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Business Locals. BERKELEY. The storm on Saturday was followed by a severe snow storm the next day. E. T. Walters who was on the sick list a short time ago is at work again, and they are pleased to say is much improved. Andrew Walker jr., of Mount Pleasant, and Willis McCadden went from Markdale on Saturday for British Columbia with a car load of horses for John J. Winlow. Alex. McCaggart leaves here today (Tuesday) for the same place. At the annual meeting of the Conservative Association of East and Centre held in Markdale on the 11th inst., James Welsh was elected Vice President for the Township of Holland. Y. E. A. of the Anglican Church held their special evening at the home of Isaac Elder and had a very enjoyable time. They intend having entertainment in the Orange Hall on February 7th. Very little objection is taken in this part to the new school regulations. The trustees in several school sections have found it necessary to pay more than the minimum salary in order to get the best of teachers they want. The university of Berkeley Methodist church will be held on Sunday, January 27th. Sermons preached at 10.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. by the pastor and B. Woods, Esq. of Corborton. A free will offering in aid of the Church Fund taken at each service. On Monday evening Jan. 28th, tea will be served in the basement from 5.30 until all are supplied. On Monday Jan. 28th at 8 p.m. a voice program will be rendered consisting of instrumental and vocal music by Miss Ford and the Hackett Bros., Markdale. Selections from grammar, readings, recitations and other pieces will be presented to make up the event of the season. Admission 25c and 15c.

ROMONA. The storm of Saturday night and Sunday was very severe, while again the wind one could form a faint idea of what it would be like to be caught in a North-West blizzard. Mrs. John McAuliffe is at present with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jno. Fogarty who is very ill. Mr. Angus McVicar has gone on a visit to his home in Michigan. The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Irvine Anderson's on Monday, January 21, when their son, Angus, with his bride and their daughter, Miss Mrs. Nichol, with her husband, gladdened the home with their presence. Needless to say there is great rejoicing and everyone is eagerly awaiting the opportunity of wishing the happy couples much joy. Anyone wishing to purchase a really good organ would do well to call at Separate School No. 7. Jack Scott has frightened a large number of our pupils. The attendance has fallen from forty-six to twenty-nine. We hope the sunshine will bring them out again in the near future.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF A SHARP SHOOTER. Extract. Following the advance guard described in my last letter, the troops comprising the division ordered to the attack were the 3rd Buffs (British Infantry), 8th Punjab Indian Native Infantry, 4th Regiment (B.I.) Battalion's Rocket Battery, Royal Marines, Madras Sappers and Miners, Right Wing 4th Regt. (B.I.) with reserve ammunition, hospital stretcher bearers, with rear guard made up from the above regiments terminating with cavalry and artillery. After a two days arduous march a halt was called, the muster roll of sharpshooters, or marksmen, as they were now designated, was called, among which was No. 3660 Lance Sergeant Henry Bird, 44th Regiment, who was put in command of the left subdivision of the 44th's quota, the right subdivision under the command of a subaltern, Lieutenant Ingland. The troops were at once set to work digging trenches and throwing up earthworks. A line of marksmen some distance to the front, each of us being provided with pick and shovel and orders to dig rifle pits about twenty feet distant from each other, each man throwing the loose earth up in front of his rifle pit to form a kind of breastwork as well as a rest for his rifle in taking a steady and deadly aim at any struggling Tartar who might perchance venture from under cover, or pick off a gunner whenever an opportunity presented itself. The left subdivision of which I was in command posted on the bank of a river, the outlandish name of which my memory now fails to reveal after the lapse of so many years; I find that old age is beginning to dull my memory, at any rate, and I find it difficult at times to recall to mind the names of places and events in my military career which a few years ago were as vivid as in the days of their occurrence, and which, I then thought, could never be erased from my memory, but time works havoc with us poor feeble mortals, as doubtless you have experienced. Well, the first night for our work was very dark and our job was not a very enviable one; nevertheless, the work went on in that silent cheerfulness which is so characteristic in the British soldier, and when in the Crimea it was often a matter of wonder as well as admiration to observe the hilarity and mirth-making of our soldiers in the trenches, under such trying circumstances as cold, hunger and tattered clothing, even at a moment when live and bursting shells or showers of bullets were whizzing over their heads, or to watch their silent but cheerful march to their night attack. As I have said, the night was very dark and the river had swollen to the level of its banks caused by the rolling sands of the river bed. The Chinese used flat-bottomed boats which glided so smoothly and noiselessly along the surface of the river, that, on so dark a night as the one in question, it was no difficult matter to elude the most vigilant sentinel, especially if the wind was not in the watcher's favor. I was diligently and as silently as possible digging away at my little rifle pit, my thoughts wandering at times on events of the past, then on the probabilities of the present campaign, should I be fortunate enough to get safely through and visit dear old England once more; or would some other war break out at the end of this, again call on the two fours to further distinguish themselves in their country's cause, if so I was ready and willing at a moment's notice to answer the call. As these and such like thoughts chased each other through my brain I discovered to my surprise that I had sunk my pit to about two feet, when lo! to my greater surprise on raising my head I saw two men standing beside my pit but in the darkness could not distinguish whether they were friends or foes, neither had I heard their approach owing to a rather stiff breeze which was blowing at the time. Not for a moment dreaming that they were enemies, but rather that they were some of our own fellows who had sauntered over to ascertain what progress I was making, I asked them how they were getting along with their diggings, and for an answer I received two tremendous blows with bludgeons across my back which almost rendered me hors de combat. I instantly seized my loaded rifle determined to lay some one low, but after a moment's reflection found it would be unwise to fire as it would only create a false alarm and unnecessary tumult to our whole camp in our rear, and most likely spoil our plans for the morrow. I refrained, but in as loud a voice as I deemed advisable so as not to raise an alarm in our rear, I called for help. Our line of rifle pits being only about twenty feet distant from each other, some half dozen or more arrived to find one of the two struggling beneath me in the pit and I hanging on like grim death to John Chinaman's pig-tail. In a jiffy the two of them were in the firm grip of my comrades, but I will not repeat what they said as it would not seem very well in print, but modified, they said, "Let us kill the infernal blokes, throw them into the river, and let them drift to sea for the shark's teeth." To this I at first objected, thinking it my duty to report to the officer commanding the pit men. Then again, he was on the extreme right of the long line of pits, so I I communicated so trivial a circumstance without great risk, so I said to the boys, "Well, boys, they said to kill me, this is war, take them tried to kill me, this is war, they and do as you like with them." They took them, and before long two China-

