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THURSDAY, MAY 3rd, 1917

BRIEF LOCAL ITEMS

—Plant potatoes plentifully.

—Get ready to banish the flies.

—Thrift is the best method for thriving.

—May flowers are blooming in profusion in the woods.

—Guelph has a Vacant Lot and Back Garden Committee.

—May Day was cold, wet and blustering. No hint of Springtime prevailed.

—The Woman's Institute collected $80.-81 for aid to the Belgian children.

—Sacramental services will be held in the Methodist Church next Sunday.

—The flurry of snow yesterday morning, 2nd May, was not greatly welcomed.

—The more vegetables you grow in your own garden the better for yourself and for the country too.

—Take pride in making our pretty town beautiful. Clean up, plant flowers, keep lawns and boulevards trimmed.

—The fishermen did not forget that the trout season opened on Tuesday, but the cold weather dampened their ardor.

—Mr. J. A. Tracy has been appointed Division Court Clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. C. C. Roe.—Georgetown Herald.

—The fountain at the Town Hall was put out of business on Tuesday by a gentleman from Georgetown who ran into it with his auto.—Milton Reformer.

—The Spring Show held last Friday was not so well attended as usual owing to the farmers taking advantage of the fine weather to start seeding.—Georgetown Herald.

—The venturesome lads who are in the habit of taking an occasional spin over a block or two of sidewalk are likely to find themselves in the police court one of these fine afternoons.

—The Provincial Treasurer has announced that the amusement tax on race tracks will probably be increased from 10c. to 25c. per person and that the license fee may also be raised.

—Rev. Mr. Cassmore, of Lowville, presented the claims of the educational institutions of the Methodist Church last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Avison spoke on the same subject at Lowville.

—Mrs. John D. McGibbon has taken up her residence in Glenwilliams, her old home. Her many friends in town are sorry to lose her. Mr. Geo. Mann has leased the hotel.—Milton Reformer.

—Commencing May 2nd, a number of merchants of the town will observe Wednesday afternoon as a half holiday, during the months of May, June, July and August.—Burlington Gazette.

—A special meeting of Halton Reform Association will be held in Milton next Wednesday, 9th inst., at 2 o'clock to consider amending constitution to meet new conditions granting the franchise to women, and other business.

When the heart is breaking from an old love there is apt to be a crevice through which a new attachment enters and wholly heals the fracture.

G. T. R. Time Table

The 10.20 a.m. train going west was restored this week. It carries the mails as before. The trains going west are now as follows: 8.13 a.m., 10.20 a.m., 2.21 p.m., 5.48 p.m. and 8.12 p.m. Going east: 9.06 a.m., 11.24 a.m., 3.28 p.m., and 7.02 p.m.

Woman's Institute—Annual Meeting

The Woman's Institute will hold their annual meeting on Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mrs. Alex. Bell, Knox Avenue. Election of officers, reports for the year, and also a good musical programme will be given. Refreshments will be served at close of the meeting. Everybody will be welcomed.

Inspection of Dairies and Milk

New dairy regulations have been put into force by order-in-council to deal more strictly with the question of tuberculosis, and to prevent the spread of that disease. The new regulations provide that dairies in which milk or cream are produced for sale, shall be licensed, and no license shall be issued unless that dairy shall conform to the required standard. The standard requires that the stable shall have an ample amount of air space, and at least two square feet of glass for each cow and shall be well ventilated, drained, and kept clean and sanitary. Two years from the date of the first test of the cattle of a dairy, the sale within the city or town of unpasteurized milk or cream from that dairy shall be prohibited unless the veterinary inspector can certify that the herd contains no reactors, and in his opinion is free from tuberculosis. The inspectors are to use the tuberculin test, and carefully examine the cows.

NEWS OF LOCAL IMPORT

Bronze Monument to Edith Cavell

The schools of Ontario are taking up subscriptions to assist in erecting a monument to the memory of Edith Cavell, the murdered nurse. Empire day is suggested by the committee as a suitable date for the campaign by each school. The object is a worthy patriotic one.

Money in Growing Potatoes

The average yield of potatoes in 1916 throughout Ontario was 63 bushels per acre. The next lowest yield in thirty-five years was 76 bushels, but the average for the thirty-five years was 114 bushels. Taken on the average the potato crop is one of the best paying on the farm.

Patriotic Service Worth Emulating

A band of young men in Toronto, who for some reason or other have not enlisted, are spending their evenings in digging gardens for the wives of soldiers who are overseas. Similar service might with profit to all concerned be given by the young men of Acton who have not seen fit to enlist. Organize for this service, boys, and show your willingness to do this bit for the brave fellows who are fighting your battles.

