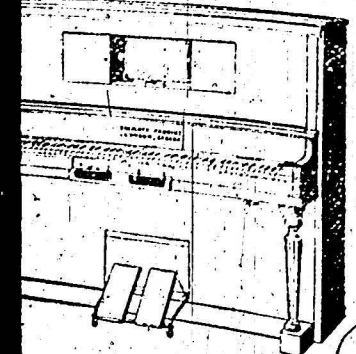


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Kentner, Markdale

HOLLAND CENTRE

(Special to The Standard.) Henry Sparrow and family, of Haven have moved into the village.

McEachern and son, Douglas, have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Freeman, left for their home in Ingleswood on Monday.

Mr. Carson is very low.

Catharine Shute received a telegram on Saturday that her son, Alex. Shute, was transferred to the Military Hospital, St. Dunstons, Hamilton, his right arm being badly injured and exhausted.

Mr. Harry Laycock, who has been visiting at Hamilton Bros., east of the village, left for his home in South on Monday.

Another of the old Holland Centre, who passed away at his home here on the 28th at the age of seventy-three and five months, being in ill health for several months and was not unexpected. He was survived by five brothers, and one sister, Allan and Anson of Holland Centre, Abeneger, of Paisley; Paul Wallace, of San Francisco; U. S. James Crowther, of Holland Centre. A funeral took place on Thursday at Mount Zion cemetery, the Rev. Wakefield officiated at the church grave.

Irma Richardson, of Chatsworth, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Warren.

C. P. R. Time Table.

North 12:14 p.m., 9:32 p.m. South 7:41 a.m., 4:14 p.m.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Municipal nominations take place on Friday, the 31st December.

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Three hundred and twelve hogs were marketed in Markdale on Tuesday and Mr. J. J. McGee topped the list receiving almost \$94 for one.

A Xmas Tree will be held at Ebenezer Church, 11th line, Euphrasia, on the evening of Dec. 19. A good time is looked for.

The heavy pressure on the Standard is very great, so we are compelled to crowd out Council meetings and other articles, which would otherwise be inserted.

A concert will be held in Stone's Settlement, School No. 6, Artemesia, on Wednesday evening, December 19. Excellent programme. Proceeds for patriotic purposes. Admission 25 cts.

Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Tree Entertainment on the evening of Tuesday, December 18, with lantern slide lecture by Rev. H. H. H. Admission, 10 and 25 cts.

Their regular meeting falls on Friday, the 14th, December 14th. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening the 18th. Brothers will please accept the invitation. James Gillespie, Sec.

Christmas Tree at New England Church, December 18th, good program. Rev. Laidlaw, of Heathcote, will give a short address. Program commences at eight o'clock. Admission 25 cents, children 15.

Don't forget the Box Social and Entertainment to be held in Cherry Grove on December 20th. An excellent program is being prepared. With boxes free. Admission 25-27.

Presbyterian Christmas Entertainment will be held at the church on December 27th. Entitled "The Key of Jack's Treasure House." A play of "Fairy Land" with four parts and their Queen, songs, etc. See posters.

Berkley Methodist Sunday School will be held on December 16th, 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The program to be used in sending boxes to Overseas. A good program given, after which each will send in the basement. Ladies provide sandwich and admission 15 cents.

Meetings in the interests of the Union Government, will be held at Walters Falls, 7:30 p.m., Friday, December 14th. The program will be delivered by a number of prominent speakers on vital issues at this critical time. Welcome invited.

Deaths:—Many Markdallers will regret to learn that Albert Potts, a former resident, was killed in action in November 28th. George Potts, son of the late James T. Potts, born in Arran, on the 14th of September, 1878. After the death of his father in 1883, the family moved to Tara. George was employed in Gorlam's store for several years, afterwards moving to Markdale, where he worked in Messrs. Store. Later he went West, where he enlisted with the 1st Battalion at North Battleford, and was killed in action in Hamilton and three married children. The surviving children are: Mrs. Walker, 2 pairs pillows and 4 pair pillow cases.

Donated to the British Red Cross, \$25.00. Yarn given out, 24 lbs. Gloves returned 17 pairs. Socks returned, 52 pair, 24 pair knit by the ladies of Arnott. Socks on hand, 30 pairs.

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Electors:—Are all the provinces of Canada going to be ruled as Quebec is, viz. by Bourassa, the Kaiser's agent, and his underlings, Sir Wilfred Laurier? Vote for Union Government and not be ruled by Quebec and the Kaiser.

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GREY BOY WOUNDED.

