

The Central Guardian

Here is an easy way to rid yourself of constipation. Take one or two

Penslar Pen-Lax Tablets

and cleanse your system of its accumulated waste, gently and without harmful after-effects.

Get a generous 25c tin at our Penslar store

E. A. Foster Central Drugstore The Home of the Penslar Remedies

AN UNLUCKY CITY

Bagdad Has Been Many Times the Scene of Bloodshed

Bagdad, where the British are now firmly established has well earned its reputation of being the world's unluckiest city.

When the Mongols, under their terrible chief, Hulagu, took the city in 1258, 1,000,000 of its inhabitants were put to death.

The Persians, under Shah Abbas, captured Bagdad in 1623 after a desperate resistance, and in revenge he ordered 500 of the principal citizens to be tortured to death in public.

Love may make the world go round, but lovers don't know whether the world is going round or standing still.

Nearly every piece of jewelry a married woman owns represents a peace offering.

LADY PINK TOES HAS HER INNINGS

There is no excuse today for women to have ugly, painful corns

For a few cents you can get a quarter ounce of the magic drug freezone recently discovered by a Cincinnati chemist.

Apply a few drops of this freezone upon a tender, aching corn or callus and instantly, yes, immediately, all soreness disappears and shortly you will find the corn or callus so loose that you lift it out, root and all, with the fingers.

Just think! Not one bit of pain before applying freezone or afterwards. It doesn't even irritate the surrounding skin.

Hard corns, soft corns or corns between the toes, also hardened calluses on bottom of feet, just seem to shrivel up and fall out without hurting a particle. It is almost magical.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Classified ads, under this head cost one cent per word per insertion where cash accompanies order, with minimum charge of 25 cents per insertion.

AGENTS WANTED

AGENTS WANTED TO SELL FOR "The old reliable Fonthill Nurseries." We teach our men to sell Experience unnecessary. Highest commissions paid; handsome free equipment, Stone & Wellington, Toronto, Ont.

PORTRAIT AGENTS WANTED. Send for Catalogues, Prints, Solar and Bromide. Finished portraits. Convex or flat. Frames, Glass and all supplies. Merchants' Portrait Co., Toronto. 1852-12-22M66

HELP WANTED-FEMALE

MIDDLE AGED WOMAN WANTS position as housekeeper. Apply Longworth Ave. 2270-1-22M31pd.

HELP WANTED-MALE

WANTED A CAPABLE SALESMAN. general store, experienced man preferred. Apply W. A. Poole & Co. Montague.

IT PAYS to buy in this province.

COAL ARRIVED.—Just received direct from New York, six cars hard coal, Buntain Bell & Co. 2299-1-23Mt.

RESERVE THURSDAY February 7th for Women's Auxiliary Tea and sale in St. Paul's Parish Hall. 2298.

VALENTINE DAY.—Just received at the news and Variety Store an extensive assortment of valentines. 2315.

WORKMEN BUY YOUR OVERALLS at Patons today, it will pay you. 100 Workmen's Caps 50c. Patons Limited. 2268-1-22Mt.

MEN'S SUITS, 50 only, sizes mostly small 35 to 39 only, worth up to \$17.50 yours for \$9.50. Come quick, you cannot buy the cloth let alone the lining & makings for that amount. We say again. Come quick. Patons Limited. 2268-1-22Mt.

THE HALIFAX DISASTER IN PICTURES.—On sale at the News and Variety Store, opposite St. Dunstan's Cathedral. This book contains 40 photographs covering all sections of the ruined district and also an introduction telling the cause of the explosion, the damage done and the official list of dead. There is a very large demand for this book for mailing to soldiers and other friends abroad. 2313-1-24M31.

ANOTHER ISLANDER COMING HOME FROM ENGLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Doiron of North Rustico have received news that their son Mat is coming home from England in the near future.

Ontario, M. Hospital Orpington Kent, England December 26th, 1917

Dear Parents: Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and enjoying good health and hope you are all enjoying the same good blessings.

