With her pure and liquid note;

have heard the lark outpouring.

lut the bird-song in the winter,

In the aweetest, sweetest song.

In the dreamy mosnlight pale, And have heard a flood of rapture

From the Bouthern nightingplo;

Tis the bird-song in the winter is the sweetest, sweetest song.

have heard the robin trilling

have listened to the warblers

But the bird-song in the winter,

In the dearest, aweetest song.

Sing when all the day is drear!

For the hird-song in the winter. Is the bravest, sweetest song.

Tis no faith that trusteth only

In the summer of the year. Whether joy or grief thy portion.

Of the sweet-voiced, winged throng

On the first sweet day of spring,

When the heart with joy is thrilling

At the flanh of bluebird's wing;

Through the whole glad summer

Sing, my soul, when skies are smiling.

Trust and sing thy life along:

PRO PATRIA

THE RESERVE THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE

was not the first time Lieutenant

Braithewaite's name had been men-

As he finished, the old admiral seem-

chair. His fingers relaxed and the

newspaper dropped to the floor. Then

his eyes turned toward the opposite

The first was that of a robust man in

the uniform of a commodore of the

al's flag, and the "Distinguished Ber-

"Of course. What is it admiral?

What is it? God knows the boy has

"It's as old as the Braithewaites the

all-consuming desire for alcohol.

vice" bar on a blue ribbon.

beneath it was empty.

But it burts, Reynolds."

the right stuff in him!"

admiral spoke.

tioned with aimilar episodea.

stared at him.

have nat beneath magnillas.

But of all the golden music

From her joyous, golden throat.

Anthems gladder than the dawning:

I have heard the wildwood throng.

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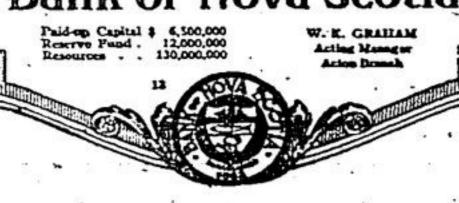
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fine boy, Reynolds, a magnificent boy.

That's the harror of it. Great God!

"You abould have heard. I swore that he was the greatest ordinance not do without him. I vouched for

"I understand, Reynolds, It hurts to know that my son needed such a richd before the Admiralty: that a navy Bratthewalte should have come to that point. But by the help of God he'll repay you, Reynolds, repay you and England, Blood will tell." young man of the third portrait enter- through Judge Elliot being confined ed, then stopped. "Beg pardon-"

"Come in Gerald. I'm just leaving." Building And the verdict-

You sail with the Orcel to-night "My last chance!" "Yes, my boy!"

"Thank you, Captain. I'll try to butler. For a long time the father work was made of the fire. The ctured at his son, the light of paternal amount of the loss must have been worship in his eyes. Then he said. "Come here, Gerald." "You air?"

"Your grandfather's portrait there-"You were proud of that when you

were a youngster. You used to boant about it to your friends. Nor were you preliminaries the following accounts Bearer James J. Cooney, written on ashamed of my portrait and my record were passed: as L I know the battle and your ugly Guelph Herald, printing 68 76 Dear Friend: heritage. I would that I might help Arthur Stewart, statute labour you. But I can't. It's sink or swim by, yourself. The little frame under your portrait is vacant. See to it that Bick Children's Hospital, Toronto. it does not suffer by contrast with mine and my father's. We live for posterity. lad. You are a navy Bratthewalto. You will win-because you must-my boy." "Father, I'll try," and be hurriedly left the room. In the hall he shock the Mr. Agnew for the south quarter; and 8th, 1918. My company was the first hand of the old Butler and maid: "I'm off to-night, Henry, with the cast quarter.

