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Local and General Mr. A. E. Donovan, M.P.P., was a visitor in Athens last week. The union of the two Presbyterian churches of Smith's Falls is being discussed. Mrs. G. F. Donnelly left on Monday for a stay of two weeks at Rochester, N. Y. Eggs for hatching from pure bred Brown Leghorn, \$1.00 per setting.—J. B. Hanna. Cash paid for cow-hides, horse-hides, sheep pelts and deacon skins—at Willson's Meat Market. R. H. Cross, merchant of Jasper, has sold his stock of dry goods etc., to Mr. Omer Brown of Delta. The Alberta Legislature has dissolved, and the election is announced to take place on April 17th. Mr and Mrs Thos. Drennan have taken up housekeeping in the residence of Mr J. P. Lamb, Elgin street. Save your trees. Saw off the broken limbs and paint the stubs. All deep wounds should be filled with cement. Those having bodies in the Athens vault are requested to have them removed at as early a date as possible. Messrs. Moore and H. W. Coleman, of the Coleman Baking Powder Co., Brockville, were in Athens on Monday. For Sale—A High-Arm Davis Sewing Machine. Very low price for quick sale. Apply at the Reporter office. The post office department at Ottawa is asking for tenders for the conveyance of mails over the Addison Toledo route. Boy Wanted—about fifteen years of age, with fair education—to learn the printing business. Apply at the Reporter Office. The proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Iroquois, was recently fined \$200 and costs for selling liquor contrary to the local option law. Mr Lewis E. Murphy, for several years editor of the Morrisburg Leader, has accepted the editorial management of a paper near Winnipeg. "Hail, Gentle Spring!—Yes, hail, and rain and freeze and thaw and be too hot for comfort, all in twenty-four hours. We know you, Gentle Spring. Glen Elbe post office has been wiped off the map by the rural delivery. Letters for residents of that district will now be addressed either Athens or Glen Buell. On Friday last a pair of cab horses stepped on a live wire and were instantly killed. It has not yet been claimed that their death was due to asphyxiation. The engagement of a Brockville young man is announced to a New York woman worth \$15,000,000. The young man's name is Wm. Downey, of Brockville. The temperance people of Renfrew are showing pluck and enterprise in the big hotel project they have on hand. It is proposed to erect at Renfrew a temperance hotel to cost \$40,000. This Grand Trunk Railway has decided to change the name of Thousand Island Junction to that of Gananoque Junction. This action was through the solicitation of the Gananoque Board of Trade. A Kingston magistrate held that a boarder or roomer in a house could not be locked out unless he had been personally asked by the land lady to leave. A young man who had broken into his boarding house was acquitted of charge house breaking. Fanny Crosby, who has written 6,000 hymns, including "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross," has been celebrating her ninety-third birthday in Bridgeport, Conn., her home. Miss Crosby has been blind since she was six years old, when she met with an accident. The lesson of her life is that a person can be very useful even through suffering under a tremendous affliction. The hymns the blind singer wrote must have helped many people to bear great burdens that came their way.

