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OBITUARY

W. J. MITCHELL.

W. J. Mitchell, editor and proprietor of The Clinton News-Record, died suddenly in Victoria hospital, London, on Sunday morning. For some time, he has suffered with throat trouble and it was only on the Wednesday preceding his death that he went to the hospital for treatment. But the end came suddenly, owing to the giving way of a blood-vessel. He was about 54 years of age, and unmarried.

He was editor and proprietor of this paper till the end of 1906, when he sold out to the present owner. During the summer of 1907 he bought the Clinton News-Record, and for 19 years has been serving his readers with what is acknowledged to be one of the cleanest and best local papers in Ontario. He was a prominent Conservative, and a member of the Masonic order.

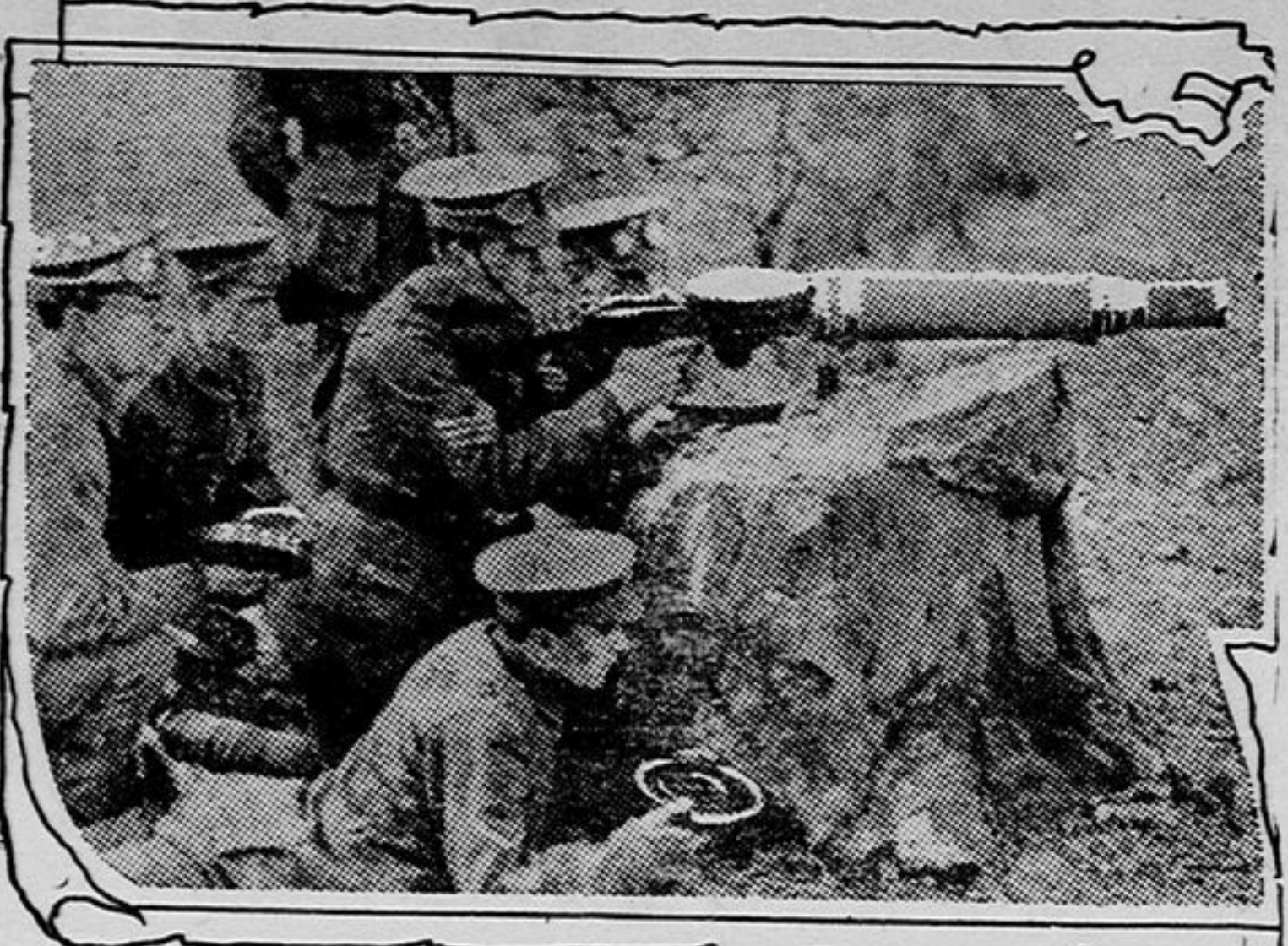
From personal knowledge and business relations with the deceased we must add our tribute of respect. We found him honest and honorable in our business transactions, having yet to find an instance where he made a misrepresentation. This was W. J. Mitchell as we found him in life; this was W. J. Mitchell as we honor and respect him in death. He had his individual peculiarities, but who is there that doesn't differ in some respects from others? Considering his means, he was liberal in his givings, but he was never a man to advertise his charities. To his friends, he was true; from others he stood aloof. He had very strong affections for his mother, and up to the time of her death some years ago was a very frequent visitor.

