

TALK OF THE TOWN
AND OF THE COUNTRY

The home of Mrs. William Sutherland, corner of Victoria Ave. and Albert street, was the scene of a very happy event yesterday, May 8th, when Mrs. Sutherland celebrated the eighty-eighth anniversary of her birth. The house was bright with flowers sent in by many friends and messages of congratulation were received by Mrs. Sutherland from far and near. In the afternoon there was a steady stream of callers, all anxious to express their pleasure that one so generally admired and respected had been spared so long to her family and friends. Mrs. Sutherland had a cheery word of greeting for each of her many guests, and her daughters and granddaughters served a dainty tea.

The arrangement made by Ald. Hanna, chairman of public works, and Mr. E. P. Fredericks, secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce, to secure 40 acres of vacant city land for gardening purposes is a most gratifying one. This will afford an opportunity for those who wish to produce an abundance of potatoes and fresh, home-grown vegetables to carry out their desires. It will also afford an opportunity to test the sincerity of those who have been clamoring about the high cost of potatoes and other food products. If a man feels that the farmer is charging too much for the goods he produces he can easily defeat the over-charge by growing the goods on the vacant land that is now made available to all who are willing to work. On forty acres, with an average crop, 8000 bushels of potatoes should be gathered. That with what can be produced, on the hundreds of acres of private gardens and other lands, in and around the city, would make Belleville entirely independent of potato producers. Now, then, let us have a show-down or an end of grumbling.

The horse found wandering by Mr. M. J. Lynch has been claimed by its owner.

Some boys playing in a vacant lot on Chatham street were blamed for breaking windows in a basement of a house. They told the police they did not fracture the glass and accordingly no action was taken.

In the assize court yesterday Mr. Justice Logie withdrew the case of Thomas Blue vs. Canadian Pacific Railway Company for damages to an automobile which came in contact at Ivanhoe with some freight cars. The judge said that the plaintiff produced no evidence that the highway was obstructed except at the instant of the accident. Even if there had been a longer period of obstruction, there was still a necessity on the plaintiff's part to prove that that was part of the cause of the injury. The case was accordingly dismissed. Porter, Butler and Payne for the plaintiff; McMurchy and Spence for the C.P.R.

The services in the Presbyterian church, Foxboro, will be conducted by Mr. N. D. Patterson of Queen's University during the summer. There will be a special service on Sunday, May 9th at 11 a.m. The second Sunday in May is recognized as "Mothers' Day" and it is hoped that many will take advantage of attending church on that date. Mr. Patterson will preach a suitable sermon, and the choir will render special music.

Mr. F. E. O'Flynn leaves for Kingston this evening where he is to address the Masonic brethren of Ancient St. John lodge at a large banquet.

The will of Mrs. Margaret A. Apman, of Brooklyn, N.Y., who died recently, provides a "last treat" for her relatives and friends. The estate is to pay for the coaches used by those who attend the funeral, as well as for lunch, coffee and beer, those mourners at a Long Island hotel. The estate, which is valued at \$22,000, is left to relatives in Germany and the United States.

The office of superintendent of car services, Grand Trunk Railway, has been abolished. W. A. Pitt has been appointed general master car builder at Montreal and will assume the duties hitherto performed by the superintendent of the car department. J. Coleman has been appointed assistant to the general superintendent of motive power and car departments at Montreal. F. Fouse, master car builder at London, becomes master car builder at Montreal, and T. M. Hyman, assistant

foreman at the Montreal shops, is appointed master car builder at the London shops.

There was a large attendance at the service at Christ Church, Hillier, on last Sunday afternoon, the day being marked by two interesting events—the unveiling of a memorial tablet in honor of the men who had served in the Great War, and the closing of Rev. V. O. Boyle's term as rector of the parish.

The memorial tablet was unveiled by His Honor Judge McLean during the service which was conducted by Rev. F. L. Barber, Pictou, and the rector, Rev. V. O. Boyle. During the beautiful and impressive service, special music was rendered by the choir, assisted by the choir of St. Andrew's church, Wellington. In the sermon preached by Rev. F. L. Barber from II. Tim. 4-5, "Make full proof of thy ministry," the rector Great Struggle and the heroic part played in it by the Canadian boys were feelingly alluded to, as was also the severing of ties between the rector and the people by the removal of Rev. and Mrs. Boyle. Hymns such as "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" were in keeping with the supreme thought of the service. A vocal duet, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning" by Rev. and Mrs. Boyle, Mr. Wear and Mr. C. Morden, Wellington, was beautiful.

