

POTATO RETURN PER ACRE LARGE

Accounts For Number Grown In Western Ontario.

PRICE PER BUSHEL LOW

People With Eggs To Sell Are the Lucky Ones.

BRANTFORD, Nov. 25.—In the United States the cry of those who have studied deeply the wheat production has been "less average for wheat." It is a cry which has not yet been translated to Canada, and is not likely to be heard in this district, with its mixed farming, but if there is any crop of which "plant less" might be said here it is the potato crop. Not that there is any glut, but the quantity production this year is the greatest on record in this district in recent years.

There are two reasons given for the apparent excess—a greater acreage planted, and, strange to say, in view of the failure almost entirely of the early potato crop—because of the exceptionally fine potato weather for the late crop. Taking a fair average for the district from many reports made available it would appear that 15 bags to one planted was the return of saleable tubers from sandy and light soils, and eight bags to one where the soil was heavy or clay.

PRICE PER BUSHEL LOW.

At present the succulent tuber is being offered for sale on the Brantford market at from 85 cents to \$1 per bag of 50 pounds, the difference being largely in whether a bag or load is sold and delivered to one buyer. This seems little enough, although some of the growers

do not seem to be extremely pessimistic for the big return per acre in bushels makes up for the lessened price per bushel, even though there is extra cost in handling and delivering. Further, according to a local grower, the stock indication, that never fails, was that at digging time prices kept up, showing that an outlet was being found in addition to the local market, whose need is steady but not extremely large.

Advice has been given by district growers to the careful housewife to buy "a bag at a time," not as a minimum, but as a maximum, as the claim is advanced that while a little early to predict for a certainty there are indications that rot will cut down a considerable quantity of the harvested product. So the canny housewife is taking no chances of having the tubers rot on her hands, preferring to buy at a slightly higher cost to having them go bad on her hands.

EGGS ARE SCARCE.

The poultryman who has eggs at the present time according to his fellow poultry producers, is traveling in luck, as even those with larger flocks report that eggs are extremely scarce, a dozen or two a week even from a large flock, being an average return. They are now quoted at 60 cents a dozen, with 65 cents a dozen unusual prices—and there are some housewives who readily pay 75 cents to producers they know personally for the very "freshest of the newly-laid." There seems to be a feeling, however, that the high mark is as cited above, and that \$1 a dozen eggs is beyond the realm of probability in this district. And it isn't a case of anything apparently, but the extremely long fall, which delayed the moult to this late date. Most hens are the Burbank product needed to overcome this.

The weather this fall has certainly been remarkable. It is not for many years that it has been so open and that frosts have kept away so late a date. As a result fully 80 per cent. of the plowed land in Brant County has been turned over this year, and the exceptions are generally those on extremely heavy lands. Conditions next spring should be conducive to much-increased acreage. Growers have been unloading cattle in

No. 32 WHAT'S THE BEST TITLE FOR THIS PICTURE?

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SUBMIT YOUR TITLES ON A POST CARD.

Five dollars will be paid by The London Free Press to the person sending in the CLEVEREST title for the scene pictured above. For the next best five titles The Free Press will pay \$1.00 each. The rules are simple: Titles must not exceed eight words in length and must reach "The Title Contest Editor, The Free Press, London, Ontario," before Wednesday night, December 5, 1923. Each contestant may submit three titles, writing them on a post card. A post card only will be considered. Only one prize will be awarded to one person. Sign your name and address plainly. The prize will be mailed to the winners when the awards are made. Results of the competition will be announced on Saturday, December 8, 1923. Explanation of titles are not necessary. Employees of The Free Press are not eligible for this contest. Do not enclose post cards in envelopes.

NO. 30.—Winner: "HE HAD HIS OWN WEIGH FOR ONCE."



Titles submitted for Picture No. 31 were uniformly good. The contestants are getting the swing of the thing and are realizing that it takes some thinking to get a good title. Keep up the good work. The more titles submitted the better. Picture No. 22, published to-day, ought to bring some original replies, for there are many quips passed about a newspaper office, and particularly the editorial department. But please have mercy on the fellow in the chair. Don't mistake him for the contest editor, for he does not look in the least like him.

