nuts. I've see 'er, so I know!" With which lordly criticism, he closed the subject.

As for Jessica, sick at heart with jealousy, she turned up one of the side streets to commence her long wait for Adrien Leroy; while the group dispersed, laughing and chattering.

The "Casket" was filled now to its utmost capacity. It was the first night of a new piece. The unfortunate comedy which Ada had so strongly condemned had been withdrawn, and a so-called musical farce—consisting of very bad music, and still worse comedy—had been put on in its stead.

As usual, no expense had been spared in the mounting, and Adrien's money had been poured out like water on extraordinary costumes, gorgeous, highly-colored scenery, and a hundred embellishments for this new piece of

elaborate and senseless burlesque, "Prince Bon-Bon." But with all its deficiencies as regarded culture, the piece appeared to be a success.

Ada Lester could dance, if she could not act; and she could shout a vulgar patron song, if she could not sing; therefore after a tumultuous first act, during which she had been "Hong-kored"—as she expressed it to her heart's content, she was standing in the wings, with a cigarette between her painted lips, radiant with content and gratified vanity.

"Well, Shelton," said Leroy, as his friend approached him, where he leaned against a stack of scenery. "What do you think of the show this time?"

"As beautiful as it is senseless," was that gentleman's sarcastic reply. "Heaven alone knows what it cost you," he added.

"I certainly don't know myself," admitted Adrien, knocking the ash from his cigarette. "Ask Paxhorn—he wrote the lyrics, and had the management; or better still Vermont, whom I'm going to see myself presently. But this will be a success, Mortimer, and I shall make a fortune."

"Yes," said Shelton quietly, "for Paxhorn and Vermont. Well, it's no business of mine, of course."

He turned to Ada, who had been tapping her foot angrily during this little conversation. "Well, Miss Lester," he said, "haven't you a word for me, to-night?"

She glared at him viciously, for Mortimer was not a favorite of hers. "Yes," she snapped. "I hate the sight of you!"

Both men laughed as though amused. "That was a fair hit," said Shelton, with mock grief in his voice. "Don't kill me right out, Miss Lester. Let me open a bottle of champagne for you."

"I don't want it," said the popular dancer, her eyes flashing angrily. Then, turning her back on him, she said to Adrien, "Ain't you going to the front to see me dance?"

"I can see you from here," was his answer. "You look charming, my dear Ada; doesn't she, Mortimer?"

"Yes, and as good as she is beautiful," declared that gentleman, making her a low bow.

With a furious glance at him, and a furtive look at Adrien, she passed them, and accompanied by a burst of music from the orchestra and a storm of clapping from the audience, she commenced her dance.

Shelton watched her with a sneer. "Hark! how they applaud," he said, glancing up at the crowded and delighted house. "They seem to admire her, anyway. Long live Miss Ada, Queen of dancers. Adrien, why do you put up with that painted vixen?"

Leroy smiled at his sudden change of tone. "Don't let her hear you," he said. "And don't worry yourself about me, old fellow."

"You're afraid of her," continued his friend. "Oh, yes, you may think it an impertinence if I say so, but I know you are. You'd face a cannon's mouth sooner than that woman's angry abuse. You dread a scene as a musician does a false note. For me, I'm sick of the whole world."

"Why do you remain in it, then?" asked Adrien, laughing.

"For the same reason as yourself," replied the cynic. "Neither of us know what the next will be like."

Adrien laughed, but before he could explain to his friend his plan with regard to Ada, a crowd of pretty dancers in silver gauze surrounded him, begging for real bon-bons, instead of the painted property sweets given out to them.

"Do you girls think I am made of Bon-bons, like the piece?" he said, waving them back.

"Why, you'll make yourselves ill."

"Oh, Mr. Leroy," pouted one, "we've danced so hard, too!"

"Go to Mr. Vermont, then," was the indolent reply; "he'll give you what you want," and with a rush they swept back on the stage.

"Always Jasper," murmured Shelton sadly, as his friend, with a genial wave of the hand, picked his way past cardboard castles and paper trees, till he disappeared through the door that would lead him to his stage-box.

At eleven o'clock the play was over, the superbly-dressed woman, with their escorts, were descending the wide staircase, laughing and discussing the piece which seemed likely to become the success of the season. Outside, the pavement was filled with the gay, excited crowds. Whistles resounded for taxis hovering in the immediate vicinity, like steel-plated birds of prey. Carriages were being shrouded for, and throughout all the bustle and excitement, a slight girlish form doggedly kept its vigil near the main entrance.

The crowd of pleasure-seekers and onlookers had melted away, and the attendants were busy turning out the lights, when the glass doors swung open again, and three or four gentlemen came out, laughing and talking.

"Quite a success," said one of them. "Yes, indeed," from another. "Paxhorn, I congratulate you again, old man."

"Thank you," replied the author, his face beaming with satisfaction. "Thanks to Leroy, it will run for a hundred nights, and my name will be made."

"On Bon-bons," sneered Shelton; "what a thing it is to be a popular playwright."

"Better to be a popular dancer," whispered Paxhorn, as the door swung open again, and Adrien came out, with Ada Lester on his arm. Mr. Jasper Vermont following behind them.

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"Who was that?" asked his mother, thinking to point out a moral.

"Papa," came the reply, "when he was little."

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The Farm

Keeping Plants Healthy.

