

DURHAM MERCHANTS WILL GRADE EGGS

Dominion Government Egg Inspector Here Last Week and Made Official Call on All Merchants of Town.

Egg Inspector Collingwood of Toronto called on the various merchants in Durham last week and was very much surprised to find that none of them were living up to the Egg Grading law which came into force in July 1923.

Many dealers and merchants in other sections have been fined, some of them quite heavily, for non-observance of this law and it means only another visit from any egg inspector to Durham, if the merchants were still buying them ungraded, to have them fined.

The Department of Agriculture have a large number of inspectors working all sections of the country, not Ontario alone but all other provinces as well, and they are going to see that the law is strictly enforced.

The number of seconds depends considerably on the condition of the nests. If these are kept clean, the eggs will generally be found clean.

PROGRESSIVES MEET NOVEMBER 18-19 Expect 600 to 1000 Delegates From Various Constituencies of Ontario at Convention.

Plans have been completed for the holding in Toronto of a Provincial convention of the Progressive party in Ontario, it was announced by Hon. Manning W. Doherty, acting leader of the Progressive party in the Legislature.

FULL ENFORCEMENT OF O.T.A. CLAUSES Such is Promise of Premier Ferguson in Letter to Dr. Moore.

In very definite terms Premier Ferguson has set out in a letter to Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore Secretary of the Ontario Plebiscite Committee, that if the Ontario Temperance Act is sustained at the polls the Government will give it vigorous enforcement, and endeavor to strengthen its weaknesses.

"Dear Dr. Moore—I was rather surprised when you intimated to me that some people had suggested that my statement with reference to the plebiscite was not clear and unequivocal. You will remember in the discussion with Mr. Hellmuth, Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Boyce, representing the Moderation League, and Mr. Lees, Mr. John Macdonald and yourself, representing the prohibition organization at the conference with the Attorney-General and myself, it was made perfectly clear that all parties realized that if the people voted for the continuance of the Ontario Temperance Act, the Government would treat it as any other piece of legislation and would strengthen its weaknesses, if any, that might be revealed from time to time, and give it active and vigorous enforcement.

"We were dealing with the question of principle, not a matter of mere verbiage. For that reason I purposely said in my statement that an affirmative answer to the first question would mean the endorsement of the principle underlying the present Ontario Temperance Act. Yours very truly, (Signed) G. H. Ferguson."

MARKDALE GIRL HAS BEEN AWARDED JAMIESON MEDAL

Miss Jean Stewart Gets Gold Medal For Highest Entrance to High School.

Word has just been received from Inspector Wright, that at the recent High School Entrance Examination in South Grey, Miss Jean Stewart of Markdale Public School stood highest in the list of 346 candidates, thus winning the Dr. Jamieson gold medal for 1924.

This year he recommended 12 candidates to write, 11 of whom were successful, 5 of them passing with honours which is 75 per cent. or more of the total marks.

Miss Jean Stewart, who is thirteen years of age, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stewart, of Markdale, and is now a pupil in the High School, where she is much interested in her new work and will likely maintain her high standard. The principles that brought success to Jean were punctuality, regularity of attendance and a most faithful application to her work in school and to the home-work assigned. By following these, she was able to hold during the whole year the highest in the Senior Fourth reports.

ARCHDEACON CROWFOOT HERE LAST SUNDAY Preached Powerful Missionary Sermon in Trinity Church Sunday Evening.—Christian Peoples Must Awaken to Importance of Missions.

The congregation of Trinity Church were favored last Sunday evening by a visit from the Ven. Archdeacon Crowfoot of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, who delivered a powerful missionary sermon to the congregation on the importance of supporting missions, both home and foreign.

The visit of Archdeacon Crowfoot here was but a part of a similar program practiced throughout Huron Diocese last Sunday, when, on order of Bishop Williams the day was set apart as a special missionary Sunday and special preachers provided.

The Archdeacon referred to the millions in India who had never heard of Christ, and referred also to the same conditions in China. He referred as well to the success of the many missions already established in those countries and the good work they were doing, notably in China, where General Feng's Christian army has adopted as its marching song, the well-known hymn, "Bringing In the Sheaves."

