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"WE DO NOT WANT TO DIE"

Recently, Hitler issued what seemed a challenge intended to excite Russia to war, intended to temporarily focus the minds of individual Germans on a common enemy rather than a common and individual poverty. If that challenge is taken up there is a 50-50 chance that you—if you are of military age—will die within the next two years. And I don't mean die natural deaths, I mean die from lingering gas poison, from malignant wounds, from the spread of contagious disease.

Germany against Russia means Germany against Russia, France, and England, with an ambitious Italy putting her paws on the tablecloth. And if Great Britain, then Canada! Not only Canada as a nation, not only the thousands of the big cities, not only the Jones family on the next street! Not everybody else—but you!

The people you will be fighting will be the families that line the back streets in some similar town in some foreign country. The same Joneses. The same Browns. The same "you."

Not one of them will have one legitimate reason for wanting to fight you. You won't have one legitimate reason for wanting to fight them. You won't be any richer for it if you win. You won't be any braver if you die for your country. You won't be more anything if you survive, but foolish.

The people that may gain from the war won't have suffered as you have; won't have seen children die; won't have choked in the fumes of sickening gases; won't have shattered their nerves with nights of agony; won't have fought "in the front line." It will be you!

Would you be so unconcerned about the Russo-German quarrel if you were certain that if Russia and Germany come to blows you would die. Would you be so unconcerned about the truth of European despatches in some leading dailies (provided they're interesting reading, you know!) if you knew that such and similar falsehoods were spinning the thread for your shroud? Would you pay even the comparatively small per cent. of your taxes in the upkeep of national armaments if you knew that the profits from that four per cent. were fomenting wars that would mean your death?

The answer is, of course, no. But the complete answer is that the statesmen who are belligerently bickering about German ambitions; the owners of some large Canadian dailies who are more intent on building up circulation than in printing truth; the armament makers who are making their money out of mass murder—none of these people ever have to consider the possibility of death from the war in which you are to be involved.

Suppose that Hitler and Goering, that Mussolini, that Stanley Baldwin and Anthony Eden along with two unnamed British generals and two unnamed British newspaper magnates (their names to be taken by lot from the complete list on the day of the declaration of war), and the Premier of France, together with two of his generals chosen in a similar fashion, accompanied by the Prime Minister of Canada, and the two leading newspaper magnates of the Dominion along with six of the twenty armament manufacturers of the world (also chosen by lot at the opening of war)—suppose all these people were to know that immediate death would face them when the conflagration came. Would they be so unconcerned about the fate of nations? Would they talk quite so glibly about a Russo-German struggle? Would Hitler declare that the future of Germany depended on the acquisition of Southern Russia when Hitler's own future would be sealed by death? Would Mussolini regiment his citizenry into armies, spend millions on aeroplanes, if Mussolini himself would die the moment they were used? Would Great Britain be concerned about building up armaments? Would her press back her expenditure, if leading government officials and those editorial writers were to die immediately their expenditure became justified? If Premier King and two members of cabinet were going to die the moment Canada entered any war, would they not make greater strivings toward international amity? If the Canadian newspaper magnates were to know that in the immediate future they would choke to death in a struggle against poison death, would they be quite so content in building wealth on colored stories of European war-tragedy, falsehood, and suspicion?

I do not disparage the heroism of these individuals. But they are not braver than we are. We, the young men who will have to do, the fighting.

We do not want to die. It may take some time to hammer it into the heads of the statesmen that control the destinies of this nation. It may take even longer to drive it through the "war-traditionalism" that seems to befof the dictatorial heads of Europe. It will probably take over a century before armament profiteers find that international murder is no longer wanted. But perhaps some day they may realize that. We do not want to die.—Midland Free Press.

