

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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DO WE NEED THE MIDDLEMEN?

We hear a great deal of talk about the middleman, and much is said in condemnation of him and his services. That he is often a costly link between producer and consumer in one case, and manufacturer and consumer in the other, needs no great amount of argument.

The consumer to-day, who buys his food products from the producer has to pay as much, and often more, than he would pay for the same article to the middleman.

QUIT THAT NAGGING

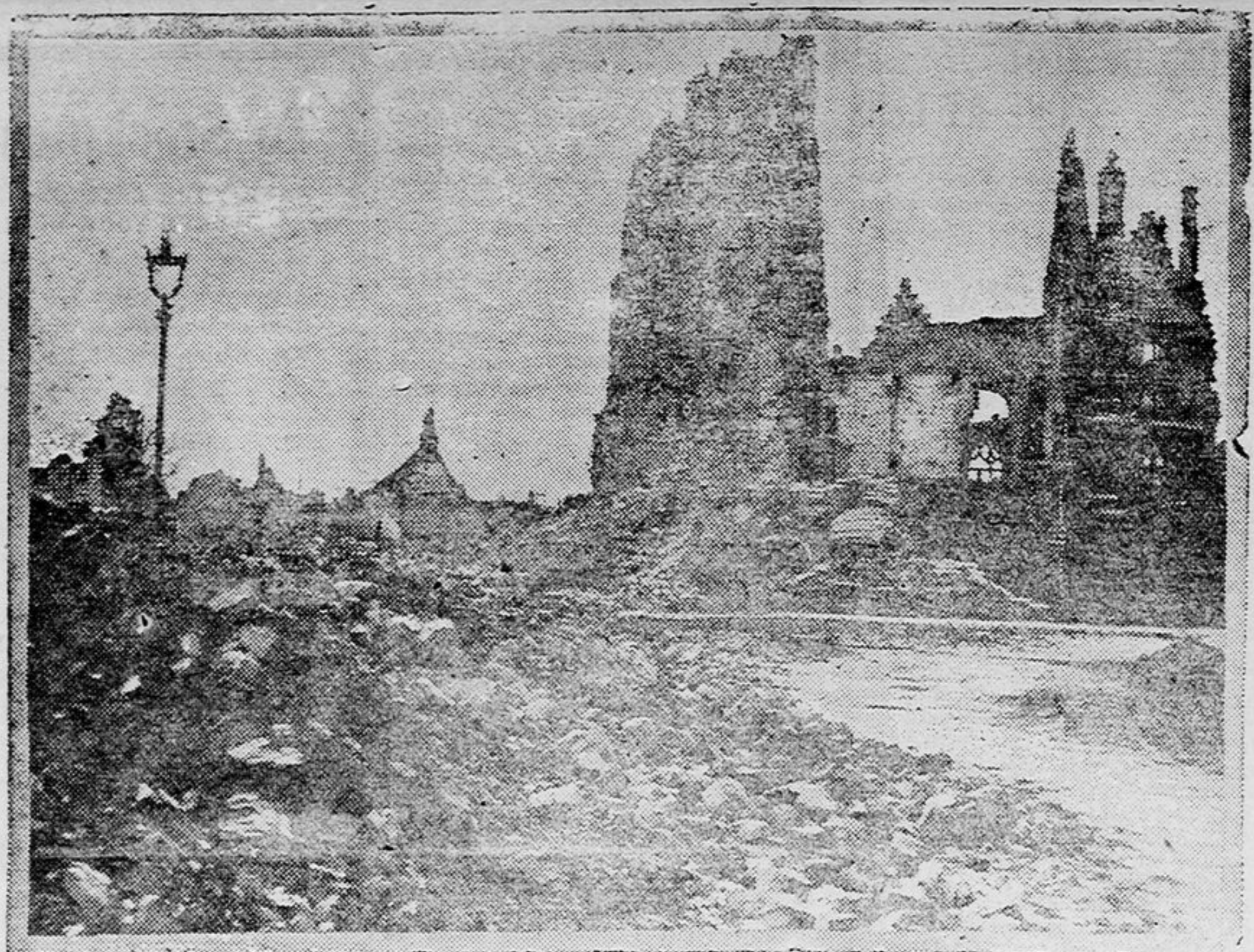
There is nothing will dull the happiness of a home more effectually than the nagging habit which is far too common in many homes that would otherwise be peaceful and happy.

