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**Letters From Kingston Boys At Front**

The British Whig is setting aside a column for the exclusive use of its readers who may have received letters from friends at the front or in England. Care will be taken for censorship reasons, that these extracts do not contain the mention of any unit, casually or the location of the unit. The person sending the letter should be careful that the name of the writer is given. If requested, letters will be returned promptly to the sender. Most any letter from the front has something in it which is of interest to Canadians, even though it be only the reference to some remark sung out between trenches to "Fritz."

**ACKNOWLEDGE PARCELS.**

Sent From Kingston To Prison Camp in Germany.

Pte. F. Sedore, 2nd Battalion, a prisoner-of-war at Ohrdruf camp, in Germany, and Pte. A. V. Harman, 48th Highlanders, imprisoned at Göttingen, Germany, have acknowledged parcels sent by Kingston friends through the American Consul.

**In Marine Circles**

The steamship Byron Whitaker is laid up at the Kingston Shipbuilding Company's wharf.

The barge Pueblo will clear for Hamilton to-night.

The barge St. Joseph, which has been unloading coal at the Canadian Locomotive Company's works, left on Tuesday for Oswego.

The steamer Ottawa arrived from Hamilton on Tuesday.

On account of the rain and fog on Tuesday afternoon and evening, a number of steamers due to arrive were late.

M. T. Co.'s wharf: Tug Bronson cleared for Montreal with three light barges; steamer Simla, cleared with the barge Melrose for Port Colborne; tug Hill arrived with a barge and cleared light for Cornwall; tug Emerson cleared for Fairhaven with the barge Condor; the Emerson will arrive to-day with the barges Hiawatha and Augustus.

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**MAKING THE BIRMEN**

THE CANADIANS WHO SEEK AS AVIATORS.

They Go To The Southern States To Train—The Military Importance Of The Aeroplane Being Demonstrated.

Out on the edge of the city of San Antonio, down in the State of Texas, not far from one of the wonderful old ruined Franciscan missions, built over 200 years ago, a group of virile young Canadians rise every morning with the sun to commence their day's training in that ultra modern pursuit—the flying of heavier-than-air machines. Training as aviators in the Stinson School, they progress slowly through a course measured in minutes, towards the goal of their desire, the coveted Aero Club certificate.

Some time after the outbreak of the war, application was made by both the naval and military authorities of the Dominion, to the British Government, for the entry of Canadianians into the aviation service. In Canada there were few experienced aviators, aviation having occupied the public mind as an interesting science depending for its development upon the advances of those experts engaged in it.

With the marvellous stimulus added to the pursuit through the rapid demonstration of the aeroplane's military importance, followed the related effort of Canadians to enter this service. The reply of the Imperial Government to this request was an acceptance, which was qualified by a demand that candidates from Canada should demonstrate their fitness for the service by obtaining the license of the Aero Club of America. Probably no branch of the naval or military service demands a higher degree of efficiency than the air service, and to secure this efficiency the Government equips its aviators with the benefits of a long and expensive training, and, in the case of Canadians, pays transportation expenses to England. When, therefore, the result of the negotiations between the Federal and Imperial Departments finally produced the regulations governing entry into the service, many young Canadians proceeded to qualify themselves by the expenditure of much time and money, to take their place in this most interesting, strenuous, and modern branch of the forces.

After the failure of some of the schools operating in Canada to conduct operations during the winter, and following an unsatisfactory state of affairs in these schools from the pupils' point of view, the migration to the southern schools followed as a matter of course, and in Texas, Virginia, and other pleasant winter climates embryo Canadian aviators are preparing themselves for commission in the British aerial service.

In the Stinson camp, at San Antonio, about twenty of these boys are progressing towards their test flights before the observer. This school is conducted by the well known Miss Katharine Stinson, probably the most daring and youthful lady flyer in the world, is the most widely known. This young lady, who has been flying for four years, has the appearance of a school girl, and is without any vanity in the matter of her remarkable exploits in the air, where she loops-the-loop and flies upside down both in the day and at night time. The school has already turned out a number of Canadian pilots, many of whom are now in Europe, either upon active service or engaged in the extended training at the Government aviation camps in England. The course at the Stinson School is probably the shortest in the world, covering a period of only 240 minutes actual flying. This period, however, if the pupil is of the stuff that aviators are made of, is acknowledged to be long enough for the instructors to convert the air service recruit into a licensed pilot, capable of manipulating the Wright model "B" machines through the test flights.

**BOOZERS A DRAG ON OTHER SOLDIERS.**

A Queen's Arts Graduate At the Front With Engineers Writes.

Miss L. M. Craig, Albert street, has received an interesting letter from an arts graduate of Queen's University who is now serving with Queen's Engineers in Belgium. In part he says:

"We are having nice bright warm days. Just stop for a minute, while a shell whizzed overhead into the village some distance away. I was afraid it was going to drop short, so I got as flat as possible.