The man or the woman who keeps in good physical condition presents a resistance to the attacks of disease which amounts almost to immunity. Doctors, who are popularly supposed to exist primarily for the purpose of administering to sick folks, are getting around to the point of view that the best way to battle disease is to see that well folks keep well. In other words, preventative measures are regarded as the best kind of doctoring and the old measures are being discarded especially those which were applied after the fact of sickness had become established.

Farmers especially will appreciate this point of view when it comes to the taking care of their live stock. Sanitation, cleanliness, preventative measures of all kinds keep disease dangers at a distance. Then, when everything has been done which can be done, and diseases comes in spite of everything, it usually is not as serious nor as disastrous a visitation as it used to be under more careless conditions. Cattle and hogs have the resisting power which good previous health confers and they throw off disease more readily or succumb less numerously. And what is true of men and animals is true of plants.

Plants are living organisms and respond as readily to good or bad conditions as do animals. Probably they respond more readily for the reason that they are denied the power of voluntary movement, hence they cannot run away from danger but must stand and take what comes. This makes it all the more essential that the conditions favoring an active and vigorous growth should be at the best and that the plants be assured strong vitality and perfect health. It must be just as plain as anything can be that the strong and hardy plant will stand a better chance of survival in the presence of disease or pest than the weak and sickly plant. For this reason it always will pay the farmer to do everything he can to insure a healthy and strong growth for his crops, for thereby he is fortifying them to resist the ravages of disease or unfavorable climate conditions. He is at the same time protecting himself against the loss due to partial or total crop failure.

To insure vigorous and healthy growth, there must be good seed, proper tillage and adequate plant food of the right kind. All of these things the farmer can supply at will. Every farmer understands the importance of quick germination and vigorous start. It has been demonstrated that strong and quick growth for the young plant gives it powers of resistance against disease, pest or climatic conditions and will enhance its chances for reaching complete maturity.

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Jim Brotherton's Requit

"And this is the end, Elsie," said the man, with a queer, strangled break in his voice.

The girl tossed her head impatiently, and the moonbeams played on the tangle of golden hair which nestled on her forehead, every tiny curl of which had wound itself round Jim Brotherton's heart.

"Isn't it foolish to talk about it?" she said petulantly. "You will never hold any better position than you do now."

"Perhaps not," Brotherton broke in; "but with you as my wife I would not be for want of trying. Besides, dear, you were quite satisfied to be a sergeant's wife before I went on leave."

"I have thought better of it since. I was foolish—we were both foolish—to think of getting married. What is there to look forward to?"

Jim Brotherton stared drearily over the moonlit waters of the Solent. His brown, clean-cut face was drawn with pain. A month previously, when he had gone on furlough, it was with the understanding that he and Elsie Chambers should be married as soon as possible after his return.

He had obtained the necessary permission to marry from his colonel, and his meagre savings had gone to the purchase of what would go to make the sparsely-furnished rooms of a marine soldier's quarters homelike and attractive for the woman of his choice.

And now, at their first meeting after his return, Elsie had told him that she wished to break off the engagement.

He turned to her suddenly as she sat digging the point of her parasol into the moist sand.

"Look here, Elsie," he said, looking keenly into her face, "there is something in this business that I don't understand."

"So?" she drawled indifferently. "And yet it should be clear enough. I simply made a mistake in fancying that I cared for you."

"Or," retorted Brotherton bitterly, "you have found someone else!"

The girl rose to her feet, and turned as if she would leave him; but he seized her roughly by the shoulder, and forced her to face him.

"Is that the case?" he demanded fiercely.

Elsie Chambers broke into a harsh laugh.

"You seem to think a good deal of yourself!" she replied mockingly. "I don't want to hurt your feelings, but there is someone else—"

"Someone who can give you more money to spend, I suppose?"

"Oh, yes; a good deal more," she returned with a smile, "calious to the agony in the man's face."

Jim Brotherton's arm sank limply to his side, and his lips went white.

"I might have known," he said sadly, "but I thought that you loved me, Elsie. God help me, I thought that you loved me!"

"Love?" Don't get maudlin, Jim! How long do you think love would last on two and ninepence a day?"

"Tell me, Elsie," said Jim hoarsely. "Who is the man who has taken my place?"

The girl gave a short, nervous laugh.

"Well, if you must know, I—I am to be married to Sergeant-Major Mansfield, of the Wessex, on Tuesday week!"

Jim Brotherton staggered back as if he had received a blow on the heart.

"On Tuesday week?" he ejaculated. "On—Tuesday week?"

"She had written to him regularly while he was on leave. He had even received a letter from her two days before his return, and yet not a single word had she said about this. Up to the last moment she had left him in a fool's paradise."

"I will see you home, Elsie," he said dully.

As they walked over the common toward the Golden Cross Hotel, where Elsie Chambers was employed as barmaid, she glanced into the man's face from time to time. In her shallow little heart she liked handsome Jim Brotherton, she even imagined that she loved him. If he had only had more money!

Jim's eyes were directed sternly in front of him. Neither spoke till they reached the hotel.

"Good-bye, Jim!" said the girl, holding out her hand. "Don't think too badly of me. Believe me, it is all for the best."

Jim laughed harshly.

"You will forgive me, and—wish me happiness, Jim?"

"Oh, you'll be happy enough! The feelings of others will never interfere with your pleasure. But I was wondering—"

"Yes," said the girl, suddenly breathless.

"How far the man that you are going to marry will share in the happiness. Good-bye!"

Ten days afterwards Sergeant James Brotherton was tried by court-martial for absence without leave. At the moment that the adjutant was reading out his sentence of reprobation to the ranks, the woman responsible for his degradation was leaving the garrison church on the arm of her husband.

mad. The letter was from a lawyer intimating that his uncle had died and left him three hundred pounds a year.