Pte. J. W. Ritchie, of the 58th Can. Batt., B. E. F. France, who was wounded on the 26th of October, in the battle of Bellevue and in Belgium. He was hit by an explosive bullet in the lower jaw, which was broken in three places. He had two miles to walk to the nearest dressing station. He was then admitted to the No. 2 Canadian Hospital in France, and on November 7th, he was transferred to the King George Hospital in London, where he expects to remain for at least two months. The light letter received, he was making favourable progress towards recovery. He hopes to be ready for his Xmas dinner.

NOTICE

To the Editor of The Markdale Standard:—I have just received from the Registrar of the Military Service Act, a list containing fifteen appeals to be heard by me on the 14th instant. These are all from the Exemption Tribunal at Markdale. From the papers forwarded me, it would appear that no members of this Tribunal made no note of the evidence taken before them, or, if they did, they have not forwarded it to the Registrar as required by the regulations. The result is I will have nothing in the shape of evidence before me when the appeal comes on for hearing, other than that which may be adduced by the Military Representative. Under these circumstances I would advise the party appealing to appear personally at the time fixed for hearing his appeal. This will apply to any subsequent appeals.

C. H. Widdifield, Appeal Judge

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Notwithstanding the severe storm that raged last Sunday, the Methodist Church Anniversary was a success. Rev. George Waugh, of Dundalk, was the preacher and his sermons were highly appreciated. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. H. Dundas, furnished excellent music. Next Sunday night, a services of song the Anniversary selections, by request, will be repeated. The fowl supper on Tuesday evening was most successful. The commodious Armories were taxed for space. Conservation of food appeared to be forgotten for the time, and a splendid meal was universally relished. An excellent program was rendered in which the following took part: Rev. Stanley presiding; Revs. Conn and Richardson, addresses; W. S. Perkins, corner solo; Mrs. M. Brown, Misses Walker, Miss Jean Baird, vocal music; Misses McKinnit and Wiley, recitations, and Mr. Dundas, pianist, all doing splendidly. Rev. Mr. Conn's address was powerful and pointed, and well worth the admission fee. Proceeds of supper \$182, so far. Mr. Bowes, the treasurer, will hold open the books for balance of thankoffering until end of the month. Heartly thanks are tendered to all who in any way rendered assistance.

H. C. RED CROSS.

The following is a statement of the Holland Centre Branch of the Red Cross Society for the past three months:—
Two boxes were shipped to the Canadian Red Cross, of Toronto, containing:
48 pairs of socks, 3 pairs of pillows, 30 cheesecloth handkerchiefs, 24 hospital gowns, 24 remian shirts, 1 quilt, 8 pair of pillow cases. Approximate value, \$91.45.
Sent to our boys Overseas:
15 boxes containing 15 pairs of socks, 15 pairs of gloves, 15 fruit cakes, and other dainties.
Donations received:— Rev. Mr. Stephenson, \$1.00; Mr. Wm. Lambert, \$5.00; Mrs. John Farley, \$2; Mr. Robert Cook, 50c.; Mr. Harry Smith, \$1.00; Mrs. Conn, \$1.00, also 1 quilt; Mrs. Geo. Crowther, 1 pair pillows; Mrs. Wm. Campbell and Mrs. Walker, 2 pairs pillows and 4 pair pillow cases.
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GREAT WIN—THE—WAR MEETING IN MARKDALE.

A very largely attended meeting in favour of the Union candidate, R. J. Ball, Esq., was held in the Armories on Friday evening last. The meeting was enthusiastic and is a definite forecast of a triumphant return of the support of Canada's Union Government, which is pledged to stand by our men on the firing line. Reeve Boyd occupied the chair, and in his pleasant, practical way, introduced the speakers.
After the singing of the National Anthem with enthusiasm, Rev. Mr. Conn expressed his pleasure at being present, and stated that it was because he believes that the one sole object of the Union Government, if returned to power, would see that our men will be reinforced by one hundred thousand men, sufficient munitions, and necessary food and comforts, which are the main essentials to complete a glorious victory over our enemies.
Sgt. Haight followed with a very telling and convincing speech in which he presented reasons why man power to-day is vital. "It is a struggle of life and death," he said, "for Freedom, Democracy and Civilization." He quoted the remarks of Bishop N. P. Fallon, of London, in which he said: "I make the definite and unequivocal appeal to my fellow Countrymen of the Catholic faith, to support the Union Government and the cause for which the Union Government was effected." Adding to this the Sargeant quoted the Orange Supreme Grand Master's appeal, which is: "I make the strongest appeal in urging the brethren to drop all other considerations and unite in the support of the Union Government. This Government must be sustained, or Canada disgraced." Still pressing home the necessity of supporting the Union Government, he quoted the Liberal Editor's message to the soldiers: "Eighteen of them give reasons why the Union Government should be supported at the coming elections. In the main, the reason the editors give is that Union Government is pledged to secure support for the troops in the field. In closing his address, Sgt. Haight made reference to the criticism of the Markdale Tribunal, and asked for patience and faith in the Government behind the Tribunals, assuring all that justice will be done in every case. During the evening the Sargeant read the following telegram: "Toronto, December 5: Matter of exempted men at Markdale has been brought to my attention on behalf of the Minister of Militia. An investigating and will communicate with you further at once." Signed, W. R.

