

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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THE PRICE IS TOO HIGH

Oleomargarine is now for sale in Canada as a substitute for butter. It is doubtful if the introduction of the substitute will be of material benefit to the consumers, if the price keeps up as it has so far. The prices charged are only a few cents a pound below the price of the genuine article, and while this condition lasts, the consumers will prefer to pay the extra cost and get real butter instead of the new compound. If in any way the price can be controlled so as to place it on the market at a price commensurate with its real value compared with the price of real butter, its introduction may serve a good purpose. If controlled by unscrupulous profiteers the consumers will be the sufferers. Complaints have already been made that the price is too high. The Owen Sound Sun, in its issue of Tuesday last, says butter sold all the way from 35c. to 40c. and in another column it has the following to say about oleomargarine:

"Oleomargarine is now on sale in almost every grocery store in town and its sales are large. Almost everyone wants to try it, at least, and many housewives are experimenting with it in cooking as well as for table use. It is excellent for the former purpose, giving a fine, short pastry, and being very satisfactory in cakes. As to being used as a substitute for butter on bread or biscuits, it all depends on the taste of the user. Those who have used it in England, state that the kind procurable here is not nearly so easy to eat as that which was in use overseas, and those who really like what is procurable here are few.

"The price of the commodity is not going to relieve the butter situation a great deal, unless it is cheaper than it is now. The margarine is selling at from 35c. to 37c. a pound, though it was two pounds for a shilling in England. If butter drops much more, the margarine will also take a drop, when it will be more within the reach of those who really need it as a fat yielder in their diet."

PERHAPS THEY SEE THEIR ERROR

The citizens of Kitchener are aware now that a lack of harmony as shown by the two contending elements is likely to be disastrous. A movement is on foot by the Citizens League to get in a council, by acclamation, that will meet the wishes of all. The same Citizens League is of the opinion that the money spent for an election might be better spent for patriotic purposes, and would eliminate the friction of the past two years.

They talk of the advisability of a "get together" movement, by which the opposing parties may be more harmonious.

The idea of harmony in any town is a good one, but the harmony forced upon a community through loss of business is liable to be regarded with suspicion. Though the Citizens League in Kitchener won out by a large majority in the last election contest, the odium produced by the anti-British faction has not yet died away, and it will be some time before it does. That element will now be in a position to see the folly of its conduct, and may endeavor to heal the wounds by a patriotic effort. That there are many good patriotic citizens in Kitchener we are not going to deny, but we are equally willing to believe the disloyal element showed poor sense and poor judgment in giving way to their feelings as they did. When they find themselves so sadly in the minority they may wish to mitigate the evil by pouring oil on the troubled waters. This is war-time, and it doesn't do to even harbor feelings of disloyalty.

READ CHRONICLE SIXTY YEARS.

We thank Mr. John Barbour, of Fernlee, Manitoulin Island, for renewal of his subscription. He was a resident of Varney until recently, when he left to live with his sister, Mrs. John Rumley, who moved to the Island about 35 years ago, and has done well. Mr. Barbour is enjoying the comforts of a good home and good health, and rejoices over the return of the Union Government candidate, for whom he voted. He has been taking The Chronicle and its predecessor, The Standard, for over 60 years, and still enjoys it. He concludes by wishing the editor and all correspondents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MAIL COURIER HONORED.

On Friday evening of last week, the 21st, a small company, representing the people of Rural Route No. 1, Varney, found their way to that little village and practically took possession of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alf. McCabe, their most faithful and obliging mail courier. Mr. George Lothian was called to the chair, and said on taking charge that it gave him much pleasure to preside over a gathering of that kind. But as this was no ordinary gathering, the duties of the chair would be more burdensome, and he asked Mr. Gordon Geddes and Mr. George Hooper to assist him. Then asking Mr. McCabe, who was to be the guest of the evening, to take a chair in the centre of the gathering, called on Gordon Geddes to read the address, and at the proper time presented him with a purse containing some \$60, the presentation being made by Mr. G. Hooper.

