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Gloves

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Dan McLean

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I wish to notify the Public that I have taken out an Auctioneer's License for the County of Grey, and am prepared to accept calls for Sales at any place in the County.

A past experience of over 20 years' successful service in the Auctioneer's business should be recommendation sufficient, and I only await the opportunity to prove my efficiency.

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Dan McLean DURHAM ONT.

QUEBEC'S NEW KNIGHT

SIR WILLIAM PRICE IS A MAN OF GREAT ABILITY.

He Controls 6,400 Miles of the French-Canadian Province and Employs Five Thousand Men on His Extensive Timber Limits—Descendant of Lumber Kings of the Saguenay.

Ontario is just far enough away from the capital of Quebec for Ontarians at least to be somewhat unfamiliar with the personalities of the leading citizens of the eastern city, says W. A. Craik in Toronto Star Weekly. Compared with the captains of finance and industry who reside in Montreal, those that live in Quebec are comparatively unknown. Take for instance that prominent resident of the ancient capital, who has just been honored with knighthood—Sir William Price. Here is a man whose story is as interesting, whose personality is as striking, and whose power is as widespread as that of almost any other person in the Dominion of Canada, and yet he is a stranger to most people in Ontario.

Sir William Price, descendant of the famous lumber kings of the Saguenay, to-day rules an industrial kingdom of enormous proportions. Through the Price Company, of which he is the president and chief owner, he controls 6,400 square miles of timber limits in the Province of Quebec, the potentialities of which are almost beyond computation; owns outright the lands of five ancient seigniories with a combined area of 300 square miles; operates twelve large saw and shingle mills and two huge pulp and paper mills, and gives employment to five thousand men. Though now under the nominal jurisdiction of a joint stock company Sir William inherited the bulk of this property in his own person fifteen years ago.

The new Quebec knight is the grandson of the founder of the family fortunes. William Price, the first, was an Englishman who came to Canada in 1810 to investigate the possibility of obtaining masts for the British navy from the forests of Quebec. He remained in the colony and embarked in the lumbering industry on the Saguenay River, earning before his death the title of the Lumber King of that famous river. He married a Quebec lady of good family and purchased as a family residence historic Wolfesfield, a fine old mansion and estate just above Wolfe's Cove, which is still in the possession of his daughter.

Three bachelor sons of William Price, the first, continued the business he had established and built it up to large proportions. These were David, William, and John. They were men of diverse temperaments, but in combination they wielded great power. The two first took up their residence on the Saguenay. The third, who outlived them both by several years, managed affairs from the Quebec office. David was a born politician and was respectively member of Parliament, member of the Legislative Council, and Dominion Senator. William became a member of the Quebec Legislature. John succeeded his brother David as a member of the Senate, so that all three had a say in the government of the country.

As the brothers died, they left their interest in the business to the survivor. This happened to be John, who became sole owner of the property in 1883. It thereupon became necessary for him to select an heir, and his choice eventually fell on his nephew William, son of his brother, Henry. This brother had led a wandering sort of life. He had resided for some years in China, where his eldest son was born, and later had engaged in farming operations in Ontario. He finally settled in Toronto, where he died in 1898.

After being educated in England, William Price, the third, entered his uncle's office at the age of nineteen. He started at the bottom and personally mastered all the details of the business, in order to fit himself for the responsibilities which should be his when his uncle passed away. This event occurred in 1898, and the following year the young man, then thirty-two years of age, came into the enjoyment of his splendid heritage.

That Sir William has carried on the best family traditions and has managed the business with efficiency and success is testimony to his ability. He is a man of abundant energy and resource, whose time is filled in with a multiplicity of activities.

Sir William has been chairman of the Quebec Harbor Commission since 1911, and has worked hard to develop the harbor facilities of the port. He is also honorary president of the Union Bank of Canada, and holds office as director of various other companies. His main concern, however, is in the welfare of the varied interests of the Price Company. He keeps an eye on all branches of the business and is constantly on the move.

When war broke out, Sir William threw all his energies into assisting in mobilizing and despatching the first contingent. Those on the inside are fully aware of the share he took in preparing the camp at Valcartier. It is said that he personally took hold of the arrangements at a time when others were proving dilatory, and swept things along with characteristic zeal. Later it was Sir William who took charge of getting the troops on board the transports. For these services he has now received the honor of knighthood.

Better Ask the Bears.

A tourist, traveling in the Canadian Rockies, was introduced to an old hunter who claims to have killed no fewer than four hundred bears. "Bill," said the introducer, "this feller wants to hear some narrer escapes you've had from bears." The old man, rubbing his eyes, looked the stranger over, and said: "Young man, if there's been any narrer escapes, the bears had 'em."

HIT BY CUPID.

Casualties Among Canadians In Britain Were Fairly Heavy.

When a Canadian lieutenant married a charming young French girl in Plymouth within a week after the arrival of the Canadian contingent at that port, war was forgotten by the troops for a moment and tongues wagged about the romance. And when a story appeared in a London paper announcing the wedding of a British-born Canadian soldier to a Belgian refugee, who could speak very broken English, the eternal question of "When will we go to the front?" was discarded for a short space and tongues wagged some more. And again when The Mirror published a photograph of a Canadian alongside of that pretty girl, who had been married after not seeing each other for years, there was more food for talk about romance.

