

DURING WAR TIME WHICH IS CAUSING ABNORMAL CONDITIONS

we want to protect our customers and advise them correctly.

What advice we have given you as to purchasing during the last two years meant money to you—and meant more. It meant a better quality of merchandise than you can get later.

We wish to advise our customers, in all sincerity, to buy well ahead all goods you may be requiring for all 1917 at least.

This store never raises a price until absolutely necessary

After the war is over no one can say that this store took advantage of conditions in any way, other than risking thousands of dollars in early buying to hold down prices as well as get the correct quantities and materials.

Our Easter trade has been a record one

Our heavy reserve stocks, bought well in advance, are filling gaps made by large sales. If these gaps had to be filled by merchandise today our prices would be noticeably higher.

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Linoleums and Congoleums under present value

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In all widths, 40c and 45c square yard.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1917

Very encouraging news comes from the western battle front, where within the last few days British troops have been piling up victory after victory. The total booty secured as a result of two days' operations is officially stated to be as follows:—Prisoners (including 235 officers), 11,000; guns (including heavy cannons up to 8 inches), more than 100; trench mortars, 60; machine guns, 163. More than 3,000 of the prisoners were taken by Canadian troops, who also captured one of the strongest German field fortresses. The advance of the British on their entire front is a depth of two to six miles and still continues.

The United States at War.

Good Friday of this year will be one of the outstanding dates of this war. Shortly after one o'clock in the afternoon, President Wilson, in the immediate presence of members of his family only, signed the resolution passed by the Senate on Wednesday and by the House of Representatives in the early morning of Friday. Word was immediately flashed from the window of the White House where a naval officer had been stationed, and the wonderful wireless agency as quickly bore the message through all parts of the United States and all over the Atlantic. As little time was lost in setting the resources of the United States in motion. All German ships interned in American harbors were seized and the nation definitely committed to hostilities with the malignant forces of Prussian militarism.

The advent of the United States into the Entente Alliance has been welcomed and acclaimed by the British Empire and by France, the other leading democracies of the world. King George and President Poincaré, as the heads of their respective peoples, voiced their greetings.

Premier Lloyd George and his predecessor, Mr. Asquith, speaking for the united British people, gave interviews lauding the action taken by President Wilson with the overwhelming approval of the citizens of the United States. Perhaps now the deluded German nation will

begin to realize the folly of its Prussian rulers and the ruin they have wrought to German hopes and dreams. Not only have they deepened the unity of the British Empire, but they have inaugurated a greater and closer alliance of the English-speaking peoples.—Mail and Empire.

Metcalfe Council.

Meeting of Metcalfe township council held April 2nd, 1917. Members all present.

Moved by Denning and Hawken, that The Transcript be paid \$1.50, advertising for tenders Murby drain; Jas. Edgar, \$8, tile and repairing drain, lot 2, con. 1, div. 1, Geo. Denning, \$4.50, shovelling snow, townline Brooke and Metcalfe, half to Brooke div. 2; W. Smith, \$100, S. S. No. 2; Dan Gubrecht, \$75, S. S. No. 4; Roy Lewis, \$117, S. S. No. 8; D. W. Munroe, \$25, S. S. No. 17; E. Moore, \$80, S. S. No. 14; C. Henry, \$2, inspecting Callaghan bridge; W. Annett, \$208.32, Brooke Telephone System.

Moved by Campbell and Hawken, that Mr. Murby's tender of \$530 for Murby drain be accepted.

Moved by Campbell and Hawken, that the roll be accepted and that the collector be paid \$80 salary, \$2 legal advice, \$4.75 postage, \$1.25 phone and \$4 other expenses; H. Thompson, \$4, road through fields.

Moved by Hawken and Denning, that the clerk ask J. Bell to make an examination of upper part of Moore drain.

Council adjourned to May 7, at 10 a. m.

HARRY THOMPSON, Clerk.

The Poultry By-Law.

As the gardening season is here and as there has frequently been annoyance caused by chickens being allowed to run at large, all parties keeping fowl should read carefully the following extract from village by-law No 12 regarding the same:—

"From and after the passing of this by-law all cattle, horses, goats, sheep, pigs, geese, turkeys, hens and all poultry shall be and are hereby restrained and wholly prohibited from running at large within this municipality, subject to being impounded in any common pound of the municipality.