He was distant in his manner, and to know him at his true value it was necessary to go more than half way. He had many friends here, and from the nature of his work, as the youthful editor of a local paper, he could scarcely spend nine years in the editorial chair without making some enemies. His throat gave him trouble always, and frequently while here he was forced to take a holiday. Mr. George H. Mitchell of The Hanover Post, his two sisters, and Mr. Hollinger, step-father of the deceased, are remaining relatives. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at Hanover.

FLESHERTON.

We have received an interesting communication from Lieut. Dr. W. T. Little, who is in Mesopotamia in hospital and field ambulance work with the British forces. The Dr. reports some thrilling experiences and narrow escapes. Quoting his letter in part, he says: "On a certain evening a Turk aeroplane came over us and dropped a bomb or two close to our hospital and at the same time directed the fire of the Turks to our supply depot with the result that we lost a few dollars' worth of supplies and ammunition. I was within 100 yards of a store of ammunition which was fired on, and it is a miracle that no one was hurt. Two mules were killed, and one had its front legs torn off. It was my first experience, and I can now say I have worked under shell fire. At the time, I was opening up an infected finger for one of the Tommies, and had just finished when the big explosion came. We all looked for the nearest trenches and made haste to deposit ourselves in safety. I wonder now how we escaped, as it literally rained lead and all kinds of missiles. Yesterday morning another Turk aeroplane gave us a five minutes, but we gave him a bit for tat. It certainly must have been uncomfortable for him as well as for us, with many shells bursting around him. I sent 30 of my patients down to the larger hospitals to-day, but I had no sooner put them on the boat than our hospital was filled up again. Quite a number, however, are able to go back to their lines in a few days, and they are quite willing to go to do their bit. We are only a few miles from the front line trenches, the enemy's shells going over our heads. We are now in the land of the ancient Babylonians, between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, and a fertile district it would be if some power far from here are the ancient viaducts and systems of irrigation long since destroyed by the Turks. It is in this district that the Garden of Eden is supposed to have been, but as these rivers have changed their courses it is impossible to locate it definitely. The climate is trying, owing to the great heat which runs the thermometer up to 120 in the shade. Luckily, I have a double fly tent else I should collapse. There are no electric fans here. Am anxious to learn how our boys are coming on at Owen Sound. I suppose they will soon be moving off, if they have not gone already. I often think of Flesherton and wonder how everybody is getting along. Give my best respects to all."

