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A SKETCH OF BURNS

WRITTEN BY Q. M. S. ADDISON, 146TH BATTALION.

Who Came From Within a Stone's Throw of The Birthplace of Scotland's Immortal Poet. Q. M. S. Addison, O. E. S., 146th Battalion has given the Whig a short sketch of the life of Robert Burns as follows:

To all true Scotchmen the night of January 25th is one that holds a very endearing place in their memory. Throughout the wide world wherever Scotchmen may gather the memory of their Immortal Rab holds a predominating part in their thoughts.

We have all heard the saying "What's in a name?" but there are many of us who would question the truth of it. What fond reader of poetry does not feel a thrill of delight at the bare mention of the name Robert Burns, a name which bespeaks a great man, whose memory shall forever live Robert Burns, the National poet of Scotland, is a name revered the world over, and in no land more so than in Canada.

His Birthplace. Robert Burns was born on the 25th day of January, 1759, in a humble cottage on the banks of the river "Doon" (much heard of in song) about two miles to the south of the town of Alloway.

A Maker Of Rhymes. Burns soon began to be known in his district as a maker of rhymes, and one of the best at this stage. "Holy Fair," depicting the quarrel between two Calvinist Ministers, and it was immediately received with great favor.

Dawn Of Poetry. It may be said that the dawn of poetry came to him at the age of sixteen. Burns was keeping company with a bewitching young girl.

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who used to sing a song, which had been composed by a young country squire, and Burns seeing no reason why he could not rhyme just as good as he, made his first attempt at verse writing, inspired by her, and he sang her charms in the little ballad "Oh Once I Loved a Bonnie Lass."

From the seventeenth to the twenty-fourth year of the poet's life he showed very little marked improvement in his literary development, though he laid the foundations of those habits which characterized his after life, and which many, from spite and envy have taken great delight to enlarge upon.

At the age of twenty-five, Burns lost his father, who died full of anxiety and sorrow for his gifted son. Burns speaks very tenderly of his father. He says "On the thirteenth of February I lost the best of fathers I cannot recollect the tender endearments and parental lessons of the best of friends, and the ablest of instructors, without feeling what the calmer states of reason would perhaps condemn."

The tender father, and the zealous friend, The pitying heart, that felt for human woe, The dauntless heart, that felt no human pride, The friend of man, to vice alone a foe.

It would be impossible to follow all the love affairs of the poet, and at the same time I think it hardly advisable. One of his characteristics was his susceptibility to the fair sex, but it may be truly said that his by far greatest love, was for Jean Armour, whom he afterwards married.

In 1786 Burns resolved to commence to print his efforts. Six hundred copies were thrown off, and after deducting expenses he cleared a little ready money. His passage booked to the West Indies, his trunk on the way to the ship, his last song composed, his departure was only stayed by the arrival of a letter from his friend, Dr. Blackwood, showing him a new opening for his poetic ambition.

Enamoured with his new fame, and desirous of seeing more of the learned world, Burns proceeded to Edinburgh, where he arrived without one letter of introduction. During his sojourn there, in that beautiful old capital of Scotland, and which is commonly known as "Auld Reekie," he was welcomed at the tables of all the celebrities.

A very marked visit to Edinburgh was a very marked contrast to the first. On his previous visit, he was welcomed as the lion of the hour, and was a welcome visitor everywhere. On his second visit, doors which were spontaneously opened to him, were now reluctantly opened to him, and seldom was an invitation extended to him to call again.

Burns now settled to farming at Ellisland, in Dumfriesshire, and it was there he wrote that beautiful love lyric.

I dearly love the west, For there the bonnie lassie lives, The lass that I love best. We next find Burns as an Excise-man at a salary of three hundred and fifty dollars a day. During his term of office he tempered justice with mercy.

Thou lingering star with lessening ray, Thou lovest to greet the early morn, Again thou usherest in the day, My Mary from my heart was torn.

Ye banks and braes o' Bonnie Doon, How can ye bloom sae fresh an' fair, About the end of 1791 Burns retired to Dumfries with his family, and there it was destined that he was to end his days. Misfortune, followed on the heels of the poet, and derided him the more susceptible to the seeking after that pleasure and excitement as also applause which he had received on his first visit to Edinburgh.

