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INTERESTING STATISTICS

The statistics from the census of 1911 are in many respects worthy of consideration from which readers may draw their own conclusions.

From its perusal will be seen that Ontario had in that year in round numbers, 529,000 occupied dwellings and 552,000 families, the average number in each family being 4.8.

The province of Quebec had 340,000 occupied dwellings, and 381,000 families, with an average to each family of 5.3.

The number of births in 1912 in Ontario was 59,000, and in Quebec 77,000. The number of marriages in Ontario was 29,000 and in Quebec 16,000.

This tells the story of the comparative natural increase in Quebec's population over the increase in Ontario.

Of the religions in the Dominion the figures given are: Roman Catholics 2,833,041, Presbyterians 1,115,324, Methodists 1,679,892, Anglicans 1,043,017, Baptists 382,666.

SIX THOUSAND A MONTH

We are pleased to learn that the County Council has increased its patriotic contribution to \$6,000 a month during the present year. It may cause our taxes to go up a few dollars, but no loyal subject will find fault on that score.

IS IT PATRIOTISM?

A man who leaves his present employment and engages in the manufacture of munitions may be doing a good work, but if actuated by increased earnings his patriotism may be doubted.

To keep up the agricultural products and supply the soldiers with food is a noble and necessary act, and highly essential in the winning of the war, but the patriotism of the individual so engaged is open to doubt if he works on the farm to get the increased income and is moved by no higher motive than his own personal gain.

Through the enormous waste of men, money and material, the world, as a whole, will be poorer when the war ends than when the war began. If this be true, and the impoverishment be equally distributed over the world, each individual will bear a share of the burden, and in consequence be poorer at the end than at the beginning of the conflict.

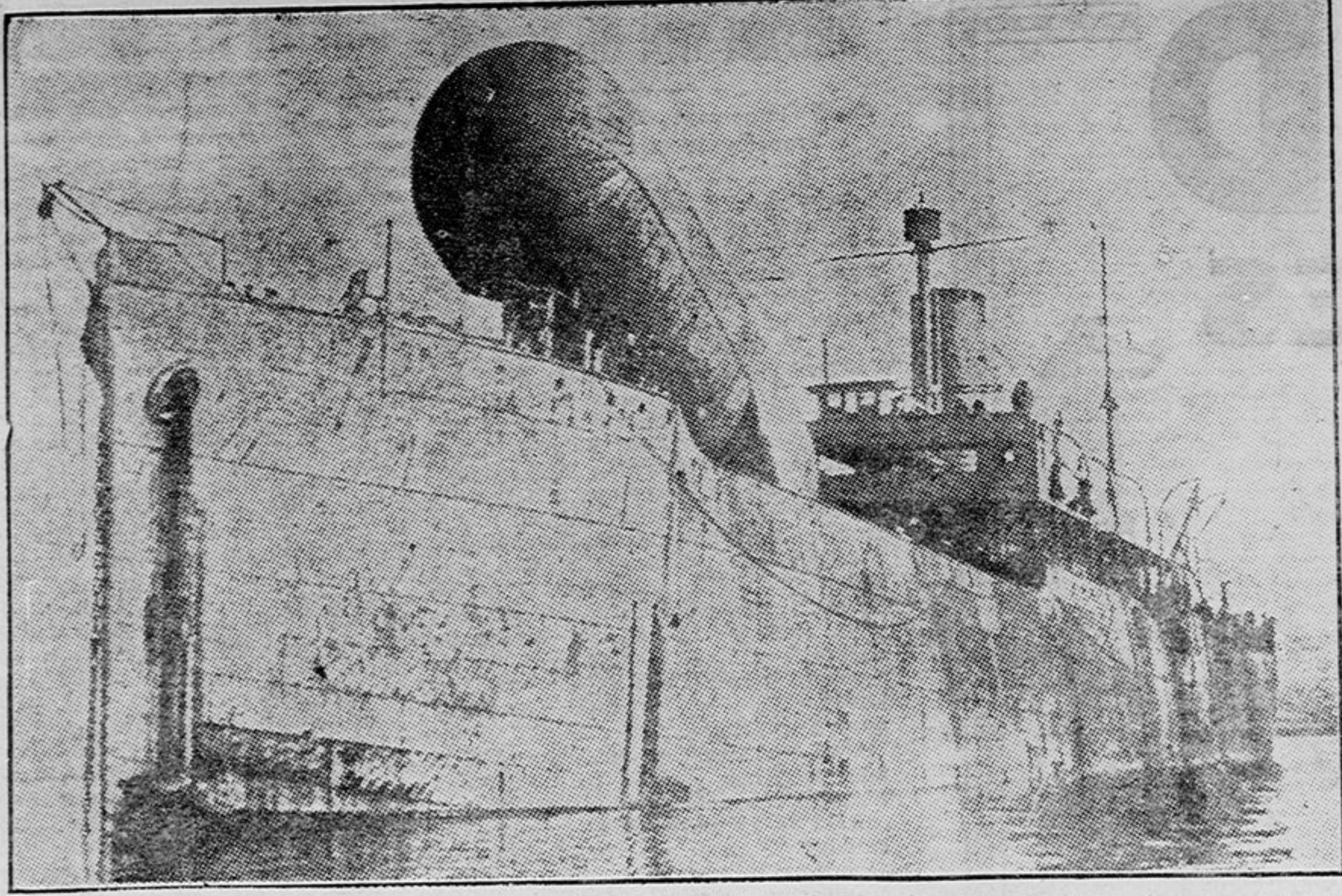
Will it be so? Will the munition workers, who get double their former pay, be poorer than they were? Will the farmer who gets double the price for products he would under peace conditions be poorer in the end because there was a war on? Will the grafter, who is bleeding the world white to enrich himself, be poorer because of the awful conflict?

