NEWS FROM NORFOLK COUNTY

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CAPT. A. C. BURT IS BACK IN FRANCE

Transferred From Service in Saloniki to the Western Front

Simcoe, Feb. 1.—(From our own correspondent)—Mrs. A. C. Burt received yesterday a cable from her husband, Capt. A. C. Burt, V.S., of the Imperial Army, advising the recipient that the Captain is on duty in France. When last heard from he was in Salonika. Capt. Burt left here as a Lieutenant in the early spring of 1916. He was sent to Egypt and soon afterwards to Salonika, where he has been till recently. His letter received a few days ago stated that he had to forsake his tent for a dugout this winter, and mentioned a seventy-five mile ride on inspection every two days. Well, he's half way home, and we may expect to hear of a request for his skates and two or three hockey sticks.

Miss Derrickson gave a party to some twenty or thirty in honor of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ostrander, after the skating party on Wednesday evening.

At a meeting of the Norfolk Holstein Friesian Breeders Club, held at the home of J. Alex. Wallace yesterday, the following executive for 1918 was elected:

Pres.—Wallace H. Mason, Simcoe.
1st. Vice.-Pres.—W. H. Cherry, Hagersville.
2nd Vice. Pres.—Edward Starling, St. Williams.
Sec.-Treas.— J. Alex. Wallace, M.A., Simcoe.
Hon. Director—E. F. Neff, (Ayr. Rep.)
Directors: Walpole, W J. Bailey, Jarvis; Thos. J. Snowden, Jarvis.
Townsend—W. E. Hambly, Villa Nova; Fred Woodley, Villa Nova.
Woodhouse—Nathan Butler, Simcoe, R.R. 5.
Windham — Wm. Taylor, Scotland.
Charlotteville— L. A. Everett, Simcoe.
N. Walsingham—C. W. Bowyer, Silver Hill.
S. Walsingham— Austin J. C. Dedrick, Pt. Rowan.

There will be a club sale later on, the committee to conduct which, are: Messrs. Cherry, Hambly, Mason and the Secretary-Treas.

Odd Ends of News

H. Frank Cook, M.A. was in Hamilton yesterday, attending the funeral of an uncle.

There are a few "up the country" pitch holes between here and Dover.

Police Court 10 a.m. to-morrow.

Some fellows are about as mixed up with Patriotic Fund debentures and Provincial War Tax, as the proceeds of debenture sales are mixed up with the general account.

Did you note that the Simcoe Reformer did not refute a single statement contained in our reference to the country's finances a few days since. It would if it could.

BLIGHTY FOR AMERICANS

Associated Press.

Liverpool, Feb. 1—The Liverpool Rotary Club has started a scheme for the opening up of British homes to American soldiers fighting in France, when they get a brief respite from the trenches. Several homes have already announced their willingness to accept one or two men and it is proposed to send particulars of the scheme to all British and Irish clubs, inviting their co-operation.

WOMAN'S NERVES MADE STRONG

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Winona, Minn.—"I suffered for more than a year from nervousness, and was so bad I could not rest at night—would lie awake and get so nervous I would have to get up and walk around and in the morning would be all tired out. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and thought I would try it. My nervousness soon left me. I sleep well and feel fine in the morning and able to do my work. I gladly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to make weak nerves strong."—Mrs. ALBERT SULTZE, 603 Olmstead St., Winona, Minn.

How often do we hear the expression among women, "I am so nervous, I cannot sleep," or "it seems as though I should fly." Such women should profit by Mrs. Sultze's experience and give this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial.

For forty years it has been overcoming such serious conditions as displacements, inflammation, ulceration, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, dizziness, and nervous prostration of women, and is now considered the standard remedy for such ailments.

SIMCOE REFORMER CENSURES WARDEN

Suggests Utterances Which Were Never Made by Warden Buck

(From our own Correspondent)

Simcoe, Feb. 1.—In a front page article, under the caption "County Patriotic and other Expenditures," the Norfolk Reformer of yesterday's issue comments abusively on the remark made in committee of the whole at the county council meeting here last week, by Warden Buck, wherein the Warden stated— as reported by the writer in last Friday's "Norfolk News"—that the proceeds of the last issue of debentures made to keep up the $5000 monthly Patriotic Fund grant, was already expended, and that it would appear as if a nine mill rate would be required to square away deficiencies and put the county in a solvent condition. We reported at the time His Worships statement' in indirect narration. At the time, the Warden stated in committee, that he had gone into the matter during the morning with the county treasurer.

