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The Editor's Corner

IM TIRED

of reading about Miss Agnes McPhail's bitter denunciation of her defeat at the polls. "You can't buck the party organization," says Agnes. "My defeat has not changed my opinion of that. Party politics are the curse of this country. I went down there to serve my country irrespective of any party. And what has it brought me? Nothing!"

However, we do think that serious consideration should be given to the appointment of Agnes McPhail to the Senate. In 18 years of representing the farmer and his problems in federal politics, she has surely earned the right to serve her country further.

A letter to the Editor in last week's Chesley Enterprise is perhaps the answer to the McPhail defeat.

To the Editor, The Chesley Enterprise—I'm reading the comments in the different weeklies on the defeat of Miss McPhail in the recent election. I would like to say there was one reason in particular why we did not elect her. I had at all times supported Miss McPhail with my vote and influence and might say was proud of an electorate who chose such an able representative in the House of Commons. But when the government declared war on Germany last September and began to mobilize her forces, awarded large contracts for munitions of war and ship-building, etc., we felt it our duty to get behind the government so there would be as little friction as possible in carrying out their war efforts. Personally I thought Mr. King should have taken into his cabinet some outstanding Conservative members. Neither did I agree with his sudden dissolution of Parliament. I felt he took advantage of an opportune time, for which he may have to answer at some future time.

We thought it unwise to support either National Government or Independent candidates, knowing full well they could not be held responsible for the war work the King Government had already begun. In short, it is bad business to swap horses in mid-stream. We feel just as proud of our electorate in choosing Mr. W. E. Harris as our representative to support the King Government in their war efforts as when we rolled up huge majorities for Miss McPhail in peace time. I am sure our enemy could find little comfort or encouragement in the Canadian election, which was our aim.

Miss McPhail has nothing to regret. To my knowledge, in her eighteen years of faithful service in South Grey and Grey-Bruce, there is not a single stain on any of her efforts to better conditions of farmers and laborers and so her work will not be forgotten. The situation demanded the change that was all.—A Reader.

A VISIT TO BENNETT BARRACKS

In the course of a short trip to Listowel last week-end, the editor was privileged to inspect the local barracks. Bennett Barracks houses two field batteries, the 100th and 97th of the C.A.S.F. The building, of four-storey brick, was formerly a furniture factory. The ground floor is given over to executive offices, detention rooms, and drill. A lounge room, fitted with writing tables, easy chairs, magazines and books is the gift of the local Salvation Army. Credit is also due this organization for the complete painting of the interior of the building.

On the second floor, is found the dining hall, sergeant's mess, canteen, and quarters for the troops. Third and fourth floors are also given over to troop quarters. Also on the fourth floor, is found the infirmary, with eight or ten beds.

It was an interesting glimpse at the life led by the boys in training.

SHORT STORY

In our opening issue of the Herald, we asked for criticism, and we are pleased to report that some of our readers have cooperated in this respect. It seems that they are missing the Short Story which was once a feature of the Herald.

So, in the next few weeks, don't be surprised if these popular stories, once more come into their own.

POETRY

AN APRIL DAY

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
When the warm sun, that brings
Seed-time and harvest, has returned
again,
The sweet to visit the still wood where
springs
The first flower of the plain.
I love the season well,
When forest glades are teeming with
bright forms,
Nor dark and many-folded clouds
foretell
The coming-on of storms.
From the earth's loosened mould
The sapling draws its sustenance,
and thrives;
Though stricken to the heart with
Winter's cold,
The drooping tree revives.

The softly-warbled song
Comes from the pleasant woods, and
coloured wings
Glance quick in the bright sun, that
moves along
The forest openings.

When the bright sunset fills
The silver woods with light, the
green slope throws
Its shadows in the hollows of the hills,
And wide the upland glows.

And when the eve is born,
In the blue lake the sky, o'er-reach-
ing far,
Is hollowed out, and the moon dips her
horn,
And twinkles many a star.

Inverted in the tide,
Stand the gray rocks and trembling
shadows throw
And the fair trees look over, side by
side,
And see themselves below.

Sweet April!—many a thought
Is wedded unto thee, as hearts are
wed;
Nor shall they fall till, to its autumn
brought,
Life's golden fruit is shed.

RETURNING LIGHT

Now in this interval that spaces time,
Between the midwinter and the re-
turning spring,
If you watch closely for the added
light
Of a few minutes, you will see this
thing:

An opening of light that spreads across
The morning and the evening, radi-
ance
So delicate at first, and with no loss,
Increasing till at dawn the shining
lantern
Of morning pierces through the inky
sea
Of night, and pours out gold.
When evening falls,
The quiet bars of heaven can scarce
restrain
The rush of colour from the western
walls.
Little by little, longer grows the light,
Until the day has all but vanquished
night.
—Mary Willis Shelburne.

"A PRAYER IN TIME OF WAR"

Dear Father, bless our country,
Be with us all in fear,
And bless us individually
Upon this time of year.

O Father, bless our loved ones,
We pray they ne'er depart,
Unless, it be Thy will, O Lord,
Then mend each broken heart.

