

Guide-Advocate

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NOTE AND COMMENT

Uncle Sam is beginning to realize that neutrality may not be the popular policy he conceived it to be, and that its promise of dividends is far from being assured.

Detroit Free Press: Lord Kitchener says the war won't begin until May. If the preliminary bouts are any indications the main event is going to be some scrap.

During the coming year, Canada, as the "granary of the Empire," should make such large increases in production as to fulfill her duty and deserve the appellation.

Next year the West will market an extraordinary large grain crop at war prices. A 40 or 50 per cent. increase in acreage warrants this expectation, unless adverse weather intervenes. The agricultural West never before had such a bright outlook before it.—The Financial Post.

The man who is found most frequently on the nail-keg nearest the stove in the village store, does not generally have the fattest cattle in the stable at home. The good farmer has little more time for village gossip in winter than he has in summer, and the nail-keg seat is about the dearest seat he can buy.

Two resolutions favoring free trade between Canada and England were passed by the Manitoba Grain Growers' convention at Brandon, last week. A resolution was also passed upholding the Provincial Government for closing the bars. The Dominion Government was urged to frame a direct taxation on all land values, rural and urban, including all natural resources, so far as these resources are operated by private or corporate interests, with a surtax on all or part of such resources held out of use by private interests for speculative purposes.

Philadelphia Bulletin:—The common drinking glass, the roller towel and the finger bowl having been banished, the Kansas Board of Health now decrees that the public pen-holder must go, because some people have a habit of holding the pen in the mouth while sealing a letter, or collecting their thoughts, and thereby disease germs might be transported to the unwary. Why not abolish the common nickel and dime, and have all the "change" made on the "individual" plan, to be destroyed as soon as used? Some people have a habit of holding a coin between the lips or teeth.

Substantial increases have been made in the Australian tariff, affecting a number of commodities largely imported from Canada. The first increase is the general advance of from five to ten per cent. in the preference upon goods manufactured in the United Kingdom, by advancing the goods imported from all other countries to that extent. The second increase is in the duties from which increased revenue is desired, and the third increase covers the increased protection promised to Australian industries. The principal Canadian products imported into Australia are, in the order named, agricultural implements, motor cars and vehicle parts, printing paper, lumber and tinned fish. Upon these items the duties imposed under the new tariff show substantial increases. On paper, for instance, there has been an average increase of five per cent.

Feeling the War

Canada is about to begin to feel the war. This may sound like a belated statement, but it is true. What we have been feeling is the pinch caused by the dislocation of trade and commerce, which has been common to all nations with large foreign transactions. What we are going to feel is the actual pressure of participation in the war itself. Our men are getting to the front, and casualties lists will be conspicuous in the newspapers at intervals for many months to come; this will be the hardest part of the burden, for the contingents include the flower of our young Canadian manhood. And in another direction, our war bills are beginning to come in. The Govern-

ment is about to ask Parliament for a credit of one hundred million dollars at the session now approaching, and that will be only a beginning. It must be raised, not by the protective taxes to which we have all been accustomed for so long, and which of late years have raised enormous revenues chiefly by increasing the cost of the railways and buildings and machinery and other "plant" which foreign capital has provided—not by these means, but by taxes on the common things of daily consumption, taxes that every Canadian will have to pay out of his daily income.

There is not the slightest fear that either of these war-tolls, the toll of blood or the toll of coin, will in the slightest degree lessen the determination of Canadians to see the fight through to the finish. They will, if anything, strengthen our self-respect and our sense of the value of our contribution to the general cause. We have been making war a little too cheaply thus far.

GHOP STUFF.

175 men are engaged cutting ice on Sarnia bay.

Glencoe's patriotic fund now amounts to \$1720.23.

Caradoc potatoes are being shipped in large quantities at 45c. per bag.

H. A. Hamilton, of Strathroy, while curling, slipped and fell on his side upon a stone, fracturing two ribs.

Kingsville council will establish a more efficient fire alarm and has fixed the license fee for selling cigarettes at \$100.

