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## HILL'S STORE NEWS

Vol. I. Our Goods are the Best No. 18

### New Goods Arriving

Men's Tweed Pants, $1.90, $2.25, $3.50 and a pair ..... **$4.50**

Boys' Short Pants, Sizes up to 32 At per pair $1.00, $1.25 and ..... **$1.50**

Men's Overalls Blue, Black & Khaki . **$1.25**

Carhartt's Stripped Bib Overalls, pr **$1.75**

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### UPPER SUMAS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At February Meeting Members Agree Y.M.C.A. Military Work to Devote Proceeds of Teas to

The February meeting of the upper Sumas Women's Institute took place on the 8th inst.at the home of Mrs. Hart Huntingdon. the Mesdames Beebe, Cameron, Cambell, Cobley, Fraser, Hart, McGillivray, McMurphy, Munroe, Murphy, Porter, Purvis, Skinner, Jay Star, Perry Starr, Tuly, Winson, Fraser, York and T.F. York. Vistors were Mrs. taker.

An address was given by Mr. Whit- Bartlett, Mrs. Tapp and Mrs. Whittaker, describing his work with the Y. M. C. A. in the soldiers' training camps and the help given by this organization at the seat of war. He appealed for funds with which to carry on this excellent work and it was moved by Mrs. Cambell, seconded by Mrs. Tully and Mrs.Cameron and carried, that the collections taken at the teas should for the next few months be given to the Y. M. C. A.. On this occasion $3.35 was donated, while the collection for the Prisoners of War realized $2.45

After Mr. Whittaker's address the general business was proceeded with.

The secretary announced the coming of Mrs. Chalmers of Thrums, B. C., on March 12 and 13, to give lectures on Poultry Raising, geese, cows and pigs on small farms, butter making, soils and their importance, feed, crops, home gardens, home canning ect.. the Alexanrria rooms are lent by Mr. Murphy for the course of lectures. Public notice will be given of the times and subjects later.

A letter was read from the superintendant of Institutes suggesting a change of membership fee, the government offering a per capita grant of one dollar for the first fifty members if a dollar fee charged. As this letter was not received by the secretary till twenty-three members had joined the Institute at the old figure of fifty cents, it was decided by a vote that this fee should be retained for the present year and the advisability of a change should be discussed at the next annual meeting.

The superintendent also announced the discontinuance of the payment of Institute secretaries by the government.

Letters were read from the secretary of the Royal Columbian Hosptal and from the Women's Committee of the People's Prohibition Movement, asking for aid, but as the Institute funds are very low, no money could be voted.

A cheque for $25 was received from the Farmers' Institute for the members' Red Cross work, and it was moved by Mrs. Porter, seconded by Mrs. McGillivray and carried, that a letter of thanks be sent.

The secretary opened the Red Cross fund box which had been left at the post office and reported two monthly subscriptions of one dollar each from Mr. Fooks and 75 cents in the box as well. This money was handed Mrs. Porter, who is convenor of the Red Cross work committee; a goodly number of pairs of socks were handed in and material for making pyjamas was given out.

An interesting paper on "The Aims of Our Institute," was read by Mrs. Murphy and some discussion followed.

On adjournment all enjoyed delicious refreshments served by Mrs. Hart.

### WATER NOTICE

**Diversion and Use**

TAKE NOTICE that the Abbotsford Timber and Trading Co., Limited whose address is Abbotsford, B. C., will apply for a licence to regulate the level of the water of a lake on part of Section 16 and 21, in Township 16, east of the Coast Meridian.

The water will be controlled by a dam at the outlet of the lake to facilitate the floating of logs.

This notice was posted on the ground on the 10th day of January, 1917.

A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914" will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at New Westminster, B. C.

Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder, or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B. C., within thirty days after the first apearance of this notice in a local newspaper.

The date of the first publication of this notice is January 19th, 1917.

ABBOTSFORD TIMBER AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED
Applicant
Per J. F .BOYD, Secretary.

### CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

List of Subscribers from Abbotsford Timber and Trading Co., Ltd. from March, 1916 to January 1917.