After a long silence, we have received a newsy letter from Mr. Walter Loucks, who has been for a few years prospecting at Le Pas and several hundred miles north in the Hudson's Bay region. After almost a year in the northern wilds he had come out to Mile 185, Hudson Bay Railway, for supplies, and was returning im-



The wonderful Lewis gun is shown in the hands of British soldiers in one of the training camps. This is the training camps in Canada. It is as remarkable power, and is otherwise known as "The Belgian Rattle."

mediately to his work to accomplish as much as possible before snow comes. He reports himself well, but too busy gold-hunting to do much letter writing. In part Walter says: "This is a hard country to work, but I live in hope of being rewarded. A fine belt of clay crosses the country, but whether it will be used for farming or not remains uncertain. A party of engineers are crossing the country this summer running a try line from Prince Albert to Fort Churchill for the C.N.R. Summer here is short and hot, with rapid growth. Trout and sturgeon abound, and there are caribou, moose and beaver plenty. Flies and mosquitos are bad. Remember me to all old folks."

Mrs. Robt. McIntyre and two children, Toronto, are visiting her brother, Mr. Robt. Richardson. Dr. R. H. Henderson and family of Toronto, are on a motoring holiday this week with relatives in Flesherton and vicinity. Messrs. W. A. Fred and Joe Armstrong, with a Toronto friend, had a lucky day's fishing last week, and your cor. was favored with a generous treat from the splendid catch of the speckled beauties.

The Boy Scouts under Scout Master Bellamy, marched to the Baptist church on Sunday morning when the pastor, Rev. Mr. McDonald, devoted part of the service to their special interest, with a timely talk. The scouts are camping for a week at the pond.

At the meeting of Prince Arthur Lodge A.F. & A.M. on Friday evening a resolution of condolence was adopted conveying the sincerest sympathy of the lodge to Mrs. W. J. McFarland and family in their bereavement by the recent death of Mr. McFarland, who was one of the charter members, and a past master of the lodge with which he had been connected for many years.

Mr. M. K. Richardson, a charter member of the Masonic lodge here and the first Master of the lodge, has received a distinct honor from the Grand Lodge in the title of Very Worshipful Brother, which has been conferred upon him. The lodge appreciates the honor to one of its members, so worthy.

Mr. Bro. T. A. Blakely, the past D.D.G.M., has presented Prince Arthur Lodge with his photo in the regalia of his office, which, together with other past masters, now adorns the walls of the lodge room.

Dr. Fred Murray of Toronto holidayed the past few days with his brother here.

Mr. Wilfrid Henry of the Bank of Commerce, Orangeville, is on a fortnight's holiday at his home.

Miss Bell of Edmonton, formerly of the school staff here, visited her old friends a couple of days last week.

Misses Maud Boyd, Mabel Henderson, Dell Thurston and Irene Wilson attended Wareham Methodist church garden party last week, and Miss Wilson took part in the program.

Mr. Mark Stewart and Miss Edna Stewart were at Owen Sound last week attending the funeral of the latter's father.

Mr. J. Bull and Miss Reta Blackburn of Collingwood were visitors at Mr. T. J. Fisher's last week. Miss Blackburn's mother, who accompanied them in the car, visited her brother, Mr. W. R. Simmons and other relatives.

Mrs. (Judge) Breen, who visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Trimble, has returned to her home at Cadillac, Mich.

In the junior matriculation exams. Donald McVicar and Ina Laidlaw, of the high school here, were successful, and Dell Wilson, Arlie Wright and Lillian Dudgeon passed in part.

Miss Susie McClocklin, supervisor of music in schools, Toronto, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. M.E. Wiis in Pte. Norman McDonald of the 129th Battalion, visited over the week end at Mr. M.E. Wilson's and left Monday for overseas.

Mr. D. A. McVicar is home from Orillia on a holiday.

Mrs. Thompson of Hastings county is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. J. White.

Mrs. (Dr.) Kister of St. Catharines, and Miss Kister of Chippawa are visiting the former's aunt, Mrs. W. R. Simmons, and other relatives.

Misses Avada and Thelma Wilson visited in Durham last week. Mr. Isaac Norris of Wiarton visited his mother, Mrs. W. J. White, last week.

Mrs. Welton of Mt. Forest is visiting her son, G. B. and family. Miss Plewes of Markdale, who formerly for six months filled the position of organist and choir leader in the Methodist church, has been again engaged, and commenced her duties on Sunday.

