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WATFORD, MAY 10, 1918

**CHOP STUFF**

Detroit has now a population of over a million.

Wm Drynan, of Strathroy, for many years in the clothing business, died on Monday, aged 83 years. He retired from business about 12 years ago.

Alf Mahler, manager of Mahler Bros. fruit evaporating plant at Forest, says there will be a good crop of apples but a small crop of peaches in that district.

Chatham has a band of 10 little girls who show practical patriotism. They have made three donations, totalling \$50, to the I. O. D. E., to be used for war work.

Wool growers of the United States are agreeing to turn over to the Government the entire output at prices based on the price prevailing for washed wool on July 30 last.

Sergt. David Taylor, son of Mrs. H. G. Taylor, Wyoming, was gassed on April 17th. Mrs. Taylor has two sons now with the colors and a third will likely be drafted shortly.

A Kingston scientist, Prof. A. B. Kling of the biology department at Queen's, has discovered a parasite to fight the tussock moth, which is so destructive to the maple tree.

An eighteen-year-old Toronto airman who recently brought down his tenth German plane, has been made a captain. This war has given youth the greatest opportunity of history.

It is estimated that 25,000 acres of sugar beets will be grown in Western Ontario this season. Kent will have by far the largest acreage, and contracts have already been signed for more than ten thousand acres. These will go to big refineries at Chatham, Wallaceburg and Kitchener.

Mr. Robert Law, of Parkhill, last fall bought two pigs for five dollars each. He kept track of the cost of their feed which amounted to exactly \$26.28. Total cost being \$36.28. On Wednesday of last week he sold them to Messrs. Eagleson & O'Leary and received a cheque for \$73.45 making a profit of \$42.17. Who now says there is no profit in pigs.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Watford Board of Education held in the Library Board Room on Monday, April 29th, 1918, at 7.30 p.m.

Present — Dr. Howden, chairman; Wm. Harper, C. W. Vail, J. D. Brown, Dr. Hicks, J. W. McLaren, John McKercher, Dr. Siddall and Principal Shrapnell.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Principal's report of Public School for March was read.

Vail—McLaren, and carried, that the Principal's report for March be received and filed.

McLaren—McKercher, and carried, that the following accounts be accepted and paid.

**HIGH SCHOOL**  
Pearce & Doan, coal \$21.27; \$19.40; McKay High School Equipment, for supplies, \$60.00; A. B. Steer, postage, 55c; Treasurer, postage, 70c.

**PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
Pearce & Doan, coal, \$29.95; Treas., postage, \$1.60; P. Dodds & Son, brooms, \$9.90; Andrew Hay, wood, \$100.

Brown—Hicks, and carried, that this Board grant T. B. Willoughby, janitor, High School, his request for advance in salary to \$175 per annum, to commence from Jan. 1st, 1918. Work to be done according to contract and satisfactory to this Board.

McKercher—Brown, and carried, that we request the municipal council to supply our treasurer with \$455 for public school requirements.

Mr. Shrapnell addressed the Board with explanations of the Carnegie grants, etc.

Mr. Shrapnell also introduced Miss Reid and Miss Hume as representatives of the assistant teachers of the Public School, who addressed the Board with reference to and giving reasons why advances in salaries should be given to them.

McLaren—Vail, and carried, that we grant an increase of \$50.00 per year to all assistant teachers in the Public School commencing May 1st, 1918.

Siddall—Hicks, that we adjourn.  
D. WATT, Secretary.

**More Work Less Worry**

Don't worry about the war. Work instead, and help make the Western front so strong in men, munition, food, etc., that the Allies can sweep all before them. It can be done, but only by united persistent effort on the part of all who really love the Old Flag and all it stands for. Military men make mistakes, so also do statesmen, diplomats and Governments, because they are human. When we feel like criticising them and looking at things through dark glasses, let us think of the many mistakes we have made ourselves and remember that we, too, are human. In the conduct of the war sound business methods are very important but ultimate decision of this as of all other wars rests with Almighty God. If our cause is just and we know it is, victory will be ours.