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| A. T. & T. Co., Ltd. | $ 300.00 |
| E. Scotvold | 60.00 |
| R. A. Trethewey | 55.00 |
| J. F. Boyd | 55.00 |
| J. McEwen | 55.00 |
| J. A. McGowan | 55.00 |
| J. A. McLean | 55.00 |
| W. P. Taylor | 51.50 |
| G. E. Hay | 36.00 |
| D. J. McEwen | 33.00 |
| W. J. McClanahan | 33.00 |
| W. L. Hillier | 30.00 |
| E. E. Rix | 26.00 |
| A. J A.nderson | 22.00 |
| W. Laheny | 22.00 |
| J. Teng | 22.00 |
| W. McClanahan | 22.00 |
| D. Higginson | 22.00 |
| W. D. Raven | 20.00 |
| J. A. Caldwell | 20.00 |
| J. D. Clark | 20.00 |
| W. Jeffs | 16.00 |
| A. Taylor | 14.00 |
| J. Shaw | 14.00 |
| W. Buker | 12.00 |
| A. Mains | 11.00 |
| A. R. Gosling | 11.00 |
| J. Curry | 11.00 |
| C. Grimley | 11.00 |
| R. Powell | 11.00 |
| F. Chester | 10.00 |
| J. Gillis | 10.00 |
| S. Roy | 10.00 |
| J. Godson | 9.00 |
| F. J. Ayearst | 6.00 |
| E. Schluter | 6.00 |
| J. Hutchison | 6.00 |
| T. W. Roberts | 6.00 |
| T. H. Bateman | 5.50 |
| D. Lovedar | 5.00 |
| W. B. Dawkins | 5.00 |
| A. Dolby | 4.50 |
| F. Broad | 4.00 |
| G. Blair | 3.50 |
| D. Blair | 3.00 |
| N. W. Fuller | 3.00 |
| W. Danks | 3.00 |
| A. McInnis | 3.00 |
| J. McBurney | 3.00 |
| E. Copperberg | 2.00 |
| J. Browne | 2.00 |
| J. Tyson | 2.00 |
| W. Price | 2.00 |
| D. Stewart | 2.00 |
| W. G. Ferris | 2.00 |
| A. Grist | 1.00 |
| E. Halliday | 1.00 |
| S. Bedlow | 1.00 |

### *The Hatzic W. I. Meets*

(From Fraser Valley Record

On Thursday Feb. 15th, the Hatzic W. I held their regular monthly meeting with Mrs. Manson presiding. After the usual routine of business was disposed of and various letters had been read, Mrs. Ferguson read an interesting account of Mrs. Watt's work in England and Wales, where she has been able to help start several Women's Insitutes on much the same lines as our own.

Mrs.Barr followed with some notes on what she thought might be considered some of the most important events during the past year.

It has been suggested that a short account of the Patriotic work carried on by the Hatzic W. I. during the past year would be of interest generally.

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If 210 sticks of stove wood, 18 inches long cost $4.00, how tall will a fir tree be when it is a hundred years old.

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Staff-Captain, the Chancellor of the Salvation Army, accompanied by Ensign Kelaher, will give a very interesting lecture on the "Wonders and the Workers of Newfoundland" in the Presbyterian church on February 28 at 8 p.m. There will be upwards of 150 views showing the great ice-bergs cod and whale fishery, a monster devil fish and deep sea divers, also catching seals on the ice fields and a picture of the last sealing disaster. Every picture is unique in itself,showing the life and customs of the little known island. A treat is in store for all who attend. Ensign Kelaher who is a lady cornetist will give some selections throughout the service.

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Wanted—Correspondence from all parts of the district.

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| R. Lord | 1.00 |
| D. McGillivray | 1.00 |
| B. Chittick | 1.00 |
| G. Reith | 1.00 |
| T. Jackson | 1.00 |
| J. Moret | 1.00 |
| N. Holley | 1.00 |
| T. Lovedar | 1.00 |
| T. Taylor | .50 |
| G. Taylor | 1.00 |
| T. Trusler | 1.00 |
| | $1,256.00 |

### PERSONALS

Rev. C. McDiarmid of Mission exchanges with Mr. Campbell next Sunday the 25th and will preach the ninth anniversary sermons of the opening of the Abbotsford Presbyterian church.

Views of Newfoundland will be shown by leaders of the Salvation Army on Wednesday the 28th at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. Encourage the army in its work.

Quarterly Communion services on Sabbath March 4th in the Presbyterian churches here and at Huntingdon.