We know they will not, and yet there is no good reason why they, with others, should not bear their share of the burden.

The class who will suffer most under war conditions and feel the pinch the hardest is the working man, whose pay has increased but little, if any, because of the changed conditions.

Under such circumstances there seems to be justice in the plea for conscription of wealth or accumulated earnings in order that the burden may be borne by the rich and without oppressing the poor.

That the rich are giving liberally of their means in some cases is shown by the large contributions to patriotic purposes. They are giving of their abundance, and



The latest war kite.—This is thinking; but on closer inspection you will find it is only a war balloon rising gently from its parent ship to fulfil its duties as "The Eye of the Navy."

the gifts don't hurt them. Not so with the poor man, who earns, perhaps, barely enough to supply his daily needs. A dollar from him is more, in many cases, than a thousand dollars from his more favored but wealthy neighbor.

The poor men, and the wage earners, are in many cases giving of their scant means to the hurting point, and there are cases, indeed, where willing givers might be well excused from contributing anything.

As to recruiting, the supplying of able-bodied men is the first and great essential, and every eligible man who is physically fit should now be in uniform. Men who are not fit for the trenches can fill positions in the munitions factory and on the farm, and if help is not forthcoming from the eligibles at home, the time may soon come when conscription will have to be enforced.

Already, a number are said to have crossed the border and sought employment in the United States. These are real shirkers and deserve to be held in the vilest contempt by all true subjects.

WING POWER OF BIRDS

Stormy Petrel's Great Power of Flight—The Swift Swallow

There is nothing more wonderful in Nature than the power of flight possessed by birds, and no subject which yields more startling facts upon investigation. "The way of an eagle in the air" is one of those things of which Solomon expressed himself ignorant; and there is something truly marvelous in the mechanism which controls the scythe-like sweep of wings peculiar to most birds of prey.

The mechanism of flight in the swallow is carried through an ascending scale, until in the swift it reaches its highest degree, both in endurance and facility of evolution. Although there are birds which may, and probably do, attain to the speed of 150 miles per hour, this remarkable rate is not to be looked for in any of the birds of the swallow kind.

Another bird of immense wing power is the tiny stormy petrel, the smallest web-footed bird known.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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ving, for it is, perhaps, the best index of the Christian outlook of any congregation. The total contributions to the church budget, including mission schemes, educational and assembly funds, was \$1,207.00.

The Ladies' Aid also deserves commendation. In addition to all the work done at the weekly meetings for sewing and knitting, contributions of about \$600 were made to supply materials. The list of articles as given on page 11 of the report, is a creditable one, indeed. As the need will be greater this year than ever every lady in the congregation is urgently requested to lend a hand in this necessary work for the boys at the front and in the hospitals.