REDUCING THE RELIEF ROLLS

Ontario citizens will be pleased to know that there are 130 road projects now under way in rural parts of Ontario, with the Ontario and Dominion governments sharing the cost on a 50-50 basis. Another encouraging sign in the economic picture is the reduction in the relief rolls. Thousands of men are now working on these 130 road projects because a clause in the agreement calls for at least 50 per cent. relief labour. So the relief rolls are being reduced in that way. Then again there is a better tone in industry and general business, resulting in absorption of unemployed into the ranks of labour once again. The hard-pressed taxpayers are aided every time a relief recipient goes back to work and his name is stricken from the rolls. For after all, the money to pay for food, clothing and shelter comes from the pockets of those with jobs.

The Hepburn government's drive to reduce the relief lists by providing work is bearing fruit in many directions. Proof of the fact that the government is not bluffing when it says that every able-bodied man must accept work when it is available, is borne out by what happened in Tecumseh Township the other day. In this Township

a number of men refused to accept farm jobs at the current wage of \$2.00 per day. Hon. David Croll, Minister of Welfare, immediately upon learning of the situation, ordered a reduction in relief to those who had refused the work. With this action there can be no quarrel. When able-bodied men are offered work at a fair rate of pay, and refuse to accept it, they must be made to realize that the government does not propose to spend taxpayers' money supporting parasites.

Those who refuse to work when the opportunity presents itself, are not helping the cause of the unemployed which has already lost out in public sympathy. There are thousands on relief who would take any kind of job if it would restore to them a semblance of independence. But there are those who wish for nothing but to live on the public bounty, taking everything they can get and giving nothing in return. People are fed up with having to pay taxes to support men who won't work when work is available.

Relief administration in Ontario is functioning more smoothly now than at any time since unemployment became a major problem. It took a firm stand on the part of the Queen's Park authorities to put an end to disturbances and riots in relief areas. Red agitators, working among the unemployed and stirring up unrest and dissatisfaction, have discovered that it doesn't pay. The full force of the law has been utilized to clamp down on these individuals who saw in the unemployment situation, a chance to "bore from within" and create trouble, even bloodshed.

The poor, deluded people who listened to the talk of agitators, absorbed all the glib philosophy of extremists, now see just where this road has led them. The Public has stopped sympathizing with the unemployed. The way the average taxpayer looks on the situation is that if the people on relief get enough food to eat, enough clothing and sufficient fuel, they have no grievance. A lot of people, so-called white-collar workers, haven't got more than this. And what they have got, that the unemployed haven't, are responsibilities that weigh heavily in these days of financial stringency.

NEWTONBROOK

Newtonbrook United Church will celebrate its 79th anniversary (on the present site) on Sunday, Oct. 18th with special services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. H. S. Clugston of Manor Rd. United Church, Toronto, will be the special preacher on this occasion. The ladies of the Woman's Association will serve a Supper and hold a bazaar and concert the following week. Further announcements next week.

Owing to the inclement weather and small attendance at Sunday School last Sunday morning the Bible Study Test of the Intermediate-Senior Sunday School lessons for the third quarter was not carried out. However, sixty-one were present and fourteen teachers were in their places notwithstanding the pouring rain just at the S. S. hour. The Supt. announced that the Bible Study Test would be given next Sunday at the regular S. S. session at 10 a.m. at the United Church.

Splendid congregations attended both church services. A Baptismal service was conducted by the pastor at the morning service. Garry Ross Wilson, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone Wilson, Mildred Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jackson and Edward Victor-Guy, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Guy.

Rev. A. H. Halbert and Rev. A. E. Owen of Unionville exchanged pulpits last Sunday evening.

Rev. A. E. Owen, who has recently returned from the Vimy Pilgrimage spoke on "The Vimy Memorial Service." It was held on the highest peak of Vimy Ridge where a magnificent monument stands in memory of 69,000 Canadian soldiers who paid the supreme sacrifice and for the many, many thousands of French soldiers who gave their lives. Our beloved King Edward VIII took a prominent part in the Memorial service. Mr. Owen's message was very much enjoyed although it brought to some sad memories of the past. Many veterans attended the service.