MARRIED—On Monday February 19th Miss Molly Gatenby and Mr. Jack Godson were united in marriage at the bride's father's home. The young couple are heartily congratulated by their many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Godson will reside in Abbotsford

Mrs. King is visiting her mother Mrs. Matthews.

On Friday evening last Donald Fraser was very heartily welcomed home after his prolonged illness by a surprise party of the young people.

On Tuesday evening Mrs. Boyd's pancake social was a grand success as we all expected when Mrs. Boyd takes anything in hand. The pancakes were done to a turn and everyone enjoyed them. After supper a programme by the local talent was rendered after which refreshments were served and a handsome collection realized. The Thursday socials will continue for an indefinite time at Mrs. Boyd's home.

T. McPhee is really a sergeant and is going to get a medal, so we were not far wrong after all.

Miss Tannis Reed, a school teacher in Mt. Lehman and for a long time the friend of Mrs. J. F. Boyd recited at the social Tuesday evening and everyone will enjoy hearing her at the Ladies' Aid concert. Don't forget "My Aunt From California."

Abbotsford is gaining many honors lately, soldiers with medals, promotions and important elections.

The people of Abbotsford are both pleased and proud of the election of Mrs. J. L. Campbell of the Presbyterian Manse here to the presidency of the Westminster Presbyterial, which office she accepted at the annual meeting held in Vancouver recently. Mrs. Campbell is well known throughout the district. She is a sympathetic and able leader. Her home is open at all times to all people of the district and always wears a smiling face. One of Mrs. Campbells two sons is in the Bank of Commerce, Vancouver and the other is a captain, who after serving for some time at the front is now doing laboratory work in London, England.


## TO INVESTORS

THOSE WHO, FROM TIME TO TIME, HAVE FUNDS REQUIRING INVESTMENT MAY PURCHASE AT PAR

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Holders of this stock will have the privilege of surrendering at par and accrued interest, as the equivalent of cash, in payment of any allotment made under any future war loan issue in Canada other than an issue of Treasury Bills or other like short date security.

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A commission of one-quarter of one per cent will be allowed to recognized bond and stock brokers on allotments made in respect of applications for this stock which bear their stamp.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, OTTAWA
OCTOBER 7th, 1916.

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The farmers of the province have at last organized and the organization is to take in all the various phases of the farming industry. In these days of co-operation for the purpose of getting the best value out of the product of the labor which the tiller of the soil wishes, no better plan could be devised than that thatof organizing. It is hoped that the farmers will use every endeavor now to get every farmer, in all branches, to unite and a new era of prosperity is assured the province.

There have been various plans devised during the past few years to induce the farmer to organize, but they have all failed on the whole, but no doubt all have served the purpose to the present end. And this paper wishes the new organization all the success it is possible, and anything we can do to further the interests of the new organization will be gladly done.

At the meeting of the fruitgrowers of the province at Victoria a few days ago a resolution was adopted in regard to taking the embargo taken off foreign white labor in order that the present insufficiency might be met. Then that resolution in regard to letting in the Chinamen into the country without the head tax for a specified time. Mission friutgrowers heard a lot about a similar resolution during the past winter, and were called a name or two by a few labor cranks. There is no more patriotic citizen than the farmer, and he is more consistent about it too than the members of labor organizations, and when the farmer asks for assistance of this kind he has thought the matter out from many points. Labor to him is required to make the land produce. There is a scarcity of farm help in Canada, and particularly in B. C. and the present war has made the shortage much more acute. No matter what happens the soil must be tilled in order that we shall live. If the farmer in his wisdom wishes for Chinese labor to help him along for a few years, and tries to safeguard the country by passing another resolution, that the Oriental shall not hold land, it should not make the labor element, who know nothing of the farm labor conditions, act silly.

No sooner had the fruit grower passed his resolution about not permitting the Oriental to hold our land, than the labormen of Vancouver, is meeting assembled pass a resolution saying in effect that the Oriental should hold land. What utter rot for a body of intelligent men to sanction the lands of our free country which we hope to make a white man's country, being held by other than the white race. The two races cannot assimilate. And yet there might be a reason behind the labor resolution for wanting the Chinamen to hold land.