Chas. M. Thomas, druggist, of Amherstburg, has seven sons serving in the three contingents and their daughter is anxious to become a Red Cross nurse.

Captains R. B. Caldwell and Martin McKenzie, of Petrolia, have been given command of companies of the 34th Batt., which is mobilizing at Guelph.

Mrs. Sarah Forkin, wife of Mr. John Forkin, building contractor, Sarnia, was stricken by paralysis while hanging out clothes in her yard on Thursday, and died on Friday morning. Deceased was aged 61 years.

Considerable sickness prevails in the locality of Wyoming among horses. The malady is a form of indigestion, which often proves fatal. Local authorities attribute the cause to straw diet and lack of variety in rations, combined with want of exercise.

The managers of the Glencoe canning factory are contracting with the farmers for a crop of tomatoes. They desire the product of at least one hundred acres for the factory, which is some thirty of thirty-five acres in excess of what was taken last year.

Plympton is sending its quota of volunteers to defend the Empire. Three of her sons have passed medical examinations, and joined the third contingent, namely, J. Fisher, son of Archie Fisher, second line west; and Wm. and Thomas Houghton, of the sixth line.

Rev. G. A. Fraser, of Thamesville, who was elected warden of Kent County at the opening session of the County Council for 1915, in his inaugural address suggested that the Council consider the advisability of employing an expert to investigate the cause of hog cholera, which has caused thousands of dollars' loss in Kent, and if possible suggest some remedy.

Upon recommendation of the Conservative Association the government has appointed the following Petrolia gentlemen Justices of the Peace: George Cary, Thos. Kelly, B. P. Corey, E. Preston and Jas. Hamilton. The appointments were made because of the necessity of calling in outside Magistrates or Justices of the Peace to preside on Petrolia police court cases.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. McCormick, jr., who returned here from Medicine Hat last fall, and his sister, Miss Ella McCormick, have taken up their residence in Mrs. E. Gammon's house, town, where they will reside for the balance of the winter. Mr. McCormick is at present looking after the affairs of his uncle, Jos. McCormick, of Warwick, the latter being at Carman, Man., visiting his brother George, who is ill.—Forest Free Press.

David Sitter, a pioneer of Lambton, died at his home in Forest on Monday, aged 79 years. Mr. Sitter resided in Warwick township till four years ago, when he moved into town. He leaves a wife, four sons and one daughter, viz.: Harmon, of Sarnia; John and Nicholas, of Besenquet; Arthur, of Wilkie, Sask.; and Mrs. B. Demeter, of Forest. Mr. and Mrs. Sitter celebrated their golden wedding last September.

Mrs. C. J. Kruse, wife of the M. E. minister at St. Johns, Mich., narrowly escaped electrocution when she attempted to wash an electric light bulb with a wet towel. As both hands touched the bulb she was drawn from the floor by the strength of the current which passed through her body, and the circuit was not broken until the cord parted. She was badly bruised by falling against the bath tub and her wrist was sprained. Both hands were burned.

The 27th detachment of 75 men and two officers for the third contingent left Sarnia on Monday for Guelph, where they will form part of the 34th Batt., which is being organized at that point by Lt.-Col. Oliver. The officers with the men are Lieuts. A. D. Williams and J. M. MacAdams, both of whom recently qualified at the school of instruction at London. Lieut. Williams has his captain's papers and also a medal for service through the Spanish-American war, at which time he was stationed in Cuba.

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E. J. Yorke, of Strathroy, writes:—"In re the interest in corn growing that has recently sprung up in Lambton County, I want briefly to say, that after six years experience in Kent as a corn grower followed by about twenty years of like experience in Lambton County, I am fully convinced that as a seed corn growing section in Canada, Kent and Essex are grand counties to live in, but owing to climatic conditions the corn remains juicy and does not harden up so early by one or two weeks time as it does in Lambton. Thus it escapes the danger of early frost. Hence corn grown in Lambton will, if properly handled, be far superior as seed from these more northern sections where corn is grown for stock purposes. If the Lambton Corn Growers' Association manages its case wisely it will experience little difficulty in capturing the seed corn market of Canada and eventually much of that of the U.S. also."