Ornel. Good-bye, Henry. And sortof look after him, will you?" "That Hi will, sir, mighty close himdeed, sir. And when we 'ear you've distinguished yourself, sir, it's right proud we'll bo-'im and III, alt." Braithewalle swung rapidly down the Simpson, sanitary impector street; the light of the navy Braithewaltes flashing from his eyes. When he stepped on to the immaculately with funds, when needed, to welcome the returning children of this town-Roynolds was waiting for him, and the ahip. two officers clasped hands.

cited hall from the foremost lookout broke sharply into his reverie. "Submatine on the staboard bow!" The captain's trained eyes leaped to starboard. The torpedo-lieutenant saying of grace. hands a pair of binoculars. With the the next door neighbor's.

THE BIRD SONG IN THE WINTER telephone and the big ship trembled as a thousand pound messenger of deghave heard the wood-thrush singing, truction went hurtling across the sunkinned waters of the Mediterranean. A hugle sharply blared the command to abandon ship. Men poured from the Orcel's hatches, fore, aft and amidahipa. It was clear that the Orcel was doomed to destruction. The bugie repeated the shrill, "Abandon ship" call and the crew stood ready.

Buddenly a sub-liquitenant screamed. "The dispatch boat! Look!" The captain awang his binoculars and naw under Lieutenant Bruithewalte expert guidance," the dispatch 'boat flashing at full speed into the path of the onrushing submarine. On it came. Straight across its course raced the dispatch boat. Officers

and men hung over the side- and watched the battle which meant life or death to them all. The boat and torpedo came closer, closer. The captain, spell-bound, watched Braithewalte alter his course slightly so that he might be more certain of meeting the weapon of death from the enemy submarine. Then he murmured: "He can't make it! He can't. The torpedo will get by! Great God!" There came a mumed roar and 400 pounds of gun cotton exploding on impact, had wiped the dispatch boat from the near.

In London a few days later, the old butler entered the library and handed newspaper to the old vice-admiral. Slowly he unfolded the paper and read. "Listen, Henry, I will read you what

they have to say about Gerald—'and so the last and greatest of the navy Braithewaites met death unflinchingly that he might save a ship and its Was German Prisoner, but Escaped complement. He was a man, and as a TOMIRAL BRAITHEWAITE POman he died." Old Henry brushed his hand across his eyes unashamed of the tired to his library, reading for the fiftieth time a news item in To-day the plate below the third which it was stated that Lieutenant Gerald Braithewaite of IL M. S. portrait is inscribed:

GERALD BRAITHEWAITE Orcet, had been arrested last night, in a .drunken brawl, in a public house, Lieutenant R N. and that the Naval Board would to-day Lost in action in the Mediterranean institute an investigation, since this Pro Patria And beneath the plate is a small

Neighborhood Newswall where three full-length portraits Town and Country

-Author unknown.

ed to crumple in the depths of his big the scroll are the words, "For Valor."

Items of Interest from Various Locall ties Covered by the Free Press OAKVILLE

Mayor Davis is in the States for The third portrait showed a young man in the dress uniform of a licuten . fine farm at Brente.

ant in His Majesty's Navy. The space Our new mayor was talking good The library door opened and the butler announced: "Captain Deynolds vantages which would come to the just as well. It is an awful place. I any the worse for it either, but I am must give heed to the very wide and town from having a sultable fire hall. will be able to give you some inter- cargerly waiting to go home. I feel general demand for larger provision silence fell between them. Then the promoting the raising of money in this a letter. district for the Salvation Army after "I cannot blame them for the inves- war work, tigation. I would not blame them it Lieut.-Col. (Dr.) E. J. Davey, D.S.O.

the man were other than my son, and gave a lecture on military hospitals cannot blame them because he is. In the Methodist Chuch on Friday ovening.-Star.

GEORGETOWN

Georgetown School Board favors convention of the town boards of Halton to discuss manual training. . Mr. Gregory expects to erect a new heatre on Main Street this summer. Mr. C. Ostrander, of Edmonton, who from Moneymore, Ireland. him-elmost dipsomania. He lives a has just returned from overseas, spent Dear Father and Mother: Jokyll-and-Hydo existence. He's a a few days in town during the week. A meeting in the interests of Leper Work was held in the school room of Knox Church on Monday, January 27.

