

# INTERESTING LETTER FROM INDIA TO RESIDENT OF BURNT RIVER

Mr. Leonard A. Dixon, formerly of the Stanhope Anglican Mission, writes the following letter to Mr. S. Suddaby, of Burnt River, who kindly forwards it to the Minden Echo for publication.

Trivandrum, Travancore, India, 25th September, 1914.

My Dear Mr. Suddaby.—I was very glad to receive your letter by the post mail. On account of the war our letters are not reaching us as regularly as they used to, as the mail service has been greatly disorganized.

I am very much interested to hear of the effects of the war in Burnt River. It makes one realize how small the world is after all. To think that within a few days the events in Europe should so upset things in all parts of the earth, shows that after all the world is not so very big.

The excitement you speak of has been very great here also. You will no doubt have read in the papers of the great loyalty which the Indian peoples have shown at this time. Many people thought, and probably the Kaiser was among them, that when England went to war, India would be the first country to turn against her. Instead of that, India has shown the very greatest enthusiasm in her support of the Mother Country. Not only have the British troops which were here been sent to the front, thus leaving the country largely unprotected, but Indian troops also have been sent. There was very keen competition among the troops as to who were to go, and many of those who have to stay behind feel greatly hurt that they are not allowed to fight for the Empire.

Not only has there been a response in the way of troops being sent, but there has been a most cordial response in the form of money.

As soon as the war broke out, subscription lists were opened by the Viceroy and the Governors. At once there was a most hearty reply. From all over the country money is pouring in. There has also been a very great amount of offers of personal service on the part of doctors, nurses and others.

At first there was very serious difficulty caused by the sudden rise in prices, but this has almost entirely died out. There is however very serious difficulty caused by the closing of very many of the factories and warehouses. In some of the big commercial towns there are thousands of men and women who are out of work and who are practically starving.

Here in Travancore the staple industry is the cultivation of the coconut palm tree and the export of its products. Since the war began, there has been no exporting, and the result is the prices have fallen very much and there is consequent suffering. You will see here how even the little out of the way places are being affected.

We were afraid for a time that we might be affected in a more serious way. A few days ago a German cruiser suddenly appeared off the coasts of India. Within three days it sank seven vessels and bombarded the city of Madras, doing great damage. There was great fear that it would do the same to the city of Colombo. As Trivandrum is also on the sea coast, there was some little fear that we also would get a little taste of the war. Fortunately the vessel has been captured by the British fleet, and there is now no further trouble.

You will no doubt be sorry to hear that the missions will suffer very much as a result of the war. Nearly all of the societies at work here have received word from home that the usual support would be very much less this year than last year, and that therefore all expenses must be cut down as far as possible. This means that in many cases schools will have to be closed, teachers will be sent away, preaching will be interrupted, and the work generally set back. This will be a great calamity, as the present opportunities in India and elsewhere are very great indeed. We are all praying that peace may be restored as soon as possible.

At the same time there is likely to be much good come out of the present trouble. In India the expression of Loyalty to England has brought the Indian peoples together more than anything else during the past hundred years. This arousing of a national spirit will likely do for Indian missions what it has done for missions in China. We sincerely hope that it will.

Please give my kindest regards to all my friends in Burnt River and Kinmount, if you see them. Also please remember me to Mr. Hockley. I was very much interested to see that he had been back into my old haunts in Stanhope. Tell him when I read the account of his visit I envied him.

Yours very sincerely,  
LEONARD A. DIXON.

## Mariposa Council

The members were all present and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Thomas Realin was present to get a settlement of his claim for gravel taken from his farm beyond the boundary of the present gravel pit. Mr. William White wants steps taken to have all the logs, brush, and refuse cleaned from the creek, a part of which flows across his farm, the south half of lot 7 in con. 8. Mr. Thomas Stewart, Township Solicitor, informs the Council that it would be necessary to set a new date for the Court of Revision of By-law No. 738 of the Township of Mariposa that it would be necessary to have the By-law printed again four times in the paper on account of some errors in the printing of the first copies. Mr. W. F. Dobson, Clerk of Reach, makes application for the payment of \$48.00 being Mariposa's share of the maintenance of the deviated road at Seagrave. Mr. Leigh R. Knight, Solicitor for Mr. S. H. Jacobs, notifies the Council that he wants the Short Drain cleaned out. Mr. A. G. Cavanaugh notifies the Council that the several allotments of the George Kinghorn Drain have been completed in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Malcolm McArthur notifies the Council that the water is being dammed back at the north part of lot 16 in concession line 15 and that about twenty rods of three inch tile would relieve the damage.

**RESOLUTIONS PASSED.**  
Motion by Edwin Rogers and C. Jenkins, that owing to some errors in the printing of By-law No. 738 of the Township of Mariposa, respecting drainage work known as Municipal Drain No. 2A, the Clerk is hereby requested to have the corrections made and published again in the Lindsay Post as specified in the minutes of the 10th of October last and that the Court of Revision be held on the 12th day of December instead of the 21st day of November as advertised.—Carried.

Motion by Edwin Rogers and William Rich, that the Reeve and Mr. Ferguson be appointed a committee to wait on the Council of Reach respecting the maintenance of the deviation road at Seagrave.—Carried.

Motion by William Rich and Neil Ferguson that Mr. Rogers be appointed to equalize the accounts on the boundaries of Eldon and Fenelon.—Carried.

Motion by Neil Ferguson and Edwin Rogers, that Mr. Rich be appointed to equalize the accounts on the boundary of Ops and Mariposa.—Carried.

Motion by Edwin Rogers and William Rich, that Messrs Varcoe and Ferguson be appointed to equalize the accounts on the boundary of Brook and Mariposa.—Carried.

Mr. George Marchdale rendered accounts amounting to the sum of \$20.50 for commission work, and also accounts for wire fence bonuses for the sum of \$174.00. Mr. Rodman rendered accounts amounting to the sum of \$40.60 for commission work. Accounts aggregating the sum of \$172.00 were authorized to be paid as also the sum of \$311.63 cents for wire fence bonuses.

Motion by C. Jenkins and Edwin Rogers, that the Clerk be instructed to have printed notices posted up in the Reazin and St. John Gravel Pits prohibiting the overrunning of gravel or the undermining of the fence and that Messrs Reazin and St. John be authorized to have this resolution strictly enforced in their respective pits.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned till Saturday, the 12th day of December, for the Court of Revision of By-law No. 738 and for general business.  
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Father Nolin was formerly stationed at Toronto, but had been located at Waubanshene for a number of years.

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