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THIS AND THAT IN

SPORT

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Joe Schertzel Headed For Big-time Hockey

This week we take off ours hats to another Georgetown district boy who is heading for big-time hockey. Since the grand year of N.H.L. Midget hockey in Georgetown, the name of Joe Schertzel has been synonymous and ever in the sport limelight. Since those days of midget hockey, back in 1937-38 Joe Schertzel has progressed along the hockey trail with a fair measure of success, until today he is in Boston waiting his turn to play for Boston Bruins pro hockey team. In the meantime he is making many friends in that American metropolis as a member of the Bruins' "farm team"—the Olympics.

As a midget hockey player Joe Schertzel showed great promise. He packed a terrific shot for a boy of his age, and at that time had a physique of much older a boy, which was no doubt envied by even intermediate calibre. His natural ruggedness and fast skating made him the star of any team with which he played in future years, and he was the backbone and prolific scorer of the championship Milton team back about 1940.

It was while playing with Milton that he was spotted as a coming hockey star. Boston Bruins were quick to sign him up, and he trained a season with them in Montreal; but the war and regulations regarding entry to the U.S. postponed any chances he might of had with the Bruins at that time. However, young Joe kept himself fit—playing hockey for two seasons with [illegible] Toronto mercantile team, and with the Norval—Georgetown Combines. Last season he had a bad leg injury and was unable to go into the local play—offs, and his absence on the line-up was certainly felt.

October 8th this year was one of the happiest days in Joe Schertzel's life—for on that day he reported at Montreal to again train with the Bruins. After training season he found himself in Boston lined up with the Olympics—and on a hockey career that we hope and know can't possibly fall short of a place on the NHL Boston Bruins hockey roster.

It must have been a real thrill for the "kid from Norval" to step out on the Boston ice before a crowd of some 8700 people, as he did at the Gardens when the Pics downed New York Rovers 5 to 4 a week or so ago. An excerpt from a Boston paper says: "The Boston team was forced to play their best hockey to cope with the savage attack of a luckless Rover sextet. Handsome Joe Schertzel was the fair-haired boy for the Olympics as it was he who prevented a stalemate when he blasted home the pay-off tally." When we obtained this interview Joe had played in 19 games, of which his team won 14, tied 3 and lost 2.

Joe Schertzel was born in Hungary 22 years ago, coming to Canada with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schertzel of Norval in 1926, and Georgetown district in 1931. This new-Canadian family have made good citizens, excellent farmers — and have many friends who are watching with interest the hockey successes of son Joe.

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The following commentary by Jane [illegible] in a Boston paper, will give some idea of what American sports' writers think of our own Joe Schertzel:—

"On the ice he's two hundred pounds of soul-shaking body checks; off the ice he's five feet eleven inches of a swell guy. His name is Joe Schertzel, hard hitting defenseman of the Boston Olympics. When Joe skates onto the ice there is no mercy in his cold blue eyes for the poor defenseless Rover Boys or Baltimore's luckless Clipper Kids. He plays wide open hockey all the way and there is no pussy in the corner stuff where Mr. Schertzel is concerned. He packs one of the hardest shots in the Eastern Hockey League and usually dents the strings if he gets the puck up in scoring territory.

"Off the ice Joe is quite another person. He is fairly quiet and readily admits that he spends most of his time "keeping out of mischief." Joe lives in a four room flat with Gerry Hickey and Morris Lallo. On the ice Joe is always in the midst of action and is the last person you could accuse of shirking; but when it comes to housekeeping the Hungarian-born Canadian says, "I do the least I can get away with doing! Lallo is the chief [illegible] and bottle washer at our place." [illegible], who played the past two seasons with the West Toronto Mercantile and for the two previous years [illegible] the Milton Junior C team, thinks the Clipper is about the best hockey player he ever saw and gives Dit's name when asked his hockey idol. His [illegible] is to play with the Clipper-[illegible] Bruins, however, to come back to the present. Joe seems to be getting along pretty well in his own league. He likes the hockey because it's plenty rough and gives him all the opportunities he wants to throw those wicked checks of his. Joe plays lacrosse, which is rugged in any man's country.

Joe likes to play at home and especially against the Washington and Philadelphia clubs. Those two teams are his pet peeves and he apparently likes the way they flatten into the Garden ice. He leaves a string of Lions and Falcons hugging the floor whenever he skates up the rink. With other teams he is a little more considerate—hitting only those who get in his line of vision. The young man from Norval, Ontario, says that Pete Babando is his favorite team-mate. Pete and Joe are a lot alike, for while both make their presence felt on the ice, they are rather silent minus their skates.