$2,000 Damages From Street Railway

A jury in the General Assizes Court, Toronto, last Friday awarded $2,000 damages to Mrs. Louise Hanson, who sued the Toronto Railway Company for $5,000. Mrs. Hanson was debarking from a Dundas Street car at Keele Street, and while she had one foot on the car step and one foot on the pavement, the car was started without any warning being given her. As a result, she was thrown heavily and sustained severe and permanent injuries. Mrs. Hanson is a sister of Mr. Joseph Leaby, Bower Ave., and spent her girlhood days in Acton.

Use The Soil, Everybody

It is just as important under present conditions to have reserves of food as well as reserves of cartridges. When so much is dependent upon a good crop, the entire community should concern itself about the situation from the beginning of the season. There are certain common vegetables, comprising a large part of the food supply, such as potatoes, beans, onions, etc., which do well in all parts of the country. They can be grown in a small way by hand cultivation and their production this year in ample quantities should be assured beyond chance or doubt. Every citizen should have a garden.

The Epworth League's New Officers

On Tuesday evening the annual election of officers of the Epworth League took place and resulted as follows:

Hon. President—Rev. H. W. Avison, M. A., B. D.
President—Miss Minnie Bennett.
1st Vice-Pres.—Miss Clara Moore.
2nd Vice-Pres.—Miss Muriel Fleury.
3rd Vice-Pres.—Miss Elsie Stewart.
4th Vice-Pres.—Earl Vincent.
5th Vice-Presidents—Miss Bertie Speight and Mrs. N. F. Moore.
Rec. Sec.—Miss Edith Dennis.
Cor. Sec.—Martin Moffat.
Treasurer—Orval Johnston.
Pianist—Ernest Brown.
Ass't Pianist—Miss Marguerite Stewart.
Musical Convener—Miss Hazel Mason.
Youth and Service Representative—Miss Stella McLam.

An Important Masonic Event

The first official visit of an officer of the Grand Lodge to Walker Lodge A. F. and A. M., since the lodge was transferred from Hamilton to Wellington District, was made on Monday by R. W. Bro. Dr. E. Flath, D. D. G. M., of Drayton. He was accompanied by R. W. Bro. S. G. Holley, P. D. D. G. M. of New Hamburg, and W. Bros. G. D. McArthur, P. M.; Geo. Wallace, P. M., Chas. R. Penfold, W. M., Alex. Jeffrey, W. M. and Bros. H. M. Black, H. A. Hignell, Jno. E. Marr, F. T. Hawley, of Guelph, and V. W. Bro. L. Grant, P. M., W. Bro. James Newton, P. M., W. Bro. Dr. J. R. Nixon, W. M., and Bros. T. H. Rumford, W. K. Graham, H. H. Cooke, J. N. Newton, and Wm. Gowdy, Georgetown. The work of the lodge was demonstrated for the review of the D. D. G. M., in the conferring of the third degree, W. Bro. W. L. Mullin, W. M. presiding in the east. The D. D. G. M. congratulated the officers upon their proficiency and recommended features for the more effective demonstration of the lessons taught in the impressive and beautiful work of the craft. A very enjoyable luncheon was served at Wiles' Cafe, at which interesting addresses were delivered by the D. D. G. M. and visiting brethren and by officers of Walker Lodge.

—Mr. Joseph Brooks, of Toronto, has purchased 53 acres at Limehouse belonging to Geo. W. Finch and Wm. Tynegate. Sale was made by J. A. Willoughby, Georgetown.

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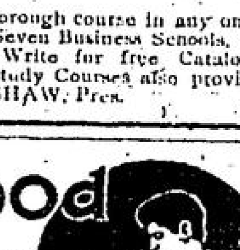

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ELECTROCUTED AT GEORGETOWN

The Electrician at the Toronto Suburban Killed on Saturday

Norman Paul, the electrician in charge of the transformer station of the Toronto Suburban Station at Georgetown, received injuries on Saturday afternoon from which he died at nine o'clock that evening.

Mr. Paul, was at work at the sub-station alone at the time of the accident, and just how he came to his death is not known, but it is assumed that he came into contact with a live wire, and was thrown on on his back. The direct cause of his death was a fractured skull, but both arms were badly burned.

When he was found he was in an unconscious condition. Dr. McAndrew was immediately summoned and accompanied the man to the General Hospital, Guelph. He never rallied, and expired at the hospital at nine o'clock.