The death of Mr. O. D. Bales occurred at his home, 4571 Yonge St. on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 22nd, after a lengthy illness. The deceased served as Deputy-Reeve in the first North York Council and for a number of years served as a member of the School Board. Born on a farm located where the York Downs Golf Club now stands, he spent his entire life in this district farming. He was a member of Newtonbrook United Church (formerly Methodist) for the past 50 years and since Church Union was a member of Session and on the Board of Stewards. He leaves to mourn his loss four sons, Douglas of Agincourt, Allan of Richmond Hill, Earl, present reeve of North York, and Clarence also of Lansing. A funeral service was held at his home at 2.30 last Thursday with Rev. A. H. Halbert officiating, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. E. R. Young of Toronto. The beautiful floral tributes bore testimony to the high esteem in which Mr. Bales was held. Interment took place in the family plot in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed next Sunday morning, Oct. 4th in Newtonbrook United Church.

A song service will precede the evening service. Come and join in

singing the old hymns you love so well. A hearty welcome to all.

The North York Horticultural Society held a very exceptional Flower Show last week. Not only was there quantity but the quality of the bloom in many of the exhibits was excellent. There was a fine attendance, not only those who were showing flowers, but a great many visitors were present. Mr. Frank Sullivan of Toronto judged the flowers and afterwards explained why some were more fortunate than others and how careful exhibitors should be to make sure that when six blooms were called for that they did not put seven in, or any less than six. Several exhibits were disqualified for not having the proper number of blooms. Among those who received awards from this district were Mr. W. T. Wells for zinnias, asters, gladioli, basket of petunias and basket of zinnias, and Mr. A. W. Galbraith for gladioli, basket of salpiglossis and verbenas.

A training school for Young People sponsored by the United Church

Y. P. Council (Toronto Centre Suburban) opened last Monday evening in Willowdale United Church where the devotional worship service was conducted by Rev. A. M. Partridge of Maple assisted by Rev. John MacDonald of Richmond Hill. After the service the young people proceeded to Queen Mary School where they divided in three classes. Mrs. Ruby T. Kingswood conducted the course on "Personal Christian Living", Rev. A. H. Halbert the course on "Missions, 'Into all the World,'" and Rev. F. N. Bowers "Message of Jesus for the life of today." Rev. E. E. Pugsley who was expected to conduct one of the courses was unable to attend. Mr. Cyril Baker of Richvale is the Dean of the School. These classes will be held at 7.45 p.m. Oct. 1st, Oct. 5th, Oct. 8th, Oct. 13th and Oct. 15th. There will be a recreational period held each evening between lectures conducted by Mr. Fred Western of Toronto. It is hoped that the Young People of this Centre Suburban area will take advantage of this school.

Mrs. J. L. Caines entertained the Woman's Association of the United Church at her home on Drewry Ave. for their September meeting. There was an attendance of forty. The meeting was in charge of the president, Mrs. W. T. Wells, and Mrs. Jack conducted the devotional period. Plans were made for the Anniversary Supper, Concert and Bazaar to be held in October and committees appointed. Very dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Woman's Association is holding a sewing meeting and quilting bee in the S. S. room this (Thursday) at 10.30 a.m. There will also be a miscellaneous shower for the Bazaar.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wells entertained a few of their immediate relatives on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary last week.

The Home and School Association are holding their annual banquet on Wednesday evening.

Miss Marie Smith was struck by a motor car while getting off the radial car on Yonge St. one evening last week. She was taken to the General Hospital and is still in a very critical condition.

Mrs. George Newman was taken to the Weston Sanitarium this week.

for treatment. We hope she may soon regain her health again.

The Mission Band will meet in the S. S. room of the United Church next Saturday at 2.30 p.m. Every member is asked to bring a new member. The date has been changed from Monday to Saturday. Note the change of date, please.

Mr. Clifford Brett attended a reception at Victoria University last Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Murray, Hendon Ave., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Sept. 30th and entertained a few of their immediate relatives and friends. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Stephenson are on a visit to friends in Buffalo, N.Y.

