

# CROP BULLETIN

## April Agricultural Conditions in Ontario.

### THE NEW FALL WHEAT

#### WAS NEVER MORE PROMISING IS THE REPORT.

There Will Be A Substantial Gain In The Quantity of Most of the Commodities Raised This Year On Ontario Farms.

The following information regarding agricultural conditions in the Province is contained in a bulletin prepared by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, based upon information furnished by a large staff of correspondents under date of April 1st:

#### Wintering Crops.

Reports of correspondents in November described the new fall wheat as never more promising, there being a good growth and a much increased area. The fields were well protected by snow until the middle of March, when in many sections they became comparatively bare, and suffered more or less from adverse thawing and freezing, cold winds, etc., causing some heaving and considerable browning of the top. The hope was entertained, however, that warm rains and good growing weather later on would revive these more backward fields, as the tops only seemed affected. Late snow fields are the least promising. At present there is no cause for anxiety as to the condition of the main crop. Clover did not make a good catch last year, especially in the eastern portion of the Province, owing to the unusually dry summer, and as a consequence new fields were not so well prepared for the coming spring weather. More or less heaving has occurred in every district, and while a number of correspondents report fields as giving good promise the prospects of the crop, taken as a whole, are not so encouraging as might be desired. However, favorable spring weather may yet put a brighter face on the situation.

#### Orchards And Small Fruits.

Fruit trees so far have not suffered much from the winter, especially where care has been given to the orchards. A few complaints have been made of injury to peach buds in some localities in South-Western Ontario, but so far the peach orchards of the Niagara peninsula have been practically unscathed from this cause. Several reports were made of girdling of young fruit trees by rabbits and mice, more especially in the county of York. Fruit bushes have come through the winter in good shape, but some correspondents speak of injury to strawberries from severe open weather in March where not mulched.

#### Live Stock.

The wintering of live stock, owing to the light hay crop and the poor summer pasture of last year, depended largely upon ensilage, straw, roots and other roughage, of which, happily, there was more than an average supply, as many farmers were chary in using grain owing to the high prices prevailing during the winter. Class horses have come through in generally good shape, although a number of minor cases of distemper have been reported. Working horses particularly are said to be in excellent fettle, although perhaps not so heavy as usual, as owners have in most cases been sparing with feed. Cattle also have come through the winter in fair condition—healthily but somewhat thinner than might be desired owing to the high price of grains and mill feeds. All ailments have been of local nature, no serious outbreak of diseases being reported. Fat cattle were picked up in large numbers in the fall—some of them rather unfinished—especially in those counties near the border; but in some sections a fair supply is yet on hand. Store cattle are not so plentiful as usual, and graziers are anxious to get them on the grass owing to the scarcity of hay and the high value of grain. Many of these animals are younger than usual, and some correspondents point out that, owing to the large number of milk cows now in use grazing cattle are tending more toward the dairy type. It is also stated that farmers are holding on to their cows in the dairy counties owing to the good prospects for cheese, and that more calves are being retained than formerly. Sheep have wintered better than any other class of live stock. They are doing well, and lambs are coming strong. The dread of the dog, however, is very apparent in reports of correspondents, and it acts as a

brake on the sheep industry of the province. Hogs have been kept thinner than usual, but it is said that they have suffered less from crippling than for several winters past. The high cost of grain has caused many animals to be turned off in a somewhat unfinished condition. A few spring pigs have died but no serious disease is at present affecting swine.

# TWENTY MASKED MEN

## HELD UP FREIGHT TRAIN NEAR BUFFALO, N. Y.

And Got Away With \$50,000 Worth Of Silk—Engineer Escaped On Locomotive And Secured A posse.

(Special to the Whig.) Buffalo, N.Y., April 13.—Twenty masked and armed men held up a New York Central freight train near Buffalo, fifteen miles from this city, early this morning. They uncoupled the engine and ran it a quarter of a mile down the tracks and kept the train crew covered while the cars were looted. Ten big automobile trucks were in waiting and were filled with stolen goods.

Engineer Goss, Syracuse, N.Y., who was running the train, escaped from his guard and ran down the track with the robbers firing at him. He reached the Suspension Bridge, eight miles away, secured a posse of detectives and was back on the scene within half an hour.

Hundreds of armed men began scouring the country for the robbers, but none of them have been arrested. Several shots were fired at the crew.

The autos came in the direction of Buffalo and a call for help was sent to this city. The train is the most valuable freight train that is run over the N.Y.C. line. It is taken over from the Boston and Albany and is destined for Chicago and other points west.