Truly there have been a number of romances since the Canadians arrived in England, but principally among English girls and men who have come back after living in Canada for a time. Judging by the announcements which appear occasionally in London papers, there surely have been a couple of dozen or even more, weddings of soldiers connected with the Canadian expeditionary force.

On visiting the dead letter department in the base postoffice, in charge of Sergeant Ross of London, the other day, it was found that the sergeant was greatly worried. "Now, wouldn't this sort of thing get your goat," said the sergeant to a newly-arrived letter addressed to "one of the Canadian soldiers." "I don't know what I am going to do with such a letter. We get lots just like this one."

The letter was from a widow who is in search of a husband and evidently tired of trying to land one through a matrimonial agency she figured that there may be some brave men among the Canadians. The epistle read as follows:

"London, Dec. 15.

"Dear Friend From— "Would any soldier of the Canadian contingent care to marry a widow with three small children? The writer is quite young, not ugly, but tired of her struggle against big odds, and has for two years supported herself and little ones with her sewing machine, and would like to meet with a homely man who has no relations and about thirty years of age. Looks immaterial if of a kindly nature and lonely. Meeting to be arranged by letter. No photographs handy or I would send one. Answer is strict confidence.

"Sincerely yours,

"Hannah —, Stoke Newington."

"He would have to be a regular hero," said the sergeant. "Three small children and her name is Hannah. Mein Gott."

"I have written to her," spoke up one of the sorters. "And I got a lovely reply. I think there are about half a dozen around here trying to break her heart. It is a crime, that's what it is."

Waterways Commissioner.

P. B. Mignault, K.C., of Montreal, who has been appointed a member of the Canadian section of the International Waterways Commission, filling the vacancy caused by the retirement of Hon. T. Casgrain, Postmaster-General of Canada, is one of the best known and most prominent members of the Montreal Bar and a well-known authority on international law and a distinguished member of the law faculty of McGill University.

The appointment has been approved by the Imperial Government, which is necessary in the case of such international tribunals arising from treaty agreements.

Mr. Mignault was born at Worcester, Mass., Sept. 30, 1854, and is a son of P. B. Mignault, M.D., and Catherine O'Callaghan. He was educated at Worcester, St. Mary's Jesuit College, Montreal, St. Francois Xavier College and McGill University and is a B.C.L., A.M., LL.D. and a K.C., having been called to the Quebec Bar in 1878 and created a Q.C. in 1883. He has practiced his profession with great success in Montreal since 1878 and was syndic of the Bar in 1905, a batonnier in 1906 and was presented with his portrait in oil by the Bar on leaving office in 1907.

Canada's Wheat Area.

The Canadian Department of Agriculture is alert to the supreme necessity of producing next year the largest grain yield in the history of the Dominion. Where farmers, from any cause, are unable to provide their own seed, the Government will see that no acreage remains untilled on this account. The fine weather experienced this autumn in Canada has enabled the farmers to prepare much more than the usual quantity of ground, and this will be an important factor towards increasing the area seeded in the spring. There will be no difficulty in obtaining a market for the crop. To this end the Canadian Government is completing storage elevators as rapidly as possible, and there will be sufficient capacity to provide for the increased yield. Europe will produce comparatively little grain next year, and must, therefore, necessarily look chiefly to Canada and the United States for her supplies. Everything produced on the farm will thus realize an increased price.

Big Patriotic Fund.

According to an audited statement issued recently by the general committee of the Manitoba Patriotic Fund and the Winnipeg Patriotic Fund, there has been subscribed towards this fund up to the end of 1914 the sum of \$891,386, of which \$282,833 has been paid in. Of this amount there was at the end of the year a bank balance of \$39,731.

The families of 1,388 soldiers are at present being assisted, while to date 1,441 families have received assistance from the Unemployment Fund.

GREY COUNTY BREEDERS CLUB

A number of breeders of pure-bred stock congregated at the Department of Agriculture, Markdale, on Saturday, for the purpose of discussing the live stock sales that have been advocated by the Board of Agriculture. The need of a special organization was apparent, consequently our county can now boast of a Grey County Breeders' Club, of which the primary object is to assist in the disposal of surplus stock.

On March 3, the Club purposes holding a sale of pure-bred cattle at Markdale, at which the members will offer only their best animals. President T. L. Mercer and Secretary T. H. Binnie, R. R. No. 2, Priceville, are now busily engaged in preparing catalogues advertising, etc. Any breeder may offer either males or females for the sale, but a full description of pedigrees and animals will be required immediately.

The holding of joint sales, as carried on by Breeders' Clubs, in other parts of the province has been the means of attracting buyers from a distance, and has also greatly stimulated the purchase by local men of good breeding animals. The organization of a Breeders' Club and the holding of an annual sale should certainly strengthen the live stock industry of the county. The following officers were elected:

President—T. L. Mercer, Markdale. Vice-Pres.—J. Boland, Markdale, R. R. No. 4. Sec.-Treas.—T. H. Binnie, Priceville, No. 2.

