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DELTA FAIR IN PROGRESS

With Good Weather Prevailing, Exhibition Has Hope of Record Year.

The two first days of Delta Fair have passed with fine weather, which is as favorable a circumstance as a Fair board can expect. Monday is always a day of preparation, a day of placing exhibits, and coaxing the exhibition into smooth running order. Tuesday, the judging is completed, and the gate receipts begin to attract the attention of the officials. The third day is, of course, the "big" day.

The attendance yesterday was fair—in the neighborhood of 1,300—perhaps a trifle smaller than in former years. There was good opportunity to see the exhibits in the hall and the races on the track. Fruit and vegetables showed up well, collections of apples attracting favorable comment. The dairy exhibit was large, and the honey was of fine quality. Upstairs, the display of fancy work was really wonderful. These were all new exhibits, and the numerous entries were all remarkable in point of quality.

Cattle and horses were seen in numerous entries, and poultry, though not as heavy an exhibit as usual, was well worth a visit.

The C. W. Lindsay Co. and the Robert Wright Co. of Brockville, and the Egg and Poultry Division of the Department of Agriculture were represented in booths on the main floor of the hall.

During the afternoon, two races were run off before the grand stand, in which the Gananogue Band played lively music. The following are the results:

Farmers' Race

Monday Morning (K. Polk, Portland), 1st; Little Maud (C. Hamilton, Elgin), 2nd; Donald Boy (W. French, Philipville), 3rd; Maggie Forrester (D. Graham, Lansdowne) and Sidney Pointer (F. Earl, Lansdowne), drawn in last heat.

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1st heat—Gamey K (K. Polk, Portland); Baby K (E. Hollingsworth, Athens); Minnie Deveras (L. Kennedy, Portland); Little Hector (A. Lyon, Portland); Frank M (A. W. Churchill, California).

2nd heat—Gamey K, Frank M, Baby K, Little Hector, Minnie Deveras.

3rd heat—Gamey K, Frank M, Baby K, Minnie Deveras.
Summary—Gamey K, 1st; Frank M, 2nd; Baby K, 3rd; Minnie Deveras, 4th.

Of Personal Interest

In the absence of the secretary, Mr. Robert Hanna, who has removed to Norwood, Mr. Frank Halladay, Elgin, performed his duties.

The officers and directors of the 1917 fair are:

President—W. W. Phelps, Delta.
First Vice-President—E. V. Halladay, Elgin.
Second Vice-President—T. J. Frye, Soperton.
Secretary-Treasurer—R. Hanna, Delta.

Directors—P. Halladay, H. Steele, Z. Gile, G. Morris, H. Imerson, T. Hales, E. J. Suffel, A. Stevens, E. Bresee.

KING'S MESSAGE TO CANADA

"I learn with the deepest gratification of the effective steps taken in the Dominion of Canada towards providing those increased supplies of food which are absolutely essential to the defeat of the enemy's devices and to a speedy and successful termination of the war. I have no doubt that the self-sacrifice displayed on the battlefields of France by my heroic troops will find its counterpart in the efforts of those, who, at home in the Dominion, are devoting themselves to this work. All those thus loyally engaged contribute in important measure towards assuring victory."—George R.I.

Important Auction.

A. Taylor and Son's annual auction sale is to be held on October 2. Keep the date in mind and read the posters around the village.

DISTRICT TRIBUNALS

His Honor Judge Dowsley, Senior Judge of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, has announced his nominations for the United Counties, which two counties have been divided into twelve districts, for the sitting of the tribunals to act under the Military Service Act, there being two members on each tribunal, one appointed by the Senior Judge of the District and the other by Parliament. Judge Dowsley's appointments are as follows:

Athens—T. H. Beale.
Brockville—Judge Reynolds
Gananogue, W. T. Samson.
Newboro—Dr. R. H. Preston.
Toledo—H. N. Stinson.
Mallorytown—C. E. Tennant.
Prescott—Judge Dowsley.
Kemptville—J. A. Watterson.
Merrickville—G. R. Putnam.
Cardinal—William Clarke.
North Augusta—Albert E. Warren

TO REVERT TO LIEUTENANCIES

May Soon Be Privates.