As a proof of the cordial relations existing between the pastor and people, it was unanimously agreed to increase the pastor's stipend \$100, and to present him with an address expressive of the goodwill and hearty co-operation of the congregation in his arduous work. This was done at the evening meeting, when Mr. Ramage read the address, in which Mrs. Whaley was given due recognition for her invaluable services to the congregation. Mr. Whaley replied in fitting terms, and expressed his appreciation of the kindness shown to Mrs. Whaley and himself ever since they came to town.

A congregational tea was served in the evening, the proceeds to be a further contribution to the Red Cross funds. About \$50 was realized. That the tea was a magnificent success, and reflected the usual credit on the ladies, goes without saying. A short musical program by the choir, Misses Hunter and Ramage, Mrs. Buchan, Mr. Telford, and Mr. Buschlen, followed, and formed a pleasant close to a day of agreeable surprises.

It may be added that the total contributions of the congregation to all purposes for the year amounted to over \$4900. Of this amount, \$2379 was for purposes outside of straight congregational work—the services of the church and humanity at large.

The four retiring managers, Messrs. W. J. Derby, J. S. McIlraith, C. Ramage and J. C. Adams, were re-elected for the ensuing three years, and Mr. John Morrison was elected to fill out the term of Mr. S. Hughes.

Messrs. Wm. Ritchie, John Snell and Wm. Calder were elected trustees of the church property.

Messrs. J. C. Adams, John Morrison and John Snell were appointed a pew committee, and Messrs. McIlraith and Snell were again appointed ushers.

500 BAGS POTATOES FROM 5 ACRES

W.A. CRAIG, Sarnia, Ontario, says: "This year I planted 5 acres of potatoes on clay land; applied 600 pounds Homestead Bone Black Fertilizer to the acre broadcast. The piece was cultivated six times and Spring plowed. It was harvested August 20th and yielded 500 bags fine merchantable potatoes. I have used Homestead Fertilizer for five years and always got good results. I would not plant potatoes without it."

CORN AND WHEAT DOUBLED.

TIMOTHY DUNHAM, Salford, Ontario, says: "I used fifteen hundred pounds Homestead Bone Black Fertilizer on my corn last season and was very much pleased with the results. I also used ten hundred pounds on my wheat last Fall, and am already satisfied that it paid me well to do it, as there are a few spots that the drill missed sowing, and the wheat there isn't more than half as good. I think this ought to be enough to convince any person whether it pays to sow fertilizer or not."

Write Michigan Carbon Works, Detroit, for free book and particulars about their Homestead Bone Black Fertilizer.

20 YEARS AGO

From The Chronicle files of February 4, 1897.

A grand assembly will be given in the town hall Monday evening under the auspices of the bachelors and benefactors. Mr. Kelly is honorary secretary.

The citizens of Durham and Glenelg will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Wm. Williams, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., on Wednesday last. He was in his 42nd year, highly respected, and leaves a widow, five children, father, mother, eight brothers and four sisters.

A tea-meeting and musical and literary entertainment were held in Knox church, Normanby, on Friday evening last. Mrs. James Watson presided at the organ. Mr. Watson sang a sacred solo, and the Johnston family of Durham gave a number of musical selections, including "Annie Laurie," "The Mocking Bird," "Scots Wha Hae," etc. Rev. Mr. McVicar was chairman. Mr. Wm. Allan, Mr. Watson, Sr., 81 years of age, and Ye Editor, made short addresses. Inspector Campbell was the speaker of the evening, and for over half an hour kept the rapt attention of the audience in telling them "how to nail up the church doors." Misses Mary and Victoria Cornish each recited pretty little pieces, and Mrs. McVicar charmed the audience in her rendering of a touching recitation.

A Salvation Army blizzard struck town on Tuesday, but no harm was done. The Dundalk Herald has the contract for the county printing. Mr. Herbert Livingston of Allan Park, while grinding grain on Saturday, met with a painful accident. He was caught in the horse-power, and one of his legs became so entangled in the cogs that the horses were brought to a standstill and considerable time was spent before he could be extricated. He is under the care of Dr. Jamieson.

