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NEWS AROUND TOWN

This is horse fair day.

Wanted—At once, two housemaids for Ontario Agriculture College, Guelph. Apply to matron.

It is reported that German losses in the Verdun battle were 200,000 and the French losses 40,000.

Mr. Herbert Wilkinson of Edmonton, will accept thanks for renewal subscription.

Pte. J. H. McIlraith, training in Toronto with the 124th Battalion, is down with pneumonia, and is now in the hospital.

Don't forget the date of the Spring Millinery Openings, March 21st, 22nd and 23rd.—Mrs. T. H. McClocklin.

Arthur H. Jackson has been appointed agent for the Canadian Northern Railway. Parties going west should see him before buying tickets.

We have arranged with a counter check book concern and can supply all needs on short notice. See our samples and we'll do the rest. We guarantee satisfaction at right prices.

The Red Cross Society will hold a sale of home-made baking in Calder's hall on Saturday, March 25. Ice cream and light refreshments will be served. Donations of baking, cream, butter and eggs are requested.

Live Hogs are \$10 to-day, the highest price ever quoted so far as memory serves. On one occasion they were \$9.75, and the ten dollar mark was expected, but we don't think the amount was ever paid during the past nineteen years.

Pastor Russell was billed to speak at North Bay on Tuesday night, but the mayor instructed the police not to allow him, as he was informed his addresses were detrimental to recruiting. The loyal people of Canada know their own business without instructions from Pastor Russell or any of his cult.

Make it a point to attend the Irish social on St. Patrick's night, March 17, in the Presbyterian church at 8 o'clock. An enjoyable evening is promised and the admission fee, 15c., goes towards buying comforts for the soldiers. It is being arranged by five or six young ladies of that congregation.

Those who go into spasms over the beautiful snow would have lots of chance on Friday and Saturday, when we enjoyed the heaviest snowfall of the season. Fortunately, however, the "beautiful" was light and the train service was but little interrupted. The country roads were rendered heavy in places and for a day or two the traffic was interfered with and some of the mail couriers had to abandon their trips.

We congratulate Mr. Cameron MacKenzie on his marriage on Wednesday of last week to Miss Isabella Mearns, daughter of the late Matthew Mearns of Hampden, in the township of Normanby. Mr. MacKenzie has been engaged in farming near Leduc, Alta., for the past seven or eight years, and from what we are able to learn, he has been doing well. On Tuesday last he left with his bride for his home in the west. We wish them all kinds of happiness.

The recruiting has been hitting The Chronicle, and the capture of one of our men last week may cause us some annoyance and delay. If we wish to appear patriotic however, we must put up with the changed conditions and live in hope of better things in the near future. The first consideration is to win the war, and if our men are needed in the trenches worse than they are needed here, the trenches are the proper places for them. In the meantime, we'll have to struggle on as best we can, and our readers will bear with our irregularities till the vacancy is filled. It isn't an easy task for one man to do the work of two or three, and the shortage of help will explain the cause of delay or other defects in getting out our work.

Mr. S. McIntyre, who bought the W. Black hardware stock, opened up for business on Saturday and is now getting in full swing.

Persons in need of monuments will make no mistake if they call on W. J. McFadden to get descriptions and prices before buying. 3t

Boarders wanted.—Good board and comfortable accommodation will be provided at reasonable cost.—Apply at The Chronicle.

Lost.—A gold tie pin bearing the initials "W. B." Finder will be rewarded by leaving it at The Chronicle office.

If you need counter check books see our samples and leave your order. No need buying from outsiders when you can get them as good and as cheap right at home.

All interested in Red Cross work are requested to save rags, rubbers, papers, and magazines until called for by Red Cross workers. These are to be sold to raise funds.

All are invited to attend the Spring millinery opening at the Hat Shop, first door north of the post office, on Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18.—M. A. Latimer.

One of the oldest and most famous of the Six Nation Indian women, wife of Wm. K. Loft, died at Brantford in her 80th year. She was the aunt of Pauline Johnson, the Indian poetess, and sister of Dr. Oronhyatekha, who was instrumental in founding the Independent Order of Foresters.

One of the first recruits that Col. McDougall got for his Forestry Battalion, which is being recruited at Ottawa, was Sir MacKenzie Bowell, a former prime minister of Canada, and the oldest parliamentarian. He is only 92 years of age, but says he would like to be a lance-corporal. He is an old soldier and became Colonel of the 49th Regiment.