Directors—R. Brigham, Hanover, No. 1; J. Watson, Priceville, No. 3; R. N. Fowler, Dundalk; G. G. Elliott, Feversham; C. Parkinson, Clarksburg; J. F. Frowlee, Ravenna; R. Batty, Meaford; S. J. McKnight, Epping; W. Sutherland, Walter's Falls; J. McKenzie, Chatsworth; A. Fleming, Kilsyth; L. Boves, Strathairn; T. Scarf, Durham; N. Perdue, Massie.

It is now probable that the troops recruited in Hamilton district will train at the Hamilton Jockey Club.

The Victorian (Australia) State Government has arranged to import a million and a half bushels of Argentine wheat to fulfil milling requirements and enable more locally grown wheat to be used as seed for the next crop.

BORN.

DAVIS.—At Edmonton, Alta. on February 3, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davis (nee Bertha Allen), a son (Arthur Hamilton).

PATRIOTISM & PRODUCTION

Agricultural Conference

under the Dominion Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the Ontario Department of Agriculture WILL BE HELD IN THE Town Hall, Durham Wednesday, February 17th, 1915

3.00 p.m. "THE DUTY AND THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE CANADIAN FARMER" (a) in relation to FARM CROPS WM. SQUIRELL, B.S.A., Associate Professor of Field Husbandry, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. (b) in relation to LIVE STOCK R. W. WADE, B.S.A. Mayor Hunter will preside. 7.30 p.m. In addition to the above speakers JOHN FARRELL, Forest, who has toured the British Isles, and others will address the meeting. Warden Calder will preside GOD SAVE THE KING

CORN CHOP AT SPECIAL PRICES

We have a good stock of CORN CHOP on hand that we are selling in Ton lots at about the same price as Oats, and every Feeder knows that Corn is better feed than Oats for feeding stock. If you want heavy feed get our prices on this feed, as it is good value for the price we are asking for it. We have other good Feed on hand all the time, at prices as low as we can make them. Our terms on Feed are strictly Cash or Grain at market price. We do not give any Credit. If you have Grain of any kind to sell we will pay highest market prices for any quantity of Oats or other Grain at our Elevator. We want empty feed sacks, if you have any bring them in and we will pay you FIVE Cents each for all you bring. We Are Paying from 55c to 60c for Oats at our Elevator PHONES 4 and 26 The Rob Roy Cereal Mills Co. Oatmeal Millers.

PATRIOTISM and PRODUCTION

The Empire's Call to Farmers

"Approximately twenty million men have been mobilized in Europe. A large proportion of these have been withdrawn from the farms of the countries at war. Even in neutral countries large numbers of food producers have been called from the land to be ready for emergencies. It is difficult for us to realize what will be the effect on food production through the withdrawal of several million men from all the great agricultural countries of Europe. These millions cease to be producers, they have become consumers, —worse still, they have become destroyers of food."

HON. MARTIN BURELL, Minister of Agriculture.

Britain must have food—food this year, and food next year. Britain is looking to Canada to supply most of that food. We are sending our surplus now, but we must prepare for a larger surplus this year and next year. Patriotism and Production must go hand in hand

Because of this need of the Empire for more food, and the call to Canada in that need, the Canadian Department of Agriculture has arranged for a series of Conferences throughout the Dominion with the object of giving suggestions as to the best ways of increasing production of the particular

products needed at this time. At these conferences agricultural specialists, who have studied agricultural conditions and production throughout the world, and the best means of increasing agricultural production in Canada, will give valuable information and suggestions to the farmers, live-stock men, dairymen, poultrymen, vegetable growers, and other producers of this country. The Canadian Department of Agriculture urges you to attend as many of these conferences as possible, also to watch for other information on the subject that will be given in other announcements in this newspaper.

ATTEND YOUR CONFERENCE

Put Energy into Production of Staple Foods

The Government does not ask farmers to work harder, so much as it urges them to make their work more productive, and to produce those staple foods that the Empire most needs and that can be most easily stored and transported.

Europe, and particularly Britain, will need the following staple foods from Canada more than ever before:—Wheat, oats, corn, beans, peas, Beef, mutton, bacon and ham. Cheese and butter.

Poultry and eggs. Vegetables, such as potatoes, onions, and turnips.

The larger the yield of these staple food products, the greater the service to the Empire. Germany in the last ten years has doubled the average yield of the majority of her field crops largely through better seed, thorough cultivation and use of fertilizer. And while the Empire's armies are busy putting down German Militarism, let us at home appropriate the best of Germany's agricultural methods for the Empire's advantage.

The Government urges farmers, stockmen, dairymen and other producers to make a wider use of the Free Bulletins issued by the Canadian Department of Agriculture. Clip out, fill in and mail the coupon below and get a list of these bulletins. Then select the bulletins that will be of value to you. Mail your coupon right now. Do not put a stamp on the envelope. Your coupon will be "On His Majesty's Service."

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