Lieutenant-Colonel Jeremy Courtfield, C.B., commanding the West Devon Rangers, was short, stout, red-necked, and plethoric. Also, which may have been the cause of these conditions, he was fond of the pleasures of the table.

The sentry on the hospital mortuary of the South Barracks at Gibraltar, which stands a little back from the hilly road, presented arms as he passed, and thought maledictions.

On the right of the hospital mortuary was a piece of waste Government ground which Colonel Courtfield had taken the liberty of annexing as a poultry run. The colonel stopped and regarded the contents of the run complacently.

A stout, red-faced officer came down the hill, puffing as much as Colonel Courtfield did in going up. He stopped and contemplated the contents of the fowl-run.

"Morning, Brookes!" said Courtfield, in a voice which might have proceeded from the folds of many blankets.

"Morning, Courtfield!" croaked Colonel Brookes, of the Wessex Regiment. "See you've got a dashed fine pair of turkeys there."

"Yes, and I hope you and Mrs. Brookes will come and eat your Christmas dinner with us to-morrow night. I have been looking forward to this for no end of a time. The last time you and I ate our Christmas dinner together was at Ramnagar—it must be five-and-twenty years ago."

The eyes of the two old fellows moistened in reminiscence. Simultaneously they put out their hands.

"Right, then. To-morrow. Eight o'clock," said Colonel Courtfield.

And Private Timothy O'Hara, the sentry on the hospital mortuary, listened, and wished that he were a colonel and could have roast turkey for dinner on Christmas day. Also he expressed a hope that the good things would disagree with Colonel Courtfield, under whose stern sense of justice he had been oft-times made to suffer.

Late that night Private Jim Brotherton sat outside the hospital guard-room, and gazed over the beautiful moonlit waters of the bay. Three years had passed since the event which had broken his life. He had made no efforts to regain his lost position. The money left him by his uncle had proved a curse rather than a blessing. Fortunately for him he could not draw upon his capital, but the interest was more than sufficient to carry him on the road to ruin.

He had not seen Elsie Chambers since the night he left her at the door of the Golden Cross Hotel. But since the Wessex Regiment had arrived on the Rock a fortnight before, he had heard of her, and what he had heard had not been to her credit.

The non-commissioned officers attached to the hospital were giving a dance, and from where he sat Jim could hear the music of the band.

Presently a carriage drove into the gate, and Brotherton looked up indifferently as it passed him. Then his heart gave a great leap. Seated alone in the carriage was a young woman dressed in white.

"Elsie!" ejaculated Jim. His pulse hammered, and he felt as if he were choking. Then he laughed bitterly at his own foolishness.

The field officer clattered up to inspect the guard, at which Jim resumed his seat, thinking bitterly of the past.

"She is worthless," he muttered to himself, "and yet—and yet—" Notwithstanding what he knew of her, his heart still clung to the woman.

When Jim came off sentry at midnight, the sergeant of the guard was asleep on the bench, and snoring loudly. Jim sat down before the fire, and lit his pipe.

Tim O'Hara sidled up to him with a gleam of mischief in his eye.

"Jim," he whispered, "are yez game for a bit of fun?"

"What is it?" If you mean hanging round where the sergeants are dancing, I don't see much fun in it."

O'Hara snorted his disgust.

"Be hanged to the sergeants and their dancing!" he said contemptuously. "What d'ye say to a mighty fine Christmas dinner?"

"It isn't Christmas till to-morrow."

"Ah, go on! Who does that matter? I've got a bottle of whisky."

"Well?"

"An' I know where there are two mighty fine turkeys."

"I see a court-martial staring you in the face, Tim," said Brotherton.

"Never mind that," rejoined the Irishman. "Ould Pat Slides has been feeding him up for Christmas. Him an' ould Porky of the Wessex are going to have them for dinner to-morrow night. I heard the two of them gloating over it when I was on sentry. I think, Jim, it 'ud be a Christian act to save them two ould gentlemen from havin' indigestion. Bob Thompson is game. An' I owe one to ould Pat Slides!"

Jim Brotherton laughed. He also owed the colonel a grudge.

"Right!" he said. "I'm with you!"

The three conspirators stole out, and, taking a circuitous route, passed the sentry on the hospital mortuary unobserved.

"There is a fire in the hospital kitchen," said O'Hara. "We can cook the basties there, an' nobody be any the wiser."

The two turkeys were promptly put beyond the troubles of life, and in a few minutes were sizzling in the oven of the kitchen.

But with the capture of the turkeys the excitement had left Jim Brotherton. The practical joke on his colonel was well enough, but, after all, it was a childish escapade, he thought. He had no appetite for the delicacies. Leaving his comrades, he started to make his way back to the guard-room. His mind was still dwelling on the woman who had flitted from him three years before. Suddenly he found himself close to the sentry. It was now two o'clock in the morning. Under the brilliant light of the moon the place looked dreary and awe-inspiring.

All at once the sentry emitted a low cry of fear, and for a moment his heart ceased to beat. Coming down the hill was a figure clad in white—a small figure whose steps wavered uncertainly and from whom rose a low whining cry.

"Scott!" quavered the sentry. Then, a sense of his duty returning to him, he challenged. "Halt! Who—what comes there?"

There was no reply, but the low, whining moan persisted, and the figure continued to come towards him.

