

VISITOR FROM THE ANTIPODES

Mr. George M. Yerex of New Zealand Favours the Ontario With an Interview.

A few days ago The Ontario was privileged to have a brief interview with Mr. George M. Yerex, of New Zealand, but formerly of Hastings and Prince Edward Counties. In fact Mr. Yerex is a native of Bloomfield and descended from the good old U. E. L. stock that has helped to give to the sons of this district the sturdy, distinctive character that places them in the very forefront in various parts of the world. Fort William Henry at Kingston was named in honor of his grandfather, William Henry Young, who was the first white settler to winter in Prince Edward County.

Mr. Yerex is of that bright, affable type who make friends wherever they go. He has in addition fine descriptive and conversational powers that make it a rare pleasure to listen to his breezy accounts of life in the Antipodes.

Mr. Yerex was educated at Albert College and after graduation he engaged in the teaching profession, spending four years in the schools at Plainfield, No. 19 Sidney, and Front of Sidney.

At the end of his pedagogical experience he was induced by the J. W. Lyon Publishing Company of Guelph to go to New Zealand as their representative. In New Zealand he has since made his home, though he left Canada's shores thirty-three years ago.

He now has a large and interesting family composed of four sons and three daughters. Three of the sons are at Valparaiso, Ind. and two of them have already taken their B.Sc. degree. The eldest expects to complete his course for LL.B. next year. The second son, Lieut. Frank Yerex, has been serving with the overseas forces in Egypt and has taken part in three important actions. At present he is encamped almost in the shadow of Mount Sinai.

Mr. Yerex was accompanied on his tour by Mrs. Yerex and three daughters and also by their friends, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Pinney and daughter also of New Zealand. The party of eight left New Zealand on June 13th and came on the S. S. Niagara to Vancouver where they landed the last day of June. After a few days in Vancouver they came on to Valparaiso where Mr. Yerex purchased a residence and where he will make his home until the boys complete their college course. Two of the boys will then return to New Zealand and engage in sheep-farming.

Mr. Yerex and Mr. Pinney and party were making the tour through Ontario by auto and enjoying the experience immensely. From Belleville they intended to proceed to Kingston, and thence across over to the United States and visit New York City and Washington and then return to Chicago whence Mr. and Mrs. Pinney and daughter will return home via San Francisco. Mr. Yerex will accompany them as far as Tahiti where he has an extensive coconut plantation.

Mr. Yerex gave us in his hurried interview some comprehensive facts about New Zealand and Tahiti. He was at one time proprietor of a newspaper in New Zealand and also was at one time a candidate for parliament. Though unsuccessful in the latter quest he had the satisfaction of piling up the largest vote ever given to one of his party in that particular constituency.

At the present time there is a line of steamers between Montreal and New Zealand on the east, and also between Vancouver and New Zealand on the west. Through this instrumentality a considerable amount of business is being done and the volume is rapidly increasing. New Zealand butter and some other commodities are now getting to be well known throughout Canada.

Like Canada, New Zealand has contributed many of her best sons to carrying on the war. Out of a total population of one million, including the native Maori which number about forty thousand, she has sent over fifty thousand to the front, and has a standing agreement with the Imperial Government to send 2,500 per month as long as the war lasts. Notwithstanding the great expense which New Zealand has been put to keep up her war expenses which amounts to about \$20,000,000 per annum, during the last two years her revenue has increased about \$30,000,000, after paying war expenses above the normal. This is because New Zealand is very wealthy as a food producing country, supplying beef, frozen mutton, cheese and butter in immense quantities. Besides this she ships vast quantities of wool, flax, lumber, minerals, etc. The country is very prosperous, and it is expected after the war that there will be considerable influx of

immigrants. At present there is a coalition government. The Conservative premier, Mr. Massey and Sir Jos. Ward, the late Liberal Premier, having united their forces with good results.

There are two steamship lines connecting New Zealand with America, both controlled by the Union S. S. Co., of New Zealand. They both start from Sydney, one ending at Vancouver after touching on Fiji, and Honolulu and connecting with the C. P. R. and known as the "All Red" route. The other connects with San Francisco after calling at the Cook and Society Islands. Tahiti, the land of romance, is an island of the Society group and from there are exported largely coira, the product of the coconut, vanilla and pearl shells.