Mr. McCabe, who was entirely taken by surprise, rose to reply, and said he felt himself unworthy of this act of kindness by the people on his mail route, and considered any obligation he had done for them nothing more than his duty as a public servant, and it gave him only pleasure to do it for them. For the people on the route he said he had only words of praise. Should night overtake him on the road, he felt he was welcome in any home on the route, and the best they had in store was given him and his faithful ponies. This was of great benefit and satisfaction to him. He thanked the people again, from the bottom of his heart.

The chairman then spoke at some length. He regretted very much that for the fourth time at this joyous Christmas season the dark cloud of war still hangs over our Empire, but hoped, and trusted and prayed that the cloud will ere long be raised, and the dawn of a more glorious day shine in upon us. But notwithstanding the gloom, we had every reason to rejoice in this season of the year. It was a fitting time to remember little acts of kindness. It was a fitting time to remember Mr. McCabe, who was a man of deeds of kindness. No obligation was too great for him to perform. Oh would that all our public men had at least a little of the same spirit of Mr. McCabe.

The chairman then called on Mr. T. Brown, who said he never liked the job of going round collecting. But this time it was more of a pleasure, as the people responded so freely, which made the work a pleasure instead of a burden.

Messrs. G. Geddes, A. Henry, G. Hooper, T. Tucker and W. A. Lawrence all spoke of the pleasure it had given them to take part in so worthy a cause. All spoke of the great advantage it was to the whole community to have a man so kind and obliging as Mr. McCabe carrying their mail. By command of the chairman, all rose and sang, "For he's a jolly, good fellow."

The rest of the evening was spent in chat and song and recitation, until the small hours of the morning, when all joined in singing "God be with you till we meet again" and "God save the King."

The little company then wended their way home, feeling a worthy act had been done and a very pleasant evening had been spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McCabe.

The following is the address:

Dear Mr. McCabe,—We, the people of Rural Route No. 1, Varney, feel that we cannot permit this joyous season of Christmas to pass again without endeavoring to extend to you in some small measure our appreciation of your services to us during the five years in which you have carried our mail.

You have not only been a most faithful and efficient mail courier, but in every possible way, you have obliged us. You have carried our express parcels and store parcels, until your patience and your cheerfulness has been the subject of much thought and conversation, and we have often marvelled at the extent of your endurance.

As a small token of our appreciation, we would ask you to accept from us this purse, and we trust that this small present may find favor in your eyes amid the glitter of the various things that Santa Claus may have in store for you this Christmas of 1917. Allow us, also, to extend to you and Mrs. McCabe and family our best wishes for a right Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—Signed on behalf of Rural Route No. 1: Geo. Hooper, W. A. Lawrence, Wm. McFadden, Thos. Tucker, Andrew Henry, Thos. E. Brown, Gordon Geddes.

The Russian Desire.
Considering the Russians,
They want the war to cease
That they may fight among themselves
And maim and kill in peace.

DARKIES' CORNERS.

The Red Cross workers of No. 9 have had a most successful year. The annual meeting was held last Friday at Mrs. Robt. McFadden's, officers being elected, and a general routine of business gone through. Eight shirts were cut, and one made also 18 towels hemmed, eight pairs of socks turned in, and a collection of \$2.16 taken up. There was packed and sent away 12 pairs socks, 12 day shirts, 24 pillow cases, 18 towels and 44 vermin suits. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Weir on January 4. The following is a report of the year's work, from December 29th, 1916 to December 21st, 1917:

Receipts:
Collection of teas.....\$ 112 08
Box Social..... 321 15
Canvass of section..... 306 60
Unveiling of Honor Roll..... 26 80
Mrs. Arthur McClocklin..... 5 00
L. O. L. No. 1192..... 6 55

Expenses:
Yarn goods, buttons, tape, thread, etc.....\$632 85
Balance on hand..... 144 68

\$777 53
About \$100 worth of goods are on hand to make up. The following work was done: 294 pairs socks, 138 day shirts, 117 hospital shirts, 214 towels, 58 suits pyjamas, 72 pillow cases and 12 pillow ticks filled with feathers.—Mrs. C. Ritchie, Secy.

