

20 YEARS AGO

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On Saturday evening last, a free address on "The horticultural possibilities of a town plot" was delivered by Mr. McNeil of Windsor. He congratulated the Durham society on having the most enthusiastic set of officers he ever met. At the remark, President Firth and Secretary Gorsline were visibly affected.

Mr. Henry Bull, father of Councilor Bull, died on Tuesday at the residence of Mr. Matthew Barber, Normanby, aged 83 years 11 mos.

On Tuesday evening, Rev. Mr. Taylor delivered a lecture on "That Boy of Yours," under the auspices

of the W.C.T.U. Principal Allan was chairman. On Wednesday evening he delivered another lecture on temperance, dealing with the subject from a scientific standpoint. The cooking of an egg in alcohol, and distilling the alcohol from a glass of beer, were the principal experiments. Mayor Calder was chairman. Mr. Parker's orchestra—excuse us for making no comment—they're always good.

Mr. Donnelly, station master of the C. P. R. at Mount Forest, who held the position since the road first ran through died on Sunday last and was buried on Tuesday in the R. C. cemetery at Riverston.

Born.—On the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. T. H. Lawrence of a daughter.

Mrs. Clark of Varney, who has been confined to her bed for some time with la grippe, is improving nicely.

A new three-cent stamp will be issued next summer in honor of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee.

Born.—In Durham, on Sunday March 21, the wife of Jas. Lloyd of a daughter.

ABERDEEN

The last meeting of the Red Cross ladies was held at the home of Mrs. Jas. Haslett. A good number of ladies was present, and 26 pairs of socks were turned in. Miss Maria Haslett furnished the meeting with some splendid instrumental and vocal selections. After a dainty lunch, the meeting closed with the Anthem. The collection amounted to \$2.50. The next meeting will be at Mrs. John McDonald's on Saturday, March 24.

Pte. J. F. MacLean, of the 253rd Highlanders, spent the week-end at his home here, before proceeding to Kingston, where he will be trained for active service.

A large number from here attended the sale last Friday at Mr. Harry Alexander's, and some few went even further and took in the Welbeck box social, held in the Dornoch hall. Those who attended the social report a good time, and much of its success financially was due to the efforts of our mutual friend, Mr. Duncan McLean, who acted as chairman. The proceeds amounted to \$146.

Miss McGarity had a letter last week from her brother in the trenches, thanking the Aberdeen Red Cross workers for the parcel of socks sent him. He gave the socks great praise, and says the men among whom he distributed them send their hearty appreciation to the Aberdeen knitters.

Mr. Archie McLean lost a valuable cow last week.

We are glad to report that Mrs. John D. Clark is recovering from a severe attack of la grippe.

BLYTH'S CORNERS

We generally attach considerable importance on the direction of the wind and the general appearance of the weather about the time the sun crosses the equinoctial lines, which is on or about the 21st of March. For your own curiosity, keep your eye on the weather tomorrow, the 21st.

Mr. Nelson Halliday left last week for the west, making the second case we know of where the old couple, dad and mam, are the only ones left to work the farm. Just on the side, we have counted up those left to work the land on this 3rd concession for 1 1/4 miles, and find there are six men, old and young, to work 1000 acres.

Mr. Alex. Sharpe of Hampden has been around among the farmers here and there in our locality, with his wood-cutting outfit, and it is marvellous the pile of wood he can pile up in two or three hours.

We are pleased to report Miss Bella Stewart much improved in health, according to last accounts.

After a lingering illness for years with lung trouble, Mr. Max Allan of Varney passed peacefully away on Saturday last. The remains were interred in Maplewood cemetery on Monday. To the sorrowing family we extend our sympathy.

Any person passing through Varney on Monday would certainly think Varney was some village. About 25 farmers, with their teams all loaded with fertilizer, strutting around everywhere. There will be another big day this week, when they meet to get their grass seed.

A FINE STEER

Messrs. Moffat & Son, who are progressive farmers and up-to-the-minute cattle men, are putting on the market one of the finest brands of "baby beef" we have ever heard of. It is a new cross of an old variety. They aptly call it a Red Cross steer, as they are donating it to the Red Cross workers of the Presbyterian church, of which they are members. The society highly appreciates the splendid gift of these gentlemen, who have been liberal contributors to Red Cross and patriotic funds since the outbreak of the war, and is going to give an opportunity to all to share in this generous act. The congregation is being divided into three parts, which will be syndicated, after the manner of box socials. At a stated time, the animal will be put to auction to determine which division has responded most liberally. Priority having been ascertained, the carcass will be sold in sections by the pound. The tongue is reserved as a token of gratitude to the highest contributor, and the heart for the donors, through whose kind generosity this privilege is possible. Get ready, everybody, for the whirlwind campaign next week.

