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Don't Stop Writing

By Tommy at the Front.

"No letter for me again ! All right ! Two can play at that game." That is the kind of thing one hears nowadays when the mail is distributed. The disappointed Tommy turns away grousing, to wait another 24 hours in the hope of receiving a precious envelope beating the stamp of "Blighty."

Girls, don't let this sort of thing happen ! Do not let the boys out there get it into their heads that because the war goes on and on you are forgetting them. There is enough to grouse about, heaven knows. And the longer the war continues the more necessary your letters become if the "blues" are to be routed.

Parcels are scarcer, but we can understand that. Letters do not cost any more than they did in 1914, and they are much more valuable to us than ever they were. So write often, and write at length. It is easy to say in an occasional letter, "We are always thinking of you" but this is hard to believe unless we receive the evidence of frequent letters. Do not let your correspondence cease, even if you have met your correspondent once or twice. Remember that since he joined the army his life has been at a standstill in most respects. In terms of civilian life he is not a day older. You may have met all sorts of people and done all sorts of things since you last saw him ; he has had no such diversions. He does not ruminate over the experiences he has had in the army—he would like to put them behind as soon as may be. But he does remember that last meeting with you—remembers it as keenly as though it only happened yesterday. He finds it difficult to understand why you do not. It may be that you met him on a holiday and thought fit to send him a few letters when he joined the army. As time passed the correspondence dropped. Are you sure he was the last to write ? Do you not recall that plaintive field postcard ?

Possibly you think it would be too "forward" to reopen correspondence. It would not. It is no easy matter to be "forward" with a man whom the seas divide from you. If he were in hospital wounded you would write to him. Believe me, he don't need your letters any the less now he is in the front line. When you write do not think that the mention of little homely things will make a man homesick. Do not think he is homesick if he enthuses about them. The end, when we shall return, is what we love to think and talk and read about. Sometimes we get the "blues" when we think that end is far,far off. But do not be afraid of writing about delights in store. Do not be afraid of describing the good times you have recently had. It is so that your happiness may not be destroyed that we are fighting. It "bucks" us to realize that our efforts have not been in vain. For once do not be afraid o' wearing your heart on your sleeve. Allay with some warm drops of amity your English spirit. We are all sentimental over here. If your friendship ripens into something warmer, well and good. If not, no harm is done. No one can accuse you of indiscretion when your aim is to cheer up a fighting man.

Do not write about the war. The war is always with us. Stimulate your correspondent's interests. Put him on to a train of thought Tell him about the books you are reading and the plays you have seen. We are all developing the reading habit. Our reading gamut runs all the way from Walter Pater to Charles Service. But we all read. Save up the jokes and send them to us. We love a good story. Doubtless you are all doing your bit nowadays. The little more, and how much it is ! Let writing to us constitute that little bit more. I adjure you. do not stop writing.

Samuel Corbett, Deputy Registrar of Owen Sound, fell dead on his way to the office on Saturday Jan. 19.

THE MARKETS.

Carefully Corrected Each Week

Butter	32 to 36
Eggs, fresh	42 to 50
Wheat	$2 25 to 2 25
Oats	70 to 75
Peas	1 90 to 2 10
Barley	95 to 95
Potatoes	$1.35
Buckwheat	95 to 95
Ducks	23 to 23
Geese	21 to 21
Chickens	22 to 22
Fowl	16 to 16

Flying Cadets Fast Become Proficient

To one who first visits one of the several aerodromes of the Royal Flying Corps in Canada, it comes in the nature of a surprise to see so many aeroplanes aloft, swooping down like hugh vultures, racing across the aerodrome and rising gracefully on their glistening wings. It speaks much for the efficiency of the R. F.C. training methods that most of the aviators in these machines are young cadets who have just migrated to the Flight Wing from the School of Military Aeronautics at the Toronto University after 4 to 6 weeks preliminary training. Some of them are taking their first "flip" and the fascination of that thrill will always linger in the young man's memory.

Long after the cadet has mastered the art of flying, even when he can do loops, "immelman" turns, spins, and all the "stunts" in the aviator's bag of tricks, he always looks back on the joyous sensations when he first donned the leather coat, fur lined helmet, goggles and those wonderful boots which are the aviator's pride. His initiation into the mysteries of flying begin with "dual" flying ; day after day he goes up with his instructor until he has learned to control the machine himslf. He must practise landing, for the mark of a skilled airman is the ease with which he lands. Then one day he will be sent up "solo" on the first of many flights and landings. This is the real test of his fitness for flying. Day by day he is given greater freedom on these solo trips until his instructor announces him a master of his art.

During this course in actual flying the cadet receives advanced training in wireless telegraphy and signalling. He also gets actual practice in aerial photography keeping the same records and striving for the accuracy that will be demanded of him in France. Not the least important and fascinating, he learns to use his machine gun like a master, chasing small baloons and targets towed by other machines.

Owen Sound public schools may close for want of fuel.

The house of W. A. Goodfellow, 12th con. of Proton, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire the Sat. night of the big storm Mr. Goodfellow noticed the flames breaking out near the roof, but could not have saved the building from complete destruction had it not been for the quick assistance secured from neighbors who were summoned by telephone.

Origin of a Popular Hymn.