"In the summer this scintillating young hockey player goes back to nature on his father's Ontario farm. He went home when the team was idle two weeks ago and at this writing is planning another trip home in a few days. He isn't married; was born August 24th, 1923; making a living and keeping out of mischief, his hobbies; and he is, in general a regular fellow.

"Last Friday night against the up and coming New York Rovers Joe scored the winning goal in one of the hardest fought games of the season. He and Ferny Flamon are one of the most effective defense pairs in the Eastern Amateur Hockey League and you can expect to see him with the Bruins before many more Stanley Cups are awarded."

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Getting back to the local sport front, Georgetown Intermediates are ready for their initial game here on Thursday night. Just what Manager Ern Thompson will produce for the approval of the fans by way of a team will have to remain a secret until game time. There are, however, prospects that a good team may yet be rounded out. The goal position has two aspirants with "Shorty" Burrows and "Abbie" Kemshead vieing for the honours. Other players who will be looking for a berth on the team are Delly Beaumont, Jack Kemshead, Walt Richardson, Bungy Ward, Ken Richardson, Jimmy Cotell, the Ferri Brothers, a number from Brampton, and the odd player who has come to town for factory work.

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It certainly gave Georgetown a break and a wider scope for drawing players when the Norval entry in the Intermediate O.H.A. very graciously bowed out in favour of Georgetown. It had been hoped by some that those two teams could have each entered, but the local strategists figured one team was sufficient and with Georgetown having the Arena, Norval was unable to convince Secretary Hewitt that their entry should be sustained. It is rather regretful that Norval and Georgetown could not have cooperated again this year as they have in the past two seasons, but it was impossible from our way of thinking for both teams to operate successfully (financially and otherwise) is such a competitive group as we find ourselves with Acton, Fergus, Elora, Milton and Orangeville.

The efforts of the Norval promoter to promote amateur sport in the district are certainly appreciated by local sportsdom and by this corner. But we differ with him when it comes to promoting an O.H.A team or teams which at the outset does not command possibilities sufficient to compete with teams which have the opportunity of importing some of the best players in the particular class and give them work in their respective towns. We hope he will continue to foster sport among the younger set of the community, a work which in the past has been greatly appreciated by the community.

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A grouping which will include Norval, Hornby, Brampton and a couple of other teams will be formed to play on the outdoor rinks at Norval and Brampton. More details will be announced later.

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The first game in the Intermediate schedule was played at Acton last Thursday night and the home team won from the visitors 7 to 1.

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This column extends the Season's Greetings to all sport fans and enthusiasts and thank our friends for remembering us with their Christmas cards.

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The Intermediate schedule follows:—

Dec. 27th — Milton at Acton.
Jan. 3rd — Fergus at Orangeville.
Jan. 3rd — Elora at Milton.
Jan. 3rd — Acton at Georgetown.
Jan. 7th — Orangeville at Milton.
Jan. 7th — Georgetown at Elora.
Jan. 8th — Fergus at Acton.
Jan. 10th — Acton at Orangeville.
Jan. 14th — Milton at Fergus.
Jan. 11th — Elora at Georgetown.
Jan. 14th—Orangeville at Georgetown.
Jan. 14th — Acton at Fergus.
Jan. 15th — Milton at Elora.
Jan. 17th — Elora at Orangeville.
Jan. 17th — Acton at Milton.
Jan. 18th — Georgetown at Fergus.
Jan. 21st — Orangeville at Fergus.
Jan. 21st — Georgetown at Milton.
Jan. 22nd — Elora at Acton.
Jan. 24th — Georgetown at Acton.
Jan. 24th — Milton at Orangeville.
Jan. 25th — Fergus at Elora.
Jan. 28th — Fergus at Milton.
Jan. 29th — Orangeville at Acton.
Feb. 1st — Milton at Georgetown.
Feb. 1st Orangeville at Elora.
Feb. 4th — Elora at Fergus.
Feb. 6th — Acton at Elora.
Feb. 7th — Georgetown at Orangeville.
Feb. 11th — Fergus at Georgetown.

1st and 3rd teams play home and home games — goals to count. Preference of ice to top team.

2nd and 4th teams play home and home games — goals to count. Preference of ice to top team.

Winners of above series play 2 out of 3 or 2 out of 3 to be decided later.

Preference of ice to top team.

Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Habart of Brampton spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs Robert Buchanan.