Dear Father, comfort every one,
For Thou, hast power over all—
Of land and rolling sea.

And so we turn our thoughts to Thee,
For help and guidance too,
Bring peace upon our country, Lord,
And see us safely through.
—Helen Macgillivray.

TOUCH OF SPRING

Now along the gleaming streets
The gusty rain is like a wing
Brushing our faces with the warm
And half-reluctant touch of spring.

Soon hazy-gardies will be grinding
Their bright-canned tunes along the
Square
And scrawny grasses will be pushing
Their stubborn blades towards city
air.

And little leaves will creep on bushes
Guarded behind stout iron rails,
And flower shops will bloom with cro-
cus
And lilac-blossoms sold from stalls.
—Frances Post.

Forest Trees for Distribution

Purpose: The Forestry Branch of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests calls the farmer's attention to the free distribution of trees for certain specified purposes.

These comprise:
1. The reforesting of suitable lands for the production of forest crops.
2. The improvement of existing woodlands which have become depleted.

3. The reclamation of unproductive wastelands which are lying idle and which would support forest growth.
4. The protection by forest planting of slopes and hills which are subject to erosion and of light soils which are subject to blowing or drifting.

5. The conserving of water flow by forest planting on the slopes at the headwaters of streams.
6. The planting of shelter belts and windbreaks for the protection of agricultural crops.

Advice to Planters The Forestry Branch is also pleased to give advice as regards types of trees to plant, methods of planting, care after planting, etc. It is suggested that prospective planters send in a description of the property, preferably in the form of a sketch map, showing location of roads, existing woodlands, streams and buildings.

Cost to the Farmer The cost of planting depends, of course, on the individual conditions on each farm. Roughly, planting sites may be grouped into three broad classes. Cheapest planting site is upon sandy grassland, where a plow can be used. Planting cost would here run from \$3.50 to \$5 an acre.

Sandy or loamy soil, with obstructive, in the first place, the money spent for nursery stock or other planting material is a good investment and will increase the value of a home to a much greater extent than the amount spent for planting material. Further, in the full and satisfactory life there must be found time for both mental and physical relaxation and where can one find a more satisfactory place to get away from war-time stress and strain than among the flowers of the garden.

Another reason for putting forth a special effort in home beautification work just now is to make Canada more attractive to tourists. The tourist trade from the United States is very important to Canada at the present time and anything that can be done to help increase it will be a benefit to the Dominion as a whole.

We frequently meet with the objection that gardens and flowers cost too much or that they take too much time. The truth is that it is not so much a matter of time or money as it is a desire and disposition. If we are disposed to have gardens and flowers and attractive home surroundings, we may have them no matter how busy we may be.

Your nearest Experimental Farm or Agriculture College will gladly give you information regarding suitable varieties of planting material for the district in which you live. The investment that you make of time and money in this connection will pay great dividends in satisfaction and if you make your home more attractive you have helped to improve the town or community in which you live. If you help to make your home town or community more beautiful you have helped to make a more beautiful Canada.

There are many good reasons why every householder, rural or urban, should do his or her part toward making the home surroundings more attractive.

A More Beautiful Canada

The old saying that a home is not a home until it is planted is true to-day as ever. Every unplanted home in Canada can be made more attractive by the judicious use of trees, shrubs, vines, flowers and a well-kept lawn.

We are influenced by our surroundings to a greater degree than we sometimes realize. Children are particularly sensitive in this regard. Surely a home in and around which flowers are grown is a better place to bring up children than a home where no attention is paid to these friends of the plant kingdom. If children are taught to love flowers and become familiar with them they will be filled with love for the things and there will be less room in their hearts and minds for the things that hurt and destroy.

Canada is a land of rare natural beauty from the Bras d'Or Lakes in Cape Breton Island to the Mountain Ranges of the Pacific Coast. Nature has endowed this country with the most beautiful and the greatest variety of natural scenic grandeur to be found anywhere in the universe. Mountains, lakes, streams, forests, plains, waterfalls, all are found in great abundance. The things which are unsightly and unlovely are made by man and it would seem that the least we can do is to make these man-made places sufficiently attractive that they will, in some measure at least, be in keeping with the great natural beauty to be found throughout this great Dominion.

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lines which forbid the use of a plow, would put costs between \$4 and \$8 an acre.

Rough and rocky land, where digging is difficult might run costs as high as \$15 an acre.

Owner's Obligation The owner must prepare the area for planting, plant the trees at his own expense, and care for the growing trees.

Upon request by the Forestry Branch, he will be expected to send in a report of his planting.

Express or freight transportation charges are born by the planter. 1000 trees will weigh between 100 and 150 pounds, and express rates will be quoted by the local express agent. All tree shipments are made in the spring, during late April and early May.

Ordering Trees For work of this kind, the majority of trees used are conifers—pines, spruce, cedar and larch. These are planted six feet apart each way, requiring 1210 trees to an acre.

For full details, write to the Provincial Forester, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

An application form will then be supplied. A copy of this form may be seen at the Herald Office, together with some literature on the subject. Important!