Here are the winners for Picture No. 21: \$5.00—"He Had His Own Weigh For Once"—Kenneth Smith, 378 Hill street, London. \$1.00—"Turning Pennies Into Pounds"—R. Brickwood, care Bell Telephone Company, London. \$1.00—"For Once Mother Wins a Tip"—Mrs. A. R. Smith, Box 168, London. "The Balance of Power"—Mrs. L. Hodge, 463 Dorinda street, London. "High Joe, Let Me Step Out"—Dorothy Ogletree, R. R. No. 2, Dresden, Ont. \$1.00—"He's Keeping Off Weight"—Mamie Mears, 63 Grey street, Brantford.

The following titles are worthy of mention: "Sidewalk Celebrities"—Ogdon Dunlop, 202 Davenport road, Toronto. "Two Fish With But a Single Scale"—Alvin Schellenberger, 165 Nelson street, Stratford. "Centred Weight"—M. Graham, 562 Hill street, London. "Looking on the Light Side of Matters"—Mrs. C. Rosenberg, 97 Victoria avenue, Galt. "The Widow's Mite"—Mrs. Dan Patterson, 702 Dundas street, London.

this district for winter feeding at 4½ to 5½ cents a pound. Little pigs, it is reported, are suffering some losses. There is no indication, however, that the mortality rate is as high as it was this spring, when it ran around 75 per cent. of the litters.

An improvement in turnip prices is reported, with 20 cents per bushel being paid. This is a very satisfactory price and the movement is likely to be brisk. Practically all the turnips have been placed in pits where not desired for immediate shipment or use. Fall wheat continues to look very good, with a record growth. Farmers hope for snow before the winter frosts set in.

STAGE NUDE, UNCLEAN.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Concerted action by seven agencies now acting independently to stop "indecent" on the New York stage, is sought by the police investigating committee, in an attempt to organize all the agencies into one body. Deputy Police Commissioner Leach, chairman of the committee, has called a meeting of the groups for next week. "Our investigation," said Commissioner Leach, "has proved to us that the stage is being corrupted this season to an unprecedented extent with its nude revues and unclean dramas."

Instead of the Government distributing money in the form of humiliating doles, Thomas says, it should insist on necessary work being undertaken immediately. Half a dozen of the railways, he says, are badly in need of electrification, and other work, such as forestation and land reclamation, are urgently needed.

THINKS ELECTIONS WILL RESULT IN STALEMATE. J. H. Thomas Convinced, However, That Labor Party Will Be Stronger. LONDON, Nov. 30.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—J. H. Thomas, general secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, who has represented Derby in the House of Commons since 1910, and is again a candidate, predicts that the election will end in a stalemate, although he is convinced that the Labor party will return stronger than ever.

KINGSVILLE

The 50 or more hunters who left here one month ago for the Northern woods up around the Algoma district to slaughter the moose and deer, all arrived here yesterday, and every man brought his share of venison or moose. They are all looking in the pink of condition after their month's outing and they all say they had the time of their lives up among the rocks and spruce trees. They have formed an organization, known as the Marksmen, and will make the trip to the Northern woods every November. William Allan shot the big moose and won the hunters' stakes.

The gas and oil well which is being drilled by B. Jasperson in the creek bottom north of the town park is going steadily down and is now quite a depth into the earth. The indications so far look good.

Charles Quick left here a month ago with the hunters on their trip. He took his valuable hound along with him and the dog got lost in the woods and failed to return to camp at night, but he wore a big brass collar, on which was inscribed: "This dog belongs to Charles Quick, of Kingsville." He had strayed many miles from camp and was found by one of the rangers and put into a box and expressed to Mr. Quick.

Reeve Elmer Sherman, who has been seriously ill with an attack of pneumonia, will soon be out again. A carload of live hogs was shipped from the Pere Marquette station here on Monday, which were as fine a lot as shipped from here in years. They sold for fair prices.

The Government fish hatchery under the management of Samuel Addams, at the lake here, is filled with white-fish spawn and the actual count of eggs is placed at 125,000,000. These eggs will be hatched out about the first of next March.

PRINCETON.