Today there is a demand from labor unions that the wages should be much more today than several years ago on account of the high cost of living. That is a legitimate demand. White labor is scarce and the farmer cannot get men to do his work, and when he does it means very high wages. High wages to the farmer means that he cannot place his goods—potatoes, vegetables, etc.,—on the market and sell them at a profit if he is to compete with the Oriental vegetable pedlar—the man whom a great many city people purchase vegetables from, even labor men, it may be. Draw your own conclusions why the Vancouver labor Union passed the resolution advocating the reason that the Oriental should hold land.

Now that the farmers of the province have organized they will be able to place their demands before the right people,and powers that be can judge between a resolution from the farmer and a resolution from a body of people who can see no further than the narrow vision that surrounds their own little job, and how much money they can get for as little work as possible.

There are always two views of every question and we would like the labor union of Vancouver to be reasonable.

In ancient times the farmer plowed his land with the wooden plowshare; he raised his own sheep and his wife spun the wool, out of which the family were clothed; he had mutton, pork, beaf, all raised on the farm; he cradled the grain and thrashed it with a flail, and carried the grain to the nearest flour mill to be ground, and then he carried it back, on his back; he plowed the land, harrowed it, and did other work with his ox wagon—but things have changed, and now there is modern machinery on the farm, and some of the farms are only ten acre fruit farms and some less. But there are the problems to work out just the same. Yet there are those who say the farmer is not depending upon himself enough, should he ask the government to help him solve some of these problems.

The abolition of slavery brought war in the States, but the "abolition of patronage" in B. C. has its daily exhibits, which should make quite a show soon.

The Victoria Colonist says that the venerable Minister of Agriculture ought to be on "on the ground floor."

Do you think Wilson would like to make it the last president and the first king. King Woodrow I. sounds all right. Fine team—Kaiser Bill and King Odro!

Strange how cities grow so fast. It used to be "Vancouver, B. C." now it is "Vancouver, Canada."

## DO YOUR TRADING AT HOME

**Many Reasons Why You Should Do All Trading in the Home Town**

Our town possesses good stores and for the size of the place compares favorably with those to be found elsewhere. The stocks of merchandise carried by our merchants are up to date and as well assorted as business conditions warrant, while the prices charged therefore are reasonable.

It would seem, therefore to be our best policy to patronize the home merchant. Not only will they appreciate your trade, but the more they get the more they can give you in values and the better selection they will be able to offer you. Patriotism to our country is a fine thing, therefore, why not patriotism to our own community.

reasons why we should shop at home:
The following are a few good
Because it is patriotic.
Because it is a reciprocal duty to
Because the local merchants give
spend your money where you earn it.
employment to our sons and daughter.

Because the local merchants pay their proportion of the local taxes, which support our local schools and other public institutions, as well as build our roads and bridges, and make life in the community a pleasure.

Because home buying makes for home prosperity.

Because the catalogue houses and city department stores care not for you but your pocketbook, and a dollar sent to either of them never returns to build up the local institution or farm.

One of the delights of living upon this mundane sphere these days is the little matter of practicing economy on the woodpile. There are a number of ways in which this can be accomplished. Perhaps the most effective way is to swipe a few sticks occasionally from the hoard of a neighbor. By using this method circumspectly, that is not calling at any one wood pile more than once a week, conservation of one's own stack of fuel may be quite maked. the main trouble is to avoid meeting anyone in the alley when making the getaway. Another good way is to burn no fuel at all, but the main drawback to this method is the fact that the method is liable to result in a certain amount of discomfort. One of the best ways is to go and camp at a neighbor's during a cold spell. It is an easy matter to extend an invitation to oneself to stay at someone else's place for a few days.

To those who are wrestling with the fuel problem the foregoing plans are respectfully submitted.—Ex.

## THE WEEKLY PAPER

The weekly newspaper produces the interest in the town in which it is published to such an extent that it becomes impossible to place an estimate upon its worth. There is no enterprise that does so much for the corporation or the individual citizen as the paper. It stands opposed to the town knocker, the town kicker, the town fanatic and the town drones. It stands for progress against stagnation. It is ever ready to conduct the schemes of visionaries and as ready to aid the construction plans of wise level headed citizens. It is for the upbuilding of the community. The paper has not yet come to its own, however, because it is never appreciated to the extent of its worth by the people at large. Yet when battles are to be fought for town or country a rush is made to tthe newspaper offce always to find the loyal editor ready, frequently without hope of reward. Many other enterprises are encouraged by a bonus, but rarely is a newspaper offered such help and still more often not given the support it is entitled to. Communities frequently lose sight of their benefactor when they fail to recognize the weekly journal as such. the editor and his paper stands as bulwarks of defence against the attacks of evil or designing schemes affecting the good of the individual or town. For these and other reasons the newspaper, town or country, should receive the support of the public at large in a very liberal degree, for it is really the most important business enterprise of the community. —Chicago Tribune.