Archdeacon Crowfoot paid glowing tribute to the work done by the Anglican missions in the Canadian West, and especially in the far North, where, on Herschell Island, an Eskimo Christian colony has been established.

HIGH SCHOOL INSPECTOR VISITED DURHAM SCHOOL Local Staff Congratulated on Standing of Pupils.

I. M. Levan, Inspector of High Schools, was in town last week inspecting the High School here and, we understand, found everything running satisfactorily and the pupils well advanced in their various studies. His official report, however, has not yet been received by the School Board.

SHOULD SEE THAT NAME IS ON VOTERS' LIST

Last Day for Appeals for Durham Set For October.

The first duty of all citizens who are eligible to vote on the O.T.A. plebiscite next month is to make sure that their names appear on the lists.

There is no use arguing about the respective merits of the two proposals unless you are in a position to support your argument by a vote.

And you can't vote unless your name is on the list.

It does not matter how thoroughly qualified you are to exercise the franchise your name must appear in the official roll before the Deputy Returning Officer will give you a ballot.

Taking it for granted that you are listed is a dangerous proceeding.

At every election names of persons fully eligible are inadvertently omitted.

Many of the victims did not know until voting day that the omissions had been made.

There is no need of you, Mr. Voter, or Mrs. Voter, or Miss Voter, as the case may be, experiencing a similar disappointment on October 23rd.

You have not much time in which to find-out if you are protected by having your name on the list or to have it added, should it happen to be left off.

The necessary machinery is being provided for the correction and revision of the lists, and no person who possesses the necessary qualifications need find himself disfranchised when polling-day arrives.

The plebiscite is Ontario's opportunity to express itself upon a public question of the most vital importance.

No elector should be without the power to actively participate in this expression of the public will.

Following is a list of the last day for filing appeals in Durham and vicinity:

Durham October 4. Dundalk, October 7. Proton, October 7. Glenelg, October 8. Normanby, October 9. Egremont, October 3. Artemesia, October 2.

DEPT. APPRECIATES CHRONICLE EDITORIAL Fire Marshall Heaton Says Information Contained Was Correct.—August and September Had Many Barn Fires in Province.

Last week we referred to the visit of Fire Marshall Pointon to this office, in which he expressed his approval of an editorial in the July 31 issue of The Chronicle on Spontaneous Combustion.

Under date of September 24, the following letter was received from E. P. Heaton, Toronto, Chief Fire Marshal for Ontario:

"On Mr. Pointon's return to the office after investigating the Lorne Allan fire he has shown me a copy of the very excellent leading article in your paper of July 31st, 1924 on the subject of spontaneous combustion, and I cannot refrain from expressing appreciation of the way in which the article is written, and also of telling you that the fears expressed in that article, particularly in the last paragraph, have been absolutely justified by occurrences since then.

"August and September so far have been prolific in barn fires all over the Province. It has not been possible for us to investigate one-fifth of them but those we have in most cases had the clear indisputable marks of natural ignition or spontaneous combustion.

"We have had throughout the Province a little support from the press in bringing home this evil to their readers and your splendid article of July 31st must have had a salutary effect in your district. Please keep up the good work and in the meantime accept our very hearty thanks for the way you have presented the subject in your paper."

THANKSGIVING DAY IS ON NOVEMBER 10TH "The King's proclamation, declaring Monday, November 10, "as a day of general thanksgiving throughout Canada," is published in this week's issue of The Canada Gazette.

PREMIER ANNOUNCES DEATH OF HOME WORK

Regulations Governing Public Schools in Ontario Cut Down by Almost Half.—Onus on Inspectors.—School Boards Enabled to Conduct Local Schools in Accordance With Conditions.

Regulations agreed upon by Premier Ferguson, as Minister of Education, with Dr. Colquhoun, his deputy in this department, and Mr. Merchant, Director of Education, will provide in large measure for the elimination of home work in the Public schools of the Province. The chief item in the list of new regulations, shortly to be promulgated and made effective during the present school term is that in each school day of five and one-half hours, during which the scholars, under their teachers' direction, shall devote themselves to independent work and study.

Relief From Steady Grind "This is for the purpose of relieving the pupils of the steady grind of teaching and giving them a chance to do in school much of the work now done at home," said the Premier, in making his announcement.

