

## LETTERS TO THE WHIG

### WITH REGARD TO FRONTENAC COUNTY QUESTIONS

**The Napanee River Improvement Company Scored—Portland Township Wants J. E. Freeman Elected Warden.**

Bell Rock, Jan. 19.—(To the Editor): I read in yours of the 15th that B. S. O'Loughlin and A. W. Benjamin on Tuesday evening appeared before the Board of Trade representing the Napanee River Improvement Company, and would like to say a few words in regard to this matter. I think these gentlemen are trying to mislead the government. I think they are no friends of the present government any farther than their own interests are concerned. I think the company should have been called "The Destroying Company" instead of "The Improvement Company."

I have lived in Portland nearly all my life, near the Napanee river. I know every crook and turn from Napanee to the Fifth Lake, have also watched dams for the river company. I would like to know why no fish pass in those dams. I have seen the river and First Lake covered with dead and dying fish after they have let off water from Second Lake dam, caused, I think, by the change in the temperature of water.

The farmers suffer to a great extent north of Bell Rock from Second Lake dam. I have had hay cut near First Lake, and the next day it would be a foot under water. Now these gentlemen claim nature is responsible for drowned lands. That is all rot. Before the Napanee river company built its dam at Petworth, I have gone in the big swamp in October with a team of horses and skidded logs. In 1912, in November, I went with a boat all through it. I have seen the water fall a foot in one night in Big Swamp, after they would take out stop logs at Petworth dam. Bell Rock long bridge is covered with water nearly all the year round, on account of Petworth dam. Many a fine horse has lost its life in fording the ice cold water over Bell Rock long bridge. There should be water on the bridge only for a short time in the spring if it was not for Petworth dam. Now there is water on it more or less, nearly all the year round. It is impossible to keep it in repair on account of Petworth dam.

There are thousands of acres of val-

uable timber being destroyed on account of this dam. In the summer the air is tainted for miles around that water caused by Petworth dam. Drs. Oldham and Esomany would say that is healthy, I suppose. Well, Dr. Oldham happens to be a brother-in-law of A. W. Benjamin, and blood is thicker than water.

Lumber has ranged from \$12 to \$60 an acre in the drowned lands. I have paid \$25 an acre, but at the present time it is almost worthless on account of the dam. At least one-third of it is dead and fallen down.

Messrs. O'Loughlin and Benjamin called removing Fifth Lake dam an act of vandalism. I call it an act of bravery. If we had an army of such men we would have no fear of an invasion from a foreign foe. It is too bad we can't find out who did it, as they might get the Victoria Cross, or a gold medal, but alas! brave men never like their deeds to be known.

Now, these gentlemen claim we do not for a moment question Mr. Hartington's sincerity and honesty of purpose in making this report, but we do not hesitate to say that he obtained his information from an unreliable and altogether antagonistic source. And again they say so much for the farmers' side of the question. I am sorry to say we farmers out north have a very poor opinion of them.

This fourteen thousand acres of drowned land is the best land in Portland, as some of it has been cleared and has given the best of satisfaction before the river company built its dam at Petworth. I own fifty acres of valuable swamp land near First Lake that is rendered useless on account of flooding from Second Lake dam.