As France has conscription and Tahiti is a French possession, practically all her eligible young French as well as about 1000 young Frenchians have gone to the war in France. It may be remembered that the town of Papeete the capital of all the French possessions, and a city on the island of Tahiti was bombarded by the two German war ships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in the earlier days of the war. A large portion of the city was destroyed, but is being now rapidly rebuilt. Tahiti has undoubtedly a great future before it as a tourist resort, as it is one of the healthiest and prettiest of all the South Sea Islands being known as the Pearl of the Pacific. It is eight days' steam from New Zealand, and twelve days from San Francisco. It claims to be better suited to the wants of the white man, both as regards climatic conditions and food products than any of the other islands of the Pacific. It is free from devastating storms which frequently destroy other groups. It is never as warm as has been experienced throughout Canada during the last few days, while frosts are entirely unknown. The island was discovered by Capt. Cook about 1767 and two years later he observed the transit of Venus there, the spot being marked by a statue in his memory, and the point called "Pt. Devenus."

The first missionary society, "The London Missionary Society," was for the purpose of carrying the gospel to the people of Tahiti. Mr. Yerex, who has given us the above facts visited the islands about 3 years ago for his health and was so impressed with their beauty, healthfulness and fertility that he purchased a plantation there of over 500 acres, which is devoted to the raising of cattle, coconuts and vanilla. Mr. Yerex is a great admirer and lover of Canada. He extends to any Canadian who may visit that part of the world a cordial invitation to stop over at Tahiti between steamers and make him a visit at his plantation.

Officers Responded to Number of Calls Last Night. Belleville police officers were kept busy responding to calls last night. Two of them were for a young man who was finally rounded up. A family jar on St. Charles street had subsided when the "boys in blue" arrived.

A citizen who had his cellar filled with liquor was holding forth with a hotelman about certain goods which he desired to get from the hotel where he had left them. The police constable saw him safely home. A Chinaman did not understand the city cab and hack regulations and his ignorance of the bylaw resulted in a police call at 12.10 to the G.T.R. depot. He refused to pay the fifty cents fare, but the police explained to him that a hackman is entitled to charge half a dollar per passenger to and from boat and train between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. The Celestial then coughed up.

PROHIBIT SEWAGE POLLUTION. The international commission appointed by the United States and Canadian governments to consider ways and means for remedying or preventing the pollution of boundary waters, held a hearing in Ogdensburg last week. It was attended by delegations from Ogdensburg, Prescott, Brockville and other places along the river. The general opinion was that sewerage into the river should be prohibited as a menace to the health of the people. The commissioners showed great interest in the conditions at Brockville, which was represented by a delegation of eight municipal officials headed by Mayor Wright. The Brockville delegation stated that samples of river water at that place four or six times every week showed filthy conditions upon each and every analysis. The town takes its water supply from the river, but it is chemically treated before being consumed.

DEATH OF CHILD. Donald Stanley Waymark, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Waymark, Herchimer Ave., died today.

LOSE ALL THEY HAVE INVESTED

Thirteen Port Hope Members A.O.U.W. Have "No Value" Policies.

Thirteen members of the local branch of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, who have been in the Order for years, are today holding policies on which is written across the face the words "No Value." The ruling follows the re-valuation that has been made of the policies, and the holders are not at all pleased.

In conversation with a citizen who has been a member for over thirty years, the Guide learned that this gentleman had paid in about six hundred and fifty dollars. Three years ago he received a paid-up policy for this amount, payable at death, but this, with his policy, is returned bearing the words "No Value." If he wishes to remain a member of the Order, he must re-join at his present age, and the cost would be \$8.25 per month for a \$1,000 policy. A similar blow has fallen on thirteen men in Port Hope, all now up in years. Another citizen was paying \$9.50 a month for \$2,000; his policy has been reduced to \$861, but the premium remains the same.

The members consider this treatment gross injustice. They claim that if the Order had wrongly estimated the value of the premiums on insurance years ago, that it was up to the officers to look after the older members and not send them out of the Order without any return for the money they have invested.

There is talk of appealing to the courts. JAMES SIMPSON WOUNDED. Left Belleville Only Last May— Brother and Brother-in-law at Front.

Sergt. James Simpson came to Canada when quite a young boy from Manchester, England, and settled on a farm near Belleville, from which place he enlisted with the 80th Batt., and left there last May for England. He is now reported admitted to 2nd Eastern General Hospital, Brighton, suffering from gunshot wounds in hand and side, received September 3rd. His brother, Pte. Thos. Simpson, an engineer in the Cement Works, Toronto, left with the 20th Battalion a year ago last May, and has been in the trenches almost a year. In a recent letter to his wife he said, "I think Jim arrived today, but haven't seen him yet."

Pte. J. Simpson is 33 years of age, and was born in Manchester, England. He was formerly with the Queen's Own Guards at Cowes, England, but never had seen active service. He has one sister living in Toronto, Mrs. Fred Marsh, whose husband, Pte. Fred Marsh, is also at the front. He left Toronto with the 75th Battalion.