HOCKEY

W. H. S. Invincibles Got Another Scalp

The Star Hockey Club, of Petrolia, sent over a crew of pucksters on Wednesday night to play an exhibition game with the local High School team, and went down to defeat by the score of 8-4 in a fairly good brand of the winter pastime. The half-time score found the locals leading by 4 to 1. The Petrolia boys put up a game fight, McQueen playing a good game, while Stevens in the nets stopped many shots that looked like sure-to-go-jugglers. For the Invincibles, Johnston and Frenitis were in the limelight and their work caught the eyes present. The play was quite clean, only two penalties being handed out, these being claimed by the visitors. The lineup—

Invincibles, Stars. Trenouth, coal, Stevens. C. Roche, defence, Harrison. T. Roche, defence, Thorpe. Amid rover, Harding. Frenitis, centre, McQueen. Brown, I wing, Wilson. Johnston, r wing, McRitchie. T. Dodds, referee.

Sound Advice

To the beginners at farming there is no better advice than that of the old Scotch farmer who said to his son when the young man was starting for himself:—"Never go into debt, except to buy manure." A well-fertilized plot of ground, a little common sense, and a lot of elbow grease will go a long way towards enabling a man to produce a living in the country, and when farming for that purpose it is cheaper to hire implements and horses when their assistance is needed. It is time enough to buy land and stock and implements when you have tried yourself and know enough about farming to try to farm for a profit.

Horses Turned Bitter Green

London, Jan. 28.—Chemical blonde horses are not wanted in the British army. It was thought at first that white horses could be utilized at the front by dyeing them a khaki blonde, but the results have been far from satisfactory. A battery of 24 white horses was treated to a coat of yellow lately and sent on duty for ten days in rough weather. On their return they were all a beautiful bottle green. No dye has yet been discovered that will hold its color on a horse that is being worked.

Do You Know Them?

Mr. "Meant-to-be" has a comrade, and his name is "Didn't do". Have you ever chanced to meet them? Did they ever call on you? These two fellows live together, in the house of "Never-win." And 'im told it's always hammed. By the ghost of "Might-have-been."

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Lord Roberts' Message

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About six weeks before his death the late Earl Roberts wrote a message to the children of the Empire, telling in concise and clear words why Great Britain is at war. This message, which was written at the request of the League of the Empire, is being placed in the school-rooms of Great Britain. The League of the Empire in Canada, with the sanction of the Minister of Education, and with the co-operation of the School Inspectors and County Clerks of Ontario, and through the generosity of some of its friends, has been enabled to do the same work in Ontario. Already over 4,000 schools have received this card, and the league hopes before very long to have placed this message before the eyes of every pupil in Ontario schools. The last message Lord Roberts wrote to the Empire that

he loved so well and served so heroically will serve a useful purpose in these present strenuous days.

WANT COLUMN.

A FRAME HOUSE for sale. Apply W. S. SHUGG, Lot 15, Con. 10, Brooke, 29-3t. CHARLEY GAY, BEST BASTY LAUNDRY, Collars 2c, family washing (everything) 40 cts. dozen. j22m3

FOR SALE—Pure Bred Shorthorn Bull Call, fit for service. Terms easy.—WALTER ANNETT, lot 14, Con. 12, Brooke; Watford P.O. j22w4

CARD OF THANKS.—Mrs. F. B. Doan and family wish to thank all friends and neighbors who extended sympathy and kindness to them at the time of their recent bereavement.

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MARKETS

Table with columns for GRAIN AND SEEDS, PROVISIONS, MISCELLANEOUS, and VEGETABLES AND FRUIT. Lists various commodities and their prices.

London Wheat \$1.25, Oats cwt. 1.70, Butter 23, Eggs 35, Pork 10.00

Toronto

Toronto, Jan. 26.—Receipts Union stockyards to-day were containing 819 cattle, 17 calves, hogs and 273 sheep and lambs.