It is estimated by railroad officials that the stuff stolen by the robbers, mostly silk in bolts, is worth \$50,000.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# OBITUARY

## Death of Pontypool Lady.

On Wednesday night the death occurred of Miss Annie Staples, daughter of the late Henry Staples. She was born at Pontypool, forty-four years ago, but for some time she had been confined to the hospital undergoing treatment. The remains were transferred by James Reid & Company, undertakers, to Pontypool on Thursday morning at 11.15 o'clock aboard the C.P.R. train. Captain Stalker accompanied the remains.

## WALT MASON'S POEMS.

The Whig is now publishing daily, on page four, one of Walt Mason's prose poems. There has been no newspaper feature in many, many years so popular throughout the United States and Canada as this. The whole has some humor, the homely philosophy and the spirit of cheerfulness that breathe from each poem find a response in every heart.

There are thousands of people who are retaining these poems in scrap book style, clipping them out each day from the paper as they appear. They are well worth preservation, and we pass this idea along to our readers.

## TREASON OF PRISON WALLS.

(Continued from Page 1.) had been employed to do this work by Col. McNeill without the knowledge of any member of the government. Col. McNeill never should have appointed him and Mr. Foster never should have accepted the appointment. It was most unfortunate and regrettable thing. But having undertaken the duty it developed upon a M.P. above all other men to see that the most scrupulous account was kept of all money. But the evidence showed that he did not keep such an account. There was \$70,000 at the present time not really accounted for.

## Threat Of Penitentiary.

In the Public Accounts Committee said the Premier, men had stood up and stated that they knew they were defrauding the Government and rejoiced in it.

"If the law of the country," said the Prime Minister, "permit restitution to be enforced it will be enforced and if the laws of the country permit of walls of the penitentiary enclosing these gentlemen they will go there. The Government would continue further investigation into the horse deals, the Premier said.

In connection with the resolution urging a better system of purchase and audit the Government would see to it that legislation be introduced to make any improvements thought necessary should be framed.

The Prime Minister declared that there had been a great deal of exaggeration connected with so-called friends. The Premier went on to state that printing had now been laid down in the Department and direct from the manufacturers and to eliminate the middleman, also to do away with Canadian agents of American firms. The Minister of Militia had stated that this practice had never departed from him. "If any man in Canada permits fraud," said the Premier, "and is so concerned in connection with war contracts, let him remember that the doors of the penitentiary are yawning for him.

The Prime Minister expressed dissatisfaction with Messrs Garland, M.P., Carleton, and Potter, M.P., Kings, for their connection with the Powell drug contract and the King's County horse deals respectively, and while he declared that further investigation would be made, the Premier announced that a Commission of three of the best business men in the Dominion would in future take charge of all war purchases.

After the Premier's statement Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke for a few minutes before the adjournment for luncheon. He said the Opposition had never looked an investigation in power as insinuated by the Premier. As for the present investigation, the Committee had merely scratched surface. There were many things that should be investigated.

The Militia Department should have known it was the Member of Parliament for Carleton and not his employee they were dealing with. The Premier said Sir Wilfrid, made the mistake of taking credit to himself for the investigation, whereas public opinion was such it would have been fatal an criminal had there not been an investigation.

## W. L. GRIFFITHS JOINS.

The Official Journalistic Tour of The Allies' Lines. London, April 15.—Sir George Perley states that W. L. Griffiths, secretary to the Canadian High Commissioner's Office, has joined the official journalistic tour of the Allies' lines, not as a substitute for Sir Max Aitken, but as a member of the tour. Sir Max is the eye-witness for the Canadian troops only, but the British authorities, through Sir George Perley, have invited the Dominion Government to send a journalist to cover the general movements. In the meantime, Sir George has persuaded Mr. Griffiths to undertake the duty, representing Canada on the tour now being started.

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## The Battle of Uszok Pass is Still Raging

London, April 15.—The battle of the Uszok Pass is still fiercely raging, the fighting favoring the Russians, who capture thousands of prisoners, and are steadily advancing. The conflict chiefly centres around the summits of the Uszok Pass, which are still in the hands of the Russian troops. East of the Uszok Pass the Russians captured a village and are threatening the Austrian right in the region.

In Bukovina and eastern Galicia the Austrian offensives have failed, and the German attacks on Kozoukwa have so far met with no success.

## REFUSES TO PAY BULGARIA.

Paris, April 15.—Germany has failed to pay Bulgaria the portion of the loan she agreed to remit April 1st, according to a Sofia special to the Petit Parisien which says it is believed Germany distrusts the Bulgarian attitude and suspects she already has decided to join the Allies.

When it was announced in February that negotiations had been completed for a loan of \$30,000,000 to Bulgaria by German and Austrian bankers, it was stated that no political conditions were attached to the arrangement, but that it was regarded as significant that Bulgaria had reduced the proffer of a similar loan made several months before by the powers of the Triple Alliance.

