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Bargains For Next Month.

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Tommy Atkins in Prison

Some weeks ago there appeared in the columns of a city paper an article under the above title, giving a short descriptive account of the life of a British soldier in prison under the revised regulations. Any old soldier of forty or fifty years ago who chanced to peruse the article referred to would be surprised at the contrast between military prison life of the present day and that existing at the time of his service, and might justly exclaim that to be in a military prison under the present regulations is a privilege when compared with the prison regulations of that period. All the old time and seemingly unchristianlike usages of the military prison have been greatly modified and some of them entirely abolished, namely the senseless and tortuous shot drill. The prisoners now receive far better treatment in every respect, better fed, have the privilege of a library, reading room and gymnasium, and frequently at the expiration of their sentence come out of prison in a better physical condition than they entered it; the reverse of long years ago. Barbarous and prevalent as was flogging in the army in those days, yet the writer, who has been on many a punishment parade, and witnessed many a soldier flogged, as often thought that he would prefer being tied to the triangle and receive fifty lashes than undergo a term of fifty-six days in a military prison. Notwithstanding the severity of the prison, and strange as it may appear, there were always men to be found who, inured to prison life, had become so casehardened as to appear to be out of their element when out of prison, they seemed to be out of their element when out of prison; they seemed to prefer a prison to an ordinary barrack room life. Most probably many of this class of soldiers purposely got themselves into prison with a view of obtaining a premature discharge from the service as incorrigible and worthless characters. They could not make a greater mistake, for those who pursued such a course and obtained their desire, not only found themselves discharged with a bad character, but with a constitution impaired by their folly to a far greater extent than would have been probable after twenty years of faithful service and good conduct.

To those who have little or no conception of a soldier's life in prison, a brief sketch given by one who, many years ago, held the position of provost sergeant long enough to learn the rules and usages of those days, may be of some little interest to the reader. Before commencing the subject of prison life, and to make the subject more plain to the uninitiated, it may not be inappropriate to briefly explain the modes of trial and the extent to which the several authorities empowered to pass sentences of punishment. In the first place, no non-commissioned officer of any rank had power to sentence a soldier to any kind of punishment whatever; he must either confine him in the guard room or bring him before the officer commanding his company on a written report. Officers commanding companies were limited to sentences of three days confinement to barracks, with or without knapsack drill. These sentences were for minor offences, such as turning out on parade dirty or slovenly dressed, for having his berth in the barrack room untidy, add several other offences of a trivial nature. Officers commanding regiments or battalions were also limited in their power of awarding punishment. They could not sentence a man to more than seven days imprisonment with hard labor or solitary confinement, with an additional 21 days' confinement to barracks with or without pack drill; he was also empowered to stop one day's full pay for each day or night's absence without leave. Longer sentences could only be awarded by court martial. More than seven days' continued absence without leave constituted desertion. A commanding officer could promote a soldier, but it was out of his power to reduce him—he could order his trial by courtmartial. He could, however, disrate a lance corporal to private, a lance sergeant to corporal, or a color sergeant to platoon sergeant without courtmartial, these ranks being appointments and not in reality promotions. He could not alter the sentence awarded by a regimental courtmartial which he signed and confirmed, but by the recommendation of the court, or at his own discretion, he had power to remit part or the whole of the imprisonment awarded, or restore to his former rank a non-commissioned officer sentenced to be reduced. All courtmartials were read on parade, the sentence being only known to the court and C. O. previously.

Every corporal and private could claim a good conduct badge every five years, providing that during the last year no entry had been made against him in the regimental defaulter book. The second badge could be obtained at eight years' service, the third at thirteen, the fourth at sixteen and the fifth at twenty-one year's service under the above provisions. The change from the five-year system of obtaining G. C. badges was made in 1861 when the above scale was adopted, the first badge being granted at three years' service. A good conduct badge was a narrow inverted stripe worn on the lower part of the right arm. The wearer received one penny per day for each badge in addition to his regular pay. The same amount was also added to his pension on discharge after 21 years' service. A sentence of eight days' confinement to barracks, twenty four hours' imprisonment, or the stoppage of one day's pay forfeited a g.c.b. but he could not be deprived of more than one badge at a time for any offence unless tried by courtmartial for disgraceful conduct, when he was generally sentenced to forfeit all additional pay while serving and pension on discharge. Good conduct badges forfeited were restored at the end of one year provided that within the last six months no entry had been made against the claimant in the defaulter book. Sergeants received no badges or extra pay for good conduct. Although his rank was a guarantee of good conduct, it was a very weak reason for depriving him of a well merited indulgence and certainly an injustice.