HITS AND MISSES

A dog-eared Bible, well-thumbed and text-marked, is an indication of some one who would likely make a good church member.

We have never been able to get at the real value of a family Bible. It is usually well-bound, gilt-edged, and often occupies a conspicuous place in the best room.

Denominationalism, it seems to us, doesn't amount to very much after all. If the Christianity is taken away, the denominationalism alone will never take a man to heaven.



HISTORIC CITY HALL WANTONLY DESTROYED. The Hotel de Ville, Arras, from an official photograph taken on the Western front.

the key to the situation, and denominationalism doesn't cut much of a figure. The real doctrinal differences between the orthodox churches isn't very much.

If a church member says he loves God, and cherishes a grudge against his neighbor, we haven't much faith in his Christianity.

It is possible for a preacher to be so good that he loses influence over his congregation. He may be perfectly right, but the difference between him and ordinary people of the world is so great that there isn't much chance in drawing them together.

We never did like a Holy Willie. The straightforward, honest man, who is willing to admit of human frailties and the possibility of human weaknesses in himself, is more in keeping with our idea of a perfect man.

HELPLESS ONTARIO

Without a word of advance notice or a scrap of legislation, Sir Adam Beck has undertaken to purchase for this province the plant and holdings of the Ontario Power Co., paying approximately \$23,000,000.

Ontario comes very near to the paternalism that placed Germany in the hands of a few men, when any individual can put through such a deal.

HOLSTEIN

Mrs. W. T. Petrie and Miss DeGuerre spent the week-end with friends in Durham.

Lindsay Irvin was home from Toronto over Sunday. He has taken service in the Royal Flying Corps.

Miss Doris Irvin returned to Oshawa, after spending a couple of weeks' vacation with her parents.

Several of the young folks drove and autoed to Hayward's Falls Monday and returned by Durham and attended the concert there.

The concert in the hall last Friday evening was a grand success. The I. O. F. and Patriotic Society secured good talent from Durham a full house greeted them and the financial end showed about \$73.

Miss DeGuerre has resigned her position as teacher in the school.

Rev. J. W. Hunt and family of Norval are the guests of Holstein friends at present. They came by auto on Tuesday.

Two of the district officers visited L.O.L. No. 2296 Monday evening. There were two initiations. On account of not being able to secure train accommodation for the 12th of July it is likely that other arrangements will be made for the celebration.

Mr. John Manary met with quite an accident at Drumore Tuesday. He was putting on a load of trunks, when the team moved and Mr. Manary overbalanced and fell to the ground. He was unconscious for some time, but was able to continue the trip home.

The executive board of Egremont Patriotic societies, or any interested in patriotic work, are requested to meet in the agricultural hall, Hol-

stein, on Wednesday, June 13th, at 2:30 p.m., for the arranging for canvassing township, and other business.

Mrs. L. Morrison went to Owen Sound Tuesday to assist her brother who is moving from that town in the near future.

A couple of weddings are being held here this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Abbott returned on Tuesday evening from Conference.

DARKIES' CORNERS

The sympathy of the community goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Scott and family in their hour of sorrow, who mourn the death of their daughter, Annie.

Rev. Mr. Whaley conducted a prayermeeting in No. 9 school Glenelg, on Tuesday evening, which was fairly well attended.

The Red Cross workers met at the home of Mrs. James Hopkins Friday last. Besides the work done, 24 towels, 12 pairs of socks and 18 hospital shirts were packed. Collection \$4.50. It was decided at this meeting to canvass the section for money to carry on the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Weir, also the Misses Weir, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Weir, Egremont, to say good-by to Miss Bessie, who left on Monday for the west.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGillivray spent Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Weir, Egremont.