Sergt. Jamieson and Ptes. Brothwell and Weese, were up from Camp Borden over the week end.

About 50 relatives attended a family picnic at Mr. Donald McLeod's on Wednesday afternoon last week, and had a pleasant reunion.

Mrs. Jas. Paton entertained about a dozen of her lady friends at an afternoon tea on Friday.

Mrs. W. H. Thurston is visiting her daughter at Mitchell.

Rev. Mr. Dudgeon preached at Markdale on Sunday and his pulpit here was supplied by Mr. W. McFadden of Markdale, whose discourses were appreciated. Service was held in the school room, owing to the seats in the auditorium being revarnished.

Mr. Levi Coult, working at Rock Mills, had one of his legs broken last week by a log rolling on him.

Miss Edna Fisher is holidaying and visiting her sister at London.

TRAVESTON

Oat harvest is in full swing. Quite a number have full the crop cut.

Mr. E. T. McClocklin spent the first of the week at the old home on the 4th.

Mrs. Jas. Carter and family, of Owen Sound, are holidaying at the O'Neil homestead on the 4th.

No supply for Zion's school on Sunday and a big congregation went home badly disappointed.

Mr. Cameron McIntosh, the clever editor of the Battleford News, was a guest of his kindred, Mr. and Mrs. John Greenwood and family over the week-end. The west is agreeing with him.

On August 6 a bonny baby girl, Clara Agnes, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Jack. Congratulations.

It was like old times to see Miss Clara Nelson of Puslinch in Zion Sunday school on Sunday. She is visiting at Mr. W. Jack's.

Mrs. N. McKechnie of town attended Zion garden party and remained a few days to visit old friends and neighbors.

A big crowd gathered at the home of Mr. Thos. Anderson on Friday evening before his departure from the old home, and presented him with a very complimentary worded address, accompanied by a club bag and a fountain pen. Mr. Anderson feelingly responded and expressed his gratitude for being so kindly remembered. There followed a night of song, music and flying feet until the rosy dawn. Mr. Anderson purposes making his home with his sister, Mrs. Mantell, of Tillsonburg, who has been making him a visit for the past few weeks. They leave for the southern home this week.

A lovelier night there couldn't be nor a winsomer crowd could you wish to see;

So bright of wit and so full of glee As gathered at Zion's big Garden Party.

Sure, there was a monster crowd, a delicious supper, the sweetest of music supplied by Mr. Geo. Ritchie and family. Mrs. Arthur McNally and Miss Ena McNally, Misses Mary Peart and Mary McArthur, Mr. Mistele of the Royal Bank throws heart and soul into his singing and his magnificent voice rang out in his patriotic selection. Reeve T. Nichol made a most affable and efficient chairman and added, to his popularity by his kindly words and appreciation. Councillors Young, Turnbull and Peart were also present and responded to the call by song and speech. One of the most interesting events of the evening was a drill by twelve young maidens, robed in white and sashed in pink. It took the crowd's fancy. The booth did a lively trade. The proceeds from gate receipts and booth amounted to nearly \$92. A better behaved, happier crowd would be hard to find.

DARKIES' CORNERS.

Miss Aggie Moffat of Narva is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Weir and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Patterson of Dornoch spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Atkinson.

Over 20 ladies were present Friday at the Red Cross meeting, held at Mrs. Robt. McFadden's. Collection, \$2.20.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lawrence, of Normanby, and Mr. and Mrs. Will