I must say we had a great time here yesterday. We had a nice turkey dinner and all extras we could need. I wished I would have been home to spend Christmas with you, but there wasn't any boats that left lately, so the consequence was I had to stay in hospital for Xmas. Now whatever you do, dear parents don't start worrying about me. I'm thinking I am sick, because I am in as good shape as I've been for quiet a while. I weighed myself the other day and weighed 158 lbs. I will tell you what's the matter with me, just a little lung trouble, and men like that in the army are not much good, especially for France. We certainly had our ward nicely decorated for Xmas, I must say it was just dandy. I got Peter's picture the other day it was just dandy. I suppose mother your well and able to get around as ever. How glad I will be to see you all again. I suppose father you are as busy as ever shoeing horses. I suppose Dolph is quiet a blacksmith "ha ha."

Conscription went in by a fairly good majority. I guess if it had of been left to P.E.I. it wouldn't have passed. "ha ha," but it is just as well it did. All the soldiers voted for it, and the Canadian army is pretty strong on this side, so if the people of Canada hadn't passed it, the soldiers votes would have turned it over again anyway.

We had quiet a lot of snow about Xmas time, and believe me dear parents it was quite cold here. It's no use for you to answer this letter because I may be leaving here any time for Canada. Tell Dolph that I will soon be home to give him a few step dances "ha ha." I got a letter from Brother Raymond and he's getting along fine so far. I write to him a few times a week. Never mind me, I'll make out alright and as my news is getting scarce, I think I'll come to a close for this time. Good-bye from your loving son, MAT.

Opportunity comes every day to the man who believes in himself, and goes out and chases after it.

MISCELLANEOUS.

I WILL SELL BY AUCTION ON Friday, Jan. 25th at 2 p. m., several lots soft wood. Walter M. Lea, Victoria. 2257-1-21M4pd.

WILL THE PERSON WHO HAS MY Brass Casket Stands return them at once? D. M. MacLeod, Hunter River. 2285-1-23M21

FOR SALE.

*FARADOR MACHINE TO LET BY week or month. Apply to 224 Eustor street. 600-10-12Mt.

OLD NEWSPAPERS FOR SALE AT 5 cents per bundle. Guardian Office. 1530-12-7Mt.

GLADSTONE SLEIGH FOR SALE.—Cheap. 24 Grafton street. 2005-4-1Dt

*HEAVY BROWN PAPER FOR sale, excellent for putting under oilcloth or carpets. Apply at The Guardian Office. 732-10-20Mt.

WANTED.

P.E.I. FEED WANTED.—Carvell Bros. want oats, wheat, barley, buckwheat and timothy seed. 2311-1-24M61

WANTED TO PURCHASE—A SHORE farm within easy reach of Charlottetown. Apply stating particulars to "Purchaser, Guardian Office." 2110Mt.

FOR FARMERS AND WORKMEN

only 50 pairs all wool homespun pants at a snap to-morrow. Patons Limited. 2268-1-22Mt.

OPEN EVENINGS—The News and Variety Store, Cor. Great George St. and Sydney St. is open evenings until nine o'clock. Latest foreign papers always on hand. 2314-1-24M21.

ISLAND SOLDIER HONOURED.

In the last issue of "Canadian Engineers" published in Toronto, the following paragraph appears: "Maxfield L. Boswell of Victoria, P. E. Island, has been elected a junior. Mr. Boswell is a graduate of McGill University, class 1914. For about eighteen months he was assistant to the resident engineer of the Halifax Ocean Terminals and for the past year he has been stationed at St. Johns, P. Q. as Lieutenant in the Canadian Engineers, C.E.F." Lieut. Boswell went overseas in October, 1917, was transferred to the Royal Engineers of England and sent immediately to Italy. He is now stationed 13 miles outside of Genoa. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Boswell, Victoria, hear regularly from him. Their second son, Gunner Keith Boswell, is with No. 2 Canadian Siege Battery, under Major W. B. Prowse, D.S.O. and has been in France for over two and a half years. He was once wounded but was only laid off for two weeks. He has been in some of the heaviest actions of the war and so far with the above exception, has escaped without a scratch. Previous to being transferred to Major Prowse's Battery he was attached to the Field Artillery as a despatch rider.