## CONVENTION ON MARCH 1ST

The Annual Convention of the Conservatives of Westminster riding will be held in Mission City on the 1st of March, Thursday next.

Delegates will be present from all parts of Dewdney and Chilliwack. Under the new division of districts this is the first convention to be held.

It pays to advertise—the owner of that mahogany pipe, advertised last week is now again enjoying his smokes.


MAKE YOUR DOLLARS
FIGHT
AT THE FRONT.
BUY
DOMINION OF CANADA
THREE-YEAR
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JAN. 9, 1917 FINANCE DEPARTMENT OTTAWA

ABBOTSFORD DISTRICT BOARD OF TRADE

President, Hope Alanson Secretary, N. Hill
of Abbotsford, B. C.

Meeting Held First Monday of Each Month

Write the secretary regarding manufacturing sites with unexcelled shipping facilities and cheap power or information regarding the farm and fruit lands of the district, and industries already established.

Your Photograph—Nothing will add more to the pleasure of the friends and kinsfolk at home.

THE ROYAL STUDIO ABBOTSFORD :-: B. C. :-:

See me now about that Insurance
FIRE :-: LIFE
Etc., Etc.

I have a large and splendid supply of Raspberry Canes for sale at low prices. Finest quality.

A. McCallum
Abbotsford

# BETTER BUSINESS FOR 1917

Let the policy of 1917 be a policy of advertising, and the protection thus secured to your business is well worth the annual outlay, as it is a guarantee.

Old Customers die or move away—they must be replaced.

Old Customers are subject to the influence of temptation—they may be induced to divide their custom—to do some of their shopping at a competitor's place of business.

New Customers to this community will shop with you—become regular Customers—if they are invited to do so.

Your competitor's advertising is an influence which must be offset if you are to maintain your trade.

Not to advertise regularly to the readers of the

**The Abbotsford Post**

Is to leave your business unprotected.

## A WORD TO THE PUBLIC

***It is no sign of weakness to follow the lead of advertising. You owe it to yourself to get the most for your money, the best goods and the best service. And if you find that your inclination is to shop where you are invited to shop rather than continue to be a customer of the shop which never solicits your good will, you need have no compunction of conscience.***

Alway Shop Where You AreInvited To Shop.

**Your Trade is Appreciated There**


## *Our London Letter*

Dear Jack:

Your cheery letter is on a par with those I get from the front. Your boys have won golden opinions because they have deserved them. The Empire is proud of the Colonial sons. You say we are threatened with greater combing. Well, let it come. Every one of the boys volunteered and have gone. If they want the lad, he will go too. The conscience I have, I have had all my life; and I shall not discover a new one in five minutes. But I am too old, I fear.

There is no hue and cry re Haig over here. Nor has there been. That and the suggestion to evacuate Salonica are probably in the nature of murmurs which have been utilized to provide reading when genuine news was scarce. The air here and on the other side is always full of murmurs.

The weather has doubtless hindered operations in France but altho' there has not been anything in the nature of a big rush lately, trench raiding (a form of warfare in which both the Colonial and British troops excel) has gone on continuously. I have interviewed many men on leave from France. They all tell the same tale. Fritz has still a pretty stiff kick left in him, but the stomach has gone. He would probably surrender in much larger numbers if it were not for the lies told him concerning the "Horrible Brutalities" of the English towards their prisoners! On the other hand our own men frequently complain bitterly that these same prisoners are treated far too well. They get much better living and treatment than most of our own troops in the fighting area.

