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Visiting the Battle Fields of the Great War

**Belgium and France, Where
German Caused Ruin and
Desolation and Death**

**THE CEMETERIES WHERE OUR
SOLDIER HEROES SLEEP ARE
BEAUTIFUL WITH FLOWERS
AND BURBS**

While our visits to Belgium and France were taken primarily with the thought of viewing the countries where our soldiers fought, and where many of our men made their sacrifice, we also went to the cemeteries to do honor to their memory, and ascertain the conditions and surroundings of those heroes' sleep. The actual experience brought much gratification, information and interest.

MARRIED

STORY-CLARIDGE—At St. John's Church, Kingdon Road, Toronto, on Friday evening, July 6, 1924, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Tucker, Myrtle W. Claridge, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Claridge of Acton, to Robert A. Sherry, son of Robert Story, Acton.

DIED

MCARTNEY—At Kinside, on Sunday, July 6, 1924, Mrs. John M. Cartney, aged 44 years.

MCINTYRE—At the home, lot 4, concession 6, Erin township, on Saturday evening, July 6, 1924, Mrs. Jane Gumble, beloved wife of John McIntyre, in her 67th year.

The Action Free Press

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1924

Brief Local Items

—Your Free Press subscription paid up to date?

—Action's community service grows in interest each year.

—Now that July 13th is over Street can be repaired.

—The rain has been two great gathering in Action.

—It was hot and dusty marching foot the Orangemen on Saturday.

—The rain kept off on the twelfth until the Orangemen got home.

—The nights this week have been glorious cool summer evenings.

—More holidays and Civic Holidays—Schools closed Monday.

—Action still continues to operate on two times—standard and daylight saving.

—Something doing every week seems to be the record of the Park this summer.

—Those who counted the number in the parade have numbers from 1,235 to 1,700.

—Oakville is planning for a big time at their Old Boys Re-union on August 3, 4, & 5.

—A number of Action bowlers attended the bowling tournament at Milton yesterday.

—The Free Press Office front was treated to a fresh coat of paint before the celebration.

—The new entrance to the Park in the Park the past two years is a fine example of community enterprise.

—Rev. H. G. L. Baugh, H. D. will exchange pulpits with Rev. Canon George's Church, Guelph, next Sunday.

—A general meeting of the executives and players of the Senior Baseball Club is called for this (Thursday) evening in the club room over Rummel's.

—Russell B. Hawthorn and Company at Knox Garden Party, July 22, Chonon and Louis Galson, violinist and pianist, late of Moscow, Russia, will provide musical numbers.

Masonic Picnic at Blue Springs

Guelph and Georgetown Royal Arch Masons Held Big Affair Last Wednesday

Between three and four hundred of the members of Guelph Chapter, Victoria Preceptorship and Halton Chapter and their wives and families held a grand outdoor picnic at Blue Spring Park last Wednesday afternoon and evening.

The affair was planned primarily as an outing especially for the women and children of the children. The grounds, whether they are a success or not, received a prize. A booth was filled with ice cream, cool drinks, etc., and all were privileged to eat and drink until satisfied. The picnics were prepared by the men, and the women and children only were seated. In the ladies' softball game the Guelph team defeated the Georgetown ladies' team by a score of 16-12.

The tour-de-war, between Georgetown and Guelph, was won by Guelph, two out of three pulls.

The "Guelph" game was a hard-fought and well-played affair. The Georgetown men appeared the better team at the first of the game, but the latter team took command at the end of the game and finished it with a tie of 11 all. Two more extra innings resulted in a win for Guelph with a score of 16-12.

The following is the list of prime winners in the various events:

Boys 6 and under—M. Reid, E. Norrington, A. Randall.

Boys 5 and under—M. Finlay, G. McNaughton, P. W. Wilkinson.

Boys 7 and under—A. Finnie, M. Drane, G. McKenzie.

Girls 7 and under—T. Howden, G. Edmonson, G. Cooper.

Boys 8 and under—H. Howden, R. Howden, J. Moore.

Girls 8 and under—A. Exploson, J. Hanson, M. Boutillier.

Boys 9 and under—J. Wilson, T. Norrington, G. Cooper.

Boys 10 and under—R. Howden, W. Williams, G. Cooper.

Girls 10 and under—M. Howden, G. Cotton, Z. Judd.

Married Ladies—Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Easton.

Single Ladies—G. Cotton, A. Wilson, M. Wallace.

Paper Cutting—A. Wilson, T. Norrington, G. Cooper.

Scissors—Mrs. Ritchie, G. Cooper.

Button on cloth—Mrs. Finlay, Mrs. Easton, Miss Wallace.

Whist—Mrs. Hall, Miss Willison, G. Cooper.

Married Men—W. Jodice, G. Arnold, Single Men—E. Cooper, C. Koenig.

Double Race—Halton—Preceptorship and Gun Club.

Excellent prizes were given to each of the winners of these events.

A number of Action Masons who are members of Halton Chapter also participated in the event with their families.

It was certainly a real picnic, and at the close, when the kiddies had all the cake, cracker and good things they could hold inside—popcorn, suckers and all sorts of treats were distributed for them to take home.

TWELFTH OF JULY JOTTINGS

The weather was ideal—hot and dry. The parade took 35 minutes to pass a given point.

The Orange parades again ran all the way down 5 to 6 years.

The ladies' aid of the churches had a busy day feeding the hungry visitors.

The citizens who met parades at various places, with drinks of water, were welcomed for their thoughtfulness.

Action Citizens' Band had a busy day. They were on the go from morning till night.

The orderliness and soberness of the celebration on Saturday was a subject of much favorable comment. Everyone was having a fine time too.

The concert given by the Weston Boys' Band in the Park was well received by everyone. The ladies, the oldest of whom is not 27 years old, have certainly a very fine band. Cornet, baritone and trombone solos were introduced in the selections played, and every boy could play his part. There are indeed a credit to their town and bandmaster.

Hall—one of the finest pieces of architecture in France—is now in ruins. Ypres and Vimy Ridge give the best idea of trencher, the shell holes and cratered ground. Both battle fields, At Vimy Ridge both first and second line trenches are intact, and this famous ridge, which cost Canada no less than other heroic sons, is still a vivid battle field, though the trees, grown over with grass, and the shell holes, half full of water, tell the whole story.

One could walk over this battle field without feelings of sorrow, at thoughts of its cost in suffering, privations, wounds and death. The men of the Canadian forces, though few in number, and bereavement to the dead, are still in far-away Canada. For all count the courage and bravery and sacrifice of Canadian soldiers will be remembered in the hearts of the people of Belgium and France for the terrible and heroic struggle they made, and for the splendid services they rendered to their country.

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In my next tour of the battle fields will be on the 21st, and I expect to be accompanied by a constant admiring audience.

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