A number of Holstein breeders of the Campbellford district met in the Farmers Club room, Ferris St., Campbellford on Saturday night. Mr. H. Strrett, of Brighton, District Re- presentative, was present and gave an address. He outlined the benefits of an organization showing the need of co-operation among breeders. Mr. Richard Honey, one of the oldest breeders of Holsteins in the county, also gave an address. Mr. P. E. Nelson occupied the chair and Mr. W. A. Wynn acted as secretary. On motion of W. W. Whitton and G. Anderson it was decided to form an organization. Officers were elected as follows:

President—P. E. Nelson.
Secretary-Treas.—G. A. Kingston.
The president, secretary, and Messrs. Honey and Strrett were appointed to draft a constitution.

Another meeting was held on Saturday evening, May 1st, to complete the organization, to which all breeders of Holsteins were invited.

A. E. Meyer, Superintendent of the Agricultural Schools of the Province of Alberta, has been a visitor in Guelph for some time in the interests of the schools of the West. While there Mr. Meyer has engaged a number of the graduates of the Ontario Agricultural College and Macdonald Institute to go to the West to teach in the new schools that are being established there under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture and located at Raymond, Gleichen and Youngstown, Alta. A number of women graduates of the Macdonald Institute are engaged to work at the same institutions, among them Miss Annie Scott of the O.S.D., Belleville.

As an illustration of the scarcity of potatoes, Mr. Walter Oke, of Peterboro, reported that he had received an order by telephone one morning from a Havelock merchant who wanted a bag or two for his own use.

"We haven't seen a potato in a month," said the Havelock man. "And Havelock used to be a big shipping point for potatoes," added Mr. Oke. "Now they are so scarce that even the dealers have had none for their own tables."

In Peterborough as elsewhere there are many families that are beginning to forget the taste of potatoes, but the prolonged scarcity and high prices have sharpened their ingenuity in devising substitutes that will satisfy the family appetite.

When a special detective accompanied a car of liquor from Toronto to Montreal over the G.T.R. on Thursday last, discovered that it had been tampered with at Cornwall, he made a search of the train and found that several cases had been removed from the car and hidden in the coal at the rear of the tender of the locomotive.

Suspicion for the removal of the liquor rests upon a Montreal brakeman, a member of the train crew, whose disappearance from the train at Cornwall was coincident with the discovery of the shortage.

The work is progressing rapidly on the installation of the gas making machines which are being install-

ed in the gas plant of the Kingston City Utilities Commission, under the supervision of General Manager Folger. These were ordered by Chairman Elliott of the commission some time ago and the way the work is progressing is pleasing both to the commissioners and to the management.

The Port Hope Guide says: The Central League regrets the loss of their star player, Mills of Belleville. Mills was the best backstop in the League and was strong with the willow. If Mills could only be a little more agreeable on the ball field he would have been quite a popular player. Belleville's battery for this summer will be the Goyer Brothers. If the catcher proves as efficient as the pitcher then the others teams in the Central League will have their work cut out for them. One thing there should be no nagging between the catcher and the pitcher. It is up to the Goyers to demonstrate to the Central League that true spirit of brotherly love.

Harold McGrath, one of the best known novelists of the day, has made reservations at the Carleton House at Cape Vincent, N.Y. for two months this summer and has notified proprietor A. F. Kough that he will be there promptly on July 1. Every year for a number of years Mr. McGrath has gone to Cape Vincent about the first of July and remained through the base season, for he is an ardent angler for black bass. This year he proposes to follow his usual custom and remain until the first of September or after.

On Monday morning three Packard motor trucks, which will be used in connection with the building of the provincial highway in the vicinity of Westbrook, arrived in Kingston. It is the intention of the contractor to use as much motor equipment as possible.

August Kalpaenen, a farmer in McIntyre township, 14 miles from Port William, was shot and killed at three o'clock Saturday afternoon by August Pansanen, who claims to have mistaken Kalpaenen for a moose or a bear. Deceased was driving past Pansanen's farm on the road, 300 yards away, with a load of hay. A warrant is out for Pansanen's arrest on a charge of manslaughter. Kalpaenen leaves a widow and five children.

