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Who Writes From The Front—Men Who Will Not Enlist Should Be Given a Good Lesson.

The following letter was received by a Newboro lady from S. Allison, of the First Canadian Contingent:

"Sorry I have had no time to write sooner, but you must blame Big and Little Willie and Co., they are mischievous lumps and give some of us little rest. Still, they'll pay for it soon.
"Needless to say, I am glad of your continued good health, and that of your brother. I am sure you are doubly proud to belong to Calcedonia. The way the men of the mountain and glen have rolled up is something to be proud of, something to make 'our ain folk' in all parts of the world, life up their heads and say, 'It's a wee bit o' land, but his dear to me.' The women have worked magnificently too, of course, I am not trying to disparage the work of the boys, but in our position, the Scotch reply to the Kaiser's minions is especially interesting, as, had Germany followed Luther's teachings, it is doubtful if we of the present generation would have experienced this hell on earth.

"Always ahead where liberty was concerned whether religious, political or economical, the Scotsman who did and died in years lang syne has no cause to be ashamed of the men of the present.

"I am a big unused up. I went through the scrap at Ypres and afterwards at taking two lines of trenches, the remains of our battalion leading. We again made good, only I am sorry to say, I didn't manage to escape the second time. Don't worry I shall be all right soon, and I am the richer by two bullets, and five pieces of shrapnel as souvenirs. Fortunately they all landed in safe places and I expect to get back soon to pay off old scores.

"I will not attempt to describe the affair at Ypres. From the press accounts (more or less garbled) you would realize that we went through it, but did not fall.

"It is a pity so many of the boys 'went west' but all have the satisfaction of knowing that it was not in vain.

"When this war finishes I shall be surprised if the Hun's failure to break through, their great losses here, and our own losses, do not mark one of the great turning points of the war, almost as decisive as the battle of the Marne.

"I am more than glad to see that the crops in Canada, promise to exceed expectations. It will be a good thing if they do, as the food question is almost as vital as that of ammunition.

"The boys are very gratified to notice, how the news of April 22nd and 23rd has resulted in a great rush of recruits. That they may be with us soon is my earnest prayer, believe me, and I am not bouncing when I say it, the Canucks have put the 'Indian Sign' on the Hun's, and they will think twice before they taunt us to come out and fight as they did for a month at Ypres.

"I don't think they will look forward to our next meeting with such pleasurable anticipation as we will and I think it speaks for our own work that they now hold us in the same respect as the British Imperial Tommy."

The censor here wrote: "Well to publish this," and underline the following:
"The question of recruiting at home is serious, but distasteful to discuss in a letter. It is not words the slacker at home need, it is a horsewhip. Enough to compel them would be justice, but to ask the fellows out here, to stand shoulder to shoulder with such 'comrades' would be an insult to those men. We can see it through without them, but I hope that when we get home, the fellows who go back will read them a lesson and in doing so will have the support of the public, which I do not think for one moment will be withheld."

DANDELION CURE.
Everybody is troubled with dandelions in their lawn, and no doubt numerous remedies have been tried to put them out of business for all time to come. A simple and most effective remedy has been discovered by George B. Haynes, hardware merchant. Take an ordinary squirt can fill with gasoline and put a few drops around the root. In about 24 hours the dandelion is dead, and the root is rotted away. If course it will kill the grass. If you squirt it on same but being careful there is no trouble in getting rid of this noxious weed. Try it. — Pembroke Observer.

HANDLING THE SHRAPNEL.
It Can Be Well Done By Boys If They Offer.

A. W. Whentley, General Manager of the Canadian Locomotive Works, is seriously considering whether he shall have to introduce women into the works to assist in the making of shells. There is considerable work in connection with the handling of the shrapnel that can be done by boys or women. He would very much prefer to have boys, as the work is fairly light, requiring only care and quickness. The shells are loaded with the shrapnel shot, but it must be picked over, all grease removed, washed, inspected and generally made suitable for placing in the shells. If sufficient boys cannot be secured, he may deem it necessary to employ female help. The works are very busy at present and quite a large number of men are being daily added to the staff. With the shell orders and locomotive orders, matters will be very brisk there for some months to come.

SERVED TIME IN "PEN"
Clever Woman Thief In Tails Again at Toronto.

A clever woman thief, who served two terms in the penitentiary in the tails again at Toronto. Mrs. Louisa Bestam, alias Mary Stevens, a domestic, is under arrest charged with the theft of over \$600 worth of jewelry, furs, clothing and silverware from Parkdale homes, where she had worked and which was recovered from her trunk.

