

A View of More than 500 Veterans Who Participated in Soldiers' Welcome Home Celebration

Final Donations to
Soldiers' Day Fund
Amount to \$3,500

Starting almost a year ago, following V-E Day when Canadian troops, magnificently led, were the spearhead on the left flank of the allied forces in the final drive on Hitler's Reich, the Town Council of Bowmanville set up a War and Civic Committee to plan a grand "Welcome Home" for Bowmanville men and women who enlisted to fight the fascists. The council set aside May 24, 1946, as the day formally to welcome Bowmanville's valiant soldiers.

This committee organized the programme for the great day which was observed on Victoria Day. It was an unprecedented success as reports in last week's show. But, in the endeavor to raise funds for the event the committee failed to get the financial support it anticipated. The public was invited to subscribe what they deemed appropriate. It was

an open invitation.

The complete objective was a fund of at least \$4,000 to purchase tokens for those who served. The decision was to make a gift of gold rings to each one who served, bearing the coat of arms of Bowmanville. It was learned that, all told, the amount required would be in excess of the first estimate of \$4,000. Consequently the corporation pledged its support for the final objective. But it was found when the books were closed that the total subscribed was approximately \$3,500. To meet all costs, therefore, the corporation will have to put up at least \$700 more.

Readers who have followed the published lists of cash donors as they appeared in The Statesman, will have noted the names of those who were moved to give some measure of support for those who fought abroad. The final list of these patriotic people who made contributions appears below:

Bowmanville Foundry \$ 75
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L. Goddard 2
A. Dewell 2
J. H. Needham 2
Misses Willmott 1

Total \$203

Miss Phyllis Lake, Oshawa, was weekend guest of Miss June Allchin.

PERSONALITIES IN THE NEWS

Hugh Templin, LL.D.

Author, Journalist, Conservationist

A few weeks ago the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, conferred upon Hugh Templin, editor of the Fergus News-Record, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. This honor was accorded by the Board of Governors primarily because of the great services rendered by Mr. Templin in the fields of literature, journalism and conservation in Ontario and in particular for his initiative in a movement sponsored by the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association leading to the establishment of a School of Journalism at Western University. Mr. Templin was further honored in being the first member of the weekly press to deliver a lecture to the students of the new faculty.

This is the second occasion that an LL.D. has been conferred upon a weekly editor. It will be recalled that the late Dr. David Williams, editor of the Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin, received a like honor a few years ago from the University of Toronto. Like Dr. Williams, who accepted the distinction as one reflecting the importance of the weekly press, Dr. Templin takes the same view. But there is more to it than just that as this story is designed to show. It is well known that Hugh Templin shuns publicity. But on this occasion and especially at a time when he is completing a term as president of the C.W.N.A., his associate editors across Canada, in extending their congratulations, also wish to tell something of his personal history.

Those more intimately in his confidence are aware that Hugh Templin came to the weekly field in a manner so prevalent among many of his contemporaries. He followed the footsteps of his father and the parallel goes further in that his father taught school for many years and was frugal, savings and solid credit, bought the Fergus News-Record. His son Hugh, after exploring here and there, finally joined him and has continued successfully and most creditably in his steps.

Hugh Templin's roots go deeply into the soil of Western Ontario. The Templins came to Fergus in 1834. His paternal tree goes back four generations and on the maternal side, five or six. Both his parents were teachers. When his father's salary reached \$350 they got married. Hugh was born in the hamlet of Glenlivet, named for a famous Scottish product. In fact there was a distillery next to his home, long since gone. When his father's salary reached \$400 and before Hugh entered school, he bought the News-Record.

While Templin senior, a sound businessman who hated writing editorials, was building success for the paper, his son grew up more interested in rambling along the Grand river than in Latin and Algebra. There he got his interest in conservation, later a prime interest, while algebra has long since been forgotten. In due course Hugh went on to University of Toronto, specializing in Modern History under Prof. G. M. Wrong. At the end of his second year, remembering that one of his grandparents had fought against Mackenzie in 1837 and in the Fenian raids, he joined the Cyclist Corps, CEF and later the Divisional Signallers, World War I.

But the medicos ruled him out for overseas due to a heart ailment. At home his father was

down with a broken leg, so Hugh took over the News-Record, as he thought, temporarily. In December, 1918, he started "That Inside Page" now so widely familiar and quoted. He has run it ever since, a total of some 1400 mostly full



Hugh Templin, LL.D.

pages, now equal to a five-foot shelf of books.

When the UPO came to power under Premier E. C. Drury, Hugh backed a local candidate against them but in the campaign met the UPO Attorney General, Raney, who promptly hired him for publicity work. For the next four years he saw politics from the inside, and was completely cured. He has had no enthusiasm for politics since.

While at Queen's Park, Hugh married Miss Laura Dow, a Toronto school teacher, whose family was long resident in the Fergus district. For once, he confesses, he made no mistake. They have three sons. Jack graduated in Aeronautical Engineering at Toronto, and has several practical inventions to his credit. Peter, graduate of Toronto University and Royal Canadian Artillery, is now back taking some of the load off his father's shoulders at the News-Record, third generation on the job. Bill, the youngest, is in first year at college, specializing in mathematics, physics, chemistry. There is the close-knit, happy family of the News-Record tradition.

