MAIL FOR THE FRONT

GRIST OF LETTERS AND PARCELS FOR FIGHTING MEN.

Handled at Kingston Post Office and Sent to Their Destination—Christmas Parcels Should be Posted Early.

An institution which is playing an important part and which feels the effects of the war is the post office. Quite a large batch of letters and parcels go to and from the men in the Kingston district who went over to the old country on the first contingent.

The activity between Canada and the old country was checked for a time on the immediate outbreak of the war. The seas, especially the Atlantic, were not considered safe. One mail boat a week and for a short time scarcely that dared to venture across the accustomed ways. But the route was quickly cleared, the mail commenced to pour in from both sides, and now everything is in good running order, all the mails being operated on schedule time.

Packages are not only going to men at Salisbury Plain, but also to men serving at the front. A large portion of the parcel post matter goes to France.

Clothing of all sorts is sent through the parcel post and there is also being sent cigarettes, tobacco and cigars. Tommy Atkins will certainly appreciate all the "smokes" he can get.

In the Canada official STATIVE is stated that, according Church St. erning the parcel post, TOYRS cluded in the prohibited rth Ave with explosives and so forth. Since the outbreak of the France has removed the duty on tobacco coming into the country the benefit of the soldiers and postal department has been not that all tobacco for the troops be carried free of charge so that like other articles, it may be sma into boxes and packages with safety.

A large number of newspa on its sent to the boys on the fir day, tingent. It is expected that And of letters at Christmas will the heavy, and the clerks are loo made an unusually heavy mail. I press. will carry its welcome mess the sea. Christmas. He

The postal auth it is shown by that all person tion, in reference Christmas gifts sode. It does not this year have that he publicly vance of the us who is popular, bility of a delay very sa ce of and the greatly pected as the gove ent and the Canadian are liable to fuses G l Lea- vice.

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A large number at prototype, present at the me e man, in the matics and Physics day afternoon. Pro not make gave an interesting is divinely Euclidean Geometry.

A joint meeting and Y.M.C.A. will ON. day, and the speaker been ac- rian S. Taylor, wh per, the "The Work of the M in China." recreant to e could to

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Capt. address be made in Manba and one which will Can literature of the country, for ken four times to the e of the Whig—at Toronto, Montreal and Quebec. On t occasion he appeared before dian Club, and discussed the S of the English and French Brock referred to the part the British and O performing in it, add- ing, by her fleet, has bot- tled German fleet, and clear- man practically of the of- pub e, and no one can im- tent and the war would be or had not been the case." the face of all this activity, quent pleading of the cause ain and the cause of Canada, consistent and persistent ap- to Canadian loyalty and sup- the Brockville Times says Sir has not been equal to a pro- made in 1909. As a mat- fact Sir Wilfrid has been more tic in his service than any er of the government, or all of excepting General Hughes.

GEST ON ITS DEFENCE.

Digest has been moved vigorous reply to the of the Canadian press, long reply to the Win- gram its chief assailant. has made out a very It has referred to the ticles to which attention because of their objection- It has cited the para- were regarded as pro- anti-British, and added emphs, parts of the same Ma Lenigulated to supply the for many what he does not know about is not worth knowing.

Don't buy White Rose flour if you want a cheap flour.

partial as to excite the dis- ure of both parties, the British be Germans, and by both it has accused of selling its circula- influence for British and Ger- replay. Its answer is that "to between the Literary Digest is in the staged ermany is just about as true day. contrary statement, which Hamilton made by many Germans, hockey have sold out to perfidious termen and the hated Cossacks." All he which shows that the readers of sen Digest have been getting too has war comment of a kind. wint ans have certainly soured on the They may not have been as pars inating as perhaps they Val, but they regarded it as the pla ination of unpalatable state- Sin the", and have refused to read it. were papers, in obedience to public dation, have refused to advertise the a st, and some have asked for its th ership. Less of war talk, with gen ul or double meaning, is de- ded in these times, especially by Canadians, whose country is be- hind Britain, and they will be excused if they are jealous of nation- al honour.

DRILL HALLS FOR BOYS.

The war fever is on the people in real earnest. It affects all classes and conditions of the people. Even some of the venerable professors of Queen's University are out drilling and showing the students a good example. And they are learning that which Lord Kitchener says is most essential, namely, to shoot well. The school cadets are naturally affected by this procedure. They are great imitators of the men, and when the reverent and grave professors of a great university shoulder arms they are deeply impressed. Rumour has it that the Education Department will presently issue new regulations with regard to the cadet corps. It is hoped they will be both definite and decisive. The average school regulation, issued from the department, is either vague or inconclusive, and becomes ineffective in consequence. The cadets may, for instance, be advised or ordered to take rifle practice. Where? They cannot go to the armouries. They cannot shoot outside. They may be driven temporarily to the basement of the schools, after the classes are dismissed. Eventually the minister of militia will have to erect drill halls in connection with the schools, and the marvel of the hour is that he has not already proposed this.