Mrs. John McGirr visited last week in Toronto.

Miss Minnie Andrews is enjoying her holidays at her home in the burg.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Moore, of town, spent Thursday evening with Mrs. C. Ritchie.

Mr. John Bell, of near Holstein, is spending his holidays at his home, Pine Hill.

Mr. Roy Lawrence, with his gasoline outfit, cut a nice pile of wood for Mr. John McGirr Friday last.

Mr. Murray Ritchie had attachments put on his Ford car so that it can be used for cutting feed, wood, etc.

The annual public school meeting passed off quietly, as usual, Mr. A. Aljoe being re-elected as secretary and trustee.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGirr spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Noble, Bentinck.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hopkins entertained Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Rob. Whitmore and Mr. and Mrs. G. Hopkins, to dinner, on Christmas.

Sorry to report Miss Annie Whitmore under the doctor's care.

NORTH-EAST NORMANBY.

Among the holiday visitors we notice Miss M. Backus of Collingwood, Miss M. McAlister and Misses Rose and Jean Maidment, of Toronto, Miss Lizetta Birr, of Kitchener, Miss Nella Marshall, of Conn. and Miss Ella Barber of Dornoch.

We wish the editor and readers a happy and prosperous New Year.

Born.—On December 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Marshall, a son.

Messrs. Wm. Bogle and Elmer Foe returned Saturday night from a four days' stay in Toronto, as delegates of Varney Grange.

S.S. No. 1 Red Cross meet again this week at the home of the President, Mrs. Thos. McAlister.

Mrs. Andrew Picken, and Miss Jean, left Saturday morning to spend the Christmas holidays with friends at Millbank.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Backus arrived a week ago to visit for a couple of weeks with Mr. and Mrs. John Backus.

Mr. Alderson Carson, of Preston, is visiting over the holiday with his uncle, Mr. Wm. Carson.

CARD OF THANKS.

Hanover, Ont., Dec. 21, 1917
To the Electors of the House of Commons, South-East Grey:

As I am unable to see you all personally, through the press I beg to extend to all supporters of Union Government in South-East Grey my most hearty thanks for their loyalty, their influence and their votes for Union Government and myself. The most vital issues that have ever presented themselves to the people of Canada have just been decided by you. Canada's continuance in the war as part of the British Empire, the sending of help to the men at the front, her trade and other relations to the Allies, have all been settled by this election. The people of Canada have spoken and their approval of the policy of Sir Robert Borden is unmistakable. Personally, I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for your most hearty support. I shall endeavor to do my duty by the nation and by the people.

Yours most sincerely,
R. J. BALL.

WHERE IS YOUR DAUGHTER?

Every year the wayward girl problem grows worse. Every year the runaway girl is younger. The cause of this condition lies in the girl's home. In 90 per cent. of wayward girl cases the fault can be traced to her own home. Miss Margaret Luther, who makes these statements, is eminently fitted to know her ground, through years of experience as head of a Florence Crittenden Home. "I would not arraign the home, it is indispensable to the life of young people," says Miss Luther, but in reclaiming the wayward girl Miss Luther would set the home right, put the responsibility on it, on the parents, especially the mother.

"The home came before the girl. Her life is formed by it and it is to blame if she goes astray. Many a home is not adapted to the girl who is becoming restless and wayward, although that particular home may have succeeded with other sons and daughters. In each case the mother is remiss that she doesn't see the difference in her children. Instead of trying to adjust her home to that child's peculiar needs she may ask helplessly: 'Why doesn't this child fit in like the others?' So the girl drifts, and her mother, lost in wonder or grief, doesn't rise to her responsibility. Often she leaves the duty, when the girl is far gone, to the social worker or the probation officer," says Miss Luther.