Sgt. John Acton of Edmonton, Alta, was a holiday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Coffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield McGillivray, Rosa and Gail spent Sunday visiting with her parents in Kitchener.

Mr. and Mrs. Ern Thompson and family spent Christmas in Burlington with Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Graham.

Mr. Clinton Martin of Toronto spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. John T. Armstrong.

Mr Oliver Whitmee of Roseland was a visitor with relatives in town during Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bessey and Ilsa spent Christmas with relatives in Nashville.

Wren Ethel Kemshead was home from Halifax to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Kemshead.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Clark and family spent Christmas in Guelph with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Robb spent the Christmas holiday with relatives in Owen Sound.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bickle and Joan spent the holiday in Oshawa with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bickle.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morley and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Oliver and daughter, Judith, of Galt were holiday visitors with Mrs. E. McGuigan.

Mrs. Maude McBride and Miss Ethel McBride of Valleyfeld, Que., were holiday visitors in town with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McBride.

Visitors for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Faram were Mr. William Faram and Miss Irene Houdon of Ottawa and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Peterkin of Toronto.

Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Todd, Colleen and Thomas, visited in Stirling for Christmas with her brother, Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Laverty.

Miss Eleanor Day, of Toronto, is spending the Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Batkin.

Mrs. G. C. Campbell and Miss Luena Campbell were Christmas visitors in Acton with Mrs. E. F. Collier and Mrs. Fred Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Batkin of Wildwood spent a few days last week in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Batkin.

Mr and Mrs. R. C. Salter and Bobby spent the holidays in Toronto with their parents.

Miss Barbara Squires of Lambeth is visiting during the Christmas vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. A. L. Squires.

Mr. and Mrs. David Crichton and son David of Toronto were holiday visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Crichton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mackenzie and son Jack of Acton were holiday visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackenzie.

Opl. Ernie Alcott was home from Sea Island, BC., where he is stationed with the RCAF, to spend Christmas with his family in town.

Mrs. Gordon Brown left for England shortly before Christmas, sailing aboard the Mauretania.

Mrs. W. V. Grant and Miss Betty Grant, home for the holidays from Arthur, spent Christmas in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Ian Stuart.

Mr. Elmer Thompson and Mr. K. M. Langdon attended the funeral in Oshawa on Monday, December 24th, of Mrs. F. W. Brooke, a former resident of Georgetown.

Lieut. and Mrs. Harold Marshall, Paul and Tommy of Ottawa were guests over Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Keenan and son Paul and Miss Margaret Keenan of Hamilton spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keenan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Biehn and Carolyn spent the Christmas week-end visiting in Sarnia with Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Biehn and in Chesley with Mrs. C. E. Biehn.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bonathan, Judy and Bonnie, spent Christmas in Toronto with Mr. and Mrs. Hayward and Mr. and Mrs. J. Weatherston.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whitmee spent Christmas in Toronto with their daughter, Mrs. E. W. Merrett. Mrs. W. S. Stewart and son John, of Whitby, were guests at the same home.

LAC Roy Brooks of Newton Robinson, visited recently with Mr. Reg. Broomhead. The two were chums while serving in the R.C.A.F. in Burma.

Mr. and Mrs. William Maclaren of Montreal were home for the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Maclaren. He is employed with the British Overseas Airways in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Godfrey and children Bruce and Carol of Toronto and Mr. and Mr. J. H. Wilson of Chippawa visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Godfrey.

Mrs. Fred Harrison, who has been a patient in Toronto General Hospital, was able to spend Christmas in town with her family, and has returned to Toronto for further treatment.

LAC Peter Bessey of Centralia was home on Christmas leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Kennedy of Toronto spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. George Herrington.

Holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Smith at their home on Main Street included Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Cox, Diane and Carol, Sgt. and Mrs. Hilton Smith and Mr. Edwin Smith, all of Orillia; Mr and Mrs. Gilbert Smith, Midland; and Mr. and Mrs. Bud McClennan of Toronto.

Mr and Mrs. W. R. S. Douglas, Mary Elaine and John and Mrs W. H. Douglas of Toronto, were Christmas guests with Mrs. J. M. Moore and the Misses Claridge. The children are remaining in town for the Christmas vacation while Mr. and Mrs. Douglas enjoy a trip to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Ford entertained the office staff and management personnel of the Smith & Stone plant at a Christmas party at their home on Saturday evening, December 22nd.

Mr. Douglas Egan has recently joined the staff of the Dayfoot Shoe Company, where he will be in charge of the shipping and receiving department. He has just been discharged from the RCAF where he served for five years, holding the rank of corporal, and being last stationed at Goose Bay, Labrador. Mrs. Egan and their son, Paul, are living in Aurora until they can secure living quarters in town.

