

THE PRESIDENT'S MAIL.

It Takes a Corps of Trained Clerks to Handle the Letters.

President Wilson's mail bag is the largest in the world. Thousands of letters arrive daily, and every one of any importance must have the individual attention of America's first citizen. Of course the president is not able to read all his correspondence himself. This difficulty is overcome by a carefully developed system by which the contents of the White House mail bag of any importance are laid before Mr. Wilson each day.

The work of selection falls upon a corps of confidential clerks, who open the letters and give them a first reading; then they are carefully sorted. Many of them are simply recommendations for office. These, after courteous acknowledgment, are referred to the proper departments and placed on file until the matter can be taken up for consideration.

Hundreds of the missives are purely formal or contain impossible requests. These are immediately answered by the staff and signed by one of the president's assistant secretaries.

Such communications as the president ought to see are clearly briefed—that is, a slip is pinned at the top of each letter, and on this is a typewritten synopsis of its contents, telling who the writer is and what he has to present. Frequently the president is sufficiently interested by the brief to cause him to read the whole letter. Sometimes the communication is referred to a cabinet officer, in which case the slip is retained at the White House and filed.

Requests for charity are continually pouring in. These, however, are sent to a different department, which goes fully into each case before replying.

When a large number of persons write on the same subject the letters are bunched, and the brief at the top gives the names of those who present one argument, and on another list are given the names of the persons who offer a different view.

A NORWEGIAN WORD.

Origin of "Budstikken," Which Means Spreading the News.

This peculiar word is frequently found in Scandinavian communities as the name of a newspaper, such as St. Cloud Budstikken. It is a Norwegian word, 1,200 years old at the least and has a very peculiar origin.

In those days when the coasts of Norway were ravaged by pirates the inhabitants had to resort to all sorts of devices to warn those at a distance of the approach of these piratical craft. When one was seen on the horizon a man went up to the top of a mountain, where he lighted a beacon fire. This could be seen for a long distance and was known to be a warning. When it was seen in the distance another fire was lighted on another hill until all over the country fires blazed from every hilltop and the people prepared to defend themselves.

They also had a system of messengers. The man who first sighted the sail would take an arrow and send it to his neighbors. From town to town this arrow was sent until all were warned. These were rather primitive ways of telegraphing, but were so effective that in the course of twenty-four hours all Norway knew of the approach of pirates.

This system of spreading the news was called "budstikken," and when there were no more pirates the newspapers became spreaders of the news.

and so were approximately the same "budstikken."—Exchange.

String Beans in Brine.
Instead of canning string beans put them up in brine, and in winter they taste like freshly picked beans.

Put a layer of dry salt one-fourth inch thick in the bottom of a crock. Next put a layer of beans one and one-half inches high just as they are picked from the garden without washing.

Next a one-fourth inch layer of salt and so on until the crock is filled. On top invert a plate and put a heavy weight.

When you wish to use them soak an hour or so and then boil like fresh beans.—New York Sun.

Man and the Animals.
The essential difference between men and animals is well stated by Dr. Grasset, an eminent French biologist, quoted by the Scientific American. He says the animal is predestined to obey the laws of its species, while man obeys them only if and when he will. A man may, if he wants to, sustain with energy the pretension that two and two make five, or he may commit suicide.

Quicksands.
Quicksands are not caused by water constantly flowing over sand. It is only where there is an upward current that they are found. Imagine, for instance, a bucket filled with sand. Water poured on that sand does not make it "quick." If, however, the bucket had a hole in its bottom and water was forced through the hole quicksands would be formed.

A Fitting Name.
"Well," was the answer of a little chap who had been asked the name of his cat. "We used to call him William, but he has been having fits lately, so we call him Fitz William now."

Would Be Prepared.
She—Suppose, dear, I find you have not given me enough money? He—Then telegraph for more. She—Have you a telegraph blank?—Exchange.

Premising Candidate.
Editor—Do you know how to run a newspaper? Applicant—No, sir. Editor—Well, I'll try you. I guess you've had experience.—Lack.

Going to Ottawa.

W. M. Brouse has been appointed assistant manager of the International Harvester Company at Ottawa, and enters on his new duties the latter part of the present month. The appointment means the removal of Mr. Brouse and his family from Brockville which will occasion great regret. Since coming to Brockville from Manotick 28 years ago, "Billy" has been one of the Island City's most progressive citizens, and has always been active in any undertaking for the advancement of the town. He is first vice-president of the Brockville Fair Board, a past president of the Brockville Commercial Travellers' Association and has served for three years in the town council, retiring from the municipal board last December. Mr. and Mrs. Brouse and family will be greatly missed in town and while it is a matter of regret that they will remove from here about April 1, all classes of citizens will join the Recorder and Times in wishing them every success and prosperity.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Frankville

Miss Elizabeth Stewart is at Prescott caring for Mrs. Frank Stewart, who is ill.