## First Baptist Church.

The First Baptist Church held its annual business meeting on the evening of April 7th, when the election of officers took place and the financial statements were presented. In spite of the dull times and the many extra expenses incurred during the year, treasurer reported a deficit of only \$25.

On Wednesday evening a meeting was held at which brief reports were given from the many departments of work. All were encouraging and showed the church to be full of activity.

## In A Serious Condition.

Timothy Lawrence, who was injured in a runaway accident at Spadina on Monday afternoon, is in a very serious condition and small hopes are held out for his recovery. Mr. Lawrence's head was badly gashed and bruised, requiring twenty stitches to close the wound. His daughter, Luella, who was driving with him escaped injury by jumping from the vehicle.

Information has reached Geneva tending to confirm the reports that Emperor William paid a visit late last month to Emperor Francis Joseph.

Men Ladies! You can surely have lots of charming hair. Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any drug store or toilet counter and try it.

Rev. Dr. William Patterson arrived from Belfast to take charge of Cooke's church, Toronto.

# OBITUARY

## TO FIGHT WITH BRITISH.

Young American Student Quits Studies At Columbia. New York, April 15.—William R. Gwathmey, a twenty-two-year-old son of Dr. James Taylor Gwathmey, a surgeon, disappeared three weeks ago from his room in Livingston Hall, Columbia University, where he was searched was conducted by Dr. Gwathmey, and it ended yesterday when letters from the young man, written in a training camp for British soldiers in England, came to his father.

Young Gwathmey wrote that he had tired of his studies, had offered his services to Great Britain, and had been accepted on condition that he take the oath of allegiance to the King and present his birth and baptismal certificates.

The boy asked his father to send on the necessary documents at once. While he did not say so, he wrote in such enthusiastic terms about the commission he was expecting in the Ninth Royal Irish Rifles, that Dr. Gwathmey concluded that his son had decided to swear allegiance to King George and renounce the United States citizenship.

While the situation was far from pleasing to his father, he finally decided that there was no possible way to make effective protest or to prevent his boy from becoming a British soldier.

Dr. Gwathmey, who makes his home at the New York Athletic Club, had started his son out to follow his own footsteps in the medical profession.

The letter received by him indicated that his son crossed the ocean as a stowage passenger. The father said it was disappointing to him to read that one soldier in every seven was being killed or crippled, but that if the boy should come through all right it would be an experience for him worth while.

## VON HINDENBERG'S VIEWS.

Talks Of Kitchener's Army As "Just a Uniform Crowd." Berlin, by wireless to London, April 15.—General von Hindenberg is quoted as having said the following to a neutral correspondent: "Kitchener has a million soldiers, but no real army. He has just a uniformed crowd. The officers and non-coms lack the experience of German officers, who have generations of military training behind them."

And, speaking of the Russian soldiers: "Nobody need fear the Russian's superior numbers. It is an old story that numerical superiority does not decide battles. At Tannenberg the Russians were threefold as strong as the Germans, but nevertheless we annihilated them."

"We have observed many unflinching signs that the Russians are becoming exhausted. Their war material is being terribly wasted. The manner in which they fight indicates clearly that the war cannot last long."

The Field Marshal, continuing, said that the Russian soldier is a good fighter, but his bravery is in consequence of his blind obedience to the orders of his superior officers. The Russians learned important lessons in the Russo-Japanese war, the Marshal continued, especially in trench digging, but outside the trenches they fare badly.

## FINN \$12,000 IN CORSETS.

Printer Falls Lifeless Carrying Fortune While Crossing Bridge. Menominee, Mich., April 15.—Miss Louise Stebinger, aged forty-five linotype operator on the Herald-Leader, dropped dead of heart failure while crossing the Menominee river bridge.

Stock certificate bonds and a bank book showed \$12,000 in a Chicago bank were found in her corsets. A sister in Keokuk, Ia., is said to be the only heir.

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# Senate Amends The Soldiers' Franchise Bill

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, April 15.—The bill to extend the franchise to soldiers was passed by the Senate to-day in its amended form. The most important amendment adopted was on the lines proposed by Hon. William Pugsley in the Commons provided that before the bill comes into effect the consent of Lord Kitchener, Secretary of War in the British Government, must be secured.

Another amendment provides for the appointment of six scrutineers, three representing each party, to supervise the taking of the vote at the front. It is not known yet whether or not the Government will accept the amendments.

Woman began her career as a rih: now she is the whole umbrella.

# Try This If You Have Dandruff

There is one sure way that never fails to remove dandruff completely and that is to dissolve it. This destroys it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces of plain, ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

By morning, most if not all of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it, no matter how much dandruff you may have.

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