"If any owner of any animals, geese, or other poultry mentioned above, refuses or neglects to prevent the same from running at large or trespassing on his neighbor's premises after a notice in writing has been served upon him or her of their running at large or trespassing, the owner of such animal or poultry may be brought before any Justice of the Peace and fined such sum as the Justice directs not exceeding the sum of twenty dollars and costs in addition to all damages which may have been awarded by a majority of three fence-viewers of the municipality."

CHAS. GEORGE, Clerk.

Good Start—Better Color.

H. LOFT, Ilderton, Ont., says:—"I used Homestead Bone Black Fertilizer on the wheat this Fall, and from what I have seen I think it pays to sow Fertilizer. It gives the wheat a good start and keeps it a better color."

The schools reopen on Monday next, after the Easter holidays.

School Reports.

Report of Easter exams for S. S. No. 14, Metcalfe and Ekfrid. Absent for two exams marked "X".

Sr. IV.—Neil Olde 67 per cent.

Sr. III.—Olive McIntyre 60, Tom Williams 68, Emerson Campbell 60, Helen Carruthers 59.

Sr. II.—Myra Carruthers 85, Ruby Munson 74, Margaret Monroe 72.

Sr. Part II.—Lorne Towers 22, Melvin Moore 48.

Jr. Part II.—Archie Carruthers 82, Florence Moore 78, Christopher Carruthers 75, Charles Tower 60.

Teacher, WINNIFRED EDDIE.

Following is the result of the Easter examinations in S. S. No. 13, Ekfrid. Names in order of merit. Only names of those obtaining 90 per cent. or given.

IV.—Bessie Covey, Gordon Thorncroft, Stewart McDonald, James McArthur, John Sinclair.

III.—Ronald Macfie, Bert Perry, Jean Allan, Mary Sinclair, Thelma Watterworth, Adolphus Johnson.

II.—Lottie Black.

II.—Roy McDonald (Marguerite Allan, Ian McArthur, Mae Huston) equal.

I.—Newton Macfie, Peter Johnson, Viola Payne, Earle Edwards, Jean Tanner, Willie Tanner.

LEWIS PAYNE, Teacher.

Report of Easter examinations for S. S. No. 4, Ekfrid. Names in order of merit.

I.—Jean Beales, Mina Hardy, Orville Graham, Chester Winger, Willie Welsh, John Barnum, Leona Winger.

II.—Jim Welsh, Mildred Beales, Tom Hardy, Oscar Eaton, David Wiley, George McCallum, Charlie Wiley, George Switzer.

III.—Melvin Murray, Lawrence Eaton, Dan McCallum, Gladys Baldwin, Mabel Hardy, Kenneth Welch.

IV.—Philip Eaton, Hugh Beales, Annie Baldwin, Jean Hull, Norman Adams, Sadie Switzer, Gladys Tuffin, Bertha Hardy, Ella Switzer, Vera Black.

L. CUTLER, Teacher.

Easter report for S. S. No. 3, Euphemia.

Fourth Class, total 950. Above 60 per cent., pass—No-man Summer 680, Leone Johnston 690, Harry Cross 597; above 40 per cent.—Kenneth Price 565, Willie Miller 559, Leigh Burgess 534.

Third Class, total 845. Above 60 per cent., pass—Alonso Johnston 582, Ross Johnston 575.

Second Class, total 475. Above 60 per cent., pass—Greta Willis 346, Lilian Kennedy 324; above 40 per cent.—Charles Johnston 272; absent for several examinations—Claude Squire 230.

Sr. Part II, total 335. Above 60 per cent., pass—Edward Willis 255, Alice Summer 218, Carleton Kay 217, Elmer Johnston 214.

Jr. Part II, total 310—Sadie Bell Johnston 272, Norine Kelly 233.

Primer A, total 200. Pass—Archie McMaster 151, Sadie McMaster 147, Martin Burgess 127, Fred Brennan 123.

RUTH HAMMETT, Teacher.

A Remedy for Erysipelas.—To have the earache is to endure torture. The ear is a delicate organ and few care to deal with it, considering it work for the doctor. Dr. Thomas' Eucletic Oil offers a simple remedy. A few drops on a piece of lint or medicated cotton and placed in the ear will do wonders in relieving pain.