Mr. Morley Holmes had the misfortune to lose his pony last week. It took suddenly sick on the road and died shortly after.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Smith visited friends at Harlem last week.

Mr. R. J. Latimer, of Montreal, spent the week-end with his cousin, James Mitchell.

Mrs. Meridith Hanton, of Ottawa, spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. Frank Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Chapman have invited the Epworth League to their home next Friday evening.

The W.M.S. held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. M. Livingston, on February 13.

Mr. Wilfrid and Miss Gertie Livingston are spending the week among friends at Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Delorma Kibborn, of Winnipeg, are visiting their many friends.

Miss Hazel Richards went to Brockville yesterday to spend a few days with her sisters, Geraldine and Norma, who are attending the Brockville Business College.

Egbert Mott's horse which was injured by jumping on the hitching post, is recovering nicely.

Mrs. Rollo Eaton and her sister, Miss Ouida Dunham, of Toledo, spent yesterday with her aunt, Mrs. M. Livingston.

Mrs. Leslie Soper went to Portland yesterday to see her sister, Mrs. K. Polk, who is not very well.

J. Coad has commenced his duties as assessor.

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN HILL

At Frankville Saturday afternoon, there passed away an esteemed resident in the person of Mrs. John Hill.

Deceased was about 80 years of age, death being due to general decline. Since the death of her husband two years ago, Mrs. Hill had resided with her son-in-law, Mr. Richard Carter. Before her marriage, she was Miss Nevins, of Jasper.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters: George Hill of Frankville; William Hill, of Eastern Ontario; Mrs. Richard Carter, of Frankville; Mrs. George Pepper, of Toledo; Mrs. Chas. Pepper.

The funeral took place Monday at the residence, the remains being taken to Greenbush Cemetery. Rev. George Comerford pastor of the Methodist church, conducted the services.

TENDERS.

The Council of Rear Yonge and Escott will receive tenders up to March 15 for stone crushing this season.

Tenders may be made to furnish the whole outfit or to use township crusher and spreading wagons.

Address
R. E. CORNELL, Clerk
7-8 Athens P.O.

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Athens Branch of the Leeds Farmers' Co-operative Company, Limited, will be held in the Agricultural Office on Friday evening, February 22 at 7.30 sharp.

Business of extreme importance will be conducted, as the presenting of the financial statement, the election of directors, and the outlining of plans for the ensuing year's business. In addition to this, Mr. Frank C. Hart, B.S.A., of the Co-operative Markets Branch for the Department of Agriculture, will be present.

A. Henderson,
Chairman of Local Board
D. R. Sheffield,
Local Agent

Leeds

Leeds, Feb. 18.—The recent thaw was appreciated by all.

Mr. Eugene Edgers continues very poorly and is still confined to his bed. Miss Ella Smith, Lyndhurst, was a week-end visitor at Mr. Miner Sweet's.

Miss Iva Edgers, Miss E. Ripley, of Westport, and Mr. Harold Edgers, of Brewer's Mills, were Sunday visitors at Mr. Eugene Edgers.

Miss Dorothy Berry has returned to her home at Berryton after a week's visit with the Misses Blanche and Edith Delong.

Many of the farmers are busy harvesting their ice.

A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gamble last Monday evening.

Mr. Roy Slack and sister, Miss Vera, of Sand Bay, have returned home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Will Kirkland.

Mr. Arch Stevens, Phillipsville, spent Thursday at Mr. Will Scott's.

The weekly prayer meeting, which was held at Mr. Miner Sweet's last week was largely attended, in spite of the bad roads. This week's meeting, will be held at Mr. John Berry's home, Berryton.

Next Sunday, the 24th inst., service will be held at St. John's church in the morning at 10.30 with the celebration of the Holy Communion.

Rev. Henderson, of Gananoque, conducted the service at the Olive Sunday the 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Niblock, of Sweet's Corners, spent Sunday at Mr. Wallace Hicock's.

Cadet Kenneth C. Rappel, of the R.F.C., Toronto, made a short visit to the home of Albert E. Brown this week. He expects to leave for Texas in a few days.

Glen Buell

Glen Buell, Feb. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sturgeon, who recently disposed of their farm here, are soon to take their departure for the Canadian West. On Wednesday evening their friends and neighbors, numbering about 70 met at their home to tender them a farewell.

The evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse during which presentations were made, and an address was read by Mrs. G. A. Gilroy. The address which paid tribute to the worth of Mr. and Mrs. Sturgeon as citizens and to their zeal as workers in the church, was accompanied by the presentation of a club bag to Mr. Sturgeon on behalf of those assembled, of a life-membership pin to Mrs. Sturgeon on behalf of the W.M.S. and of a hymn book to Master Kenneth Sturgeon on behalf of his work with the Mission Band.