An inquest is being held by Dr. Savage, coroner, Guelph.

—Mr. L. E. Fleck, of Georgetown, has purchased a 100 acre farm above Georgetown, known as the Reddy farm. Sale was made by J. A. Willoughby, Georgetown.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Hazel Mason spent the week-end with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. (Rev.) O. H. E. Smith has returned from her visit with friends at Chicago.

Rev. J. J. Liddy, of Hespeler, visited at the Methodist Parsonage last Thursday.

Mrs. C. McLaughlin has returned after spending a couple of weeks with friends in Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Cassmore, of Lowville, was the the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Worden on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Wansborough, of Toronto, spent a day or two this week with Acton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Moore and Miss Aileen, of Georgetown, spent Saturday with relatives here.

Mr. A. E. Nicklin arrived home from his four months' trip through the western provinces last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Babcock and children and Miss Marie Ford, of Milton, visited Acton friends on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Roszell leave this week for Abernethy, Sask., and will spend the summer with their son there.

Warden and M[illegible] motored to town [illegible] on Sunday and sp[illegible]

Mrs. Alice Flont[illegible] frie[illegible] onto during the w[illegible] and M[illegible] spent the week-end [illegible] friends [illegible] co.

Mr. H. P. Moore w[illegible] Toronto [illegible] of days last week visi[illegible] mot[illegible] was taken suddenly [illegible] She [illegible] better this week.

Mrs. Chas. Withington [illegible] Guelph [illegible] erly of Acton, was stri[illegible] with [illegible] on Saturday morning [illegible] regaining consciousness.

Mr. Albert Bishop and family, [illegible] moved to Welland a [illegible] of [illegible] ago, have returned to [illegible] home is preferred to the [illegible]

Mr. Frank Spielvogel, w[illegible] a [illegible] tion in Toronto, intending [illegible] remove [illegible] family to that city, has ret[illegible] to Act[illegible] and they will continue to [illegible] their [illegible] here.

Mrs. C. S. Smith, who ha[illegible] away from home the past year, [illegible] from Windsor last week and is now [illegible] Place. Our citizens are glad [illegible] Mrs. Smith back in the old home [illegible]

RUPTURE EXPERT HERE

Seeley, With International Reputation, Called to Guelph

F. H. Seeley, of Chicago and Philadelphia the noted truss expert, will be at the Wellington Hotel and will remain in Guelph Friday only, May 11th, from 10 a. m., till 6 p. m. Mr. Seeley says: "The Spermatic Shield will not only retain any case of rupture perfectly, but contracts the opening in 10 days on the average case. This instrument received the only award in England and in Spain, producing results without surgery, injections, medical treatments or prescriptions. Mr. Seeley has important [illegible] documents for inspection. All charity cases without charge, or if any interested, call, he will be glad to show same [illegible] charge or fit them if desired. Business demands prevent stopping at any [illegible] place in this section.

[illegible] S. Every statement in this notice [illegible] verified before the Federal and [illegible] courts. F. H. Seeley.

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Famine and World-Hunger Are On Our Threshold

"——in the nation's honour, heed! Acquit yourselves like men. As workers on the land, do your duty with all your strength!"
—Lloyd George.

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THE CRISIS

France, England and Italy in peace times did not depend upon America but on Russia, Roumania and Bulgaria for most of their breadstuffs. With these sources closed the crisis of the hour demands that we see that our soldiers and the Motherland are fed.

Everyone in Great Britain has been put on limited rations: meat is prohibited one day a week and the making of cakes and pastry has been stopped. Further restrictions are anticipated.

Bread has gone to 28c per four-pound loaf in England, for the first time since the Crimean War.

Lord Devonport, British Food Comptroller, proposes taking authority to search the houses of Great Britain to prevent food hoarding.

Forty million men, less the casualties, are now on active service.

Twenty million men and women are supporting them by service in other war activities.

In the last analysis, the land is bearing this burden.

One million tons of food-carrying ships have been torpedoed since February 1st, 1917.

Germany's hope for victory is in the starvation of Britain through the submarine.

Canada's sons will have died in vain if hunger compels the Motherland's surrender.

The land is waiting—the plough is ready—will we make the plough mightier than the sword?

Will we help the acres to save the flag?

World-Hunger Stares Us in the Face

David Lubin, representative of the United States to the International Institute of Agriculture—maintained by forty Governments—reports officially to Washington that the food grains of the world on March 31st, 1917, showed a shortage of 150,000,000 bushels below the amount necessary to feed the world until August, 1917. He declares it is beyond question that unless a greater acreage is put to crop in 1917 there will be WORLD-HUNGER before the 1918 crop is harvested.

