

News From Eastern Ontario

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

CLIPPED FROM THE WHIG'S MANY BRIGHT EXCHANGES.

In Brief Form the Events in The Country about Kingston Are Told—Full of Interest to Many.

The poll tax of Gananoque is now \$5 a head.
Rev. Dr. Cobb, Wellington, lies at his home in a very critical condition.
Mrs. E. Lasha is asking Gananoque Council for \$500 damages for injuries received on the street.
Hog cholera broke out in the pens of R. McFarland, near Brockville. Fifty-six hogs were killed and burned. They were valued at \$1,000.

Charles Edgar Vermilyea, Thurlow township, died on Sunday at Corbyville, after being ill for some time. Deceased was sixty-three years of age.

After a brief illness, Mrs. Joseph Daly, Point Ann, died on Saturday. Deceased was in her twenty-seventh year, and was born at Stoco, a daughter of Michael Kehoe.

Mrs. Catherine Fluker died in Brockville on Sunday, aged sixty-one years. Mrs. Fluker was born in Pembroke, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mooney.

A. W. Strickland, manager of the Bank of Montreal, retired from his position on the slipper sidewalk, and is confined to his home with two broken ribs and a very sore left arm.

W. H. Nugent, reeve of Wollaston Township, and ex-warden of the County of Hastings, is a candidate for the office of county clerk, rendered vacant by the death of A. M. Chapman.

Word has been received of the passing away of Mrs. Adam Murray (nee Euphemia Paul) at San Rafael, Cal. She was an aunt of W. J. Paul, Ramsay, and G. M. Gemmill, Almonte.

Lieut. C. H. White, brother of H. S. White, barrister, and son of Magistrate Henry White, Port Hope, is reported wounded. He is suffering from a gunshot wound in the leg. He had been with the 20th Battalion.

Mrs. Mary Brown, mother of Rev. S. G. Brown, Almonte, celebrated her eighty-seventh birthday on Feb. 6th. She has knitted 110 pairs socks for soldiers, and has seven grandsons in active service, and one has made the supreme sacrifice.

The death occurred on the 16th inst. at Adamston, of Jean Stewart, relict of the late David Farquharson, in her eighty-first year. Mrs. Farquharson was a member of one of the best known and most highly esteemed families in the Renfrew district.

A pretty wedding was solemnized on Wednesday at "Green Place," Picton, the home of the bride, when Carle Rosalind, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm R. Allison, was married to Percy Kirby, son of Mrs. E. T. Kirby Greenbush.

A pleasing event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Anderson, Fallbrook, on Feb. 14th, when their eldest daughter, Elizabeth Borrowman, was united in marriage to Henry Howard Liddle, prosperous young farmer of Colgate, Sask.

There died at the residence of her son-in-law, S. J. Morden, Wellington, on Feb. 15th, Harriett Huycke, widow of the late T. J. Howard at the venerable age of eighty-four years. Mrs. Howard was born near Wellington and was the daughter of the late John P. Huycke.

After an illness of about nine weeks Pembroke lost one of its most respected residents in the person of W. C. Kennedy, who passed away on Saturday, aged eighty-four years. He came to Pembroke in 1851, leaving him a resident of the town for about sixty-six years.

Dr. Dorsey, who recently purchased the Pickering farm just east of Picton, has also bought the Van Dusen and Waldron properties, consisting of five and three acre lots with buildings situated adjoining the farm. He has thus secured a frontage on the main road. The houses will be used for farm residences.

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THE COUNTRY SCHOOL AS A COMMUNITY CENTRE



NATIONS are built in the public schools. The ideals set up by the school teacher remain very largely the ideals of the pupil throughout life, and his conception of patriotism will be what he has been taught during his school years. It is not too much to say that the present world war is due to a difference of ideals fostered by different systems of education.

Great as is the importance of the public school in old and well established countries, this importance is even greater in the new lands which are being called upon to assimilate populations from the more congested countries. It is the only agency in Western Canada, which may be cited as a case in point of a country which is called upon to assimilate a population of many races. Some of the most strenuous political and constitutional fights have hinged upon the systems of public education. These fights, however, were not without their purpose, and it is out of them has arisen a public school policy well calculated to meet the needs of a new and rapidly growing country. In such a country the public school has to take on functions not usually associated with it in the older and more densely settled communities. The prairie schoolhouse is not merely a centre of education; it is also the religious and social centre of the district. During the week days the school teacher furnishes education to the children of the neighborhood, but on Sunday the missionary holds his services, which all attend regardless of creed or nationality, and on week nights the building is used for meetings of farmers, for the various community societies; for the Red Cross or Patriotic Club, and for purely social events such as debates, concerts and dances. To facilitate the latter, it may be noted that many country schoolhouses use removable desks which the willing hands of the farmers' boys quickly dispose of whenever there is a dance in prospect.

