

TALK OF THE TOWN AND OF THE COUNTRY

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Victoria school, Kingston, held their regular meeting, Friday evening, April 16, in the school. The Association is very much alive and planning great things for the future. Steps are being taken to bring the celebrated bird-man, Jack Milk, to Kingston.

After business routine Dr. Coleman gave an address which was greatly appreciated. His subject was "Where Do We Stand in Education?" Dr. Coleman believed that "practically all the recent adverse criticism of our schools, both from the standpoint of management and from the standpoint of teaching, may be summed up under four heads:

- (1) That our school system is autocratic;
- (2) That it is materialistic;
- (3) That it is inhumane (so far at least as its effect upon many children is concerned); and
- (4) That it is unscientific."

John A. Box, who recently went from Burnstown to Calabogie to spend the remainder of his days in the fine new home of his son, John S. Box, has reached the patriarchal age of ninety-eight years. The old gentleman is in remarkably good condition physically, except that his eyesight has gone wrong. Born in England in 1822, he came to Canada when a boy.

A Carnegie Library is now proposed for Kingston. How the times have changed.

Officers in D'Annunzio's army are shaving their heads and growing pointed beards in imitation of the poet. His flying men call themselves "Iron Heads." If they were in Belleville they would probably be called just ordinary "Boneheads."

The newest thing is a "Jazzy Jag." A member of the B. C. Lodge is claiming that a certain flavoring extract sold out there produces what is technically known as a "Jazzy Jag" and he is asking the Attorney-General for information.

What resident of Belleville would suspect the humble smoothing iron of tying up the great Hydro-Electric power system and the Niagara cataract. Just listen to this from The Gazette Herald.

The average householder has very little conception of the large amount of power that is consumed every ironing day by the operation of electric irons. It is so great, however, that on Tuesday last the peak load was reached in this city and it is said by the Hydro people that the demand for power runs up very high every Tuesday, which apparently is the day most housewives observe for completing the laundry work.

It wouldn't be surprising if one of these days the municipalities regulated the distribution of power by districts, so that all the ironing wouldn't come in one day. This would involve one section of the city doing its ironing on Tuesday, another on Wednesday, and so on, in this way lessening the demand on which enters into the problem of methods demand a lot these days, that a few years ago were unthought of, and this is one of the things which enter into the problem of the high cost of living.

Friends of Rev. Alfred Brown, now stationed at Picton, learned to-day that the Senate of Victoria University, Toronto, has decided to confer upon him the honorary degree of D.D. It is understood the degree will be conferred at Toronto some time this month. Rev. Mr. Brown is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and a former President of the London Methodist Conference. He formerly preached in Central Methodist Church, Windsor.

The Toronto Star Weekly in referring to the exchange of pastors between Bridge street church, here, and one of the Toronto churches, has this to say in addition to the sending out of the two clergymen—When the "big shift" of Methodist ministers comes next June, the two pastors pictured above will exchange pulpits, providing the Stationing Committee of the Toronto and the Bay of Quinte Conferences are satisfied. Dr. Cleaver has been the pastor of several of the leading Toronto churches. Dr. Scott went to Belleville from the Pacific Coast and has the reputation of being a strong and popular preacher.

The Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union held its annual meeting Monday morning at Hart House

Toronto, when all matters pertaining to control of intercollegiate athletics were discussed. Representatives from the University of Toronto, McGill, Queen's and Royal Military College were in attendance. Prof. A. T. Delury, University of Toronto, is president of the union; Prof. E. B. Brown, McGill, vice-president; and Prof. O. D. Skelton, Queen's, were the faculty representatives at the meeting.

H. M. Ryan, Newburgh, has disposed of his dry goods stock to Mr. Wright, Port Hope, taking in exchange, on an equitable basis, the printing plant of the Port Hope Times. This disposes of all or nearly all of Mr. Ryan's property interests in Newburgh, and means that he and his family will locate elsewhere. For twenty-seven years, the Ryans, father and son, have carried on business in Newburgh. During that time they showed an enterprise and business capacity which added much to the welfare of the village.

