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COME.

Is it under a troubled way you go,
And under a troubled sky
Have the seeds of your planting failed to grow
And the joy birds passed you by?
Do you shrink from the seeming barren stretch
Or toll in the waiting years?
Does the shrine of your heart hold an empty niche
Do you walk through a mist of tears?

Then come, we will go where the shepherds wait
In the wake of an angel song
We will know of the calm of a sweet content
Apart from the worldly throng.
We lose our dread of the waiting road,
Through the skies be tempest wild
Come, weary heart, let us rest our load
At the feet of the Christmas Child.
—Lucy Gertrude Clarkin,
In December Red and White.

APPRECIATION

Mrs. Alex. Stevenson and family of Cornwall wish to thank the neighbors and friends for kindnesses extended to them in their recent bereavement. 1749.

GIVING HER THE LIMIT

"What is the lady's age?"
"The lady won't give her age, says she's thirty odd."
"Well, if it's an odd number, put her down at 29."

LETTER OF SYMPATHY

Mrs. Daniel McInnis, 152 Hillside Street has received the following sympathetic letter from the Chaplain of the 12th Battalion to which her son Sgt. Charles McInnis was attached when killed on Nov. 11.

Dear Mrs. McInnis:—I regret to have to write you a few words of sympathy on the death of your son C. A. McInnis who was killed in action, a few days ago. Sgt. McInnis was a good soldier, loved by his companions and admired by officers and all for his heavy and faithful work in face of great dangers, and in the performance of which duties he sacrificed his life. Only a few days ago was he recommended for the W. C. M. medal which I sincerely hope you will receive as a souvenir. If he was a good soldier he was a better Catholic, never failing in his religious duties and always careful that all under his charge had the opportunity of attending Sunday Mass whenever possible. I shall miss him greatly for he was one of the few Catholics in our brigade. I need say no more. Almighty God will generously reward you for your great sacrifice and console you in your irreparable loss.

I extend to you and all the family my sincere sympathy.
I remain,
Yours very sincerely,
M. GILLIS
R. C. Chaplain

ANOTHER ISLANDER DIES FOR HIS COUNTRY

The following letters of sympathy have been received by Mr. James Reilly, Gaspereaux on the death of his son Private William H. L. Reilly who went overseas with the 105th Battalion.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.
James Reilly,
Gaspereaux.
Dear Mr. Reilly:—I desire to express to you my very sincere sympathy in the recent death of your son No. 712316 Pte. Wm. Hodgson (Llewellyn) Reilly, C. E. P., who in sacrificing his life at the front in action with the enemy has rendered the highest services of a worthy citizen.
The heavy loss which you and the Nation have sustained would indeed be depressing were it not redeemed by the knowledge that the brave son rades for whom you mourn performed his duties fearlessly and well as he came a good soldier, and gave his life for the great cause of Human Liberty and the Defence of the Empire. Again extending to you in your bereavement my condolence and heartfelt sympathy.
I am,
Yours Faithfully,
H. MEWBURN,
Minister of Militia,
& Defence for Canada
Mr. James Reilly,
Gaspereaux, P. E. I.
Dear Sir:—You will no doubt have official notice of the death of your son 712316 Pte. W. H. L. Reilly of this Battalion.
He was killed at a place called Abraham Heights on the Parnochdale Ridge, and was buried where he fell by me.
He was a good soldier and his loss is regretted by his officers and comrades.
To you at home who will most feel the loss we desire to express our sincere sympathy. His memory will be honored for his service, and because of the full part he has paid as his share of the price of our success.
The Lord, into whose keeping we trustfully commit him, give to his people the grace and comfort of His strength.
Faithfully yours,
E. E. GRAHAM, (Chaplain)

TENDERS FOR HAY

Tenders are invited for the purchase of pressed hay on board of the steamer, "George N. Orr" stranded at Sarsua Harbor, P.E.I., consisting of 1243 bales, more or less. Condition or quality not guaranteed. Hay to be at purchaser's risk. Arrangements for delivery must be made by purchaser and all charges in connection with delivery will be at purchaser's expense. Tenders to be addressed to the undersigned, marked "Tenders for Hay," and to be accompanied by certified cheque for ten per cent of the amount tendered. Tender is not accepted cheque will be returned.

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ENQUIRY INTO HALIFAX DISASTER

HALIFAX, Dec. 15.—The examination of Axel R. Jennes, Second Officer of the Belgian Relief steamer Imo was continued at this afternoon's session of the court of inquiry investigating the events leading up to the collision in Halifax Harbor on Thursday December 6th, which destroyed a portion of the city. The witness said that he heard the Mont Blanc answer the Imo's one blast with one blast and her three blasts with three. It was not part of his duty that morning to report to the bridge any ship signals towards the Imo or making signals. After some recapitulation, the examination of this witness was completed.

The next witness was Jean Baptiste Glokin, first officer (second captain) of the Mont Blanc. He said that there was no drinking on board the Mont Blanc since the war no liquor was permitted on board. He corroborated the evidence of Captain Lamedoc, master of the Mont Blanc, concerning the manoeuvres and whistlings of the two steamers prior to the collision. He said that the blow struck by the Imo was with force. The two ships remained in contact about half a minute. The Imo backed away. Smoke arose from the Mont Blanc at the exact point of contact, followed a little later by a spurt of flame, which grew more and more. It was impossible to reach the apparatus for extinguishing the fire because of the smoke. He did not know of a sea-rook on the ship. No human power could have put the fire out and he thought the Captain's wisest course under the circumstances was to leave the ship, which was done. As soon as the crew were in the boats they shouted and made signs to the people to get out of danger. He yelled "Go away" to a tug that was approaching. The Captain did not wait to leave the ship and witness took him by the arm and forced him down the ladder. The Captain seeing that the engineer was on board, went back and followed the engineer to the boat, so that he would be the last man to leave the ship.

