FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE

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VENNACHAR

August 4th. — At the home of the bride's parents in the presence of about 200 invited guests, John D. McPherson, Matawatchan, and Miss Jennie E. Bebel were married by Rev. Hugh McLane, of Matawachan. The many valuable and useful presents showed the esteem the community hold for the bride and groom. Miss Gladys, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and Mr. McPherson, Matawatchan, brother of the groom, as best man. The many friends of Pte. Roy Bebie, of the 146th, training at Valcartier camp, were very glad to meet him again, with his family, and give him a hearty hand shake. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Pennock, Hardwood Lake, formerly of this place, were callers at the busy corner today, en route to attend the wedding.

COLE LAKE

Aug. 4.—Everything is burning up for the want of rain. An enjoyable time was spent at St. Andrew's Lake on Tuesday in honor of Privates Stanley and Gerald Ball, who have returned from Valcartier for a few days. George and John Mason are visiting at J. K. McMahon's. A number from here attended the Masonic funeral of J. Switzer, Sydenham. T. Fitzgerald had a serious accident while loading hay. The horses took fright and ran away, demolishing the wagon and slightly injuring his son, Jack, who was thrown off. Miss Alice Giles, Godfrey, and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sills, Sydenham are at J. E. Campbell's. Pte. Gerald Ball at A. Kennedy's. Mr. and Mrs. V. Kirkham spent Sunday at Wagarville. Mrs. G. H. S. Campbell and family are visiting her mother, Mrs. G. J. Kennedy. Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Campbell are at H. Yorke's, Tamworth. Cleland Ellison and Misses Smith, Pakenham, at C. W. Ball's; Mr. and Mrs. John Percy at Mr. Hartman's; Mrs. J. E. Campbell spent the week-end in Kingston; Edward Kennedy at C. Ball's; Mrs. A. E. Harten spent a few days at Tichborne; Roy Butteril at Edward Kennedy's; Master Daniel Clow at J. Judge's; Miss Annie Hill, Godfrey, at W. Kennedy's; D. Birch at W. Hamilton's; Jessie Ball at F. Kennedy's; Mr. and Mrs. T. Coulter at T. Barrett's, Sangster; Mrs. G. Butteril and the Misses Manders at T. Butterill's.

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Leeds

MACINTOSH MILLS

August 3rd. — Some of the farmers in this vicinity have completed haying. John Hood is crushing stone. Mr. and Mrs. L. O'Grady, Warburton, spent Sunday at the latter's home. Mr. B. Leeder, ill for some time, continues about the same. Mrs. Mrsie Leeder was called home this week through the illness of her mother, James Scott, Athens, was a recent guest at George Leeder's. Miss Anna Patience and brother, Donald, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. B. F. Leeder. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Steacy, Lyn, visited at Patrick Connors on Sunday. Master William Kennedy, Portsmouth, is holidaying with his aunt, Mrs. B. F. Leeder. A number of the young people attended the ice-cream social at Caintown Wednesday evening. The prices paid by the representative of the Lansdowns Farmer's Association this week were: Eggs, 28 and 29 cents a dozen; fowl, 15 cents a pound; chickens, 20 cents a pound, live weight.

WASHBURN'S CORNERS

Aug. 4.—Miss Alice Knowlton and Nellie Earl have been attending summer school at Point Iroquois. Ray Kilburn, of Kingston, is visiting at the home of L. Dunham, Hart Island. Friends here congratulate Richard Layng of Athens, on passing his second year examination in dentistry at the North Western University, Chicago. Train loads of pleasure seekers passed through here today to attend the W.M.S. picnic at Delta Park. Miss Emma Hays of Smith's Falls, is a guest of her brother, Fred Hays, Sheldon's Corners. Bland Webster and family, Warburton, were Sunday visitors at Washburn's Corners. Ernest Bogard and Miss Lucy Palmer of Plum Hollow were quietly married at the Baptist parsonage on Wednesday of last week. Frank Stevens, Glen Elbe, is spending a week with his uncle, R. Thompson, near Soperton. Edward Wright and family, Ottawa, are spending their vacation at Wright's Corners, guests of G. P. Night. Miss M. Moore is visiting friends in Toronto. Thomas Rose is on the sick list. Mrs. Samuel Morris is recovering. Miss Blanche Singleton has returned from visiting friends at Peterboro.

