

OUR daily news letter from this thriving town furnished by The Ontario's special representative.

Busy Trenton

THE latest news of the town and surrounding neighborhood is given in an interesting manner.

TRENTON, May 21.—Mr. J. A. Pelkey, the former well known proprietor of the St. Lawrence Hall, has leased the Strathcona Hotel and will conduct it as a temperance house.

"The Beautiful Drift" capable of accommodating 100 patients, has been offered to the government as a home for convalescent soldiers. It is not yet known whether the Government will accept the offer or not. Major General Hughes has notified Prof. Schmidt that he has not the time to attend to it, and so far as his department is concerned cannot accept. Patriotic men of means have had their attention drawn to the opportunity offered them to lease this place and offer it to the Government, and it is not improbable that someone will do so. There is no finer place in Ontario for the purpose. Why should not the County of Hastings look into this opportunity?

Prof. Elmer Luck, M.A., an old pupil of Mr. Robert Whyte's will lecture here on Thursday evening, June 3rd, under the auspices of the Canadian Club. Mr. Luck will tell his experiences while held in Germany as a prisoner of war.

The Picton town council is agitating for an electric road to Belleville.

Last Friday Trenton girls organized the first troop of Girl Guides, with the following young ladies as officers: 1st patrol leader—Helen Weaver; 2nd patrol leader—Glady's O'Rourke; Corporal—Anna Sanson; 3rd patrol leader—Kathleen Rowe; Corporal—Vera Richardson; 4th patrol leader—Lela Tucker; Corporal—Helen Billings.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. M. W. Murdock, assisted by Mrs. P. J. O'Rourke, Mrs. R. L. Haines and Mrs. O. E. Fortune.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Murdock and Mrs. Haines took the Guides for a long tramp through the woods to St. George's cemetery.

It is expected that the young ladies will honor the Odd Fellows on July 7th by taking a place in the parade. The new uniforms, we are informed will be very attractive.

The secretary of the Board of Trade has received a certified copy of the order issued by the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners, directing that the Grand Trunk, Canadian Northern, Central Ontario and Canadian Pacific railways provide inter-switching facilities at Trenton. It is ordered that the C.P.R. provide and construct a transfer track to connect with the track of the Canadian Northern Railway Company, at Trenton, the connecting tracks to be installed within thirty days from the date of this order (May 20, 1915); and the cost of the work and the maintenance thereof to be borne and paid by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. This is the result of the energetic work of the 1914 Board of Trade Executive.

The proudest, and at the same time the saddest people in the British Empire, are the relatives of those who have laid down their lives in defence of the Empire. Trenton soldiers writing to relatives state that almost everyone in England appears to be in mourning, and that few young men in civilian clothes are to be seen in public. We have not reached that point in Trenton.

The necessity for providing more accommodation for public school pupils has reached such a stage, that

further delay and dilly-dallying is out of the question. That the Board of Education is divided regarding the advisability of building a new High School, is evident. Some of the Trustees are in favor of building ward schools for the public school pupils and of handing over the Dufferin street school to the High School officials. Others are of the opinion that a new High School should be built on the property already owned by the town adjoining the Dufferin street school, and that a one room school for junior pupils should be built somewhere between Hatton's grocery and Hart's Corners. The estimated cost of a new High School is given as between \$50,000 and \$60,000, and those in favor of building two new public schools on the west side and of exchanging the present High School for the Dufferin street school (estimate that the cost of carrying out their plan will not be more than \$30,000. The question of cost of sites for two new public school buildings on the West side, will have to be carefully considered, and it must be remembered that it has been the experience of nearly every growing town that much money would have been saved had the Board of Education bought school sites at a time when property values were reasonable. It goes without saying that the contemplated sites are not likely to be purchasable at as low a figure as today, even a year from now. In this connection it may be pointed out that the town already owns, adjoining the Dufferin street school, enough land to permit of the building of a new High School, so that by building there the cost of site might be eliminated from the estimate. It is hoped that a speedy solution of the matter will be reached, as the situation at present existing is deplorable. Trenton ought to be able to truthfully advertise its educational facilities as equal to those of any other town of like population in Ontario.