Miss Bell McGillivray is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Scott.

Mrs. McMillan of Swinton Park spent Monday with Mrs. Flora McLean, who left Tuesday for the west, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Neil McManell.

Teaching Birds Tricks.

A professor of natural history refutes the statement so frequently made that teaching a bird to draw water needs apparatus and that the learning is cruelty to the bird.

"The following experience of mine," he says, "proves that it is not so by any means. We bought a young bird last January, so wild that on our approach it flew madly round the cage. We hung the cage low and by patience, after the bird got used to our proximity, induced it to take groundsel, first held at stem's length, then between the fingers, finally from the lips. We used to let him out freely, and he would perch on the leaf next me at breakfast. His perch projected through the wires, and here was his favorite seat when at liberty. Then I tried hanging a bit of groundsel by a short string to the projecting stick. After inspection he pulled it up with his beak. On lengthening the string with a fresh bit of his preferred weed I had the pleasure and interest of seeing him pull up the string with his beak till the flower head was within reach, catching the slack after each pull with one foot and then transferring it to the other, so that the coils were quite neat."—London Globe.

Water Pressure.

As early as 1645 a Frenchman of science named Pascal experimented with pressures applied to liquids and discovered the following law: A pressure applied to any part of the surface of a liquid is transmitted unchanged in amount in every direction through the liquid.

Perhaps the most familiar application of Pascal's law is the hydraulic press. In that machine a pump having a small piston drives water into a large cylinder and thereby forces upward a large piston, which compresses whatever is placed between the platform of the piston and the fixed crossbeam at the top of the press. If the area of the larger piston is 100 times that of the smaller a downward force of one pound exerted on the smaller piston will create an upward force of 100 pounds upon the larger piston.

Home Ground Flour.

Grinding wheat to make flour may be done at home as easily as the grinding of coffee. Thus a family may have whole wheat flour, freshly ground, a thing that is usually difficult to obtain. The New York Medical Journal advises its readers to buy their wheat from seedsmen rather than from grocers or feed stores because it will be cheaper and more efficient.

The grinder can be used also for cracking wheat, corn, barley, oats, rye and other grains for use as breakfast cereals. And the cereals will need chewing, which will not only strengthen the muscles of the chewsers' jaws, but will keep their teeth from decay—that is, if they begin as children.

Homemade cereals need long cooking, so a fireless cooker is almost indispensable.

Greek Fire Gunpowder?

M. Zenghels told the Academie des Sciences in Paris recently that he had been studying the "Greek fire" used in war by the Byzantines. The descriptions of this say that it was hurled from a copper tube with a sound like thunder and with a great cloud of smoke. From this he concluded that the Byzantine Greeks had real cannon in which they used explosive mixtures with nitrate as a base. Therefore the honor of the discovery of gunpowder must be given to the engineer Callinicus of Heliopolis, who first used it, destroying a Saracen fleet with it in 670 A. D.

The Silent Moon.

Dead silence reigns on the moon. A thousand cannons might be fired and a thousand drums beaten upon that airless world, but no sound could come from them. Lips might quiver and tongues essay to speak, but no action of theirs could break the utter silence of the lunar scene.