It is a sorry attempt to beguile the public into thinking that the $150,000 county debentures provided funds for only patriotic purposes.

Even the Ontario Government war tax is drawn into the heterogeneous complication. He quotes our "approximately $31,000," as some $35,000."

One Instance Suffices

If, as we have stated, the Reformer is actually trying to get off with his misrepresentation, let us take but one item, viz. the fourth, "133rd Recruiting Fund, $3,000."

This was granted Dec. 9th, 1915. (See page 23 of minutes) and the wording is, 'That the sum of $3,000 be granted out of the general funds

Similarly a $15,000 grant made under by-law No. 407 on October 14th, 1914, (page 6 in minutes) was to "be provided for in the estimates for the ensuing year," i.e., 1915; and we might continue, proving that these early grants when made, were agreed to on the understanding that the funds were to come by general levy for the current, or ensuing year.

The Reformer's Climax.

In concluding his abusive article. Editor Donly, presumably, for it is off the editorial page, says:

"The man who on nothing but the most superficial investigation, charges the county with being insolvent, and its leaading men dishonest should be given to understand by all decent citizens, that the continuance of his efforts along these or similar lines is not desired."

The writer sat at every sitting of the January session and never heard any member about the board speak of dishonesty in connection with the county's expenditures, patriotic or otherwise.

We have known Warden John L. Buck by reputation and personlly, as a thoroughly good citizen. We believe he stands well to the front among the county's men who are considered citizens of the front rank, in morals, in honor, intelligence, and decency, and we believe too, that he can put up quite as strong an argument as "Hal" Donly, that he is capable of financing and bookkeeping. Why, then, all this abuse?

Apart from the introduction and conclusion, The Reformer's article proper is evidently the product of another pen.

It sets forth a partial statement of Norfolk County's contributions to patriotic purposes, but keeps clear of the point that was up for discussion when Warden Buck made the statement in question.

Does Mr. Donly know if this order was carried out? And if he does not, yet get to the bottom of that recruiting fund and its monster printing account, is it likely that he knows of the others?

Just One Word

The writer interviewed the county treasurer yesterday, and found that he had read our article of last Friday, and enquired if there were any statements therein contrary to facts. "Not at all, so far as I know," was his reply. Two weeks ago the Reformer said, a certain motion passed in council, was not worth the paper it was written on. He learned something since. We make bold to say his abusive article is hardly worth one side of the paper it is written on, whether as proving that Norfolk is solvent, the Warden decent, or that we have given much to the war. We have not given till our debentures are paid for. "See?"

IT MIGHT PAY.

It might pay you to see Principal Rowden of the Simcoe Business College about the Beginners' Class, which organizes next Monday.

Obituary

EVA FINK

The death occurred last evening of Eva Christina, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fink, aged 10 years. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon to Mount Hope Cemetery.

The deceased leaves, besides her parents, one little sister, Marion.

REMOVE STABLES.

Several of the old stables in the Central Fire Hall are being torn down and a storeroom built in their place.

MORE ABOUT RASPUTIN

British Novelist Exposes Russ Charlatan's Intrigue With Germany

POISONED APPLES

Were Sent By The Kaiser to Russ Fighting Forces

"Rasputin, The Rascal Monk," by William LeQueux, throws an astonishing light upon the collapse of Russia. The author is understood to be a member of the British Secret Service, and the books which he wrote before the war have been widely read all over the English-speaking world. The account which he gives of the Russian Revolution and of the amazing part which the monk played in it is supported by official documents in his possession by the Russian and other Allied authorities.

German in birth and sympathy, the Czarina was working in collusion with the Emperor of Germany for the overthrow of the Russian armies. In this task she was assisted by the Russian Prime Minister Sturmer, his ministerial colleague Protopopoff and many other agents of the Berlin court. Rasputin and his fellow conspirators were in receipt of constant communications and handsome incomes from the Potsdam Government. Rasputin had private quarters in the Czar's palace and took most of his meals with the Royal family, but he maintained a house of his own, where he received the Kaiser's agents and plotted for the destruction of bleeding Russia. Officers at the front were bribed to forego attacks upon the Central Powers and even to withdraw their troops at critical moments. When General Brusiloff carried out his spectacular advance against the Austrians an attempt was made to poison him, but a fellow officer fell a victim to the deadly poison prepared for the General's lips. The Kaiser sent 150 barrels of Canadian apples inoculated with cholera germs for distribution through charitable institutions with a view of starting a plague, and so discouraging Russia, but the fruit decayed enroute and was thus unfit for consumption on arrival. Other tactics adopted by Rasputin and his agents were the destruction of munition works, the creation of an unnecessary shortage in food and the crippling of transportation facilities. Mr. LeQueux supports these astonishing assertions with documentary evidence secured through Secret Service channels.