On Monday May 17th, the marriage of Miss Nora Huston to Mr. C. H. King took place at Grace Church parsonage.

The C.P.R. provided about eighteen car loads of gravel as an inducement to the Corporation to improve the roadway on West street. It has already been placed on the road by the Street Commissioner's Dept. The cement sidewalk is also being laid on this street, and when completed to the C.P.R. tracks, the company intends extending their platform to the street.

The Park Commission met last night and ordered the purchase of eight 7' foot park benches, to be placed in the Y.O.D.E. and Victoria parks.

On Monday May 31st, next, the Campbellford lacrosse team will play an exhibition game with the local boys at Firemen's Park, at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. H. A. Cook, proprietor of the King George hotel, is sporting a very fine new "Mitchell" 6. It is the largest car owned in Trenton and was purchased from the Trenton garage. A street tent show will hold forth here for a week, commencing May 24th, under the auspices of the local Elks lodge. The company is a large one and requires six cars to transport it from place to place. Trenton is recognized as one of the best show towns in Ontario today.

Some of the High School cadet uniforms are now in the trenches in Belgium. Such is the discovery which Principal P. C. MacLarin has made. Some of the uniforms were missing and it was found that after camp at Barrieffield last year, the boys took their clothes home and in the hurry of departure in August for Valcartier some of the trousers got packed up in their kit. They were well fitting suits and word has been received that some are being worn in this titanic conflict.

"We ought to be well satisfied," said a school trustee.

A press despatch said yesterday that three battalions would be recruited in this division, and in military circles it is said that eventually this will be done, as all battalions organized now are for the purpose of furnishing reinforcements for the two expeditionary forces now overseas. Twenty-five per cent. of this force will have to be recruited, trained and equipped, and kept in readiness for any and every emergency, which will mean 12,000 men and officers.

It is said in well-informed military circles, that two well-known Kingston officers will be in the new overseas battalion, and that command will go to one, and the other, an officer in Queen's University C.O.T.C. will possibly be made Adjutant. Both officers volunteered for overseas service some

time ago, and both are actively engaged in local military work.

The Imperial War Office on the recommendation of Lord Kitchener has decided to accept for active service up to 40 years of age, and has lowered the standard from five feet three inches to five feet two inches. No official word has been received regard-

Extracts from Letter Written by Rev. R. M. MacTavish

Rev. R. M. MacTavish, B.A., B.D., son of Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Madoc village, after spending almost a year in German universities, was on his way home when war was declared. When the call came for recruits he was in London and he at once enlisted as a trooper in the King Edward Light Horse, a regiment composed entirely of Colonials. A few weeks ago he was given a commission as second lieutenant in the South Staffordshire and now he is in the island of Jersey. The following extracts are taken from a letter recently received by his friends:

Our battalion has just been made a reserve battalion. That means that we will not go to the front as a battalion but will be sent out in drafts of both officers and men to replace casualties in the battalions already at the front. The casualties have been so severe that our reserve battalion has been found insufficient. There are so many senior to me, however, that my turn will not come for a long time yet. As I said before, I feel pretty certain it will not come before August or September.

Most of the other men here are University men or at least Public school boys. There are quite a dozen from Oxford and Cambridge, and others from Sheffield, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Cork, Dublin, etc. So they make an interesting and pretty agreeable lot. There is one Canadian. He is quite a good fellow, and a Presbyterian, though he swears a bit and puts "was" where the text books say "were" should be.

