

ITEMS FOR AND ABOUT THE FARMER

CANADA'S "TODAY" IS NOT "DER TAG"

Let Canadians Vote as Clearly Today as Wilson Spoke.

WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

The World is Waiting and Watching for Canada's Answer.

Today we are to vote in the interest of our country. Presumably most of us have made up our minds as to which candidate we will support. Possibly, however, there may be some of us who have not thoroughly satisfied ourselves as to what our favorite candidate stands for. It is not sufficient for us to feel that we are going to vote for the man who is a lover of Canada.

If the time has ever arrived when we must understand why we desire to vote for our chosen candidate, that time is now. We must get beyond anything indefinite, and know clearly whether our vote is being cast for a speedy victory or for temporizing when the interest of the world calls for action. If ever Canadians should rise above politics and keep their eye single in the interest of peace, which can be gained only by victory over the enemy who stands for terrorism and personal domination, surely today is that time. While Germany for years was waiting for "der Tag," the day of the war which was to give them dominion over all of Europe, we Canadians were dwelling in fabled security, never believing it possible that we should be called to war.

As Belgium, France and England have saved us from experiencing the ravages of war in our own Canada, let us now rise to help them place securely the reign of peace in Europe. Thus only may we have peace in Can-

ada. Today is "our day," not "der Tag."

Perhaps there are those who have not read the recent speech of President Wilson to the United States Congress, or who have not seen the very recently issued "The American People," as anyone who has recently visited the States knows. What he thinks of the war and the need for speedy victory over Germany is clearly seen in these two paragraphs:

"We know that for us this is a war of high principle; debased by no selfish ambition of conquest or spoilation; because we know, and all the world knows, that we have been forced into it to save the very institutions we live under from corruption and destruction. The purpose of the central powers strikes straight at the very heart of everything we believe in; their methods of warfare outrage every principle of humanity and of knightly honor; their intrigues have corrupted the very thought and spirit of many of our people; their sinister and secret diplomacy has sought to take our very territory away from us and disrupt the union of the states."

"Our safety would be at an end, our honor forever sullied and brought into contempt were we to permit their triumph. They are striking at the very existence of democracy and liberty. A supreme moment of history has come. The eyes of the people have been opened and they see. The hand of God is laid upon the nations. He will show them favor. I devoutly believe, only if they rise to the clear heights of His own justice and mercy."

Let us remember this when we vote today.

Oleomargarine is expected to be on sale to consumers in all parts of Canada next Tuesday.

Prof. G. E. Day has resigned the professorship of animal husbandry at the Ontario Agricultural College to accept the secretaryship of the Canadian Shorthorn Breeders' Association.

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Condensed Information for Farmers and Their Clubs

News of the Crops and Farms From All Parts of Ontario.

ALMONTE.

At R. G. Kellough's sale 46 sheep, of which 17 were lambs, brought over \$900. A short time ago he sold some others, and he realized over \$1000 for his whole flock.

Almonte's turkey fair on Dec. 5, was a most satisfactory one. The fowl brought in was of good quality, and the buyers were sufficiently numerous to keep the prices at a satisfactory elevation. In all, about 22 tons were brought for shipment, and for this brought over \$10,000 was paid out to the poultry sellers. The prices paid for the poultry were: for turkeys 30 and 31 cents; chickens, 25 cents; ducks, 25 cents; geese, 20, and fowls 20. Pork was bought at \$22 a hundred.

The attendance of Dufferin farmers at the Dufferin Winter Fair is said to have surpassed all former records.

SHELBURNE.

Bert Moncrief has sold his 180-acre farm, lot 4, con. 3, O.S. Melancthon to Frank Halbert of Shelburne, formerly of Monro, for the sum of \$9000. Mr. Moncrief takes Mr. Halbert's dwelling house in Shelburne at a valuation of \$1500.

BEETON.

The price of hogs dropped \$1 per cwt. on the Beeton livestock market last week, buyers were paying \$10.55.

FERGUS.

Adam A. Armstrong won the Swift Canadian Special at the Toronto Fair Stock Show, for the best ten lambs under 100 lbs. There were 18 entries in the class. The winning lambs sold for 35¢.

LAMBTON.

Seven government farm tractors have added 2000 acres to the plowed area of Lambton this fall.

CLAREMONT.

The extensive auction sale of surplus stock, consisting of 72 head of registered and high-grade cattle, 8 horses, 22 lambs and 10 small pigs, place last Wednesday, was well attended and bidding was active. This is the largest surplus sale that has taken place here for a number of years, having amounted to \$7500. Everything was sold in three hours and a half. The sale was conducted by H. S. Fugh, of Glen Major, who has proved his ability as an auctioneer.

F. Caster shipped another car of turnips on Tuesday. This makes five cars this season.

Wm. Waddell shipped a number of fine cattle one day last week for which he received a handsome figure. The purchaser was a man from the west.

