

Wood May Be Floated To Peterboro

A better quality of wood is being brought to Peterboro but the prices remain high. A farmer informed a reporter this morning that big prices were being paid for wood in the north country and many farmers did not need to bring fuel to Peterboro to find a sale.

The Steamer Aberdeen Burned

The steamer Aberdeen was burned Monday night. The steamer had been pulled out on the ways for repairs. The fire occurred early in the night, being noticed about eight o'clock. Its origin is unknown. The steamer belonged to the Canada Steamships lines. Mr. Charles, the mechanical superintendent for the company, has been in town inspecting their boats here with a view to making the necessary repairs and refitting for the opening of navigation. Work had not yet commenced on the Aberdeen. The waterly is moored nearby, but she was uninjured. The night was very calm and the fire extended no farther than the boat in which it originated. The steamer Aberdeen was built by A. W. Hepburn in the early nineties. The boat was constructed on stocks at the Hepburn wharf near the mill and the work was superintended by Mr. John Tait. She was a staunch vessel and was kept continuously in commission during the navigation season while owned by the Hepburns. Since becoming the property of the Canada Steamships Lines she has not been seen so frequently in Pictou. Last summer she was employed on the lower St. Lawrence and was brought to Pictou at the close of navigation.

H. S. Club Will Farm Six Acres

Roll of Honour For Queen Alexandra School—Union School Problem In North

At the Board of Education meeting last evening, a request was read from the secretary of the Belleville High School Production Club that this organization be permitted to farm the six or seven acre lot which the board bought on North Front St. as a site for the new public school to be built in Coleman Ward some day. The club purposes to devote its time during the spring, summer and autumn months of the year towards agriculture.

The board favored the proposal and referred the matter to the sites committee with power to act.

The club purposes to put in a potato crop. Referring to this, Mr. A. E. Bailey said—"I don't think farmers will grow potatoes next year as they will not pay for the labor. It is up to the cities and towns to produce."

Principal M. W. Mott asked approval of a plan to place the photographs of former boys of the Queen Alexandra School, now at the front, in a panel in the building, the cost not to exceed five dollars. The request was granted.

Miss McConnell, Belleville R. R. No. 4 applied for appointment to the public school staff in the city.

Miss Fleming was appointed to the entrance examination board for 1918.

The school management committee reported progress in the matter of more closely defining the duties of the caretakers of the schools. It was decided not to make any increase in the salary of Mr. J. M. Hendry, D. S. O., who is on leave from his way back to Canada from England. The matter will be considered when appointments were dealt with.

Some of the board rules are being revised to bring them up to date.

They related to the hours of meeting, the composition of committees, the duties of the inspector and so forth.

The question of taxes on the Taylor property was referred to the

sites committee.

Mr. O'Flynn moved, seconded by Mr. Moore that the chairman and secretary be a committee to send a message of sympathy to Mr. C. M. Reid on the death of his son, Flight-Lieut. Harold Reid and on the injuries sustained by Flight-Lieut. Douglas Reid.

A resolution moved by Mr. O'Flynn and seconded by Mr. P. J. Flynn was unanimously adopted that the High School cadets be asked to attend the funeral of the late Flight-Lieut. Harold Mackenzie Reid, son of High School Trustee and ex-chairman C. M. Reid and that the Board of Education attend in the matter.

Mr. W. R. McCreary gave notice that he would move that the matter of a union school between Thurlow and Belleville be re-opened.

Col. Marsh gave notice that at the next meeting of the board, he would move that the secretary proceed swimming to Peterboro this spring. There is said to be vast quantities of snow in the woods, the ice on the lakes at some points is a thickness far surpassing that of many years and the farmers are very greatly alarmed over the situation.

Death of Miss Annie Roy

Well Known Belleville Lady Succumbed to Pneumonia.

Many were the expressions of regret heard on Friday afternoon when it was learned that Miss Annie Roy, 245 Victoria Avenue, had succumbed to an attack of pneumonia, with which she was stricken a few days ago. The recent death in the family had been a great shock to her. The late Miss Roy was a native of Belleville and lived here all her life. She was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, and was well known for her devotion to the church and all its activities and her love for all charitable work. She was beloved by all who knew her for her generosity, and the good she was able to do in her own unassuming and quiet way. Her death is a distinct loss, the city and vicinity losing one endowed with the true Christian spirit in a marked degree.

The only surviving relative is Mr. James Roy.

Ten Thousand Airmen To Be Trained Here

Eighteen Squadrons May Camp This Year in the Province.