McWILLIAMS

The weather still continues cold, Saturday being the stormiest day of the season.

Mr. Thos. Moore sold four head of fat cattle to Mr. Limin of Durham last week, for which he received a good price.

Miss Susie Halpenny returned to the city last week, after spending a couple of weeks with her parents.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ford in the loss of their three-months-old baby, who died on Monday, March 12. The funeral service was held in Ebenezer church, where quite a large crowd assembled to pay their respect to the bereaved parents.

Mr. Irvin, of near Holstein, had a successful sale of cattle one day last week. Mr. W. R. Watson, of McWilliams, purchased ten head of stockers.

A sleigh load from around here attended the box social held in Priceville on Friday night and report a good time. We hear that over \$600 were taken in. If true, this will be the banner social of the surrounding districts.

EDGE HILL

Mr. John A. McDonald, Glenelg's veteran assessor, made his official round through this locality last week.

Miss Black of Top Cliffe was the guest of Miss Kate McFayden over Sunday.

Mr. D. Edge disposed of three fat cattle to Mr. Limin of Durham on Monday for \$310. Nearly 10 1/2 c. lb.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Geddes of Dromore visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Greenwood.

We extend hearty congratulations to Miss Irene Ritchie and Mr. Clifford Howell, whose marriage took place on Wednesday last. The bride is one of our cleverest and most estimable young ladies, and the best wishes of the neighborhood will follow her to her new home in Durham.

DARKIES' CORNERS

The Red Cross workers met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Aljoe on Friday last. Besides the work done, a collection of \$225 was taken up. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Sam Patterson, on Friday, March 23. We hope for a good attendance, as there is some important business to discuss.

Mrs. Jos. and Mrs. Jas. Atkinson spent Friday with relatives at Dornoch.

Miss Glenna Campbell of town, visited Sunday with Mrs. C. Ritchie. Miss Nina Noble of Hutton Hill, is staying with her sister, Mrs. John McGirr, for a few days.

Miss Bernice Whitmore of town visited last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lawrence were given a surprise in their cosy home last Friday evening, when a number of friends and neighbors gathered to do them honor in the way of a presentation, they having moved from the burg last week. A neatly-worded address signed by Mr. and Mrs. W. Jacques and Mr. and Mrs. A. Lindsay, was read by Mr. Jas. Mack, and at the proper time a parlor clock was presented to Mrs. Lawrence and a set of gold cuff links to Mr. Lawrence by Mr. Jacques. Mr. Lawrence, in behalf of himself and his wife, made a suitable reply. The evening was pleasantly spent, and a dainty lunch served by the ladies.

Mr. John McDonald, the assessor, is going his rounds again.

Mr. Campbell Dunsmoor, with his gasoline outfit, has been cutting wood for a number in the neigh-

borhood, and gave the best of satisfaction in each case.

Miss Julia Weir of town visited the end of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith.

Miss Smith of Bentinck was a visitor this week with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith.

Mrs. Robt. Beli bought a couple of fine cows last week.

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FARMERS WISHING TO PURCHASE SEED, are also invited to communicate with this office, stating variety and quantity, and an effort will be made to put them in touch with farmers having seed for sale.