I whyles claw the elbow o' troublesome thought, But man is a sodger, an' life is a Fraught, My wirth an' guid humor are coin nae pouch, An' my Freedom's my lairdship nae Monarch dar' touch.

Contrary to many reports that Burns died of a broken heart, the cause of his death, according to authorities, may be attributed to having contracted a chill, which penetrated his bones, and laid him low with rheumatic fever. On the 21st day of July 1796 the suffering of the immortal bard ceased, and he was laid to rest with great public solemnity.

When one studies the life of Burns, it is to be wondered at though the years roll on, the work of this great poet live, and that wherever Scotsmen may gather, in whatever climate they may be, as the 25th day of January approaches, with one accord they join to do honour and show their respect in pledging the "immortal memory of Burns."

Frederick Palmer, war correspondent, will have a bumper house tonight.

Often Food Makes or Breaks

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ENGINEERS AT CAPE VINCENT.

Survey of the Harbor Will Be Made By Corps. Cape Vincent, N.Y., Jan. 27. Definite assurances were received by officials that the United States war department will send an engineer here the first or second week of February to make a survey of the local harbor preparatory to the construction of a grain terminal here.



BELLE POE In Selwyn & Co.'s big laugh festival, "Twin Beds," at the Grand, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 2nd.

GERMANY'S TAX BURDEN.

New Scheme To Raise Additional \$125,000,000. Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 27. According to the Tagliche Rundschau, Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the Imperial Treasury, has prepared a scheme for additional taxation to yield \$125,000,000. In view of the opposition to the proposed war-profits tax, this is not included in the scheme, which embraces large increases in tobacco taxes and revenue from post offices and railways.

Wife Hired Assassins.

Hoboken, N. J., Jan. 27.—That the assassination of Gregorio George, found slain at Dobbs' Ferry, was purchased, and that the crime was inspired by jealousy, was confessed to the police by Kitty McCormick, George's wife and her sister agreed to pay \$500 if George was killed, the main stipulation being that the victim's throat should be cut. Miss McCormick hired the assassins at her home.

"Bottling Nelson" Wants Divorce.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Oscar ("Bottling") Nelson, veteran of the prize ring, filed suit for divorce against Fay King Nelson, Denver newspaper woman, whom he married at Hegewisch, Ill., Jan. 23rd, 1913.

SERBIANS TO GIVE TEUTONS SURPRISES.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The Corfu correspondent of the Petit Parisien has had an interview on the island with Nikola Paichitch, the Serbian Premier, and quotes him as saying: "The retreat of our troops from Albania to Corfu is far from completed. Those who suffered most will soon be sent to places where they will be cared for, reorganized and retrained. As for the others, if they are kept supplied you may be sure they will continue the campaign in Albania with vigor. They will give the enemy some unpleasant surprises, for in Albania the roads and paths can be defended by small numbers of men and it is simply a question of transports and supplies and you alone, the Allies, can solve the problem."

CANADA BEST COAL BUYER.

Now Takes 10,000,000 Tons of Bituminous Yearly from U.S.A. New York, Jan. 27.—Exports of bituminous coal for 1915 from Hampton Roads, Baltimore and Philadelphia reached 8,135,848 tons. Only a few years ago exports totalled around 3,000,000 tons per year, and one concern did about 50 per cent. of the business. For 1913 and 1914 respectively exports from these ports averaged 4,200,000 per year, so that 1915 shows an increase of approximately 10 per cent.

Coal men regard this as most favorable in view of the great shortage of ships and the practically prohibitive rates asked for charters the last six or nine months. Italy is now our largest foreign coal customer, Cuba is second, Argentina third, and Brazil fourth. Canada, however, is our best customer, taking in excess of 10,000,000 tons of bituminous yearly. The figures given are only for exports to countries in position to import coal from Europe.

To Put Up Opera House.

Cape Vincent, N. Y., Jan. 27.—The firemen have a large vacant lot and in the spring it is their intention to construct a modern opera house thereon. This edifice would have been constructed along with the improvements now being made on the firemen's building had not the funds of the department been tied up in the defunct bank of Cape Vincent.

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