

NEWS GATHERED OVER NEAR COUNTIES

Frontenac

ARDEN.

Feb. 10.—The "neck tie" social held in the hall on Monday night, was a success. Harry Alexander is visiting his parents here. Mrs. R. Crozier has gone to Newburgh on a visit. The meeting of the quarterly board was held in the church yesterday afternoon, and afterwards the Ladies Aid tea at the parsonage. A goodly number were present.

CANONTO.

Feb. 13.—The farmers are hauling pulp and ties to the siding. Lawrence Bros' camp has closed for the season. Mrs. Charles Davis has moved to her home in Cottage street after spending the winter with her mother, West Ompah. Joseph Laroque spent Sunday at his home in Lammersmoore. David Napier is recovering from his recent illness. Mrs. F. S. Jackson, "Maplehurst Farm," is ill. Mr. Umpherson passed through the village on a business trip last week. Mrs. Conway is the guest of her brother, James Campbell.

MYER'S CAVE.

Feb. 11.—The roads are in very good condition after the severe snow storm of last week. The stage driver was unable to make his usual trip to Arden on Wednesday last, on account of the bad roads. A number of men are engaged drawing wood for the mines. Charles MacGregor and William Young have returned home from Kingston. Mrs. John McCausland is spending a few days visiting friends around Yarker. Mrs. T. D. Perry, and son, Oscar, spent Sunday last at D. Weese's. Joseph Davey, of Newburgh, passed through here yesterday enroute to Plevna.

ALLEN, WOLFE ISLAND.

Feb. 13.—Farmers are drawing pressed hay to Kingston. A number from here attended the ice races at Cape Vincent, last week. The remains of the late Mrs. Joseph McDonell, who died in Chicago, on Monday last, arrived here on Wednesday. The funeral took place from the residence of her brother, John O'Brien, Lawrence, on Thursday morning to St. Mary's church, Marysville, where a requiem mass was sung by Rev. Father McNeill. The remains were placed in St. Mary's vault. Deceased is survived by her husband and two sons, her father, four sisters and two brothers.

Mrs. D. McDonald, who was at the Hotel Dieu, Kingston, for treatment, has arrived home much improved in health. Mr. and Mrs. H. Eaford, are visiting on Carleton Island.

WILLOWBANK.

Feb. 12.—The farmers are getting fire wood up while the snow lasts. J. Cowan and George Haig are still drawing stone and sand to Gananoque. Ferguson and Williams Lindsay both lost valuable horses. W. McNinch lost a cow last week. A good many of the people attended the St. Andrew's tea-meeting on Tuesday night. Tuesday night the Methodists of St. Lawrence Church, Pittsburg, are holding their annual tea. David Clement, sr., was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Roseet, McNinch on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jackson are spending the winter with relatives in this section. An enjoyable social was held at Thomas Maxwell's last week, and the large house was crowded. A tidy little sun was made. Robert Jackson and family will be moving back to the farm early next month, after spending the winter in Gananoque.

BATTERSEA.

Feb. 10.—A number from here attended the convention held at Seely's Bay on Friday, February 5th. On Sunday, February 14th, reports will be given by the different delegates in the Methodist church. J. Sears is here visiting his mother, Mrs. John Sears. Mrs. T. B. Le, Kingston, is visiting her son, F. W. Ball. Mrs. Frederick Mathews is visiting her mother at Elgin. Rev. Mr. Stewart

had a small bee drawing wood this week. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miller, a son. The monthly meeting of the Ladies Aid Society was held at the home of Mrs. Christopher Lake, on Wednesday, February 3rd, with about twenty-five present. The regular business meeting was held, after which tea was served and a pleasant evening was spent. On Sunday evening, January 31st, during the service in the Methodist church, about thirty new members joined the church, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Rev. Mr. Stewart.

CATARAQUI.

Feb. 11.—Miss Jessie Nicol is visiting friends in Montreal. A number from here went out to Eginburg on Wednesday evening and assisted at a patriotic concert. W. J. Merriman has sold his farm to Mr. Sharpe, of Mount Chesney. Mr. Merriman has purchased from W. Gordon the property at Latimer to which Mr. Gordon has recently moved. Worden Edwards left today on the hockey excursion for Montreal. H. Purcell has gone back to Saskatchewan. Mrs. Purcell will follow later in the spring. J. Baker had a horse severely hurt by being kicked during the night in the stable. Mr. and Mrs. Brebner, Kingston, were visitors in the village this week. Mr. Farly made a short trip to Toronto last week. Many of the residents are filling their ice houses. R. Curran has been confined to his home by a severe cold. Mrs. E. Ely, has gone to the city to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. F. Pringle. Mrs. Ide and children, accompanied by her sister, Miss Evelyn Kiser, has returned to her home in Watertown, N.Y.

Leeds

LONG POINT.