GET READY FOR GARDEN

How to Plan Your Work and Work to a Plan.

EVERYBODY GROW EATABLES

First of Series of Timely Hints—Get Your Ground Ready Now, but Don't Be in Too Much of a Hurry to Put in the Seed.

(By S. C. JOHNSTON, Vegetable Specialist, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

At no time in many years has the necessity and importance of the home vegetable garden been so clearly shown as for this coming summer. France, our wonderful ally, has since the French Revolution been a nation of small farmers, her people of small means cultivating some available land to produce a portion of their own household foodstuffs and to increase the wealth of the nation. Great Britain, threatened with a shortage of foodstuffs, determined to cultivate all available land possible to offset this shortage and we in Canada bending every energy toward facilitating these great nations should do all in our individual power to do something in the hope of helping ourselves and assisting the commercial vegetable growers who are seriously handicapped by the shortage of labor in the production of vegetable foodstuffs. Every city, town, and village dweller has an opportunity to help this great work, in that there are hundreds of available plots now practically unproductive which could be made grow vegetables and thus add to the wealth of the country.

Vegetables an Important Food.

Vegetables should form an important portion of the daily food of the average human being, for they possess qualities which we are told are essential in the proper digestion of the heavy foods, such as meats. To help you do your part in your backyard this column will discuss some of the practical problems in connection with vegetable growing during the next few weeks.

All backyards cannot be prepared in one year to grow vegetables of an excellent quality. Some portion of the yard, however, may be devoted to this purpose, or, if it is convenient, there are usually many vacant lots which are not too far from one's place of abode which possibly could be devoted to the growing of vegetables.

Some Essentials.

First of all it is essential that the vegetable garden, no matter how small, be planted according to some plan or rule. No one attempts to build a house or to set out a permanent flower border without using some drawing or chart to go by. Why should the vegetable garden be treated differently? Haphazard planting will prove a failure, and in order to overcome this it should be remembered in laying out the garden that:

- (1) Tall plants will be most effective if placed behind low ones, not intermingled with them.
- (2) All plants closely allied should be grown together, not in the same row, but in rows adjoining one another.
- (3) The fences may be decorated with vine crops which may be supported on the fences by means of strings or lattice work.
- (4) All quickly maturing vegetables should be planted in a portion of the garden in themselves that they may be harvested and the ground used for other crops later on.

The work of planning the garden is determined by what vegetables and how much of each is to be grown will be influenced by one's individual tastes. One should grow an abundance of such crops as one consumes the most.

Secure Seed Now—But Plant Only When Soil is Ready.

The backyard gardener should decide very early which crops are to be grown and should purchase his seed as soon as possible. It must be remembered, however, that much of this seed may be wasted if it is planted too early in the season. The soil must be warm to receive the seeds, and amateur gardeners must have patience until it is certain that good growing weather is really here. It is possible in ordinary seasons to plant some vegetables in April and yet many backyard vegetable enthusiasts will be advised to wait until the middle of May before doing very much in the garden.

Suitable Varieties.

A list of varieties suitable for gardens made by city, town, and village dwellers follows:—

Asparagus—Palmetto, Conovers Colossal.

Beans—Davis White Wax, Golden Wax, Refugee.

Beets—Crosby's Egyptian, Detroit Dark Red.

Brussels Sprouts—Dalketh.

Carrots—Chantenay.

Cauliflower—Erfurt, Snowball.

Cabbage—Copenhagen Market, Danish Ball Head.

Celery—Paris Golden, Winter Queen.

Corn—Golden Bantam, Stowell's Evergreen.

Cucumber—White Spine, Chicago Pickling.

Citron—Colorado Preserving.

Lettuce—Grand Rapids, Nonpareil.

Melon—Mus—Paul Rose.

Melon—Watermelon's Early.

Onions—Southport Yellow Globe.

Parsnip—Hollow Crown.

Parsley—Champion Moss Curled.

Peas—Gradus, Little Marvel.

Potatoes—Irish Cobbler, Delaware.

Pumpkin—Quaker Pie.

Radish—Scarlet White Tip Turnip, Ne Plus Ultra, (winter) China Rose.

Spinach—Victoria, Viroflay.