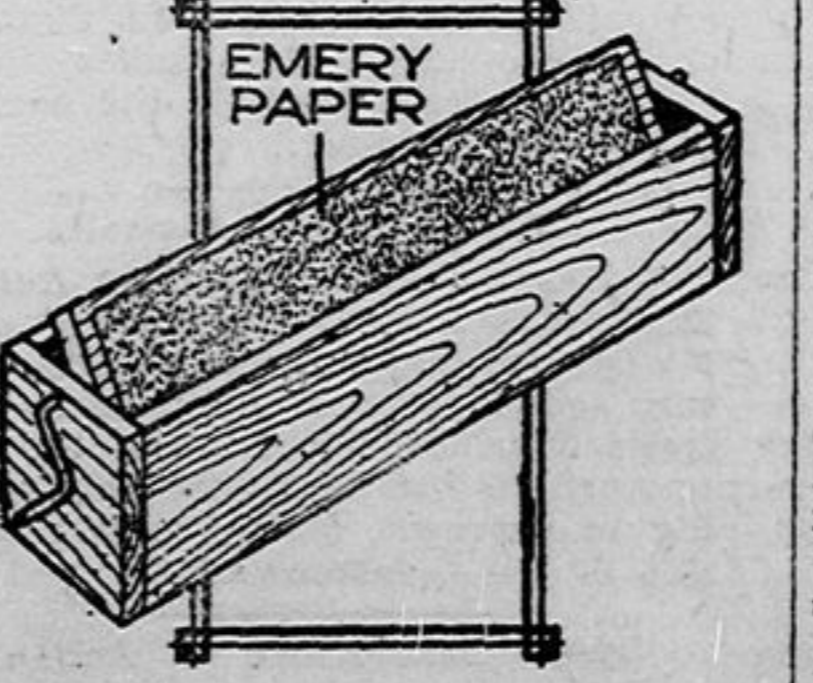
HUGE RAILWAY SHOPS

Efficiency in Repair Work Sought by Canadian Roads

The principal car repair plant of the Grand Trunk Railway for the lines west of the St. Clair River at Port Huron for many years, was destroyed by fire during the winter of 1914-1915. Their old plant was of limited capacity and located at what was the old terminus of the line previous to the construction of the tunnel under the St. Clair River. After the fire negotiations were carried on between the town of Port Huron and the railroad, resulting in the acquisition of the property vacated by the Port Huron Thresher Company, which property was very much more advantageously situated, being near the tunnel line.

The plant was first planned to consist of a power house containing 6 150 h.p. boilers serving double turbo-generators generating units of 300 k.w. for developing the electric power for lighting and operation of machines, all motor driven; a passenger car shop accommodating 27 modern passenger cars; a freight car shop accommodating 70 freight cars; and other buildings. These buildings, including trackage, were to take a space of approximately 55 acres; arranged for economical operation, special attention having been given to this feature to ensure maximum efficiency. The total cost was estimated at \$700,000.

Cleanly Pencil Sharpener



Pencils may be pointed without spreading the dust from them by the use of the device shown in the illustration. A piece of emery paper is fixed to one side of the cover of the box. By turning over the cover with a handle, after a pencil has been pointed, the dust may be dropped into the box and removed from time to time.—Popular Mechanics.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Table with columns for 'Toronto Cattle Market' and 'Wholesale Produce'. Lists various types of cattle (steers, cows, calves) and their prices, along with different grades of produce like eggs, butter, and cheese.

SEVEN YEARS TORTURE

Nothing Helped Him Until He Took "FRUIT-A-TIVES"



ALBERT VARNER

Buckingham, Que., May 3rd, 1915. For seven years, I suffered terribly from Severe Headaches and Indigestion. I had belching gas from the stomach, bitter stuff would come up into my mouth after eating, while at times I had nausea and vomiting, and had chronic Constipation. I went to several doctors and wrote to a specialist in Boston but without benefit.