Feb. 8.—Ira Bevins returned, yesterday, from Marble Rock, where he has been ill at the home of his daughters, Mrs. Andrews. He is somewhat improved. Mrs. Phillips Kelsey, who has been ill, is better. Mrs. Arthur Stack is also improving. Mrs. James Daley is quite ill. Some from here, attended the revival meetings in Athens on Sunday. Miss Jessie Johnston, Lyndhurst, spent the week-end at Richard Singleton's. Mrs. Michael Foley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fodey, Nelson Fodey and Miss Norah Fodey visited at Arthur Stack's on Sunday. Many from here attended the hockey game played by the Lyndhurst and Seely's Bay team in Lyndhurst on Saturday.

ELGIN.

Feb. 12.—James F. Earl and bride have returned from their wedding to Toronto. Dalton Halladay, Athens, spent Sunday in the village. Miss E. Sullivan, Cedar Valley, was home over Sunday. Miss Stella Coon, has returned from Toronto. H. H. Pearson, is preparing to erect a new barn in the spring. Arthur Kelle still continues very low. Small hopes are entertained for his recovery. J. B. Pinkerton, Winnipeg, has returned to the village. Miss Smith, Brighton, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Oscar Hall. Miss Mary Carty, has returned from spending a short time at Westport. In honor of her coming marriage, Miss Ella Ruthven was tendered a miscellaneous supper by her many friends at the home of Mrs. L. Chapman, on the 6th inst.

JUNETOWN.

Feb. 13.—Miss Cassie and Eula Tennant visited friends in Rockfield last week. Miss Fern Warren recently visited her sister, Mrs. W. Sheffield, Athens. Miss Orma, Portuase, Athens, spent the past week with her parents here. Horn, on Feb. 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Andrews, a Monday for Toronto to attend the millinery opening. Mrs. M. G. Heribson has returned from visiting her children at Redwood and Plevnia, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Green, Brockville, are guests of his parents here. Mrs. Roy Acheson, of Brockville, is visiting her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. George Green, Miss Annie Scott, Gananoque, was a guest this week at Herbert Scott's. W. H. Franklin is in Athens today attending the Bee-keepers convention. Morley Sheffield, Athens, was guest at Jacob Warren's on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Anson Andrews, Rockport, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. N. Ferguson. Newton Scott was in Gananoque on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. John Heribson are this week visiting friends at Redwood, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Warren, Rockfield, visited at Jacob Warren's on Sunday. William Inkens and family, Mallorytown, have moved here. Robert Littlejohns, Blenheim, visited friends here on Sunday last.

WASHBURN'S CORNERS.

Feb. 12.—A number from here attended the sale at L. Steacy's on Tuesday. Mr. James of Almonte, visited friends here on Monday last. Mrs. Joshua Moulton, is visiting friends at Seely's Bay. Mrs. W. Flood and children are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Earl. Rev. W. G. Suave, Athens, is attending the regular deacons of Leeds meeting at Lyn this week. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. McCormack, Avonhurst, Sask., were visitors in Athens recently. J. S. Stinson, after spending several weeks with his parents at Athens, returns this week to resume his duties as manager of a business firm in Bassano, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Barber left for their home, at Killarney, Man. On Monday an explosion of an acetylene plant in the store of W. A. Bell, Delta, resulted in that gentleman being severely burned about his face and hands. The flames were extinguished before much damage was done to the stock or the building. Mrs. T. Barrington, Cutlark, Montana, and Mrs. W. Kilburn, Macklin, Sask., have returned to their homes after a visit in Athens on Sunday. Mrs. M. Mackay, Smith's Falls, has regained her health and expects to be able to resume her duties next week on the teaching staff of the Athens high school. Miss Pearl Stevens, Fairfield, was a visitor in Athens recently. The farmers here are drawing logs, wood and lumber. Ogil Webster has leased L. Tackaberry's farm and will take possession in the near future.

Prince Edward

WELLINGTON.

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Friday trying to purchase a suitable horse for himself and parents, but none was for sale, and there are no vacant houses to rent. Report says that the Dominion Canners will not run their business here next season. William McQuoid is dangerously ill at his home. Jonas Lloyd is confined in the house through illness. Mrs. Wilson, niece of Mrs. F. R. Burlington, and who is making her home with Mrs. Burlington, is for a couple of weeks at Toronto. Dr. Young, of Malloville, was in town, the guest of his father, George H. Young on Friday. Roy Fitzgerald and wife, also Mr. Greer and wife, all of N. W. T. are spending the winter at their wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Peters, of Stevens, of Buffalo, president of the Sand Bank Brick company, is in town.

Hastings

TWEED.

