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## NEWS AROUND TOWN

**For Sale.**—No. 1 clover and timothy seed.—Mrs. A. Beggs & Son.

**Mr. Alf. O'Neil** of Gleneag purchased the first Chevrolet car sold in Durham by N. McIntyre.

**Call and see our clover seed before buying elsewhere.**—Mrs. A. Beggs & Son.

**Mr. T. N. Walpole** and family have moved to the house on Garafra street, recently vacated by Mr. J. H. Harding.

**Ontario doesn't go dry** till September 16. Let us see. That'll give us a chance to get a swig at the time of the exhibition.

**For Rent.**—The Commercial Hotel, Priceville, is offered for rent. Immediate possession can be given. For particulars, apply to the proprietor, Joseph Black. 463p

**Marriage licenses** are now up to five dollars instead of two. This reminds us that procrastination is the thief of time, plus an extra three dollars.

A little Durham girl with a toy soldier that marched when wound up, saw a real soldier come home with her big sister one night, and asked her to "wind him up" so that she could see him go.

April 14 and 15. Coming to the Happy Hour theatre, Ford Film. Subjects: Burning of Parliament Buildings, Ottawa; Niagara Falls in Winter, with other leading events in Canada.

We thank Mr. Robt. Aljoe for renewal subscription. It will be remembered that Mr. Aljoe was seriously injured last December in an elevator at Saskatoon and has been in the hospital ever since. He expects to be out in a couple of weeks.

**Mr. Matthew Davis** of Poplar, Manitoulin, will accept thanks for remittance in advance. He is always up to time, right on the dot. How happy all owners of local newspapers would be if all their subscribers were as prompt as Mr. Davis. The label will be changed in due time.

A movement is under consideration to take 2,000 aliens from the New Ontario camps to assist the farmers in the west, as soon as the available list in the camp at Brandon is exhausted. Transportation may be borne by the federal government, and farmers using the labor will be required to take each man for a period of seven months.

A movement is on foot to have an excursion to Owen Sound about the 4th of May, to see the 14th Battalion at its best before leaving for mobilization camp. The intention, if carried out, is to have excursion trains on the C. P. R. from Durham and Dundalk to Owen Sound, and also on the Grand Trunk from Hanover, trains to reach Owen Sound at 10 o'clock and leave on the return trip the same evening about 8 o'clock.

From a Government publication on altitudes in Ontario we gave the elevation above the sea level of the stations between Dundalk and Walkerton, a few weeks ago and also pointed out that Mt. Forest was some 200 feet higher than Durham. We'll venture to say that if any Durham resident were asked to tell whether the Grand Trunk station is higher or lower than the C. P. R., his answer would be a mere guess and as liable to be wrong as right. In the publication mentioned the altitudes are given: C. P. R. 1,126 feet, G. T. R. 1,111 feet. The C. P. R. is higher by 15 feet.

The snow is all gone and the winter's accumulations of dirt are to be seen on all sides. The cleaning-up process will be soon in order and a little effort will effect a wonderful transformation in places. It's a pity the whole town couldn't be thoroughly renovated and remove the unsightly scenes that were never disturbed since the beginning of time. If all could pull together in the direction of a general clean-up, the esthetic appearance would be improved and it would be better for the health of the community.

**Wanted.**—Two lady boarders, or lady roomers; comfortable rooms. Apply to Mrs. T. N. Walpole. 2b

**Wanted.**—100 bags of good potatoes, for which we will pay the highest price.—Mrs. A. Beggs & Son.

**The French and British aviators** are reported to have brought down 42 German aeroplanes during the month of March.

**Mr. Mike O'Neil** of Delisle, Sask., sold his 320-acre farm for \$12,000. The purchaser was one of his neighbors.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Ben Williams is in poor health, and left yesterday for Fergus hospital, where she may have to undergo an operation.

**Miss Black** received word Monday of the death of a sister in Toronto. Death occurred Saturday at the Western hospital, and the remains were interred on Monday afternoon.

A full choir of lady singers rendered the musical service in the Methodist church on Sunday evening. The ladies contributing were not regular members of the choir, but from the audience, the service was appreciated.

The patriotic society had a meeting Tuesday night, when 14 claims on the patriotic fund were considered and appropriations fixed. The claims under consideration amounted to a monthly call of about \$200.

