

THE DURHAM

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QUEBEC MAKES

The elections in provincial legislative resulted in a victory in the late provincial election held from the result of the number has seven Mr. Conroy of the Conservative met with persons constituency, Jack Ing defeated by a majority of 1,750 shows 72 Liberal and two deferred are almost certain Government at week previous, 21 Conservatives were acclamation in the Lac St. Jean, Mr. a Liberal into majority. Of the Legislature, Liberals and 7

CANADA'S NE

These may be and thus suggest thrift. A return to this may be term id, however, so there was then reason for the report of the Co Cost of Living is shown that the this country rose to 145 in 1913, a coal combined in the United Kingd the same period. 113.8 for food and for coal. This is a colder climate, so accessible, it is expected that increase would be less than for the food, yet it seems. The one deduction, that greatly increases the use of fuel, that tion of food. Why should the cost of food in greater in the Britain? That is the of answer are not only self articles of food common run ha export. Britain is an importer of 16 articles reck computation, mutton, bacon, cheese, oatmeal, potatoes and being bread and the only exception of article that at least the being, are rice, tea. Again is the increased of the There can be the query here we are less more wasteful tions of the B tion, the invest of Living Com to indicate the becoming the live in of all t ries of the c circumstances it is up to our inspection at what way the ed and imp the large pov lessen the per Britain unhap home product ry should out reason for so There are an es for the di here set forth main ones. would consid every cent, s invested, and food produced added to the wealth, it is n that there w crease in the of the cost of life, along w tion in hous

FLESHERTON.
Rev. Byron Stauffer of Toronto, who lectured in the Methodist church on Monday evening of last week, was interesting and entertaining in his popular lecture, *The Folks Next Door*. Though not profoundly deep, there was logic and common sense, into which much humor was woven in the lecturer's own racy manner. For an hour and a half he held the rapt attention of the audience, which was very appreciative throughout. A sweetly rendered solo was given by Miss Irene Wilson, and a pretty trio by Miss Richardson, Miss Irvine and Mrs. Blackburn. At the close Rev. Mr. Stauffer was given a hearty vote of thanks, which was moved by Rev. Mr. Trollope and Rev. Mr. Lamb. A number came from neighboring villages to hear the renowned preacher and lecturer.

After only a brief illness with heart trouble, Mrs. Wm. Cameron, a highly respected old resident of the eighth concession of Artermesia passed peacefully away at the home of her son on Tuesday evening, May 16, aged 71 years. The funeral took place to Salem cemetery on Thursday afternoon, service being conducted at the house by the family pastor, Rev. A. McVicar, who paid a fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased, who was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church at Eugenia. The deceased, whose maiden name was Eliza Johnston, was born in Ireland, from where, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Johnston, she came to Canada when quite young, living first at Cobourg, then at Allan Park, in Bentinck, where she lost her mother. Later, she came to Flesherton where she first met Mr. Cameron, to whom she was married on the eighth concession 42 years ago last August, by the late Rev. Jas. Baskerville, then stationed here. She was the mother of seven children, four of whom, together with her sorrowing husband survive, as follows: Alex., deputy-recieve of Artermesia; Mrs. A. Swartz of Toronto, Mrs. A. E. Cairns of Stoughton, Sask., and Mrs. E. A. Graham of Eugenia, all present at the funeral, together with one nephew, Mr. John Whiteford of Allan Park. Of her father's family, only one sister, Mrs. Whiteford, of Georgetown, survives her. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community in their loss. Among the floral offerings were a beautiful wreath from the family, wreath from the neighbors, and spray from the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid, in which the deceased was an honorary member. A special meeting of Prince Arthur Lodge, A.F. & M., was held on Friday evening to receive the official visit of the D.D.G.M., Rt. Wor. Bro T. A. Blakely, who was assisted by Rt. Wor. Bros. W. H. Wright and D. Rutherford of Owen Sound. The Fellow Craft degree was exemplified by Wor. Bro John Wright and his officers, who were highly complimented on the excellent manner in which they did their work, and the very prosperous condition in which the lodge was found. At the close of the meeting adjournment was made to the dining room, where an excellent spread was laid by the wives of the local members. Rt. Wor. Bro Blakely acted as toast-master and an enjoyable time was spent in speech-making. Messrs. Herb Smith, Carman King, J. G. McDuff, G. H. Reburn and J. H. Noble of Markdale were visitors.