As for Wilson—Well the best thing America can do with him is to write him off as a bad debt. The official reply to his letter dealt very tenderly with his pretensions; while old man Balfour smothered him logically. He was given a good chance to "bob down" gracefully. But no—he has butted in again with a lot of idealistic nonsense which, if it were acted upon, would leave the Huns masters of the world in a very short time. What would become of the Statute of Liberty then? Is Wilson a crank only, o is the new wife a German, or what is the matter? Does he for one moment imagine that if his pal, William II. was successful in this war his job would go on as usual? He says in effect that if we forego victory, he (the U. S.) will enter the lists and guarantee a future peace. How? The U. S. was party to the Hague decisions, and put her name to the paper; and that is all she has put. She has been making too much money out of the business to do anything to upset it. I do not believe he represents the better side of American character, but they have re-elected him as their official mouthpiece, and they must stand the responsibility of his dishonour. If in the near future the star-spangled banner still "waves over the land of the free" it will be because the blood of the older nations has been generously spilled to preserve the liberty of the new; as for the "home of the brave"—the less said about that the better. The nation which allows it's women to be murdered wholesale without striking a blow to avenge or making the slightest effort to bring the assassins to justice, is not heroic, butcraven. The puritanical hypocrite was never yet devoid of excuses and no really brave man—or nation—was ever honestly too proud to fight for right and against wrong. Wilson had his chance to carve an honourable niche in the history of the struggle for humanity and national justice—a niche which would have redounded to the credit of himself and his country in the ages yet unborn. His name might have been known to future generations as that of the great President of the American people, who, though loving peace, threw all his weight into the scale on the side of justice and the rights of small nations to live and govern themselves according to their own ideas of freedom and liberty. He might even have accomplished his ideal and succeeded in banishing warfare of an aggressive and "conquering" nature from the pages of the civilization to come. He failed to take it. The chance will never recur. If America came in tomorrow, the verdict of history would afford her scant credit—for the omens of victory are plain for all to see. We have still some way to go—but we shall fight on, and we shall win. And in doing so, we shall not only save ourselves but few shall save those people who were either too proud, or too busy hunting the Almighty dollar, to save themselves. For it is as certain as anything can be certain in this world that if the Militarism of Germany had conquered Europe, America and all its ideals of freedom, liberty, peace, etc.—call them what you like—would have fallen a victim to the same many very shortly afterwards. The Criminal of this age would have put the lid on America's pot without the slightest compunction. As a matter of fact he has held the handle of that lid in his grasp for some years past. If Wilson would enthuse about the Munro Doctrine a little bit less, and study the history of German activity in the South Continent a little bit more, he would have his eyes open some. He tells the Senate that if the Allies want America's good offices to clear up the war there must be no victory! Ye Gods- Germany, aided by her immense preparations, and the unpreparedness of every one else, overruns and devastates Belgium, contrary to her pledges, Serbia, Poland, Northern France, etc., and Wilson says, in effect, we must not push them back within their own frontiers, or if we do, we lose America's assistance in clearing up the mess and obtaining guarantees for the future! Well, I am thinking that, if necessary we can survive the loss. But, I am thinking also, that it will not be necessary for we mean to get the victory, drive them back, and when we do, Wilson, if he is still in evidence, will come rushing over the hurdles with all speed to plank his finger in the settlement pie, to prove to all and sundry that "the land of the free and the home of the brave"—"God's own country, Sir"—has been the saviour of mankind! By the way, the aforesaid master criminal, whom Wilson cynically and insultingly puts us on a level with, has just struck a bright idea. Having started out to annex everything and everybody, and to make the whole world one glorious German Empire, and having discovered during the past thirteen months that "the tail don't wag the dog," and is in danger of being cut off for the benefit of the major portion of the earth to inaugurate a reign of a Prince of Peace, and proposes to call a meeting of all the nations of the earth to niaugurate a reign of brotherly love and righteousness! All this awful carnage, all this rapine, and murder, and butchery, and orgy of massacre and frightfulness (which he alone is responsible for) is wrong, and must be ended (it was right while it suited his ends) "The world needs a Saviour, a man of noble courage and morality." And he is willing to step into the breach! Men may have short memories, but I wonder how many will be found to take on a bluff of that sort. The Sword! The Sword! The Sword! As long as he was the hunter: Peace! Peace Peace! Now he is being hunted! Who will form the audience at his meeting? I might suggest a few. The people of Belgium, (crucified, tortured, outraged, starved, murdered, and led away into slavery); the hundreds of thousands of Armenians (massacred by the Turks, with the open and public approval of German kulture); representatives of the Flemings, the Franks, the Alsace-Lorranians, the Serbs, the Macedonians, the Montenegrines, the Poles, etc., etc., representatives of the Mercantile anvils of the world, who, while engaged in peaceful pursuits have been murdered on the high seas, —sunk at sight,—torpedoed, mined, against all international law and agreements, to which all of them were a party at the Hague; and possibly a little room could be found for representatives,—if there be any left, of the thousands of the native races living under German sovereignty in Africa, who were massacred in cold blood by their German soldier keepers for fear they might prove disloyal A fine meeting it would be. I can imagine some of the "heckling". Who sowed the broad sea with floating mines, even before war was declared? Who sunk the Lusitania? Who introduced poisoned gas? Who crucified the Canadians? Who bombarded open towns? Who sent their airships to murder women and children in peaceful villages? Who put men and women and children in groups of hundreds and shot them down? Who forced women and children to march at the front of their armies to take the fire of the foe? Who turn the peaceful sailors of neutral nations adrift in small boats on the open sea to starve and perish? And so on, and so forth.