The official visit of Rt. Wor. Bro. Moles, D. D. M., of Norwich, to Blenheim Lodge No. 108, A. F. & A. M., was made the occasion of opening the Masonic Hall, which has just been completed. The D. D. M., assisted by the Wor. Bro. Joseph Harmer, exemplified the second degree. At the conclusion

of lodge work, supper was served, to which 100 members of the home lodge and visiting brethren from Woodstock, Paris and Norwich lodges sat down. After supper speeches and songs were in order, and were delivered by the following brethren: Rt. Wor. D. D. M. of M. R. Wor. Bro. Col. D. M. Sutherland, of Woodstock; Rt. Wor. Bro. James Smiley, of Paris; Rt. Wor. Bro. Archibald, of Norwich; Wor. Bro. Rev. Burnett, Wor. Bro. McWhitie, of Norwich; and speeches and songs by many other brethren. All spent a good time until a late hour, when the junior warden's toast and "Auld Lang Syne" closed the proceedings.

Largely attended anniversary services were held in the Methodist church on Sunday. The Rev. Charles Deacon, of London, was the preacher. At the entertainment, the following evening, Mr. Deacon delivered a lecture on the topic: "Can the Dead Speak to Us?" Music was furnished by the Burford Orchestra, and male quartet, and speeches were given by local clergymen. A sumptuous supper was served in the basement. Proceeds from all sources were \$150.

BLYTH

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Stewart leave this week for California, having disposed of their house last week to Mr. Robert Johnston, of East Wawanosh. It is the intention of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart to make their home in the Sunny South.

Alex. Nixon held a sale of household effects on Saturday afternoon, and it is his intention to move to Bluevale, where he intends making his home with a nephew.

Large quantities of baled hay and turnips are being shipped from the station here, most of them going to the Southern States, where the crops have not been as good as in this locality. The hunters who have been in the north country deer hunting for the past two weeks, being Messrs. G. C. McTaggart, with a party of Toronto hunters, and R. M. McKay, Robert Somers and G. A. McLaughlin and Bart Allan a party by themselves, have all returned, each bringing a fine deer. They all report having a most enjoyable time. WATER LEVEL LOW.

BLUEVALE

Jos. Underwood has purchased Mr. L. W. Rutan's residence in the village and will move in the near future. His son, Earl, will now have charge of the farm.

George Haney has sold his residence to Mr. L. W. Rutan, who gets possession immediately. Mr. Haney has been in poor health during the past year and has been living with his son, Will, at Wingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lockard, of Brantford, Sask., spent a few days with Mrs. Ina Lockard. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Duff, of Welland, are spending a few days with the former's mother here. Mr. Duff is editor of The Welland Telegraph.

Miss Jessie Holmes underwent an operation in Wingham Hospital for appendicitis and is getting along nicely. Walter McCutcheon, of Hamilton, visited with friends here.

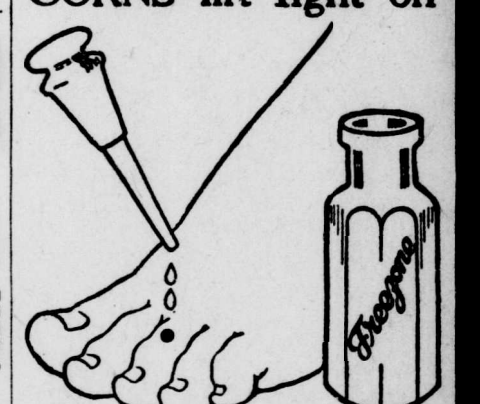
Cloth Higgins and William McKinney are spending a few days at Toronto. L. W. Rutan is moving into George Haney's house, which he purchased recently, and Mr. Joseph Underwood is moving into Mr. Rutan's.

SIX CARS OF GOTHAM LIMITED LEAVE RAILS

STUEBENVILLE, Ohio, Nov. 30.—An eastbound Pennsylvania passenger train, known as the Gotham Limited, St. Louis to New York, was wrecked at the east end of Gould's tunnel, about seven miles east of this city to-day. Six of the nine coaches, including sleeping cars, left the rails, but none of them turned over and, according to railroad officials, none of the passengers were seriously hurt. The wreck was caused by a broken rail, according to railroad officials. The train was traveling 50 miles an hour. The fact that it was an all steel train undoubtedly saved the lives of a hundred or more passengers, officials said.

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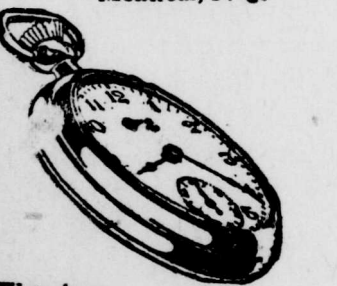
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