Yesterday I took him and a Scotchman to the Presbyterian services here. They were the first Presbyterian ones I had attended since I left Canada, I think. I enjoyed the old, familiar hymns, the fervent prayers and the sermons. The minister is a Mr. Scrymgeour or something like that, a Glasgow man. He sat in the honor philosophy examination with Prof. Scott, of Queen's. He knew a good many of the Scotch Canadian ministers. Morgan (Queen's), he said, was considered one of the cleverest men in the Scottish church. The three of us visited the manse this evening and spent all the evening talking. It was rather pleasant to get back to old topics for a while.

Military Notes

Major D. Barragar of Queen Mary School is giving up his vacation this year in order to drill officers and N.C.O.'s at Barrieffield for three months beginning June 7th. He is one of the few men qualified to instruct. Since war began Major Barragar has been one of the busiest men in the province. He has conducted several provisional schools with remarkable success and is just now completing a school for officers and N.C.O.'s of the 39th Battalion—all this in addition to his duties as principal of Queen Mary School.

Besides all this he has drilled his cadet corps which maintained its reputation as the champion corps of the city. For all his unselfish work the citizens can never repay Major Barragar. As one of the school board said last night "He trained our boys who fought with such glory in the great battle at Langemarck and he will train more of our Canadian lads"

TRAIN DESPATCHING BY TELEPHONE ON THE G.T.P.

Grand Trunk Pacific officials at headquarters in Montreal were today informed that the telephone train despatching system has now been installed over the whole of the Company's main line. This is the most modern and efficient method of train despatching.

Portable telephones are carried on each train, placing the train crew in touch with the despatchers at all times and places. Orders issued also demand that all train employees on the Grand Trunk Pacific submit their watches to qualified inspectors once a week. Standard time on conductors' watches tends to the arrival of trains on schedule and the Grand Trunk Pacific takes a pride in maintaining its reputation in that respect.

At Christ Church

Tomorrow will be an important day for Christ Church. In the morning the Sons of England and kindred societies will attend divine service and listen to a patriotic address by the Rev. R. C. Biagrave. In the evening the Bishop of Kingston, His lordship Bishop Bidwell will conduct confirmation.

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SPLENDID PROSPECTS FOR A BIG CROP OF CLOVER AND FALL WHEAT

OTTAWA, May 23, 1915.—The Census and Statistics Office issued today, in the form of a press bulletin, the first crop report of the present season. It deals with the area and condition of the fall wheat crop, the condition of hay and clover meadows at the close of the winter and the progress of spring seeding up to the end of April.

Area and Condition of Fall Wheat. Owing to the mild winter and the favorable conditions which prevailed during the critical months of March and April, the fall wheat crop is reported as being exceptionally good on April 30. In Ontario, where 1,043,000 acres were sown as estimated last fall, not more than 8.8 per cent. is reported as winter killed, and in Alberta, with 230,000 acres estimated as sown, the proportion winter killed is only 6.2 per cent. These proportions are lower than in any year since 1908-09 for Ontario and lower than in any previous year on record for Alberta. Last year the percentage winter killed was 19 in Ontario and 15.6 in Alberta. In Ontario the area winter killed amounts this year to 71,000 acres, and in Alberta to 14,300 acres. These figures deducted from the areas sown, leave 972,000 acres in Ontario and 215,000 acres in Alberta as the areas under fall wheat to be harvested. With 40,900 acres in Manitoba, 4,100 acres in Saskatchewan and 6,000 acres in British Columbia, the total area under fall wheat to be harvested this year amounts to 1,208,700 acres, as compared with 972,300 acres, the area harvested in 1914. While, therefore, as previously reported, the area sown to wheat last fall was 9 per cent. more than the area sown in the fall of 1913, the increased area to be harvested, owing to the small area winter killed, amounts to 24 p.c. Not less satisfactory is the general condition on April 30, which measured by the standard of 100, as representing a full crop, is 93 in Ontario, as compared with 81 last year, and 83 in Alberta, as compared

with 81 last year, and 83 in Alberta, as compared with 87. For Ontario the figure is higher than in any year since 1910 when 95 1/2 was recorded; for Alberta this year's condition was only exceeded last year and in 1911. The condition for the whole of Canada on April 30 was 91 which, converted into a standard of 100 as representing the average condition at the same period for the six years 1909-1914, indicates a condition of 112, or an anticipated yield per acre of 12 per cent. in excess of the average, provided that conditions between now and harvest time are not abnormal.