An officer, who returned from England last week states that a definite move has been made to rid England of thousands of senior officers of the Canadian expeditionary force. They were given until Saturday to decide whether they would revert to the rank of lieutenant or return to Canada. Since the war broke out in 1914, Canada has been pouring battalions of infantry, brigades of artillery and other units into England. There a reorganization took place which left many of the senior officers stranded. Each has been given some "job," which in many cases was made merely to provide the officer with something to do. Now the public cry has become so insistent that the authorities are acting.

In a week or two steamship loads of senior officers will return to Canada. Many have already come back, but others are determined not to return until made to do so. They have been given the alternative of reverting to the rank of lieutenant and taking a platoon on the firing line or returning to Canada. And as soon as here they will take their chances with all other citizens on being drafted for service and being sent overseas as privates.

SCHOOL FAIRS OF THE DISTRICT

Numerous Exhibits and Keen Competition at Sweets' Corners and Athens Rural School Fairs.

The Fair Grounds at Lyndhurst on September 13 were all activity once again—the School Fair has superseded the defunct agricultural exhibition. Called the Sweets' Corners Rural School Fair, but held at Lyndhurst, this event has awakened new interest in agricultural life. A large attendance greeted this innovation in the district.

Athens Rural School Fair, held at S. A. Coon's farm was handicapped by a wet day, but in spite of this, was successful in every way. The youthful exhibitors are gaining an enviable reputation for good exhibits, and the earnestness that marks their efforts gives prospect of a great agricultural future for the district.

The Athens Village School Fair takes place to-morrow on the race track, with a concert in the town hall in the evening. The younger element has been spreading enthusiasm for some weeks, and adults are quite as anxiously waiting for to-morrow's dawn.

Plum Hollow Fair will be held on Saturday, September 29.

Friday Night's Dance.

An informal Assembly in the town hall Friday night, at which the Hulme family orchestra, of Prescott, supplied the music, was a gratifying success. Although the attendance was somewhat smaller than those of last spring, the dance was a most pleasant affair.

Mysterious Fire.

Fire of mysterious origin destroyed the barn and outbuildings of John Stewart, Plum Hollow at 9.30 Thursday night. The loss includes a horse, thoroughbred cow, pigs, poultry, farm implements and the season's grain. A small amount of insurance was carried.

Canadian Bankers' Competition

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS—HANDSOME CASH PRIZES

In this competition, the Canadian Bankers' Association, acting in co-operation with the Dominion Department of Agriculture, Live Stock Branch, offers cash prizes to boys and girls who exhibit calves or pigs at their local fair, and who comply with all the rules governing the competition. See prize list for Frankville Fair for entry forms or apply to F. A. Robertson, Manager Merchants' Bank, at Athens, or W. H. Montgomery, Sec. Frankville Fair, for further particulars.

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Soldiers Return Home.

The following district soldiers have reached the convalescent hospital at Kingston: Pte. W. Ball, A. Buell and P. Clarke, Brockville; A. Bradley, Athens; A. Brown, J. Calvert, W. Chidley, H. Davis and J. Waldier, Gananogue; and C. A. Monroe, Mallorytown.

Pte. J. J. Dickinson, Singleton, and Pte. J. Elliott, Delta, are expected to reach Kingston to-day.

Dairymen to Meet.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association is scheduled for the second week in January next, at Perth. Arrangements are being made for a large cheese and butter exhibit, and cash prizes will be given all cheese makers whose product scores 95 points or better.

Confederation Stamp.

The special Confederation 3-cent stamp went on sale last week in the post offices of Canada. The stamp contains an engraved reproduction on greatly reduced scale of Harris' famous painting of "The Fathers of Confederation." The work is excellent and the stamp in size is somewhat similar to the Quebec tercentenary stamp of 1903. The issue will cover a period of from three to four months, but as with all other Canadian stamps, the Confederation special will be of permanent validity and may be used at any time for postage prepayment purposes.

A Large Market.

There was a large market Saturday morning in the county town with prices for the usual products remaining firm. Eggs sold at 45c to 48c per dozen, potatoes 80c a bush., butter 45c to 48c per pound, tomatoes 50c a basket, and corn at 10c a dozen.

The Reporter wants correspondents in a number of villages in the country where it is not now represented. Some of these are: Addison, Glen Buell, Glen Elbe, Toledo, Delta, Elgin, Lyndhurst, Oak Leaf. Write for further particulars.

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