GOVERNMENT REPUDIATED.

The late bye-election in Hamilton, the first since the change of government, and the first occasion on which the people could express an opinion on passing events, is still talked about. The constituency was supposed to be one in which conservatism was so deeply planted that nothing could disturb it. Hon. John Hendrie had represented it for many years, and carefully cultivated it. But how? That is the question that no one can answer, and it demands the answer since the majority which Mr. Hendrie rolled up in the last general election of 1,400 has almost disappeared. The liberals refrained from contesting the division. Perhaps they thought it useless. The labour men took a shy at it for two reasons: (1) That they wanted to show a preference for a very worthy leader, and (2) they have not in the legislature the delegation to which their strength entitles them. So they nominated their man, and he came within an ace of being elected. The Spectator refers to the result as an evidence of the indifference of the voters. Not so many as usual went to the polls. Yet there is nothing to show that a larger poll of votes would have done the conservative candidate any good. The deduction follows that the cause he supported has suffered. The local government without Whitney was on trial, and practically repudiated. The election is, therefore, disturbing, and with a very good reason.

CONSCRIPTION IS ADVOCATED.

The London Mail bewails the fact that "stupid methods" of recruiting prevail in England. The news from day to day is very encouraging generally; on some days it is inspiring; but it is far from reaching the desired results by reason of the emasculation which it suffers at the hands of the censors. These are not experienced editors, and they cannot cut and slash huge slices out of the most admirable copy without destroying its effectiveness.

The Mail makes a significant statement. "If Great Britain," it remarks, "had been able to send 500,000 troops of the quality of the Expeditionary Force to the front on the outbreak of the war there would have been no German conquest of Belgium and no over-running of Northern France, but instead a swift retreat of the kaiser's armies to their Fatherland. But where 50,000 men would have turned the scale in August very much greater numbers will be required next year. The British government should understand that Germany has still vast reso of every nerve to assist recruiting and provide the armies that must be placed in the field. The best and surest method of attaining that end is to give the country fuller and more intimate news from the front, so as to bring home to all the desperate character of the fighting, the immense difficulties to be overcome, the magnificent valour that has been displayed, the gaps which have been torn by bullet and shell in the British ranks. But this does not seem to be understood in London.

What, then, is to be done? That is the question. The Mail finds fault with the limited means employed by the government. It has certainly appealed to the imagination. It has made recruiting as popular as possible. The leading men of all parties have addressed the people. The soldiers have been assured of the regard of the country and its support so far as they and their families are concerned. Even the somewhat sordid argument of George Bernard Shaw has been acted upon and the pay of the men at the front has been increased. The only thing that has not been tried, and the Mail suggests it, is conscription, and it is persuaded that this must come. Only the war department can speak authoritatively on this subject.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Highlanders of Toronto will prepare for mobilization without regard to the Militia Department or its head. This is a supreme test of contrariness or contempt. Which is it?

If some of the Sinn Fein leaders were caught anh corralled with the German prisoners in the British concentration camps they might be cured of their distemper. They are surely the rebels of the day.

Shaughnessy, of the C.P.R., to go to the senate. That will mean an experience to him. He has been a man of action, and when he comes up against the dead ones of the upper chamber, or the reactionaries, there will be surprises all around.

The conservative press is still after General Hughes. As between him and General Lessard the clamour is for Lessard. The Toronto commander of the forces, who is not saying a word, is rising in public favour. Which shows the value of silence.

The pessimists of Britain, who were knocked out for a time, seem to be getting their second wind. They are again manning the brakes in the old machine and are doing their level best to pump discontent into the people. An example of a few is necessary.

Conscription in Canada would be very unpopular. Why should it be resorted to when so many of the best men are available for overseas duty without compulsion? A finer division than that now in Kingston could not be drafted into the service.

"Let me like a soldier fall," was formerly a popular expression. It may be yet. But so little is known of what is going on at the front that the glory of war is fading away. To be sure, the boys do not go to war for the purpose of having their exploits told in the papers.

The Syracuse Post-Standard thinks this is a very good time for the kaiser to appeal to the president of the United States in the interest of peace. Why? Germany has demonstrated her power on land and sea. Also her brutality, her coarseness, her contempt for life and liberty, her disregard for national honour.

The British airmen, who invaded German soil, and made an attack of a Zeppelin hanger, only to fall into the hands of the Germans, deserves well of the enemy. He should, like the captain of the Emden, be mentioned honourably in the despatches. The emperor should decorate him with an iron cross.

The newspapers of England demand more information with regard to the war, and they can keep on demanding—in vain. Lord Kitchener, or "K" as he is now called, has simply become the publisher, unofficially, and they can only print what he permits. So far he has been deaf to the appeals of the newspaper men.