Mins Watt, secretary for Canada, de-At the meeting of Esquesing Agricultural Society, George C. Campbell was elected President; H. C. Clarridge, 1st Vice-Pres, and Alex Joo. 2nd Vice-Pres. J. A. Tracy was rewill be held on October 1 and 1 .-

MILTON

At the meeting of the public school board IL L. Remstreet was appointed Secretary-Treasurer. Among recent arrivals of returned soldiers from the front are B. Gladings from Moneymore of Milton Heights and T. Scougall. charged with operating a whinky still died about a year and a half ago. I The library door swung back and the at Appleby has been further delayed stayed over night with them and had to his house this week by a cold or flu everything is different there to what "You've been to the Admiralty tile Coop factory on Tuesday morning, stay with them very much. They were It had been burning for some time rich in spirit and I felt honored in before it was discovered at 4.15 o'clock, being their Christmas guest. They The flames had gained some headway treated me to the very best of their in the office and store room and they in the office and store room and they I got the early morning train back gained a little through a mistake by to Belfast and expect to go to Dublin, firemen. Only one hose real, instead of the capital, and then by steamboat to two, was brought at first and there Liverpool and thence to London. was a delay of perhaps ten minutes . I wish you a merry Christmas and before the second arrived but when it poace though all the future days. The captain was ushered out by the did and the water was turned on short

NASBAGAWEYA

considerable.-Champion.

The new Council got to work promptly on time. After disposing of

refunded A grant of \$25.00 was made to the Itoad and liritge Committees was struck as follows: The Reeve and Mr. in shape. Norrish for the west quarter of the township; the Reeve and Mr. Whitley Distinguished Conduct Medal. I had a butter or Canadian choose in prefer- vicinity would be stimulated to pend for the north quarter; the Roove and

the Reeve and Mr. Hutcheon for the A lly-law was passed appointing li J. Anderson, agreemer; Wm. McPhall, collector, and Wallace Lasby and Jas. Simpson, auditors. Wesley Picket was appointed a member of the Board of Health and John up four or five times with earth, The treasurer was authorized to provide the Boldlers' Recoution Committee

Council adjourned to meet on l'e THE WAY IT LOOKED

BETTER THAN YOUR PROMISES

Make it a point to be a little better than your promises. Give generous measure. There are some people whose acquaintances regularly discount whatever they agree to. They are sure to fall a little short of their pledges. Be on the safe side. Do a little more than you promise, rather than less. Fulfill the letter of your agreement, and then add a little for good mea-

Soldier's Letters

PTE LOUTTET IN HOSPITAL

and then was Gassed Ptc. J.D. Louttet writes the Free Puras as follows from France:

December 28th, 191 Dear Mr. Moore: letter came, but was glad to hear from Will be glad to see, Mrs. Woodhall continued congestion and is placed in others in your home last month.

We were pretty busy with the Hun Christman for a long time, but we've got him Maltese cross strung on a blue ribbon where we want him at last. It was a and in its cenere is a crown surmount- hard fight. ed by a lion, and deeply indented in I suppose you know long before this Mike Kaley was killed. I was near him at the time. I don't think the poor follow ever knew what hit him. I

must say he was a good felow. Perhaps you know that I was - a prisoner with the Germans for a while. did not think I would ever get out I am glad indeed to tell you that the week fighting is all over, and I hope it won't

be long till we're home again, those who are left of us. Won't I be glad to get back to dear old Actun, and the

My best wishes to all the home friends. Very sincerely.

JAMES D. LOUTTET

Pts. H. H. Brown Spent Christmas at the Birthplace of His Grandfather Pte. Herbert H. Brown, who was enjoying Christmas leave from his camp letter that day to his father and mother

BOLDIER'S VISIT TO IRELAND

I have just spent a most interesting Christmas Day. While on leave to Bolfast I thought I would like to spend Christmas at Moneymore, the birthplace in Ireland of grandfather Brown. a train for County Derry and in the Colonel on our appearance. afternoon I landed at Moneymore. Of course I was a perfect stranger. I got a liveryman to take me out in one of the old-fashloned Irish jaunting There were 41 interments in Ever- village. One of a former generation had guides visitors around emigrated to New Zealand, another to This I found to be grandfather Brown's home.

birthplace. It is about three miles William John Brown and his sister The arraignment of the Italian, were there. Their father, John Brown the great pleasure of having my Christ-A fire broke out in the Milton Tex- we have at home. But I enjoyed my

Your lowing son, H. H. BROWN.