"Who—who are you?" he tried to shout, but the words died in his throat. Fear would have induced him to run, but dread of the punishment that would inevitably follow chained him to his duty.

"Stop," he gasped, "or I'll fire!"



that he is alive. Through your conduct to-night a man may lose his life!"

"What do you mean?" gasped the other woman, scared.

"Simply this. The child got out of his bed in search of you, and it was only through a man of the West Devon Regiment taking the bullet in his own body that the baby is not dead at this moment."

Elsie looked at her sister stupidly.

"A man of the West Devon Regiment?" she said, with a queer tremor in her voice.

"Yes," replied Maggie scathingly. "The man whose life you ruined."

A fortnight after Christmas Maggie Chambers sat by Jim Brotherton's bedside. Every afternoon since the accident occurred she had sat there, her heart full of sympathy for the man who had risked his life for the child of the woman who had treated him so badly. The wound was rapidly healing, but he was still weak.

From time to time he looked into the girl's face wonderingly. The features were those of Elsie Chambers. There were the same deep blue eyes, the same golden curls, but the expression on the features was tender and womanly.

She bent forward, and placed her cool hand on his forehead.

"Are you feeling better?" she asked gently.

Jim Brotherton smiled up at her.

"I cannot believe that you are not Elsie," he murmured. "And yet—"

"And yet what?" asked Maggie dolefully.

"You—you are different."

"Yes, we are different," said the girl, flushing a little. "We are twin sisters, but we are different."

"Twin sisters? But I never saw you when—I knew Elsie."

"I know you didn't," the girl returned quickly, "but I often saw you, and was sorry for you."

"Because I knew that Elsie was fooling you."

"How did you know?"

For an instant the girl looked into Jim's face, then she bent forward with her head on her hands and burst into a flood of tears.

"Maggie," he said, "when I get better I am going to leave the Service."

"Yes," said the girl.

"I am going to turn over a new leaf. I have enough to live on and to share with another. Will—will you be the one to share it with me?"

"I mean will you be my wife?"

A joyous light leapt to the girl's eyes.—London Answers.

Mourning at Yuletide.

Through in most civilized countries and towns Christmas is a time of gladness. There are some places where the festival time is mourned over. This is so with Santiago, the capital of Chili; for during Christmastide, just eight-and-thirty years ago, she was plunged into the depths of despair by a catastrophe such as has never in modern times befallen the metropolis of a civilized State. The scene of the terrible occurrence was the cathedral-church of La Campana. A grand religious festival was taking place, and the magnificent building was thronged with more than 3,000 worshippers, the elite of the gay Spanish-American city. Twelve thousand silver lamps shed a brilliant radiance over the mass of muslin and drapery below, and the acolytes were busy lighting the 1,600 tapers on the grand altar, when there arose a sudden cry of "Fire!" A candle had been overturned, and in an instant almost the interior of the cathedral was in flames. Many of those imprisoned within were rescued through the windows, for the one door was quickly blocked; but, when all was over, it was found that more than 2,000 of Santiago's bravest and best had perished.

A Curious Custom.

The King of Spain always enjoys himself at Christmas, and he does not fail to play the chief part in the wonderful ceremony performed for centuries on Christmas Eve at the Spanish Court, when a crib is set up, and the Sovereign, tambourine in hand, followed by his Ministers, dances round the cradle of the babe. To us it may seem a curious custom. To him, as King of Spain, it seems the most natural thing in the world, and he dances with a will.

Holiday Goodies

A Combination Cooky Recipe.—Mix together 1 cup each lard, sugar, molasses (N.O. or "black stripe"), 1 cup sour milk in which dissolve 1 teaspoonful soda, 1 tablespoon ginger, and flour enough for roll stiff. The same stirred up stiff and baked in a shallow dripping pan makes fine, soft gingerbread, which is nice frosted with a white icing. For fruit cake, use same recipe, leaving out ginger and using instead 1 tablespoon cinnamon and ½ teaspoonful each cloves and nutmegs, 1 lb. seeded raisins, and flour enough to make as stiff as can be stirred. Add more fruit if liked. Bake in good-sized dripping pan. If this cake should get stale it can be used for a pudding. Cut off the number of slices required and steam 10 minutes. Serve warm on individual plates, with a warm sauce made by boiling together 1 cup sugar, ½ cup butter, juice of ½ lemon, 1 heaping tablespoon flour and 1½ cups hot water.

Current Cookies.—To 1 quart flour add 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder and 1 scant teaspoonful salt. Sift well together, then add 1 cup sugar and 1 cup lard. Cut the lard well into the flour, then stir in 1½ cups water. Take ½ lb. cleaned currants, sift over them ½ cup flour, mix well, then add to the batter and work all together until of the consistency of biscuit dough. Turn on to a well-floured board, roll ¼-inch thick, and cut with the biscuit cutter. Lay out on a well-greased and flour-dredged baking pan, and bake in a hot oven. As soon as the bottom of the cakes are brown, transfer the pan to the upper oven shelf for the tops to brown. This recipe will make about 40 cookies.

Molasses Coffee Cookies.—Cream scant ½ cup butter and ¼ cup lard with 1 cup sugar. Add 1 egg, 1 cup molasses, 1 teaspoonful soda dissolved in ½ cup strong black coffee, and 2 teaspoonfuls ginger sifted with flour enough to make a dough that can be easily handled. Roll, cut and bake in hot oven.

Caraway Cookies (No Eggs).—To 1 cup sugar add ½ cup each lard, sour cream, and sour milk, ½ teaspoonful soda, ½ teaspoonful caraway seed, and flour enough to make a stiff dough.