Public Opinion

A New Name.
Windsor Record.
Join the ranks of the Goodfellows. More of them are needed for this contingent.

Destruction Works Quickly.
Toronto Globe.
One Zeppelin a week is the German building record. They can be destroyed much more quickly.

Bible And The Flag.
Montreal Mail.
Two thousand Canadian clergymen wish to go to the front as chaplains. The Bible follows the flag.

Pink Teas.
Toronto Star.
[illegible] the war [illegible] gone to Ottawa for [illegible] and "pinks" will now step into the champagne supper class.

Order Of The Day.
Montreal Herald.
Paraphrasing Samuel Weller, the British tactics in France would seem to be to fix bayonets and then say to the Germans, "Fall on, gentlemen."

High Cost Of Living.
Saskatoon Phoenix.
Radium is selling at $2,400,000 an ounce, says a news item. This high cost of living is something fierce, but it might have been worse; it might have been sugar.

Fortunate England.
Hamilton Times.
Sir George Paish told the Philadelphians that he believed that Britain would be able to pay the expenses of the war out of her income, without touching upon her capital, if business continued as it is doing. How different it is with Germany.

Kingston Events Twenty-Five Years Ago

The next chairman of the school board will be Mr. Hora.

Snow fell to-day in great quantities. The weather became clearer in the afternoon.

There are thirty-five men working at the car works getting the machinery ready to start at the contract to build two hundred cars.

WISE AND OTHERWISE

Occasionally a bad boy makes good.

Some people would rather be happy than good.

A woman's birthday is a fact but her age is fiction.

A woman is seldom a heroine to her sixteen year old daughter.

A merry sinner is at least more entertaining than a melancholy saint.

Taking A Rest.

To go on a vacation
Is surely good to do,
A feeling of elation
Pervades you through and through.
At every mention of it,
Your thoughts fly east and west,
You know that you will love it—
You surely need a rest.

A Long Regret.

If you subscribe for this magazine ly the year you will save money on it. I know, but I might not live that long and then I'd regret the waste of money all my life.

What Every Child Should Know.

Fanny, the little daughter of a clergyman, pranced into her father's study one evening while the reverend gentleman was preparing a lengthy sermon for the following Sunday. She looked curiously at the manuscript for a moment and then turned to her father.

"Papa," she began seriously, "does God tell you what to write?"

"Certainly, dearie," replied the clergyman.

"Then why do you scratch so much of it out?" asked Fanny.—From the Virginia Pilot and Norfolk Landmark.

Then As Now.

Apollo had proposed taking Venus to the Olympian games.

"How long will it take you to get ready?" he asked.

"About 10 minutes," Venus answered.

"By thunder!" muttered Apollo, after waiting half an hour, "when she was only to twist up her hair!"—Judge.

Expecting Too Much.

Bennie was telling his parents about the wonderful things he saw in the circus sideshow.

"And what do you think," he said, "there was an armless woman who played the piano with her feet."

Little sister Ruth, who is taking music lessons, piped up:

"I'll just bet she can't span an octave with her toes."—Youngstown Telegraph.

Her Grief Only Mild.

Kind old lady: "While you were gone, little girl, a bad boy came up to the porch and ran away with your licorice babies."

Little Girl: "Oh, I don't care much."

"But he ate them all up."

"Then he'll be sorry, 'cause they wasn't licorice babies. I made 'em out of tar."—Kansas City Star.

Dream That Came True.

"Strange," said the first tramp, meditatively, "how few of our youthful dreams ever come true!"

"Oh, I dunno," said his companion. "I remember when I used to dream about wearin' long pants, and now I guess I wear 'em longer than any [illegible] in the country."—La[illegible]al.

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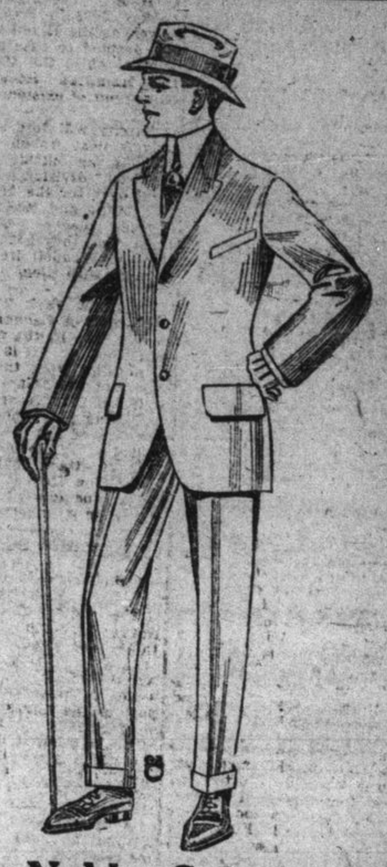

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Robert Stout, son of late John Stout of Belleville, died at his home in Trenton on Saturday.

Announcement ?
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