PTE. J. J. COONEY WINS D. C. M. Later of Interest to Ex-Councillor Woodhall from Belglum

December 22nd, was received by Mr. C. Woodhall last week! Just received your welcome Christ- the plant every night, and the streets by the establishment of a High School

holiday now from dighting the Ger- should shine or not. busy time-in the fight since August ence to Danish butter or cheese to get into Mons, the last objective, on November 9th, I was one of the stretcher-bourers. Had three different helpers with me and everyone was wounded so badly they had to be sent to the hospital. I got a good many bruises and tour gas, and was covered stumps, trees and lumber but never so badly hurt I had to go to the hospital. I had my right band cut while dressing wounded men, but dressed it myself and remained on duty. Hay, I came out lucky. When I think of the chances

and number. Hut he can't kill the Lrish, ha, ha.

I took it makes me tremble. There is

gift of \$100 foon with the D. C. M.

of us at least of the 164th boys from Acton will have prizes to take home. I hope it will be soon. through Belguim. We passed through abla, however, to pay a short visit to

is surmounted with an immense lion, signs of progress and proficiency in It is a pretty night. I am very sorry to bear of the death the prevailing epidemic. of our friend Mackinnon. Tell Babe to keep my tomato soup to your staff since last term. Form II Seems a long time since your last hot, as I am hurrying up to get home. division has thus been relieved of its

> PTE J. KENNEDY IN GERMANY Interesting Letter to his Father and Mother, Written at Wahn, on

Mrs. John Kennedy, Main Street, has list of these. but I succeeded in making it with kindly sent the Farz Press the follow-God's help. When I was coming out I ing letter from her son, Pto. J. J. Kengot gassed and then I was sent down nedy of the Scout Section, First Can. Infantry Battallon, received during the Folster's room is the worst served in

DECEMBER 18

Wahn, Germany, Dec. 16, 1918 Dear Mother and Father: quits well and getting along fine, living ten or fifteen dollars should be ap-Major E. F. Osler in back in civilian church and Sunday School. It won't in the sauer kraut land, and I have propriated each year for approved adlife again and giving attention to his be long till we are shaking hands eatch quits a few dishes of sauer kraut ditions of this kind.

As Reynolds crossed the room and The ladies of the Patriotic League enting information when I get home I have just reason to be thankful to for manual vocations. Vocational and shook the admiral's hand, an awkward are actively interesting themselves in again, but I can't put these things in God that I am, so far, able to go home, technical training asserts its claim when I have the apportunity. I have been over the "Garden Wall" fessional life. They should be equally just ten times this past nummer. The recognized. It follows that technical boys of the 164th who were in last and industrial education must be serisummer's scrapping can certainly say ously considered. I ask you to give

> what they have come through. But to them. tell you the truth, mother, I hate to mention it, and when I do go home I won't want to hear-the name of war. Unuation Schools reports as follows: in England, wrote a very interesting and I think all the boys feel the same. We are kept pretty busy shining our equipment, as we are marching past poses, 4; school premises, 3; class all kinds of Generals and Army Commanders. We had the honor of being cher's room, 1; desks, 2; blackboards, Marshall Hair's guard of honor when 1; lighting, 2; heating 1. he was passing through Germany on his farewell trip, prior to leaving for experimental work in science should

