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**BANK OF COMMERCE ISSUE
SECOND WAR RECORD VOLUME**

Last year The Advance reviewed the handsome volume issued by the Bank of Commerce to commemorate the part taken in the great war by members of the staff of that financial institution. Volume I was largely taken up with "Letters from the Front,"—letters written from the various theatres of war by members of the staff on active service. Volume II of "Letters from the Front" is just to hand and is a fine companion volume in every way to the first book issued by the Bank of Commerce. Beautifully printed, handsomely bound, and carefully edited, both volumes are distinct contributions to the literature of the war. Volume II has five hundred pages of very interesting matter, together with a large number of very handsome and artistic illustrations. The illustrations include:—Pictures of the Memorial Tablets, such as have been placed in the Timmins and Schumacher and other branches to commemorate the service overseas of members of the Bank's staffs; half-tone photo of the Memorial Plaque presented by the Bank to the next-of-kin of those who lost their lives in the great war; illustrations showing the various honours awarded to members of the staff on overseas service; half-tone photos of the eight lady members of the staff who saw active service in the war areas; reproductions of the badges of the British, Canadian and United States units in which members saw service; the two proposed memorials for the new head office,— "Healing the Scars of War," and "Crushing the Power of the Sword," two heroic pieces of sculpture by Mr. Walter S. Allward, R.C.A.; illustrations showing German heavy machine guns. There is also a map showing the chief operations of the western theatre of the war. The volume contains a Roll of Honour, showing the names of the 265 members of the staff who gave their lives in the conflict. There is a list of the honours awarded overseas to members of the staff,—a long list covering practically every known recognition by the Allies for valour and service and including one Victoria Cross and over 200 other decorations won. The main part of Volume II is taken up with brief biographies of all the members of the Bank of Commerce staff who were on active service. The following extracts from this part of the volume will be of special interest:—

Buckeridge, Lionel Daere,—Private. Born 29th, May, 1895, London, Eng. Father H. Nugent Buckeridge. Educated at High School, Dublin, Ireland. Entered the service of the Bank, Jan. 9, 1914. Enlisted July, 1916, from South Porcupine, in Royal Irish Regt. Principal actions, Somme, 1916; Arras, Bullecourt, 1917; St. Quentin, Cambrai, 1918. Wounded March 22, 1918,—left leg shattered by shell, necessitating amputation.

Gilmour, Cecil Richard,—Private. Born, Nov. 23, 1895, in Ireland. Father, Bryce Gilmour, Civil Servant. Educated at Ballymoney Intermediate School and Ballycastle High School. Entered service of Bank, Jan. 1914. Enlisted Nov. 12, 1914 from South Porcupine branch, in 20th, Canadian Battalion. Transferred to Canadian Record Office, Oct. 1917. Principal action St. Eloi, 1916. Wounded, causing loss of the right leg, May 12, 1916. Demobilized, Nov. 21, 1919.

Higgs, James Archibald Doyle,—Lieutenant. Born Feb. 26, 1892 in the Bahamas, British West Indies. Father, James Higgs, Shipowner. Educated at Upper Canada College. Entered the service of the Bank, Jan. 1913. Enlisted Feb. 1916, from South Porcupine Branch, in 122nd, Can. Batt., with rank of Lieutenant. Transferred to Canadian Forestry Corps, June, 1917. Service, Forestry work in the Vosges Mountains, near Nancy. Demobilized, March, 1919. Returned to Bank, March 20, 1919. Retired, May 1919. Reinstated, July 28, 1919.

Palmer, Richard Vincent,—Private. Born, Aug. 27, 1894, at Belfast, Ireland. Father, Joseph Palmer (deceased). Educated at Belfast. Entered service of Bank in Sept. 1913. Enlisted, April 22, 1916, from South Porcupine branch, in 159th, Can. Batt. Transferred to Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles June 1917. Principal actions: Passchendaele, Oct. 1917. Amiens, Arras, 1918; gassed, causing burns and temporary blindness, Aug. 24, 1918. Demobilized March, 1919. Returned to service of Bank April 1919. Retired from service of Bank, May 10, 1920.

Spence, John Gordon—Lieutenant. Born Sept. 29, 1895, at Toronto, Ont. Father, W. P. Spence Mason. Educated at Port Perry Public and High Schools. Entered the service of the Bank, July 2, 1913. Enlisted Oct. 1, 1917, from Timmins Branch, in the Royal Flying Corps with the rank of Flight Cadet. Transferred to Royal Air Force, April 1, 1918. Promoted Second Lieutenant, May 7, 1918, and subsequently promoted Lieutenant. Served as Flying Instructor at Camp Mohawk. Demobilized April 1, 1919. Returned to duty with the Bank, June 12, 1919.

