

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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FOOD PRICES

"Saturday Night" has this to say about the high food prices:

"Those who indulge themselves with the idea that the Government can do everything from regulating the price of gasoline to making the squeak out of the town pump, are now demanding that the federal authorities get after the high cost of living, and amputate the same somewhere around the waist line. Very easy to suggest, but very hard to accomplish. Food values, like other values, follow the lines of least resistance, which happen to be upward, for the very good reason that food is scarce. Ottawa reports that eggs, while scarce, and high, as we know, are being consumed in Canada in larger quantities this year than last. The Western World has half a wheat crop, while the Eastern World, under present war conditions, is eating more wheat than ever, and is, of course, producing less. Millions of dollars' worth of meats are being shipped from Canada to England. When gets an order for three or four million dollars' worth of hogs for foreign consumption, only one thing can happen, the price advances. And still newspapers, seeking popularity with the people, argue that the government must do something. But what will it do? Stop Pat Burns from shipping his hogs? Will the Prime Minister start on a tour of the country educating the hens on lines of greater production? Will he appoint Sir Sam Hughes keeper in order of the beef cattle, so that the meat, neatly encased in the tin cans, will not reach the trenches? Will the Minister of Agriculture Burbank our cows so that they will have calves in litters instead of one at a time? Perhaps Sir Tom White will in his leisure moments, if he ever has any, write a monograph on how to grow winter wheat in the winter time. Two crops a year would help some.

Some of newspapers naively suggest—of course they are Opposition newspapers—that the Government uncoil a bottle of western by commanding the western farmers' wheating. If any public man suggested such a thing between Winnipeg and the Rockies, and got away with his life, he would be fortunate, particularly in view of the fact that western wheat growers have been holding out as still holding, for higher prices, which are very likely to be achieved before the year is out. "When all else fails, these Davids, who would slay the H. C. L. giant, set their slings for the cold storage warehouses. By the very nature of its business, cold storage cannot be monopoly. Cold storage machinery can be bought by anybody, and operated by any mechanic. There is no deep secret about it. Plants are spread over the country from coast to coast, big and small. Some in the hands of individual owners, others in the hands of large packing corporations, who operate them for their own use. As a matter of fact, cold storage is one of the greatest boons we have. It gives us perishable winter foods, such as oysters, in summer, and perishable summer foods in winter. Every city and large town has its cold storage plants, the owners of which are out looking for business. There is plenty of competition, so excessive prices cannot be maintained. From the standpoint of economy, cold storage plants are among our greatest boons. They allow of the preservation of foods so that there is practically no waste, and by its means we have the benefit of many foods the year through, which, before the advent of cold storage were unknown luxuries, except for a brief period of the year. "If we must live luxuriously, we must pay the price. But we are not prepared to go back to the plain living of a generation ago, when porridge was a habit rather than a diet, when new-laid eggs in a city were about as scarce as hen's teeth, to the time when no other packed and fair-cut were not unknown. "If the world went on a malted milk, rice bread diet for a spell food prices would fall, but so long as we keep on consuming more than is produced we must anticipate higher and still higher prices. It is a condition for which this great world-war is to blame, and so man or government can alter it one iota."

PRICEVILLE

We saw that the Editor of the Flesherton Advance was accusing the Chronicle Editor to be half Liberal on account of him putting in a friendly word for Mr. Wright the Liberal Candidate. It is not necessary that an Editor should change his own views although he would put in a word sideways for a gentleman he knew from boyhood. It is more than to be condemning opponents abilities. A long time ago we sold a load of grain to Candidate Wright's father the late Wm. Wright. In making up the account we thought Mr. Wright made a mistake, and told him of it. Well said he I am Wright anyway whether I am right or wrong. So to be sure we will go over it again. Sure enough Mr. Wright was both Wright

and right for he was correct in making up the price. So we have no hesitation in saying that his son Candidate Wright is right and that he might write that he has a right to win the election. [Mr. Wright may have been right but our correspondent has the wrong Wright in his mind. W.H. Wright the Liberal candidate is a son of the late John Wright a brother of William Wright whose honesty in the grain transaction has left such a lasting impression.—Ed.Chronicle.]

A large number is required yet to enlist. It is not at all fair that some families have as high as three or four sons gone and there are yet families who have some three or four boys who did not enlist yet. They think it's fine for those brave boys who enlisted to fall in the battle, in defence of them who are enjoying the comfort of life at their own fire side. There are hundreds of thousands needed yet to enlist so we would say that it is more manly for any young man or boy to enlist of his own accord than to be made to in case of conscription.

Robbie Conkey son of Mrs. Conkey of this place, was severely wounded some time ago in the shoulder and will possibly return to his home here. One of Dan McLeans boys was also wounded but must have got better again.

Don. McKinnon writes home often. He is in the trenches for several months and escaped without a scratch. And some others, as well.

Miss Minnie McIntyre of Vancouver is spending some time with her brother, Mr. Norman McIntyre, Miss Bertha McIntyre of Toronto, a niece, who had an operation for appendicitis some weeks ago, is also visiting here.

Wood bees are in order since the snow set in, but not as nice a job as when the ground was bare.

Died.—On November 22nd, Miss Janet McArthur of the 7th concession of Vaughan, York township, after a prolonged illness, at the age of about 60 years. Miss McArthur was a cousin of the writer, and was buried at the Oak cemetery, where fathers and mothers, grandfathers and grandmothers, are laid to rest in Vaughan, Miss McArthur was also a cousin of teacher J. A. Graham of Durham.

