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The Editor's Corner
 GUEST EDITORIAL

We have asked S. P. Chapman, president of the local Canadian Legion Branch, to contribute a "Poppy Day" editorial this week, and hope every subscriber will read its contents carefully and take them to heart.

This year, as in other years, the Canadian Legion, through its 1760 Branches and Auxiliaries in Canada, is calling to the people of the Dominion to observe more than ever in solemn remembrance the symbolism which has become an integral part of Remembrance Day observances, and asks that every man, woman and child wear a Poppy on Saturday, November 10th, in memory of those who laid down their lives in the Great War and of those who have made the supreme sacrifice in the present conflict.

This appeal is not made on behalf of the Legion or of its members, but on behalf of all ex-Service men who are in need. The collection and administration of the Poppy Fund has been entrusted to the Canadian Legion. This, however, does not mean that the Poppy Fund is part of the funds of the Legion. It is kept entirely separate and is not even treated as a part of the relief fund. It is rather considered as a Trust Fund, which the Legion administers for the benefit of all ex-Service men. In granting relief, members of the Legion receive no special preference but all ex-Service men stand on an equal footing. Any man who has served and who is in need, has a claim on this fund. The poppies and wreaths which you will be asked to buy are made by an organization of disabled ex-Service men. These men are absolutely incapable of earning a living in any other way, and but for this industry, would be a charge on the public funds. If Poppy Day did nothing but keep these men self-supporting and self-respecting citizens, it would still be worthwhile.

The organization of Poppy Day, the sales of wreaths and poppies, the handling of monies collected, the investigation and relief of all applicants, are done by voluntary workers. No man or woman connected in any way with this receives one cent as wages, salary, bonus, commission or allowance for expenses. All monies collected are placed in a special account which is controlled by a Board of Trustees of this Branch. Every expenditure made is approved and every account checked by the Board. Every applicant for relief is investigated carefully but sympathetically. Relief may take the form of food, clothing, fuel, rent or medical assistance. It is practically never issued in cash.

Over a million and a half citizens of Ontario wore a Poppy in Remembrance last November. 5000 wreaths were placed in churches and at memorials, in honour of the dead.

Every man, woman and child in Ontario is expected to wear a Poppy on Remembrance Day.

Should any of our friends desire further information on any point in connection with Poppy Fund activities, our Branch Secretary will be glad to supply it. The Canadian Legion is grateful for the hearty support they have always received from the general public to make the lot of the distressed ex-Service man easier, and it is our hope that there will be no partial or permanent black-out for them. GIVE GENEROUSLY FOR YOUR POPPY!

IN REMEMBRANCE

Another year has passed since last we paid official honour to the young men who went forth in 1914 and in 1939 to fight Canada's war on a foreign soil. War's end has brought happy times as every boat brings more and more of our Georgetown soldiers home—as one by one they doff uniform for civvy suit and take their places again among us to live, work and play in peace.

But ever-present are thoughts of those who will not be returning—whose sacrifice was ultimate and who can return to us only in memory. It is of these that we particularly think on Remembrance Day. And it is for these that every man, woman and child should be at the cenotaph next Sunday morning to bow their heads in reverence and humility for the gift of peace dearly bought with their life's blood.

Can we ever be worthy of such gift? Can we ever repay the sacrifice of even one life for freedom? If we can make this town, this province and this world a better place for new generations to live in, if we can work to have "peace in our time", to settle international problems by saner means than bloodshed—then and only then will we make partial payment to those who have died.

HOW ABOUT IT, MUSIC LOVERS

One of our returned men who was a member

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of the Georgetown Choral Society before going overseas has asked us to help rouse interest in recreating the Society—a job which we are only too pleased to do. Curtailment of Choral Society activities was made necessary a few years ago, when enlistments cut heavily into the rank of male members, and we know that music lovers, of which there are a particularly large number in our town, would welcome the return of an organized group now that the war is over and former members are returning home.

The vocal training and good fellowship engendered in the members, the help that such training gives to improving the quality of our church choirs, and the treat afforded to the public at the occasional concert, are things which can be achieved by a choral group.

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