ARM SHATTERED. Farnleigh Man Shot by Accidental Discharge of Rifle Kicked by Son. M. Martin, living near Farnleigh, near Tweed, was the victim of a shooting accident while picking berries, Wednesday afternoon. He laid his rifle down on the ground, and his son came along and stumbled over it, firing it off. The ball struck Martin in the right forearm, almost shattering it. He had to walk three miles to a boat then rowed five miles, then drove 11 miles to Meyer's Cave, where Jos. Wise met him with his auto and rushed him to Dr. Tindie's office, Flinton. On the doctor's advice he motored to the General Hospital, Kingston, via Tweed in company with Jos. Wise, and Wm. Both.

PURCHASED SLAUGHTER HOUSE. The Carlaw Milling Company has purchased the slaughter house on the property recently acquired by Maple Leaf Tires Limited and will use the material to repair their dam across the Moira.

CAPT. McLEAN WOUNDED. In London Military Hospital Suffering from Shell Shock. News has been received by Mr. H. B. McLean, of 159 Borden St. Toronto that his brother, Capt. J. L. McLean is suffering from shell shock, and is now in an officers' military hospital in London. He was born in North Mariposa, Victoria County, and is a son of Alexander McLean, who now resides at Stouffville. Before going to the front he was a dentist at Trenton, Ont., and went overseas last March with the 59th Battalion. Mrs. McLean is with her husband in England.

GOES TO CENTRAL. Man Who Robbed Trenton Church, Sentenced in That Town. Frank Marshall, the 53 year old man, whom Constable A. Harman arrested at the C.N.O.R. station on Thursday, has been sentenced in Trenton to a term of not less than 3 months and to a further period of not more than two years less one day in the Ontario Reformatory for breaking into and robbing St-Peter-in-Chain's Catholic Church in that town of a small sum of money.

MARE REPORTED STOLEN. A brown mare six years old, weighing 840 pounds, is reported to the Belleville police as stolen from the field of John Leland, Murray Township.

DEATH OF JOSEPH BINNINGER. Joseph Binninger, an aged resident passed away this afternoon at his home Foundry street. A more extended obituary notice will appear on Monday.

BUTTER WAS STILL HIGHER.

Forty-Two Cents Asked—Egg Prices Firm in Tone—Condition of the Meat Market.

(From Saturday's Daily) Late summer products occupied the attention of buyers and sellers at the Belleville market today. Few new features were to be seen. Plums might have been more plentiful, yet there was a fair supply of produce and fruit.

Potatoes were scarce and unchanged in price. This is unique as a carload was brought into the city on Thursday and distributed around the city at about \$2.50. Still today sixty cents per peck was the general rate on the market. The imported variety were British Columbia Early Rose.

Butter took another leap ahead. Forty cents a week ago, today the farmers tacked on a two cent increase and calmly asked 42c for the golden product. Some little sold down to 40c.

Eggs were firm at 29c and 30c with a good number of offerings. Chickens brought nearly one dollar per pair. They were fairly plentiful.

Apples and cucumbers held the usual prices. Melons and pumpkins loomed a little larger to the view at 10c and 15c and upwards. Mush melons sold at 10 cents and upward.

All manner of reasonable produce, parsnips, onions, carrots, beets, and sorboth brought regular prices by the bunch.

Wheat is still advancing. Today's local grade is \$1.25 per bushel. Oats are steady at 53c to 55c. Hides are unchanged at 13c. to 14c.

New hay has sprung a little sensation. New baled would be worth \$11 to \$11.50 here for delivery in Montreal. By the load farmers are asking \$11. There are no quotations on old baled hay.

The apple market is quiet. The price \$1 to \$1.25 depends upon the class of fruit. Honey is firm at 10c to 11c wholesale and 13c retail. Beef hides are quoted at 12 1/2c to 13c, and fronts at 10c. Lambs have declined to 18c by the carcass. Hogs are worth \$11.00 to \$11.75 live-weight and \$15.50 to \$15.75 dressed.

SAVES CITY MONEY. Aid. Parks Builds a Movable Scaffold at City Hall.

To Aid. John Parks falls the credit of constructing a movable scaffold, which is being used in the decoration of the city hall interior. Instead of a scaffold being moved with difficulty at every few feet, this huge structure can be removed from place to place as it is upon wheels. A change of position is now a matter of a few seconds. It is estimated that the structure will save from fifty to one hundred dollars in the decorating scheme of the hall. Aid. Parks' former experience as contractor has in this way benefitted the city.

DEATH OF MRS. S. P. HAGERMAN. Ida Frances Hagerman, beloved wife of Mr. S. Hagerman, 117 Bridge Street West, passed away last evening as a result of heart failure. She had been in poor health for some years.

