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THE MAN ON WATCH

Certainly there cannot be hard times in Kingston. The theatres are full every night, the ice-cream parlors are busy and the candy counters thrive, despite dear sugar. These are signs of the times, and goodly ones.

Now are the veterans glad, since half a hundred rifles have arrived with which they will repel the invader.

The Lampman wonders if the soldiers mobilized here for overseas fighting are to be instructed in the art of trench-making. If so, he would advise the town council to see Commander Hughes and offer him the use of some of the streets in the outskirts where there are no drains, so he may set his soldiers at them, thus killing two birds with one effort.

The threatened lecture about penitentiary conditions would not draw very well, the Lampman thinks, for people would hardly care to listen to an extortioner criticizing our big prison, particularly in wintry weather, when most people would not have kindly thoughts for one of his class.

Queen's students instead of going west to teach the rising generation next spring and summer will go to France to teach the Germans a lesson."

Who, asks the Lampman, is there better able to handle the "scales of justice," in the police conrt than Town Councilman Daniel Couper when the magistrate is away, "Dan" is used to scales, and knows how to give good weight, so his scaling on the cadi's bench should be good.

Now the question arises if farmers can come into the town and hawk their produce about the streets without paying a license. It costs a few pennies to stand on the public market place and sell, but nothing to peddle.

Some one whispers in the Lampman's ear that there are signs of "high church" in this staid old town. The orthodox need not worry however, as "high church" methods never flourished here, but tended to scatter a congregation till there was none left, to not one.

The military authorities need not worry the soldiers about growing moustaches. When they are in action a few weeks, they will be so moustached and whiskered that their aunties would not know them. Anyway, Sam Hughes, the war lord of the country, does not wear a moustache. Only ordinary fellows like Kitchener, French, Joffre and Kaiser Wilhelm do that.

The Sixth Commandment may declare that "thou shalt not kill", but the little Methodist lad who called out to his teacher, "God kill the kaiser," is evidently of the opinion that this commandment does not absolve the German emperor.

THE TOWN WATCHMAN.

Rev. Robert J. Burdette, preacher, humorist and author, died at his home in Pasadena, Cal., on Thursday. He had been ill nearly two years and for the last two weeks had been in a state of coma.

NO ALUM IN ROYAL BAKING POWDER

OLD FRONTENAC MILITIA.

M. H. Grass, Collins Bay, Gives Some Reminiscences.

Collins Bay, Nov. 19.—(To the Editor): I was very much pleased to see in your issue yesterday the account of the return of the volunteers from 2nd battalion of Frontenac militia. Under the militia general order of his excellency the governor-general of December 20th, 1862, and the names of those who served under Lieut.-Col. Emmanuel Waggoner from a document furnished you by his grandson, A. G. Waggoner. With 34 of them I am and was intimately acquainted and of which force (militia of upper Canada) formerly, as the buttons on their broadcloth coats were of copper heavily silver plated on the face of which was a handsome design of the British crown with the letters U. C. M. raised meaning "Upper Canada Militia."

I am in a position, as a descendant of Captain Michael Grass, who I am clearly informed had much to do with the organization of the first militia from the refugees, the United Empire Loyalists in Canada. However the Governor Guy Carleton gave him a solid silver mounted (plated blade) sword and cardinal silk sash, with a silver epaulette (lash), now very valuable, and came to me about ten years ago, and will always remain in the family.

I have no date of its formation but Peter Grass served as captain many years after his father who died 25th April, 1813 or until 1837, when my father Daniel Everett Grass, was gazetted captain and held the position twenty-one years or until 1858. I distinctly remember it for I was with him when he handed over his authority and whatever credentials he had in his possession belonging to the battalion of Frontenac militia on his retirement to Emmanuel Waggoner, captain. The papers were all handed over to Mr. Waggoner and although I have often heard him, my father, quote many names of those connected with the force. I am unable unfortunately to give them and the commission they held, but often heard him mention Thomas Drummond and Thomas Bailey and it is really too bad that they the papers should be lost.

Lieut.-Col. Waggoner is a long time deceased and it is now over fifty years that the return in 1862 was the "last of the system of sedentary militia in the county of Frontenac."

During the troublesome times in 1837-8 the members of the U.C.M. saw active service, for instance, transporting supplies to Toronto in winter, although a steamer, (I think the Frontenac or William, a steamer with four smoke stacks), ran to York, now Toronto all the winter 1837-8, but I know for a fact that supplies were taken overland and that Sidney Wartman, John Grass, Murray Clark and several others that afterwards knew, were engaged in such transport service.

An incident occurred at Slab City now Westbrooke, that I have heard repeated by those who were there, viz: Lord Bonnycastle, with his aide-de-camp, Sir William Westbrooke, an intimate friend of William Marshall the brewer in the property owned by the Rev. James Powley halted the militia guard and Brewer Marshall, rolled a barrel of beer out to them as, I have often heard him say when in the old place which still stands on an election day, not only to a friend and countryman, but as a loyal British subject of the king.

I also had the major's sword, viz: that of Major John Everett, he who was with Captain Grass in 1783, and a beautiful one of dark blue color, with gold tracing and flowers on the blade, very pretty indeed, with scabbard and belt of a mounted officer, but an ill disposed man stole it from my room about nine years ago, and the major for such good service drew so much land, also his son, Daniel, and four daughters, 200 acres each. Yours truly, M. H. GRASS.

GOOD DOG.

GUARD THE CHILDREN FROM AUTUMN COLDS

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GANANOQUE TIDINGS.