Parker, Rep. Min. of Militia.
At this stage the Misses Walker delighted the audience with one of their beautiful and patriotic songs.
Mrs. M. H. Malcolmson, of St. Catharines, Vice Pres. of Women's War Party, then addressed the meeting. Mrs. Malcolmson is a pleasant, convincing and withal, eloquent speaker. At the outset, she gripped her audience, thrilling especially the women's section with that deep-souled argument which have persuasive effect wherever uttered. She gave as her first reason for her appearance and appeal to the women of this riding to support the Union Government, the fact that she had a boy in France, and that she wished him to receive all the support he could, and as speedily a return as possible, in her judgment the Union Government is pledged to do this for her and every other mother, wife and sweetheart, whose loved ones were that very moment standing between them and the atrocious German. Proceeding, she argued that the women of this country would receive an opportunity on the seventeenth of this month to prove in a way that nothing else could prove, their love for our boys, their country and their God; and their support of the Union Government on this date would not only encourage and strengthen the hands of the great majority of the Canadian people, but brighten the outlook, and cheer the hearts of the very much harassed, overstrained Canadian Contingent. She had the utmost respect, she said, for the opinion of her sisters, but she declared in a most passionate appeal that the one thing, indeed the only thing, that mattered was the heeding, not only the cry of the living, but the call of the dead; to make the sacrifice that has been made, is being made, and will still be made, to seek for that one thing, fought and died, they are fighting and are ready to die for Freedom and Humanity. In closing, Mrs. Malcolmson read: "You are asked, to vote for that freedom and humanity that they have pledged their all to stand by, by supporting the Union Government. Let us pray and trust that we will have a United Canada."
Major Hewton, who followed, proved to be a great fighting orator. Born and reared in Quebec, he claimed authority to speak for that province in co-operation with other provinces of our Dominion. Why should Quebec be fifty thousand behind, when Quebec has the men? Is it not a common service and sacrifice that Quebec should show herself willing, and indeed anxious, to take her place in the majority of the people of this Dominion, and be proud that she has such an opportunity to stand by our gallant men on the Western Front? Failing to do this, the Union Government, if returned to power, would mean that the blood of our thirty-five thousand men, who lie buried, "Somewhere in France" be shed in vain? Shall their brothers who stand in their place and are prepared to pay the supreme sacrifice? (Continued on page 8.)

SUPPORT UNION GOVERNMENT

Liberals and Conservatives are United
The People Must Unite to
Win the War

A Laurier-Bourassa Victory means deserting our boys in the trenches for over a year, throwing up our hands and quitting! Don't shout "Kamerad" under the Referendum proposal. Come out and fight for Union Government!

Make No Mistake

IF LAURIER WINS:

(1) Canada will send no more reinforcements to the front, which practically means quitting the war and placing the country in the same class as Russia.

(2) The French-Canadians who have shirked their duty in this war will be the dominating force in the Government of the country.

ARE THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING PEOPLE PREPARED TO STAND FOR THAT?

It is because the French-Canadians have not done their duty that Conscription had to be resorted to. The French-Canadians have made it perfectly clear that they do not like the war and are against Canada participating in it further. Some of them even go to the length of saying that the soldiers should be brought back from the front. The Nationalists are demanding that the men who have been enrolled under the Military Service Act be disbanded and sent back to their homes. To secure the Nationalist support Laurier-Liberal candidates in Quebec have signed the following pledge:—

"I, the undersigned, candidate in the Federal Elections, undertake by these presents: if I am elected, to demand the immediate suspension of the Military Service Act, 1917, and of all its effects until Canadian electors, who have pronounced by way of plebiscite; and should the majority of the electors condemn it, that it be considered as null from its origin and that in consequence all conscripts be disbanded."
"I also undertake to vote against any Government which should refuse to adopt the above enunciated policy."

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Ivory Stand Clocks.

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1 dinner fork, value 7c., for 7 coupons and 35c.
1 dinner knife, value 6c., for 6 coupons and 30c.
And many other handsome articles we will show you, such as Berry Spoons, Butter Knives, etc.
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