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POTATOES UNDER CONTROL OF NEW MARKETING ACT

All Dealers Must be Licensed Before Buying the Tubers From Farmers for City Retail.

Definite prices have been established in Ontario and the Maritimes as a result of the newly enacted Potato Act of the Ottawa government. Farmers in the Stouffville district, particularly about Ballantrae and Uxbridge Township will follow the workings of the new Act closely and with interest.

No. 1 grade, delivered in Toronto to wholesale dealers on and after Feb. 4, and until further notice, will be as follows: Prince Edward Island Green Mountains, 75 cents per 90-lb. bag; New Brunswick Green Mountains, 70 cents per 90-lb. bag; Ontario Dooleys, 50 cents per 90-lb. bag.

Prices at Hamilton, Stratford, London, Windsor, Niagara Falls and other cities in central and western Ontario will be on the same basis as Toronto plus the difference in freight rates as between Toronto and the cities in question.

Inspection charges will be added to the invoice price and no No. 1 potatoes will be allowed to be sold below prices announced. A reasonable time will be given to clear old supplies of potatoes at hand.

The rules provide, among other things, that every dealer marketing potatoes shall obtain immediately a license from the local office of the board in his district, for which he will be required to pay a fee of \$1.

They provide no dealer may market potatoes in the four Provinces covered by the orders except through agencies established by the board and point out that under provision of the Natural Products Marketing Act, persons breaking the rules may be subject to a fine of \$25 to \$500, imprisonment for not more than three months, or both fine and imprisonment.

Toll on Sales
The marketing agencies are authorized to collect tolls of one-half cent a bushel on potatoes marketed by dealers. The collections must be made on or before the first or fifteenth day of each month, and turned over to the local board in the district.

The rules say no dealer shall market potatoes produced in the four Provinces except under contract of purchase and "at a firm price," and that no dealer shall market potatoes of the Grade E. Canada, No. 2, except for export, and then only subject to a further ruling.

BETHESDA

Our list of sick is getting shorter but has not disappeared entirely yet.

The Trail Rangers will meet at the home of Mrs. Haines on Friday night.

Miss Edith Atkinson is at her home here, after being away for some time.

On Thursday afternoon the W.M.S. will meet at Mrs. Burkholder's.

At the time of writing both Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allin are not feeling very well.

The Hunt family look very sedate as they go through town in their new Ford automobile.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Robinson of Aurora were visiting on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer.

On Tuesday evening, the Young People held their weekly meeting at the home of Miss Anna Bolender.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Foote, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman and Reta of Aurora, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Leary.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Sedorko and sons are leaving this vicinity next week. They intend to reside in Toronto now.

Whitchurch Township Council will meet for general business on Saturday at Vandorf. How about the new council chambers?

On Tuesday, Mrs. Will Burkholder, also Mrs. Clifford Burkholder and Mrs. Arthur Steckley, attended a W.M.S. convention in Toronto.

Where are all the rabbits? A number of our men who went on a rabbit drive through this district last Saturday, were not very lucky in catching many bunnies.

We are very sorry to report that our summer resident, Mr. Clarke, who keeps such a lovely flower garden, is seriously ill at his home in Toronto. We hope that we will be able to publish a more favourable bulletin next week.

'PHONE COMPANIES ADVISED TO SETTLE

The lines are busy over Claremont way over a telephone dispute which may develop into a first-ranking business war.

The Stouffville-Bethesda Telephone Co., of Stouffville and the Home Telephone Co. Ltd., of Markham, have been pretty cool with each other for some time, the Ontario Municipal Board was told the other week. They have been, to say the least, barely on speaking terms. The rival companies took their problem to the board and were given until February 11 to come to an agreement.

Members of the board would not indicate the course that would be taken if the rivals failed to settle their dispute. It was learned there was more than an even chance that in event of failure the board would name Claremont an open district for telephone companies and let them fight it out for the 37 odd subscribers in the place.

Claremont, border-line police village between the main areas served by the rival companies, was served in peace by the two companies for some 25 years through the one switchboard operated by the Stouffville firm.

About two years ago, the records revealed, relations became strained and under order of the municipal board the Home Company was authorized to establish a central office under certain restrictions as to service, which in its application to the board the Stouffville company claimed had been broken by its rival.

They claimed, among other things, that the Home Company, contrary to the order, had taken two of its subscribers. They asked the board to order the Home Co., to remove its telephones.

Get your share of the snaps at Geo. Saunders clearing out sale. Full details on page 8. G. H. Saunders.

MELVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McKay were home over the weekend.

Messrs. B. Gayman and H. Spofford are busy sawing ice for the local farmers.

Miss Marjorie Lehman who is attending Mrs. Harvey Houck during her convalescence was home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sheffer Love returned to their home in Stayner, after having spent a few weeks with their daughter Mrs. P. E. Steckley, of Almar.

The friends of Mr. Jewitt will be delighted to hear of his arrival home in a much improved condition after having spent several weeks in the Hospital at Newmarket.

Social and public functions in this locality have been almost completely paralyzed by the flu. One wonders if it wouldn't be in the best interests of the public at large if such meetings be cancelled during a period such as we are passing through. Certainly if each case were isolated the danger of spreading the disease would be greatly lessened.

Wouldn't it be a good thing if a series of articles relative to the subject be written by one of our local doctors.

A number from this district attended the Christian Church skating party last week in the Stouffville Arena.