In consequence of the shortage of paper in England the daily newspapers are asked to be ready to make a reduction of 40 per cent. in their pre-war size. Smaller type is used in sympathy with the reduced size where reductions have been already made.

Prices for print shop supplies are still soaring upward. On a small order we received this week an increase of 25 per cent. is made on one small article and may be further advanced without notice. It seems the only thing to be done is to take our medicine and await the cure.

The underwriters' inspector was here yesterday, when the firemen were called out to give an exhibition. From the first sound of the fire-bell it was just 17 minutes till steam was up and a stream was delivered from the tank near the site of the old skating rink. From leaving the fire hall, the stream was on in 10 minutes, we are told.

**Miss Edith Lloyd**, a professional nurse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lloyd of this place, accompanied by a lady friend from Harrison, also a trained nurse, is now reported to be "somewhere in Egypt." A picture of the two young ladies appeared in a recent issue of The London Advertiser, but both were reported to be from Harrison.

**Rev. Mr. Morris** of Trinity church hit the nail on the head in his sermon on Sunday evening when he said that the average church member and professing Christian was altogether too apathetic. He said that their idea of Christianity was, when they came to die, to "send for the minister, have him say a few words, and away they go." We are sure he couldn't have meant to include anyone connected with this great clarion of truth and morality in the above statement.

On Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock an interesting ceremony took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McCaslin, in Bentinck, when their daughter, Clara, was united in wedlock to Mr. Thomas J. Hopkins, of the same township. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. S. Moyer, in the presence of a goodly number of relatives and friends. Congratulations over, a sumptuous wedding dinner was enjoyed and a happy hour was spent around the festive board. The young couple are on a short honeymoon to Hamilton, Burlington and other points, and on their return will reside in the neighborhood.

A number of the young people enjoyed themselves in the hall Tuesday night in a patriotic dance. There was quite a number in attendance, but we have not learned how it turned out financially. It isn't likely the surplus over expenses will be very large.

A Wingham despatch says that Crow Attorney Seager of that place has ordered an investigation of the death there of R. W. Walker of Mt. Forest, and the removal of the body to Athens, Mich., for interment on Friday was not allowed until an autopsy had been performed. Walker, it is said, died suddenly while undergoing treatment for abscess of the brain from his brother-in-law, Dr. J. A. Fox, a Wingham chiropractor. The inquest will be held this Thursday. The Ontario Medical Council sent Dr. Silverthorn, an expert pathologist, to Wingham for the post-mortem.

**Mr. A. B. McLellan** was the chief cause of the big stir in town on Tuesday. He is agent here for the Massey-Harris Co., and this was a day of general delivery. About 30 teams were lined up at the station where the purchases, consisting of binders, spreaders, drills, cultivators, hay-rakes, etc., were quickly loaded. Dinner was served at the Hahn House to about 50 guests, while the streets were lined outside with the several purchases of agricultural machinery. Messrs. McGee and Stewart of the Massey-Harris Co. were present, and assisted the local agent. The display gives evidence of the prosperous condition of the farmers in this part of the country and their strong faith in the future. The popularity of the local agent, and the popularity of the class of machinery he handles, make the selling end of the business comparatively easy.

Ten Nights in a Bar-Room, that old, but thrilling temperance play, popular years ago, and popular still, was presented here last Saturday by Fred G. Brown, with his cast of ten high-class stage artists. Every performer did his or her part well, but to us the climax in the play was the death scene of the little girl and the frenzied condition of Joe Morgan when attacked with the delirium tremens. Mr. Brown took the part of Joe Morgan and proved himself an excellent performer. We have seen the play several times, but never before in such realistic form. Mr. Brown announced another performance for Monday, but as the attendance was not likely to pay expenses, he decided to leave on Monday morning for Toronto, where he and his company have permanent work of a much more lucrative character. Simon Slade, the landlord, was taken by Bert. Petch, a young man who was born and grew up in Flesherston.