And then perhaps when the hubbub had subsided somewhat, President Wilson would take Kaiser William, the Peacemaker, by the hand and lead him to the front of the platform and say a few words—meanwhile asking the audience kindly to remember that necessity always was, and always has been the mother of invention! Oh, yes, a fine meeting it would be! England would not be there. For England—"the worn out effete old back number"—with all her faults has tried to fight a clean fight. But enough of this:

The Kaiser Bloke he worries me and Wilson drives me mad!

Mission has cause to be proud of her response to the call of Empire. No doubt you will be pleased to see all your boys when they come back. You ask after my lads. Thank God, up to the present, we have had no ill reports from the front regarding them. Charlie, the full private R. F. A., is a dispatch rider and has been doing good work among the heavy batteries. He writes very cheery letters home, both humerous and descriptive. He has on his stretch of road several corners which he says are "taped off to the yard" by the enemy and sometimes he has to run the gauntlet. Then he says the pace is like "hell in the night", whatever that is. Get t here, as quickly as possible, but get there! Harry after six months in the shell area, during which he had many narrow escapes, writes to say that he "has gone down the line," and says he feels it quite strange not to have a shell bursting around now and again. Sidney has been relieved from training duty, and has at last got his wish with the regiment. I think he is a little west of the Somme but we don't know. Harry conducted on Xmas concert close to the front lines. He wrote and arranged the music for what they called "the nearest-to-the-front- line- yet- been-held-properly-arranged-and-organized -concert." Artists and audience drawn from the R. F. A. The West Riding Regiment, the, K. O. S. B. and the East Yorks. Their only illuminants being two candles, several whizz-bangs and an odd bomb explosion. His only complaint being "the piano wretchedly out of tune". Ernest has passed his final exams and will get his commission before this reaches you.

### THE SHIRKER

(Published by Request)

Strolling down the crowded street
Aping all the airs of man
Manicured and perfumed sweet
Making all the show he can,
Jingling silver in his jeans
Ogling like a nigger swell
Brains not worth a dozen beans
That's the shirker, mark him well!

Floating round the ballroom brght
Turkey trot and rag time airs
Are his visions of delight.
He no manly pleasure shares.
Got his chance to march with men,
Should feel proud if he but knew
Courage? nix; the cosy den—
Coward—that's the trench for you.

Shirker, if I had my way
I would make it warm for you
Ship you off to somewhere, say
Papua, or Timbuctoo;
I would from the calendar
Blot the day you were born
Pest in peace, and coward in war
Bah! too low for brave man's scorn!

Ladies fair, would you be wise
Would you serve your country well?
Cowards do not recognize;
Never to a shirker sell
Honor, beauty, name for gold,
Better single all your life.
Better sigh o'er valor's mould
Than smile and be a coward's wife.

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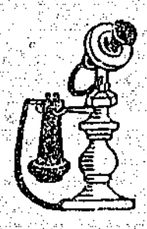

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## LIBERALS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The MT. Lehman Liberal Association met in the Municipal Hall on Wednesday evening.

The following officers were elected: Hon. presidents, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfred Laurier and Hon. H. C. Brewster; hon. vice-president, E. D. Barrow, M.P.P.; president, Walter Lowland; vice-president John A. Morrison; secretary-treasurer, Philip Jackman; advisory board, Messrs. John Merryfield, John Dennison and Chas. Christenson.