No fruit trees, ornamental trees or shrubs, trees for town or village lots are distributed. Trees cannot be supplied for decorative or ornamental planting about homes, clubs, or other private properties. The material available is intended primarily for waste land planting, and windbreak and shelter belt work on rural property.

DIGEST

Tuesday to Tuesday in the News

A NEW MINISTRY

It was announced that a Ministry of supply has been created, with Hon. C. D. Howe heading the new department. This is an elaboration of the War Supply Board set up when war broke out.

RESIGNATION

Meanwhile, Wallace Campbell, chairman of the War Supply Board, resigned his post, and will resume his duties as president of the Ford Motor Company of Canada.

GRADUATION DAY

471 students of the R.O.A.F. Technical Training School at St. Thomas prepared to leave for scattered stations after a graduation ceremony at the school.

Said Air Commodore G. O. Johnson in his address: "You must realize that your training has just begun. Your usefulness will end when you cease to learn. You must never forget that the lives of our flying personnel will depend upon your skill."

WAR

An important week in war-torn Europe saw:
1. Denmark overrun by a Nazi pro-lectorate.
2. Bitter fighting in Norway, with British troops joining the Norwegian defenders.

3. The virtual annihilation of Germany's navy.
4. Fear by Holland and Belgium that Germany would march at any moment on the Western Front.
5. Announcements from Italy that she might enter the War at any moment.

SEAMEN STRIKE

2600 seamen were involved in a strike ordered by the Canadian Seamen's Union. More pay, and a closed shop were demanded.

DID YOU LOSE YOUR CENSUS?

Arthur "Bugs" Baer, one of America's best known quiz writers on the country-wide quiz in The American Weekly with the April 21 issue of The Detroit Sunday Times. The famous American humorist suggests that, if you manage to survive the snooty questions, now is the time to go in training for the next census.

Love has power only through wisdom.—Swedenborg.

Premiere of Canadian Work

The CBC has given National Network presentation to the works of a number of young Canadian composers during the past few months. The "Canadian Snapshots" programme, with Ian Smith as producer and Samuel Hershenhorn as musical director, has introduced a number of original orchestral works on Wednesdays at 8:00 to 8:30 p.m. These have included the compositions of several successful recipients of national awards, and musicians from every Province in the Dominion. The next broadcast of "Canadian Snapshots" will honor one of CBC's own celebrities, Bob Farnon, the 22-year-old trumpet player, vocalist, pianist and general musical genius. Farnon has completed a symphony for small orchestra which will be given its premiere on Wednesday, April 24th.

Agricultural Information Available From CBC

As the European war continues, it becomes more and more apparent that Canadian farmers must play a very vital part in the Empire's fight. Increased production of many agricultural commodities is indicated for the coming season. In order to keep Canadian farmers informed on the latest developments, the CBC farm broadcast Department is passing on information from the Agricultural Supplies Board in the daily Farm Broadcast over CBL, Toronto, CBC, Ottawa, CEM, Montreal, and CHLT, Sherbrooke. A number of special war-time pamphlets have been prepared by the Agricultural Supplies Board, and these are being made available to listeners of the Farm Broadcast. Copies may be obtained by writing to the Farm Broadcast, CBL, Toronto.

"Carry On!" Investigates New Guts

Stanley Maxted, producing CBC's "Carry On!" programme Sunday nights 9:00 to 9:30 p.m., went back 20 years one afternoon last week. He fired the first Bren gun to be made in Canada when radio and press men and women were given a pre-view of the machine in action at a Toronto plant. Maxted was a machine gunner in the last war, having enlisted as a private from Parkdale Collegiate, Toronto, and returned as a major five years later. Incidentally, he says that the suggestion being sent in by listeners for civilian participation in the war effort are so numerous and so good that he will be able to take first-class tours in household science when the programme concludes.

Here and There in the Studios

CBC's Toronto studios will guest-star several big names in the Canadian concert-radio field during the week of April 21st. Geoffrey Waddington will fly from Winnipeg immediately after his Friday night "Woodhouse and Hawkins" broadcast to guest-conduct a special broadcast on Monday, April 23rd (8:00 to 8:30 p.m.). Two artists who have made many appearances with his orchestra in the past will be featured on this re-union programme, Frances James, stately brunette soprano, and John Sturges, dramatic young baritone who has matched Can- (Continued on Page 3)

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Passenger and Mail	10:03 a.m.
Passenger and Mail	6:45 p.m.
Passengers for Toronto	8:41 p.m.
Passenger, Sunday only	8:31 p.m.

Going West	Time
Passenger and Mail	8:34 a.m.
Passenger, Daily except Saturdays and Sunday	6:09 p.m.
Saturday Only	2:15 p.m.
Passenger and Mail	6:48 p.m.
Passenger, Sunday	11:19 p.m.
Passenger, Saturday night only from Nov. 4 to Apr. 27	12:36 a.m.

Going North	Time
Mail and Passenger	8:45 a.m.

Going South	Time
Mail and Passenger	6:50 p.m.

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10:08 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 3:08 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 8:45 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:50 p.m., 11:05 p.m., 11:50 p.m.	

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