TRAVERTON.
Tis Monday afternoon and the rain is pouring down again. Coming in from the sodden fields, oozing with water in every atom, we have hunted up and burned every pamphlet on the Conservation and Retention of Moisture in the Soil, knocked the plug out of the rain barrel, pitched the barometer on the rubbish pile and are now looking for some one to kill.

Master Oren Peart enjoyed a few days in Owen Sound last week at Mr. Harold Moffat's. Our last week's budget met with an accident, so didn't appear. One item we quote from it. At the annual meeting of the local branch of the Women's Institute, Mrs. W. J. Cook was elected president, Miss Jennie Davis, vice-president, and Miss Mary Peart was re-elected secretary-treasurer. A very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. W. J. Greenwood, the retiring president, for during the past year over \$119 were raised for Red Cross and other patriotic purposes, and every meeting has been marked by most helpful and useful papers, addresses or recites.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McClocklin visited his sister, Mrs. Mark Wilson, at Flesherton, on Saturday. "Who is getting the nobby buggery?" said an admirer to agent A.B. McLellan one day recently. "Why, a bright chap out at Zion named Stewart McNally," was the reply. "Is he going to get married?" was the next query. "But the knowing agent pretended he didn't hear."

Mr. A. J. Robson has an attack of erysipelas at present that required the attendance of his medical adviser, Dr. D. Jamieson. Timmins Bros. suffered the loss of a valuable cow and a useful mare within two days, lately.

Every holiday, and frequently on Sundays, Hayward's Falls never fails to attract a large number of admirers. The scenic beauty of the falls, the river gorge, and the hill-side, decked with nearly every species of tree, make a most delightful picture to carry in memory. Rose Lawn, the home of W. J. Cook, is a most attractive spot just now. The green lawn, bordered by the rows of varied colored tulips, the old stone home with its windows all aglow with bright geranium blossoms, cause many a passer by to give admiring glances.

Mr. Will Jack disposed of a half dozen big feeding steers lately to Messrs. Ryan and Firth, for a big roll of bills.

PRICEVILLE.
The weather still keeps wet, and this Monday morning is threatening to let down before noon. Lots of seeding to be done yet; low land is not fit to work. There is no use setting up a complaint, as it would only aggravate the author to show us it was His doings, and none of our business.

Meadows are doing well, and have the appearance of being good, so far. We had heavy frosts a couple of mornings last week. Early sown grain is green looking. Some of the sick are getting better, while others are not making much improvement.

Mrs. Dan Campbell, who had the misfortune to break her leg above the ankle some three weeks ago, was moved to her home on the north line on Sunday. She had been at Principal Miller's of the Priceville school since the accident, as it was near there it happened. She is getting along well, but it will be some time before she will be able to do much.

Willie Aldcorn, Jr., is home from the west, and is wearing the khatki, as he joined the ranks lately. The ladies of Priceville and vicinity are doing good work in preparing necessities for the boys who are preparing for the fight, if necessary. Died.—At Woodbridge, John Gowland, Esq., formerly of the south line, Artermesia, but who moved away some 20 years ago. He was elder in the Presbyterian church in Priceville while living in this part. He was 71 years of age and was born in the township of

as follows: Scout master, C. J. Bellamy; assistant, C. N. Richardson; 1st patrol, Frank Thurston, leader, Delbert Patton, corporal; 2nd patrol, Harold McLean, leader, Harvey Shank, corporal; 3rd patrol, Harold Chapman, leader, Wes Armstrong, corporal. Drill will take place each Saturday forenoon.

We read with very great interest the Gregory correspondence as it appeared in *The Chronicle* last week. It was well worth the space devoted to it, and we believe the editor pleased hundreds of his readers by reproducing it.