The aim is not to eliminate home work altogether. That was never intended, but it will cut down the home work considerably, and provide as much education. That and the changes in the curriculum will make home work much less arduous.

I spent an hour and a half with officials of the department working out this plan, and we finally agreed upon it.

Shorten Regulations Premier Ferguson also announced that he and the department had cut down the number of detail regulations governing the management of Public schools in the province by at least 40 per cent., abolishing most of the obsolete provisions, combining others, and taking the fixed rigidity from still others, so that the local inspectors and school boards will have more freedom in meeting local conditions.

"Heretofore," said the Minister, "all the schools of the province have been operated upon one plan and under the guidance of one set of rules and regulations. Different conditions in different sections of the province have made no difference.

There will now be much more flexibility in the system of engaging teachers, caring for school grounds and school equipment, acquisition of school properties and the purposes for which school moneys may be spent.

Increase Local Powers "These changes will give a much larger degree of autonomy and responsibility to local school boards. These boards will be left with the actual management of their own schools. In the past such management has been largely done by the department, with the boards merely finding the money. Now we are resigning the control we have and will merely assist the boards. Likewise, local inspectors will have more authority than they have had heretofore. They will really have to inspect their schools and see that proper use is made of the extra latitude that is permitted under the new regulations. If they are not satisfactory, we will just get new inspectors, that is all."

Will Please People Mr. Ferguson stated that he knew from representations that have been made to him that these latter changes will please the people of Ontario, especially in rural parts of the province, where many schools and school boards have found it almost impossible to keep their schools open and still comply with the wide variety of detailed regulations.

"There have been regulations about such things even as pictures on the walls," he said. "Forty per cent of the rules have been cut out altogether. The department here now becomes advisory and supervisory instead of managerial in these matters of detail, and the responsibility of district inspectors is increased, perfecting the link between the school unit and the Government."

TEMPERATURES FOR LAST WEEK Thermometer readings made each morning at 8 a.m., and are for the preceding 24 hours. The following are the maximum-minimum temperatures for the week:

Table with 3 columns: Date, Max., Min. Rows for Sept 26-30 and Oct 1-5.

Our sympathies for corkscrew makers may now be dedicated to hairpin manufacturers.

WON FIRST PRIZE AT MILVERTON FALL FAIR

Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Heughan Best Baby in Baby Show.

Word has been received here that the eighteen-months-old baby boy of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Heughan of Milverton was the winner of the first prize in his class at the Baby Show held last Friday at the Milverton Fall Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Heughan are both former residents of Durham, the former being a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Heughan, and the latter a daughter of Mrs. M. M. Marshall, all still residents of this town.

We congratulate the fond parents on the honor conferred upon them and their young child.

BENTINCK SCHOOL FAIR WAS A GOOD SUCCESS

Large Number of Scholars Compete.—Louise, Lamash and Crawford Schools Lead in Parade.

The School Fair for Bentinck township was held at Lamash on Monday of last week and was very successful. There was a good attendance of scholars and parents, and the scholars had a large number of splendid exhibits.

A feature of the Fair was the parade, in which five or six schools participated. First prize went to Louise school, (Miss Fursman, teacher; second prize to Lamash school, (Miss Byers, teacher); and third prize to Crawford school, (Miss Johnston, teacher.)

The Mulock teacher and scholars, while barred from winning a prize because they had won it for three successive years, showed themselves to be good sports by entering the parade anyway.

Mulock school, (Miss Dobie, teacher,) took both prizes for public speaking. Nora Walker won the prize given by Miss Macphail, M.P., for her address on "How we are governed." She will be required to compete later at Flesherton, and if she wins there she will be given a free trip to Ottawa by Miss Macphail, Miss Loretta Mighton won the prize given by Mr. Cooper, Agricultural Representative for public speaking.

Miss Macphail was present and delivered a splendid address.

BRUNSWICK TRIO SUSTAINED REPUTATION

Played to Full House Here Last Week Under Auspices of Red Cross Society.

The second engagement of the Brunswick Trio here in ten weeks was an unprecedented success. They played to a packed hall on Tuesday of last week under Red Cross auspices, and, if possible, added to the reputation gained last 12th of July evening when they appeared under the same auspices.