The failure of the grain crop in the Argentine Republic, which is ordinarily a great grain-exporting nation, resulted in an embargo being placed, in March, 1917, upon the export of grains from that country to avert local famine.

The United States Department of Agriculture, in its official report, announces the condition of the fall wheat crop (which is two-thirds of their total wheat crop) on April 1st, 1917, to be the poorest ever recorded and predicts a yield of 244,000,000 bushels below the crop of 1915. The 1916 crop was poor. Even with favorable weather, the wheat crop of the United States is likely to be the smallest in thirty-five years, not more than 64% of the normal crop.

Under date of April 10th, Ogden Armour, executive head of Armour & Company, one of the world's largest dealers in food products, stated that unless the United States wishes to walk deliberately into a catastrophe, the best brains of the country, under Government supervision, must immediately devise means of increasing and conserving food supplies. Armour urged the cultivation of every available acre. The food shortage, he said, is world-wide. European production is cut in half, the Argentine Republic has suffered droughts. Canada and the United States must wake up!

Hunger Tightening His Grip
—New York Evening Mail

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People are starving [illegible] in Serbia, in Poland, in Armenia, in many [illegible] the globe.

Famine conditions are becoming wide-spread every [illegible]try.

On these alarming food conditions becoming known, President Wilson immediately appointed a Food Comptroller for the United States. He selected [illegible] C. Hoover, to whom the world is indebted as Chairman of the International Belgium Relief Commission for his [illegible] direction of the distribution of food among the starving [illegible].

Mr. Hoover is already urging [illegible] food restrictions, for, as he states, "The war will [illegible] last another year and we shall have all we can do to keep the necessary food to carry our Allies through with [illegible] full fighting stamina."

The Problem for Ontario

The land under cultivation in Ontario in 1916 was 365,000 acres less than in 1915.

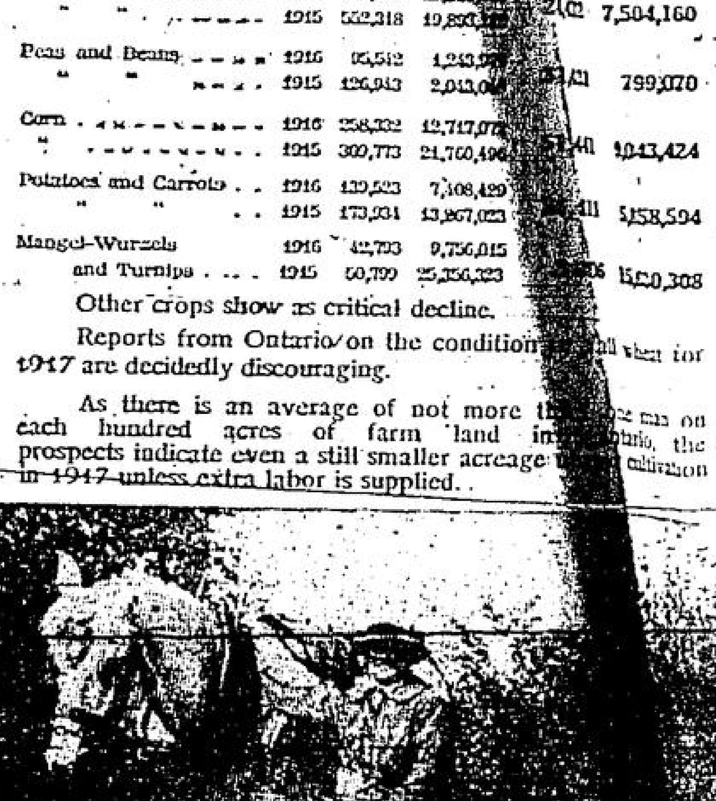
Consider how much LESS Ontario produced in 1916 than she raised in 1915:

	Year	Acres	Bushels	Decrease Acres	Decrease Bushels
Fall Wheat	1916	704,867	[illegible]		
"	1915	811,185	[illegible]	[illegible]	9,794,961
Barley and Oats	1916	529,886	[illegible]		
" "	1915	552,318	[illegible]	[illegible]	7,504,160
Peas and Beans	1916	[illegible]	[illegible]		
" "	1915	126,943	[illegible]	[illegible]	799,070
Corn	1916	258,332	12,717,07[illegible]		
"	1915	309,773	21,760,496	[illegible]	9,043,424
Potatoes and Carrots	1916	139,523	7,308,429		
" "	1915	173,931	13,867,023	[illegible]	5,158,594
Mangel-Wurzels	1916	42,793	9,756,015		
and Turnips	1915	50,799	25,356,323	[illegible]	15,600,308

Other crops show as critical decline.