The annual congregational meeting of the Methodist church was held on Thursday evening and was a very harmonious one. After opening exercises, led by the pastor, Rev. J. Dudgeon, Mr. W. H. White was appointed chairman and Mr. W. H. Bunt secretary. The reports from all departments of the church presented were very satisfactory, showing a most successful year. The church treasurer reported \$1,350 received on church account, and \$955 on improvements. Ladies' Aid receipts were \$349. W.M.S. \$86. Sabbath school \$132, adult Bible class \$25, Young People's society \$188, of which \$145 was for missions, general mission fund \$126; a total of \$3,211. Vandeuleur appointment had also a very successful year. Horse shed improved, and total amount raised, \$952; a total for the circuit of \$4,163. The stewards elected by the Quarterly Board for the coming year are: Jos. Blakely, Thos. Bentham, H. S. White, Robt. Richardson, and Thos. Blakely. Society representatives—W. Henry, R. Bentham, J. Parker, W. H. Bunt, F. H. W. Hicking, H. S. White, recording steward, and J. Blakely representative to district meeting.

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Vaughan. Arch. McMillan of the west is spending the spring time at his old home, south line, with his mother, Mrs. John McMillan. Shipping cattle and hogs this Monday by Stoddart & McLean; prices away up high. Potatoes seem to be scarce, and prices high. Fall wheat has a good appearance so far.

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EDGE HILL.

Mr. John Wilson of Tisdale, Sask has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Thos. Ritchie. Rev. Jas. Binnie of Parry Sound, who has been taking a short holiday for the benefit of his health, was visiting his sister, Mrs. D. Edge, for a few days.

Mr. Mike Kenny has the misfortune to lose a valuable brood mare and young foal. Mr. Thos. Ritchie has purchased a new manure spreader from the Cocksbutt agent, Mr. W. Rabb. Pte. Wright of the 160th Bruce Battalion, and his mother, of Chesley, were visiting Mrs. Arthur Greenwood.

Miss Emma Ritchie is teaching until midsummer in Allan's school, Egremont. Mrs. J. G. Firth was visiting her mother, Mrs. Greenwood, in town, for a few days. Messrs. C. H. Moffat, J. G. Firth and W. R. Edge delivered their fat cattle, 24 head in all, in Durham on Saturday morning. Mr. Malcolm McNelis purchased Mr. Edge's cattle, while the other two sold to Mr. Samuel Baines of Glenelg. We extend hearty congratulations to Miss Maggie Ritchie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ritchie, and Mr. John Brown of Egremont, who are being married on the 24th, at the home of the bride's parents.

Germany is Starving

There would appear to be no doubt that even under present conditions as established—even without fresh advances on any front—Germany is doomed. This is a summary of the situation based upon a whole series of communications from the German Empire which tell an awful story of privation and misery:—"Life is not pleasant; there is nothing more to be bought; and if there were, it is so dear that it is impossible to pay for it." "Famine is fast approaching, as you will see from enclosed newspaper clippings. When a man has to do two days without meat, one day without fat, and one day without butter in a hotel, how will the working man fare? There have been bloody riots in Berlin and its suburbs owing to the loss of life at Verdun." "Everybody is wishing that the war would end. Food is frightfully dear, and only obtainable in small quantities." "It is almost impossible to keep house. We may not write that all is well, but this is the simple truth that Germany is starving. No one has the least idea of what is going on in the fighting area, but in the large towns the distress must be terrible; but everything must be kept secret. No newspaper must publish anything. The penalty for smuggling a letter is immediate death by shooting."

"There is not the slightest doubt (this from a neutral visitor) that the working-class is really starved—the food riots in the cities demonstrate that." From a small German town: "We may not write you openly about these matters, but we think you will get this letter without its being seen. Burn it at once on receipt. All the butchers have closed their shops. There is nothing to be got. Pigs are also very dear. We have had to give up all our cooking pots, for we are very short of copper for making munitions. There is no petroleum. The women in the town are in despair. They have already all been in front of the castle and tried to make peace and give us our men back. These are sad times. There is very little butter. In the town they have potato cards and butter cards. All the potatoes have been commandeered. Now they are floating another war loan. This is already the fourth. Gold has all been called in. We have not a single gold coin left. Rings, watches, and gold trinkets have been commandeered."