The person who stands on the street corner looking around for something to gossip about or to find fault with, can always find what he is looking for. But what a life he lives. His soul shrivels and withers until it is shown in his manner and looks. For such a person life has lost its savor. It becomes sour, misanthropic, whining. He passes from bad to worse and sees no good in anybody.

The Ontario government farm at Kemptville run in conjunction with the agricultural school has been enlarged by the purchase of the adjoining farm belonging to Stanley Langstaff. Immediate possession is given the department of agriculture.

An extension of time in which to complete an interlocking plant at its crossing in Kingston over the Grand Trunk tracks is asked for by the Canadian Pacific railway in an application argued before the Canadian Railway Commission Tuesday. The plant was ordered to be installed by the end of this year but the railways point out that the cost of installation is at its peak and the present protection at the crossing having proved adequate so far, an extension of time should be allowed. Judgment is pending.

The Dominion of Canada is far in the lead as the fatherland of Water-town's foreign born. It has been estimated that a third of Water-town originated in the dominion. Among these people are a great many city officials, including two former mayors, Francis M. Hugo, now secretary of state and James F. Pappa, now representing his word on the board of supervisors. The two formerly lived in Kingston.

John Ferguson, a prominent farmer of Londonderry Station, confirmed reports that farming is suffering from loss of labor at the very time it is needed for putting in crops, because of the indiscreetness of provincial highway engineers to secure them for road work. He said that in one case he knew of an offer of \$8.00 a day for man and team for eight hours being made. The farmers were, under such circumstances, unable to get help and production would suffer severely in consequence. A case was mentioned of a farmer and his two sons leaving

period he consulted more than a dozen oculists and dentists, who their farm work and spending all their time on road work, stating that they were not going to bother with anything but hay.

The Spalding Company are offering twelve medals as presents to the members of the championship team in the Trent Valley League, Belleville will battle for them.

Excavating on Campbell Street began this morning, the digging work on Pinnacle street by the Standard Paving Company being completed as far as at present possible until the problem of the position of the G.T.R. track is settled.

The last jury case at the assizes, that of Fluke vs Goodman for alleged malicious prosecution was begun this morning.

Mr. Hugh Walsh has disposed of four of his houses on Mill street, south of the Belleville Bazaar & Door Factory, to the owners of this factory, and has purchased the residence of Mr. Blake Ives, Mill St.

The last edition of "Spalding's Athletic Library," an annual publication devoted to baseball issued at Chicago contains an excellent photograph of Belleville's Grand Trunk baseball team, who last year won fame by winning the amateur championship of Ontario. The "Library" also contains a history of the Central Ontario League. It says: "Belleville had a hard row and found that the hardest teams to beat were right in the Central Ontario League. Lindsay, with 'Cannon Ball' Ed. Scott of Hillcrest fame, twisting a seventeen strike-out game, gave the champions the hardest battle, and won by 7 to 1."

Manager R. J. Bushell, of the Kingston Industrial Exhibition, is conducting negotiations with the Bishop-Barker Aeroplane Company for an extensive aerial exhibition for the big fair. Manager Bushell is also arranging other special attractions.

Before you worry too much about this year's troubles, give a thought to last year's troubles. They do not seem to be as bad now as they did then, do they. Work is the cure for troubles—work and lots of it.

Four limbers for the 18 pounder guns of the 34th Battery have reached the city.

The farmers on the jury at the assizes were glad to be released today when court closed. Their time is very valuable on the land at present. A number of cases entered for trial have been laid over to other courts.

The assize court closed at 1.30 this afternoon with the withdrawal of the case of Fluke vs Goodman for alleged malicious prosecution from the jury and the dismissal of the action. Porter, Butler and Payne for the plaintiff, O'Flynn, Diamond and O'Flynn for the defendant.

The ambulance was called out at 11.40 today to the G.T.R. depot to take James Spaffney to the hospital. The man who had received a slight injury to the back while at work at the G.T.R. yard was able to walk to and from the ambulance. He was attended by a physician on arrival at the hospital.

Late Mrs. P. Spencer

The funeral of the late Mrs. Phoebe Spencer took place yesterday afternoon from her home, Red-nereville, Rev. L. M. Sharpe officiating. Friends from all parts of the district attended. The interment was at Albany. The bearers were D. W. Redner, W. N. Redner, E. T. Stafford, R. Tripp, W. Coulter and Chas. Brickman.

CHAOS IN SUGAR PRICES

Written for The Ontario by
Chas. M. Blee, Lawyer, Denver, Colorado.

