

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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THE EDITORIAL GROUCH

The M. Forest Confederate says: "The Ontario Legislature practically finished its work last week. The formal closing is to be to-day. Rumors of an immediate provincial election were given a quietus by an understanding arrived at between Sir William Hearst and Mr. Rowell, that there would be no election until after another session of the House. This will be generally received with satisfaction. The extravagant and incompetent outfit in Queen's Park requires a shaking up badly enough, but our first concern must be to devote all our energy towards winning the war."

A PERFECT MACHINE

(London Advertiser.) Just how perfectly the British war machine is working is illustrated by Major-General F. B. Maurice, who announces that on February 20 he saw the plans for the new Allied offensive now in progress, including the capture of Vimy Ridge, and that these plans called for a beginning on April 8. All was ready for the carrying out of the scheme on schedule time, but weather caused one day's delay.

With this knowledge we can afford to laugh at Berlin's attempts to persuade the world that the British plan of campaign was frustrated by Hindenburg's retreat and that all was going as he wished.

Further, there is given assurance that the British leaders have accurately determined just what artillery preparation is necessary and how long it will take to batter German strongholds until they are ready to fall into the hands of the attacking infantry. What a contrast to the German efforts to capture Verdun. Even in mathematical calculation the German generals are being left far behind.

EXPENSIVE BUSINESS

(Guelph Mercury.) The Ontario Temperance Act is a mighty good thing to keep clear of. A sharp lawyer seems to be able, occasionally, to punch a bit of a hole in the preliminaries staged under its auspices, but once it gets under way the chances for a stiff fine are about five to one. A peculiar case came up in the Guelph police court. Let us illustrate it in the good old A and B way. These two thirsty ones decide to purchase a case of whiskey in Montreal. A has more ready cash than B, so he tells him he will send along the currency, and B can negotiate his share of the payment later on. Very well. The case of liquid joy arrives and A sends word to B of the good news. B comes over to the house. He has a long, thirsty throat, and his share of the coin to pay for the treatment for it. He does so, and the moment he pays A for his share of the case, A becomes guilty of selling liquor to B and is liable to a fine of \$200. We believe this correctly states the case. The magistrate is not furnished with the usual options in dealing with the case. There is just the \$200 dose, and shake before using.

As a matter of fact, the safe way to get a drink is to order a case in Montreal, take it down cellar, darken the windows, then make sure no person is around, and then leave it alone.

HITS AND MISSES

The singing at a recent concert was pronounced excellent, and we presume it was. We are not very big on classical music, but we can distinguish between "Yankee Doodle" and "Mary Had a Little Lamb," if the singer says the words plain enough. There are better authorities on musical gymnastics, but beyond a perfect knowledge of the old favorites just mentioned, we know nothing more about music than an octogenarian bachelor knows about a mother-in-law.

If we don't know much about music, it isn't s shrdlu xzflflekjgj sic, it isn't our fault. We were born when quite young, and there wasn't a brass band to herald our arrival. It was just a little over-

sight, but we have had to suffer for it. We did sing in public once—just once—but the beautiful refrain was so touching the audience left to shed their tears outside. It was a moving selection, but there was no encore, nor a special request for its repetition.

A weak man will talk one day like a wise man, and next day he may talk like a fool on the same subject. He hasn't any more backbone in him than an angle worm, and wiggles in and out of everything to suit his surroundings.

A sharp man is often mistaken for a wise one, but he is just as different from a wise one as he is from an honest one.

If a man has a big head you can often tell what isn't in it without resorting to the X-ray process.

When a man complains about having no friends, it is a fair inference to conclude that he doesn't deserve any.

If you think all other people in the community are cold, it would be a good idea to get a clinical thermometer and test your own temperature.

Our judgment may be warped, but for a long time we have been suspicious of the Christianity of persons who worship in the same church, take sacrament at the same table, and then refuse to recognize one another as soon as they pass out of the sanctuary.

When a stranger is anxious to find out the most popular church, it would be just as well to watch him. Good people are often gulled by unprincipled imposters whose religion is bounded by a business circumference.

If you do a man a favor, don't do it with a growl, and destroy all the pleasure it would otherwise give.

It's a holy terror the way prices are going up. We'll bet you heard this statement before, and we'll win.

LEFT TO ENTER THE NAVY

A large number of friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mortley gathered at their home on Friday evening of last week to bid farewell to their son, John, who left Monday morning of this week for England, where he begins his training as a sailor in the British Navy. The evening was spent sociably in music and speaking, and at an appropriate time John was called to the front and presented with a signet ring, gold watch chain, and a purse containing a sum of money. John, though taken by surprise, made a very feeling reply, thanking them for their gifts and kind wishes. Mr. T. Turnbull was there in behalf of the Glenelg Council, and presented him with a wrist watch, for which the recipient wishes to thank them. Lunch was then served. The following is the address:

Dear John,—It is with a feeling of mingled regret and pleasure that we, your friends and neighbors, are met together this evening. We regret it because of the loss the community is about to sustain in parting with you, whom we have learned to respect with true appreciation for your sterling qualities, in the social, moral and religious life of the community. It is with pleasure, because we are proud of our first naval recruit. We believe you have not only heard the call of the Empire, but also the cry of a suffering, bleeding humanity, for freedom and liberation from Prussian militarism.

