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Mr. Catton, the new Reeve, made a good start on Monday and if he can manage to keep up the pace for the rest of the year, the people will have no regrets for placing him in the position he now occupies.

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Letters from the Front

THE RETREAT IN THE BALKANS

Lieut. Cecil Wolfe writing from Salonica, on the 15th of December, gives an account of his first experiences in a real war, and as he says himself, he came in contact with some things he will never forget.

"I suppose you have been waiting anxiously for a letter from me since you received my last letter, which I believe I wrote on December 2nd. As it was written from Hasanti, in Serbia, which is now in the hands of the Bulgarians I have had no chance or means of writing a letter since as it would have no way to reach the base, and we have been continually on the move, until now or rather last night when we arrived in Salonica, and very glad we were to get here. I will try to give you as good an account of what happened as I possibly can, which you will understand, better if I draw you a rude map on the next page.

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SCENE OF NEW ACTIVITIES IN THE EAST. The accompanying map shows the scene of operations where the Russians have launched a new offensive. Czarnowiz, capital of Bukowina; Lemberg and Czartorysk on the Kowel-Sarny railroad sector, are the chief points now bitterly contested.

or ride, as this letter would take the form of a volume, but when I get home I can tell you about it in detail, as it is something that will live in my memory as long as I live. It was a grand experience, but one which you don't care to have repeated.

I think this will conclude my epistle for this time, as I want to get it away for fear I miss the mail.

I am feeling very fine and hope you are all well at home. I wish you and my friends a very very Happy New Year."

CHRISTMAS IN THE TRENCHES

It is a pleasure for us to hear from our boys at the front, and we were more than pleased a few days ago to receive a personal letter from Pte. John Weir, who is 'somewhere in Belgium.' We take the liberty of giving it a place in our columns, and feel sure that many of our readers will be glad to learn how he and his companions enjoyed their Christmas festivities.

"Dear Editor—Here we are again, just getting over a very much enjoyed Christmas dinner. I am writing this by the light of a candle, as it is about 6.30 in the evening. The weather has been nice to-day and the sun was shining until this evening, when it started to rain again. And so you have good sleighing in Canada just now. I would appreciate enough snow to keep us out of the mud for a few days, but nothing doing; it is all rain here. We have just come out of the trenches in time for Christmas, and although our relief were going to spend the day in the mud and slush. They were in good spirits, living in hopes of better times to come, when there will be no need to go to the trenches. However, as we passed them by in the darkness it was, 'Merry Christmas Jack,' on all sides. We arrived in billets safe and sound; the tea was served up and we got our issue of rum, then rolled up in our blankets for the night.

Meanwhile around the cook house there is a great activity, preparing the fowl for the eventful dinner next day. At 1.30 the fowl was in readiness, one bird to every five men, and then the plum pudding followed. We are not hurt very much by getting too many good things to eat, so we took advantage of the opportunity in the afternoon we were issued with apples, oranges, and nuts, etc. and between meals, when we were spoiling for something to do, we went through some physical torture as we used to call it while training. All the same I would enjoy it very much to get out in a nice field at daybreak and go through the fields around here could be rather warm with hot led for any of these games. Well, Mr. Irwin, I must thank you for sending me the Chronicle. On account of the congestion at the base I do not get it very regularly, but that does not matter it will reach me in time, and it is very interesting. Well, as news is getting scarce, I must draw this to a close. Percy and I are both in good health, and making the best of everything as it comes."

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HOLSTEIN

Messrs. J. H. Coleridge, of Toronto, and T. Coleridge, of London, were in the village attending the funeral of their sister, Selma, who died in the hospital, Toronto, on Tuesday. The remains were brought to Holstein Tuesday evening to the home of her brother, Daniel, the funeral taking place to Amos cemetery, Wednesday, the Rev. T. H. Ibbott officiating.

One of our citizens undertook a few days ago to correct another young citizen for irregularities in conduct, resulting in the defendant being sent up for trial at Owen Sound, the case to be heard next June. It is understood other complications are arising which the court will be called upon to settle.

At a recent meeting of the executive of the patriotic society here it was decided to publish the names of all who contributed to the fund. Should there be others who contribute before the first of February, their names will also be listed.

