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NEWS AROUND TOWN

Live hogs are \$7.30

Gasoline wood-sawing machine for sale at the Foundry.

Keys found.—Owner may have same by paying for this ad.—E. A. Hay, C. P. R. Agent, Durham.

Cutters for sale.—Several different styles, to be cleared at cost Rabb & Cox, Durham

At the Girl Guides' Valentine Tea on Saturday afternoon, about \$20 was added to their funds.

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, and the season of Lent is once more upon us. "Better than Usual" will be the churchman's slogan for the next six weeks.

The bachelors and benedicts of the town are holding an informal dance in the hall to-night. The Miller-Kelly orchestra, of Owen Sound, is supplying the music.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church will hold a social in the basement on Friday evening, the 26th of February. Refreshments and good programme. Admission 10 cents.

Persons having knitting for the Red Cross are respectfully requested to bring or send it to Miss Laura MacKenzie as soon as possible, in order that the work may be forwarded to headquarters.

At a meeting of the Normanby Council held on the 10th inst. a by-law was passed to detach lots 14 and 15 on the second concession and 14 and 15 on the third concession from S. S. No. 14 and attach them to S. S. No. 1

Mr. J. W. Blyth of Varney will have an auction sale on Wednesday, the 3rd of March. It will consist of 7 horses, 25 cattle, 30 hogs, 9 sheep, 70 hens and a lot of ordinary farm implements. Robert Brigham, auctioneer. See bills later, but in the meantime keep the date open.

The Public Library intends to give an entertainment on the evening of St. Patrick's Day. Rev. Mr. Morris has consented to give a talk on Ireland, and Rev. Mr. Whaley to act as chairman. A good musical program will be furnished. The library is an institution deserving of patronage, and as funds are needed to keep it going, we trust there will be a large attendance.

We regret to learn of the illness of Allister Anderson, mail clerk on the C. P. R. out west. He was formerly of Hampden, and for some time a valued correspondent of this paper. We are not fully informed of his ailment, but learn he is in a hospital.

The weather for the past week has been extremely mild, for this season of the year, and quite a considerable portion of the snow has disappeared. There is still plenty left, however, and plenty more cold weather to come before spring opens.

We extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jacob, who mourn the death of their infant daughter, Dorothy Caroline, who died Tuesday night at the age of two months and six days. The remains will leave here to-morrow morning by G. T. R. for interment at Sebringville.

The Holstein-Durham hockey match on Thursday night was another win for the locals, 7-2. The game was not what could be called a good one, for the ice was slow, and practically no combination play was indulged in. Mulvey Cowan was referee, and we don't think Holstein has any kick on the penalties imposed, the Durhams having the only two penalties of the game handed to them for minor offences. For the chance they have, the visitors have a good little team, and with a few good practices under a coach who knows the rules of hockey and will make them play the game, they will develop into much better puck-chasers than they are at present. However, it was a pretty fair game and we will be pleased to see them back with us at some future date.

Farmers grow bigger crops by using Harab fertilizers.—C. Smith & Sons, Agents, Durham, Ont

Fifty cords of hard and soft wood wanted in 18-inch to 4-foot lengths. Apply to C. J. Furber & Co., Durham.

The law now requires that butter wrappers be printed. If you leave your orders at The Chronicle office the work will be done properly and promptly.

Having installed a weigh scale in future I will grind by the hundred, weighing in and out. Grinding every day. G. A. Watson, Priceville, Ontario. 2184

We were told a few days ago that Mr. John Brown, formerly a merchant at Priceville, had died in the west, but the report has not been confirmed.

There was no service in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening, owing to the illness of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Whaley, who was confined to his home with an attack of "nerves." Mr. Whaley conducted the service in the morning, though with some difficulty. Mrs. Whaley, too, has been confined to the house for a few days, but we are pleased to say both are now on the road to recovery.

Fanny Crosby, the blind hymn writer, author of "Rescue the Perishing" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," died on Friday at her home in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Had she lived until the 24th of March, she would have been 95 years of age. She had been married to Alexander VanAlstine, a blind composer, who died in 1902. The deceased authoress was blind from infancy and during her long life composed nearly 6,000 hymns and songs, many of which became famous.