Prior to her recent marriage to Clarence Snow, the office staff of Alliance Paper Mills presented Miss Evaline McCaig with a lovely set of dinnerware. The presentation was made by Mr. L. E. Fleck and the girls of the staff served sandwiches and coffee.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stockford were Mr. and Mrs Thomas Watts and Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roth and Marilyn and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stockford, Toronto, and the Misses Stockford of Guelph.

Mayor Harold Cleave, Reeve K. R. MacDonald, Town Solicitor K. M. Langdon, Dr. C. V. Williams, MOH, and Mr. Stan Hall, MPP., waited on the Municipal Board at the Parliament Bldgs., Toronto last week in connection with Georgetown's proposed sewerage system. We understand they were given a very favourable hearing. Councillor Sid Orr interviewed the Provincial Treasurer the week previous in regards to securing a second bank for Georgetown. While no definite decision was reached, it is believed that another bank could be secured if the idea is entertained by the new council.

Joining a family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hill, Guelph Street for the holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Reith and Bobby of Seaforth, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ward, Roy, Douglas and June of Stouffville.

LAW Elizabeth Coffin, who recently received her discharge from the RCAF, has accepted a position on the office staff of Harley-Kay Marsland Limited. In the service since June, 1942, she was stationed at Rockliffe Lachine and Toronto.

Capt. Max Strang, M.B.E., Mrs. Strang and Mr. and Mrs. John Rix of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Strang. Capt. Strang has just arrived home from service overseas, aboard the Puncher.

—While sleigh-riding on Main St. hill last Thursday night, Albert Carey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carey, ran his sleigh into a hydrant in front of Tyers' Creamery and suffered a broken leg. The young lad was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, for treatment.

Holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. L. Lyons included Mr and Mrs. Colin MacIntosh of Aylmer, Mr. and Mrs. E. McKinney and family, Brampton, Mrs. John Wedley, Toronto, and Mr. Hugo Lyons, Cheltenham.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Pass and sons David and Peter of Preston visited during Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bullivant. Mrs. Lex Schrag and Pilsy of Toronto were also visitors during the week at the same home.

Mr. and Mrs A.H. Baird Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Baird are receiving congratulations from their friends in town as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on New Year's night at their home on Wesleyan Street. It was on January 1st, 1896, that Mr. Albert Baird and Miss Jennie Bessey were married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Parr Bessey, with Rev. Robert Dey officiating at the ceremony. Mrs. Baird is a native of this district, having been born on the 6th Line, Esquesing. Mr. Baird, who was born in Trenton, moved to Milton and then to Georgetown with his parents when he was a young man. He was working in Brantford at the time of his marriage but later moved to Palmerston where he successfully operated a bakery for 47 years.

Mr. Baird played an active part in Palmerston municipal life, serving on the Council for 4 years, as Reeve two years and as mayor two years. Retiring a year ago June, he purchased the former Watson home on Wesleyan Street and moved back to town at the same time as their son, Mr. Fred Baird, purchased Brown's Bake shop in Georgetown. Mr. Baird has pleasant memories of his early days here when he was a member of the Georgetown Citizens' Band in which he played solo alto.

The couple are enjoying good health and look forward to many more years of happy wedded life. They have two children, Fred of Georgetown and Mrs. Beatrice McNeil of Stratford. A daughter, Bessey, died in infancy.

Frank Lorusso Weds Dutch Girl

First Georgetown soldier to marry a Dutch bride is L/Bdr. Frank Lorusso, word of whose marriage on August 22 has reached his parents in town. The bride is the former Jantzi Bregitta Hoogland and they were married by the Roman Catholic chaplain of Frank's regiment, H/Capt. J. G. MacCormac.

Frank is one of three brothers who have served in the army, Rocco having returned home a year ago and now discharged, and Michael, who is stationed in Brampton at present. Rocco was also married overseas to an English girl. The three boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lorusso.

L/Bdr. Lorusso has been overseas for three years and has served in Italy and in the Low Countries with the 9th Canadian Field Reg't., RCE. He expects to be returning to Canada sometime soon.

JOHN BELL, HARRY FERGUSON JOIN SMITH & STONE

Two of the newest members of the Smith & Stone staff are Messrs. John Bell and Harry Ferguson, who joined the firm this month.