"Since I last wrote you we have moved a few times but not very far. Life is a little more lively than it was in the winter. On each of the last two nights.

"In the army one is brought in pretty close contact with the effect of intemperance, and if I was a half-hearted temperance man before, I am now ready to work full steam ahead. Follows here in my own company are altogether different when they procure liquor. And I notice, too, that all the drinks and boozers are by no means the most unafraid in danger. Some of them are just a drag on the rest of us, and they get the safety-first jobs as often as possible. All the drinking places in the villages were closed last week, so things are sober at present.

"It was just a year ago since I was on my way to the West from Queen's University. Would that I were going that way just now. But it will likely be some time before the war is over."

Lieut. Milner Mathieson, of St. Mary's, with the Canadian Engineers in France, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous bravery.

Daniel Bissett, formerly of Stratford, has been decorated in France with the Croix de Guerre for heroic action on the field of battle.

**OBITUARY**

**The Late Mrs. J. W. Clendenning.**  
The death occurred on Wednesday morning of Mrs. J. W. Clendenning, Canboro, Ont. She had been in the General Hospital for some time, having undergone an operation. Her remains were taken west by her nephew, who has been at her bedside for several days.

**Late Walter Butler, Portsmouth.**  
The death occurred on Wednesday of Walter Butler, a well-known resident of Portsmouth. The late Mr. Butler was born in England about thirty years ago, and a number of years ago came to Canada, settling in Portsmouth about four years ago, where he since plied the trade of a carpenter. The late Mr. Butler had heart trouble, and several days ago was taken to the Hotel Dieu for treatment. The deceased was a member of St. John's Anglican Church in Portsmouth, and is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Butler, and two brothers, James and Arthur, all of whom reside in Portsmouth.

**Late Mrs. G. T. Rice.**  
The death occurred on Sunday, May 7th, after a brief illness, of Adella Malina Ewing, wife of G. T. Rice, Winnipeg. The late Mrs. Rice left Winnipeg April 17th to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ewing, Sydney street. On Monday, May 1st, she went to Harrowsmith to visit her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Dowker, where she suddenly took ill of pneumonia, and despite the best medical attention, she succumbed on Sunday evening, May 7th.

The deceased, who was 25 years and 6 months of age, was a woman of sweet, lovable disposition, devoted to her home and family, and a favorite among all those who knew her. Besides her husband and two children, Wilbur Berton Stanley, aged five years, and Earle Garfield, aged seventeen months, she leaves to mourn her loss her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ewing, and one sister, Pearl, all of Kingston.

The funeral took place May 11th from the residence of Thomas Dowker, Harrowsmith, to Sydenham cemetery, where the remains were deposited beside those of her brother, who predeceased her six years.

**FIREMEN HAD TWO CALLS**

While the Rain Was At Its Heaviest On Tuesday Evening.

There were two alarms of fire between six and 8.30 o'clock Tuesday evening, when the rain was coming down in torrents. At 6.03 the fire brigade was called to 224 Princess street, occupied by Peter Lee. Fire did damage to the extent of \$40. Electric wires caused the blaze.

At 8.33 electric wires set fire to the limb of a tree on West street, east of King, and the assistance of the brigade was required.

**Public Invest Freely.**

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**Jessie MacLachlan Dead.**

Jessie MacLachlan, known throughout the world as the greatest exponent of Scottish songs of the present day, she passed away in Scotland after a short illness of inflammatory rheumatism which attacked her heart. She sang in Kingston on various occasions.

**Still Confined To Hospital.**

Gunner Sidney Warren, 38th Battery, son of W. H. Warren, Division street, is still confined to Aldershot hospital suffering from throat trouble. Writing to his father, he states that he is the only Canadian confined to this hospital.

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3. Hubroeske . . . . . Dvorak
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Intermission.

Part Second.

5. First movement of fifth symphony . . . . . Beethoven
6. Melody in F . . . . . Rubinstein
7. Soprano Solo, Angel's Serenade . . . . . Braga
8. Grand selection, Faust . . . . . Gounod
- a. Prelude and flower song. b. Waltz. c. Soldiers' Chorus. d. Grand Trio and finale.
- Solos by Signori Demitri, Rossi and de Luca. God Save The King.

**Where is the Daughter?**

A communication has been received by the Canadian Patriotic Fund, Kingston branch, that Mary Cecilia Brothers, daughter of Pte. Charles Brothers, Gloucestershire Regiment, Imperial Army, who was killed in action, is entitled to a pension. The local headquarters have been unable to locate either her or her mother, both of whom are supposed to be in this district. The pension may be secured by the daughter if she communicates with the local branch.

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