It became known Sunday at St. Johns, N.B., that workmen employed with the Foundation Company on the sub-structure for the new C.P.R. bridge over the reversing falls, say that on Monday, April 12th, they saw the body of a little girl floating through the eddies. They say she had on a pink dress, had her arms extended over her head and apparently one leg was missing. The tide was very strong, at the time and in the swirl of the water and the eddies they lost sight of the body.

A potato boycott is on in Hamilton in earnest. The Federation of Hamilton Women, an organization which includes in its membership representatives of nearly all women's organizations in Hamilton, has taken the initiative. Mrs. Rose Cooper, president of the federation, is in charge. The members have all pledged themselves not to purchase potatoes for a month. Each member is pledged to communicate with six other ladies who have not been approached on the subject and pledge the six to also refuse to purchase potatoes. Each lady who agrees also pledges herself to get six others. The favorite method of communication is by the telephone. Those who have no telephone are to receive personal calls or written communications. The movement got under way in earnest on Saturday and all Saturday afternoon and Sunday the campaign was in full swing. It was not abated at all Monday morning. Industrial Commissioner C. W. Kirkpatrick stated that his home had been communicated with by seven different ladies in regard to the matter.

Gordon N. Maxwell, B.A., of Seely's Bay was graduated in theology from the Montreal Wesleyan Theological College Tuesday evening at the annual convocation, receiving the diploma of associate in divinity. Mr. Maxwell, who is a graduate in arts of McGill University, served overseas with No. 8 Canadian Field Ambulance.

The annual meeting of the Camp Louise Club was held in P. C. Macnee's office in Picton, when the following officers were elected: N. D. Gilbert, president; James H. Porter, vice-president; P. C. Macnee, secretary; S. B. Gearing, treasurer; directors, N. D. Gilbert, Jas. H. Porter, P. C. Macnee, S. B. Gearing, W. J. Carter. A good summer's sport is being looked forward to.

In a county case at Kingston presided over by Justice of the Peace Allison in the absence of Justice of the Peace Geo. Hunter, Mrs. W. A. Stark of the township of Kingston charged Mrs. A. Cawson, also of the township of Kingston, with allowing her poultry to wander on her premises. A. B. Cunningham contended that there was no evidence to show that the accused committed any offence as the defence had failed to produce any by-laws showing that it was unlawful to allow poultry to run at large. T. J. Rigney, who represented Mrs. Stark, contended that there was a by-law in the township of Kingston which forbade poultry to run wild. The court adjourned the case until Thursday when the clerk of the township of Kingston will be called upon to present the original by-law.

The annual meeting of the Frontenac Cheese Factory was held on April 8th. J. B. Howes was appointed secretary and Everett Cronk, occupied the chair. The auditor's report for 1919 was accepted. Total pounds milk received, 975,682; total pounds of cheese manufactured therefrom, 92,405; total amount received for cheese, \$25,137.57; average pounds of milk required to make a pound of cheese, 10.53; average price per hundred pounds milk, \$2.34. The patrons expressed themselves as being well satisfied with last season's report and Simon Jackson was again re-appointed secretary-treasurer and W. A. Cronk, auditor.

The ball tossers of Port Hope are trying out their arms these days working out the old kinks of last winter. Several new faces will be seen on the line-up this summer and Port Hope should prove real contenders in the championship race. Their first game is in Oshawa on May 24th, and the first home game is May 29th with Belleville.

Fire Chief Lagrow, of Stirling, received minor but not less painful injuries to one of his legs by accidentally stepping into an open cistern during a fire in that village. The damage done by fire to Mr. Thompson's restaurant was not extensive.

Police court circles were a blank today. An assault case in which the complainant is City Assessor J. A. Kerr is scheduled to come before the court Friday morning.

Up to this morning rapid progress was being made with the construction of the new sewer on Everett St. and Front St. North.