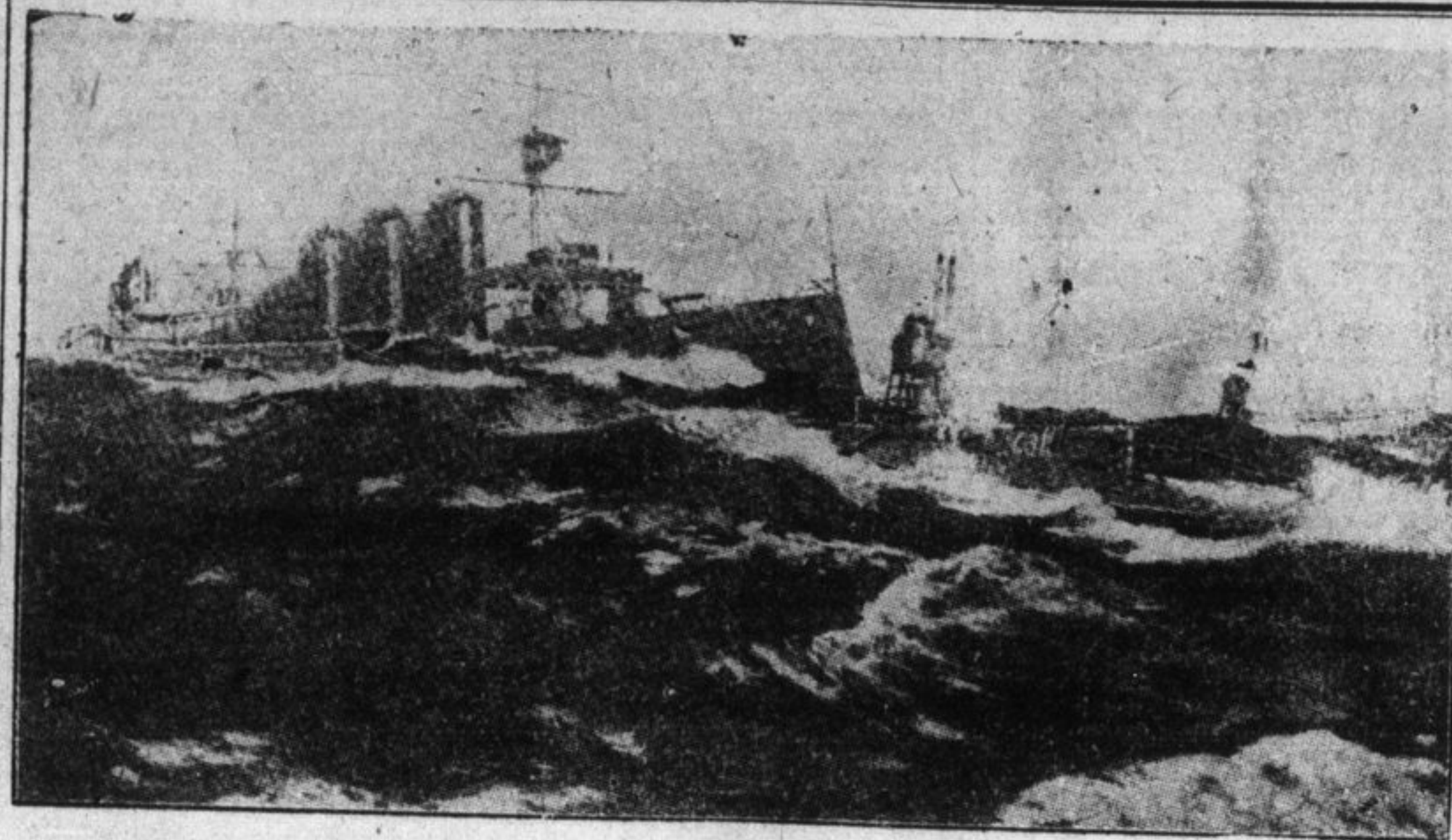
I would like to know where B. S. O'Loughlin's twenty-two industries are in a distance of fourteen miles along the river. Bellrock is the last village

north of the Napanee river, and there have been no mills here for years. Petworth is the next, seven miles down the river; no industries there. I used to know a man at Yarker. He had an industry at the foot of the falls. He had a flutter wheel and got his power from the swift current of the Napanee river, but he carried on business alone. He did not employ any army of men, and turned out some fine baby toys. There was also another industry at Woodmucket, below Yarker. It turned out a fine lot of kitchen chairs, but alas! they are gone. Vain is the hope of man! Here are two of the industries. Please tell where the other twenty are.

I feel sorry for Kingston when the Napanee river goes out of business and trading is bankrupt, as I do some trading there.—JAMES MEERS.

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**WHEN THE BRITISH SUBMARINE A1, WITH THIRTEEN MEN ABOARD, TO THEIR DEATH.**  
At time of writing twenty vessels of the British navy are scouring the British Channel with divers and diving apparatus in an effort to locate the British submarine which sank on January 15th. 'Tis thought all are lost. The picture shows a British submarine (in front) of the type of A2, and a torpedo destroyer. The later type of vessel are doing the attempted rescue work in the channel.