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"Ice Cream Bricks" at Gibson's.

For All Gas and Water Extensions—Monthly Collections of Gas and Electric Rates Soon To Be Made.

The Utilities Commission devoted some time on Monday afternoon to a discussion as to whether it was advisable to make all gas and water extensions in future under the Local Improvement plan. Mayor Sutherland suggested that this be done, as he claimed it would be the fairest method to adopt.

Chairman Rigney explained that two years ago the statute was changed and Utilities Commissions were given power to put down gas and water extensions under the Local Improvement plan in places where the necessary revenue did not come up to the amount required. As far as the Kingston Commission was concerned, he did not know of a case where this new law was not invoked where it was absolutely needed.

Mayor Sutherland claimed that the old rule requiring property owners to guarantee the revenue had resulted in confining building operations to the more populated sections. He claimed that it should not be necessary for owners to give a large guarantee to get gas or water when other owners alongside would pay nothing. He held that the Local Improvement plan should be put into effect in all cases.

Chairman Rigney said he favored calling the amended statute into effect as a club to compel men whose property was benefited by Utilities extensions to pay their share of the cost.

Mr. Toye did not think the new law was made to be followed as a general principle. He thought it was to help out Commissions when they were "up against it," so that they could sell their debentures.

The case chiefly under consideration was Centre street. It will cost \$2,000 to put gas in that street, below Union. The guarantee offered by residents is equal to only a little over half the amount required. Mayor Sutherland favored adopting the Local Improvement plan in this case.

It was finally decided to withhold action until Friday afternoon and to have the City Solicitor present to discuss the general question of adopting this plan for all extensions. The members were not sure whether this could be elected or not.

City Treasurer Bartels and City Auditor Muir gave the Commission some further information with regard to the proposed new accounting system for Utilities collections. They reported that monthly collection of gas and electric rates would save the city \$800 a year in interest which would go a good way in paying for the additional help required. Two girl clerks would be needed. The proposal is to divide the city into districts and have two men to read the meters all the time. The treasurer and the auditor will bring in a further report to the Commission at its next regular meeting, so that the new system may be started in the fall. The water rates will continue to be collected quarterly.

In attendance at the meeting were T. J. Rigney, J. H. Birkett, R. H. Toye and Mayor Sutherland.

Letters to the Editor

Macedonald Park Pitfalls.
Kingston, June 28.—(To the Editor):—While out walking yesterday I had occasion to visit Macedonald Park, and noticed the same old pitfalls on the top of the hill surrounding the Martello tower. Being an admirer of the Martello tower in this park, I have attended many during the past few years, and have seen people get some very nasty falls in these holes. At night it is impossible to see the danger owing to the glare of the lights in the pavilion. It seems a shame that another season is here and still this matter has not been attended to, when a few loads of earth would make walking safe. I think the attention of the Parks Committee on the City Engineer should be brought to this matter.—BAND CONCERT LOVER.

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REV. HAROLD I. HORSEY.
Rev. H. I. Horsey, pastor of Welcoming Zion Congregational Church, Ottawa, and chaplain of the 38th Battalion Infantry, who arrived Monday afternoon at Barriefield to join his regiment in readiness for overseas service was Sunday the recipient of farewell presentations from the Ottawa Ministers' Association and from his congregation.

In the Ottawa Y.M.C.A. Building on Saturday evening the Ottawa Ministers' Association gave him a farewell dinner. During the evening he was presented with a silver Communion service for use in the hospital or wherever required at the front. Rev. C. S. Buckingham, of the Reformed Episcopal Church, was in the chair during the dinner, but then called on the past president, Rev. C. S. Deeprose, to preside.

In a few words Mr. Deeprose gave the greetings of the ministers to Mr. Horsey and asked Rev. W. Sparling, of Dominion Methodist Church, to make the presentation. Replying, Chaplain Horsey expressed his appreciation of esteem and affection of colleagues.

"For twenty years I have been in Ottawa and now go out to the large service of the Empire because I recognize in this conflict, not a conflict of nations, but a struggle of principles involving the hopes and destinies of the whole world," added Mr. Horsey.

Following Rev. Mr. Horsey's farewell sermon Sunday evening he was presented with a gold wrist watch and Mrs. Horsey with a purse of gold. In a brief reply, Mr. Horsey expressed his regret at parting from the congregation with which he had been connected for over twenty years without a break.

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