ATHENS

Aug. 4.—William Lorne Steacy has purchased the express business from George Purcell. G. W. Beach is remodelling the interior of his Main St. residence. Inspector Charles Harper recently paid his official visit to the Merchants Bank. Richard Laying has passed his second year examinations at the Dental College, Chicago. Rev. W. G. Swayne, rector of Christ church, is enjoying a holiday at Charleston Lake. Hence there were no services in the Anglican church last Sabbath. The Woman's Missionary Society picnic at Delta Park on Thursday drew a fair crowd, despite a rainy morning, about eighty tickets being purchased. A good programme was provided, and a profitable day spent. Various other auxiliaries were represented. Communication Services are to be held next Sabbath in the Methodist church by the new pastor, Rev. Thomas Vickery. Mrs. W. Towriss and the Misses Nellie Earl, Alice Knowlton and Bessie McKeating attended summer school at Point Iroquois last week. Miss Gladys Crawford left last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Sly, in Saskatchewan. Miss Muriel Fair has gone to the Pacific coast to visit her sisters. W. G. Parish and party have returned from an auto tour through New York state. Mrs. W. H. Wiltsie has returned from the General Hospital, Brockville. Robbie Raymer recently underwent an operation for throat trouble.

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All are very sorry to hear that Pte. Percy Ashley has been killed in action. He wasn't in the trenches two weeks. There are left to mourn his loss his father and three brothers, John in France, Carman on the farm, and Arthur in the 146th Battalion, training at Valcartier. M. C. Dunn, of Kingston, called on friends for a short time. Misses Helen and Jean Shibley, of Harrowsmith, are with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Winter. Peter Crouter, of Desoronto, called on friends in the village. Quite a few of the Masons attended the funeral of the late Mr. Switzer at Sydenham last Wednesday. J. Winters, of Stirling, spent a short time with F. Benjamin. Mrs. S. Burgess spent a day recently in Enterprise. Mrs. Holland and children have returned from Athens, after visiting friends. Miss Buelah Walker is visiting her brothers and aunts in Toronto for a month. The khaki boys have been home spending their last furlough at their respective homes. Miss Jessie McNeely is visiting friends in Gananoque. Miss Ruth Babcock has returned home from Dexter, where she spent a month with her uncle and aunt. Mr. and Mrs. Bowlby of Harrowsmith, spent Sunday last with Mr. and Mrs. S. Winter. Mrs. A. Smith and daughter have returned to Odessa, after visiting Mrs. William Smith. Mr. Adair, of the Merchants Bank, has returned to his duty after spending his holidays in Gananoque. Mr. Clark, of the Merchants Bank, Thorold, is calling on friends in the village. Mrs. George Curle and daughter, Pansy, are visiting Kingston friends. Mrs. Loucks, Rochester, N.Y., is visiting her brother, George Deare.

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LOWER LAVANT.

Aug. 4.—A. and J. Wilson and Miss B. Reid and Miss F. Barr motored from McDonald's Corners on Friday morning to J. Bartram's. Miss Sadie Reaper, Montreal, is visiting friends here. John Johnson and Miss Irene of Moose Creek visited here recently. The blueberry pickers did not find the berries as plentiful this year as last. Mrs. C. Paul and Mrs. John Robertson and Miss Willa visited the former's home at McDonald's Corners. Mrs. William Diaog and children of British Columbia are visiting friends here.

DAIRY SHORTHORNS.

Remarkable Results Are Being Secured in Alberta.

Dairying forms a prominent feature in the work carried on in connection with the demonstration farms and schools, conducted by the Department of Agriculture in the Province of Alberta. As part of this work demonstration have been given as to the capacity of the double-purpose Shorthorn as a milk producer. The records made in the Alberta Provincial farms have not quite equalled the best made at the Ontario Agricultural College, where one dairy Shorthorn gave 12,401 pounds of milk in a year. What has been accomplished in Alberta would, however, be creditable under any circumstances, and is especially so in view of the fact that the Alberta records were made by cows imported from Ontario, and that had not as yet been fully acclimatized in the west.

At the demonstration farm at Sedgewick, Alberta, the Shorthorn cow, Lady McKay 2nd, gave 10,472 lbs. of milk in a year, and two other Shorthorns gave 9,699 and 9,006 lbs. of milk respectively. Fourteen cows of the same breed at this farm, five of these being two-year-olds, and one three, gave an average of over 6,000 lbs. of milk for the year.