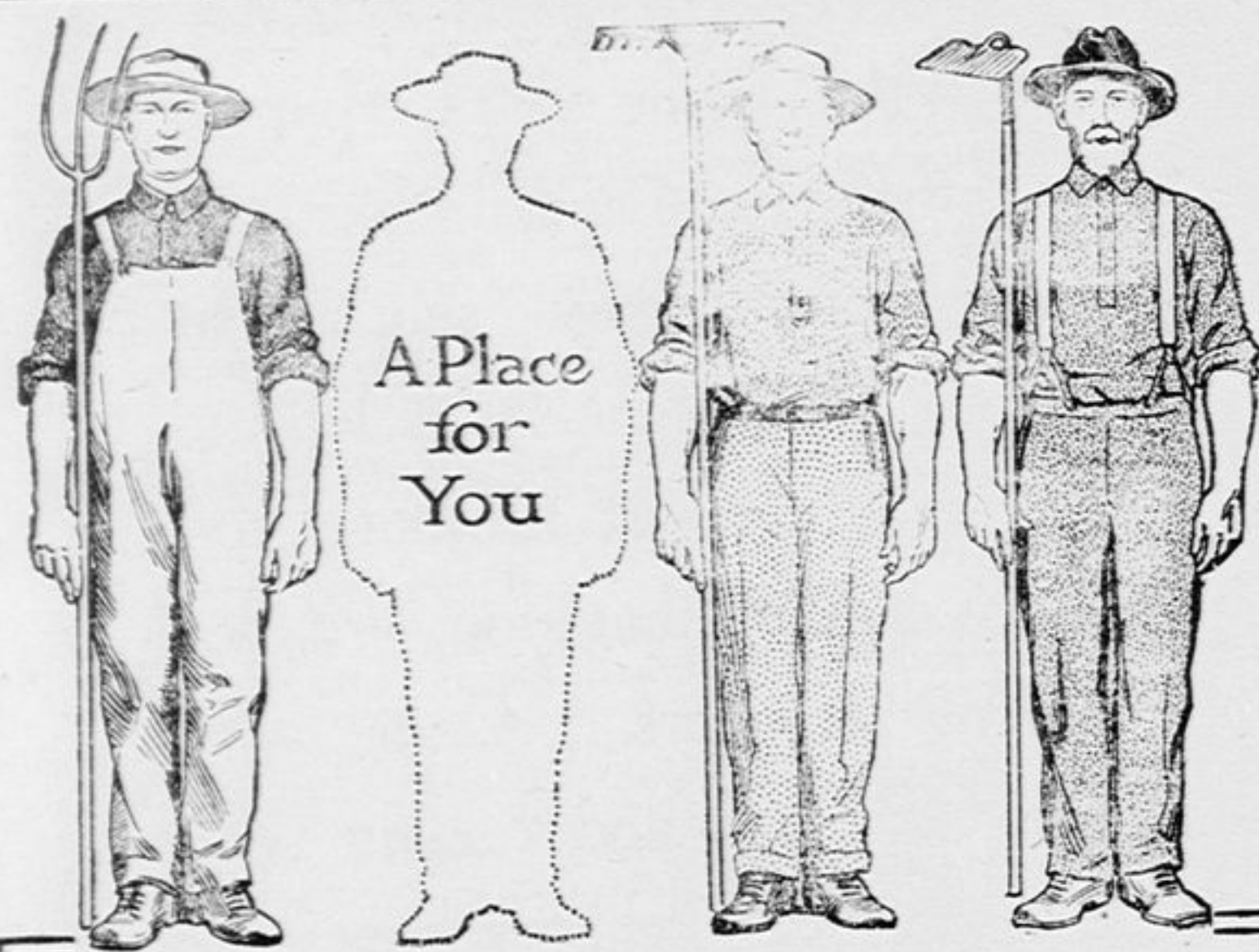
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W. H. HEARST

Minister of Agriculture

H. C. DUFF

District Representative, MARKDALE, ONT.



Recruits Wanted for Production

Just as surely as lack of food is strangling Germany day by day, so plenty of food is winning the victory for the allies. The French armies, for instance, were never better fed than now, for France cannot forget the awful lesson of 1870—the failure of her food supply. To this she attributed the loss of that war.

To feed the French soldiers around Verdun, more than 25,500,000 pounds of food a week were required. This gives a faint idea of the colossal task of feeding an army. Canada and Britain have a huge army of fighting heroes on the line; every man must have plenty of food, in spite of a world shortage. Upon Canada's food production all principally rely.

The Farmers of Ontario Urgently Need Help

The Department of Agriculture appeals to men and boys to enlist in the farm help campaign. The Department appeals to men unfit for military service, or who find it impossible to enlist in the army. Do your "bit" by helping to increase production of foodstuffs. This is your hour of opportunity.

The farmers of Ontario need the help of retired farmers, of men following no occupation (retired), of business men who can spare a portion of their time. We appeal to all who can so arrange their ordinary affairs to plan to help some farmer friend, particularly in seed time and harvest.

Confer with your county District Representative of the Department of Agriculture, or write, "Farm Help Campaign," care Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Ontario Department of Agriculture

W. H. Hearst, Minister of Agriculture
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