The late Mrs. Hagerman was born in Rawdon fifty-three years ago, and was the daughter of Isaac Denike. For many years she had lived in Belleville, and was well and favorably known. She was a member of Holyway Street Methodist Church.

Mourning her death besides the husband are three sons, Melville and Stanley of this city and Ernest, of London, Ont. They have the heartfelt sympathy of the public in their bereavement.

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BOYS' SUITS. Boys School Suits or best Suits at old Prices--Made in D. B. or Norfolk Styles--Full Bloomer Pants, Prices \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00 up to \$10.00

OAK HALL

Bread Making Contests At Rural School Fairs

PRIZES—Free Courses at Macdonald Institute, Guelph Free Poultry Raising Courses at Ontario Agricultural College Free Cook Books and Magazines

Over 1,500 prizes in all will be offered in bread-making contests which will be held this fall at over 250 rural school fairs taking place in Ontario. It will be a great event at the fairs and will stimulate interest in bread-making among young girls between the ages of 12 and 17 years.

Here is a wonderful opportunity for your daughter to win for herself a Free Course in Domestic Science at the famous Macdonald Institute, Guelph. All she has to do is to bake one double loaf of bread and enter it in the contest at the fair according to the conditions explained below and more fully told in the folder we will send you on request. The loaf must be baked with

Cream of the West Flour

the hard wheat flour guaranteed for bread.

This is a splendid flour which makes the biggest, bulging loaves—whitest, lightest and most wholesome bread you ever baked. Is this not a splendid opportunity to interest your daughters in breadmaking?

Here are the Splendid Prizes offered for the best loaf of bread baked with Cream of the West Flour. The following are offered at each local fair: 1st Prize—1 paid-up subscription to "My Magazine" for 1 year. This magazine is full from cover to cover every month with articles suitable for young people of all ages. It is published in England. Value \$2.50 per year. 2nd Prize—3 months paid-up subscription to "My Magazine" Value \$1.25. 3rd Prize—When entries exceed ten a 1st prize will be awarded 6 mos. paid-up subscription to "My Magazine." When the number of entries exceeds twenty the judges at the fair will award 4th, 5th, and 6th prizes of one year's paid-up subscription to "The Little Paper." This is a wonderful little publication issued every month in England. Its eight pages are packed with highly engaging information and stories relating to history, nature-study, animals, bird-life, etc.

Important—The winners of 1st prizes at the fairs automatically become competitors for the Provincial Prizes. The second half of the double loaf is sent to Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, by the district representative in special container provided. The judging is done by Miss M. A. Purdy of the Department of Breadmaking and Flour Testing at the College.

Conditions of the Contest. Every girl may compete at the rural school fair in her district, whether or not she attends school, providing that her 12th birthday occurs before November 1st, 1916, or her 17th birthday does not occur before Nov. 1, 1916. One loaf of bread must be submitted baked in pan about 7 x 5 inches and 3 inches deep, and divided into twin loaves so that they may be separated at the fair. The loaf must be baked with Cream of the West Flour. One half will be judged at the fair. The other half first prize loaf will be sent to Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, to compete in the Provincial Contest. The local contest at the fair will be conducted under the same rules as all the other regular contests at your fair.

The standard by which bread will be judged will be as follows: 1. Appearance of Loaf..... 15 marks (a) Color..... 5 marks (b) Texture of crust..... 5 marks (c) Shape of loaf..... 5 marks 2. Texture of Crumb..... 40 marks (a) Softness..... 20 marks (b) Siftiness..... 20 marks (c) Color..... 5 marks 3. Flavor of Bread..... 45 marks (a) Taste..... 25 marks (b) Odor..... 20 marks

Each loaf must be accompanied by the part of the flour bag containing the face of the Old Mill (important) and an entry form must be signed by the girl and parents or guardian stating date of birth, P.O. address, and giving name of dealer from whom Cream of the West Flour was purchased. The form will state: Write for free folder giving full and complete information about every feature of this great contest.

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AUTOISTS PAY FINES. Three autoists faced the court music today paying fines as follows:—driving without lights \$2 and costs; reckless driving, \$5 and costs; driving over lower bridge over 5 miles per hour, \$1 and costs. PTE. TROW HOME. Pte. Trow, of the 39th battalion, Belleville, returned to Kingston yesterday afternoon with nine others and was at once taken to Elmhurst Convalescent Home. One of his companions, Sapper Newton carries twenty-seven shrapnel wounds. HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE. H. Barnum, a stranger from a West-town, who has been in Belleville for a short while, and who is known as "Petey", was arrested last night on a charge of attempting an unnatural offence. This morning he was remanded for a week.

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