FALL FAIR DATES

Beeton	Oct. 2, 3
Georgetown	Oct. 2, 3
Markham	Oct. 1-3
Schomberg	Oct. 6, 7
Streetsville	Oct. 10
Woodbridge	Oct. 9, 10, 12
Bolton	Oct. 16, 17
Bradford	Oct. 16, 17

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**VILLAGE OF RICHMOND HILL
TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS
IN ARREARS OF TAXES**

By virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of Richmond Hill dated the 10th day of August, 1936 and to me directed, commanding me to proceed with the collection of arrears of taxes, together with the fees and expenses, I hereby give notice that the list of lands liable to be sold has been prepared, and is being published in the "Ontario Gazette" under the dates of September 1st, October 1st and November 1st, 1936 and that, unless the said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, I shall, on the 15th day of December, 1936, proceed to sell the said lands to discharge the said arrears of taxes and the charges thereon.

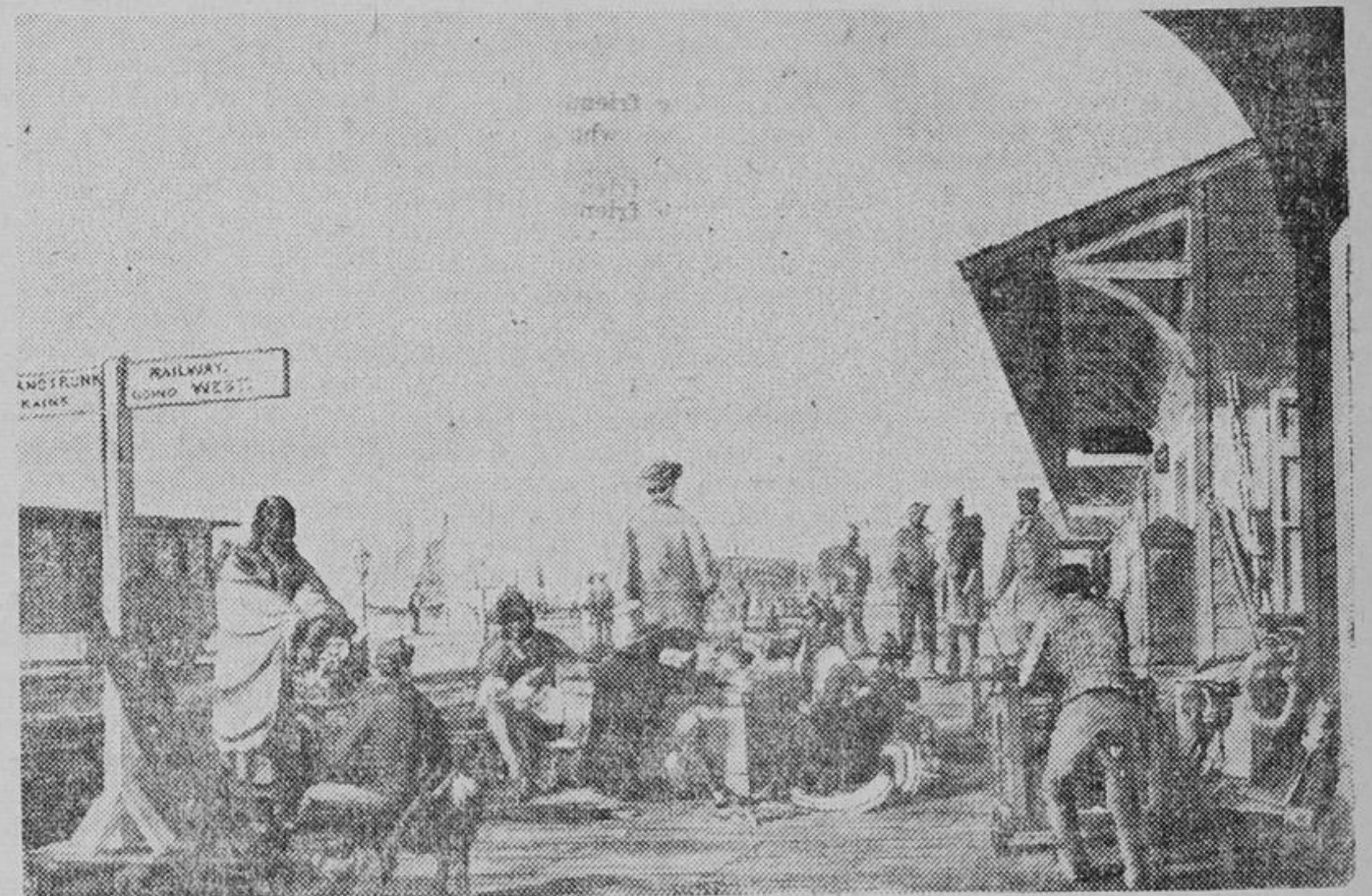
The sale will be held on the above date at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon in the Municipal Hall in the Village of Richmond Hill. Copies of said List may be had at my office.