"Nothing can supplant the home. All the institutions and the orphan asylums in the place cannot fill its place, because in them the child is not under normal conditions, and they do not appeal to it. If the child is constantly unhappy, hoping to get away, then the home does not serve its end. The hand that rocks the cradle, is, of a truth, the hand that rules the world, that sets the world in its childhood, right or wrong, and all the institutions in the world can't get away from that.

"Know your girl! There is the solution of the wayward girl problem. A mother should spend her time knowing her child, for no one can know it better than she, who has given it her life, her flesh, and blood, and her desires. When a woman makes no effort to understand her child, she is a failure as a mother.

"Treat your girl as an individual! Respect her individuality and there will be less difficulty about her fitting into the home and less danger of her straying.

"Above all, the runaway girl who has gone back to the shelter of her own home must not be blamed and constantly reminded of her misstep. Such blame drives girls to a second mistake. Some families can't forget, and therein lies the girl's permanent downfall. Here, again, it is the mother's duty to protect her daughter. When a mother joins in the blame against her own daughter she is only blaming herself.

"Yes, the remedy for the wayward girl," declared Miss Luther, with deep conviction, "is to put the responsibility on her home, on her parents, and, above, all, on her mother."

Was Going for the Doctor.

An Irishman employed in a large factory had taken a day off without permission and seemed likely to lose his job in consequence. When asked by the foreman the next day why he had not turned up the day before he replied: "I was so ill, sir, that I could not come to work to save my life." "How was it, then, Pat, that I saw you pass the factory on your bicycle during the morning?" asked the foreman. Pat was slightly taken back, then regaining his presence of mind, he replied: "Sure, sir, that must have been when I was going for the doctor."

THE FOOD VALUE OF "OLEO."

Oleomargarine is the name applied to any fatty substance which is prepared to be used in the same manner as butter. In 1870 the French chemist, Mege-Mouries, under the patronage of Napoleon III, prepared a substance called "margarine" for the use of the navy. Butter substitutes are usually made from refined oleo-oil, churned with "neutral" lard, milk and sometimes butter.

In the process of manufacture the beef fat is cut into small pieces and then rendered at the lowest practical temperature in water-jacketed kettles. The scum is taken off from the top, and the 'scraps' settle to the bottom of the kettle. The liquid fat is then drawn off and allowed to cool, when it becomes viscous. In order to extract the oil, this mass is transferred in cloths to hydraulic presses and subjected to a great pressure. The solid portion which is left is known to the trade as oleo-stearine and finds many uses, particularly in the manufacture of lard substitutes. The oleo-oil used in the preparation of butter substitutes is a clear, amber-colored liquid and, when fresh, is entirely free from any disagreeable odor or taste. It is a mixture of olein and palmitin. "Neutral" is made by melting leaf lard and allowing it to "grain" by standing at a temperature favorable for the crystallization of the stearine in coarse grains.

These, then, the oleo-oil, the "neutral," and usually one of the vegetable oils, such as cottonseed, peanut, or sesame, are mixed with the necessary quantities of milk, cream or butter, with or without coloring matter, and churned in the same way as cream is in the preparation of butter. The product is cooled, drained, worked, salted, and packed in much the same way as butter. In the United States, the manufacture of oleomargarine can only take place under the supervision of officials of the Internal Revenue.

Regarding the healthfulness of oleomargarine, considerable work has been done. The Massachusetts State Board of Health reports show that there can be no objection on this count, and Dr. Harvey Wiley, for many years chief chemist of the United States Bureau of Chemistry, and still well known as an authority on foods, declares that "oleomargarine, when made under proper sanitary conditions, from sanitary raw materials, is a wholesome and nutritious article of diet, and can usually be sold at a lower price than butter."