A reception will be tendered Dr. Jamieson in the town hall here to-morrow night, and a cordial invitation is extended to all adults, irrespective of nationality, creed, party or color. To see one of our own citizens elevated to an honorable position should be pleasing to the rest of us. We can give no definite outline of the program, but the Hanover and Durham bands will furnish part of the music, and we understand there will be a couple of talented speakers from outside. Let every adult head for the hall early. All will be welcome.

The Germans threaten to put Britain in a state of blockade by surrounding the tight little island with mines and submarines, to prevent merchant vessels from trading with her. The United States has issued a protest to the Kaiser and tells him to keep away from the Stars and Stripes. Now the Germans are willing, it seems to remove the blockade if Britain will allow them to get food from neutrals. Britain, however, refuses any compromise, and nothing so trifling as a threatened blockade will move her to make concessions. Germany is doomed to defeat, but how long she will hold out against the inevitable is yet to be learned.

The Smith Bros. have received their first shipment of three 1915 model Ford cars. While the main features of the car are similar to those of former years, there are some important differences. In the first place, the last year's price for the five-passenger touring car has been reduced from \$650 to \$590, with an additional reduction of \$40, to be returned to the purchaser provided the number sold between August 1, 1914 and August 1, 1915 reaches 30,000 cars. This year's car is provided with a much stronger magnet, and electric lighting replaces the former system of lighting with acetylene gas. This year a speedometer is provided. Last year, purchasers had to furnish their own, or do without. There is a difference, also, in the wind-shield, and construction of the front, which improves the appearance. The boys disposed of 12 cars last year and are evidently looking to a good season's sales during the coming summer.

OPENING OF LEGISLATURE

The Ontario Legislature was opened Tuesday with all its usual pomp, embellishments and frills. Hon. Dr. Jamieson was elected to the position of Speaker, on motion of Premier Hearst, seconded by Dr. Pyne, and concurred in by Mr. Rowell, the leader of the Opposition. After the newly-appointed Speaker was capped and gowned and the House put in readiness, His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor, read the Speech from the Throne. With deep sorrow and emotion he referred to the death of the late Sir James Whitney, whom he long knew and admired for his exemplary and pure qualities of character. He regarded his death as a great loss, not only to the Province but also to the Empire, to which he was so earnestly and devotedly attached.

He referred to the present war struggle as the greatest in history. He rejoiced in the unanimity of the Canadian Parliament, and of the presence of Canadians at the front, valiantly upholding the traditions and aspirations of the liberty-loving people to support the great bulwark of free institutions over the whole world. Reference was made to the liberal response of the Legislature, and to the assistance rendered to the suffering Belgians. Great obligations devolved on the Canadians to maintain the food supply of the world, and to institute means of supplying labor for the unemployed, to whom the war was the cause of hardships.

Means would have to be adopted to raise money and make up the shrinkage in revenue caused by the war. The address referred also to the compensation Act, the agricultural possibilities of New Ontario, the extension of the Hydro Commission and other matters of public interest.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church will hold a Tipperary Tea and entertainment in the basement of the church on Friday, February 26. Tea served at 6.30. Admission 15c.

Mrs. I. M. Dinner of Napanee, announces the marriage on February 10, of her daughter, Rhena Myrtle, to Mr. Duncan Cameron MacKenzie of Toronto, son of Mr. Duncan MacKenzie of Durham.

A Card.—We the undersigned, hereby agree to sell a package of five standard size 5c. boxes of Silver Tip Silent Matches for 20c. Quality guaranteed.—Alex. McLachlan, J. & J. Hunter. 12176m

It's refreshing to find an occasional farmer who admits that prices are good. We met with one a few days ago who thinks the war is favoring farmers a little more than other classes. Those who complain of low prices for foodstuffs are the ones who don't have to buy them.