Ordinary processes are not cutting much of a figure in the price of refined sugar today. In normal times a price was established for each of the districts into which the country was divided by the wholesalers. At this time price and supply depend upon the manufacturers' disposition, distance from seaboard, the moods of the middlemen and things like that. Colorado, being in the best belt, is better off than the communities further afield and that are dependent upon the cane product.

The Federal Government is being appealed to to restore war time restrictions instead of shaking a minority finger at profiteers. Congress has started an investigation; but that is chronic with the present body; when there is nothing else to do, start an investigation.

Sugar demand is much greater than the supply all over the world. Sugar prices are artificial. Official figures of the Federal Government show the average value per pound of the sugar imported from abroad in February last at 2.44 cents per pound, compared with 5.38 cents a year ago; 4.48 cents two years ago; 3.61 cents three years ago, and an average of just two cents per pound in the fiscal year immediately preceding the war. From two cents to nine and a half cents three months ago, and a rising market since then is some jump. Just now the import price for foreign sugar is five times what it was preceding the war. Is there justification for this? The old school economists will answer yes, under the law of supply and demand. But has the cost of production risen to anything like this percentage? Has Nature gone on strike?

World output has not increased since war's cessation as had been expected. According to the foreign trade record of the National City Bank of New York, there will be a falling off of fifteen per cent. the current year from last year. The closing year of the war Europe produced 8,670,000 tons of sugar; this year the estimate is 2,500,000 tons.

Splendid Program
For O. B. Reunion

Committees Busily at Work and Enthusiastic Meeting Held

A most enthusiastic meeting of the re-organizers of the Old Boys Reunion was held on Wednesday evening, with Judge Willis in the chair. That this celebration will be a complete success was quite evident by the feeling of unity and endeavor shown by the large attendance. Reports were brought in by the various committees and were warmly commended by the members of the meeting.

A preliminary draft of the Old Boys program was submitted by the entertainment committee and was unanimously favored. This program dealt with the sports for the big four days of the reunion, and the proposed program is one that will make the celebration the greatest in history.

It was decided to ask the City Council to have a Civic Holiday on Tuesday, July 27th, as it is understood that citizens in general, as in former years, have a great inclination to be one of "the regular fellows" on the above mentioned day.

The various committees are working in conjunction with the G.T.R. to have a picnic on the 27th, and so far arrangements are seemingly satisfactory. In connection with the land sports, in charge of W. J. Cook, and the water sports, in charge of King Rogers, the committee have decided to hold excursions and ball games, teams to be taken from the Central Ontario League. It is understood that the Cobourg team will be one of the competitors for the title of the "Reginald Fellers."

At the conclusion of the meeting it was decided to meet again on the night of Tuesday, May 18, at eight o'clock, and it is to be hoped that all interested in the welfare of the reunion will be there, on time.

GREEN POINT

Mrs. Metcalfe, of Pictou, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Walter Shortt.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Anderson and family, of Campbellford, and Mr. and Mrs. George Cointer and daughter, of Smithfield, spent the week-end at Mrs. Anderson's.

Mr. Lorne Miller spent Sunday at his sister's, Mrs. Fred Eaton.

Mrs. Henry Ketcheson is spending a few days in Belleville.

Miss Rose Eaton spent the week-end with her parents at Cressy.

A number of our young people at-

Before war's devastation took place Europe was turning out more than 8,000,000 tons of sugar per annum—a loss of almost five and a half million tons to the world means high prices.

The United States during the war and since the war has failed to make up for any part of the European loss. We are dependent upon Cuban production. Before the war the island was producing two and a half million tons per year; for the current sugar year the supply will be four million tons.

Porto Rico, Santo Domingo, the Philippines and other cane-producing countries have added slightly to their production in recent times. Java and India that supply a large share of the oriental trade, have not added much to clear the situation in the west.

For the fiscal year which ends in June, this country will have imported nine billion pounds of sugar, as against seven and three-quarter billion pounds for the preceding year. But the cost of this import is nearly twice as much for this year as it was for last year. Our sugar imports are running at the rate of three-quarters of a billion dollars a year.

A dry-mattof has added to the consumption. But without prohibition the yearly consumption would have increased; until war restrictions were imposed there was an annual increase for years; the big increase of this year takes up the loss from the restriction period in this country, in addition to the expected yearly increase.