The most interesting feature in connection with what is being done with dairy Shorthorns at these Alberta Provincial farms is found in the records made by daughters of one of the herd bills. This bull is Butterfly King. He has, says the official report of the Department of Agriculture, all the characteristics of the choicest dairy Shorthorn sires, and at the same time he would in his prime have stood in good company in any beef show ring. This bull is the sire of one cow which produced 8,343 pounds of milk in nine months; another which is credited with 5,284 pounds in a little over six months; of a three-year-old which produced 2,561 pounds in three months, and a two-year-old which has a record of 3,454 pounds of milk in five months. The departmental report claims for this bull that he has more daughters in the Record of Merit in Canada than any other dairy Shorthorn bull in the Dominion.

Cheese sales: Cornwall, 2,366 at 17 1-2c; Iroquois, 895 at 17 1-4c; Danville, Que., 1,681 at 16 5-8c; Perth, 1,350 at 17 5-16c; Picton, 1,806 at 17 1-4c; Napanee, 2,200 at 17 3-16c; Mont Joli, Que., 200 at 17 3-16c; London, 200 at 17 1-2c; Belleville, 2,316 at 18 1-16c; Watertown, N.Y., 8,500 at 15 1-4c.

CANADA'S FUTURE CITIZENS.

They Will Have to Be Drawn From Great Britain.

Since Canada and the other Dominions wish to populate their great vacant areas with people of British stock, they must look to the surplus population of Britain. No other part of the Empire has a surplus of Anglo-Saxons for emigration. The effect of the war upon British population, and upon the birth-rate which maintains it, is therefore of direct national interest to us. Canada will want, during the coming years, an influx of Britishers at least equal to its present population, and at the same time, the Motherland ought to maintain her population and strength at the present mark of 45,000,000 at least. The problem of a falling birth-rate in Britain is really Imperial, affecting very materially the future strength of the Empire. The report of the Birth-rate Commission appointed by the National Council of Public Morals in England, is, therefore, timely and interesting. After the war the birth-rate question will be acute in all the countries whose manhood has been sadly reduced in the fray, and in the Motherland a study of the causes operating to cause a decline in the rate has a new importance from that fact. The commission was composed of a group of leading scientific and sociological authorities.

The main findings of fact by the commission were:

1. That the birth-rate has declined to the extent of approximately one-third in the last 35 years.

2. That this decline is not, to any important extent, due to alterations in the marriage rate, to a rise in the average rate at marriage, or to other causes diminishing the proportion of married women of fertile age in the population.

3. That this decline, though general, has not been uniformly distributed over all sections of the population.

4. That on the whole the decline has been more marked in the prosperous classes.

5. That the greater incidence of infant mortality upon the less prosperous classes does not reduce their effective fertility to the level of the wealthier classes.

6. Conscious limitation of fertility is widely practised among the middle and upper classes, and there is good reason to think that, in addition to other means of limitation, the illegal induction of abortion frequently occurs among the industrial population.

7. There is no reason to believe that the higher education of women (whatever its indirect results upon the birthrate may be) has any important effect in diminishing their physiological attitude toward bearing children.

These findings confirm, generally, what has been understood in relation to this important question of population increase. Economic and social reasons, arising chiefly out of improved education, have played an important part in conscious restriction of the size of families. In France, for economic reasons, it is the custom to have small families, and among the higher classes in Britain there is the same regard for family convenience.

Called on Canadians.

Arising from the prosecution in the London (Eng.) Police Court of a gang of cocaine vendors who have been supplying the drug to soldiers, a fresh demand has been made for immediate legislation to cope with this latest form of plague. Owing to the fact that the development of this vice has only lately come to the public notice in England there is no legislation directly bearing on the evil except a provision in the Defence of the Realm Act, under which vendors of drugs to soldiers can be punished.

So unaccustomed are the Metropolitan police to dealing with these drug cases that they called on the Canadian military police to track down the offenders, and it was due to the efforts of Major Clifford, Regimental Sergt.-Major Dee and Sergt. Smith that the gang of vendors just prosecuted were entrapped. The London city police think that the prosecution will at least put a temporary check on the system of vending, which was spreading to large proportions. The selling has been chiefly by small foreign shop-keepers, who secured their supplies through one or two druggists, who have also been trapped.

The drug habit has been finding its victims among soldiers on leave after suffering from nerve strain at the front and soldier convalescents who are troubled from old wounds, and the police authorities are urging that immediate action should be taken to allow more severe penalties than three months' hard labor, such as given to the seven men who have just been prosecuted in the London Police Court.

Unwise Land Settlement.

"The opening up of non-agricultural lands to settlement has produced some of the most far-reaching and pitiful tragedies in the Dominion's history," says the Canadian Forestry Journal. "Every province has communities which have been permitted to make the fatal error of a bad location. Their subsequent history is an unbroken line of bad crops, poverty, suffering, and human demoralization."

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