Mr. Bell, a graduate in electrical engineering from the University of Toronto, was chief administration and technical officer of the radio branch of the National Research Council. Technical inventor and developer of radar in Canada, he was honoured with the M.B.E. for special meritorious work in this field during the war. On Dec. 1st he severed connections with Ottawa and joined the Smith & Stone staff. With his wife and daughters, Marilyn and Jocelyn, he is living in Lt.-Col. John R. Barber's home on Market St., until their new home now under construction a block down the street is ready to move into.

Mr. Ferguson comes to Smith & Stone from Canadian Westinghouse and Research Enterprises, Ltd., and will serve as personnel officer for the company. At present, he is making his home in Toronto. A leader in boys' work in the province, he has been president of the Hamilton Battalion of the Boys' Brigade, as well as being active in YMCA work. In the last seven years, he has trained some 1700 foremen in his work with Westinghouse and R.E.L.

RETIRES AFTER QUARTER-CENTURY IN TAXI BUSINESS

One of the best known of Georgetown businessmen, Mr. Walter Whitmee has retired as operator of the taxi which he has operated in town for the past 25 years, and has disposed of the business to his son, Mr. Ray Whitmee. Mr. Whitmee has the proud record of not having a single accident in his quarter-century of cab driving, during which he has covered thousands of miles in Halton County transporting passengers to their destinations. As his son is now operating two taxis we hope to see him still on the job in the years to come.

HOWARD LAIDLAW HOME FROM OVERSEAS TRIP

Howard Laidlaw, president of the Junior Farmers' Association, returned to his home at Norval the week before Christmas after coming home from England on the Mauretania. He had been in England for eight weeks, representing the Association at the World Youth Conference.

Mr. Laidlaw made a three weeks' tour among Young Farm Groups in England, Scotland and Wales and spoke at many meetings where the work of young farmers was discussed. He also had an opportunity of visiting a number of the Old Country's famous livestock herds.

Choral Society to be Reorganized

A war-time casualty, due to heavy enlistments among the male members of the organization, the Georgetown Choral Society will be re-formed at a meeting to be held in the Municipal Building on Friday, January 11th.

A number of interested citizens held a meeting last Friday and it was the unanimous opinion that steps be taken to start again this musical organization which added so much to the cultural life of the town and furthered the study of music in what has always been a music-loving town.

Everyone interested in choral work is invited to be at the meeting, when an executive will be chosen and plans made for the future.

UNITED CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL CONCERT

The annual Christmas concert of the United Church Sunday School was held on Wednesday evening, December 19th, with a large attendance of parents and friends. A varied program included selections by the Junior Choir, conducted by Miss Lynda Stewart and special numbers by the orchestra, which also accompanied the carol singing. At the close of the program, Santa Claus distributed oranges to all the children present.

Chairman for the evening was H. G. Wrigglesworth, superintendent of the Sunday School, and the teachers who arranged the program were: Misses Kay Lyons, Marion Ostrander, Isobel Dobson, Mae Deans and Emma McOumber, Mrs. Harvey Clarke, Mrs. Bert Tuck, Mrs. Clarence Buck and Messrs. Howard Lillico, A. Thorne, E. L. Arnold and Norman Long.

SYLVIA LAMBERT STRUCK BY TRANSPORT

Sylvia Lambert, 9 year old daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. L. Lambert, received head injuries and bruises when struck by a transport truck in Guelph on Dec. 27th. She was taken to Guelph General Hospital where she was reported resting comfortably. Capt. Lambert, who is principal of Georgetown High School, recently returned from army service overseas.

Welcome Home

PTE. WM. ISLEY

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Isley, Pte. Wm. Isley returned home last week from overseas on the Monarch of Bermuda. He went overseas in November, 1944 with the Irish Regiment, later transferring to the 49th Royal Edmonton Regiment. He served in Italy, France, Germany and Holland, where he was wounded. Prior to enlistment he was employed in town with Scott's Garage. Following a month's leave at home, he reports to Toronto for discharge.

Sgt. Norman Wright

Many will remember Sgt. Norman Wright who was stationed for several months as orderly sergeant at the Georgetown Armouries back in 1941. Sgt. Wright, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wright, of Georgetown, has been overseas for the past two years, serving in France and Germany and returned home recently on the Monarch of Bermuda. He is now spending a furlough in Acton with his wife and parents.

LOCAL SOLDIERS ON QUEBEC [illegible]

Among a group of Canadian soldiers, wounded who reached Quebec City on the Queen [illegible] were Cpl. J. B. [illegible], Georgetown; [illegible] W. [illegible], Toronto; and Pte. Jack [illegible].