### WHAT THE HYDRO COST US

Our total outlay for the Hydro is \$17,582.77. This includes the \$3,800 paid for the McIntyre system. The people don't know; in fact, some of the council don't know, and if we were to listen to both sides, we wouldn't know either. We made it our business to find out, and here's a statement from the Hydro Commission, which to us seems plain enough. The following are the items of cost up to March 31, 1916:

|                                    |                   |
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| Sub-station equipment.....         | \$584 88          |
| Distribution system, overhead..... | 10792 38          |
| Line transformers.....             | 243 36            |
| Metres, etc.....                   | 999 11            |
| Miscellaneous.....                 | 476 03            |
| The Old Plant.....                 | 3800 00           |
| <b>Total.....</b>                  | <b>\$17582 77</b> |

The plant is now complete, out of course the installation of new services, and the upkeep and repairs will always be a source of outlay.

We overlooked mentioning in our last issue the sale of the butcher business conducted here for the past five or six years by Mr. W. J. Firth, who is retiring on account of ill health. Mr. Jamieson Vollett is the new proprietor, and as he has been in the employ of Mr. Firth for the past two or three years, will be able to take hold of and conduct the business without delay.

### KEEP DOWN THE PEAK

Just a word to all users of hydro current. Just a thought we wish to soak into their minds and, having learned its meaning, to act now. It will save money, and that is a consideration in war times.

In paying for hydro current, the town pays for the peak load for the month. This means for the highest twenty minutes. The load is registered automatically as it is delivered, and a look over the daily charts for the month will reveal the peak at once. In February, the latest returns we have seen, the peak is reported on February 5, at 19 o'clock. That means at 7 o'clock in the evening. It was on a Saturday, when the stores were all open. The peak for December occurred on the 31st at 7.30 in the evening. That was the night before New Years, an open night in the stores. Again, the peak load for January was at 7.30 in the evening of the 29th, Saturday evening.

Well, what about it? Just this. It will be seen that so far the peak loads have occurred on Saturday evenings, or the evening before a public holiday, when the stores were all open, and the town as a whole has to pay for that peak. The stores, to do business, must have light, and plenty of it. Their united load incurs an extra cost by increasing the peak. To offset this extra cost, private users should be as economical as possible on Saturday nights and nights before public holidays, and, to keep down the peak, electric irons, toasters, sweepers and other electrical appliances should not be used at that time. Use of current during the day costs the town nothing, and costs the consumers nothing more than cost of service charges.

To explain further, we might just mention that twenty 40-watt lamps will consume more than one horse power of current, and if these 20 lamps were turned off say from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday nights, a reduction to the town of the cost of one horse power for the month would be effected in this way: that is a reduction of \$2.83.

If as was the case in February, with a peak load of 69 horse power, the town could sell the current to private users for all, under-peak hours, the cost to the town would not be increased, and at the same time the cost of current so used would be a source of revenue to the town; and further, it would be a cheap power to the constant consumer.

It would be economical also, as far as possible, not to use the town hall, the churches or other public buildings during possible peak periods. In discussing the matter, we are not knocking the Hydro, which we have favored from the first. What we want to do is to get as much current as we need at as low a cost as possible. We paid for 69 horse power in February, but during the whole month we used the 69 horse power for only 20 minutes. During the day, from turning the street lights off in the morning till they are turned on at night, we are using a very light load, but the town has to pay for the peak for the highest 20 minutes as indicated on the chart.

We hope these hints are plain enough and that all users, for the sake of economy, will act on them at all times when a heavy load is being delivered to the town. The peak load for February was 69 horse-power, and the cost for current \$195.32, or nearly \$3 per horse-power for the month. Keep down the peak.

### HOUSE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

During the thunder storm last night the residence of Mr. James Gibson, opposite the cement plant, was struck by lightning and considerable damage done. The bolt seems to have struck the chimney, passed along the roof, tearing up some of the shingles, and then passed down the partitions to the cellar, where a joist was split into kindling wood. A small hole through the stone wall at the front door, and the disturbance of the soil, seems to indicate that the current reached the ground at that point. Though some of the inmates were sleeping just below where a ceiling was broken it was fortunate that no harm resulted. The building is insured in the Grey & Bruce Mutual.

**Don't Let Higher Prices Catch You Unprepared**

**WE** advise you to buy now and protect yourself while we still can give you a large stock and variety to choose from, and also the benefit of low prices.

**OUR** efforts, redoubled in view of conditions, have put us in a position to offer our customers every attainable advantage in buying for spring. Looking forward to an excellent demand for spring, we have purchased much more heavily than ever before, and our endeavor now is to secure an opportunity of demonstrating our ability to serve you to your entire satisfaction.