Ginger Snaps.—Cream 1 cup shortening with 1 cup sugar and add 1 beaten egg. Let 1 cup molasses come to a boil, then add 1 tablespoonful soda, pour in over the first ingredients, then stir into the mixture 1 tablespoonful each of ginger and salt, 4 tablespoonfuls vinegar, and flour to roll.

Oatmeal Crisps.—To 1 cup sugar add 1 tablespoonful butter, 2 beaten eggs, 2½ cups rolled oats, ½ cup flour sifted with 2 teaspoonfuls baking powder and a pinch of salt, and 1 teaspoonful vanilla. Drop by spoonfuls on well-greased tins and bake quickly.

A Christmas Carol.

"What means this glory round our feet,"

The magi mused, "more bright than morn?"

And voices chanted, clear and sweet, "To-day the Prince of Peace is born."

"What means that star," the shepherds said,

"That brightens through the rocky glen?"

And angels answering overhead, Sang, "Peace on earth, good will to men!"

Tis eighteen hundred years and more since those sweet oracles were dumb;

We wait for him like those of yore; Alas! He seems so slow to come.

But it was said in words of gold. No time or sorrow e'er shall dim, That little children might be bold In perfect trust to come to Him.

All round about our feet shall shine A light like that the wise men saw, If we our loving wills incline To that sweet life which is the law.

So shall we learn to understand The simple faith of shepherds then, And, clasping kindly hand in hand, Sing, "Peace on earth, good will to men!"

And they who do their souls no wrong But keep at eve the faith of morn, Shall daily hear the angel-song, "To-day the Prince of Peace is born!"

—James Russell Lowell.

Peace on Earth.

The air is white with snowflakes That fall in a glistening shower, And the earth is wrapt in silence, Save the chiming that ring the hour.

O'er all the earth is fleeting, And glows in every breast, The spirit of cheer and loving That makes the Christmas feast.

And from the old bell tower, In tones most low and sweet, The bells chime forth the hour— The Christmas dawn to greet.

They usher in the morning, Proclaim to all the land The tidings of the season— That Christmas is at hand.

And Jimmys and Joe, when they marched in, you know, There at home, with new suits, both their parents says "Oh! What de-fishanous rare little children you air, W'y you got the best Uncle tha' is anywhere!"

But their Uncle just pats the boys' heads and says, "Rats!" In a whisper to them—"Parents purr same as cats!" Then he kissed 'em and rose and fished round in his clothes. And lit his old pipe with the end of his nose.

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GIFT HINTS

Something that every woman will appreciate is the wire coat hanger covered with cotton and ribbon, on which to hang her waists. Wind the hook of the hanger with narrow ribbon. Fold cotton batting over each loop, sprinkling it with sachet powder. Make bags of ribbon or silk to slip on over the cotton and fasten under a bow in the center. If one intends to make a number of these hangers it will probably be cheaper to buy a yard of taffeta or China silk, and use ribbon for the bows only. By watching the sales one can often pick up a remnant at a very low price that will work in advantageously.

A young lady will enjoy a toilet box for her dressing table or bureau. In its construction material matters less than daintiness and neatness of construction. Take a box of the required size to pieces, being careful not to break the edges. Smooth them, then cover each piece separately. Put a layer of cotton wadding on the bottom, which may have the lower side covered with a thin muslin—you may use silk, satin, foulard, silkoline or cretonne for the covering of the box, using a figured goods for the outside if desired and a plain for lining. In covering, be sure to keep the threads of the materials straight with the lines of the box, gather and sew it around and lining together, making the stitches fine and even, then overhand the sides to each other and to the bottom. Pad the top with cotton and cover with the material; it will be used as a pincushion. If the box is covered with silk or satin a very pretty effect is gained by stretching a piece of all-over lace edge, just the depth of the box, gather and sew it around the top, and cover the joining with No. 1 ribbon beading through which No. 1 ribbon has been run. Fasten straps of narrow ribbon to the box and the cover to keep the latter from falling back, and add a bow of wide ribbon by which to lift the cover.

Harper's Bazar tells how to make a working apron which would be a great convenience to any one doing fancy work: Make a square of Persian lawn, trimming it with lace and tucks, and having it twenty-four inches when finished. From the middle of each side make a diagonal square of heading; cut six yards of ribbon into four lengths and run through the heading, making it very tight in the fourth to make a little fullness at the waist line of the apron. Make hard knots at all four corners and then tie double bow knots. By lifting these bows you can draw it up into a bag; for strings to the shirred side, tie around the waist untie the bow knots at each end. The little corner on the shirred side gives a bib effect. When sewing, you have on a pretty white apron with a little bib; when you stop you pile all your things into your lap and pull up the bows, retying the double knots on the shirred side. A twenty-four-inch square of black China silk with one corner slightly rounded for a bib can be made with a narrow ruffle of the same silk on all round. Gather to a yard and a half of black satin ribbon. A pair of scissors and a pinball, fastened to the side of the apron with long ribbons make it still more practical.

An apron can be decorated in cross-stitch embroidery by basting a strip of scrim or canvas on the part, working over the canvas and then pulling out the threads. If the work has been done with moderate looseness this will not be difficult.

People who are tired of Christmas trees, stockings, etc., may try a new departure in the Christmas basket, a pretty basket, tied with ribbons, being prepared for each person.