SPEEDSIDE.

A number from here attended the winter fair at Guelph.

Mr. McDonald, the head of the neighborhood finishing up the season's threshing.

Morden Bros. have put away their large steam threshing outfit and are finishing with their oil burner. They are now at Mr. Gormie's.

Adam Wood has taken out his car of cattle this week, and they are admitted to be a very smooth bunch.

Harvey Oakes of Oustie this week delivered a fine bunch of calves for the baby beef market, Toronto.

Jos. Armstrong is erecting a very neat building for his hens and pigs. It requires a great deal of pluck to work this weather.

Ed. Doughty has kindly helped out several farmers with their threshing this season.

Mr. Matthews's sale amounted to over \$2400. It was a good one.

THORNTON.

Walter Jennett has purchased from T. G. Scythes, the head on the property the latter purchased from the Heyland estate, recently.

Eighteen hundred and twenty-five bushels of rye, oats and buckwheat for the elevator were threshed in 11 hours for Ed. Wilson, near Holly, recently. The separator, a 35-inch cylinder, owned by W. Wilson, and a 12-horse engine, owned by Sam Elliott. The men who fed the machine were W. E. Pearson and George Elliott, and the amount of water required was 13 barrels.

Thornton is the apparent leading grain market at present. We hear the cause of the above is the high prices being paid. Farmers who should patronize Cookstown and Aliston are hauling their grain here.

NEWMARKET.

Christmas market will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 19, and on Saturday, Dec. 22. The buyers will be present on both days, and it is expected that these two Christmas market days will be record ones in the history of the market.

The Newmarket Poultry Show this week was a splendid success, considering the circumstances, and the directors are to be congratulated on the result of their efforts.

The show was held in the market building, which was very suitable for the purpose, and the uniform open wire cages allowed inspection to great advantage.

The competition was confined to the utility breeds, and with the exception of a few entries from Toronto was entirely of local production, and hence the exhibit was not as large as some previous years. Rocks, Oringtons, Wyandots, Rhode Island Reds and Leghorns were well represented, and included some of the prize birds at the recent winter fair at Guelph. The quality of the exhibit was good and the professional judge, Mr. Robertson, made many complimentary remarks regarding the exhibit. A marked improvement is apparent since the first poultry show in Newmarket five years ago.

SCHOMBERG.

About three tons of dressed poultry were shipped out of here on Wednesday. There was a slight decline in the price of butter and eggs on the market Wednesday.

John Cooper held a sale of farm stock and implements on Thursday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper intend to give up farming and reside in Schomberg.

J. C. Osborne, Sam Metcalf and Elwood Tatton spent Friday on the road looking for the wily fox. Several good chases were to be had, but they failed to bag any, although they came home with a goodly supply of rabbits.

ARTHUR.

On Monday, Thos. Sturridge of the 14th of Peel, delivered to John Stortz, a pair of fat cattle, two years old, for three hundred and thirty dollars. The animal weighed 2750 pounds and the price paid was 12 cents a pound. There is surely good money in feeding cattle of this kind, and Mr. Sturridge is to be congratulated on his success in this important branch of farming. Thos. Bridge has purchased Ed. Brain's 150-acre farm on the 2nd concession of West Luther. The price paid was \$6500.

MUSIC IS NATURAL TO HUMAN HEART

The Thought of Christmas Has Always Blended With Singing.

ITS IMPORTANCE TODAY

Music Purifies Character and is the Friend of Peace.

From time beyond history down through the ages has come the sound of singing in connection with the coming of Christ. Spontaneously the human heart bursts into song at the thought of Christmas. Christmas, indeed, might well be called the source of inspiration, and music is the product of inspiration. All over the world that grand old Christmas carol, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," is being played and sung at this season of the year in anticipation of the day formally observed as the birthday of Jesus the Christ.

And as that day draws closer people are beginning to think "is it real?" The horrors of war seem to be so close as to be almost universal, and there are few of us Canadians who have not already been called upon to make some fearful sacrifice. And again, we think, where is that "peace" that we sing about and long for at this Christmas season?

Today that home is blessed above all others whence come the strains of music. The saying, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast," is indeed true, and beyond a doubt music helps it spring. The human heart responds to music naturally, and by means of its presence even war loses some of its ferocity and nameless horror.

Surely it is right to "keep the home fires burning." Let us use every means in our possession to purify our characters and brighten the lives, not only of those in our immediate family circle, but also, as far as possible, of those with whom we come in contact. Let us have music in our homes and music in our hearts. It is an enemy to defeat and a true friend of peace.

FARM IMPLEMENTS REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS

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In other words, no other food is equal to meat as a producer of driving force and stamina

—it is the food with "the punch."

The armies of the Allies must be ensured adequate supplies of this "fighting" food. This means that a great increase in meat production is required by Canada and the United States, because the demand for meat overseas has been so enormous that there are to-day 115,000,000 fewer animals in the herds of Europe than before the war. Great Britain, France and Italy are dependent upon Canadian and American producers to save the day so far as meat is concerned.

There is no time to be lost. The shortage of meat overseas must be relieved as quickly as possible.

Hogs The Solution

The supply of meat can be increased more quickly through hogs than through any other stock animal because hogs are very much more prolific, and they are ready for market at an early age.

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An Urgent Call

Canada has responded nobly to every call that has been made for men, for money and for farm produce. To-day's call for increased hog production is of the utmost urgency.

The Government now controls and restricts the profits of the Packing Houses. The hog producer is assured his fair share of the price paid by the consumer.

The Flour Mills are under a form of license

with restrictions on profits. Bran and shorts will be available at reasonable prices.

The huge new corn crop of the United States, estimated at 600,000,000 bushels greater than last year's, will be available to Canadian producers. This crop is under effective United States Government control to prevent speculation.

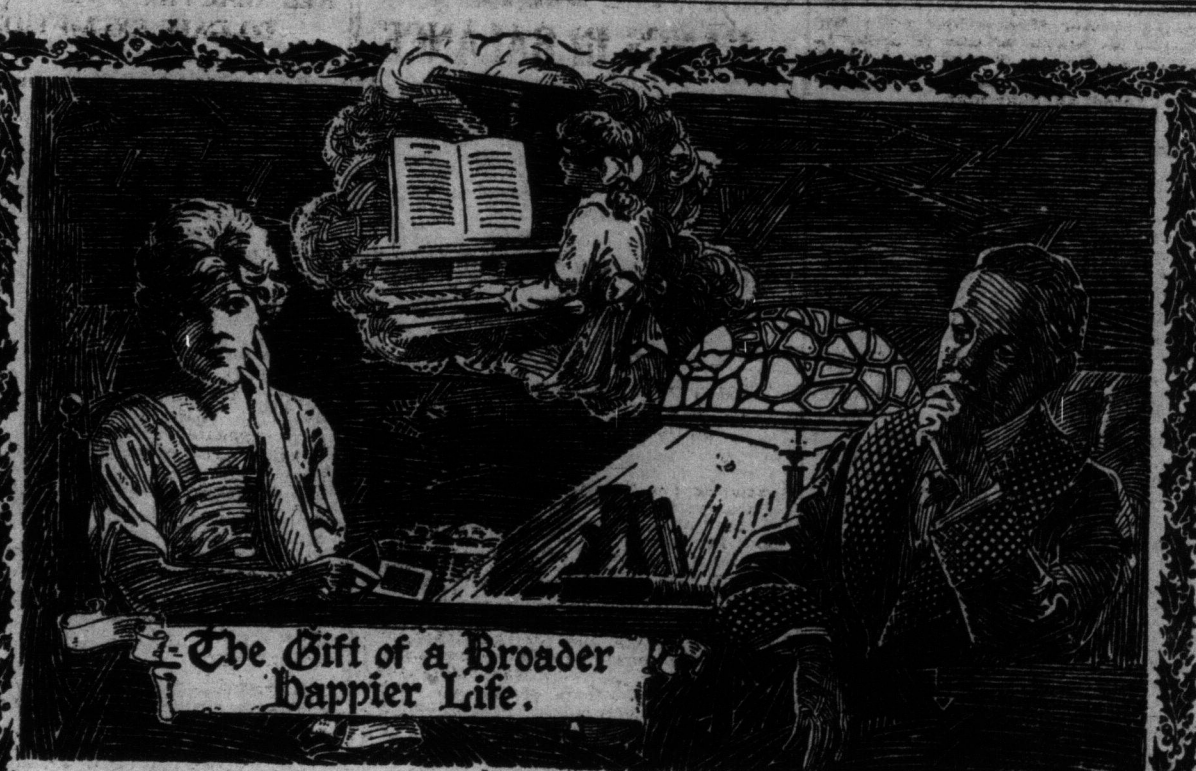
One Commission representing the Allies will do all the buying of the meat for export overseas. This will be an influence in stabilizing the market and preventing wide fluctuations in price. This fact, considered in association with the great meat shortage in Europe, justifies confidence in the profitable possibilities of hog raising in 1918.

Save the Young Sows

Young sows which are slaughtered now only produce about 150 lbs. of meat per sow. By breeding them, many times that quantity of meat can be produced ready for market in ten to twelve months. Every pound of pork that it is possible to raise will be needed. It will take an enormous quantity to meet even a fraction of the present European shortage of 32,425,000 hogs, which is ten times the number of hogs there are in Canada to-day.

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