To be Continued

Vandeleur

Wood bees are the order of business just now.

Mr. Thomas Shannon of Corbetton spent Easter with his brother George.

Miss Michael of Hoathhead is the guest of Miss Sarah Johnston.

Mr. Ernest Buchanan left on Saturday to take a course in the Owen Sound business college.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Baird, who have both been ill for some time, are slowly regaining their health again.

Mr. M. Beard, senior, has sold his farm to Mr. John Boland and has moved to the farm he purchased last summer from Mr. Thomas Knight.

Mr. Dan Heathers and family have moved into the house recently occupied by Mr. Beard.

Mr. H. M. Douglas, who has land on both sides of the Saugeen, is obliged to cross the river on horseback, as the water is both deep and chilly.

Mr. William Speers of the back line, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. J. Holley.

Eugenia

Can anyone tell us when to expect spring? After five months of winter perhaps the gentle lady has forgotten the time to put in her claim. For Easter we got a taste of Christmas weather and a blizzard to finish up with.

Easter passed over very quietly at Eugenia On account of the bad roads the people from a distance were afraid to venture out. Our township fathers and road overseers are like the bears, they are in safe quarters until the warm weather comes, then they will appear in their glory. If all the prayers of those who have to tramp over the present roads lights on them their slumbers ought to be sweet.

Mr. Bob. Purvis paid a short visit to the city during the past week.

Mr. Hillyard of Sudbury is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Deagle

Miss Evelina Smith, who has been in the city for some time past, returned to her home here the past week.

Mrs. Joseph Williams and Mrs. T. E. Fenwick have been visiting friends in Bruce county.

Mr. John Britton spent Easter with friends in Mulmur.

Master Willie Wilson spent Easter with friends at Eugenia.

Mr. Willie Campbell has gone to Toronto Junction to learn a trade. He will be greatly missed by the young people, with wom he was a general favorite.

Miss Beckie Turner has returned home after a lengthy visit with friends in the city.

Miss Mary Wilson, of Flesherton, is spending her holidays here.

Mrs. Wm. Walker is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Thurston, at Toronto.

Priceville

Spring seems to be taking away the snow on the instalment plan, and perhaps it is the best way, for when checked frequently by frost, the freshet cannot get the power to sweep away bridges, milldams and other valuable property.

A pair of cranes were seen flying up the Saugeen valley last Thursday, rather early for frog fishing.

W. G. Watson attended the A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge at Toronto, March 16 and 17, as the Priceville representative. Past Master Reiley was also observed in the visitors gallery in Massey Hall during the session.

The anniversary services, Presbyterian, billed for the 27th and 28th were postponed indefinitely.

On the evening of March 23rd a number of the neighbors assembled at the residence of Mr. Alfred Hincks, South line Glenelg, and presented Mr. and Mrs. H. with a hall rack, and a nicely worded address was read by Miss Mary McEcheron. Mr. Hincks held a successful sale of farm stock and implements on the 25th, and will retire from the neighborhood as soon as the roads permit of his moving to the village but is desirous of selling his farm either before or after seeding.

Mr. D. McMillan, south line, was in Toronto last week on business.

Mrs. (Rev.) Roach and children went to the city last Thursday to spend the Easter holidays with her sister and friends.

Mr. Dave Hincks had 29 spring lambs at his barn previous to the 25th.

Some wild ducks were inspecting the Beaver flats yesterday. If some of our sports would sow about $1.00 worth of wild rice on these flats and upper portion of mill-dam, it would make a great resort for wild fowl in the autumn of each year.

We hear of enquiries concerning houses, lots, business chances, labor etc., by Canadians in some of the States. Sure, we will have at least the best of them back under the Union Jack before long.

Stone Settlement

Last year farmers in this neighborhood were busy plowing about the middle of March. Well, some of them were plowing about the same time this year—snow banks you know; eh, George?

Sugar making appears to been its death bed in this locality as we have only heard of one or two instances this season in extracting the nectar from the juice of the majestic maple, though some are awaiting a decrease of snow in the bush that they may have the annual "wood bee."

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Beattie and her daughter, Miss Mamie, had taken their departure from this line. For several years they have been very desirable neighbors and will be very much missed.

We understand that Mrs. Geo. Boyce is very ill at present and is confined to her bed.

Mrs. E Purdy and son visited friends near Dundalk last week.

We are glad to see Miss Rosina Robinson home again, and, although not fully recovered, we trust that the coming warm weather will find her restored to her former good health.