Squash—Bush Marrow.

Salad—Sandwich Island.

Tomatoes—Chalks Jewel.

Turnip—Early Six Weeks.

Rhubarb—Victoria, Linneana.

Kilmartin.

Mr. and Mrs. Croseby of Highgate are visiting at Duncan McAlpine's.

Mrs. Malcolm C. McLean spent a few days this week in Windsor.

Mrs. Donald Patterson of Appin spent the week-end at A. L. Munroe's.

Miss Crawford and Miss Bessie McIntyre of Detroit are holidaying here.

Miss Jessie McLarty is visiting Miss Anna Burke.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Munroe and Archie Munroe of Walkerville spent the holidays at Neil Munroe's.

Misses Margaret Letch, Malcolmina Munroe and Evelyn McTavish are spending the holidays at their homes here.

Dan Seord and Miss Lewis of Detroit spent the week-end at John Seord's.

The Red Cross Circle met at Mrs. Wm. Walker's on Wednesday last.

Proceeds of the tea, \$115. The Circle shipped to Hyman Hall during March 10 helpless shirts, 25 grey flannel shirts and 35 pairs socks. They also sent to friends at the front 2 pairs socks and 1 flannel shirt. Total value, \$85.45.

MIDDLEMISS.

N. F. Fletcher has purchased a fine work team of horses and is busy tilling the farm.

C. H. Lucas unloaded a carload of seed oats last week.

H. B. McArthur is busy canvassing for fruit-tree orders.

A nice lot of new machinery has been delivered here already. This shows that the farmers in this district intend to till the soil, as the Empire would have us to do.

Officer J. A. Carroll was home for a day last week. Jack says he expects to go across very soon.

Earl Irish of Brantford was home on Saturday. He says there is all kinds of work at Brantford and the wage is good.

James Davis intends to move his barn this summer.

Robert McNabb "blazed" wood in town a couple of days last week.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Anderson is very ill with pleurisy, and hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

Mrs. Brown, who has been poorly for some time, is able to get out again.

Middlemiss markets for last week were as high as most of the city markets: Potatoes, \$2.75 per bag; butter, 35c to 36c; eggs, 30c to 32c; hay, \$11 to \$13; oats, 72c to 95c for seed; wheat, \$1.00; maple syrup, \$1.00 to \$1.75 gal.

One of our boy scouts shot with a 22-calibre I. & C. 1 blackbird and 4 sparrows out of 4 shots.

L. Clark and family of Baird's were home for Easter.

Miss Annabel McLaughlin is very poorly at present.

J. A. McDonald has opened a grocery department in connection with his hardware store.

Carried Beets Through Drought.

ALFRED ROSE, Belle River, Ontario, says: "I bought several tons of Homestead Fertilizer last Spring and used some on Spring wheat. It did exceptionally well, yielded beyond everybody's expectations. I also used a ton on twelve acres of sugar beets sown with a beet drill with a fertilizer attachment. It was remarkable how it helped the growth, and during the dry spell of weather my beets remained green and thrifty while my neighbor's beets that had no fertilizer became yellow."

I find Homestead Bone Black Fertilizer does even more good than claimed for it."

Strathburn

Osey Grey has purchased Sandy MacRae's property at Willow Hill.

Mrs. St. Clair and son of Forest visited last week here for Easter.

Della McIntyre visited at her home here.

John Gilbert had a successful sale Tuesday.

Miss Kate Gillies of Pratt's Siding visited her sister, Mrs. Jas. Simpson.

FERGUSON'S CROSSING.

The Needle Club met at the home of Mrs. J. D. McBride on April 3rd and packed a box for the C. W. C. A., containing 75 pairs of socks, also one for the Red Cross, containing 20 sheets, 34 pillow cases, 3 cotton sacks for prisoners' funds and a roll of old linen. Refreshments were served.

Miss K. L. McAlpine has received a letter dated March 1 from Pie. J. T. Harper of the 67th Battalion Western Scots Pioneers, in France, thanking the ladies of the Needle Club for boxes of socks received that day, which the boys thoroughly enjoyed. He says that they had a very cold winter, but the weather at writing was just like spring.

Write Michigan Carbon Works, Detroit, for free book and particulars about their Homestead Bone Black Fertilizer.