Mr. S. J. Parker, the veteran treasurer of the County of Grey, is seriously ill at his home in Owen Sound. A few days ago he received a slight stroke of paralysis, which, in all probability will confine him to his home for a time. He is a brother of the late Henry Parker so well and favorably remembered by residents of this town and vicinity.

The town hall is not nearly large enough to accommodate all who would like to attend a Sunday evening recruiting meeting. There were many unable to get in last Sunday night to hear the addresses of the khaki-clad clergymen who were present here with the boys from the 147th Grey County Battalion. We say many were unable to gain admittance. We think we would be safe in saying that hundreds were turned away.

In order to re-organize and put in shape the Durham branch of the Patriotic League, and to impress upon the members a fuller knowledge of its significance and duties, a meeting is called for Friday night next at 8 o'clock in the public library. As there is a great deal of important work in connection with the league, it is of the utmost importance that it should be well officered. A full attendance is requested—Friday evening at 8 o'clock—in the public library.

Litigation entered by the Board of Control against the Toronto Street Railway Company for overcrowding has been dropped owing to the difficulties in securing men to handle the service. General Manager Fleming told the board of the company's handicap for want of men since the commencement of the war, and says conditions are getting worse instead of better. At the same time he says the company is giving every encouragement to men physically fit to enlist, believing their services to be needed in the trenches, regardless of difficulties the company may experience. There are fifty cars idle for want of men to man them. This, it part, shows difficulties to be met in the labor problem.

Dr. Hutton has been appointed Associate Coroner for the County of Grey.

William Shakespeare, the great dramatist, died on the 23rd of April 1616, and the tercentenary of his death occurs on Thursday of next week.

Dr. W. T. Little, of Flesherton, left last week to fill a position in the Army Medical Corps. He had been in Flesherton for the past fourteen or fifteen months, and is said to have worked up a good practice.

Rev. Mr. Ashton, from Camboro, near Dunnville, has moved with his family to take charge of the Bentinck and Glenelg Baptist churches, as successor to Rev. Mr. Barclay, who is now stationed at Spring Bay, Manitoulin Island.

A case of whiskey, consigned to Wm. Wiggins was seized at the G. T. R. station recently, and the matter was tried on Saturday before Magistrates Laidlaw and Ritchie, but as the consignee swore the liquor was for his own use the action was dismissed.

Major G. H. Musgrove, of Hanover, who returned a few weeks ago from England, where he spent nine months in the hospital as the result of wounds received last May at the battle of Festubert has been appointed second in command of the 162nd (Parry Sound) Battalion, commanded by Lieut. Colonel James Arthur, M.P.

In speaking of the temperance demonstration in Toronto last week, The Mt. Forest Representative says: "The only one from this vicinity who happened to get into the melee was Mr. W. L. Falkingham, of Orchard, whose face was cut with some ice thrown by one of the rowdies." It takes an Artful Dodger to get into company of that sort and come out of it safe.

Yesterday, at 12.30 a quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. George Wilson, when her daughter, Miss Ida, was united in marriage to Mr. William Buchanan. Mr. Whaley was the officiating clergyman and performed the matrimonial ceremony in the presence of only immediate friends. The young couple left on the afternoon G.T.R. train to spend a brief honeymoon in Clinton and other places. We join the community in extending congratulations.

The fancy dress carnival in the rink on Friday evening was a most enjoyable affair, though the crowd was by no means a large one. A hockey match between the "colored mummies," and the "white hopes," was, as far as we could tell, won by both teams, and was much enjoyed. The prizes for costumes, some of which were exceptionally good, was the next on the program, and was followed by the racing events. Besides these a full measure of skating was enjoyed by those attending.

The recruiting officers that were here on Sunday, were a cheery lot of men, and none of them for a moment would think of letting a hint drop to show sorrow for making a sacrifice. One of them went so far as to say it was no sacrifice but a plain duty he was rendering to his country. Mr. Spencer struck a very responsive chord when he expressed pleasure in the thought of being killed in battle, rather than be found amongst the shirkers when the boys returned with victory on their banners. We have all to make sacrifices of some sort, but there is no use in tiring the people by always whining about them.

Grey County has a special interest in Seymour Eaton, editor of "Vogue," and "Vanity Fair," who died yesterday in New York, because he was a native of the county, being the son of the late Francis Eaton, of St. Vincent. His mother still resides near Meaford, and a brother, ex-Reeve John Eaton, and a nephew, Ewart J. Creeper, of Owen Sound, are other relatives. Mr. Eaton was, besides being a noted journalist and writer, the originator of the famous teddy-bear toy. He taught school for seven years in Euphrasia, and afterwards founded the Winnipeg Business College before going to the States, where he was engaged on various papers.