We ask you to accept these tokens of our esteem, not for their intrinsic value, but for the sacred memories that go with them. We trust that these memories may be as a halo round your life, to repel all temptations and evils you may meet on the rocking billows. We wish you Godspeed and a safe return to our midst, with a deeper resentment of "man's inhumanity to man."

Signed on behalf of Dornoch friends.—H. Riddell, J. Ray, W. Smith, C. McIntyre, J. Robertson.

LLOYD GEORGE DELIGHTED TO PLEASE SAM. GOMPERS

Washington, April 13.—In response to a cablegram from Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, asking that representatives of British labor be sent to the United States with the commission coming to Washington for various conferences, Premier Lloyd George to-day replied:

"Delighted to comply with your request. Two labor leaders and representatives of the welfare department of the ministry of munitions will leave for America as soon as possible."

PRICEVILLE

We are having very bad roads at present. Spring is late, and not much appearance of spring weather yet. Quite a lot of maple syrup has been made by some.

Mrs. Dugald McCormick of Priceville, is quite ill at present, but we hope the venerable lady will soon be around again.

Teachers resumed their work on Monday, the 16th inst., after having some ten days' vacation.

Water is getting low in the river now, and no danger of mill dams or bridges being swept away.

Death has again been busy in our midst, and we feel it our sad duty to report of them in short form. On Wednesday evening, the 11th inst., Mrs. Donald Campbell (Catharine McDonald) died at the old home, on the Durham road, Glenelg, after a brief illness of some weeks, and on Friday morning the 13th inst., Hugh McDonald died after a prolonged illness of some years, but death was not expected at the time. These were brother and sister of your correspondent, and we feel that we are unable to write much about them; only that they lived a good Christian life during their careers in this sinful world. Mrs. Campbell's husband died 21 years ago, and she was married 29 years ago, but death took the husband away and left his life partner lonely. In dutiful forethought, he willed her the farm, although she had no family. She sold the farm and came back to the home of her childhood again. On account of the bad state of the roads, her remains could not be taken to Woodland, where her husband is buried, and now the sister and brother's remains are placed side by side in McNeil's cemetery, Priceville. Both funerals were largely attended. Mrs. Campbell's on Friday, the 13th of April, and Hugh, the brother's, on Sunday, the 15th of April, 1917.

Their pastor, Rev. Mr. Matheson, preached on both occasions. The brother's remains were taken to the church, which was crowded with sympathizers. The old home is now lonely, only the brother, Don, McDonald, teacher, and sister, Miss Christina, there now. Mrs. Campbell's husband was a cousin of the late Inspector Campbell. Hugh was buried on his birthday, being born on the 15th of April, 1855, and lived single all his days.

The funeral of the late John McQuarrie took place this afternoon, the 16th, to McKechnie's cemetery, Durham Road, Glenelg. He was ill for nearly five months from a broken leg. Mr. McQuarrie was one of the pioneers of the North Line, Glenelg, coming there with his father's family 66 years ago. He died in his 78th year. Mr. McQuarrie was always cheery, although suffering for those long months. He was faithfully attended by his dutiful wife and daughters during his sickness. He leaves one son and four daughters, and a lonely life partner, to mourn his death. The funeral this afternoon was largely attended, considering the very bad state of the roads. The Rev. Mr. Matheson preached the funeral sermon at the house and grave. He took for his text: "Here we have no continuing city," a fact that can be seen sometimes day after day, by so many funerals and deaths in the locality.

Mr. W. G. Watson, undertaker, was kept busy day and night the most of last week, attending funerals.

EDGE HILL

Miss Kate McFayden visited with friends in Mt. Forest on Tuesday.

Mr. A. J. Greenwood was in Guelph Wednesday on business. Several farmers have started plowing, but the ground is not yet in first-class condition.

Our mail courier commenced this week to make the round in the afternoon.

Mr. Geo. Braun of Latona is engaged with Mr. John D. McFayden

for the summer months.

Mr. Arthur Edge has purchased a new Cockshutt manure spreader from agent W. Rabb, of town.

Mr. Fred Horst and family have moved to the Kenny farm, which he has leased for a number of years.

Mr. Thos. Ritchie disposed of his four fat cattle on Saturday, realizing over the \$400 mark for them. The Edge Hill Sunday school has been organized for the season, and is to commence as usual, on the first Sunday in May. Miss Mona Williams has been appointed superintendent of the Home Department, and Mr. Herb Edge is librarian. The other teachers and officers were re-appointed.

We extend hearty congratulations to Miss Cassie Ritchie, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Ritchie, and Mr. Arthur Lee of Egremont, who were married on Wednesday, of this week, at the manse, by the bride's pastor, Rev. Mr. Whaley. The happy young couple will commence home-making on the groom's farm on the 20th concession of Egremont.

