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NEGLECTING to carry registration certificates subjects the person concerned to a heavy fine; losing the certificates causes considerable inconvenience, and some citizens have learned that neglect to register costs a pile of money. One young man in Ontario was fined \$10 for every day since June 23rd because he had not registered.

MUCH IS HEARD as to the resources of this and that nation going to win the war. Let us remember that had it not been for the British navy, British merchantmen and the handful of untrained men who were the only ones who would have been left to win by the allies. The issues would have been settled by Germany long before this.

CANADA'S PENSION list is to pay a large part in the nation's finances for many years to come and is growing rapidly. This is to be expected in the face of the enormous casualties which are being regularly reported. The Board of Pensions announces that \$4,976 pensions have been granted, and the average increase has been about 120 daily. The statement does not tell what proportion of total disabilities is included in the number, and the different forms of injury are not classified.

IF YOU EXAMINE the leaves of the oaks this year you will find a capital "B" on almost every leaf. During the South African war the letter was "W" which appeared on the oaks. Beyond being a matter of curiosity it has no significance so far as we know, although some people contend that its meaning is the end of the war by a British victory this year. We hope their version is true, but should it not be, we can assure them that the war will end in a British victory sometime whether or not there's a "B" on the oak leaves or in their bonnet.

HOT! Say was 't it hot on Sunday? Guess you could notice it, could you? Or did it really feel hotter because it was Sunday and people generally had nothing to occupy their minds. Some gravely asserted it was about 150 in the shade, and those who wanted an excuse for not going to church vowed it was 250 in the sun on the streets, though delightfully pleasant when a friend called up and wanted them to go for a ride in their auto. The result was the churches were thin dreadfully thin—on Sunday and the autos were full—and people perspired exceedingly and abundantly. Many found cool spots in the place where the cool ought to be. It was certainly the hottest day of the year, and the thermometer hovered about 94 and 96 in the shade. Some, of course, who suffered from the heat will dispute the correctness of the figures, but the perspiring public is apt to.

THE VITALITY of the chain prayer is remarkable, and no matter how often it is exposed it never fails after a while again to "boil up serenely." The latest form of this folly that we have seen is chain prayer for the soldiers and sailors of the United States, France, and England. Again the devout soul is urged to write to seven different people, one each day, sending the chain prayer, and on the seventh day great joy will come to the writer. But in any case he must be careful not to break the chain. We wonder how people can be foolish enough to adopt this chain letter idea, as its absurdity is self-evident. Suppose that this particular chain were not broken, then in 91 days there would be 65,889,014,407 people in the chain. But as the world has only 1,600,000,000, it is hard to see where the others are to come from. But if we could find them, the postage on letters at 2c a letter would be \$1,087,120,840, and the letters, allowing one-half ounce to each, would weigh over 8,000,000,000 pounds. And if each postman distributed 1,000 letters a day, it would keep 8,000,000 men busy, distributing this foolery. There is need of prayer for our soldiers and sailors, but there is no need of the transparent foolishness of a chain letter to accomplish it. We venture to say that there is today no need of urging people to pray for the boys at the front, for they cannot forget those boys at the front day or night. But the chain prayer is a species of mental imbecility with which we find it hard to be patient. Despite its religious appearance, it is an idiotic performance.—Guardian.

Discussing the problem of Canada's future, it has been suggested, as a first consideration, that the Dominion should be made a good place for the average man. The suggestion is important. In fact, it is the crux of the whole problem of our national future. We are prone to make much of men who

are steadily successful in individual enterprises, and we have a fondness for dilating upon conspicuous failures for horrible example purposes, but seldom, if ever, do we pause to consider the case of the man, let it be noted, means the great bulk of our population. He is the fellow who does not fail, yet who does not achieve meteor-like success. He is the to-be-depended-upon individual who is there all the time, in good seasons and in bad, ready and willing to take his share of the responsibility, in the family, in the municipality, and in the state. Without him there could be no nation but in name only. Being the important asset he is, it stands to reason that the average man is worth looking after. In the final analysis he is of greater importance than the captain of industry, for without his assistance the captain could do nothing. (Government does not encourage the manufacturer and man of capital who are prepared to accept plain big things, but encouragement in that direction should never be allowed. To meet the point where it begins to be "major capital to lay average man." We do not think it because "immediate tactics" is the policy of the nation. Of all countries, this Dominion should be a good place for the average man. Before considering him when his head is in the clouds, we should first lay them with a boomerang hand. No land yields more readily of its abundance, and no land has greater abundance to yield. Ordinary industry should get full reward here more quickly than elsewhere, and life should be a comforting experience for the worker. If it's not there is something wrong, and government should discover the disturbing cause, and provide the remedy. At any and all costs Canada must be made and maintained a good country for the average man.

Obituary
ROBERT STEWART
Robert Stewart died of pneumonia at his home at Guelph last Monday, July 16th, in his 91st year. He was a well-known and respected citizen of Guelph.

Mr Stewart was born on March 10, 1818, at Esquimaux, Hants county, in the district known as the "Scotch Block." He was the father of the late Robert Stewart and Elizabeth Stewart, his father being a native of Blair Athol, Perthshire, Scotland, and his mother having been born in Rannock, Perthshire. His mother came to Canada with her parents in 1818, and his father arrived in this country in 1817. Mr Stewart stayed on his father's farm until 1844, when he went to Toronto, where he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner, working there until 1861, when he came to Milton. He visited Guelph in the fall of the November fair in 1864, he settled there, where he lived continuously until his death.

Shortly after going to Guelph, Mr Stewart started the business, now widely known throughout the province as the Robert Stewart Lumber Co., Limited.

In 1865 Mr Stewart was united in marriage to Annie, daughter of Lachlan MacGregor, of Bransona, who, with a family of five daughters and two sons, survives. One daughter, Mrs. Archibald Campbell, of Guelph, also survives. Robert Stewart, postmaster Milton, is a cousin. Mr Stewart was a prominent Mason, and was a member of Speed Lodge, A.P. & A.M. since 1868. He was also a member of St. Andrew's Society and of St. Andrew's church. The funeral took place on Wednesday, at Guelph.

Glenwilliams
The garden party on the Methodist church lawn, Glenwilliams, last Friday evening, was well attended and a delightful evening was spent listening to the excellent program which was rendered by the following talent, viz: Mr. Duncan Cowan, Toronto; Rev. A. S. Trueman, Miss Hamer, and the Glen Band. Mr. H. F. Moore, of Acton, was the chairman of the evening and made a neat address which was appreciated. The ladies of the church done splendidly in providing refreshments and contributing to the success of the occasion.

Milton
Charlie McNair, of Sarnia, a Milton boy who has made good, paid a flying visit to friends here last week.

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Off to a Good Start A Splendid Program

Our old friend Billy Meen the new director of Toronto talent for the big Drummers' Snack, has the greatest variety and best ever prepared for the residents of Georgetown. The programme has undergone a complete change and an unlimited talent has been procured through his unceasing efforts. No time has been lost in making the Toronto end on the highest level possible and Billy has certainly made good. The talent procured is the best in every department.

The two steller attractions are to be featured in the program and will be warmly appreciated. Professor "Duke" Sawyer, (trainer of the Toronto Athletic Association) and founder of the St. Charles Hockey Club, is bringing with him the best and cleverest Canadian boxers to be seen. "Duke" will give an exhibition clearly demonstrating how to train a boxer. Frankly Bull, the nine-year-old champion of Canada, and champion of the "Boston" States of America, will perform and has a standing ovation from the crowd. The exhibition will be a real treat for the boys and girls of the city.

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NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK

Important Events Which Have Occurred During the Week.

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