Livingston, Stanley Lyman—Private. Born Oct. 3, 1894, at Frankville Ontario. Father, W. D. Livingston, Farmer. Educated at Athens High School. Entered service of Bank, Oct. 19, 1916. Enlisted, June 8, 1918, from Schumacher branch, in 2nd. Depot Battalion Eastern Ontario Regt. with rank of private. Transferred to 6th. Can. Reserve Batt. July 19, 1918. Engaged in clerical work in England. Demobilized, July 1919. Returned to duty with the Bank, Oct. 21, 1919.

A prologue to Volume II gives a concise but clear review of the various stages of the war with special attention to the noble part taken by the men from the Bank of Commerce.

"Letters from the Front," volumes I and 2, are books that the Bank of Commerce may justly rank as handsome sources of pride and inspiration for all connected with the Bank and its staffs.

**COBALT BASEBALLERS
ORGANIZE FOR SEASON**

Cobalt Baseball Club is organized for the coming season, with Mr. R. S. Taylor as president, Mr. Barney Walsh as secretary-treasurer, and Mr. Angus McDonald, M.P., as Honorary Vice-President. The Club has a balance in the bank from last year of \$17.69. It was suggested at the annual meeting that Cobalt go in with Timmins and Iroquois Falls this year, but the officers thought this would be too expensive, though a play-off was favoured at the end of the season.



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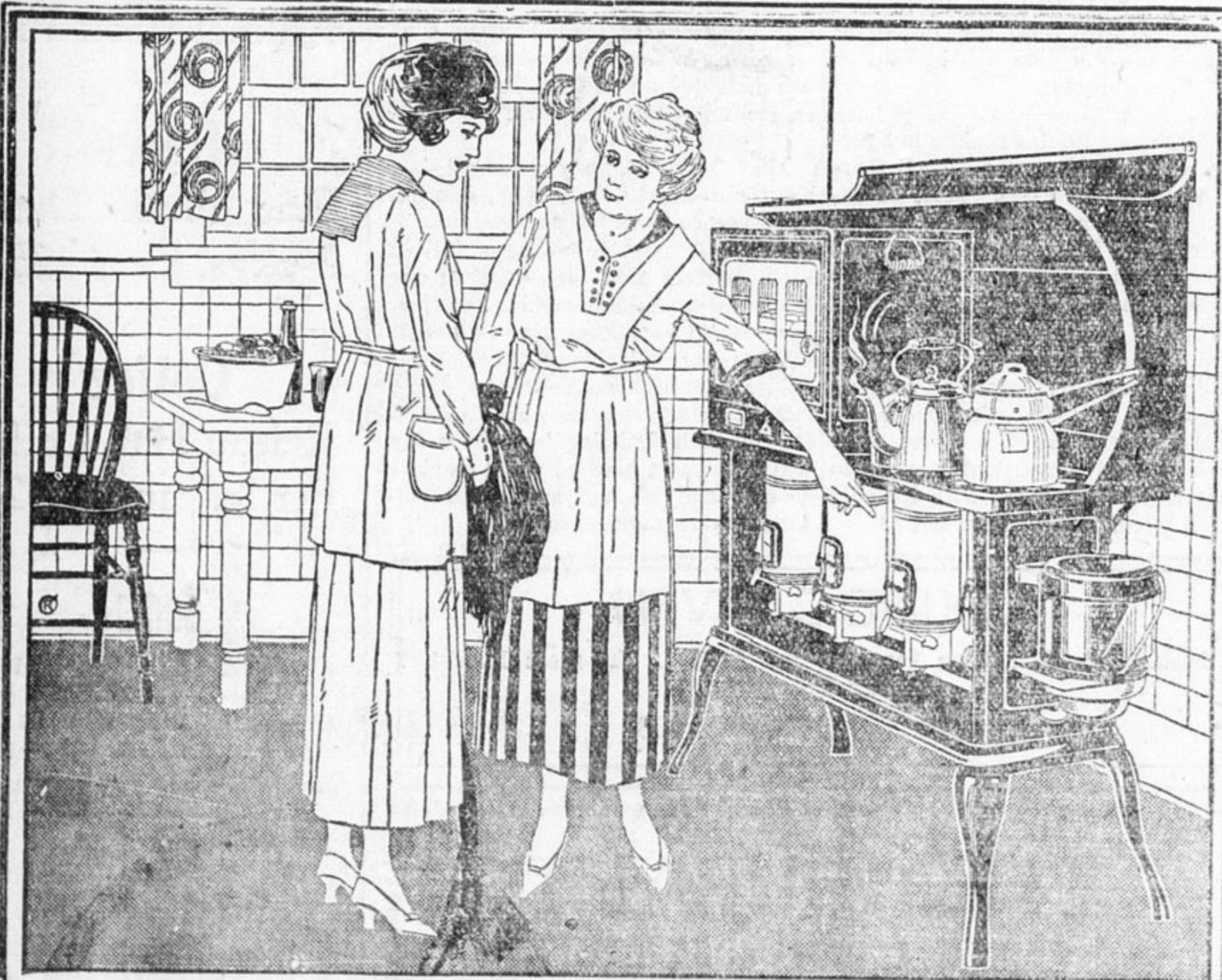
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