**House Furnishings** We have a large assortment of Floor Oilcloths, Linoleums, Straw Matting, Lace Curtains and Serim. at moderate prices.

**Ladies!** Have you seen our tailored to order Skirts, made from the very finest of all-wool serges, in blacks, navies and browns.

**S. F. MORLOCK**  
THE STORE OF HONEST VALUE

**A Full Program of Bargains for Spring Home-Furishing**

**Splendid Floor Coverings**

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- Floor Oilcloth, new patterns, in 1, 1½ and 2 yds.
- Stair Oilcloth, in Oak and Floral designs.
- Rugs and Mattings, a good range of designs and colorings.

**Curtains and Curtain Nets**

- Lace Curtains, 50c to \$3.50 pr.
- Curtain Nets, in cream and ecru, 25c and 40c yd.
- Curtain Muslin with border, 15c.
- Special Curtain Scrim in cream, with colored border, fast color, 15c.
- White Enamelled Curtain Poles, 2 for 25c.

**J. & J. HUNTER**

**SMALL BELGIAN**

Prosperity on the wings of Brave R...  
Many have marvelled at the success of the small farmer... A Canadian farmer who... visiting the portion of Belgium... the Germans never reached... account of the wonderful... there. He writes: The daily... let gardening farms do... as a rule, more than two... miles from town. Further... field agriculture and catt... Even these are, however... scale, larger farms being... Flanders only on heavy... which heavy ploughs have... and a larger capital is co... required. With light soil... twenty acres is considered... average is from three to five... while farms of one acre are... common. One may judge... size of most holdings... and the size of the crop... them. In the neighborhood... have rarely seen farms... or four stacks; the usual... had only from three to... But I saw also much sma... less than one acre... having in this case there w... and a tiny stack standing... cottage, while the emerald... which nearly half of the... land was covered—it was... told me that next year... of this homestead would... their own bread. There i... generation in saying that in... borhood of Ghent the aver... farms is not more than... six acres each, which wou... to 150 farms to the square... It was most interestin... structure to walk in this... country. I went to some... neighboring villages. One... day, in the deepest part of... and yet what impressed m... the intensity of life of... Those who have lived an... peasants will surely unde... such animation means. Th... returning from the mill... leading by a rope a milch... young bull, or a couple of... bringing with them new... implements which rattled... carts as they drove by, and... bringing various products... industries in their back... right means that these g... night work on the land, but... work for themselves. As... saw a young husband and... gling with a frisky helper... ed by a rope, I knew at... they must have a home of... and were not mere hired la... have nothing to look fo... Horse carts and dog carts... numbers of people march... their huge baskets on their... were crowding on the road... activity of rural life on a... shows, better than anything... there is plenty of work and... in the country.

**WHERE IS YOUR**

When Thoughts Go Wrong Success Lags For Me

It is permitted to learn... facts—almost expected... fact—that they should... minded. They have a tr... live up—or down—to. Bu... good for professors is no... an ordinary individual... friends; he makes ene... silences customers; he... employer, he earns the... "stupid" and that—deserv... deserved—is fatal. True... mindedness may amuse... they are not the ones... for anything in his life... the natural result of an ab... he is ranked as a fool... analyze absent mindedne... please remember, is not... such weird forms as goin... a bed going to bed in... what is it? Forgetfulne... thin. And what good is the... forgets? For another, it... to switch the mind from o... to another quickly. The... sent," browsing in the... projected into the unob... That's hopeless. It's the... matters.

**THE NEIGHBORS**

If he is regular in attend... he is too pious.  
If he doesn't attend church... the road to perdition.  
If he sends his family aw... summer, it is more than he... If he doesn't, he is stingy... If he happens to be suc... business, he achieved a... swindling.  
If he doesn't succeed, he... calling.  
If he gives freely to cha... done for show.  
If he doesn't, he is cla... skintint.  
If his wife does her own... "killing herself" for the... If she has servants, she... more economical.  
Curious Post Office  
One of the many curious... to be found scattered abou... is that situated in Beebe... loc. The post office was... 1930 exactly on the bounda... tween the United States an... Not many years ago, when... office was a general store, w... known to be sold in one co... delivered in another without... gone out from under the... old structure!