How a country editor can find time for outside activities and hobbies is a mystery but Hugh Templin has demonstrated this in full measure. In horticulture he once won first for the best rose shown at the Rose Society, Toronto. He wrote a series of stories for the Star Weekly under the pen-name of Ephraim Acres and with Jimmy Frise, attempted a comic strip under the same theme. He has written one large book, a dozen smaller ones and many magazine articles. Meantime the News-Record continued to flourish, even while Hugh took a leading part in the C.W.N.A. and travelled across Canada attending many conventions.

One hobby that produced spectacular results was a plan for conserving the waters of the Grand River, his favorite haunt in school days. It brought a \$2,000,000 dam, a 2,000 acre lake and a splendid summer resort to Fergus. Hugh still paddles a canoe on the lake. He seems to find time for everything. He is still a member of the Grand River Conservation

Tyrone

FAIR NUMBER ATTEND
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEET

A fair attendance marked the opening of Tyrone Women's Institute's new year. Meeting held at the home of Mrs. R. Wright, with President Mrs. L. Annis in charge. Roll call was answered by a "Short-cut in housecleaning or cleaning hint." Some answers were to use a little coal-oil in window cleaning; hang your wet, starched curtains on their rod with a rod through the bottom hem as well and weighted at each end—they require no ironing and will be straight; clean cupboards, closets and drawers properly; use wet newspaper for cleaning windows. Appreciation for fruit or plant were received from Mrs. D. Cale, Mrs. L. Moore and Mr. Dredge. An invitation to visit Hampton W.I. on June 6, was accepted. Mrs. A. Richards and Mrs. Geo. Alldread are in charge of this meeting. The district annual meeting at Solina was announced. \$5.24 was reported from the sale of salvage paper.

Following are standing committees: Home economics, Mrs. N. Woodley; social welfare, Mrs. N. Miller; historical research, Mrs. G. Brent; agriculture and Canadian industries, Mrs. S. Hoar; publicity, Mrs. Rosevear; citizenship, Mrs. S. E. White.

Mrs. Wright presented the following programme: An Empire Day reading, "The Red, White and Blue" by Mrs. Alldread; piano solo, Marian Wright; Mrs. G. Brent gave a fine talk on "Music Appreciation" accompanied by records of the William Tell opera. Mrs. Brent chosen Rosini, an Italian composer and gave a short sketch of his life and work. He wrote a great many operas but his greatest and last was William Tell, telling the story of how Switzerland won the freedom she enjoys to this day.

The devotional was given by Mrs. S. Hoar. It was a delightful message of the new hope spring and the flowers bring each year to us all and contained quotations from several poets on this theme.

The new programmes typed and mounted in attractive folders were received from the donor Mrs. S. E. White who was accorded special appreciation for her work and gift.

Tea and cake were served in the social time which followed.

The Women's Institute wish to thank all who left bundles of paper for the salvage collection. We appreciate your help.

Commission, founded 13 years ago. One of the later highlights of his career came when he was chosen as the weekly press representative on the press tour to Europe sponsored by the government three years ago. His series of articles on that trip were since widely quoted in the press. Coming back by air he won membership in the famous Short Shorter Club and treasures the money note signed by airmen members.

Aside from all these activities, memberships and honors as named above, Hugh is also a member of the Canadian Authors Association and last Vice President of the Fergus Chamber of Commerce. Few men at 50 years of age have crammed so much into so many varied activities. One of his favorite hobbies is now the School of Journalism at Western University. With the congratulations of his many friends on his recent honor is the wish that some day, Dr. Hugh Templin will take time to write one more book, The Autobiography of a Country Editor.

The Relation Between
Increased Production
And Higher Wages

(From Winnipeg Free Press)

The Labour government of Britain appears to understand wages better than many labour leaders in North America. In a recent broadcast Premier Attlee said: "We want more houses, clothes, household goods, coal, machinery—in fact, every kind of thing. There is only one way to get these things—by work." To this end he asked labour unions to drop any "customs or rules" which hamper production and he asked employers at the same time to "throw aside any restrictions of output calculated to create artificial shortages."

In short, what Mr. Attlee wants is production for he knows that it is only by increased production that labour can ever get any real increase in wages. That fact is obvious enough but often overlooked in the delusion that increased money wages necessarily mean that the wage earner will be better off.

The wage earner, of course, is only better off when he can buy more goods, when there are more goods for him to buy, when production increases. If his money wages do not increase as production increases he does not benefit by this increased output of goods unless prices drop. If his money wages increase and production stands still he is no better off either for he can buy no more goods. Prices merely increase with the increase in wages. It is an

evident physical impossibility to distribute to the worker goods which have not been produced.

The true concern of labour, as the Labour government in Britain sees, is to increase production of goods and to produce them with maximum efficiency and hence a minimum amount of labour and a minimum expenditure of the worker's time.

Actually, as shown by figures printed here before, the efficiency of labour's production per man-hour has risen steadily in America for a century or more, with the result that the worker has steadily increased his real wages. He has received more goods for every hour of his work. It is on this increasing efficiency of production with modern techniques that the present standard of living in North America is built, the highest standard yet achieved by man.

But the mere payment of higher money wages, without increased productivity for each hour of work, will not raise this standard. It will merely raise prices. The British government is resolved to stabilize prices at their present level and it counts an increased standard of living on increased efficiency of production. Whether this can be obtained by partial socialism and a general state supervision of private business remains to be seen, but at least the primary objective is clearly realized and accepted by the new managers of Britain's economy. They are not deluded by the level of money wages. America must increase the efficiency of its production if it wants higher standards of living.

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