Years will be required to place the European beet market on its feet, and she cannot afford to increase the luxury of its consumption; when it can do so the demand will appear beyond doubt. In the meantime what are the sweet-toothed citizens of Canada and the United States to do? Why not a determined effort to increase the home production? Not one of the best sugar States or Provinces has reached its maximum. Colorado is far from it.

tended the concert at Northport, given under the auspices of the Sunday school.

Mr. and Mrs. Almer Hamley motored to Pictou on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Parks and family, of Napanee, took Sunday dinner with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson. Mrs. Parks' mother accompanied them home to spend a few days.

Mrs. Walter Shortt spent a day recently at her brother's, Ernest Carnahan, of Woodville.

OBITUARY.

JOHN COOK

John Cook, of College street, Thurlow, passed away this morning at the hospital as a result of blood poisoning from a wound in his hand from which he had suffered for two months. He was born in Holland in 1841 and had been a resident of this section since a boy of fourteen years. He followed the occupation of stone-mason and bricklayer. He was a well known Mason and a member of Motra Chapter Royal Arch Masons and of the I.O.O.F. He was for many years a member of the Masonic Temple. Surviving are his widow and four daughters, Mrs. Thos. Flood, Frankford, Mrs. A. C. Mott, College Hill, Belleville, Mrs. Hector Grant, North Park street and Mrs. Orville Crowe, of Stockdale.

BACK TO THE LAND

Editor Ontario—

Once more let me put the food production situation clearly before us town and city people. The crux of the whole matter is simply this: The farmer says "I am short handed, very short handed, I will engage to supply you city people with wheat for bread, with meat and milk, butter, cheese and part of your eggs but I can't raise your garden stuff and vegetables, you will have to do that yourself or go without. Now let us all get to work with a will. I predict a splendid season for such crops. Let us also knock the high cost of living."

D. H. Ackerhill, V.S.

Despite his vigorous objections, the Mayor of Atlanta, Ga., was forced by the City Council to accept a salary increase from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year.

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Production of oil in California in March was 8,556,931 barrels, compared with 7,946,754 in February, and 8,465,697 in March, 1918.

A delegation of Canadian and American Rotaries will attend the convention of Great Britain's 31 Rotary Clubs to be held at Harrogate, Eng.

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Smithfield V. —Mrs. P. making S

It cost Isaac Smith Murray Township five dollars for trifling with Mrs. Mary Pearce's former of Smithfield, aged 51 years, said promised to marry her before Mr. Justice Logie assize jury yesterday. He did not and that intentions of marrying else.

The case was the far of the assizes. The case was packed when the course of love and as told in the witness quite as speedy as the was quite short. The as of course were the widow, plaintiff and the old time honor kissing and hugging out in evidence. Both demonstrations.

Mr. E. G. Porter, the love story. The widow who has known for twenty-five years. She alleged that last September his courtship agreement made last were to be married in November he began to and ultimately broleg engagement. She trousseau ready at camp. Now much of this and she was also disappendant was until a man of means was provided the lady with a comfortable home.

Mrs. Pearce Tells the stand. She testified the dow of Philip Pearce, years ago. They had both grown up a daughter. She knew Isaac about thirty years. She before she was married, was a farmer all his life. husband's death she left a lumbic coming to Smith she spent two years with her mother is now dead.

In September last, Mr. Pearce to see Mrs. Pearce at her called twenty-five or thirty see her. The first evening out with him was to be Smith's the latter being the defendant. He made from seven to nine in the Mrs. Pearce was living a Smith called three or four week. In October he married him. This proposal at her home. She agreed her to go to Pittsburgh, Pa. wedding trip. He said he lives there and she had O City, Pa. They were married early in December and considered it would be wait until Christmas time, fall work would be done. sent. She went to work one hundred and fifty dollars trousseau. She bought some ready-made and others herself. Counting her dresses would be worth \$1 bought some in Toronto in Trenton. Her clothes were up at her home. Mrs. Pearce show him the clothes while making them up, but she they were finished.

He said they were very trousseau was made up at end of November. The ment was his suggestion. third week in November stayed away ten days. Then to her house. She showed clothes. He did not talk ve and acted in a very cool matter that she did not see him. She had written him a letterember 10th.

"I wanted to know wrong, I had gone to great He came over after praying on Wednesday. Then it showed him the clothing. He say anything about the letter thought he would say about the marriage when she said him the trousseau, but said it was nice.

The wedding trip was talked several occasions. She wrote friends in Pennsylvania and reply which she read to Smith seemed to be delighted with