**Letter From Sergt. C. E. Routley**

The following is a letter received by Miss Arthur Knoslow from her cousin Sergt. Elmer Routley, who has been wounded three times in France and is now in England:—

"Just a few lines in answer to your letter of Feb. 23rd, which I received some time ago. I am always pleased to hear from you, even if I don't answer your letters as punctually as I should. I correspond with so many different people that I find it almost impossible to keep my correspondence up-to-date. However, I try to drop you each a line once in a while. Thanks awfully for your congratulations for my being awarded a bar to my D.C.M. I am sorry that I didn't tell you about it before it appeared in the paper, but, really, I didn't think that you people were interested in D.C.M.'s, etc., or rather, I didn't think that you knew what they really meant. I know I didn't before I saw some of them won. However, I am pleased that you are interested and that you notice such a small item about your cousin, and I may tell you that I am the sixth Canadian to receive that decoration, but there has been one awarded a Canadian since I was awarded mine. So you see it isn't a very common decoration. Of course it isn't as high an honor as the V.C. but it ranks next to it and bars to a D.C.M. are a great deal scarcer than V.C.'s. But it isn't V.C.'s or D.C.M.'s that we are fighting for. When we put on this uniform we said that we would do our best to uphold the honor of that fair country known as "The Land of the Maple," and to maintain the freedom that exists therein, and we still say we will do our best and will continue so doing at all cost. Ahem! I guess that is saying a mouthful, but it's my feeling and the feeling of the average Canadian over here. It does me good to get such things off my chest occasionally.

The weather over here has not been quite so favorable this last few days. Rather windy and a bit cold, with occasional showers, but we had a glorious winter. We had railishes from our own open air garden for tea this afternoon, so you may know from that we have had some fine weather. You asked me if there were any mosquitoes over here. Well, there are a few in the sultry autumn weather, but they aren't one quarter as great a pest as they are in Canada. Flies are not nearly so numerous as they are "over 'ome." I have never seen a screen door over here and the only screen windows that I have seen are a few in officers' and sergeants' quarters in Canadian camps. There is also very little thunder or lightning over here.

Those snaps that Aunt sent are fine. I had quite a collection of such snaps as those and I wouldn't part with them for a great deal. I nearly lost them the second time I was wounded. They were in my haversack and I had lost so much blood that I was unable to carry anything except my gas mask. In fact I was lucky and thankful to get out at all. After I got to England and my arm got well enough that I could write, I wrote to some of the chaps who had survived that engagement and asked them if they knew anything about my personal belongings, but of course they had all they could do to look after themselves, their wounded and keep their eye on Fritz at the same time, without bothering about snap shots. Two days before I went back to France again, I got a registered parcel from the Canadian Record Office, London, containing my bible and the wallet in which I always kept my snaps. The line had been advanced, beyond where I was wounded, and the salvage company went over the field and salvaged all of the equipment and other war material that they could find. Any personal belongings that they got were forwarded to the Record Office, and from there it was sent to its owner, or in case of his death to his next of kin. You see how my snaps are pretty well organized when they look after such small details as that.

Eddie Dodds, Tom Dodd's son, is in this depot at present, also several Petrolia boys, so we have a real "at home" talk occasionally. You remember Miss Swift, who came over here some two years ago, and was married to Lieut. Fuller. Well she lived about two miles from here until a couple of weeks ago, when she moved to Hastings. I did not know her personally but she and I are cousins and I used to hear him speak of her quite often.

I believe this is all the news for this time, with best wishes from  
53610 SERGT. C. E. ROUTLEY, D.C.M.,  
"T," Coy. 2nd, C. C. D.,  
Bramshott Camp,  
Hants, England.

**Aged Cripple Had Close Call**

Oil Springs, May 6.—Fire broke out yesterday in the residence of Clem Anderson and did some damage to the interior of the house, and was very nearly attended by fatal results. When the fire started, probably from the gas stove, there was no person at home except Mrs. Anderson's father, an elderly man and helpless in his limbs from paralysis. Neighbors rushed in and rescued him. He was almost suffocated by the smoke, but was uninjured by the flames.

**A \$15,000 Gasoline Blaze**

Petrolia, May 6.—In one of the most spectacular fires in years here to-night a big tank containing 150 barrels of gasoline was burned, causing a loss of \$15,000. The tank was an underground structure located in the yards of the Canadian Oil Refinery Company, and the fire followed an explosion. The heat was terrific, and flames shot many feet in the air, while dense volumes of black smoke made the work of the fire-fighters difficult. The refinery fire brigade was assisted by the local department.