There has been a tendency, however, to adulterate butter with oleo-

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margarine, or to color margarine, and then sell it for butter, and this tendency among unscrupulous makers of this food product has been the cause of much legislation in different countries, designed to protect the dairy interests. In 1886 the United States Congress passed a law imposing a tax of one-fourth of a cent a pound on all oleomargarine and special taxes on makers and dealers. If the product is colored in imitation of butter, the tax imposed is ten cents a pound. In 1913 the revenue from this latter source was \$1,259,987. Peanut oil and sesame oil are, as stated above, common constituents of margarine. In Germany the law requires that margarine shall contain ten per cent. of the latter oil in order that the adulteration of butter, by the addition of margarine may be more easily detected. In Great Britain, margarine may not contain more than ten per cent. butter, nor more than 17 per cent. of water.

DURHAM MARKET

Corrected December 27th.

Wheat	2 12
Oats	75
Peas	3 50 @ 3 75
Barley	1 20
Hay	\$9 00 to 10 00
Butter	35
Eggs	40
Live hogs	17 50
Hides	16
Sheepskins	1 00 to 2 50
Lard	25
Chickens	20
Ducks	20
Geese	20
Turkeys	30

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20 YEARS

December 30th, 1917

On Monday, Mr. Philip an old country honeysuckle leaf and ready to bloom. Mr. E. W. Hunt, of Viceroy to Hewson Bros. 866 wheat during the past few weeks. Mr. Wm. Lawrence made a turn of a fully paid-up the north division of E. mount collected was \$55. Mr. Robt. Morice, an as the Normanby reeveship on as a competent candidate.

Rev. A. G. Jansen was popular lecture on Holl school house, S.S. No. 1, Thursday evening.

Lieut.-Col. F. F. Hunter Mr. Thos. Farr returned to Huron College, London. Miss Gertie Merod teaching at Orangeville. Dr. Gun, of Woodstock town for Christmas.

Mrs. Wm. Davis, of Prairie, is visiting her Edge Hill.

Mr. H. A. Hunter, of spent a few days in town. Mr. Arthur, and Miss law, return Monday to High school.

Miss Bull, of the teaching staff, is spending days with her parents.

Mr. John Kerr was in an easy chair, the Book of Praise, with a copy of Mrs. Hemans his pupils of S.S. No. 1.

Married.—At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Mr. Wm. Smith to Miss eldest daughter of Adam Weir.

Died.—In Glenelg, De George, infant son of Elizabeth McGirr, aged days.

Corner cor.—The honor bestowed on by a young heiress, Dec. 20th.

Mr. Frank Shields for the purchase of Bros. farm.

SOUTH-EAST BE The Red Cross week was held last week at Mrs. W. Petty. Secy were present and was \$2. The meeting being held on Thursday at Langrill's.

Mrs. W. Burrows of the west, who have with relatives at Hut one day last week with Ritchie.

Miss V. Aljoe and included their work of Friday afternoon by Christmas tree and were enjoyed by all. Aljoe left the same afternoon in Toronto, to spend the holiday.

Mr. A. Knisley is 8 days with friends at Miss Jean Picken day to spend Christmas bank friends.

Those who are spending their holidays at their homes are: Miss Nina Mrs. Arthur Backus, Langrill, Agnes and from Toronto; Irene Kitchener; Mrs. Hiss Mary Backus, Bell, Petty, from Ravenna, ford, respectively.

Mrs. Robt. Stinson, left, and two children Current, Sask., arrive to spend a few weeks here.

VARNEY The Varney Christmas night was cess. The program recitations, solos, du school, was well received by the young thy of special merit. Sergt. Dynes, of the Corps, who spent Mrs. McNally, Durh and gave a very interesting expects to go overseas wish him a safe return. Pte. Earl Mead, of Toronto, also Howard are spending the home here.

Mr. Percy Barbe last Friday, after months in St. Mary

A young girl me to play in public, time there are, dis in the kitchen you away from the pie. It isn't so much ther or not you can or work for your question whether afford not to.