At Washburn's Corners  
Washburn's Corners, Jan. 17.—Died at Lake Elvida on Jan. 8th, Mrs. James Mackie, aged 101 yrs. The deceased was one of Leeds pioneers and her beautiful christian life will be long remembered by all who knew her. Her qualities of sterling integrity and her unselfishness and spirit endeared her to all with whom she was associated. Her husband predeceased her six years ago. She leaves six children, twenty-three grandchildren, and eighteen great grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. G. Edwards in the Methodist church, Athens. The annual meeting of the members of the Lyndhurst fair will be held in the Orange hall, Lyndhurst, on Jan. 20th. Mrs. S. A. Webster has gone to visit relatives at Oak Leaf. A number from here attended the broom ball match held at Athens in aid of the Athens hockey club. Robert Shaw is getting ready to haul brick from Phillipsville, for his new residence. J. Mackie and K. C. Rappell of Queen's university, Kingston came

down to attend the funeral of their grandmother Mrs. Mackie. Athens' new post office was opened for business on Tuesday. There was a rush for boxes. Miss Ella Bolton, of Newburgh, an experienced postal clerk, is assisting in the new post office. W. Earl stared Saturday from here with a load of cattle for Montreal.

**A WONDERFUL CASE**  
Three Months in Hospital and Came Out Uncured  
Zam-Buk Cured Him in Few Weeks  
Fred. Masco, the well-known upholsterer and mattress manufacturer, of St. Andrew, N.B., says:  
"I had eczema on my knee, which caused me terrible pain and inconvenience. The sore parts would itch and burn and tingle, and then when rubbed or scratched would become very painful. When the knee got warm it burned worse, and the itching and burning and smarting were almost unbearable. I tried various remedies but got no better, so I decided to go to Montreal and take special treatment. I received treatment at the Montreal General Hospital for thirteen weeks, but at the end of that time I was not cured, and almost gave in. A friend advised me to give Zam-Buk a trial. 'Almost as soon as applied Zam-Buk stopped the itching and irritation. I persevered with the balm, and it was, soon evident that it would have to be amputated.' The pain was reduced, the sore spots began to heal, and by the time I had used a few boxes of Zam-Buk I was quite cured."

## WE UPHELD THE FLAG

### CONQUERED THE WILDERNESS AND MADE PEACE

Tributes to Strathcona — Sir Gilbert Parker Says the British Empire Owe Him an Unpayable Debt.  
Concerning the late Lord Strathcona Donald McMaster, K.C., M.P., said: "He was a pioneer philanthropist and patriot. No man has done so much to make Canada what it is to-day and none more clearly foresaw the limitless resources of his adopted country. The full measure of his loss cannot be estimated to-day for Canada loses as well as a faithful steward her greatest benefactor and there will be mourning in every Canadian home."

Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P., said: "He presented, perhaps, more than any other man in the Empire, the spirit and power of the great pioneer. To such a man the empire owes an unpayable debt."

Obed Smith, commissioner of emigration, remarked: "Notwithstanding his other multifarious duties Lord Strathcona always impressed upon himself and others the vital interests of Canada. No matter was too small or too great for him to consider, and he always felt that Canada deserved more from him than she received. In emigration matters the special welfare of the emigrant was second only to his determination that the stream of new commerce be as pure and suitable as was humanly possible for the department to secure."

The Pall Mall Gazette says editorially: "He conquered the wilderness and made peace among men. He comforted the afflicted and succored the needy. He upheld the flag and drew the British race together into closer bonds of brotherhood."

The Westminster Gazette states: "Other public men may have been as much respected, but few were ever more generally beloved than this fine example of the Scottish race, who might fairly be called the father of modern Canada."

It is a safe bet the average citizen is more interested in the downfall of a neighbor than in the downfall of Huerta.

Hint to young men: Put off being sporty until you can do so on your own money.

But if a girl is inclined to be a blonde she will be in spite of every shing.

**Fire Brigade Inquiry**  
Belleville, Jan. 23.—The Board of Trade is asking the council to hold an investigation into the recent fire in Belleville wherein \$30,000 worth of property was destroyed, and into the general organization and management of the fire brigade and department.

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