Kimberley

Last week's items.

Messrs. J. W. Ford, J. R. Fawcet and C Knott, directors of the East Grey Telephone Co., attended a business meeting in Markdale on Saturday last.

Mr. Ernest Buchanan of Vandeleur spent Sunday with Kimberley friends.

Mr. Jasper Stuart shot a fox on Monday. Jasper is a crack shot.

Miss Maud Smith of Toronto is visiting the parental home.

Miss Black of Epping visited friends here recently.

Miss Allie Ward is visiting friends here at present.

Mrs. Andrew Manary of Beaverdale visited at M. R. Hammond's on Sunday.

Mr. Thos. Bradbury and family have now moved to town.

The Grand Trunk has paid the proprietor of the Queen's hotel, Palmerston, this winter $1,600 for the keep of delayed passengers by snow.

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Friday and Saturday,

April 8 and 9

The ladies of Flesherton and vicinity are cordially invited to visit our showrooms on above dates.

For the Ladies

Ladies of taste fairly luxuriate in the wealth of choice offered this year by our spring stock of Dress Goods. Never in the history of, not merely this store, but the county entire, has there been such a varied multiplicity of tasteful, exclusive and beautiful weaves, shades, patterns, and designs for spring fashiondom.

New Costume Lengths (no two alike) of 7 yards in all wool flaked Tweeds, medium, light, and dark shades of grey, full 50 inches wide. These are handsome Suitings and each only $6.90

Fine all wool flaked Suitings in navy and dark grey only, full 44 inches wide, each length has 6 yards, for $4.90

44 inch flaked Canvas Voile, in light green and new navy, extremely rich shades, special value at per yard 58c

42 inch Flaked Canvas Cloth in pure wool, colors new navy and black, in medium weight, cloth cannot be beat for wearing qualities (price considered) only per yard 45c

44 inch black, navy and garnet Satin Cloths in very fine all wool, producing an excellent satin finish and guaranteed unspottable, nothing better in plain shades for ladies' waists. Per yard only 58c

100 HAIR PINS for 4c—150 boxes monster Hair Pins, each containing 100 hair pins in assorted lengths, som straight and others crimped, per box 4c

For the Gents

Gents' English and American Hats in all the new and up to date styles for spring wear, fine quality black fur felt, real Russian leather sweat bands, silk trimmings, at $2.25

Gents' new Fedora Hats in black wool felt, English make, stitched band in brim, in medium shape $1.25

New arrivals in Neckwear, up to date shapes in four-in-hand and shield knots, satin lined, latest patterns for spring wear, each 25c

New fine Silk and Satin Neckwear, the large flowing end shape, made from fine imported silks in a large assortment of new patterns. Each 50c

MEN'S SUSPENDERS — We are showing the Cyclo, the Balance and President Suspenders, all of which are constructed in such a way as to make them the most comfortable suspender to wear that has ever been put on the market. Ask to see them—per pair 50c

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Putting on new Wall Paper is the most effective and most economical method of improving and brightening up the interior appearance of your dwelling. Let us show you our handsome array, made by Watson Foster Co., Montreal.

Come in and look through our stock of New Spring Goods. No trouble to show goods whether you wish to buy or not.

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Special Inducements For Current Trade..

10 Men's all-wool Tweed Suits $7 and $8 for..... 5.00

12 Ladies' Fine Coats, $7.50 and $9.00, for..... 5.00

A large assortment of carpets, arranging in price from 25c. to.....$.125 per yd

An extra good stock of Horse Blankets on hand, and we are selling them at the lowest living prices known. Also a full range of Men's Heavy Footwear, such as Felt Boots, Heavy Rubbers, Moccasins, Leggings, etc.

20 Men's Heavy Ulsters, good value at $6

12 only Men's Pea Jackets, on sale at 3.90

20 all-wool Men's Sweaters, worth $1.00 for..... 65c.

50 yds. crash toweling, worth 8c. yd. for 7

6 pr. gray wool Blankets, to clear out at $1.90 pair

12 Men's Cardigan Jackets, reg. $1.50, for.....1.19

Men's Kid Gloves, regular price 90c. and $1.00, for.....60c. per pair

A Reduction in Groceries

5 lbs good Japan tea for.....$1.00

5 lbs Ceylon Black tea..... 1.00

13 lbs. best selected raisins..... 1.00

25 lbs. best Tapoica..... 1.00

25 lbs. fresh Figs..... 1.00

90 large bars soap, reg. 12½c for 9c. pr. bar

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