Rasputin had the Russian court so completely in his power that the Czar dismissed and appointed Ministers, Governors, Generals and other State officials at the dirty monk's dictation. So great was his authority that he had numbers of high officials in the Russian church cashiered and tools of his own appointed in their stead. He sent hundreds of extreme revolutionists to the front to break down the morale of the Russian army. Fire after fire, explosion after explosion; destroyed munition plants and factories engaged in the production of other war supplies. As in Canada and the United States, the police were powerless to detect the authors of these outrages. When he himself or any one of his agents appeared to be in danger or under suspicion, Rasputuin took prompt action. Those who tried to interfere with his plans were put out of the way either by dismissal from office or through the completer route of death. Kornilloff and Kerensky, like Brusiloff, were marked for destruction by the Kaiser and Rasputin, but the Rascal Monk was nearing his end, and they fortunately survived him.

In the autumn of 1916 Rasputin visited Berlin in the garb of a Dutch pastor, there receiving instructions which doubtless prevented the great Eastern offensive which Britain and France expected to take place in 1917. The latter part of the book is taken up with the killing of Rasputin by a group of highly-born Russian patriots. But the Holy criminal had done his work all too well. Russia was demoralized. The removal of the weak Czar and his traitorous wife did not bring relief. Conditions went from worse to worse. Revolution has succeeded revolution. The Russian Empire is broken into fragments. The so-called Bolshevik Government at Petrograd may mean well, but it controls only a small part of the former Empire. It is engaged in what looks like futile negotiations with Potsdam. It is trying to organize a country which has for years been debauched by German intrigue. The task seems almost [illegible].

MAKE SPECIFIC INDICATION IN APPLICATION

Those Seeking Exemption Must Give Full Details As To Employment

By Courier Leased Wire

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—The necessity of specific indication of an applicant's employment is strongly emphasized by Hon. Justice Duff, central appeal judge in a ruling handed down to-day. Exemption from military service had been sought for J. H. Rutter and R. C. Lusk, employes of J. C. Wilson and Company, Belleville. Rutter was described as a man who had worked for Wilson and Company for about eighteen months and was trained "from a rough operator to a skilled operator on several of the most difficult machines in our shop and from there graduated to an inspector, gauging and inspecting the work from a group of machines."

Lusk was described in much the same way.

The employers described their business as about eighty per cent. manufacture of munitions and claimed exemption for the men on the ground first, that their services were essential in carrying on the manufacture of munitions; secondly, that exceptional hardship would ensue from a business point of view by reason of their withdrawal into the military service.

As to the second ground, Judge Duff concurs with the local tribunal and the appeal tribunal that there is no evidence to support the claim for exemption. As to the first ground, the central appeal judge remarks:

"The fact it is needless to say, that the subject of an application is an operator trained in the operation of a machine used for manufacturing shells with the additional fact that he has become sufficiently dexterous in the work of the machine to be competent to act as an inspector responsible for the efficiency of other operators, is not in itself a valid or solid ground for exemption. Persons without sufficient mechanical skill to be entitled to describe themselves as mechanics, may in a comparatively short time, as is well known, acquire sufficient familiarity with many kinds of machines and sufficient dexterity in working them to be safely placed in charge of them. Such operators or machine tenders are not difficult to find and to train, and there is nothing in the material before me to indicate that if the employers had made any real effort to train or otherwise obtain a substitute for either of these men, they would have experienced any great difficulty in doing so."

STORE OPENS 9 A. M. CLOSES 9 P. M. | J. M. Young & Co. "QUALITY FIRST" | OUR FEBRUARY SALE IS NOW ON

Saturday Specials

From Our February Sale

Hundreds of Bargains Await You! Every Department Has Special Lines for Saturday!