The personnel of the company, W. N. Spence, bass, P. R. Spence, baritone, and Jock Ballantyne, tenor and comedian, is a perfectly balanced one, and without any question the best troupe ever heard in Durham. The appearance last week of Miss Ruth Fitzgerald, Highland dancer, with the company was also a decided addition and added much to the versatility of the performance.

The Messrs. Spence, in their numbers, captivated the audience, and the whole company in ensemble work left nothing to be desired.

Jock Ballantyne's inimitable comic numbers, kept the crowd in hilarious mood and the general consensus of opinion is that he is the best in his line ever heard here.

Miss Fitzgerald's numbers were in a class by themselves, her Highland dancing being very favorably commended as among the best ever seen locally. And we think that, a Durham audience knows pretty well what constitutes good Highland dancing. We have seen them all, and Miss Fitzgerald's numbers were as good as the best.

Individually and collectively, the Brunswick Trio are about the best travelling vaudeville troupe on the road today and will find a warm welcome in Durham any time they return. Snappy, high-class vaudeville, with not a draggy moment, during the whole two hours and a half, the company put on one hundred per cent more entertainment in their performance than is usually seen in shows of this class, and without a suggestive number on the program.

The Red Cross Society is to be congratulated on the excellent entertainment provided, and we predict that in future concerts they will find it a hard matter to live up to the reputation set last week by the Brunswick Trio.

If a woman loses her hair there is an excuse for a husband to lose his head.

HANOVER JUNIORS LOST TO ST. SIMON'S TEAM

Good Game Witnessed by Big Crowd Thursday At Hanover.—Better Team Won.

The first game in the Junior O. L. A. finals between Hanover and the Toronto St. Simon's teams was played on Hanover grounds last Thursday afternoon. St. Simon's won the game 6-4, and in our opinion were the better team, showing more experience and finish at critical moments, and, with the exception of the second period, displaying better generalship in the most of their plays.

At that, though, the Hanover youngsters gave them a good argument and would, we think, had they been properly coached during the season, have given the Toronto aggregation the go-by in the matter of goals. The fact that six Durham juniors have figured on the Hanover line-up this year has made the event of local interest and a large number from town took advantage of the last summer holiday and attended the game.

St. Simon's opened the scoring in the first period, but shortly afterward Vollett carried the ball in from centre, passed to Elvidge, who scored, the period ending 1-1.

In the second quarter, Hanover literally ran away with the game, and when the whistle blew were on the top end of a 4-2 score, tallying three goals in this session to St. Simon's 1. It was Schutz who started the merry-go-round for Hanover when he carried the ball from his position on the defence through the whole St. Simon's team, and, when in front of the net, passed to another Hanover player, who scored. It was about the most spectacular play of the game.

The third and fourth quarters saw the St. Simon's team tally four goals, three in the third and one in the fourth, while Hanover was unable to reach the net.

"Toots" Harrison of Mimico was referee, and while the crowd got after him on a couple of occasions for favoring the St. Simon's team, we think he was generally impartial and handled the game well.

Though beaten, the Hanover team put up a game battle and made the Torontonians step every minute of the play. The St. Simon's team show the effects of careful coaching, an advantage denied teams in smaller centres, and were able to take advantage of every favorable occasion that arose. They did not have one player on their whole line-up who shone individually, but were collectively trained into one machine, and, with similar opportunities denied them, the Hanover juniors naturally went down to defeat.

The line-up: Hanover—Kress, Dankert, Shutz, Emcis, Brunt, Elvidge, Lauder, Rowe, Vollett, Taggart, Brunt, Boettger and Dennis.

St. Simon's—Moore, Bessley, Kitchen, Kavanagh, Sanderson, Baird, McKinnon, Carrall, Davis, Wallace, Harris, Powell and Lent.

Referee—"Toots" Harrison, of Mimico.

RECEIVED WORD OF DEATH OF SISTER IN WEST Mrs. William Saunders of town received word last week of the death at Brandon, Manitoba, of a sister, Mrs. John Hogeland. Mrs. Hogeland was formerly Miss Flora Munro of Kincairdine.

Smilin' Charlie Says—



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