We have recently had a letter from Lieut. Andrew Seimur, in which he states that he has been removed to Salonica. The change from the arid sands of Egypt to almost freezing point causes some comment.

Mr. Frank Hunt has moved to the residences lately vacated by Mr. T. O. Cornell.

Marshal Burrows, of Riverview, has leased Samuel Seaman's farm and takes possession the 1st of March.

BLYTH'S CORNERS

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A TRUE PROPHET

One of the attractions of the church fete was a fortune teller's tent.

A lady took her ten year old, red hair, freckled son inside. The woman of wisdom bent over the crystal ball.

"Your son will be a very distinguished man if he lives long enough," she murmured in deep, mysterious tones.

"Oh, how nice," gushed the proud mother. "And what will he be distinguished for?"

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Table with columns for Toronto Cattle Market and Toronto Grain Markets. Lists prices for various types of cattle (steers, cows, hogs) and grain (wheat, oats, corn).

Table with columns for Wholesale Produce. Lists prices for various types of produce including eggs, butter, creamery prints, and various meats.

Table with columns for Toronto Fruits and Vegetables. Lists prices for various types of fruits and vegetables such as pineapples, oranges, lemons, and grapes.

Table with columns for Chicago Cattle Market. Lists prices for various types of cattle including receipts, market veal, and hogs.

Table with columns for Durham Market. Lists prices for various types of produce including wheat, flour, and other goods.

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TRAVERTON

And the days are growing longer. Miss Mary Peart and her brother, Jimmy, returned home last Thursday, after spending a week with kindred in Durham, and a week with relative near Hanover.

Miss Myrtle McClocklin and Miss Edwards, returned to their homes on Saturday evening.

They report Mr. James Nelson and family are having a fine old home in Pinilich. They had a right royal pleasant outing.

Black measles are reported here and 'tis said they make one sicker than the other kind.

Among those who enlisted and went to Owen Sound last week, was Harry Gray, son of Mr. John Gray of the 4th con. There'll be few in the 4th battalion, who have the splendid soldierly qualities that he possesses. Harry is a wag to boot, and will help his comrades to wile away many an hour.

Mr. J. J. Hart visited his sister, Mrs. John Hartson, of South Bentinck one day last week.

'Tis reported that Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Allan's baby is seriously sick with pneumonia.

Mr. Robert Banks, after a brief illness passed away most unexpectedly on Saturday afternoon about 3.30 at the home of his nephew, Mr. Jim Banks, from an attack of the gripe and other complications.

He was ill only a few days, and chatted away quite freely the afternoon before the call came. Deceased was born in Yorkshire, England, seventy-six years ago, and when a child of six came out with the rest of the family to Canada, and lived in Chinguacousy till about the age of 20, when he and his brother Jim, removed to Illinois and later on to Missouri.

About eleven years ago he returned to Ontario, and having never married made his home with kindred here. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence, well-read, and possessed a wide fund of information, obtained by travel and from books. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon from the home to which, where Rev. E. S. Moyer gave a most persuasive and earnest discourse, after which interment took place in the same plot with his brother Richard, and his sister, Mr. Wm. Banks. The relatives here, being most kind and attentive during his illness and the bond between them is strong.

The following drove long distances to be present:—Mr. Jim Banks, from Riverview; Mr. and Mrs. John Banks, from Mulmur. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilson, from Hanover, and a number from Durham.

The sympathy of the community goes out to the sorrowing ones, but specially to Mr. Jim Banks who is left alone in the home. One brother, Wm. in Missouri and one sister in California are the sole survivors of the family.

OH! THESE MEN!

A neighbor remarked to my wife, "I understand your husband is something of an after-dinner speaker," to which wife replied: "Yes, what Charlie is liable to say after dinner is the reason we can't keep a cook!"—C.L.H.

MARRIED

BALL—HOPKINS—At the parsonage, on Thursday, January 6th by Rev. E. S. Moyer, Mr. Ephraim G. W. Ball, to Miss Almada Hopkins, both of Mt. Forest.

DURHAM MARKET

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