The witness was cross-examined by Mr. Burchell K. C. Counsel for the Imo. In the course of this cross-examination counsel asked the Mont Blanc's officer to testify concerning the height of the flames on the ship. The court suggested that a discussion as to how high were the flames did not help the inquiry to any great extent, to which Mr. Burchell replied that as all the officers of the Imo, who could give evidence on the points at issue, as well as the pilot, were dead, he was in the hands of the Mont Blanc witnesses and felt obliged to test their credibility. At this point the court adjourned until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

ROD AND GUN.

Of particular interest is the December issue of Rod and Gun in Canada, which is already on the news-stand. Amongst the good things which this number offers are: "A Naturalist's Christmas" by Bonnycastle Dale; "In The Sky Pastures," a story of mountain goats and cougars in the Selkirk, by H. C. Haddon; "My Bob," a realistic story of a dog's experiences with his master on the firing line, by Vincent Perry; "The Jumper," a New Brunswick guide's story of the French River drivers of that Province, by Leslie Marvin Hayward, etc., etc. The Kennel department this month contains the list of awards given at the Western Dog Show at London and the New Brunswick Kennel Club Show at St. John. The other departments, notably, Fishing Notes, Guns and Ammunition, and Along the Trap Line are up to standard and the whole number one that any Canadian sportsman will find of special interest. Rod and Gun is published at Woodstock, Ont., by J. W. Taylor.



Do Your Christmas Buying Now Before the Real Rush Begins

The crowds are gradually becoming larger and each day this busy place gets more popular among Xmas shoppers. Do not put off your buying another day. Come now while the selections remain good. It is a positive fact that you will be more satisfied by so doing, for many others are like you, waiting till the last few days.

A GIFT FROM A HARDWARE STORE IS A GIFT OF SERVICE



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- 8 loaf size \$3.50
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- Vacuum Carpet Sweepers \$7.50

- Sheet Iron Self Basting Pans 65c up
- Electric Irons \$3.00
- Nickel Plated Sad Irons \$2.00 to \$3.50
- Clothes Wringers from \$3.75 to \$5.50
- Bread Boxes in Fancy Jap'd Ware from \$1.00 up
- Cake Boxes, very handsome designs \$4.00, \$4.50, & \$5.00
- Casseroles, in Nickel Frames \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.00 & \$4.75
- Model Tea Kettles, Nickel Plated with side cover in Holly Box \$3.85
- White Jap'd Household Sets, consisting of Flour, Tea, Coffee Holders, etc., \$2.50 set
- Electric Toasters \$6.00

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- Silver plated Casseroles \$15.00
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- Silver plated Bon Bon Dishes \$4.25
- Silver Plated Relish Dishes \$5.00
- Cream Jugs \$4.75
- Sugar Bowls \$3.50
- Teapots \$10.00
- Serving Dishes, very beautiful with white Porcelain Lining \$16.75
- Four-piece Tea Sets, silver plated \$11.00

Other Gift Suggestions

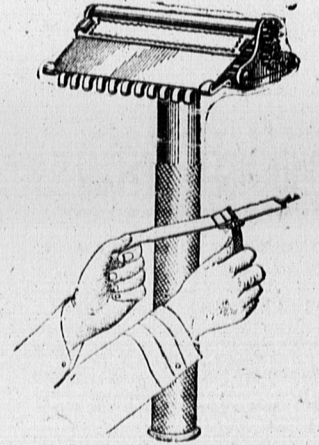
- Child's Sets, in satin lined Boxes, 1817 Goods \$2.50
- Child's Sets on Card, Best English make 88c
- Carving Sets, in pairs \$1.35 up
- Carving Sets in Push and Satin cases, from \$5.25 up
- Scissors, from 40c up
- New Perfection Oil Heaters, \$5.25, \$5.50, and \$6.50
- Nickel Tea and Coffee Pots \$1.50 and \$1.60
- Brass Toddy Kettles with Opal Handles \$5.00 and \$5.50
- Small Brass Toddy Kettles, \$1.75 ea.
- Bird Cages, all sizes from \$1.75 up
- Brass Alcohol Stoves \$3.00 and \$6.50
- Brass Jardiniers, very attractive \$3.00 and \$4.60.
- Brass Fern Dishes, \$1.75 and \$2.00
- Nickel Tea Kettles, all sizes \$1.80 & \$2.65
- O-Cedar Mops, \$1.50
- Coffee Percolators in Nickel, Aluminum Wares \$4.25, \$5.00 and \$5.25
- Pop Guns, a great toy for the kiddies 25c and 75c ea.
- Air Rifles, . . \$1.00, \$1.35, \$2.75, and \$3.25
- Children's Sleds from 35c up
- Choice Aluminum Ware
Fireproof Baking Dishes, etc., etc.
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- Gillette Sets in Ivory and Leather Cases \$6.50 & \$7.50.
- Autostrop Safety Razors in neat cases, with soap holder, nickel brush holder and brush \$6.50 & \$7.50.
- Other grade Safety Razors from 75c up
- Straight Blade Razors in best English Makes \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$4.00.
- Razor Stropps, from 35c to \$3.00
- Zig-Zag Stroppers, will strop any blade made \$1.25 & 2.50
- Shaving Brushes from 20c to \$3.00
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- Vacuum Bottles, a very useful gift \$2.00, 2.50 & 3.50
- Brass Cigar Holders and Trays \$1.10 & 2.25
- Carriage Heaters, for the men who drive in cold weather, prices \$3.00 & \$3.50
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