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GIFTS FOR WOMEN

Holiday Suggestions

GIFTS FOR MEN

E. MAYHEW & COMPANY

GLENCOE'S LEADING GIFT STORE

NOW AT ITS BEST

There is something in this for everyone. This gift store is one of discretion, and in making selections from the markets of the world has taken great pains to provide only gifts that have the merit of real value. Come tomorrow—early shopping is best—better service, better choice.

Gift Suggestions from our big Shoe Department

There are so many calls for money this season it is your duty to give useful presents at Christmas.

Men's and Women's Slippers

At present our stock is complete and our advice is buy at once. Prices range from 75c to \$3.50.

Rubbers and Overshoes

We carry a very large stock of these goods in most reliable makes. What is more acceptable as a gift for man, woman or child than a pair of Slippers or Shoes. Our stocks are at their best and prices right.

Linens for the most particular

What would the housewife do without the necessary piece of linen to complete every room in the house. What will make a more acceptable gift than something you know she will appreciate? A large assortment of Centrepieces, Doilies, Tray Cloths, Stand Covers, etc., will be found at this store, 25c to \$2.00. Fancy Huck Towels, pure linen, guaranteed, 50c to 85c. Table Cloths and Napkins to match, \$3.50 to \$6.00.

A Hearth Rug as a holiday gift

A real Toyland is really a Joyland



Everything is in full swing here, and hundreds of new and entertaining features are to be found. A regular festival of Toys—Guns, Cannon, Soldiers, Swords, Steamships, Books, Blocks, Games (a fine assortment), Performing Animals, Stuffed Animals, Rocking Horses, Autos, Conspiring Wagons, Little Tots' Furniture, Go Carts, Doll Buggies, Dolls, Dishes and Tolls.

Every toy of merit is here. An early inspection this year is imperative to be sure of all the lines you want.

Decide Upon Gloves

and buy them at Mayhew's, the recognized headquarters for Gloves. Choose tomorrow from the largest and most complete stock in the town. You will find the prices most moderate.

Give Blankets and Comforters for gifts

Gift Suggestions of brief mention for Baby

Warm Vest for baby, 18c to 50c.
Infants' Wool Booties, 15c to 50c.
Infants' Bibs, 10c to 35c.
Infants' Bearskin Coats, \$2.50 to \$3.00.
Infants' Wool Gaiters, 25c to 35c.
A nice Silk or Wool Bonnet, 50c to \$1.00.
Silk and Cashmere Dresses, etc.

Get Hold of the Fact

that this is Glencoe's Finest Men's Store. Great attention devoted to the appareling of men and boys. Doing a splendid business because the public has found it the RIGHT KIND of a store, selling the best Clothes and Hosiery in Canada for men and young men who want the best, presenting immense assortments and the best values that money will secure (in Glencoe or anywhere else). A store that guarantees you absolute and lasting satisfaction with every purchase.

LADIES! When men hold this department in such high opinion for Style, Quality and Value, plus immense Stocks and Service, then why not buy his gifts here?

Collars and Collar and Cuffs Sets—couldn't be nicer.

A big list of Christmas Suggestions from our Men's Department

Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, full sizes, 12½c to 25c.
Linen Handkerchiefs in fancy box, with block initial, 25c and 35c.
Umbrellas for that particular man, at \$2 to \$3.50.
Brace Sets, combination of Garter and Braces, at 75c.
"Forayth" Brand Shirts in great variety, \$1 to \$2.
Silk Socks, Mercury Mills and Holeproof Brand, 50c to 85c.
The new Lightning-hitch Hockey Shoes, \$3 to \$4.
A swell Silk Scarf, Paisley pattern, \$1.50 to \$3.75.
A pair of those nice easy House Slippers, 75c to \$2.
A dandy two-tone Sweater Coat, \$2 to \$3.50.

Just call in and we will help you decide.

When you come to the word Neckwear on your Christmas list, come to this store and see our assortment. Just now in, and the very latest.

Nothing is more acceptable than Hosiery

Don't you think a Blouse gift would be delightful?

Seldom a Blouse gift is out of place. You can safely bestow it as a Christmas gift upon any female friend or relation. She is sure to be pleased with it. The new styles in silk, georgette crepe and crepe de chine are charming. Prices range from \$2.00 to \$5.50.

Silks are very acceptable gifts

We have a large and most complete stock, all at old prices.

Handkerchiefs on every Christmas list

And well they might be, with such a beautiful assortment to choose from. A gift of Handkerchiefs always pleases a woman. No doubt of it, for their popularity is growing every season. No wonder, for the dainty and fascinating kinds that we show couldn't but be admired.

Furs! Furs!

Furs are the acceptable gift.

We say "See our windows"

because they're full of interest—because we know you will enjoy looking at the lovely Christmas gifts we present in 300 square feet of beautiful displays. See them!

We will box any article in the store for you free.

Gifts for Young People

E. MAYHEW & COMPANY

Gifts for Children

The Transcript.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1916

Newbury

Mrs. J. L. Heatherington is visiting Rodney friends.

Pte. Hubert Connelly is visiting his grandmother here.

The Methodists held a very successful bazaar on Saturday afternoon in the Town Hall.

Miss Edna Waterworth of Glencoe spent the week-end with her sister-in-law at Mrs. John Grant's.

Gilbert Fletcher, who has been at the front so long, has been promoted, being now Sergeant Fletcher.

Dr. Menzies, a returned missionary from Honan, China, gave a splendid address in Knox church on Sunday last.

John Bailey, field secretary of the Dominion Alliance, will address a mass meeting in Knox church on Sunday, Dec. 17th, at 2:30 p.m.

