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Letter from Dvr. Pollard

Reinforcement Co'y,
Canadian Engineers,
B. E. F. France.
To R. H. Red Cross Auxiliary,
Just a line thanking you for the parcel you so kindly sent. It was in splendid condition and everything it contained was most acceptable. The coffee was fine and we made it in a gasoline can. I had a most enjoyable Christmas and a dinner which I don't think was surpassed even in R. Hill. 15 of us took part in this feast against which that feast of "fatted calf" fame paled into insignificance. We started with oysters with the necessary dressing, then tomato soup, roast lamb, green peas, potatoes, baked ham, roast stuffed pork, applesauce, wax pod beans, plum pudding, brandy sauce, fruit salad, cakes, pies, coffee, cheese, jam, nuts and for those who liked it wine, vin blanc and vin rouge. This was at our own expense and in a room we hired, all the cooking being done by one of our bunch, a real artist. I suppose this would not be exactly in keeping with the Food Controller's views but we couldn't let such a small thing as that spoil our sport. The weather here is cold and there is continual snow flurries. I hear regularly from my friends Mr. and Mrs. Potter, and so am kept in touch with Richmond Hill and the receipt of your parcel was a pleasant reminder that I am not forgotten by others in the "old Berg." Wishing all the members of the R. H. R. C. A. the best of all good luck for 1918. I am,
Yours truly,
Dvr. J. Pollard, 312095

Letter from Overseas

Red Cross Auxiliary,
Richmond Hill,
Ont., Canada.
Dear Friends:—
Many thanks indeed for your lovely Xmas box, received today in perfect condition. Everything in it was much acceptable and seemed to be what I needed.
For a while it was impossible to buy either tea or sugar in Basingstoke. The civilians here are now beginning to realize the seriousness of the food question. Two pounds of meat per head per week including fat and bone is all they can buy, so in small families that is not much.
In place of butter we use margarine entirely and once last week we could not get that. It is quite a change to be in England again and our thoughts often travel back to our pioneer days in Greece. We still get letters from our old Pts. there telling us how much they missed us when we left. We hope they will all soon get out of that country. Wishing you all as bright and happy a Xmas as is possible under present conditions.
With many thanks,
Yours sincerely,
N. S. Mary I. Richardson,
No. 4, Care Gen. Hospital,
Basingstoke,
England.

Epworth League

A most enjoyable time was spent at the Epworth League Monday evening when Mr. Burrow of Metropolitan Church Toronto gave a very interesting illustrated lecture with limelight views, on "His Life and Experiences During His Travel Through Central Africa." He gave us a very vivid picture of the crude manner of living of the different tribes of people, and of their savage and barbarous nature, and of the disadvantage existing in the country. During the evening, a vocal solo was given by Mrs. A. Savage.
At the Epworth League next Monday evening, a very interesting time is promised, when Rev. Percy Price our missionary home on furlough from Japan, will give a missionary talk on Japan, to be illustrated by pictures, he took while there.
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The Carnival

In spite of the frigid temperature Tuesday night the carnival held under the Auspices of "Laddies Pals" Victoria Square proved an unqualified success.
The costumes were many and varied and elicited much admiration. Many of the comic costumes were the source of great amusement. The bright colours of National dresses added greatly to the general picturesque effect. Many of the nations of the world were represented.
John Bull and Uncle Sam were typical figures. To the latter a smiling negro made frequent obeisance. A fair Japanese lady hobnobbed with a "Heathen Chinese". A pretty Highland lass carried off a first prize. Native women from sunny Italy were there. Two charming representatives of Miss Canada were to be seen. The Toronto Sunday World was well advertised. There was an Irish Colleen in emerald green. Russia's Military general cut a brave figure but he was surpassed in the opinion of the judges by another pompous officer. Besides these there were Red Cross nurses, clowns and witches.
The judges had a difficult time deciding as to the merits of the different costumes. Finally the awards were made and some twelve prizes distributed. The only Richmond Hill girl to receive a prize was she who represented "The Cat and the Fiddle." Incidentally the cat gave valuable assistance to the Richmond Hill Band. The proceeds were in aid of the boys from Victoria Square, now overseas.