The attendance at the agricultural conference yesterday was very small, and if one is to judge by numbers the only conclusion seems that the farmers are indifferent in matters of this kind. The farmers represent the larger body in the community, and conventions of this sort, or indeed meetings of any kind for agricultural advancement, should be the most largely attended. Good practical addresses were delivered by R. W. Wade, B.S.A., of Toronto, on Live Stock, Mr. Wm. Squirrell, B.S.A., of Guelph, on Farm Crops, and Mr. John Farrell, of Forest, on The Labor Question and methods of securing and retaining farm help. The meeting at night was also on Agriculture, in which the speakers of the afternoon endeavored to emphasize the patriotic character of the farmers' work in providing for those who have to do our fighting in the trenches. Mr. Thos. Binnie, B.S.A., rendered a couple of songs that were highly appreciated. As an official report is promised for next week by Mr. Fred Reaker, B.S.A., of the Agricultural Department at Markdale, we shall not go into particulars. Mayor Hunter presided at the afternoon meeting, and Warden Calder in the evening.

STRATEGICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE SUEZ CANAL

When men thought the earth was flat, they believed that Egypt was the centre of the world. Now when they understand that the earth is round, they are no less agreed that Egypt is its commercial, strategical, and political centre.

It is in fact the four corners on the two main roads running from north to south and from east to west. For the one highway between Africa and Asia, and the great highway between the Occident and the Orient cross each other there. Whoever holds that crossing at the end of this war will be the victor.

Napoleon was the first man of modern times to see that Egypt was the greatest prize the sword could win. Caesar, Alexander and the ancient conquerors had made it the keystone in their arch of conquest. The Crusaders, while they battled for the rescue of the Holy Sepulchre, were not blinded by their religious zeal to the worldly advantage of recapturing from the Mahometans the crossroads of trade and power. But Islam hurled them back, and the baffled west sent out Columbus and Vasco da Gama to explore new avenues to the east.

For 500 years Egypt was abandoned to the Arab and the Turk, and all but forgotten by Europe which with the discovery of the Cape of Good Hope was no longer dependent upon the humpbacked ships of the desert. For five centuries a twilight rested upon the land of the Pharaohs and that half a thousand years of Egyptian history is almost as blank as the era of the Pyramid builders.

Napoleon, the Pathfinder
It remained for the strategic eye of Napoleon to penetrate that dusk and to see that Egypt still was the centre of the world. On his return from his Italian triumphs, he found a France victorious on every battlefield and at peace with all the nations of continental Europe. Yet he saw the republic still defied by a little island off in the fog, "like a wart on the face of France," as he said, and Britain shutting the gates of the sea against French commerce.

Receiving from the directory a commission to organize an army for the conquest of England, he went to the shore of the English channel and journeyed from Boulogne to Calais, to Dunkirk, to Furnes, to Nieuport, to Ostend and to Antwerp, but without finding a place where he could leap the moat of the insular foe. Thereupon he resolved to take his army to Egypt, seize the crossroads there, and planting himself between the British and India, capture London in Asia.

Perhaps few of the tourists, while rejoicing in their first white helmets and smoking their Egyptian cigarettes among the palms on the broad porch of Sheppard's Hotel at Cairo, take thought that Napoleon Bonaparte and not Thomas Cook blazed the pathway for them. We have reason to know that fewer still are aware that nearby the hotel, where a European bookseller now has his shop, the long-haired child of destiny made his headquarters, and that just behind Sheppard's, General Kleber was slain by the knife of a patriotic assassin.

Nor do many in the throng of Europeans and Americans on their way by trolley or automobile to the Sphinx and the Pyramids of Ghizeh mark the little grove of date palms, which they see across the irrigated field, as the scene of the Battle of the Pyramids. But it was there, where 40 centuries looked down, that the sword of Napoleon cut the first breach in the barrier with which Islam had so long shut in the people of Asia and shut out the modern world.

Suez and Panama
He conquered Egypt and seized the crossing but his campaign failed because Britain's greyhounds followed him and Nelson pounded his fleet to pieces at the mouth of the Nile. Thus cut off
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