The Methodist Sunday School will have their annual Christmas tree on Christmas night. For years this S. S. has had a good time on old Santa's night.

John Marcus arrived on Monday from the West. He will visit here for the winter. Mrs. Marcus and daughter Bessie have gone to Texas to spend the winter with her son, Sgt. Herb. Marcus.

Talk about seeing the first robin! We saw a cheerful fellow on Monday, 11th inst. The question arises as to whether he was the last one to leave or the first to come—or will he winter in Newbury?

The Presbyterian Sunday School children and teachers have been preparing for some time for their entertainment, Dec. 21st. There will be some splendid numbers on the program and will be worthy a large attendance.

The Women's Missionary Society of Knox church held the last meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Dixon. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows:—Mrs. J. Malcolm, president; Mrs. Fletcher and Miss M. S. Gordon, vice-presidents; Miss A. Telfer, secretary; Mrs. W. Bayne, treasurer. The money from the mite boxes contributed amounted to \$15.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator has the largest sale of any similar preparation sold in Canada. It always gives satisfaction by restoring health to the little folks.

Wardsville

Wedding bells will soon be ringing in town.

Miss Margaret McVicar is visiting at her home here.

D. McRae is able to be around again after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Hobbs of Birr is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. A. Mulligan.

Miss Branton of Toronto is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. Hacker.

Mrs. Knapton of Detroit is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hugh Archer.

T. Heywood and daughter, Mrs. York, went to Ingersoll last week, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smith went to London last week to spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. W. Aitchison.

Melbourne

J. M. Cornille is on the sick list. The Presbyterian manse, now vacant, is being overhauled.

Mrs. Johnston of Sarnia is the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Annett.

Miss Hill of Strathroy is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Cornille.

E. Richards is rebuilding and enlarging his house. It will be very much improved.

Rev. Mr. Jones, a graduate of McGill University, occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church on Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Carrothers was thrown out of her buggy near Delaware and had her left arm sprained and bruised.

Mr. and Mrs. John McDougall and son Beverly of Saskatchewan are visiting at the former's parents', Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McDougall.

Mrs. Sparling Clarke entertained a number of her friends to an afternoon tea on Saturday in honor of her cousin, Miss Edith Clarke of Saskatchewan.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, the men of the Methodist church met and made some necessary improvements on the church sheds. The ladies held their W. M. S. meeting at the same time. Tea was served at the close, and a social time enjoyed together.

On Wednesday evening of last week a social evening was held in the Woodman Hall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Little, who are leaving shortly to reside in London. Mr. Little has conducted a bakery here for some years, which he has recently sold to James Showers of this village.

Dufferin Lodge, 384, A. F. & A. M., has elected new officers as follows:—Master, Alex. Laidlaw; Sr. Warden, E. L. Frost; Jr. Warden, A. D. Brown; Chaplain, Geo. J. Stevenson; Secretary-Treasurer, Leonard Cook; Sr. Deacon, A. J. McKenzie; Jr. Deacon, Edgar Haggarty; Inner Guard, J. L. Stevenson; Tyler, I. J. Stevenson.

Miss M. P. Bees, daughter of George Bees, who is only five years of age, has, during the past week, collected \$3.88 for the Red Cross Society. This little girl deserves great credit for the amount collected, as even the pennies given to her by friends (as she went about collecting) to buy candy were donated by herself to the Patriotic Society.

BETHEL-METCALFE.

Reeve Cyrus Henry spent last week at the county council, London.

The annual entertainment of Bethel church will be on next Friday evening, Dec. 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevenson, Glen Oak, visited with their daughter, Mrs. Earl Moore, on Thursday.

The Willing Workers had Wm. Lipsett of Appin repair the chimneys on the church one day last week.

Mrs. Annie Henry returned to her home in London last week after having spent a month visiting her friends of this place.

The Bethel Red Cross Club met with Mrs. Geo. Moore on Thursday afternoon, with 14 members and 4 visitors present. The ladies quilted a flannel quilt and hemmed 24 trench towels.

Mrs. Fred Stevenson, GlenOak, bought the quilt for \$3.

People who do things can afford to let others do the talking.

It is only necessary to read the testimonials to be convinced that Holloway's Corn Cure is unequalled for the removal of corns, warts, etc. It is a complete extingisher.

Crinan

Miss Currie of Scotland is visiting friends here.

Several from here attended the clearing sale of Milton Smith's on Friday.

Rev. Dr. John D. McMillan, D. D., is visiting at the home of his brothers, A. and D. McMillan, con. 2.

Several from here attended the social evening at Kintyre on Friday evening. All report a good time.

A number from here attended the Scotch concert in Dutton given by the pupils of W. A. McPherson on Friday evening. The entertainment was very good and those present report a good time.

The Women's Missionary Society held their annual meeting on Wednesday. The ladies report one of the best years in the history of the society. They collected over \$150 for all missionary purposes during the year, with all appeals to which the ladies have so willingly subscribed during the year. This work has been very satisfactory.

The Busy Bees held a very successful pie social in Markham's hall. The girls had pies in plenty and of the choicest, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the pie and entertainment provided. Two pieces of beautifully made embroidery, presented to the Busy Bees by Mrs. Bowman, were drawn for and brought a good sum. The proceeds will be given to patriotic purposes.

PAINE, LIKE THE POOR, ARE ALWAYS WITH US.—That portion of man's life which is not made up of pleasure is largely composed of pain, and to be free from pain is a pleasure. Simple remedies are always the best in treating bodily pain, and a safe, sure and simple remedy is Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. You cannot do wrong in giving it a trial when required.