The following illustration given by D. L. Moody suggests the true origin of P. P. Bliss' hymn, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning:" "A ship on Lake Erie bound for Cleveland harbor was overtaken by a storm, and as they neared the port the pilot could only see the upper light—the light from the lighthouse streaming to them through the storm and darkness. The lower lights were not burning. The pilot could not see how to steer into the harbor. It was impossible to sail back again upon the lake. The ship had to go forward, and for the want of the lower lights along the shore the vessel, now at the mercy of the huge, roaring waves, was dashed to pieces on the rocks, and many of the crew perished before help could reach them. P. P. Bliss was associated in those early days with D. L. Moody in Christian work, and he must have heard Mr. Moody use this illustration, which gives a beauty to its meaning."

MAIL CONTRACT

Sealed Tenders addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 8th of March, 1918, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week each way—

RAVENNA RURAL MAIL ROUTE NO. 1

from the 1st of April, next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office at Ravenna and at the office of the Post Office Inspector, Toronto.

A. SUTHERLAND,
Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,
Toronto, Jan. 22nd, 1918.

MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at Ottawa until noon on Friday, the 8th of March 1918, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, six times per week on the route

MARKDALE RURAL ROUTE NO. 1

from the 1st of April, 1918, next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Markdale and at the office of the Post Office Inspector, Toronto.

A. SUTHERLAND.
Post Office Inspector

Post Office Inspector's Office,
Toronto, Jan. 23rd, 1918.

TWO BRITISH AIRMEN.

An Illustration of Their Coolness and Pluck.

The following story was told by a wounded pilot and serves as another illustration of the coolness and pluck of British airmen.

"Two of our fellows," he said, "had rather a startling adventure the other day. They left the aerodrome for a pairol stunt over the Boche lines. They saw something doing in the rear of the Hun lines and flew down to have a closer look, and they came under the fire of some 'archies.' Of course they paid little attention to the fire until a direct hit smashed the engine, and the pilot had barely time to turn the 'bus' for home when most of the engine fell clear. He didn't lose control, but planed down as much in the direction of the British lines as he could. They came to earth with a bit of a crash, inside the Boche lines, but neither the pilot nor his observer was hurt. They nipped out of the ruined 'bus' pretty quick and started running like blazes in the direction of the British trenches.

"There didn't seem to be any Boches about where they came down, and after running for some time they dropped to have a breather. While they lay on the ground out of breath, they spotted a sort of erection affair, banking and that sort of thing, covered with camouflage — looked like a big gun-pit. They crept up closer to the pit and got near enough to hear the Boches talking, but not near enough to be spotted. It was a gun-pit and a jolly big one at that, so they squatted there and then made a sketch map of it, with a bearing or two to get the proper range. After that they crept and ran and crawled until they got to the bank of the —— canal. They had to swim for it, and they took off as much dunnage as they could—stripped to their shirts, and one of them stuck the sketch in his tobacco pouch to keep it from getting soaked. Then they started off to swim for it. As they left the bank a couple of Boche snipers got a bead on them and they had just time to locate the beggars sniping in sunken barrels before they dived for it. They swam under water, coming up for a breather now and then, with the Boche snipers blazing away all the time.

"When they got to the other side, there was a bit of a slope to get up, and then one of our own sentries started to fire at them. They didn't want to kick up too much of a row and be pipped by the Boche after getting so far, but they maanged by signals to show that the sniper-chap had made a mistake and they got through all right.

"The first thing they did, while still dressed only in wet shirts, was to get on the 'phone to our heavies, and by the help of the infantry O. C.'s map to give the exact location of that big gun-pit, as well as the two barrels. Next thing that happened was a series of direct hits on that gun emplacement, and the two snipers' barrels sent sky-high. It was a complete wash-out for the Boche."

Two of a Kind.

"Where did you get that stuff, kid?"

"I was teached it."

"Teached it? Who learned you to talk that way?"

Poetry.

"Do you enjoy modern poetry?"

"Very much. It's such good fun trying to figure out what it means."—

The less heart a man puts into a task the more labor it requires.

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Make money in your spare time this Winter by selling

Nursery Stock

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—J. D. McLEOD. Ceylon

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One lot situated on north side of Margaret street, Flesherton, containing a six roomed frame dwelling and frame stable.

Also a park lot containing two acres, well fenced and cultivated.

For terms and particulars apply to

1Jan SILAS SHUNK.

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LADIES' CLOTH COATS—We have a number of ladies' cloth coats in different styles which we carried over from last season—the cloths are all wool and very much better quality than can be obtained now for love or money. The sizes are fairly well assorted and every garment is in first class condition.

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Underwear Special

Two lines of Mens wool, elastic knit, ribbed, unshrinkable shirts and drawers—nearly all sizes are here—especially those for small and large men. There are two qualities, one worth $1.25 and the other $1.50 per garment. Selling for 75c. and 95c.

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F. H. W. HICKLING

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Carpet Sweepers

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And many other very useful gifts

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The Flesherton Hardware.
Phone 30 r2,

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—W. T. ELLIS, Kimberley.

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1 Jan. 17. —R. O. TURNER.

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FRED SPOFFARD.

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—GEO. W. ROSS,

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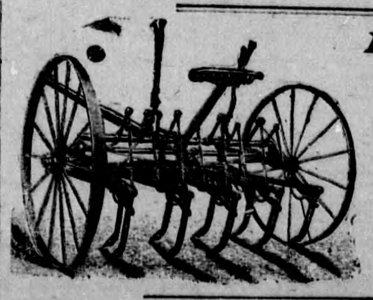

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