A godly number attended a prayer meeting held by the Rev. Mr. Matheson at the home of Messrs. Hugh and Donald McDonald, Durham road, Glenelg, on Wednesday last week.

Missionary services will be held in the Presbyterian church here in December by two rev. gentlemen, one from Winnipeg and the other from somewhere in Ontario.

Reeve Nichol of Glenelg spent last week at the county council. The Red Cross ladies are always attending their duties in the different homes. They are always busy making socks and shirts for the boys at the front.

BLYTHS CORNERS

(Intended for last week)

After a very successful season Knox Ch. S. School closed on Sunday last for the winter month's.

Mr Wm. Allan supt. of the S. School, for a number of years was unable to be present for the past six weeks owing to his charge in Aytton and Midway Churches has expressed himself that in all likelihood, this will be his last year as supt. If so his retirement will not only be the loss of a speck, but the very hub in the schools wheel of progress.

Most lovely weather for working at almost any outside work.

The big end of most of the farmers' ploughing is completed and with the tempting prices of all kinds of grain, a large acreage will be put in grain next season.

After being in suspense for the past few weeks regarding the welfare of



The toll of war can be no more vividly shown than this picture from one small sector of the West Front, in France.

their son Willie. Mr and Mrs Thos. McAlister received last week the very disconcerting news from France that their son Willie was among the missing. While a possibility of his being a prisoner, of war remains we sympathize with the parents and family under their trying and sad circumstance.

Mr. Thos. Wallace, tax collector, is making his rounds these days and makes the farmers sit up and gasp when he breaks the news as gently as possible.

Some of our farmers in the fall build mammoth cisterns at their barns but the way the rain keeps off must be somewhat disappointing to them.

Say, Mr. Editor say! Whipped, do you think there is any possibility of your worthy Traveston scribe, having stumbled on Miss Irwins lost purse? To be able to put through such a big deal in cattle as he did last week, —enough said but really.

Farmers in general will learn with regret, the removal by death of the Hon. James Duff.

The amount of valuable information for the bettering of the farming industry under his able administration if put into practice would certainly produce valuable results.

Sorry to report Mr. John Sharp being laid off work and under the Doctor's care with some form of heart trouble. He will soon recover his usual good heart again.

UNION IS STRENGTH

The truth of the old adage that Union is Strength has been rediscovered by the soldiers wives of South Vancouver. In this suburb there are 724 families being helped by the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The Soldiers wives and mothers have formed among themselves an association.

They meet regularly for social intercourse. They contribute time service and money to patriotic purposes. They stand by one another in trouble. They restrain any member of their group

who may be inclined by extravagance to bring discredit on the patriotic Fund. This body of women are just beginning to find what power they can exert. Their combined monthly cash amounts to about \$50,000.

Not satisfied with the way in which the South Vancouver merchants are contributing to the Patriotic Fund they have determined to use their power to enlarge the shopkeepers horizon. They have recently had a small window card inviting that Mr Storekeeper is giving to the Patriotic Fund. Where this is the case the card is put in his window and the soldiers wives spend money where the card appears. Acting on the principle that One Good Turn Deserves Another the Soldiers wives of South Vancouver have become an important influence in swelling the receipts of the Patriotic Fund.

FIVE MILLION SEALS.

The National Sanitarium Association has issued over five million seals, to meet the requirement of this year's Christmas Seal Campaign.

Last year in the United States alone, over eighty million seals were sold, and this year no less than three hundred millions have been issued.

The use of these seals on letters, Christmas parcels, etc., is becoming more popular, year by year.

No easier way may be found by which you may "do your bit" in stamping out the plague of Tuberculosis.

Fruit can almost always be canned satisfactorily by cooking in the open kettle but vegetables keep much better if put into jars first, then sealed and sterilized.

To clean a white wool coat is said to be a good plan to rub the soiled spots with dry ground rice and then shake off. Bits of fresh cloth should be used as each becomes soiled.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

NOVEMBER 28th

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THE TONIC THAT BRINGS HEALTH

"Fruit-a-tives" Builds Up The Whole System

Those who take "Fruit-a-tives" for the first time, are often astonished at the way it builds them up and makes them feel better all over. They may be taking "Fruit-a-tives" for some specific disease, as Constipation, Indigestion, Chronic Headaches or Neuralgia, Kidney or Bladder Trouble, Rheumatism or Pain in the Back. And they find when "Fruit-a-tives" has cured the disease, that they feel better and stronger in every way. This is due to the wonderful tonic properties of these famous tablets, made from fruit juices. 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

If you have a small portion of string beans and a small portion of butter, put them together and dress with butter.

A good dressing for fruit salad is a cup of whipped cream with two teaspoonfuls of french dressing added to it.

An appetizer of some sort is indispensable for luncheon or dinner in hot weather; and it may be a vegetable cocktail, a fruit soup or fruit cocktail.

\$100 REWARD, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c

Have You a Friend at the Front or in Training You Ought to Remember this Christmas? NOW is the Time to Send that Remembrance. We have a host of very appropriate gifts for such. Our Christmas Cards and Books are now open for inspection. REMEMBER: Though the Lads are Far Away, they Dream of Home. The Variety Store

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MAKE this your Drug Store. There's lots of satisfaction in buying your Drug Store Goods here, because you are sure of getting just what you ask for, and at the right price.

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DURHAM MARKET

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