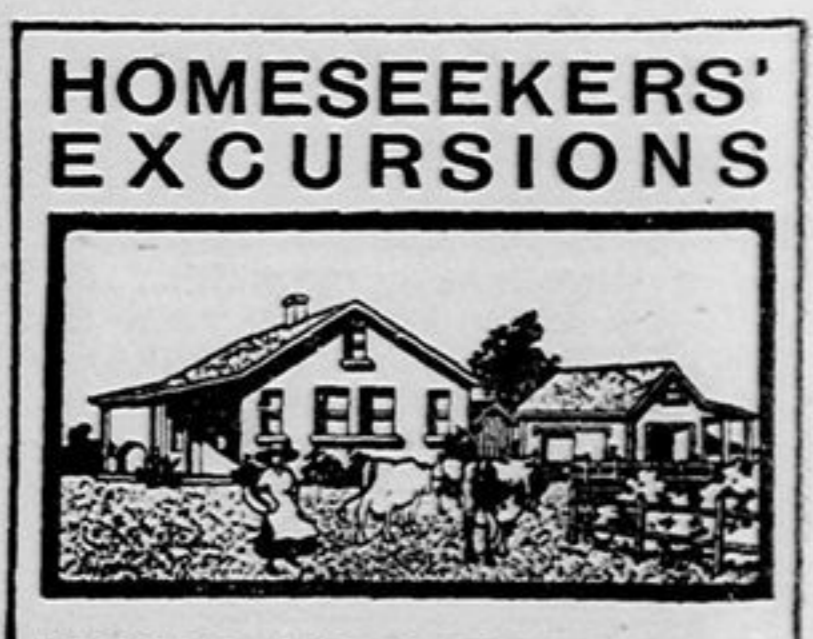
TWO KILLED IN EXPLOSION

In a terrific natural gas explosion which totally wrecked the Salvation Army barracks at Paris, Ont., on Monday, at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, the ten-year-old son of Jas. Elberington of Paris, was instantly killed. Lieut. Hill, a woman officer, was probably fatally hurt, and several other persons more or less seriously injured.

WILL INCREASE SIZE OF FIRST UNITED STATES DRAFT

Plans of the United States war department to draft from 900,000 to 1,500,000 men of the 10,000,000 who, it is estimated, would register on Tuesday for the new army, have been disclosed by Provost Marshal Gen. Crowder, to the senate military affairs committee. Exemptions, he said, probably would result in reducing the number to 625,000 men for immediate service.

Owen Sound's total assessment is \$8,153,990, an increase of \$41,397 over last year.



Advertisement for 'HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS' featuring 'TUESDAY' and 'THURSDAY'S STEAMER'. Includes details about routes, dates, and contact information for Canadian Pacific.

DURHAM MARKET

Table listing market prices for various commodities like wheat, oats, peas, barley, butter, eggs, live hogs, hides, sheepskins, and tallow, with prices ranging from 2.25 to 20.00.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Durham Public School. Jr. Primary: A-Ina Milne, Jasp Newton Clark, Marti Christine Goodchild, B-Lizzie Hinds, St. Laura McFayden, Sam Falkingham. C-Jean Harding, Helen Knight, Rita Burnett, Raymond M. Kelsey. Aggregate attendance 463, admitted Miss M. Middle.

Room III: Jr. II-Isabel Keisley, Grr. Helen Pilkey, Violet Brooke. Aggregate 26, average 1-Irene Moyer, Ivabelle Collinson, Will M. Vin Stuel. Aggregate 18, average 38, admitted 3. Miss A. Ritchie, C. McGee, J. Lander. Jr. II-Janel McFayden, Fadden, S. H. Ford, M. Burnett, St. H. Ford. Enrolled 50, average 2. Miss L.B. W.

Room V: Sr. III-W. Collins, Falkingham, A. McC. Jr. III-M. Saunders, K. Hughes, M. Orr, E. Aggregate 23, average 13, total age 35. Miss A. C. Mack

Room VI: Sr. IV-Ward Koch, Lawrence Chapman, Essel Edwards, McFayden, 20, average 17-Catherine Snell, Mae McGirr, Roydon Burnett. Aggregate 20, average 40. Andrew S. M.

No. 6, Bentinck. V-Walter Boyce, Jr. IV-Fred Ash, Sr. III-Good, Torry, Jessie Twanley, R. Brunt. Jr. III-Geo. Brown, Sr. II-Blanche Brunt, Lavonia McCallum. Jr. II-Stanley B. Edward, T. Gault, Jr. Willie Murdoch, M. Noble, Mildred B. Sr. I-Gecil Nold, Adeline Urub, Jr. I-Ellon Adh. Jun. Sr. Pr.-Geo. T. Boyce, Hazel Torry.