What Is Transpiring In The Little River Town.

Gananoque, Nov. 20.—Harmony lodge, No. 15, Daughters of Rebekkah, held an interesting and well attended entertainment last evening.

John Charbonneau, Garden street, was in Kingston yesterday in consultation with Dr. Third.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Boyce have taken possession of their handsome residence, corner of Sydenham and Charles streets.

Norman Crawford, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Crawford, First street, has returned to his home in Spokane, Wash.

Mrs. William Root and young daughter, of McLeod, Alta., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Root, Charles street.

F. R. Tomkins, King street, has gone to Essex to take a situation as printer.

Mrs. C. Gerrard and G. Thornton have left for England to join their husbands, who were in the first overseas contingent from this section.

No Atrocities in Prison Camp

Syracuse Post-Herald.

American investigators report that British and Russian prisoners in German concentration camps are well treated. American physicians who have visited French hospitals and French camps report that the German prisoners have been dealt with generously. The same is true of Germans held in prison camps in England.

Thus another atrocity story is exploded.

SWISS AFTER SPIES

Parliament Considers Severe Punishment of Foreign Office

Geneva, Sitwerland, Nov. 20. — The Swiss parliament has before it for consideration a new measure concerning foreign spies in Switzerland. It provides a penalty of imprisonment and a fine of $4,000.

The Swiss authorities are authorized further under this bill to prosecute persons accused of offences against the honor of other countries without waiting for complaint from the government concerned.

One of the dances to be seen with the Imperial Musical Comedy company at the Grand for five nights, commencing Tuesday, Nov. 24th.

Few Meters Inaccurate

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—Out of 88,732 gas meters inspected in all parts of the dominion by the inland revenue inspectors during the last fiscal year, 837, or only about one per cent., were rejected as being outside the limit of error tolerated by law. Of the 837 rejected, four out of seven were found to favor the gas company, while three out of seven favored the consumer. Out of 128,471 electric light metres inspected only 227 were rejected, and the majority of those rejected favored the consumer.

Ten thousand dollars was reported bid for a New York Cotton Exchange seat against $8,000 in the last sale a few days ago and a recent price of $7,000.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Possibilities of the Porcupine Camp In 1915.

Toronto, Nov. 20—"The output in gold from Porcupine for 1914 will total approximately $6,000,000, of which amount, within that period, $1,320,000 in dividends will be distributed amongst the shareholders in two campanies alone, says Hamilton B. Wills of the Standard Stock Exchange in his weekly mining despatch. This bullion production is wonderful from a camp which was unknown five years ago, as well as coming from only nine mines—Hollinger, Acme, Dome Mines, Porcupine Crown, McIntrye, Dome Lake, Porcupine Vipond, Rea, and Porcupine Pet. During 1915 the bullion to be shipped to the marts of the world from Porcupine will total $10,000,000. During this period the number of dividend-paying companies of Porcupine will likely be four times what they now are.

Not only will there be an increase in dividend-paying companies in Porcupine next year, but also the number of producing mines will be materially added to. At the present time at least three of these properties have a sufficient tonnage of ore in sight to warrant not only the erection of milling plants, but also able to keep such in operation continuously from fifteen to twenty-two months.

Ford Assets Grow.

Detroit, Nov. 20—Total assets of $61,632,257,16 and a surplus of $48,827,032.07 are shown in the balance sheet of the Ford Motor company for the year ended Sept. 30. 1914. Despite complaints of general business depression, these figures are practically double the corresponding figures of last year, when assets amounted to $35,033,919.86 and the surplus was $28,124,173.68.

Cash on hand and in the banks on Sept. 30. 1914 amounted to $27,441,468.79 against $13,225,710.82 at the same time last year. Buildings and building fixtures now reach the total of $10,714,982.45, compared with $4,615,156.82 last year.

Electric Railway Earnings.

New York, Nov. 20—With few exceptions, electric railway lines of the country are now reporting decreases in earnings as compared with corresponding months of 1913. In some cases, where exceptional factors operate, gains are being shown, but in all cases the rate of gain has been largely reduced. City lines appear to be feeling the decrease in traffic more than the interurban lines, doubtless due to reduction operation of industrial plants.

To Increase Capital.

Toronto, Nov. 20—Shareholders of the Cochrane Cobalt will meet Monday to authorize an increase in the capitalization from $500,000 to $1,000,000. The scheme is to issue the new stock at 10 cents a share. This would provide $50,000 for development. The mine has been idle for many months.

Financial Notes.

At Orilla, there is a probability of the Canada Refining & Smelting Co., plant being put in operation again. Five months ago it was closed down by the owners, who are American capitalists.

Canada North West Land Co., announces a distribution on realization of assets of $5 a share payable December 19th to stock of record December 1st. The distribution is the ninth of the series.

Earnings of $682,736 for the fiscal year ended Aug. 31st last were reported at the annual meeting of the Sherwin-Williams company of Canada, These figures are $80,812 below the earnings for the previous twelve months.

At the annual meeting of the Sherwin-Williams company, Montreal earnings of $682,000 were shown for the twelve months ended August 31. This is a decrease of about $80,000 as compared with 1913, but ever $100,000 better than in 1912.

The Montreal Financial Times figures that forty-four Canadian stocks have so far this year joined the dividends-passing ranks, the yearly loss to the shareholders being $10,898,820. Dividend reductions will add $2,499,400 to this, and bond interest defaults by Canadian incorporated companies will add $4,564,585. The total loss is thus over $18,000,000.

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