The plant of the Renfrew Machinery Company of which Frank Vickers is the manager, was completely destroyed by fire on Tuesday. The fire is said to be of mysterious origin, spread rapidly, and several workmen had narrow escapes for their lives. The loss is estimated at \$100,000 in addition to several important shipments ready to be sent away. This is the second fire within a week, the plant of the O'Brien Munitions Limited having been damaged last week to the extent of \$100,000. Two men, who said they were Germans from Berlin, Ontario, appeared in the police court on suspicion of implication in an attempt to destroy a munitions plant on Sunday night. A Berlin despatch said the men, Bartscher and Zenkir were not known there.

DURHAM'S SOLDIERS SPENT THE WEEK END AT HOME

The soldier boys were in town from Saturday morning until Monday evening. They left Owen Sound on the morning train and on arrival at Saugeen Junction the Walkerton train ran them over here, where they arrived between nine and ten o'clock. They were not generally expected here till the arrival of the regular train at noon, and the first intimation we had was when the forty-five boys in uniform were on Garafra street in a peaceful march towards the Middaugh House. Soon they were disbanded and all were free for the time to go where they pleased, but with orders to re-assemble again at half-past one.

Amongst them were three uniformed clergymen, who were to take part in the church services on Sunday evening and afterwards in a mass meeting in the town hall. Major Ardill, of the Anglican church, Owen Sound, is chaplain of the 31st Regiment, and on Sunday preached in Trinity church, both morning and evening. Though somewhat up in years, and not in uniform, he is full of spirit and his sermon in the evening partook largely of a recruiting nature.

Rev. Mr. Spencer, who resigned his position as pastor of Meaford Methodist church, preached a very acceptable sermon in the Methodist church on Sunday evening and showed much earnestness and enthusiasm as a recruiting agent. Rev. Mr. Kerr, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in Flesherton, preached in the Presbyterian church and Rev. Mr. Proudfoot, formerly Baptist minister at Leith, was the officiating clergyman in the Baptist church. All four clergymen were enthusiastic for recruits and the day's services will produce fruit in due time. The call for men is imperative, and the refusal to answer the call and don the khaki will militate against all who fail to respond, when the war is over.

At the mass meeting, Dr. Jamieson acted as chairman and each of the four clergymen delivered short addresses. In addition, there were a number of patriotic choruses by some seven or eight of the best male voices, including Mr. Mistle, the new manager of the Royal Bank, whose first appearance before a Durham audience left a very favorable impression.

At the close of the mass meeting Mr. Roy Vickers, and a young lad named Cunningham, signified their willingness to enlist and were called to the platform amid much enthusiasm.

Some ten or twelve wrist watches were presented to the boys who had not been previously recognized and at the close the ladies of the Red Cross presented each with a parcel containing a shirt and a couple of pairs of socks.

Mr. W. Calder spoke at the close of the meeting, expressing his intention to donate to each a khaki testament, as he had formerly done with the other recruits.

INCREASE TO \$1.50 LIKELY

A meeting of the newspaper publishers of the county of Grey and some of the adjoining towns in Bruce, was held in the Board of Trade rooms, Owen Sound, last week, to discuss the present serious situation on account of the heavy increase in paper and stock and other materials. The publishers have been face to face with a continual increase in the cost of production of their newspapers ever since the opening of the war, and the meeting was called for a discussion of the best means of meeting the situation. It was generally recognized at the meeting that the subscription price of the local weeklies and semi-weeklies is entirely too low and that an increase must be made in order to keep the publications up to their standard. Not only has the cost of publishing increased but advertising revenue has fallen off generally, since the war started and from figures submitted by the publishers present it was demonstrated that the subscribers are not bearing their cost of production. An increase to \$1.50 a year was favored, and a resolution was passed to this effect, although definite action was not taken, and the increase will probably be made individually by the publishers at an early date. Mr. W. E. Smallfield, president of the Canadian Press Association, and editor of the Renfrew Mercury, was present at the meeting and conferred with the publishers.

The latest returns from the referendum vote in Manitoba gives the temperance forces a majority of nearly 25,000. The Tribune, of Winnipeg, in commenting on the result, says:—"The sword cleft the marrow in this province. It struck a blow for emancipation from an evil that has wrecked its tens of thousands in our own city and province." The Winnipeg Telegram says, "Politics had nothing to do with the result, and the decision is untrammelled by external considerations."

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