> Well, on December 22 I left Belfast on England, and he congratulated the be increased as indicated to the Board So much for the fighting. I enjoyed The increased attendance in forms Then . I began to trace our relatives. my leave to England very much. The 1 and 2 necessitates additions to the people there are so kind to the Can- equipment in science and art partiadian soldiers. I was in Giangow, and cularly. About \$100 should be expendwhat I seen in Scotland was very in- od between these two departments. cars. This was quite a privilege, what I seen in Scotland was very in- od between these two departments. When I engaged him I said that my teresting. I also spect come time in Ratio of pupils to teachers: two teauncestors had lived around there some. Portsmouth, and that really is a very chers to 51 pupils; division of duties where, but that I did not know exactly interesting city. I wan un Nalson's satisfactory; provision for teaching the where I gave him all the information old ship, "The Victory," and I saw the courses satisfactory. Both teachers In possessed concerning our relatives and their whereabouts. He said he spot where he was wounded and also are qualified. Discipling it fair; at the place where he died. A sailor tendance, all regularly admitted; text Well dear mother, I must close.

the United States, and one to Canada hope to hear from you soon again and factory, whose name was Robert. So I told that you and dad and all the rest are him to take me to Robert's old home well. My one ambition now is to get . I remain as over. Your loving son

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, February 2, 1899 No more grumbling about poorly lighted streets.

Mill Street with its seventeen electric

ntrect

TWENTY YEARS AGO

of his well-known "Golden" flour to science approved for the current school Halifax yenterday. On the 26th August last the France Press said: "Electric light is coming what it ought to be in a town of this nure." The electric light is here. size, surrounded by a wealthy and The last piece of the electric light- prosperous agricultural country. Pupils ing plant muchin ry was placed in the leave the town and go to Georgetown power house on Saturday morning and High School; other pupils go through The following letter from Stretcher on Saturday night the current was Acton by train to other towns. Out turned on both the stree and domestic of fifty-one pupils attending only " circuits. The citizens generally we'd eleven come from outside the municidelighted that the streets were at last pality of Acton.

mans. Just drilling enough to keep us "It is a common thing" said Mr. attendance in a short time would be Shaw, of London, England, the other double what it is now. The pupils of I have won a nice prize, the coveted day to hear people ask for Canadian the public schools of the town and

> William II. Ismond, agod 76 years. best in the interests of the children BMYTH-In Acton, on 29th January, Carrie Moure, wife of W. T. Bmyth aged 41 years. HEROD-At Bt. Joseph's Hospital, Quelph, on 26th January, George S. Herod, M. D., in his 75th year,

ISMOND-In Acton, on 28th January,

Joseph Allan, aged 64 years. DELIRIOUS DELIGHT

ALLAN-In Erin, on 28th January

An officer in France sends an inter-I won mine under shell fire. I thought enting little anapahot of a peace colosometimes Fritz did have my name bration in which he took part; sive smile, which accompany the gift, "We're billeted in a village which are part of the charm which renders the Boche only cleared out of about the giving a grace.-Ida IL Wilson, Tell liughy I had a number of Qer- seventeen days ago, and we've been must revolvers that would just suit having a great 'do' this evening. We him, but I could not carry them so had made a huge bonfire in the village which preserves; if, at the first moto give them away. We cannot post square, at the top of which we burfit ment, we owe everything to labor, at

JUST BOOST Boost your town, boost your friend; Boont the lodge that you attend,

Boost the street on which you're dwelltoost the goods that you are selling. Boost the people round about you. They can get along without you: But success will quicker find them tt, they know that you're behind them. Doost for every forward movement, Boost for every new improvement, Boost the man for whom you labor, Bloost the stranger and the neighbor. Cease to be a chronic knocker.

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If you'd make your town better. THE SCHOOL INSPECTORS REPORTS

Both Public and High School Inpectors Speak Kind Words of the Teachers

BOTH RECOMMEND IMPROVED EQUIPMENT AND ACCOMMO-DATION

At the meeting of the Board of Education last week the annual reports of Mr. J. M. Denyes, Inspector of the Public School and of Mr. G. K. Mills, Inspector of the Continuation-School were presented Mr. Denyes reparted an follows:

The influenza epidemic, interfered with as complete inspectoral work as We are on the march now going I hoped to be able to make. I was the renowned city of Waterloo the every department of your school and other day. Baw the famous battle- to assure myself that the work profield and the great monument which ceeds satisfactorily, with the usual spite of the interferences caused by I appreciate the addition of a teacher

and you all. Wishing you a Merry a better position for effective work. The new teacher, Miss Anderson, improsses me as a capable instructor and JAMES J. COONEY I have no doubt she will handle her room successfully. In the matter of accommodations two or three sugestions are made. In Miss Armstrong's room a new teacher's desk is required. Additional equipment for manual training and con-

structive work should be supplied Miss Royce. I have given Mr. Stewart a I urge upon you again strongly the necessity for new single seats and deaks in some of the rooms. Miss this respect.

The addition recently made to the school library is most satisfactory and Just a few lines to let you know I am I thank you for this provision. About You people at home have no idea I have walked over 150 miles since administration of the schools. A sense when he was telling of the ad- what the batle field looks like, and it is writing to you and am not feeling bearing on this may I suggest that we

along with academic training or prothey have seen something, and Acton this impostant matter your attention should be justly proud of everyone of I have in hind a plan by which the them. I am porry they cannot all urban boards in the county may meet to discuss these questions and to hear I could write for hours and tell you expert speakers in connection with

> · Grading of accommodations: Closets 4; water supply for laboratory purrooms, 2; laboratory, 2; halls, 3; tea-The laboratory accommodation for

Mr. G. K. Mills, Inspector of Con-

at time of my visit .

books, all authorized; registers, satisfactory; catalogue of equipment satis-

English literature texts, in part as

prescribed, but in part selected. The selections are satisfactory. Supplementary reading, satisfactory provision has been made for both class and out-JOIL side reading. The record shows that Ptc. J. J. Kennedy, No. 201,061, Scout the library has been freely used. A Section; 1st Can. Infantry Battallon. set of elementary French books for use in the lower school would increase the interest in this subject. The work of the janitor is very natinfactory. The character of the pupils work is good. A commendible effort has been

made to improve the neathers of the work and the writing. The art work in very fair. The science records and collections are fair. Lack of sufficient laboratory accommodations for experilights gives a perspective like a city mental work and of sufficient equipment for individual work has limited Mr. Clark, the miller, shipped a car the practical work. Work in art and The attendance at this school is not

Belgium, Dec. 32, 1918 brilliantly lighted in every part of In my judgment the best interests town. Electrician Reynolds will run of education in Acton would be served man parcel to good order. Many will now be lighted whenever needed, under a capable and aggressive High thanks for same. We are having a whether the almanae says the moon lichool principal. If such a school were established there is no doubt but the tinue longer at school and the educational spirit of the school and the

> and act with declaion. NOBLE BAYINGS The hearts of mun are their hooks events are their tutors; great actions

The Board should consider what is

community would improve.

are their eloquence,-Macaulay, The will is free; Strong is the sout, and wise, beautiful. -Matthew Amold.

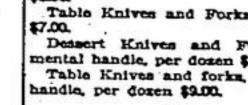
The kindly hand-clasp and expres-

If industry creates, it is the law

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and many other disorders are symptoms of trouble caused by weak or

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carly eighties. Eencath the portrait was the inscription: "Gerald B.althe walte, Commollore, R. N." and several beribboned deborations. The second was his own portrait, beneath which hung a small vice a imir

Dessert Knives and Forks orna-Table Knives and forks, ornamental

fought it. The commodore, my father, fought it before me and educated me to fight it as I educated my son. won. The boy loses. It isn't because he doesn't try. It's a disease with



Six weeks later the captain of the 10th at 10 o'clock. Orcal was pacing the deck when an ex-The captain spoke briefly into the his plate?"

Elizabeth was not necustringd to the bounded to his side and thrust into his One night she went for suppor to ald of these he discerned far-off a par- "Daddy," she said the next morning, them to Canada.

tially submerged submarine. "What was that Mr. Pumpton read of I hear Harry Goldham has won a delight of about 50 small breach chil- ment, we owe everything to the law.—

Military Modal. Good boy Harry, Two dron,"