The address was signed by Norman Moore for the church and Sunday School by Mrs. Brock Davis for the W.M.S. and by Mrs. W. T. Towriss for the Mission Band and friends. The club bag was presented by Mr. Joel Moore, the hymn book by Master R. J. Kirkland.

A suitable reply was made by Mr. Sturgeon, after which "God Be with You till We Meet Again" was sung. Appetizing refreshments were served by the young people.

DEATH OF HARMON L. KERR
Mr. Lambert B. Kerr, Brockville, has received word of the death in Yorkton, Sask., on Tuesday, 12th inst., of his only brother, Mr. Harmon L. Kerr, a native and former well known resident of Elizabethtown. Deceased had been ill one week of pneumonia.

The late Mr. Kerr was born at Greenbush 52 years ago, the elder son of the late Mr. Richard Kerr. He remained at the homestead farming until 17 years ago, when he moved to the Canadian West and had since followed successfully the same occupation near Yorkton. His wife, who was Miss Lucy Eaton, daughter of the late Wm. Eaton, of Frankville, survives, with three children, namely Garton Kerr, Miss Myra Kerr, all of Yorkton. Mr. Kerr, of Brockville, is the only surviving brother. In religion, deceased was a Methodist. The funeral took place at Yorkton. The late Mr. Kerr had a large number of friends in these parts who remember him as an industrious, upright and highly respected man.

Fined for Snowballing
A number of youths were haled before Police Magistrate Purcell last week and were fined for snowballing too zealously on Main street.

LOST
Hound, male, mostly white with tan spots. Letter "E" on side. Scar on front leg and sore on foot. Any person found harboring this dog will be prosecuted. Reward for information leading to his recovery.

L. Glenn Earl.

HON. W. J. HANNA RESIGNS

As Minister in the Ontario Cabinet.

Premier Hearst in the Legislature Thursday afternoon announced that Hon. W. J. Hanna had resigned from the Ontario Cabinet as Minister without portfolio, because of business reasons. The Premier paid tribute to the work of Mr. Hanna after making the announcement.

Mr. Hanna represents West Lambton. He became M.P.P. in 1902 and in February, 1905, was made Provincial Secretary. He held this portfolio until December, 1916, when he resigned and became Minister without portfolio.

Notice to Creditors.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE of Adam Ducolon, late of the Village of Athens, in the County of Leeds, Cheese Maker, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to "The Revised Statutes of Ontario," 1914, Chapter 121, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Adam Ducolon, who died on or about the fourth day of January, 1918, are required on or before the sixth day of March, 1918, to send by post prepaid, or deliver to T. R. Beale, of Athens, Ontario, solicitor for the Administratrix of the property of the said deceased, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date, the said Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have notice, and that the said administratrix will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.

Dated the 6th day of February, 1918.

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Solicitor for Mary Ann Ducolon, Administratrix. 6-8

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Outlet

Our January thaw was a little late starting and did not reach us until the second week in February, nevertheless, it was very welcome when it did arrive.

Before the thaw the men ploughed out the roads and as the rain settled them, some of the farmers are beginning to haul wood again, although the roads are still in bad condition and some days our mail did not reach us.

One team crossed the lake on Friday—the first since the storm. Mr. J. Fodey and son were engaged with their sawing machine sawing wood for W. G. Vanderburg at the Warburton cheese factory.

Mr. James Fodey made a trip to Kingston on Thursday.

Mrs. George Reed and children and Miss Myrtle Reed, Woodvale, were guests of Mrs. Edw. Vanderburg on Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Dier continues very ill.

Mrs. Weldon Bradley, Woodvale, called on friends here on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Clarence Cross and Mr. Gerald Bradley made a trip to Ottawa and spent a few days at the revival meetings there.

Little Miss Gladys Reed is spending a few days at her uncle's, Mr. J. Reed, Woodvale.

Mr. William Crozier made another trip to Brockville on Saturday for medical treatment.

Drafting All "A." Men.

The Kingston Whig learns that within the next four weeks every available physically fit soldier in this military district will be sent overseas. There are possibly one thousand to go. It will leave all units stripped of men and only the staff and instructors left. The reasons for this decision are in the facts that transportation can now be had and that the training will be in England during the coming spring.

CANADA'S MAN POWER TO BE REGISTERED.

One Feature of Government Labor Policy—To Classify Industries

Subsequent to a sitting of the Cabinet Council, the Government gave out an announcement as to its immediate policy in regard to labor. The Government will not conscript men for farm labor, under the Military Service Act, but will take immediate steps to secure a registration and inventory of the man-power of the Dominion. Classification of the industries of Canada will also be secured by the new War Trades Board. There will be no importation of coolie labor at present, to which exception is taken by the labor men, but this matter will be given further consideration at a later date. No decision has been reached in regard to the conscription of alien labor.

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