Feb. 13.—This promises to be one of the best years for business in the history of the Hub factory. Never before has timber posted in it such abundance from all sides. The timber yard is already filled to its utmost capacity. Messrs. James Lawrence and William McCoy have purchased residential building sites on South Victoria street, and are preparing to build in the spring. Albert Logan is about ready to start building a grand residence on West Isic street. He has the material all upon the ground preparatory to starting. Owing to the illness of Stephen Kinlin, of this place, his two sons, Stephen, Trenton, and William, Ottawa University, and two daughters, sisters in the House of Providence, Kingston, are summoned to his bedside. E. Treado, general merchant, of Stoco, was delegate to the C.M.B.A. convention held at Kingston on Tuesday of last week. On Wednesday of last week a little boy came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kaskaw.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized in St. Edmund Church, Sugar Island, on Wednesday last, the contracting parties being Mrs. Edward Kelly and J. Delors, both of Stoco. The marriage service was performed by Rev. Fr. Quinn, pastor of Tweed and Stoco parishes. All are pleased to have James Murphy, Jr., once more here and looking fine, notwithstanding his recent illness of typhoid. The "AT Home" given by the Tweed hockey club in the village hall last night was largely attended. The music was first-class. J. M. O'Brien, of Erimaville, made this place a business visit last week. The Gen Theatre here is doing a profitable business under the able management of the proprietor, Thomas Donohue. P. Hart returned home to-day after a five-weeks' trip west, where he and L. Ketcheson have been engaged in the hog business. Dr. George Clinton, provincial health officer, will visit Tweed Wednesday, 17th inst., with the object in view of educating the public in the prevention of disease. The meeting is to be held in the Orange hall.

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Rockefeller Foundation Investigators Find Strong and Healthy Nation of 7,000,000 in Enforced Idleness.

New York, Feb. 15.—Belgium's population has been reduced by about 600,000 as a result of the war and her condition presents a situation without parallel in history, says a report issued to-night by the Rockefeller Foundation from its War Relief Commission sent to investigate the effects of the war upon non-combatants. It is the first report from this commission, which went to Belgium last November.

After detailing how means of transportation, communication and banking exchange have been destroyed, commerce and industry paralyzed, homes and other buildings laid low, the agricultural districts devastated and the food supply virtually cut off, the report says: "Yet if one is to understand the Belgium problem it is perhaps necessary to emphasize not the destitution of a few hundred thousand, but the sudden enforced idleness of a strong and healthy nation of 7,000,000."

"This is what makes the Belgium situation a thing without a parallel in history."

After stating that there are 320,000 Belgian refugees in Holland and 100,000 in England, the report says

that the number of people who are still in Belgium but who have been driven out of their homes has not yet been estimated. The army, it says, has drawn off 259,000 men.

Of the destruction of homes and property the report says: "We found people living in cellars under the ruins of their homes, in lofts over the cow stalls; saw children that had been born in heneeps and learned of one man who considered that he was doing well when the population of his stultury house was reduced from twenty-two to eighteen refugees."

The destruction of stock is of greater importance than the destruction of houses, the report declared. "The country is pretty well cleaned of horses and oxen," it continues. "The armies have not refrained entirely from requisitioning milk cows. The peasants are in the greatest terror that the few animals that remain in their hands may be taken. They are therefore, killing them and disposing of them for what they can get."

Regarding the agricultural situation, the commission found that autumn planting has somehow been done, and that Belgium may possibly continue to raise most of her own potatoes, fruits and fresh vegetables. "No one is calculating beyond the next harvest, and much reckoning indicates that a harvest is expected," the report says. "Everybody is trying to help everybody else."

"In France we found that it was clearly the policy of the German occupation, behind the fighting lines, to promote the planting of next year's crops and to spare milk cows and breeding animals. It would naturally be the policy of the German occupation in Belgium to encourage the raising of foodstuffs."

In connection with the destruction of houses and property, the report says that no estimates can be obtained of the total either of the military requisitions and levies, or of the destruction of property, but that this total must be enormous. "A number of places and in large towns like Louvain and Malines, where there was fighting or wholesale burning, it appears that nearly all the remaining houses have been looted," the report says.

The population, the commission reports, is denied the use of the telegraph and telephone, and there is no mail or other means of communication with the outside world except through German channels. The collapse of the banking exchange, the commission found to be due to the fact that reserves of coins and negotiable securities were removed in advance of the invasion. "German requisitions are paid for, not in money but by receipts which are said to be often of the most informal sort," the report declares.

Toronto Street Market.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Wheat, \$1.57; wheat, 68c to 70c; barley, 55c to 56c; buckwheat, 45c; rye, \$1.10 to \$1.20; peas, \$1.75 to \$2.00; hay, timothy, No. 1, \$25.00 to \$25.00; hay, mixed, \$18.00 to \$20.00; straw, bundled, \$17.00 to \$18.00; straw, loose, \$15.50 to \$16.00; eggs, new-laid, dozen, 35c to 40c; butter, salt, 30c to 34c; chickens, dressed, lb., 18c to 19c; ducks, dressed, lb., 15c to 16c; turkeys, dressed, lb., 22c to 25c; geese, dressed, lb., 14c to 15c; potatoes, 45c to 70c.

At Copper Cliff, Ont., it has just been announced that the Canadian Copper company, the largest producer of nickel in the district, will immediately reopen its No. 2 mine, and the Crown Hill mine.

At Watertown, N.Y., Mrs. Dennis E. Guilfoyle, wife of Undertaker Guilfoyle, was painfully hurt Sunday afternoon when she was twice attacked viciously by a pet St. Bernard dog.

A number of overseas training depots for each branch of the service are to be established by the militia department.

There was some talk in Ottawa, today, of suspending night sessions of parliament.

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