Reports from Ontario on the condition [illegible] fall wheat for 1917 are decidedly discouraging.

As there is an average of not more [illegible] man on each hundred acres of farm land in Ontario, the prospects indicate even a still smaller acreage [illegible] cultivation in 1917 unless extra labor is supplied.



—Photo from London (Eng.) Dystan[illegible]

A 15-year Old Girl at Work

Miss Alexandra Smith, one of the thousands of British wom[illegible] workers on the land. She recently won an All-Comers' Cha[illegible]pion prize for plowing.

Food Production is the Greatest Problem the World Faces To-day

Owing to destruction by submarines, ocean ships are scarce.

It is much easier to protect shipping between Canada and England than on the longer voyages from India or Australia.

One vessel can make twice as many trips from Canada to Britain as from India, and four times as many as from Australia.

Therefore, every ton of food stuffs grown in Canada is worth to the Motherland two tons grown in India or four tons grown in Australia.

Why the Call to Canada is So Urgent

If this country does not raise a big crop this year, not only will the people of Canada suffer but the Motherland and her Allies will suffer and their military power will be weakened if not paralyzed. Therefore, the right solution of the present war problem comes back to the farm, as to a foundation upon which our whole national and international structure must be built and maintained.

The Second-Line Trenches
—McCay in The New York American.

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The farmers know that they are the last reserve, and that the soil on which crops are grown is the strategic ground on which wars are decided. To their care is entrusted the base of supplies.

To enable the farm to do the work two factors are essential. The *first* is Time. Whatever we are to do must be done at once. Nature waits for no man. The *second* is Labor. Many farmers cannot plant the acres they would because they cannot get the necessary help. Many are afraid to increase their acreage because they fear they would not be able to cultivate and harvest an unusual crop after they have raised it. If they are to do the work that is essential for them to do, the last man in each city, town and village must be mobilized at once.

Every man not on Active Service can help. In every city, town and village are men who, by their training on the farm, or by their present occupation, can readily adapt themselves to farm work. These can render no greater service to the Empire at the present time than by answering the call of the farm. Capable men and boys willing to learn should not allow their lack of farm experience to stand in the way.

Can the employer render a more signal service in this crisis than by encouraging these men to help the farmer to cultivate every available acre, and by making it easy for them to go?

Ontario's farm lands are waiting—the implements are ready—the equipment is complete—the farmer is willing—all he needs is labor.

So short is the world's food supply that without increased production many in Canada must go hungry, and even with enormously increased production we cannot expect cheap food. The world is waiting for our harvest.

If peace should be declared within a year, the food conditions will be no better, for the accumulated hunger of the Central Empires must be met. This will absorb a large part of the world's supply.

We do not know when this war shall cease. It is endless—its lengthening out has paralyzed the thought and conception of all men who thought about it and its possible time of conclusion. Three months—six months, we said; nine months, a year, we said; and yet two years and eight months have passed their long dreary and sanguinary length and there is no man who can tell how long this gigantic struggle may yet last.

Lloyd George, in a letter addressed to farmers throughout the Empire, said:

"The line which the British Empire holds "against the Germans is held by those who WORK "ON THE LAND as well as by those who fight "on land and sea. If it breaks at any point it "breaks everywhere. In the face of the enemy the "seamen of our Royal naval and mercantile marine "and the soldiers gathered from every part of our "Empire hold our line firstly. You workers on land "must hold your part of our line as strongly. Every "full day's labor you do helps to shorten the struggle and brings us nearer victory. Every idle day, "all loitering, lengthens the struggle and makes defeat more possible. Therefore, in the nation's "honour, heed! Acquit yourselves like men, and as "workers on land do your duty with all your "strength!"

So, for the honor of Canada's soldiers in France—and for the glory of our New-born Nationhood—let it be said of Ontario's citizens that, in the hour of our greatest need, their response was worthy of their sons.

We owe a great debt to those who are fighting for us.

Organization of Resources Committee, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Chairman: [illegible] Sir John S. Hendrie, K.C.M.G., C.V.O., Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Vice-Chairmen: Honourable Sir William H. Hearst, K.C.M.G., Prime Minister of Ontario; N. W. Rowell, Esq., K.C., Leader of the Opposition. Secretary, Albert H. Abbott, Esq., Ph.D.

We Must Produce More Food