

Talk of the Town And of the Country

Among those in attendance at the funeral of the late O. Wardhaugh, yesterday were, Commandant Chas. Wiseman, New York City, Mr. James Perkins, of Syracuse, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Donald Salisbury, Fulton, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reid and daughter of Moscow, and Mr. N. Babcock, of Newburg.

License Inspector, Goodrich, of Cobourg was busy last week. He was at Codrington, 10 miles north of Brighton, where two men were drunk and running horses. They were brought before Justices Tweedie and Phillips and were fined each \$25.00 and costs. At Hastings Richard Walsh was fined \$25 and costs by Justices Fowlds and Hess for consuming liquor on premises where it was not lawful for liquor to be consumed. At Cobourg a man who had too much in while on the street was fined \$10 and costs.

Sylvia Tensen Echo, a Holstein 3-year-old heifer, owned by D. B. Tracy, of Cobourg, has just broke the world's record for milk for one day, giving 110.3 lbs. in one day. She is out of a son of May Echo Sylvia, the only cow in the world to give 1,000 lbs. of milk in 7 days. This heifer, freshening as a three-year-old, gave 110.3 lbs. of milk in one day, a world's record for her class, and 704.5 lbs. in 7 days, which is the Canadian record, and at her present rate she will hold the world's record for 7 days within a week. One of Sylvia Tensen Echo's sire's brothers sold to the Carnation Milk Co. for \$106,000, and another for \$75,000 to John A. Bell, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa. May Echo Sylvia is owned by Mr. A. C. Hardy, of Brockville, Ont.

The Deseronto Post says that if Belleville can step out into the townships of Thurlow and Tyendinaga and pick up men that are good enough to go on the police force of that city, Deseronto could do the same with regard to an enforcer of the law for this town. But what we do want is a man who will live here and who will spend his money here the same as the rest of us.

Baseball sports of Cobourg have been having a few workouts, and with the opening of the town league next week the season will be under full swing. Lindsay opens the season in the C.O.B.A. here on May 24, and to get off to a good start by a win the team will have to put in hard practice. With Manager Mulhall at the helm, Cobourg should make a better showing this season. Most of the teams in the league, if rumors are true, will have outside help this season. So far Cobourg has made no attempt to "ring in," and will rely on home talent. If baseball is to go ahead, the homebrew way is the only way. The other way has been tried in Cobourg quite often, but the results were not any too satisfactory—financially or in the standing of the club at the end of the season.

The name of Frederick G. Bourns is familiar as the owner of Dark Island, near Alexandria Bay. Mr. Bourns' death occurred a little over a year ago, at his home in New York, and having some holdings in Ontario his will was recently admitted to probate in Brockville. His bequests to religious and charitable objects form an outstanding feature of his will, and are so generous, and in such striking contrast to those of other wealthy men, as to make interesting reading. Among other things his will reads: "I give and bequeath to the Cathedral church of St. John the Divine in the city of New York, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars to help in building the Cathedral nave. This gift to be considered as an Easter offering."

For some time residents in and around Napanee have been suffering as a result of the work of chicken thieves. On Tuesday morning Chief of Police Barrett placed under arrest Bert Evans, about twenty-six or twenty-seven years of age, at Deseronto, on a charge of theft from Elias Smith, of the Belleville road, about a mile and a half west of Napanee. About 12.30 o'clock on Tuesday morning Mr. Smith was aroused from his sleep by a noise in his chicken house and on an investigation being made, it was found that the house had been robbed. Chief Barrett got busy on the case, with the result that he rounded up Evans and also recovered seventeen chickens. The birds were found in a buggy,

the chief also finding a dead pig in the vehicle. The "porker" is believed to be the property of Mr. Miller, a farmer, living a short distance from Napanee. Evans appeared before the Magistrate at Napanee on Tuesday and was remanded till May 4th.

The Portsmouth delegates appointed by the village council to proceed to Ottawa and lay certain matters before the Kingston member, Sir Henry Drayton, delayed their departure pending the reported visit of the member to Kingston. As he was prevented from coming on the occasion of the celebration of Langemarker day, the delegates will go to the capital at an early date in order to support their representations on behalf of the village.

A carriage occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Noble, of Morrisburg, was struck by a car driven by a man named Lindley, from Syracuse, on the state road between Morrisburg and Brier Hill on Thursday evening last. The carriage was demolished and Mrs. Noble sustained a fractured arm. The horse broke loose from the wreckage and ran away. The car was thrown into a ditch at the side of the road and was considerably damaged. The cause of the accident was not learned.

In 1919 Ontario had, out of a total of 5,759 rural schools, five schools with an average attendance of two, thirty-five schools with three, forty-six schools with four, seventy-nine schools with five, 479 schools with six, and 1,400 schools with less than ten pupils.

When a stranger drops into town, jolly him. Tell him this is a great little city—and so it is. Don't discourage him by speaking of your neighbors. Lead him to believe he has at last struck a place where good people live.

William Henry Hicks, late of Napanee, died on Monday in his 73rd year after a lingering illness at his son's residence, Arthur Percival Hicks, Toronto. The late Mr. Hicks, whose wife predeceased him eighteen years ago, is survived by his six children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. He was a member of C.O.F. Royal Lodge, Napanee. Interment will take place at Napanee cemetery.

The title of the world's homeliest woman is claimed by Mrs. Mary A. Devan, of London, who has just arrived to join an American circus. While distinctly proud of her facial assets, Mrs. Devan feels very peevish because she did not find out many years ago that a superlatively homely countenance has financial compensations. It was only last year that the judges at an English seaside resort "beauty show" proclaimed her the ugliest woman in England, at the same time awarding her first prize of \$5,000. Then Mrs. Devan began to capitalize her looks. She has two sons, two daughters and a husband who never makes personal remarks.

Among accessions to the Provincial Museum at Toronto mentioned in the Archaeological report for 1919 just issued, are two articles presented by Frank Barnes, of Gananoque, which were found in the vicinity of that town. One is an unfinished stone pipe fashioned by Indians out of granite and found on the property of W. J. Gibson on one of the old trails of early days, and the other a sandstone pipe found on Hay Island. This pipe is very well made and shows evidence of considerable use. At the lower part of the bowl a face has been carved.

The organization of the Canadian Nashua Paper Co., Ltd., at Peterboro, has now been completed. The stockholders' meeting of the company was held on Monday. Mr. H. T. Kehew, the treasurer, and Mr. Carter, general manager, expressed themselves as more than pleased with the progress of the work in Peterboro and anticipated a growing and successful industry for that city. Ten years ago the plant at Nashua employed 75 men, while today it counts over 800 on its payroll. It is confidently expected that from 500 to 1,000 men may eventually be employed by the plant. Two classes or divisions of gummed paper are manufactured by the Nashua Co. Labels, trading stamps, make up the first class, while gum box stays and binding tapes are in the second class. The wax paper products manufactured cover the full line of wrapping for food products, soaps, cigars, chewing gum and

countless other things being put up in sanitary packages. In the States there has been a universal demand for wrapped bread and the company has manufactured special waxed wrappings. From experience it has been determined that the people once they have used this sanitary wrapped bread, never can return to the old decidedly unsanitary way. The company will manufacture special waxed wrappers for the Canadian trade and endeavor to impress on the bakers the desirability of using the material available and a strong team will represent Lindsay in the C.O.B.L. Workmen are at present engaged in getting the diamond in shape for the season. The unfavorable weather conditions have delayed practice considerably.

A meeting of the Lindsay baseball players was held Tuesday night to deal with several matters of import. The executive is getting a line-up of the material available and a strong team will represent Lindsay in the C.O.B.L. Workmen are at present engaged in getting the diamond in shape for the season. The unfavorable weather conditions have delayed practice considerably.

C. E. Anderson, Wilstead, has purchased the cheese factory at Willobank from J. B. Wilson, and has secured the services of B. Street. Mr. Anderson will continue to operate the factory at Wilstead.

Tuesday the members of the roads and bridges committee of the counties council met at Burritt's Rapids for the purpose of a joint conference with a similar committee from Carleton county with reference to the matter of rebuilding the bridge over the Rideau river at that point. Those present from Leeds and Grenville were Warden Joynt, reeve of South Elmsley; Wm. J. Morris, reeve of Beetham; W. J. Morris, reeve of Beetham; Omer L. Buell, reeve of Yonge; W. Hanton, reeve of Kitley; R. Weir, reeve of Edwardsburg, and County Engineer E. R. Blackwell. It was decided at the conference to rebuild the bridge at an estimated cost of \$40,000. It will be a two-span of 100 feet each, resting on Howe steel truss. It will have a capacity of fifteen tons live weight and will thus meet the class A requirements of the Ontario Highway Department. Engineers Patterson and Bryan, of Carleton county, and Engineer Blackwell, of Leeds and Grenville, were instructed to prepare plans and specifications and ask for tenders. The cost will be borne jointly by the counties interested.

People take newspapers nowadays, read them and then throw them away. They never think what a source of pleasure and profit—of reminiscence and thought, a file of even a few numbers of such a paper would be to them twenty or thirty years afterwards. Pay for your papers and then keep them.

Miss Adella Robinson, Bethel, Prince Edward county, has got through her course at the O.B.C. and has received her diploma with honors. She has accepted a position with the Packard Motor Car Works, of Toronto.

When two boys, Frank Jones, aged 16, and another named Preston, of Smith's Falls, tried to force a .32 calibre shell into a former German army revolver by hitting it on the ground, the shell exploded, the contents penetrating the cheek of Jones just below the eye. He was removed to the Public Hospital, where he is receiving treatment and where a physician probed for the bullet from the back of the head without result.

The Prescott fire brigade was called out Tuesday morning to a fire on the corner of Dibble and Edward streets where a barn owned by F. Grey was totally destroyed and also a car owned by J. McIntyre which was in the barn. Mr. McIntyre was in the barn at the time overhauling his car. In some unknown manner a fire blazed up at Mr. McIntyre's feet, igniting his clothing. He hurriedly sent in an alarm, but before he could get the burning clothing off, his hands, arms, neck and face were badly burned. His wounds were cared for immediately by Dr. Featherstone and last reports are that Mr. McIntyre is resting comfortably.

The emergency fund for returned soldiers out of employment, issued from the Canadian Patriotic Fund for the last four months, terminated on Saturday, and no more money will be issued. The Patriotic Fund, it is understood, is as yet by no means exhausted, and the question will soon arise as to what will be its ultimate destination. Many favor retaining the balance of this fund in case relief similar to what was issued this winter may be needed during the winter of 1920-1921.

On Tuesday night a meeting of the women of the city of Kingston, or rather the consumers, as a large

number of men were present, was held in the City Hall under the auspices of the Local Council of Women. The following resolutions were passed by the women: "That this meeting go on record as believing that there are no permanent short-cut solutions to the problem of rising prices, and that any local attempt to interfere directly with prices would probably lead to increased local scarcity and other evils, and that this meeting recommend that a Consumers' League be formed to encourage the conservation of supplies and increased production during the coming summer; to study thoroughly the question of markets and the desirability of further boycotts and to give the utmost publicity to its findings; to prevent panicky buying and to promote the rational and economical method of purchasing on the part of consumers in every possible way."

This is the only country where all earthly honors are within the reach of every citizen and where it depends upon the individual himself whether he will be a senator or a street-sweeper, a railroad president or a railroad section hand, a millionaire or a pauper, a general or a policeman, a banker or a bankrupt.

Commencing on Monday, Brockville union barbers will close their places of business on Monday and Friday of every week at six o'clock in the afternoon. On Saturday evenings they will remain open until 10 o'clock and other evenings until 7.30 o'clock. Also commencing Monday an increased scale of fees will be charged, the principal items of which are hair cuts and shaves respectively. It is also proposed to hold the Wednesday half holiday during the months of May, June, July and August.

A report made public in Brockville on Tuesday and prepared by Deputy Fire Marshal H. Cowan, of Toronto, blames spontaneous combustion for the fire that destroyed the barn and contents on the farm of Hugh Fife, Otonabee township. The net loss was \$110,000. According to the report, the fire originated under the gangway of the barn, where 80 boxes of ice had been stored and covered with sawdust. The action of the fuel and the moisture generated sufficient heat to cause a combustion fire. Deputy Fire Marshal Cowan condemns the practice of building ice houses close to barns or buildings of any kind.

Our Canadian hockey artists appear to have carried everything before them at the Olympic games in Antwerp. They made mincemeat of Czechoslovak, Swedish and Swiss teams, and handsomely beat the United States team, although about half the players on that team were Canadians. Those men from Winnipeg have done honor to Canada.

Dr. J. R. Irwin, of Cobourg, has announced his intention of retiring from his medical practice in Cobourg owing to ill health, the result of his four years' service overseas. He has recently perfected a pyrrhoea cure, and expects to devote some time to this. The pyrrhoea cure developed from treatment of trench mouth with returned men, the two diseases being closely allied.

The chronic kicker doesn't seem to realize that there are railroads and dirt roads leading out of this town he so thoroughly dislikes. You couldn't find a better town, old fellow, but why not try to build one for your own satisfaction?

The proposal to merge the Kingston high school cadet corps with the militia regiments for the purpose of securing recruits is calling forth criticism from Kingston parents on the ground that it is an effort to put into force universal military training and introducing lads to associations calculated to divert their attention from their studies and by substituting military control for school control, weakening the position of school teachers.

When daylight saving goes into effect this week-end in Kingston, says the Whig, it will mean at the post office that the front offices, such as the stamp office, general delivery, registry office and others will observe the daylight saving time, while the postal clerks will remain on the old time, in order to be in line with the railways, they having decided not to observe daylight saving this year. The change in the time will also mean that the business men will not get their late afternoon delivery as the stores will be closed at the time for this delivery. The usual morning and afternoon deliveries will be made.

A Lindsay farmer named Gillies was fined \$200 and costs for selling liquor without a license. Weeks

ago he got in fifty cases and took an affidavit that the whiskey was for his personal use and for medicinal purposes should his stock get sick, and said it would probably last him twenty-five years. License Inspector Thornbury visited the farm a few nights ago, only to find three empty cases, the farmer claiming that the other forty-seven had been stolen by some person two nights previous.

The supplementary estimates of the province just passed and published by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario disclose that \$105,200 has been set aside to carry on as a provincial institution the present military hospital at Cobourg. Of this sum \$30,000 has been passed to bear the necessary expense of groceries and provisions. For purposes of clothing patients, \$5,000; furniture and furnishings, \$5,000; fuel, light and water, \$20,000; chief attendant and attendants and wages of nurses, \$10,000; while for domestic help \$4,500 has been voted. Evidently the present Provincial Government are determined to have an institution of the highest possible efficiency for the cure of all mental derangements.

The Standard Paving Company has completed the excavating on Coleman street and this morning began the work of taking the surface of Pinnacle street south of the market.

The many Belleville friends of Beatrice Lillie, who used to sing at the Palace Theatre, a few years ago when the photoplay fan considered the program was not complete without the introduction of an illustrated song, will be interested in the British-Canadian news reel being shown at the Palace Theatre this week-end, which shows her recent marriage in Felsby, England, to Robert Peel of the famous family which has been associated, for centuries with English politics. Miss Lillie is now an established London favorite, having essayed prominent roles in "Oh Boy" and other London musical successes. That Miss Lillie did not forget her old Belleville friends was evident during the war, when she entertained many Belleville boys when they were on leave in London.

The remains of the late Roy Vancott who died in Flint, Michigan, are expected to arrive in Belleville today.

Belleville is in the throes of a potato famine. It's not a question of boycotting the man who is hardly enough to ask six dollars a bag, but a question of getting any potatoes at all. Mr. Geo. Brickman, manager of the Belleville Produce Company who handles large quantities of potatoes informed The Ontario that he has no potatoes on hand and doesn't know where he can get any. A few days ago he went out to the Bancroft district and purchased a carload, paying for the tubers \$4.25 a bag delivered at the railway. The potatoes failed to arrive and, upon inquiry, Mr. Brickman ascertained that another buyer followed him and offered the honest farmers five dollars per. The five-dollar offer won out. Mr. A. E. Bailey, another large dealer, is in a similar position and has no stock on hand whatever. A few grocers have small stocks in hand that they are dealing out carefully to customers, in small quantities at a dollar or more a peck.

A Prince Edward County farmer asked \$6.00 a bushel for a load of potatoes on Picton market on Saturday, with the result that he was boycotted by the buyers and failed to sell any on the market, even at the reduced price of \$4.00, selling later to a grocer who retailed them at the above price. This remedy for high prices seems to have worked out very well and is the best known method to combat the present high cost of living in the opinion of The Gazette.

Many citizens are growing anxious as to where they will find seed potatoes. The time is near at hand for planting and the scarcity is very great. One dealer who supplies various institutions about the city with potatoes says that yesterday he could have sold one hundred bags of spuds. The price is six dollars yet for the table variety.

The Toronto Boot and Shoe Bulletin says that: There are so many factors entering into and affecting business conditions today that he would be a brave man indeed, who would venture to predict what the next six months may have in store for those engaged in the shoe business or any other. The great uncertainty lies in the purchasing public, and the question is whether the point has not been reached where consumers will manifest a spirit of economy that will balk at the continued high



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prices of footwear. This depends a good deal upon whether those who have had the money to spend, and who have been inclined to spend it freely, will continue to enjoy the comparative affluence they have possessed for the past year or so. Some think that the limit has been reached and that high rentals, costly food and costly clothing will bring a strong reaction.

Some residents of the city, who own vacant lots, when approached by people who desire to cultivate them, have asked exorbitant rents. The owners prefer to produce crops of thistles and nettles to crops of potatoes. However, the city has large numbers of vacant lots in many parts of the corporation, and is only too willing to turn them over to all who are willing to work. Information may be had at the city hall.

The Belleville Consumers' Economy League is finding far more people willing to stand around and grumble about the high cost of potatoes than they are finding of people willing to take off their coats and grow potatoes on some of the vacant lots around town.

The newly organized Belleville Consumers' Economy League is seriously discussing the matter of vacant lot gardening around the city. It is understood that there is

There is hope of relief, to some extent at least, from the threatened or actual potato famine. The Ontario was informed by Mr. A. E. Bailey, produce dealer, that he expected a car of the tubers next week, which he would dispose of at \$5.50 a bag or thereabouts. Owing to the extreme scarcity of potatoes and the difficulty of procuring seed, it seems to The Ontario that consumption for table use should be cut down voluntarily by everybody to the lowest possible point. If this is done there will be no serious trouble about securing abundance of seed, though the price will necessarily be high.

Mr. Patsy McAvoy, of Zion's Hill, who two weeks ago was so badly burned by an explosion of gasoline, which he was straining was able to leave the house yesterday and take a short walk. His eyesight is, fortunately, not injured, although his face was badly burned. His mother, who suffered slight burns, has quite recovered.