men with pig-tails were floating seaward. Our pits were finished before daylight but we got little opportunity of using them that day, for the dawn had scarce begun to peep when the biggest sounded the alarm and assembly. Out turned the men, some half asleep and only half dressed but fully accounted, while others were as trim as though going to commanding officers' inspection. Soon spread the news that a large body of Tartar cavalry had made an attack on the works on the extreme right. Soon was the division in fighting order on the defensive, but what of the marksmen? Well, the long line of marksmen were ordered to close on the centre from both flanks at the double and advance to the attack. This was found, however, to be impracticable owing to the delay it would cause in forming line and reaching the point of attack. So the bugles sounded, rallying squares into which order we quickly formed, halting and firing volleys into the Tartar cavalry who were eventually routed with heavy loss and our earthworks were completed before the next attack. (To be continued.)

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HOLLAND CENTRE. Miss Beatrice Erwin, of the N. B. C. Sunday, with her parents in the village. Mr. Will Foster is home for winter. Harry Jackson and his sister, Alie, are spending a few days with their sister, Mrs. S. Breadner, of Rocklyn. Miss Hughes spent Sunday in Owen Sound. The Farmers Institute meetings were held on Monday of last week. Two very interesting addresses were delivered by Dr. Reed during the afternoon and evening. The meetings were probably not as well attended as they should. These addresses are very helpful to the farmers and should be encouraged by all. The revival meetings are still going on. On Friday evening Rev. G. R. Turk, of Owen Sound, assisted our local pastor, Mr. Berry. Mr. Turk is an able speaker and the large crowd which was present on that evening, heard an excellent discourse. We hope Mr. Turk will again visit us before the meeting closes. The Royal Soberl Chapter of Holland District held their adjourned meeting in Price's Hall, Holland Centre, on Monday evening last, when the following officers were elected for the current year: W. C. in O. J. N. Ferdyne; P. W. C. in C. Jan Gillespie; E. in C. Geo. J. Ritchey; Chaplain, Carson Price; Scribe, Daniel Telford; Treas., Andrew Ritchey; H. at A. Wm. Crawford; 1st Lecturer, W. J. Black; 2nd Lecturer, John Love; 1st Cond., E. H. Loekey; 2nd Cond., Matt Dever; I. H., Frank Troughton; O. H., E. T. Walters. This chapter is in good standing financially, and at the above meeting voted \$10 towards the erection of the proposed Clarke Wallace Memorial Home.

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