248TH BATTALION NOTES

Capt. (Mrs.) Parsons was in Meaford on Monday of last week and was one of the speakers at a reception to a returned soldier, Pie, Peter Thompson.

On Thursday Capt. Parsons was in Durham, when she addressed two well attended and enthusiastic meetings, one in the afternoon to women only, and the other, a mass meeting, in the evening. Capt. Parsons was in her characteristic good form, and made stirring appeals which brought forth loud applause from her audience.

Capt. Allen went over from Hanover and made a short address at the evening meeting.

The bands of the 248th Greys will soon be able to make their appearance in public. They have been practising very hard for several weeks and are making excellent progress. There is an opening for a few more bandsmen, and men having band experience are urged to enlist. They would have the best kind of training in band work and would be "doing their bit" just as much as the man who carries a rifle and bayonet.

The County Clerk has turned over to the 248th Greys the motor truck bought for the 147th, and used by them last year. The truck is looking prim in a new coat of paint, and the boys have christened it appropriately, but with a name rather to indelicate to use in print. Good use is being made of the truck now that the roads are in shape for motoring.

Lieut.-Col. J. S. Campbell, Inspector of Training for the military district, paid an official visit to the 248th Headquarters on Friday. He made a thorough inspection of the Battalion and expressed himself as very well pleased with the progress of the Battalion. This is Lieut.-Col. Campbell's second inspection. It is interesting to note that he and Lieut.-Col. Rorke served as non-commissioned officers in the same company of the Royal Canadian Regiment in the South African campaign.

Lieut. H. J. Price spent the greater part of last week at Dundak assisting Lieut. McAlister, the officer in charge there. He returned to Headquarters on Friday.

Capt. J. B. Allen is spending a few days at Headquarters. Capt. Allen has lately been assisting in the Hanover and Durham district.

Lieuts. W. J. A. Wright, and R. E. H. Legarde left last week for Toronto, to take special training courses, the former in bayonet fighting and physical training, and the latter in Musketry.

Capt. G. M. Dallyn is back to Owen Sound from Warton, and is in charge of training again.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes Toronto Cattle Market (Choice heavy steers, do. medium, Butchers' choice handy, etc.), Toronto Grain Markets (Manitoba Wheat—Nominal, track, bay ports, No. 1 northern, No. 2 northern, etc.), and Chicago Live Stock (Receipts, 500. Market weak. Beeves, \$9.30 to \$13.25; stockers and feeders, \$7.30 to \$10; cows and heifers, \$5.75 to \$11; calves, \$9 to \$13.25, etc.).

McWILLIAMS

The weather still continues cold, with snow flurries every day. Mr. Albert Hann returned home on the first of April, after spending the winter in a munition factory in Toronto. Mr. Robt. Whitmore, who has spent quite a number of years in the west, where he was employed at carpenter work, but is now engaged in the construction of aeroplanes, paid a visit to his mother, Mrs. James Whitmore, for a couple of days last week. Mr. W. L. Dixon returned on Saturday to resume his school duties in the township of Sullivan. Born.—On Sunday, April 15, to Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, a daughter. Mr. Thos. Moore spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Hugh Firth, who has been quite ill for a couple of weeks. Her many friends around McWilliams hope she will soon be restored to her usual health and strength. Miss Annie Whitmore, nurse, of Walkerton, spent a couple of days with her mother last week, but got a call to go on a case at Markdale on Saturday. Mr. Geo. Hopkins has purchased a new Ford car, and has it home enjoying it. Mr. Seeley has Mr. Edward Parks engaged for the summer. Ebenezer Sunday school will reopen on Sunday, April 22. Miss Bessie Weir returned home last week, after spending the winter in Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Harrison spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Watson. Mr. Will McFadden, Mr. Carl Harrison, Mr. Ralph Harrison, Mr. Ruben Watson, each sold a bunch of fat cattle to Mr. Schram of Holstein, which they will deliver on Tuesday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Watson spent a day last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Watson.

BURIED EIGHTY-FOUR HOURS. MINER IS RESCUED

After living underground in a cave-in in the mine near Champion, Alberta, for 84 hours, without light, water or food, Henry Trenton, a miner, who was buried by the cave-in, was rescued last week, still conscious. The case is the only one on record in mining circles. The rescuers first tried to remove the rock from the face of the mine, but had to give that up. They heard the man knocking on the coal face, and they sank a shaft 43 feet through rock, afterwards digging a 243-foot tunnel around the face of the cave-in to reach him. Mine Inspector McDonald, of Calgary, and Mine Inspector Johnston of Lethbridge superintended the rescue work, conducted by over 30 people working in relays.

TRANSIENTS NOT TO PAY HEAD TAX TO ENTER U. S.

The American regulations, levying a tax of \$8 on every person entering the United States, do not apply to Canadian travellers to points across the lines. They do apply to Canadians who intend to make the United States their home, but not to transients.

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