Herb Pegg's ice provides good skating this season.

The third new year baby in the neighborhood was born on January 25, being a son to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell.

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Turnip Prices Advance

Turnips are up! R. E. Brown is bidding 12, 13 and 14c bushel for the roots delivered in bulk at Stouffville station. Price range varies according to size and grade. Mr. Brown points out that he does not ask the farmers to do the grading, but employs a number of men at the cars to do this, thus the farmers are able to bring along their turnips in bulk. Last week this paper quoted the local price at 10c, which had advanced before the paper went to press.

Reflecting increased supervision of educational costs by the York County educational committee, the total of county grants to high schools this year will be \$386,562, a reduction, of \$24,795 from last year, according to a report submitted to the county council's present session.

Recommendation that closer contact be established between the various high school boards and the committee by meetings at least once a year of a sub-committee and the boards, is recommended by the committee under the chairmanship of Deputy-Reeve C. C. Downey of Swansea.

The following figures show the steady reduction in per diem costs of the high schools with 1932, 1933 and 1934 figures compared: Aurora, 77.63, 62; Etobicoke, 81.72, 63; Markham, 48, 41, 42; Mimico, 64, 50, 44; Newmarket, 70, 61, 63; Richmond Hill, 67, 62, 62; Scarborough 72, 60, 47; Weston, 69.61, 59; York, 77, 55, 51; East York, 39, 73, 49; North York, 97, 87, 63; Agincourt, 69, 57, 46; Long Branch, 57, 42, 35; Mount Albert, 62, 44, 43; Scarborough, 58, 53, 50; Stouffville, 45, 36, 37; Sutton, 61, 48, 45.

MANSION HOUSE MARKS 60 YEARS ON STATION SITE

The other day we came across a copy of a Toronto Evening Star published in the year 1898 (37 years ago), which made reference to several establishments then thriving in the village of Stouffville.

The Mansion House, which still stands on Main street near the depot was given an historical setting. Although the business done there today is not even a skeleton of that transacted in the olden days, the hotel still stands as a memento of the "good old days." Mrs. Miller, widow of the late Frank Miller, almost lives a private life in the big building, and while she still hangs out the shingle for boarders and travellers, they are few who respond in these days of motor travel, and keen opposition from other eating and sleeping places in Stouffville and the surrounding towns. The article written 37 years ago will be read with interest by our old timers. It says: "For twenty-three years has the Mansion House graced the corner of Main street, next the railroad depot, and for twenty-three years have the Millers, father and son, welcomed their guests. These guests are men whose homes are on the road, or whose business calls them away for shorter or longer periods. It has always been the Millers' policy to make their house as much home as possible.

The house was built about 23 years ago by Mr. Elijah Miller, and five years later it was consumed by fire. Losing all they had in the conflagration, Mr. Miller, nothing daunted, rebuilt, and the fine house stands a monument to his pluck. Mr. Miller the elder is dead these eleven years, and the responsibility of management fell on the shoulders of his son, Frank D. Miller, who is known to the traveling public and his friends in general as a genial host and a good fellow.

The house stands on Main street, near the railway depot; in an emerald setting of greensward, which is dotted with shade trees and beautiful flowering baskets. Its spacious dimensions of three stories will accommodate nearly one hundred guests. It is heated by hot air and water, lighted by electricity, and electric bells are all through the house. The sanitation is good, and every convenience for the comfort of guests this hotel has. The cuisine is above the ordinary, and many people make this their home.

Mr. Miller, with the help of his charming wife, is the proprietor of one of the best hotels of the first grade north of Toronto."

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DEATH TERMINATES LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Wm. Todd was Widow of Former Prominent Business Man

In delicate health for many years, and never able to stand alone for the past six years, Mrs. Wm. H. Todd widow of a former well known business man of this town, passed away suddenly at the family home on Main street on Thursday afternoon, January 31, 1935, almost without warning. Complaining of a violent pain in the head, the doctor was hastily summoned, but she expired within twenty minutes of the attack.

Mrs. William Todd was a daughter of one Robert Trotter, and was born near Kingston, Ontario, over 75 years ago. She was a cousin of the late Mr. Todd's first wife, who was also a Trotter, and who died in her 28th year. She came to live at Goodwood where her young husband was then establishing a thriving carriage building business with blacksmithing in connection. Later they moved to Stouffville where they became leaders in the business and social activities of the community.

Mr. Todd died six years ago in November, and since that time Mrs. Todd steadily declined, although she put up a valiant fight to resist the devastating ravages of rheumatism. This, coupled with the devoted care lavished on her by her step-daughter Miss Gertrude, prevented her from becoming entirely confined to her bed. So long as she was able to appear down stairs in her home, Mrs. Todd delighted to be in the society of her friends, and it can be justly said of her that she was a charming hostess. Mrs. F. L. Button and Miss Gertrude, step daughters, are the surviving members of the family.

The funeral on Saturday afternoon was private, and took place from the late home to Uxbridge cemetery for interment. Rev. Thos. Laidlaw, United Church pastor paid fitting tribute to the life and character of deceased, referring to her interest and support in the various activities of the church which never waned in her declining years. The floral tributes, too, bore silent testimony, of deep love and respect for deceased and the family.

The pall bearers were Messrs. E. Marshall, Dr. H. B. Freal, J. K. Agnew, Robt. Leslie, E. A. Button, and S. W. Hastings.

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