P. E. I. CANDY TASTES GOOD

The following letter has been received by Miss Eliza J. Brown, New London, from a soldier who was lucky enough to receive a box of candy with her name enclosed.

December 26th, 1917 Dear Miss Brown:—It is with the greatest of pleasure I am dropping you these few lines, thanking you for your candies which were very nice indeed. I happened to get the Christmas stockings that contained them. We had a very enjoyable Christmas in this hospital lots of good things to eat, and had plenty of fun, thanks to our good Canadian sisters who are ever on the move. I am from good old Sunny Alberta. I enlisted in Sept. 1st, 1915 and came over to England in March, 1916 and I was wounded in April 9th, 1917, the day the famous Vimy Ridge and I fell into the hands of the Canadians. I am getting along alright now. I had a very narrow escape the bullet that wounded me entered my chest just above the heart and came out of my arm above the elbow and now my left hand is completely paralyzed.

I enlisted when I was sixteen years old and I am now eighteen and I certainly do want to get home. I have had my Canada board papers made out, two or three times but I've never had a board and that's just what I'm looking for.

This concludes my letter wishing you ever good luck and thanking you once more for your lovely candy. Hoping to hear from you soon again I am yours sincerely

No. 183674 PTE. FRANK THOMPSON Ward K-2 Duchess of Connaught Care Mile Hosp. Cloverdon Lapon Bucks.

WITH THE BOYS FOR FRANCE

Mrs. Rodk Williams of Victoria, has received the following letter from her son:— Somewhere in France Dec. 15, 1917

My Dear Mother:—I received your parcel of cake and dates and mints and it was fine. The cake was as good as the day it was baked it was sure good. I had it for every meal for two days. The mints will be great for the trenches. I am not in the trenches now but at the Bde. School having a rest and I tell you it is a rest. I go to bed about seven o'clock every night. I have been here now for three weeks and hope to be here till after Xmas. We are in the same place now that we spent last Xmas in.

Well Mother we are having quite a time just now. They are giving out rations and they go, it all out when they found out five or six fellows had no bread and they had to take it all back again so if they could dish it out right. I am glad I don't have the job of fishing out the rations. I suppose you will be started another year before you get this but I must wish you all a happy New Year. Tell papa and Gordon I will write soon. Give my love to all and I am sending a card to Heber. By love to all. EARL

P. S.—I forgot to tell you I am going on pass soon. I am going to Scotland for 14 days.

Somewhere in France

Dec. 21st Dear Mother:—I got your letter today and was glad to hear from you and Millie and to hear you are all well. Tell papa to take care of himself this winter. We are having it colder here now but it is nice and dry and is freezing every night. I am not with the Battery this trip as I am at the school. We are having a good time here so far not much to do. I better than with the battalion. I don't mail as regular as I do at the Bde. I got the parcel alright and it was in good condition. The cake was great and lasted two days. I have no news at all. It is getting near Xmas but it don't look much like it here. I don't know how they are going to use us this Xmas but I guess they will give us a dinner of some kind. Give my love to all. Tell Millie I will write to her as soon as I can. I have no more paper now and am too lazy to go out and get some.

Give my love to Jennie and papa and Gordon and Helen and baby and tell me when you write what you call it. I must close now, wishing you a Happy New Year. By love from

EARL

From 1847 to 1917

The Canada Life reports "Progress all along the line in 1917"

In 1847 Ontario and Quebec were known as Upper and Lower Canada, and the great Northwest was practically untouched. Those were the days of the stage-coach, before telegraphic communication or postage stamps, before the first ocean steamer had arrived at Quebec.