Another phase of community work associated with the rural school which has been coming into prominence during the last few years is the supply of books to settlers in the district. This work is encouraged and assisted by the central Department of Education, which provides catalogues of books suitable for such purposes, the actual selection being left to the teacher. The number of books allotted to a school district is based on the report of the inspector of schools. In the Province of Alberta, although this school library movement is only in its infancy, no less than 110,000 books were supplied for this purpose last year, at a cost of some \$30,000.00. Educationists of the province look forward to the time when every school district will be a library centre, giving to the settlers the facilities now afforded to residents of cities and towns through their public libraries. The prosperity which has almost overwhelmed rural Alberta in the last two years, when farmers have been reaping enormous crops and selling them at the highest figures in history, promises to contribute still further to the importance of the rural school as a social centre. With every farmer driving his own automobile the opportunities for social gatherings are greatly increased, and the country school is the natural meeting place.

INSTANTLY KILLED WHILE DOING HIS BIT

Pte. Ernest Bowman Victim of Hun Bullet During Attack on Somme.

Brockville, Feb. 27.—George Bowman, 11 Charles street, has received the following letter from Pte. Ernest L. White, a brother of Russell White, 73 Perth street, relating to the death of the former's son, Pte. Ernest Bowman, who was killed in action on October 25th last.

"In a recent letter my brother asked me to send a short note to you about your son. I will tell you all I can.

"On October 25th our battalion was making an attack. Your son was in the second wave, when he was shot through the head and died instantly.

"This occurred on the Somme, but I cannot tell you the name of the village near where the fight took place. He was buried a short distance behind our lines, and there is a white cross above his grave, which bears an inscription.

"Your son was one of the most popular boys in the company. He and I were the best of chums, and had many good times together. In the trenches he was always bright and cheerful, and always doing his bit."

TIDINGS-FROM YARKER.

A Memorial Service for the Late M. R. O'Loughlin.

Yarker, Feb. 27.—A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Spence in the Anglican church here on Sunday in memory of the late M. R. O'Loughlin, of New York.

Death claimed Thomas Kimmett last Friday morning at his residence. The funeral was held at Camden East church, after which the remains were placed in the vault.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Connolly, of Gananoque, spent the week-end in the village. Edward Joyner, of Kingston, was in the village calling on friends. Pte. Skinner, of Kingston, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of S. Winter. Miss Edna Dupuis, of Kingston, attended the funeral of the late Mrs. S. Martin last week.

Miss Georgie Bell left for Smith's Falls to take a business college course. Misses Helen and Jean Shibley, of Harrowsmith, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Winter, and Mr. Bell, of Napanee, spent the week-end at his home here.

Edward Irish, of Napanee, was in the village last week calling on friends. The many friends of Mrs. George Woodhouse are glad to see her out again after being confined to the house for four months with fever. Rev. Mr. Raymond and a number of people from here are attending the Holiness Convention at Wilston this week. Frederick Deare, of Bothwell, spent a day recently with his parents. Pte. Keith Walker, of Belleville, spent a day under the parental roof recently. Mrs. M. Cambridge and daughter, of Toronto, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Lake.

Price of potatoes and pork are still advancing. Potatoes are selling at \$3 a bag and pork at \$14 a hundred, five weight. The rain of Monday was much needed, as the water in the river and cisterns were quite low. Allen Peters, of Trenton, was home for a few days.

The Late Mae Clarke.
Deseronto, Feb. 26.—After nearly two years' suffering death claimed the life of Miss Mae Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sampson Clarke, at the age of twenty-one years and nine months. Deceased was born at Tamworth on May 7th, 1895 and received her early education at that place and after the family moved to Deseronto, at the public school here. Always of a kind and lovable disposition she bore her affliction with fortitude and patiently awaited her Master's call. She was confined to her bed since March last with tuberculosis of the bone.

EXCURSION BOAT MAY BE SOLD

Toledo and Cleveland Men Are Negotiating for the Thousand and Islander.

Certain steamboat interests in Toledo and Cleveland are negotiating with the Canada Steamship Lines for the charter of the fine excursion steamer Thousand Islander, which has plied on the St. Lawrence for the past two seasons. It is understood that the offer made is a good deal more than the boat has earned in the past, so there is serious probability of its being accepted.