"There is no question of staying at—, not because the people were dying of hunger in the streets, but because the privations have become so impossible. The hospitals of the town are full of civilians who have fallen ill owing to the way in which the people have got to feed themselves. It is now said that bread is to be made of hay."

"Ask my husband to send me a few kronen, for I have no food to give the children, and am begging bread from door to door."

"Things are very bad here. It is only Sunday we get meat. Not a scrap during the week. Soap is beyond our means, so we have to go dirty. We cannot satisfy our hunger even with bread, for that is rationed. Boots are frightfully dear. Things get worse every day."

"It's only the rich that can indulge in tea and bread and butter. The poor cannot buy or get food. Only the big hotels can afford good meals—and they have five days without meat."

"There will soon be nothing to eat here. It is difficult to manage with the money I have. The long standing to get a little butter continues. It is worse than ever, many women have fallen ill and several have died of it, from cold and insufficient food. Sometimes, when one gets desperate, she commits suicide."

"The bread is very bad and indigestible; it spoils the stomach and causes intestinal troubles. I wonder how much longer the 'Fatherland' will stand it."

Why record such dismal events? First, because of the lies spread abroad and in this country that Germany is still triumphant, unaffected by the war, accumulating vast stores for "dumping" purposes after the war is over, with her civil population tranquil and satisfied. Secondly, it is well that those who are so impatient with the great strategy of the Allies should not weaken their respective Governments by girding at all their designs as failures. The blockade is blockading Germany. It is said that we obtain no victories. Every 24 hours that the blockade is maintained is a victory. The Central Powers are girdled with steel and fire; and the knowledge of that girdle closing in as the Russians advance, or as the Eastern border of Turkey, is the knowledge which is the key to all recent German strategy. Without undue presumption, when all the story is told, it will be recorded that it was the blockade of the British Navy which finally beat Germany to her knees.—The Nation, London, England.

BORN.

RYDER.—At Detroit, on May 22 to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ryder, a son. Mr. Chas. McCormick has returned from the Soo, where he spent the winter.

MARRIED.

GRANT-MacLEAN.—At Toronto on May 15, by Rev. D. MacFavish, D. D. Edith, second daughter of Donald MacLean to Dr. Charles Lynn Grant.

ALMOST A CENTENARIAN

Mr. Geo. Wright, the oldest male resident of Listowel, died a week ago in his 96th year. With the exception of hearing, he had good use of his faculties, and only a short time before death partook of his breakfast, and appeared in his usual health. He came to Canada from Yorkshire, England, 60 years ago and conducted a butchery business in Listowel for 27 years, retiring from active work only six years ago. He lived under five sovereigns, was a Liberal in politics, and a Methodist in religion. He rode on the first steam engine, invented in 1814 by George Stephenson. He leaves five children, 15 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

Will Go Dry Next Month

Barrie and Allandale will go dry on the 15th of June, according to the decision of the Ontario License Board. This is owing to the proximity of the two places to Camp Borden, in the county of Simcoe. Nine taverns and two shop licenses will be affected by the order. As the camp is expected to last from June 15 to November 15, the licenses will not be able to re-open, as the whole province is to go dry on the 16th of September.

EXCURSION TO TORONTO AND NIAGARA.

The attention of the people of Durham and vicinity is directed to a special excursion via C. P. R. from Owen Sound and other points on that branch to Toronto and Niagara, to give an opportunity of visiting the Grey Battalion. Excursion train leaves Saugeen Junction at 9.40 a.m. and Durham people can connect by leaving here on early morning train and waiting at Saugeen for the special train. Return fare from Saugeen to Niagara Falls is \$3.45 and war tax, or, to Toronto, \$2.30 and war tax. Good to return on any regular train up to Monday night, June 5, or Owen Sound Niagara tickets may be purchased on train, giving return privilege till night of June 6. At Toronto excursionists connect with Niagara steamers and excursion includes round trip on famous Gorge Route and Canadian Service Route.

THESE MEN.

"Perhaps it is just as well that wives do not always know how husbands disburse their funds." "How now?" "My wife would have a fit if she knew I spent my 15 cents' money for a sandwich and a 10-cent cigar."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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