Dan Nicholson, Jr.was elected a delegate to attend the District Liberal Association meetings, which are held at Abbotsford.

Mrs R. Smith and family have the sympathy from the officers and members of this association in their sad loss by death of a loyng husband and father. The province also loses a most capable finance minister.

The meetng adjourned to meet again on the first Wednesday evening of each month at the same hour and place.

## NORTH FRASER COUNTY L.O.L.

The annual meeting of the North Fraser County Lodge was held in Mission City on the 10th of this month, there being delegates present from all parts of the county.

The new officers for the year are:

E. Bush, County Master, Mission.

W. Singleton, Deputy County Master, Agassiz.

With W. T. Jago and —. Johnston as county secretary and treasurer.

The net increase in the membership for the year past was ten per cent. Thirty percent of the membership are at the front fighting for king and country: four have already paid the supreme sacrifice.

The meeting took a strong stand against the exemption of church property from taxation, holding that it interfered with the liberties of the private citizen.

The next meeting will be held at Port Moody on June 16th.

Bros. E Bush, S. J. Yeomans and W. G. Gamble were appointed delegates to the Provincial Grand Lodge at Princeton this week, and left on Monday evening.

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This story contains a lesson for farmers whether the story is only fiction or an actual occurrence. Many do not appreciate their own farm until someone points out the desirable features. Again, real estate men have a way of describing farms or other property, bringing out the merits and passing over the undesirable features in a way to give the reader a very exaggerated idea of the farm, while every statement about it may be strictly accurate.

## Steele Briggs Prizes and Conditions

In order to prevent disputes and disappointment among competitors we have been obliged to insist on the produced if called for by Steele Briggs' office not later than November 1st, 1917. Prize tickets to be produced of called for by Steele Briggs!"

If these requirements are not followed we cannot make disbursement .

Class A, $6 cash contributed to the prize list of each and every Agricultural Society in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British, Columbia, and that part of Ontario lying west of Port Arthur, to be awarded to the exhibitor obtaining the most points at the District Fair from the products of Steele, Briggs' Garden Seeds. In scoring 8 points will be allowed on collection, 2 points on each of the other classes. First prizes only count. Prize will not be awarded for less than six points.

This offer to be effective must be published in the society's prize list according to the wording above, and prize list mailed to us.

Class B., $125.00—Divided—Open to all in the province of Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia that part of Ontario lying west of and including Port Arthur will be included in Manitoba). To the exhibitor winning the geatest number of prizes during the season from Steele Briggs Garden and Field Seeds, $50.00.

A consolation prize of $25 will be awarded to the exhibitor in each of the above-mentioned provinces obtaining the greatest number of prizes during the season from Steele, Briggs' garden and field seeds—the province winning the fifty dollar prize being, of course, excepted.

All reports to be received at our office not later than November 1st, 1917. Prize tickets to be called fo by us.

'Tis said that the lovers of sweets are looking forward to the "Sweet Bye and Bye."

Nuts may be advocated as a cheap lunch. When worried by the present day worries we can sit over our nuts and whine.

People should practice cheap economy these days and stop wearing starched linen—but nevertheless we must all show a stiff front to the enemy.

That the oils of Roumania did not compose the troubled water's of Germany.

A man in Matsqui who has trouble in making both ends meet, is making one end potatoes.

That there is said to be strife between Vancouver and Toronto to see which is the biggest prophet in his own province

That Wilson is still "too proud to fight".

## MISSION CITY LOCALS

Gunner Slack has been recommend for the Military Medal.

Mrs. J. H. Ratcliffe of Vancouver, travelling salesman for the Grey Dort car, accompanied by Mrs. Ratcliffe are visiting friends in town.

Messrs Bush, Yeomans, of Mission City and Gamble, of Port Moody; Mr. A. Bates of Mt. Lehman and Mr. J. Bates of Abbotsford left on Monday evening for Princeton to attend the Grand Lodge. Mrs. J. Bates accompanied her husband.

Weather conditions in Mission City this last few days might be all right down in Manitoba or Alberta but is entirely out of place in Mission City and the Fraser Valley. A genuine blizzard yesterday afternoon. What do you know about that!

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