It was a slow market to-day, a moderate run of cattle offering quality not quite up to the a yesterday's offerings. There was a load of extra fancy quality averaging 1,400 pounds, which \$8.15, or 6c over the top price y The general average for good butchers' cattle holds price around \$7.25 to \$7.50. Good at mand for stockers, with some of mand from the United States.

Lambs steady. Hogs steady. To-day's quotations: 71 calves, Butcher's steers, good, 6.75; do, medium, 6.50; do, common, 5.25; Butcher cows, choice, 5.50; do, good, 5.25; do, medium, 5.25; do, common, 4.50; Butcher bulls, choice, 6.25; do, good, 5.50; do, medium, 5.75; Feeders 900 to 1,000 lbs. 6.50; do, bulls, 5.25; Stockers, 6.50; do, medium, 5.50; do, light, 4.25; Canners, 3.50; Cutters, 4.25; Milkers, choice, each, 60.00; Springers, each, 50.00; Calves, veal, 9.00; do, medium, 7.00; do, common, 2.00; Spring lambs, 7.50; Bucks, 5.50; Ewes, light, 5.25; Sheep, heavy and bucks, 3.50; Culls, 2.00; Hogs, weighed off cars, 7.25; do, feed and watered, 7.50; do, f. o. b., 7.15

East Buffalo.

East Buffalo, Jan. 26.—Receipts, 400; steady; prices: Veals—Receipts, 75; slow. Receipts, 6.50; active. Heavy, \$ mixed, \$7.15 to \$7.30; porkers, \$7.75; pigs, \$7.75 to \$8.00; \$6.25 to \$6.50; stags, \$5 to \$5.7 and lambs—Receipts, 4,000; she lambs slow. Lambs, \$5 to \$9; \$5 to \$7.75.

Farmers Preparing For Increased Pro

"Rural Ontario is at least part in the patriotic campaign duction," said Mr. Jacob K. M. P. P. for Haldimand. Mr. engaged in the cattle business considerably throughout the 1

"In practically every part of ince I have visited," said he, "our are busily making prepara the production of increased c view to do've their share to food needs of the Empire. C is already at work.

"I am urging the farmers to more extensively for cattle-rai believe they will respond as this coming year. There is a patriotism finding expression Ontario's farms."

BACK

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Dangerous Play-

grounds

Where are full of rents against permission to play on the where statistics are every case that the omobile accidents in-ear. Public streets formed into thorough- as a railroad right- time has come when abandoned as play- e street is at best a e for children to play he automobile is here indreds of them are on ly, we must take og- added danger to the use greater diligence out of danger. The igh makes us careful g the railroad tracks ed with reference to

Profitable Farm

m and Dairy." Successful and profit- g is a fertile soil, is to return to the ach as is taken from e leaves of the forest e ground immediately ing back the fertility ough the roots. The prairie rot back each rich prairie soil is the pioneer refused to learn He took liberally from the earth, but return- At first he harvested s. Ultimately nature him, and to-day we obliged to return to in our treatment of rst and above all things maintain the fertility of

Why Atkins Got His Name

t the Duke of Wellington t to suggest a name, typical older, to be placed on a sheet pointing out to the hey should sign. After me time the Duke's mind e to his first engagement. d the bravery of a certain t encounter. That dragoon Atkins. Hence the so my Atkins."

Unsensed Novel

inks. Wife bridge fiend. n years. Little daughter. ? Lives with grandma. a street. Daddy pickled. hand. They meet mamma. Just lost twelve dollars. Contemplating suicide. d daughter. Weeps, John another drop! No more rs. Laughter, Gurgles, ppy.

Best known of American

ing in England at present ed a book for which he has he illustrations. He com- while, of hard times, des- a letter to a friend: "Me have our hands full keep- ing. I'm living on wild erring cooked over a candle of a paint rag for dessert." ell-known and highly re- nt of Sarnia in the person elson, died on Wednesday k. Mr. Nelson left Sarnia o and took up his residence e had been in poor health e past. During his long Sarnia he was connected y Milling Company. Mr. idely known in Sarnia and he county, and his death d of with regret by all who are of his acquaintance.

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