Kilmartin.

Mac Leitch has gone to London to take a position on the street railway.

M. C. Munroe, who has been on the sick list for several days, is improving.

Mrs. Smith, the manse, left on Monday to visit her aunt, Mrs. Waugh of Toronto.

John McGregor left last Saturday for St. Thomas, where he will spend the winter.

J. W. Bengough spoke in the interests of the Dominion Alliance in Burns' church last Sabbath.

Peter McNeil has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism for several weeks and is not improving much.

The Red Cross Society of Burns' church held a very successful tea on Wednesday last. Proceeds over \$7. Mrs. Hammett of Newbury was present with a view to organizing a Women's Institute in this district.

Rev. Dr. Menzies of North Honan, China, gave a very interesting talk to the W. M. S. on his work in the foreign field on Tuesday of last week in Burns' church, when Miss Effie G. Campbell was made a life member of the Society.

At a meeting of the Young People's Society held in Burns' Church on Wednesday evening of last week there was an interesting debate on "Resolved that a man will do more for money than for character." The affirmative was ably handled by Lechlan Leitch, his colleague failing to appear, and the negative by D. C. McTavish and Mungo Leitch. Decision was in favor of the negative.

Appin

Private Alex. Humphries, who was wounded in battle early in the war and subsequently discharged as physically unfit for further service, was expected home on Tuesday evening and preparations were made to give him a proper reception, but he did not come. He will probably be here today.

A very generous and hearty response was made to the appeal of the Women's Institute for contributions of clothing, etc., in aid of the fire sufferers in Northern Ontario. At their meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday some fifty ladies came with donations, and a large bale of clothing and one of quilts were packed.

Confirmation has been received of the reported death in October from wounds received in battle of Private John Kemp of the 33rd Battalion. Prior to his enlistment Private Kemp was employed for two years by Chas. M. Macle. He was well known in the village and vicinity and quite a favorite among the young people.

SHETLAND.

The wheat rush to the elevators here is over.

L. S. Moorehouse, our oldest resident, is ill.

Mrs. J. A. Smith is visiting at Shetland store.

Alex. Dobbyn is getting ready to move into town.

Tom Brown and family are moving into their new abode.

The children are busy practicing for their Christmas concert.

Glad to see "Dug" Dobbyn about again after his serious injury.

If you 'aint got the measles or had 'em you're not in fashion hereabouts. Of course, if you have the grippe, that'll do.

Edwin Moorehouse and family left for Chatham Friday, where they will reside in future, leaving their farm under the worthy care of Thos. Brown.

Isn't it fierce to have a dandy gas well-so near our town and have its owners so far away. Pipe is too dear to pipe it, and no one seems to want to draw it.

The boys have a big sparrow match on, terminating with an oyster supper and concert on December 18th. The sides are divided at the river, north and south.

Mrs. James Lewis last week received a telegram from Ottawa announcing the wounding of her son Walter by a gun shot in the eye. So ends the "bit" of another of our boys.

The sad news reached here last week of the death of Harry Stoneham. Harry has been in the thick of the fighting since the war began, being in England on a visit at the outbreak. His long streak of good luck only made his death more shocking.

Sidney Hartney is expected home soon. Poor Sid is a broken lad. His terrible wounds, he says, have crippled him for life. Yet, even so, his escape is miraculous, having been shot through near the heart with a soft bullet. We shall all welcome him home, you bet.

KNAPDALE.

Leonard Hillman is still confined to his bed.

Mrs. Blackhall fell and broke her ribs last week.

Mrs. D. Mitchell of Glencoe visited her brother here last week.

H. McNaughton of Newbury visited his father here on Sunday.



This Christmas

Let us Give Moderately to Each Other and Generously to the Soldiers' Families

Nineteen hundred and sixteen years ago came the very first Christmas, and for all these centuries there has recurred the Great Anniversary with its message of good will to men.

And so we give gifts.

Men and women of Ontario! We who stand for good will among men and nations; we whose men fight that there may at last be real peace on earth—let us make this a Christmas worthy of the day it commemorates—let us lay aside a generous proportion of our Christmas money for the families of those who are fighting the good fight.

Give to the Canadian Patriotic Fund

the fund that guards the soldiers' families from want.

Great as the result will be among the families of our soldiers, greater yet may the blessing be among us, the givers. Christmas will have a more vital meaning for us than perhaps ever before, and as for the children, who can measure the impression they will receive and keep of that Christmas Day when they shared their Christmas with the loved ones of the men who saved their country!

Let each Canadian boy and girl get a lesson from this historic Christmas which will go with them all through life.

Good men and women of Ontario! Can the need of our soldiers' families cry in vain for the relief which this Fund alone makes possible? Can we—can we, in the face of it all, again give lavishly among ourselves? Shall we not this year, with hearts full of the spirit of Christmas, lay aside a generous proportion of our Christmas money for the cause which so urgently needs it?

"Somewhere in France" he is fighting the good fight.

Somewhere in Ontario all that he holds dear is depending upon our decision.

Truly "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Ontario will be asked in January to secure the Canadian Patriotic Fund that it can depend on having six million dollars in 1917 for the families of Ontario's soldiers.



Four million of these dollars must be secured from individual subscriptions. If there is no branch of the Fund in your town or county send your subscription direct to the Head Office, Canadian Patriotic Fund, Victoria street, Ottawa.