Within thirty days, according to official information, approximately four thousand rank and file of the Royal Flying Corps will have returned to the Ontario camps from their eyantal "summering" in Texas. There will be, in all, approximately ten thousand flying men in training in this Province during the coming season, supplemented by perhaps seven hundred American Cadet aviators, giving about eighteen squadrons in all.

Important changes in distribution are announced as follows:

No. 44 Wing, now at North Toronto, is to be moved to Camp Borden.

No. 43 Wing, heretofore at Deseronto to be moved to North Toronto.

No. 42 Wing goes from Camp Borden to Deseronto; and the School of Aerial Gunnery will be established at the aerodrome at Beamsville, which is now rapidly assuming form.

The officers in each case will follow their respective units. Approximately 75 per cent. of the officers are now Canadian born.

The new school of aerial gunnery of which Major Ballard is to be officer commanding, will contain three squadrons and utilize nine hangars. Four square miles of water area will provide ample room for floating targets and the equipment of the Beamsville aerodrome will provide facilities for all classes of air gunnery.

Col. Bickford to Command?

Col. Bickford is being mentioned as the possible successor to General Logie in command of Military District No. 2, when the latter goes overseas on a mission which may keep him away for some time.

Col. Bickford is second command to Gen. Logie and is a highly efficient officer.

It is understood that Lieut-Col. Hendry, D. S. O., who is on leave from his way back to Canada from England has been offered the command of a group of military hospitals in the Toronto, including Spadina Hospital and the military wing of the Toronto

France Cannot Afford Bacon

Calgary, Alta., March 15.—According to a despatch from Edmonton, Hon. Duncan Marshall, Minister of Agriculture, speaking in the Legislature last night, made the statement that the reason the Dominion Government is not absolutely prohibiting the sale of bacon in Canada was because supplies of that commodity were piling up in the Dominion, due to the inability of France to provide funds to purchase them.

Mr. Marshall asserted that he had it on the authority of Hon. C. A. Dunning that France was willing to buy 740,000,000 pounds of bacon, but could not do so because Canada was unable to finance the transaction, and the United States would not loan the money to this country because it was desirous of first disposing of its own bacon.

They Were Torpedoed Just Once Too Often

Father and Two Sons Enlist To Get Even With the Germans.

Boston, Mass., March 15.—Determined to get even with the Germans for having torpedoed them twice when they were crossing the Atlantic, James Pittman, of this city and his two sons, Henry and William, enlisted today at the British and Canadian Recruiting Mission.

The Pittmans are natives of St. John's Nfld., and since the outbreak of the war have been employed on steamers of the France and Canadian line as carpenters. They were torpedoed once when they were aboard the steamer Canadian and again when the steamer Belgian Prince was sent to the bottom.

"They have already killed one of my boys over there," said the elder Pittman, "and I have another one serving in a Canadian regiment, so if David, my brother, comes along with us, as he plans to do, there will be five members of the Pittman family fighting under the Union Jack."

5 Years In Pen

MONTGOMERY SENTENCED AT COBOURG

Pleading Guilty to Both Charges

Cobourg, March 15.—In the police court Wednesday, William Montgomery of Peterborough, pleaded guilty to charges of forgery and false pretences, and was sentenced to the Penitentiary to serve five years on the forgery charge and two years on the charge of false pretences, the sentences to run concurrently.

Montgomery in pleading guilty threw himself at the mercy of the court, and said if given the opportunity he would immediately enlist for service overseas.

Montgomery forged a cheque and passed it in Cobourg and also secured money on false pretences. He is the man who passed worthless cheques at Lindsay and escaped. At Southampton where he next appeared, he was escaped from the custody of the town constable who had placed him in the room of a hotel.

American Jews Held Captive By Turks

32 DEPORTED TO NORTHERN PALESTINE WHEN BRITISH ARRIVED

New York, March 15.—News that 132 American Jews living in Jerusalem had been carried into captivity by the fleeing Turks, and that their fate was unknown, was announced today by the provisional executive committee for general Zionist affairs in reporting details of the evacuation of the Holy City and its occupation by the victorious British army.

Twelve days before the fall of the city to Gen. Allenby's forces, the advices said, an order was issued for the arrest of the Americans and their deportation to Northern Palestine. Women and children were crueledly hidden places of fathers, husbands and brothers. Threatened with the death of their women and children, seventy men emerged from their hiding places and sixty-two others were rounded up in later raids which lasted four days.

All of the prisoners were charged with disloyalty to the Ottoman Government. Their punishment had been undecided when the cry "The English are coming" resounded throughout Jerusalem. The Turks, panic-stricken are said to have fled, taking their helpless American captives with them.