If the boat should be taken off the river it will be sadly missed, as it carried thousands of excursionists every day, making trips to Clayton, Brockville, Kingston and other points. She is a magnificent steamer, well appointed and speedy and has a carrying capacity of over 1,000 persons.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE BILL

To be Introduced in Legislature This Afternoon.
(Special to the Whig.)
Toronto, Feb. 27.—Premier Hearst will make the pronouncement of the Government in favor of woman's suffrage in the Legislature this afternoon in a speech of some length, setting the importance of the legislation affecting so important a constitutional change. As the Liberals have already declared themselves for woman's suffrage, the bill will, like the Ontario Temperance Act last session, be passed with a united Legislature behind it.

STILL SEEK RECIPROCITY.

Farmers to Meet in Toronto This Week.
(Special to the Whig.)
Toronto, Feb. 27.—That the 1911 reciprocity agreement with the United States be entered into by the Dominion of Canada at once, and other free trade laws enacted—these will be propositions to come before the United Farmers of Ontario, representing ten thousand agriculturists of the province, commencing their convention here to-morrow. Other big subjects affecting politics and production will also be discussed.

Nellis-Vancouver Wedding.

A happy event took place at 223 Wellington street, the home of William Vancouver, on Tuesday morning, when his sister, Miss Pearl Vancouver, was united in marriage to George Washington Nellis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. J. Joyce, of the outer depot United Church. The happy couple are to reside in Kingston.

A meeting of the Women's Aid of the General Hospital was held on Monday afternoon, and Mrs. H. A. Lavell, Mrs. G. V. Chown and Mrs. H. W. Shelling were elected as visitors for the coming month.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

"THE FALL OF A NATION."

A Gigantic Sequel to "Birth of a Nation."
Thomas Dixon, author and producer of "The Fall of a Nation," is emphatic on one point—that his preparedness spectacle is not anti-anything, but pro-American. He says: "In view of the criticisms of certain scenes I wish to reiterate the statement that 'The Fall of a Nation' is not directed against any nationality, class or racial element. My friend, S. Stanwood Menken, is quite mistaken in saying: 'Your picture is manifestly anti-German.' Against Mr. Menken's expression I would put the opinions of the local German press which are unformally as favorable to my play as the great majority of the English language papers. The entire point of the play is that all the nationalities here, whether British, Irish, Teutonic, French, Italian or Eastern European, should be fused into a united Americanism.

"It is alleged that the large number of German faces in the hosts of the invading army and in the east in 'The Fall of a Nation' convicts the author of cherishing anti-German prejudices. On the contrary, I chose those men because they were out of work and hungry. Five hundred Germans, many of them reservists, applied to me for work in the battle scenes of the picture. They represented, fairly well the varying types of the Imperial confederation of Northern Europe which I imagined to be attacking America. My quarrel is with Imperialism, whether pro-Alley or pro-German. And my desire is to uplift the ideal of true democracy, which is in danger of being lost sight of by the partisans of the overseas quarrels.

The play, which is a sequel to "The Birth of a Nation," will appear at Griffin's Theatre Friday and Saturday, March 2nd and 3rd.

IRISH SUSPECTS WILL NOT BE TRIED

But Are to Be Prohibited From Residing in the Country.
London, Feb. 27.—Twenty eight persons have been arrested in Ireland, Henry E. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland, told the House of Commons. The arrests were made under the Defence of the Realm Act, which empowers the police to arrest persons who may be reasonably suspected of having acted, or being about to act, in a manner prejudicial to public safety or the defence of the realm. It was not proposed to try these men, a competent military authority having decided to issue orders under the Defence of the Realm regulations, prohibiting them from residing in Ireland. This had been done.

NORTHLIFFE IN HOUSE

When It Was Shelled by German Destroyers.
London, Feb. 27.—The German destroyer raid on the fortified towns of Broadstairs and Margate was not lacking in grim humor. Lord Northcliffe's house is well within the fire zone, and the famous editor happened to be staying there. His experience was that at about 11.30 more than a dozen star shells lit the locality up. Then for six minutes shrapnel burst all over the place, knocking his library wall about and killing a woman and baby fifty yards away. The shells appeared to have been fired three miles to seaward.

DOG SAVED LIVES OF SIX PERSONS

Who Escaped From a Burning House—The Dog Was Suffocated.
(Special to the Whig.)
Toronto, Feb. 27.—Aroused by the barking of a half-suffocated dog, seven persons in the home of Charles Hearndon here escaped from their burning house at 4 a.m. to-day. Mrs. Hearndon and her three children were carried down ladders by firemen. Hearndon and a man boarder jumped from windows. The dog lost his life.

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