The fire brigade was hastily summoned Saturday evening by the toll of the fire bell, but happily they were not needed. The alarm was due to a fire in Conductor Lavelle's house. Some of the younger children set fire to a window curtain, and before it could be extinguished the curtains, some bed coverlets, and other drapery were destroyed.

We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. Wm. Ferguson, youngest brother of Jas. Ferguson of Varney. He fell from a load of shingles in Detroit on the 21st of January, and it is thought the horses kicked him.

Principal Allan saw a real live robin on the 1st of February. Mr. A. Bell, Sr., of Bunesan, has been ill of pneumonia, but is on the mend.

The Owen Sound Sun says of our Traverston humorist that he is delightfully personal and fairly outdoes their late Queen's Valley correspondent.

Last week the Shelburne Free Press office and plant were totally destroyed by fire.

The annual oyster supper of the I.O.F. Court was held in Calder's block on Thursday evening. Oysters stewed, fried, fricasseed or raw, just as you liked, besides turkey and goose galore, with tea and coffee, etc., served up a la Paris, constituted the first part of the sumptuous banquet. Dominie Graham made the speeches of the evening.

Born.—At Varney, January 24, to Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr, a daughter.

Born.—On January 25, to Mr. and Mrs. John Coutts, a daughter.

Died.—On January 29, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kerr.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Table with columns for 'JANUARY 30th' and 'Toronto Cattle Market'. Lists various types of cattle and their prices, such as 'Choice weighty steers \$10.50 to \$11.00'.

Table with columns for 'Toronto Grain Markets'. Lists various types of grain and their prices, such as 'Manitoba wheat—Track, bay ports, No. 1 northern, \$1.92'.

Table with columns for 'Wholesale Produce'. Lists various types of produce and their prices, such as 'Eggs—New-laid, cartons \$.55 to \$.60'.

Table with columns for 'East Buffalo Cattle'. Lists various types of cattle and their prices, such as 'Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; active; shipping steers, \$8.50 to \$11.50'.

Table with columns for 'Meats—Wholesale'. Lists various types of meats and their prices, such as 'Toronto wholesale houses are quoting to the trade as follows: Beef, forequarters \$13.00 to \$15.00'.

Table with columns for 'Chicago Livestock'. Lists various types of livestock and their prices, such as 'Cattle—Receipts, 24,000; market steady; beefs, \$7.75 to \$11.95'.

Table with columns for 'Seed Quotations'. Lists various types of seeds and their prices, such as 'The following are the seed prices Toronto wholesalers are paying at country points: Alsike, No. 1, bushel, \$10.00 to \$10.50'.

THE CHIEF CHARM OF LOVELY WOMAN

Soft, Clear, Smooth Skin Comes With The Use of "FRUIT-A-TIVES".



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THE BISHOP'S CHOICE.

The late Bishop of London was once ordered by his physician to spend the winter in Algeria. The bishop said it was impossible, he had so many engagements.

ABOUT OCTAGONS.

"Johnny, tell us what your lesson was about to-day?" "About octagons," replied Johnny.

BORN.

MIDDLETON.—At Rocky Saugeen on January 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Middleton, a son.

MARRIED.

MIDDLETON—DUNKE.—At Zion City, Illinois, Mr. Charles Middleton to Miss Caroline Dunke.

DIED.

BEESTON.—At Toronto, on December 2, Mr. Walter T. Beeston, formerly of Durham.

Property for Sale

THE 100 ACRES OFFERS for sale 100 acres of land adjoining the corporation, on Durham Road; also 25 acres on Lambton street, with buildings; also a new brick house on Saddler street, Durham, with all modern improvements.—Thos. McComb Prop., Box 27, Durham. 212mo

B. Balmont Electrical Contractor

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Persons requiring their houses wired for electric lights, may write to the above address, or leave order at The Chronicle Office.

DURHAM MARKET

Table with columns for 'Corrected February 1'. Lists various types of market goods and their prices, such as 'Fall Wheat \$1.60 to \$1.65', 'Spring Wheat 1 6 to 1 6', 'Milling Oats 55 to 60'.