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British Front in France and Belgium, March 15.—The British airmen have been doing marvelous work recently. The first ten days of March, as a whole, have been among the best yet recorded for the service. During that period, in addition to a vast amount of reconnoitering and photographing, the inferior British aeroplanes destroyed 39 German aeroplanes and brought down 46 others out of control, despite the fact that the first two or three days of the month were so stormy that aerial activity was virtually impossible. Against this great total 15 British machines are reported missing.

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The New Clerk of the House

(Leading Editorial, Ottawa Evening Journal)

In Mr. W. B. Northrup the House of Commons would secure as Clerk a parliamentarian of exceptional ability and standing. So high is the reputation of Mr. Northrup as a public man, so prominent is his name in the House of Commons, that it will be a matter of surprise to many that he is willing to accept a subordinate position in the Chamber in which he has sat as a distinguished member for so many years. As Clerk, Mr. Northrup will bring added dignity to the House. There is probably no Canadian better informed on parliamentary procedure practice and precedent, here and elsewhere, than Mr. Northrup.

The former member for East Hastings was never a hide-bound partisan. He studied questions from too broad an angle not to be able to see the good points in the arguments of an opponent. That very broad-mindedness has in the past, perhaps, been considered a weakness in a politician, but it gives Mr. Northrup unusual qualifications for the office which, it is understood, he is willing to accept. His appointment as Clerk of the House must be the result of the office seeking the man.

White Flour Goes, Change Not Noticed

All Surplus Stocks of Old In-gredient May Now Be Seized.

All surplus stocks of white flour held by bakers in Canada after today are to be commandeered by the Government and sold to the Wheat Export Company, in the carrying out of arrangements to conserve Canadian wheat and flour for the feeding of the forces overseas and to meet food necessities of Britain and her allies. Instead of using the higher-grade white flour which has in the past been used by Canadian bakers in the making of the better grade breads in use throughout the Dominion, standard flour will be exclusively employed henceforward, supplemented by Graham, whole-wheat and flours made from other grains than wheat.

According to leading local bakers, the enforcement of the new order will not especially effect the

trade in Toronto or throughout Ontario, the Provincial bakers having during the past six or seven months, been living under the new regulation, which the Food Board's latest order, as expressed by the management of the Canada Bread Co., "merely emphasizes."

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Obituary

MR. JOSEPH R. IRELAND

It is with deep regret that Trenton learned of the demise of one of its most highly respected and dearly beloved residents in the person of Mr. Stephen R. Ireland who was called to rest in the early hours of Friday morning. Deceased was one of the most prominent men in the locality and carried on a most successful business as grocery merchant. He was born in Trenton 1878 and spent the greater portion of his life here, and enjoyed a wide circle of friends. He was a brother of Mayor W. Ireland and also of the late Capt. (Dr.) Ireland who paid the supreme sacrifice in the service of his country in France only a few months ago. Deceased was an active member of the Trenton 113 Lodge of the I.O. O.F. The members of the lodge are requested to meet in their lodge room at 1.45 p.m. Sunday in order that they may pay their last respect to their late brother. Much sympathy is extended to his sorrowing wife and family who mourn his loss. The funeral will take place from his late residence Bay St. at 12.30 Sunday afternoon. Interment at Mount Evergreen Cemetery.

Pictou Council Special Meeting

Pictou.—A special meeting of the Town Council was held on Monday evening. Communications were received from the Public Library Board, giving estimate of requirements amounting to \$1,721; from Dr. E. F. Dorsey, regarding damages by water on Main Street east; from C. B. Grimmon, asking permission to cut down maple tree on Johnson Ave.; from the Hydro-Electric Railway Association, asking Council to concur in the appointment of J. W. Lyon as senator, representing the Power Commission; from G. H. Fitzgerald, district inspector, Belleville, regarding wiring in opera house. Accounts to the amount of \$128.48

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were passed. A resolution was passed in sequence of communication from Hon. G. H. Ferguson, minister of mines and lands, to the mayor, stating that the Government had appropriated a sufficient sum to install the Hydro power line through Wellington and Bloomfield to Pictou, urging the Commission to proceed with installation with the least possible delay in order to save the heavy consumption of coal, the supply of which is nearly exhausted. The opera house was leased to Mr. George Cook at \$30 per month. Mr. Cook to pay extra insurance, light and heat, and to Hydro power line through Wellington and Bloomfield to Pictou, urging the Commission to proceed with installation with the least possible delay in order to save the heavy consumption of coal, the supply of which is nearly exhausted. The opera house was leased to Mr. George Cook at \$30 per month. 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