High School Alumnae

The Alumnae Association held its first meeting of the season in the High School on Friday, Feb. 1. Miss Gladys Legge, whose subject was the French artist Claude Lorain, also touched on French art in general, showing that the French people, including the peasants, are peculiarly artistic. Miss Mary Trench read a paper prepared by Miss Marguerite Boyle giving characteristics of the works of Jean Antoine Watteau, who was France's foremost eighteenth century painter. Miss Anna Boyle being unable to be present to give her paper on Jean Baptiste Greuze, Mrs. Jenkins explained that while his paintings are beautiful they show insincerity.

Red Cross Notes

A sewing meeting will be held at the home of Miss Anna Boyle on Friday afternoon February 8th, at one thirty o'clock.
Another shipment of nine dozen stretcher caps, has been made recently making a total of sixteen dozen. Acknowledgements for Xmas parcels during the past week from the following—George Wellwood, Pollard, R. Atkinson, Sgt. F. E. Froud, Spr. Victor Metcalfe, Spr. Jas. Dickson, Spr. Norman Boyle, W. Kendall/T. Greene L. A. Hill, Jno. Greene, Russell Riley, Arthur Cooper.

First January Without a Thaw

Unduly cold has been the first month of 1918, and in only one previous January—1857—was it colder. Apparently the month which is just ended was striving for a real record, and it came near to making it. No thaw set in last month, and it is the only January on record when the temperature never rose above 30 degrees in the whole time.

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Accidently Drowned

The funeral of the late Edwin Smith of Miliken's Corner's who met a tragic death on his father's farm, was held on Saturday afternoon to Agincourt Cemetery, the funeral being one of the largest in that district in a long while. Mr. Smith who was 30 years of age and unmarried, was in company with his brother feeding the stock at the barn and went alone to the well, a short distance away, to draw some water. The well was without a pump, and in removing a board from the covering the young man in some way, slipped in and was drowned. There was about 8 feet of water in the well, and when his absence was noted, assistance was at once procured and the body removed, but all attempts at resuscitation were unavailing, the body having been in the well about two hours. The family five years ago rented the Morgan farm at Miliken's Corners and were removing in a few weeks to Buttonville, where they had secured another farm. The young man is survived by his father, mother and two brothers, one of the latter at home and the other in the west.

Banquet To Warden

Citizens of York township and Weston gave a complimentary banquet to warden Thos. Griffith in the Town Hall of Weston last Thursday evening. Members of the County Council and the Parliamentary representatives for the County of York were present to do honour to the new Warden.
Capt. Thos. Wallace, M. P., W. F. Maclean, M. P., Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M. P. P., and G. S. Henry, M. P. P., spoke of the sterling worth of Warden Griffith as a son of York county.
Among the other speakers were Major Brunton, Reeve H. D. Ramsden, Reeve W. Keith, Reeve W. H. Pugsley, Reeve J. G. Connel, Reeve C. L. Wallace, Reeve George Padget and J. Fairbairn.
Reeve James Guardhouse was in charge of the arrangements for the banquet, and Reeve J. M. Guardhouse conducted the Toronto party to Weston.

Mitchell—Stewart

The marriage took place on Jan. 30th, at "Emblem Farm", Vaughan, the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. James Stewart, of their eldest daughter, Bernice, to Hugh Gordon Mitchell of Motherwell, Ont. The ceremony, which was conducted by the Rev. F. Dunlop of King City, took place under an arch of evergreens and ferns. The bride who was gowned in white crepe de chine, hand-embroidered and pearl trimmed, with veil and wreath of orange blossoms, was given away by her father, while Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" was being played by her sister, Miss Annie. She was attended by her sister, Miss Velma, gowned in pale blue Georgette crepe, and Mr. Melville Stewart was best man. After the ceremony the wedding supper was served, about seventy guests participating. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell left on their honeymoon later and upon their return will reside on their farm, Yonge street, Bond Lake.

Patriotic Fund

A bylaw was passed by the County Council last Thursday providing for \$300,000 to be given to the Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund Association, and that the amount be included in the estimates of the county for 1918 and be raised by taxes. This amount is to be paid in monthly installments of \$5,000 if needed by the association, the first payment to be made July 15, 1918.

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