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MARRIED MAN Wants to hire by the year on a farm. Apply JOHN BLVTH, Second line North Watford. 2t

FOR SALE — Good Durham Calves. Apply to RUSSELL WILLIAMS, lot 15, Main Road, Warwick. 26-3

WORN OUT HORSES and fallen animals of any kind bought.—LETT BROS., fur ranchers, lot 18, con. 13, Brooke; Rural phone 4821. Watford P. O. Phone messages at our expense. 1t

TENDER'S WANTED for the installation of two furnaces in the Watford High School. Tenders received up to May 15th. Plans and specifications in the hands of the Secretary, D. WATT, Watford. m3-2t

**Sale Register**

Saturday, May 11th. 35 head of cattle. See ad.

Tuesday, May 14, Roche House, 22 head of stock.

By auction, Roche House, Watford, Saturday, May 11th, at three o'clock. 1 bay mare, supposed to be in foal; 1 set single harness, 1 rubber-tire buggy. Terms—6 months' credit on approved joint notes, 6 per cent. per annum discount for cash. J. F. Elliot, auctioneer.

About 4000 feet of siding, about 4000 feet of inch flooring, about 3000 feet 2 x 5 scantling and a quantity of other lumber; also doors, windows, and 1 cheese vat, will be sold by auction in lots to suit purchasers on Saturday, May 11th, at 6.30 p.m. on the premises corner of Victoria and John streets. Terms cash. J. Goodman, proprietor; J. F. Elliot, auctioneer. 26-3

**Death of Henry Martin Scott**

The death of Henry M. Scott, one of the oldest, if not the very oldest pioneer of Plympton, took place about midnight Thursday of last week. Mr. Scott, was born in Waxford Co., Ireland, on April 15th, 1820, and therefore had just entered his 99th year. He spent his early life in his native land and in 1838 came to Canada with McWilliam Chas. Hume, and for two years resided in Orillia. In 1835 he came to Lambton and with his brothers, Thomas who for many years was clerk of Plympton, and his brother Alexander, took up land on the 12th of Plympton, where he resided continuously since, an honored resident of the township. In 1865 he married Rebecca Blunden, daughter of the late Christopher Blunden. She died in 1885.

**KERWOOD**

Mr. Ern. Tidball has moved to Glencoe where he has secured the position of section foreman.

The 6th line Red Cross Circle will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Tidball on Friday the 10th.

Special services will be held in honor of Mother's Day next Sunday in Methodist Church 11 a. m.

The Woman's Institute will hold their next meeting at Mrs. Mills, Wednesday May 15th, a good attendance is requested.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church re-elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Brunt; 1st Vice, Mrs. Frank Hull; Secretary, Mrs. Howard Early; Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Wright. The Ladies are planning their annual picnic and bazaar. More particulars later.

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**RUBBERS—ALL SIZES—AT COST.**

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**P. J. DODDS' Exclusive Shoe Store**

**The New Taxation in Brief**

Increased taxation imposed upon incomes, but with exemptions for families with dependent children.

Corporation income tax increased from 4 to 6 per cent., and business profits war tax to be re-enacted, with extension of tax to business employing capital as low as \$25,000.

Excise duties on manufactured tobacco increased from 10 cents to 20 cents per pound; on cigars from \$3 to \$6 a thousand; on cigarettes from \$3 to \$6 a thousand; on foreign raw leaf tobacco stemmed from 42 to 46 cents per pound. Excise duty of five cents a pound imposed on raw leaf tobacco grown in Canada.

Customs duties on imported cut and manufactured tobaccos increased by 30 cents a pound, and duties on cigars and cigarettes increased 60 cents a pound. Customs duty 10 cents a pound placed on tea, and duties on coffee and chicory correspondingly increased. Excise duty of 10 cents a pound levied on tea in dealers' hands.

Tax on sleeping-car berths and parlor-car seats increased.

Excise taxes on matches and playing cards, and specific duty of five cents per lineal foot placed on moving-picture films.

Special war taxes of 10 per cent. imposed on selling values of automobiles, jewelry, gramophones, mechanical piano and organ players and records.

While engaged in erecting the new barn on the premises of Dan McKellar last Monday, Mr. Schwartz, of Alvinston, had the misfortune to fall from a beam on which he was working to the ground, a distance of about 25 feet. When picked up, in the basement of the barn, he was found to be in a serious condition and he was carried to his home. Medical attendance was called and it was found that he fractured three ribs as well as receiving several minor injuries.