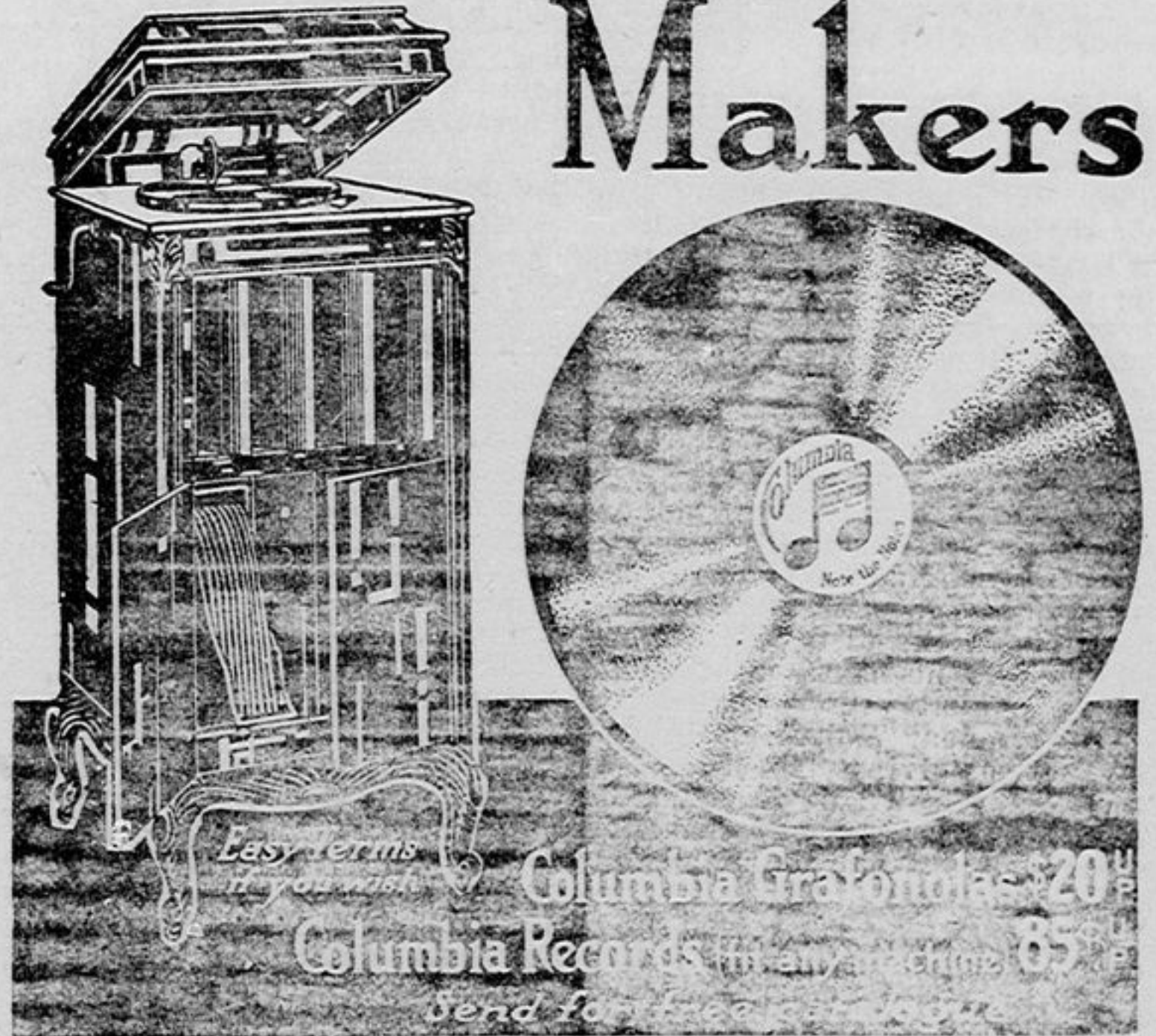


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Mrs. Jas. Hopkins has spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Herb Allen, who has been seriously ill. We hope she may soon be restored to her usual health. Mr. Sam McGirr of the west is on a visit with his brother, James McGirr, and sister, Mrs. Jas. Wilson, and other relatives. Miss Annetta McLean spent a few days with the Misses McCuaig of Top Cliff. Miss Margaret McGirr, Messrs. Will McGirr and Murray Ritchie, and Mrs. C. Ritchie and Edna May took in Zion garden party and report a good time, with a first-class programme.

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