Hay and Clover Meadows. As in the case of wheat, the amount of winter killing proved to be unusually small, not more than 10 p.c. being the estimate for all Canada as compared with 14 p.c. last year and 22 p.c. in 1913. The average condition was 91 p.c. of the standard or full crop, as compared with 88.7 p.c. last year (May 6), 89.6 p.c. in 1913 and 74.6 p.c. in 1912.

Progress of Spring Seeding.

It is as yet too soon to report on the Maritime provinces, but excellent progress in the seeding of spring grains is reported from all the other six provinces. The spring is early, and as a general rule the conditions for seeding have been most favorable.

About double the amount of seeding was accomplished this year on April 30 than was completed on May 6 in 1914. Of spring wheat 55 p.c. of the total was finished in Quebec as against 5 p.c. last year; in Ontario 73 p.c. against 24 p.c.; in the three western provinces 93 p.c. was completed in Manitoba, 94 p.c. in Saskatchewan and 91 p.c. in Alberta, these proportions being higher than in any year since 1910. In British Columbia the percentage is 89. For all six provinces the proportion of seeding reported as effected on April 30 was 84 p.c. for wheat, 45 p.c. for oats, 38 p.c. for barley and 63 p.c. for all crops.

The lowering of the standard of height in the third division. In all all recruiting done here men have been accepted up to 45 years years of age, and the height has been five feet three inches.

Victoria Day will be a great day in Belleville. Citizens farewell to officers and men of gallant 39th regiment.

Nerlich Treason Trial Awaits Court Papers

Emil Nerlich of Toronto will not appear for trial until Monday, May 31, according to a statement made yesterday by Mr. W. C. Mikel, K.C., the Crown Prosecutor. The change of date for the trial from Tuesday next to the following Monday was made on the suggestion of the Deputy Attorney General, he said, the reason being that the appeal in the conspiracy case which was to be heard by the Appellate Division on May 17 will not be heard until next Tuesday. And some of the papers required in the trial on the treason charge will be required also in the appeal case. It was not possible, therefore, to have the trial and the appeal proceed on the same day.

In the treason case the charge is that the accused assisted the enemy by helping to send to Germany Arthur Zirzow, an ex-Lieutenant of the German army, and by trading with and sending information to the enemy. In the former case conspiracy to commit that offence was charged.

LAID TO REST

The funeral of the late J. O'Brien took place this morning from his father's residence in Thurlow to St. Michael's church here Rev. Father Killen conducted a solemn requiem mass. Interment was in St. James' cemetery. Rev. Father O'Conner officiating. The bearers were C. Clapp, F. Whitney, W. Driver, T. Fitzgerald, E. Latta, H. Dean.

OBITARY

AMBROSE CLEMENT.

Ambrose Clement passed away at his home at Cannifton aged 77 years. He was a Methodist in religion. Surviving are his widow, four sons and two daughters. The sons are John, Cannifton; Adolphus, Montana; Lewis, Belleville; Joseph, at home and the daughters, Mrs. Albert Thrasher, Cannifton and Mrs. G. I. Thomas, Jr., Cannifton. He also leaves one brother in Belleville.

The late Mr. Clement was a very well known and popular resident and his demise has caused deep regret.

MRS. MARY SPENCER

Mrs. Mary Spencer, passed away this morning at the age of 86 years. She was the widow of the late Richard Spencer of Newport and was a native of Sidney. She was a resident of Belleville for many years. She leaves no family.

Miss Gertrude Alford is here from Osgoode Hall for the holidays.

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