The pike have started on their annual spring "run," and from now on the sportsmen will have a busy time hunting along the creeks and marshes. The ice has gone out early this year, and a few days sun will soon warm the water. The big stock of logs at the Parish mill has nearly all been converted into lumber. The head sawyer, Mr Alex Compo, at the age of 78 years, is still as sprightly and musical as a spring robin and able to keep the boys busy handling the product of his saw. The temperance people in Huron and Peel counties are seriously thinking of submitting the Scott Act to the vote of the electors. Both have many places under local option, but a few plague spots of license left, which the three-fifths clause have kept out of the dry belt. Is there a hint in this for temperance workers of Brockville? After a struggle of several years the Merrickville Star-Chronicle has suspended publication. The field was not large enough, and the owner of the plant found it impossible to continue the publication. The plant is to be shipped away, and the village will now be without a newspaper. It is estimated that one out of every 47 men who voted for President Wilson has applied for a Federal job, and of the 120,000 applicants about 110,000 must be disappointed. All this trouble would be saved if the President adopted the British practice and kept the old office-holders in their places. The grand jury at Syracuse on Friday discharged under deportation proceedings Roy Miller, the Mallorytown man charged with taking Mrs Jennie Moody into the States for immoral purposes. The other three members of the party, including the Moody woman, held as witnesses, will also be sent back to Canada. The Judges are taking sharp and proper methods in dealing with men who make false representations regarding real estate. One of these men has just had to return \$3,675 to a man to whom he had sold some land, which he had said was within a mile and a half of Regina Post Office whereas it was really more than three miles away. Over at Canton, in New York State last year the April price of milk per cwt. was \$1.40, for May \$1.15, for June \$1, for July \$1.25, for August \$1.35 and for September \$1.50. In addition there was a premium of 10c per cwt. on all milk testing 3.3. These prices are rather better than those prevailing on this side of the St. Lawrence. Helmer and Winstanley, one of whom is Mr Harry Winstanley of Morrisburg, have met with quite a loss just at the beginning of the season through the destruction by fire of a building owned by them at Newington in which was stored their contracting plant. Out of a supply of tents, wagons, wheelbarrows, blankets, etc., along with their automobile ought a year ago, nothing was saved except a pair of buggy shafts. Smith's Falls News: Miss Minnie Mackay of Athens, who spent the Easter vacation with her parents here, entertained about thirty of her friends during the tea hour on Saturday afternoon. Mrs Mackay assisted in receiving the guests, and in the drawing room Mrs S. B. Code poured tea and Mrs J. W. Forrester cut the ices. The decorations were of crimson carnations. Vigorous prosecution of all parties who neglect to register births is to be instituted under the instructions of Provincial Registrar-General. For some time past the department has been receiving complaints that births are not being registered as fully as they should be and instructions are being sent to the division registrars requiring the names of all parties responsible for non-registration of births be sent to the county crown attorney in that particular district to prosecute. A Sudden Death Shortly after going to bed on Thursday evening last, George Gibson, who resides on the Delta road near Athens, was taken seriously ill and died before morning. His sudden passing was a great shock to his friends. He is survived by his wife and one son, aged about twelve years. Service was conducted in the Methodist church on Saturday.

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The village council has decided to follow the example of many other villages and have a "ginal clarin" up time" this spring. Resident are requested to pile in their yards, at a convenient point for loading, all old tinware and other rubbish, and on the 28th day of April (or as soon thereafter as possible) teams employed by the council will draw the refuse away without expense to the owner. Remember the date and get ready for it. When you have your contribution ready notify the village clerk. This year belongs to Athens. A new post office, a new bank building, an \$8,000 addition to the High School building, the "good roads" extended through the village from east to west and from north to south, an electric railway and electric lighting. That's going some. When these improvements are completed and waterworks and a sewage system installed, all that this village will require to make it an inland seaport town will be the construction of a motor-boat canal from Arza's pond to Charleston Lake—and the Dominion elections are near at hand. Whitney Hewitt, aged 17, met instant death on Central Avenue, Brockville, on Friday last. He was returning to work at the noon hour and ran his hand along one of the many wires that were down as a result of the storm of a week before. The wire he touched was supposed to be "dead," but was charged by crossing a live wire in the general tangle, and when his hand reached a part where the insulation had been worn off 2,200 volts passed through his body and he died almost instantly. This is how the Brockville papers reported the occurrence, but at the inquest in the evening evidence was given tending to show that the immediate cause of death was his food rising in his throat and choking him. The jury returned the following verdict: "We, the jury, find that John Moron Whitney Hewitt came to his death on Friday, April 4, 1913, about 12.50 in the afternoon in the town of Brockville, through asphyxiation produced by contract with an electrical charged wire." APRIL ROD AND GUN April Rod and Gun in Canada published by W. J. Taylor Limited, Woodstock, Ont. is of particular interest to the fisherman. "The Giant Trout of Nipigon" is the opening number and describes the excellent trout fishing that is to be had on this famous stream, which is probably not excelled by any other trout fishing stream in the Dominion. Prof. Edward E. Prince, Commissioner of Fisheries, contributes an article on "The Pearlsides: a Luminous Fish new to Canada." "The Amateur Fisherman—Also His Wife" is a humorous sketch of a day's fishing that proved disastrous alike to the fisherman's tackle and to his temper. Fishing stories from British Columbia, Alberta, Cape Breton, Ontario, etc. serve to maintain the representative character of the magazine while other topics including article on the fox industry and number three of the serious "Small Fur Bearers and How to Take Them," give variety to the issue in which they appear.

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