Wonder Values in Ladies Winter Coats

Ladies Winter Coats, made of all wool Blanket Cloth, Tweeds and Zebelines, all smart styles and full range of sizes; Sale price ... **$7.90**

Coats at $19.50
Coats made of Velour, Tweed, Beaver Cloth, high-class styles to choose from and worth up to $27.00; Sale price **$19.50**

Salts Plush Coats $35.00
Best quality Esquimette Plush, 46 inch length; full sweep belt, large collar, best Italian lining, Special Sale price **$35.00**

10% all FURS at 10% Fur Coats, Neckpieces and Muffs

Dresses at $8.90
Ladies and Misses one-piece dresses, straight line effects, colors navy, brown and black; made of good quality Serge collars of silk or Georgette Crepe; Sale price **$8.90**

Millinery
All trimmed Millinery, black and colors, all to clear at *Half price.*

HERE OUR DRESS GOODS

Specials for Saturday

All Wool Serges, in black, navy, myrtle, brown, elegant quality; suitable for 1-piece dresses and worth $1.75; Sale price **$1.50**

PLAID DRESS GOODS
Good range of Tartan Plaid Dress materials, for children's wear; Sale **39c**

TWEEDS FOR BOYS' WEAR
Tweed Suitings, in Manish mixtures of grey and brown, navy; for Boys' wear; Sale price 65c and .. **75c**

BLANKET CLOTH $2.00
10 pieces Blanket Cloth, 54 in. wide; all wool, in navy, cardinal, brown, burgundy; other in plaid effects; reg. $3.00; Sale price **$2.00**

$5.00 FRIEZE COATING $3.00
1 piece Frieze Coating, 58 in. wide; in brown, for boys' overcoats, etc., worth $5.00; Sale price at **$3.00**

CORDUROY VELVETS 69c
27 in. wide Corduroy Velvets, in full range of colors, worth 90c, Sale price **69c**

$2.00 BLACK SILK $1.50
Black Pailette Silk, 36 in. wide, recommended for wear and worth $2; Sale ... **$1.50**

FLANNELETTE BLANKETS $1.79 PR.
20 pairs of Grey Flannelette Blankets, good large size; special sale price, pair **$1.79**

FLANNELETTE BLANKETS $2.19 PR.
We have just received another shipment of 12-4 white and grey flannelette blankets, (slightly imperfect); January sale price, pair **$2.19**

REMNANTS OF PRINTS, GINGHAMS, TABLE LINENS, ETC.
A big lot of stock-taking remnants, consisting of Table Linens, Towellings, Flannelettes, Prints, Ginghams, etc., all at sale prices.

PRINTS AND GINGHAMS 20c YARD.
Balance of last year stock of Prints and Ginghams; worth up to 30c yard; all to go at **20c**

WHITE TABLE LINEN 39c YARD
2 pieces of White Table Linen, 58 in. wide; good heavy weight; Jan. sale price, yard **39c**

UNDERWEAR 65c
Ladies Vest and Drawers, long sleeves; vests come in white or natural, heavy weight. Here is a bargain; Sale price, per garment **65c**

HOSIERY FOR SATURDAY SELLING
Boys' Heavy Worsted, 2-1 Ribb Hose, all sizes; Sale price 65c and, per pair **55c**

Ladies All Wool Cashmere Hose, elastic top; all sizes; O. S., Sale price **65c**

Ladies Fleece Lined Hose, all sizes, good wearing hose; Sale price **35c**

Children's Wool Gauntlet Mitts, in cadet, red, white, navy and black, all sizes **50c**

Ladies Chamiosette Gloves, 2 dome fasteners; in black, white; all sizes; Sale, $1.00 and ... **$1.25**

LADIES' SILK WAISTS
Ladies Waist, made of white Habitua Silk; good smart styles; all sizes; Sale price **$2.19**
Ladies' Waists, made of silk crepe de chine; trimmed with dainty gipure edging; Sale price **$3.29**

FLANNELETTE GOWNS $1.50
Ladies Flannelette Night Gowns, made of good quality flannelette; slip-over or high neck styles; nicely trimmed; sale price **$1.50**

36 IN. WHITE POPLIN 25c YARD
3 pieces of White Poplin Suiting, 36 in. wide, January Sale price, yard **25c**

J. M. YOUNG & COMPANY

MAIL CONTRACT.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the Postmaster-General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the Eighth day of March, 1918, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, six times per week, on the Middleport No. 1 Rural Route, from the 1st of April, 1918.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the postoffices of Middleport and Onondaga, and at the office of the Postoffice Inspector, London.

CHAS. E. H. FISHER,
Postoffice Inspector.
Postoffice Department, Canada, Mail Service Branch, Ottawa, January 25th, 1918.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA