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HIGH PRICES AT SMALL MARKET

Business on Market Square Slow Today—Inside Sales Were Good.

The outer market was very small this morning owing to the stormy weather, but the inside market was quite large. No changes of note took place. Eggs held at 60c fresh, and 50c for the not-strictly fresh variety. Butter remained steady at 45 cents. Poultry was stationary at 90c to \$1.50 per pair of chickens, 75c to \$1 each for ducks and \$2 to \$2.25 for geese. But while prices remain unchanged, the tendency is a little weaker, as in the cities people are turning to beef, which has already shown the effect of this in a slight advance. Hogs are steady at \$11.50 liveweight.

Potatoes are unchanged at \$2.25 wholesale and \$2.50 retail on the market. Apples show no changes. Hay was a minus quantity today. Wholesale prices hover around \$11.00 for baled. Loose hay is quoted at \$9 to \$10 per ton.

Spring lamb is firmer at 20c and upwards per pound.

Hides are now quoted at 15c to 18c per pound.

Grains are unchanged.

CHEESE CO. HAD A RECORD YEAR

Moira Cheese Factory Held Annual Meeting Yesterday Afternoon—\$69.52 a Standard

The annual meeting of the Moira Cheese Manufacturing Company was held yesterday afternoon. There was a very large attendance of interested and satisfied patrons.

A feature of the meeting that caused general expressions of regret was the resignation of Mr. Anthony Herity as cheesemaker. Mr. Herity began work as cheesemaker in this factory in 1876 or 41 years ago, and has since continuously held the position. It is doubtful if there is another record in the province to equal it. Through all these years of changing methods to meet market demands, Mr. Herity has kept abreast of the times and always placed gilt-edged goods before the buyers. His retirement, owing to the press of other duties, is a distinct loss to the company and the cheesemaking industry. Mr. S. Harris Browne, who was with Mr. Herity for several seasons and for the past two years made an excellent record at the Eclipse factory in Sidney, was engaged as Mr. Herity's successor.

The annual statement was far beyond all precedent the most satisfactory in the history of the factory. The average price per pound of cheese was 18.07 cents. The season's dividend was \$44.91 a standard. The special dividend for Nov. reached the enormous total of \$69.52. The total milk received during the season was 1,674,406. From this was manufactured a total of 146,580 pounds of cheese, which brought in \$20,795.04. Average lbs. milk for one lb. cheese—11.38.

Mr. Walker Sayers who has given general satisfaction the past year as president and salesman was re-elected to those positions.

L. O. L. 2519 OFFICERS

The election of officers of L.O.L. No. 2519 took place at the late meeting as follows:
Dr. Kinnear—W.M.
J. S. Henderson—D.M.
Dr. M. Day—Rec. Sec.
Fred Andrews—Fin. Sec.
G. A. Morton—Treas.
Rev. Dr. Blagrove—Chap.
A. W. McLeod—D. of C.
M. J. Clark—Lec.

PTE. G. HEARN SOF 80th KILLED.

Mr. Geo. Henderson, who resides in Thurrow Township near Corbyville, received word that Pte. G. Hearn of the 80th battalion had been killed in action on Nov. 18th. Pte. Hearn had made it his home with Mr. Henderson for some time prior to enlistment.

GLAD TO BE DOING HIS BIT.

Pte. Walter Soal, son of Thomas Soal of the Ontario staff, in a letter written Nov. 15th, says it is very cold now in France but they are very comfortably clothed and therefore do not mind the cold so much. He then goes on to say, "Don't worry about me, I am fine. Was never better and am glad to be over here doing my bit for the great cause. I am not homesick, and have no longing to get home until our enemies have all been utterly crushed, beyond repair. Everything will come fine in the end, maybe before we expect it."

HARRY WATKIN IS MISSING

Late Lieut. Phelan Mourned By Many Friends.

Harry Walker of the 38th Battalion, C.E.F., has been missing since November 18th, according to an Ottawa telegram which reached his father Mr. D. Watkins, this morning. Harry enlisted about twenty months ago and went with his battalion to Bermuda where the duties of British regulars were taken over and thence to England and later to France. The 38th went into the firing line as a unit. Harry has never before been mentioned in the casualty list.

It is hoped that he may yet return to his unit or be among the prisoners. He is a young married man with many friends who have learned with great concern of his being missing.

The death of Lieut. John M. Phelan of the 80th Battalion has caused widespread regret.

A young Irishman, he came to Canada a few years ago and for some time was in the G.T.R. offices here. In the early winter of 1915, he took an officer's course at Kingston and was at once attached and later appointed to the 80th battalion. He was looked upon as one of the most gallant young officers and several battalions were anxious to secure his services. Lieut. Jack Phelan was an enthusiastic athlete and in the past few years had won many athletic prizes. He came of a family that has done nobly in the war.

253rd BATTALION

One of the latest battalions to be authorized for overseas is the 253rd Queen's University Highland battalion which in view of the special class of men it appeals to, is allowed to recruit all over the Dominion of Canada.

To the men of Canada it comes with a double appeal, to the University graduate, to the high school graduate and their friends, who in joining this battalion will be assured of that congeniality of taste and point of view which will make the training and living together so much more pleasant. It is on this principle that so many battalions have been successfully recruited and trained in the Old Country. To such and to many others there is also the appeal of the uniform; the kilts are a real soldier's uniform and the traditions of the various Highland regiments both in Canada and in the Old Country has been such as to form a glorious inspiration for the men who join the 253rd Highlanders. The kilts will be issued to recruits immediately on enlistment; they look attractive but they look cold for a Canadian winter. In real fact however, they are warmer than the more usual trousers and a special knitted knee-cap may be worn if desired.

Kipling says somewhere, "The Irish are great fighters, but give me a Highland regiment under Presbyterian officers." In the case of this particular battalion, however, there is no such limitation on the creed of the officers; all that is asked of them is that they shall be first class men and of good British stock. Many are graduates of the University while many again have no connection with Queen's but are men "under the tongue of good report." Queen's men too are coming in, hoping for promotion to non-commissioned rank and this is a most hopeful point about this battalion. Every old soldier will tell you that the backbone of a regiment is the N.C.O.'s; it is they who set the tone and keep up ideals of work and discipline for all the men, with therefore a high moral and intellectual level among the N.C.O.'s of this battalion, our parents who send forth their best for the Empire need have no fears as to the building up of the character of their sons who enlist in this university unit. Any information can be obtained by addressing a letter to the adjutant, of 253rd (Queen's University) Highland battalion, 187 Princess Street, Kingston.

ACCUSED OF ASSAULT

Coral Babcock, a boy aged fifteen years of age, has got into trouble by reason of an alleged assault on John R. Collins of Point Anne. The attack is said to have taken place on Wednesday, Dec. 6th in that village. This morning in police court the boy was admitted to bail and the case enquired by Magistrate Masson until Dec. 16th.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Venerable Archdeacon Beamish will hold a memorial service in St. Thomas church tomorrow night in memory of the late Pte. Jas. Meloy of Church St. and Pte. Sherwood Marshall Wood of 275 George St. who were killed in action at the front.

Mr. Melville Hagerman of the Post Office staff is ill.

GRAND BALL BY 235TH SERGEANTS

Pleasant Function at Johnstone's Academy Last Night Was First of Many Winter Events of the Kind.

The ball given last evening in Johnstone's Academy, Campbell St., under the auspices of the staff sergeants and the sergeants of the 235th overseas battalion, was an absolute success. This was the initial dance of the season and it is the intention of the sergeants to hold such affairs from time to time during the winter. The dancing hall was decorated with flags and the color scheme was in red and white. The decorations had been shown up by the patronesses who have an abiding interest in the welfare of the boys of the 235th. It was estimated that there were about one hundred couples present last evening.

The patronesses were Miss M. B. Falkner, Miss M. M. Campbell, Mrs. W. Spence Clarke, Mrs. A. R. Symons, Miss Eva Panter, Mrs. R. Ince, and Miss V. M. McLean. The officers were Lt.-Col. S. B. Scobell, honorary president; D. J. Stevens, C.M.S., president; H. Kingscott, P.M.S., vice president; Sergeant R. L. Armstrong, secretary; medical sergeant, F. J. Jamieson, treasurer; Sergeant J. A. Gunn and Sergeant E. A. Garner. The master of ceremonies was Medical Sergeant Jamieson, and he was assisted by Sgt. Major Stevens and Sgt. Armstrong. Sgt. Major Stevens was formerly regimental sergeant major of the composite battalion, the 6th Hussars of Montreal and wears ribbons for service in several campaigns.

Music for the dancing was rendered by the 235th orchestra. The program was part I—Extra waltz, extra two-step; waltz, "Cupid's Dream," one-step, "Too Much Ginger," lancers— from the opera "Wang," two step, "School Mates," waltz, "The Dream Princess," one step, "I am Proud to Call them my Boys," waltz, (moon) "Danube Wave," two step "Jolly Sailors," waltz, "Homeland," one step, "Midnight Special," Part II—extra waltz; extra Fox Trot; waltz "Daughter of Love," one step "Somewhere in France," two step "My Little Girl," social circle "Sweetheart Mine," waltz (moon) "Flowers of Wildwood," one step "King of Hearts," three step "Eventide," waltz, "My Little Grey Home in the West," two step, "When Your Boy comes Back to You," waltz, "Home, Sweet Home."

Through pressure of other duties, the honorary president, Lieut.-Col. Scobell was unable to be present. Major Dunlop, Major Southey, Captain Meath of the 235th attended, thus showing the good fellowship which exists between officers and non-commissioned officers. Several sergeants of the 245th battalion and representatives of the 253rd Queen's Highlanders were among the guests. The sergeants one and all had words of the highest praise for the work of the ladies. They also appreciated the untiring efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnstone to give the guests an evening of rare enjoyment.

At midnight refreshments were served and dancing was resumed until the early hours. There were quite a number of civilians present at the affair. It is the intention of the sergeants, mess in the course of a few weeks to hold a regimental whist drive and dance which will be open to the men of the 235th.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio, Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

REV. A. S. KERR RETURNED TO CITY ON THURSDAY

Rev. A. S. Kerr returned to the city on Thursday after several weeks holiday spent with his brother, Dr. Kerr, of Bradford, Pa. He is now almost completely recovered from his very severe illness and was able yesterday to take charge of his work at St. Andrew's where he was welcomed by a large congregation.

WILL NOT ENTER ANOTHER TEAM

Decision Reached by Citizens Last Evening to Support Soldiers.

There will be no second team in intermediate hockey in Belleville this winter. Such was the decision reached at a meeting of hockey fans at Hotel Quinte last evening after a conference with the officials of the 235th Battalion. Mr. William Carnow, county crown attorney, occupied the chair. The consensus of opinion was that it would be unwise to have two rival teams in the city and it was seen to be advisable to have one team to which the military and citizens could lend support. Could the city support two intermediate teams? The general belief was that the city could not. Accordingly the civilian enthusiasts have thrown in their lot with the 235th battalion and will do everything in their power to make the battalion team one that will see its way into the finals. The 235th officials claim to have excellent material.

The province will be looking this way to see what has become of Belleville which got into the finals last winter. The military say that their team will be here for the entire season and as it will consist of good players, Belleville citizens saw no reason to throw in another team, with the possible chance of neither team making a good showing.

It is likely that the citizens will be given representation on the 235th team executive.

INTERESTING W.C.T.U. MEETING.

The W.C.T.U. held a very interesting parlour meeting at the home of Mrs. A. E. Bailey, 33 Holloway St. last evening. The program was as follows:

Bible reading and prayer, Rev. Mr. Clarry. Song, "All Around the World." Recitation—Miss Farrell. Solo—Miss Lobb. Convention report—Mrs. Phillips. Instrumental solo—Miss Pierce. Reading—Mrs. Boardman. Solo—Miss Sweetman. Recitation—Jack Herity. Address—Mrs. Gibson. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Gibson is the W.C.T.U. President of the counties Lennox and Addington, and Hastings. In her address she specially emphasized the departments taken up in the report, especially anti-narcotic and franchise departments.

(Mrs.) A. Kerr, Rec. Sec.

80th OFFICERS HEARD FROM

The following extracts of local interest are taken from a letter received by Mr. J. Elliott from Capt. V. H. Williams under date of Nov. 22nd, 1916.

"My brother has been over and was severely wounded in the right arm but is now in England and recovering quite rapidly, although it will be two or three months before he is fit again."

"The old 80th officers are getting pretty well 'shot up.' Your son is the only fortunate, (or might I say unfortunate) one of the company."

"I heard that Phelan had been recommended for the Military Cross. He was wounded a few days ago."

"I saw Percy Ketcheson on Sunday last and he is setting along very well. He is now out of hospital."

Captain Harper, I understand, is doing remarkably well. He is one of the coolest officers imaginable, in fact all the boys have done very well indeed, but I am sorry to say that three of them have been killed, Major Gilroy, and Lieuts. McCall and Nichol."

Since the above was written Lieut. E. J. Elliott who was taken from the trenches to a French hospital suffering from blood poisoning, has been transferred to England where he is now receiving medical attention in a military hospital in Manchester.

BAND CONCERT AT NAPANEE

The 254th battalion held a successful band concert last evening in Napanee armories, which was attended by over two thousand people. Mr. Paul, M.P., was chairman, Lt.-Col. Allen, O.C. the 254th spoke and Rev. Father T. P. O'Connor of Napanee delivered an enthusiastic patriotic and recruiting address. Mayor Rutan of Napanee, Capt. Sandford and Capt. Mouch made short speeches. Mrs. A. P. Allen contributed a vocal number to the program.

Following the concert came an oyster supper.

Several recruits were added to the battalion as a result of the gathering. Capt. Blecker of Marmora, Lieut. Coulter, Stirling and Lt. Gribble who brought several recruits from Napanee to be fitted out, reported at headquarters today.

OVERCOATS

Wool has advanced over 100 per cent, Cotton has advanced over 100 per cent, and labor has advanced from 25 to 50 per cent

And Yet

we have lots of Overcoats in Boy's and Men's at old prices

And Why?

we bought heavy, last January and February and packed them away. We admit our New Coats are higher.

Come and let us pick you one of the old value Overcoats while they last.

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THE LLOYD GEORGE MINISTRY

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Official announcement was made last night that the new government had been constituted with a War Cabinet comprising the following:

War Cabinet.
David Lloyd George (Lib.) Premier and First Lord of the Treasury.
Earl Curzon, (U.), Lord President of the Council. He will also be government leader in the House of Lords.
Arthur Henderson (Lab.), Minister without portfolio.
Lord Milner (U.), Minister with portfolio.
Andrew Bonar Law, (U.), Chancellor of the Exchequer, who has been asked by the Premier to act as leader in the House of Commons and also as member of the War Cabinet without being expected to attend regularly.

The General Ministry.
The other members of the Ministry, who are not in the War Cabinet, and their party affiliations follow. There are three new officers—
Ministers of Labor, Food Controller and Shipping Controller:
Lord High Chancellor—Sir Robert Bannatyne Finlay (U.).
Secretary of State for the Home Department—Sir George Cave (U).
Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs—Arthur J. Balfour (U).
Secretary of State for the Colonies—Walter Hume Long (U).
Secretary of State for War—Earl of Derby (U).
Secretary of State for India—Austen Chamberlain (U).

President of the Local Government Board—Baron Rhondda (D. A. Thomas) (Lib.)
President of the Board of Trade—Sir Albert Stanley (U.)
Minister of Labor—John Hodge (Lab.)
First Lord of the Admiralty—Sir Edward Carson (U.)
Minister of Munitions—Dr. Christopher Addison (Lib.)
Minister of Blockade—Lord Robert Cecil (U.)
Food Controller—Baron Devonport (Lib.)
Shipping Controller—Sir Joseph Páton MacLay (Lib.)
President of the Board of Agriculture—Rowland B. Prothero (U.)
President of the Board of Education—Herbert A. L. Fisher (Non-Party)
First Commissioner of Works—Sir Alfred Mond (Lib.)
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster—Sir Frederick Cawley (Lib.)
Postmaster-General—Albert Hingworth (Lib.)
Minister of Pensions—George N. Barnes (Lab.)
Attorney-General—Sir Frederick E. Smith (U.)
Solicitor-General—Gordon Hewart, K.C., (Lib.)
Lord Advocate—James A. Clyde, K.C., (U.)
Solicitor-General for Scotland—Thomas B. Morrison, K.C., (Lib.)
Lord Lieutenant of Ireland—Baron Wimborne (Lib.)
Chief Secretary for Ireland—Henry E. Duke (U.)
Lord Chancellor for Ireland—Sir Ignatius J. O'Brien, K.C., (Lib.)
Sir Robert Finlay, in accepting the office of Lord High Chancellor, stipulated that his right to a pension be waived.

NEW WAR PROGRAMME TO BE CARRIED OUT.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Lord Northcliffe's organ, The Weekly Dispatch, says that Premier Lloyd George's war programme comprises the following:
First—The arming of merchantmen in order to fight the submarine peril.
Second—The preparation for the spring offensive.
Third—The mobilization of the civil population between the ages of sixteen and sixty.
Fourth—The making effective of the blockade.
Fifth—The rationing of the population by the issue of food tickets.
Sixth—The increasing of the home food production.
Seventh—The banning of work immaterial to the war.
Eighth—Enforcing of the prohibition of luxuries.
Ninth—The instituting of meatless days.

RUMANIANS HALT RETREAT AND COMPEL TEUTONS TO FLEE.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Rumanians who have been retreating in eastern Wallachia have made a stand east of Ploesti, and they have not only checked the Austro-German advance, but have driven the Teutons back to a position behind the Grikovul River. This news was announced by Petrograd today.

The Russians who instituted an offensive in the Carpathians are continuing their forward march and they are steadily gaining ground in spite of the furious defence offered by the enemy. Fighting continues in the Putna Valley and north of Dorna Watra, and as they advance the Russian detachments are encountering strong resistance from the foe.

Farther south the Russians are also continuing their advance in the Trotus, Salta and Choniahia valleys. The German official communication admits that the Russians have taken a height south of the Trotus Valley. This announcement indicates that the Russians are pretty well across the border into Transylvania.

In an official communication issued yesterday at Berlin, the German war office claimed that the Rumanian forces which have just driven the Teutons back on the road to Ploesti had been annihilated.