PARKDALE

Miss Nannie Archer spent Easter tide at her home here.

Mrs. Brauer is visiting friends in London.

Wm. Nicols spent Easter with friends at Walkerville.

Quite a number attended the Easter services in the different churches in Newbury on Sunday.

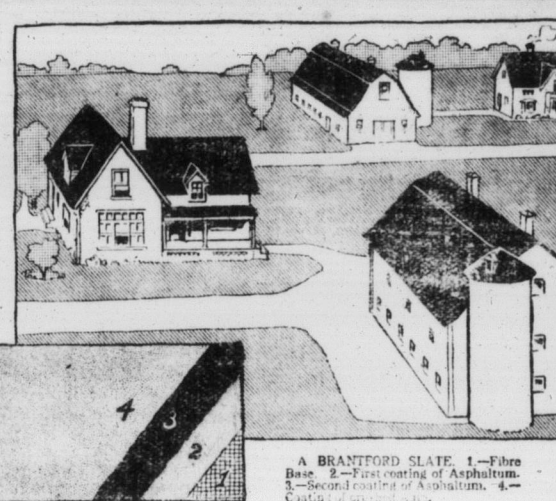
Miss Bessie Haggit has returned home after an extended visit with friends in Windsor.

Several here who have been laid up with German measles have recovered.

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Yesterday and To-day

Wooden shingles of twenty or thirty years ago were of splendid quality, and answered the purpose very well. There was nothing better at that time. In fact no other roofing material was on the market. Yet who would think of putting on shingles to-day? When the deterioration of wooden shingles became noticeable, efforts were made to invent a roofing that would not only be an economical and permanent substitute for wooden shingles, but one that would outlast them in service.

Brantford Roofing was the result. It has "made good." The secret of its success is this: First, the base is of pure, long-fibred felt which is thoroughly saturated with asphalt or mineral pitch. The asphalt and crystal roll roofings are then thickly coated with crushed rock particles, which adhere tightly to that base, and the whole forms a permanent fireproof, water-tight roof.

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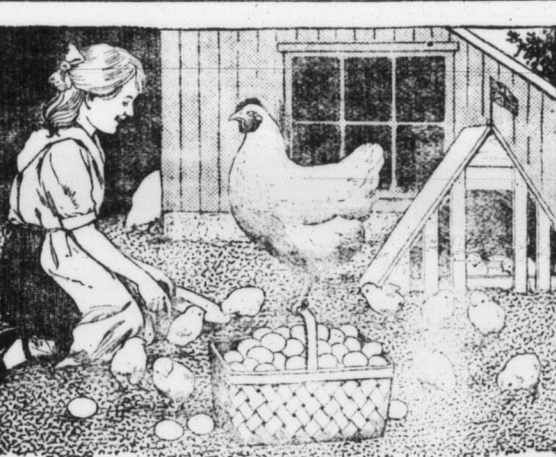
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May we send you our roofing book and samples? They will show you the real value of these roofing materials.

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To City, Town and Village Dwellers in Ontario.

Keep hens this year

EGG and poultry prices, the like of which have seldom or never been experienced, certainly make it worth anyone's while to start keeping hens. By doing so you have fresh eggs at the most trifling cost. At the same time you have the splendid satisfaction of knowing that you are doing something towards helping Britain, Canada and the Allies achieve victory this year.

Increased production of food helps not only to lower the high cost of living, but it helps to increase the urgently needed surplus of Canada's food for export. It saves money otherwise spent for eggs and poultry at high prices, and saves the labor of others whose effort is needed for more vital war work.

The Ontario Department of Agriculture will give every possible assistance by affording information about poultry keeping. Write for free bulletin which tells how to keep hens (address below).

"A vegetable garden for every home"

Nothing should be overlooked in this vital year of the war. The Department earnestly invites everyone to help increase production by growing vegetables. Even the smallest plot of ground, when properly cultivated, produces a surprising amount of vegetables. Experience is not essential.

On request the Department of Agriculture will send valuable literature, free of charge, giving complete directions for preparing soil, planting, cultivation, etc. A plan of a vegetable garden, indicating suitable crop to grow, best varieties and their arrangement in the garden, will be sent free to any address.

Address letters to "Vegetable Campaign," Department of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

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