A. J. HUME,
Village Treasurer.
Dated at Richmond Hill, August 20, 1936.

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One of Canada's best-known historical paintings has been "rediscovered". After a lapse of many years in which William Armstrong's famous water color, "G.T.R. Station, Toronto, 1857," had been lost so far as collectors of Canadians were concerned, it was "found" on an office wall in the headquarters of the Canadian National Railways. During the interim it had simply vanished from sight and although photographs of it were frequently reproduced in various periodicals and every lover of historical art was familiar with the picture, the original could not be located.

It remained for the approach of the 80th anniversary of the opening of the Grand Trunk Railway between Toronto and Montreal to bring again the painting before the public eye, and coincidence, in which the painter's son figured largely, established the authenticity of the picture beyond all doubt. Taken from the office wall which it had decorated for so many years, the painting was brought to Toronto for display in a window of the City Ticket Office, at King and Yonge Streets. A few days later Claude Armstrong an officer of the Dominion

Bank, casually glanced from a street-car and saw the picture's skyline. There was a familiarity of treatment reminiscent of his father's work. He went to the window and to his amazement discovered the long-lost painting. A subsequent examination showed that it was the original and in a perfect state of preservation, although almost eight decades had passed since its execution.

William Armstrong's water colors are coveted by collectors of Canadiana and his historical works and seascapes eagerly snapped up when they come upon the market. Born in 1821, the artist was a son of General Alexander Armstrong, Royal Irish Artillery. William Armstrong was educated to the profession of civil engineering and constructed many bridges upon the Grand Trunk Railway when the main line was originally built between Montreal and Toronto. In those days blue-prints were not used by the building gangs and Mr. Armstrong used to make quarter-inch models of each bridge to be erected. These had to be put together firmly to withstand the wear and tear of the work gangs and their strength was such that three men could stand upon them without

breaking. He also built many bridges upon the old Northern Railway, later absorbed by the Grand Trunk System and, subsequently, a part of the Canadian National Railways.

Water-color painting was Mr. Armstrong's hobby and his work soon had a tremendous vogue. When the late King Edward VII visited Canada in the sixties, as Prince of Wales, Mr. Armstrong's reputation was such that the future king made a point of viewing his studio and purchasing some of the paintings. A second royal visitor was the late King George V, who toured Canada at the beginning of the century, as the Duke of Cornwall and York, and likewise secured later paintings.

Mr. Armstrong early abandoned civil engineering for that of the more pleasing profession of art, and when he passed away in 1914, after a life full of years and honor, he had won universal recognition as "The Turner of the 19th Century" and made an enviable contribution to the annals of Canadian art. The "rediscovery" of his best-known historical painting, the first Grand Trunk Station in Toronto, will be welcomed by all students of art and collectors of Canadiana.