Today's rain was not at all needed in the agricultural district but will not seriously retard seeding operations unless heavy or long continued. At the same time it will give the meadows and pastures a good start, especially if followed by warm weather.

Mr. T. Blackburn has been carrying out extensive improvements to his lawn on Commercial St. by raising the level around his dwelling about two feet. This will increase the extent of green-sward and further beautify the surroundings of what is already one of the most beautiful places in the city.

Three Holstein cows purchased at the Holstein sale here three weeks ago were today shipped from Belleville. The cattle have been kept here on account of the fact that they were to be shipped to the United States. These animals have been tested by inspectors and their journey to their new home has now begun.

The following report on weather data at the Department of Physics, O.A.C. for the period April 1st to 15th, for the years 1900-1920, inclusive, has been prepared by Prof. R. R. Graham, and will no doubt be of interest. The figures go to show that April has been a somewhat exceptional month.

There have been eight years of the twenty-one in which there has been a higher maximum than this year, and twelve with a lower maximum, hence in this respect it has been above the average.

There have been only three other years, viz., 1914, 27.41 degrees; 1908, 26.80 degrees; 1907, 27.93 degrees, that have had lower average temperatures. There has been only one other year, viz., 1915, 26.30 degrees, with a lower average minimum. There have been four other years, viz., 1914, 27.41 degrees; that have been lower, and two other just the same, viz., 1914 and 1908.

The snowfall, 8.0 inches, far exceeds all previous years in this respect. Rainfall, 7.10 inches, four years greater than this year, hence this year much below the average.

Prof. R. R. Graham of O.A.C. at Guelph is well known in Belleville, being a brother of Mr. R. J. Graham of this city.

News of the greatest tragedy that has befallen Alexandria Bay in many years was contained in a telegram received by Chief of Police James Crabb about 12.30 on Saturday from Port Clinton, Ohio, telling him of the death of three Alexandria Bay men, Arthur Gove, Arthur E. Pearce, and M. J. Roy, in a fire there Saturday. At the same time came word that Carlton J. Frederick, of Alexandria Bay and W. McFadden, of Clayton, had been badly burned.

The five men mentioned in the despatch, accompanied also by Fred Bradway, of Clayton, left Alexandria Bay Thursday night for Port Clinton to work for the season on the yacht which was formerly the Irene, owned by A. B. Peacock, well-known summer resident of the Thousand Islands. They arrived Friday and were asleep in a boat house on the Matthews Boat Company when it caught fire. Before they could escape they were caught in the flames, with the result that three

burned to death and the other two were badly injured.

O. E. Stickle, who has lived on the old homestead all his life, third concession of Sidney, lot 3, relates the history of a remarkable pear tree, which was destroyed by a storm last fall. Mr. Stickle traces his ancestral tree back to 1750, when John Stickle left Holland and settled in New York State. He had three sons, the eldest son, Nicholas J. Stickle, came to Canada in 1780, and in 1800 settled in front of Sidney township. He subscribed to the first Sidney Record Book, giving seventeen half-pennies as his share.

The son of Nicholas Stickle, John N. Stickle, took up land in the third concession of Sidney about 1800, and this farm has remained in the possession of the family ever since. John N. Stickle died in 1848. His son, Addie N. Stickle, succeeded, and died by his son, E. O. Stickle, born in 1837, still owns the old homestead.

As to the pear tree, it was brought to the farm in 1800 when John N. Stickle took land in the then wilderness. The pear tree flourished and bore pears as long as his great-grandson, E. O. Stickle, can remember and he is now eighty-three years old. It bore every year except 1918. In 1919 it again bore pears and in a windstorm the faithful pear tree was blown over in the fall. In one year this pear tree bore twenty-two bushels of pears, which sold then at \$2 a bushel.

The first house erected on this farm was, of course, a log house, as was also the school house, two and a half miles distant. The school house was used on Sundays for preaching, Rev. Dr. Gardiner being one of the first preachers, who also taught school.

At the Brockville police court Allan Kavanagh and Thomas Graham, of McIntosh Mills, appeared on a charge of damaging property lodged by James Warren. The case concerned the breaking of a chain on and the removing of a rowboat, owned by Warren, from a hunting lodge situated on Charleston Lake. The magistrate reserved decision.

The most unpopular thing in the world today is the one thing that the world needs most of all, and that is good hard work.

The Town Council of Acton, Ont., has made a grant to encourage the baseball activities for the season. While the encouragement of all kinds of wholesome sport is commendable, Acton has established a precedent that may lead to trouble. It is a grant for baseball, why not for football, hockey, lawn tennis, bowling, golf, lacrosse, or even horse racing?

On Friday Douglas Anglin, engineer for the Public Works Department, Kingston, was busy making soundings in the Kingston harbor. He took soundings around the dock at the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company's plant. It is the intention of the shipbuilding company to extend the wharf for a distance of 75 feet, and soundings are being taken for that purpose. Soundings were also taken near the C.P.R. between Brock and Clarence streets for the purpose of seeing if the water is deep enough for steamers to come in at the wharf and load feldspar. Soundings taken show that for a distance of 300 feet out the water is not more than fourteen feet in depth.

The Kingston Whig believes it is the man who takes chances that succeeds and becomes wealthy.

"It is the man who takes the chance who succeeds and becomes wealthy, not the foolish chance, but the chance well weighed. There are men in Kingston today who would not have been worth anything if they had not taken chances on business deals or investments. The late Senator H. W. Richardson used to say that he had to take chances on many a deal that required instant action, but nine times out of ten he found his judgment right and made money. Kingston as a city will never be worth its salt if it does not take some chances in enterprises like its leading business men do, and we might humbly add its newspapers also. An hotel proposition appears to the small folk as an uncertain proposition, whereas the investment in an hotel would be the beginning of a new era in the city. New life would be injected into the population in having a hotel that would bring big people here. In the bigger cities, contractors take 'chances' in erecting houses and settling them, and to many people it seems strange that some of our well-to-do contractors have not combined and erected dwellings which would sell like hot cakes, setting them good margins. To men in the building trade there is no risk in these days about putting up dwellings, for buyers are tumbling over one another to get there first. Just imagine what three en-

terprising contractors in various lines of trade could do if they got together. They could solve Kingston's housing problem."

At the Assizes in Perth last week, Mr. Justice Lennox called a spectator to the bar for talking and wearing a hat. At the close of a case, there was considerable disorder as the crowd was leaving and His Lordship called for order, warning the audience that he would certainly fine the first man he saw talking. A second or two later he saw a man talking with his hat on and called him to the bar where he gave him a lecture on court rules. The man apologized and was permitted to go.

The Detroit Free Press announces an increase in its selling price to three cents a copy, beginning next Monday. For twelve years the Free Press has been a two-cent paper, but constantly increasing production costs has forced the management to advance the price, as is being done in other large cities of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDonald, Carleton Place, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage a week ago. They were married on April 7th, 1870. The old couple have our heartiest congratulations. Mr. McDonald is eighty-five years of age, and his life-partner is over four-score.

Friday morning two young men, Albert See and Victor Pell, appeared before Magistrate Carroll at Gananoque, charged with breaking into five summer cottages on the river front about half a mile below that town, and, pleading guilty, were committed to Brockville for trial in the next court of competent jurisdiction.

Rev. Mr. Smart, of St. James' Church, Tweed, has been offered the charge of the parish at Athens by His Lordship the Bishop of Ontario. Mr. Smart has not yet decided whether he will accept the offer, but will likely make an announcement in the course of a few days.

Mr. George Miller has tendered his resignation from the Oshawa Ball Club in the C.O.B.A. His reason for doing so has not yet been ascertained, but in his letter to the officers he has given them the assurance that he will give his support to boost amateur baseball in Oshawa.

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Men with soft snaps don't realize what a hard world this is.

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