1847 was the birthdate of the Canada Life. The real history of life insurance in Canada began with the issue of the first Canada Life policy in that year. The first annual report showed that the total receipts for the year amounted to £2,153, and the total policies written to £59,650.

After over seventy years the Canada Life has attained a position of outstanding prominence in the affairs of the Dominion.

Some interesting excerpts from an address by H. C. Cox, President, at the Recent Annual Meeting:

"It is a matter for congratulation that while almost everything else has advanced in price, life insurance protection continues to be obtainable at rates which have been in vogue for many years."

"In the four loans which have been necessary for the purpose of war, insurance companies have had an important share, having actually purchased bonds for \$40,000,000. (Of this amount the Canada Life took about 20%.) This has naturally interfered considerably with the flow of funds in their usual channels of investment, but they were glad to do what was conceived to be their duty, and will, I am sure, continue to help to the limit of their ability."

"Life insurance companies are distributing on this continent more than \$2,000,000 per day, and seven-eighths of all the money left by married men in America is derived from this source."

"We have strongly advised men going to the war to keep their insurance in force, so that upon their return they would, regardless of their state of health, have a standard policy which they might otherwise be quite unable to obtain."

"It is the aim of this Company not only to safeguard the interests of policyholders by way of sound investment of funds, prompt payment of claims, and substantial earning of dividends, but also to give that service which even attention to these fundamentals does not necessarily imply. It is sought to realize the thought that lies behind a life insurance contract, and by sympathetic dealing give our policyholders an opportunity to feel that it is something more than a business relation. It is our practice to place our investment department at the disposal of our policyholders and their beneficiaries."

"In view of the terrific casualties on all battle fronts during the war we might reasonably have anticipated an increase in our losses from this source, but we have instead a reduction of \$171,121.00 as compared with 1916. The war claims of which we have notice (of any kind) for 1917 amount to \$414,463, while the total claims from all sources are \$2,437,802, a sum considerably less than last year and only slightly over 76% of the amount provided for."

"The careful, cautious selection which through succeeding years has so wisely been a guiding factor in the management of this institution, the bearing and influence of which are now so clearly exemplified in the figures of our normal mortality, will have a marked effect upon our future experience, to which we look forward with the utmost confidence."

"While in the past our rural borrowers have depended altogether upon their field crops for income, mixed farming is becoming more and more extensive, and is in proportionate degree adding to the desirability of this class of investments. In addition to interest, the repayments on account of principal average 10% annually, indicating a greater liquidity than is generally supposed to attach to real estate loans."

"Throughout the past twelve months, which have been replete with possibilities, favorable or otherwise, we have been able to hold to a course definitely planned many years ago, to avoid the shoals which have unexpectedly appeared at various points to divert us, and to add to a record already illustrious another chapter of accomplishment."

A FEW ELOQUENT FIGURES—1917

Table with 4 columns: Category, 1917 Amount, 1916 Amount, Increase. Includes Total Assets, Total Assurances in Force, Total Income, New Assurances Issued, Reserves for Protection of Policyholders, and Net Surplus.

Copy of complete Annual Report sent on request.



Canada Life Assurance Company

W. K. ROGERS, Ch'town Manager for Prince Edward Island



1847—The days of the stage-coach—Insurance was not so well appreciated at that time. The Canada Life employed lecturers to go about the country and explain it.



1867—The Canada Life business had grown rapidly and called for the head office building, handsome and substantial for the times, shown above.



1867—Canada at Confederation. The Canada Life Assurance Company being its outpost into the advance lines, and its service kept pace with the growth of the country.



1917—The Head Offices of the Company at Toronto, whose various departments are practically world wide in their activities.

Fill in and Mail This Coupon To-day

Canada Life Assurance Company, Toronto. Dear Sirs—Please send me, without obligation, information about the policy which I have checked in the list on the right.

Monthly Income Pension Policy Partnership Insurance Capital Return Policy Endowment Policy 50 Paid-up Life Ordinary Life