

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The trout fishing season opens one month from to-day. Some of our local nimrods already have their tackle ready, and notes prepared for the annual big story.

It is said that over sixty per cent. of the thousands of cars being sold in Canada are going to farmers. Well, why shouldn't they? There's nothing too good for the farmer.

The Guelph Police Court seems to be doing a rushing and lucrative business, \$1,800 in whiskey fines being taken within an hour one day last week. At this rate a substantial dividend should soon be declared, and stock in the concern become as popular as Thrift Stamps.

Automobiles are becoming numerous on our streets again. The "Silent Policeman" on the corner of Talbot and John streets is watching how you turn the corners. Keep to the right and save trouble and expense. You will need your money for gasoline this year.

We read that a linen plant, with a capitalization of two million dollars is to be established in Western Ontario for the manufacture of flax fibre. That concern, and the new Ford car works would do very nicely for Aylmer. What we want is manufacturers with lots of money. We've had enough experience with the other kind.

The announcement on Tuesday that the Siberian Expeditionary Forces were coming home was welcome news to Aylmer parents who have sons with those units. The date of their return is being kept a secret on the recommendation of the British government. The boys should never have been placed in the dangerous position that they have lately occupied.

We are wondering if our town fathers will discuss the Government housing scheme at their meeting next Monday evening. We hope they will, for houses for rental in Aylmer are scarcer than hen's teeth. Building materials and labor are very high, which prevents some of our progressive citizens with money from building houses to rent, and we are told that the same conditions will continue for some time to come. That is the reason that the Government makes its proposition, and a discussion of the scheme would therefore appear to be quite in order.

Hon. W. D. McPherson has introduced a bill in the Legislature the object of which is to have uniformity in the registration of births, marriages and deaths in the Province. Physicians, nurses, clergymen, undertakers or other persons having knowledge of the facts, are to be compelled to supply information demanded by the Registrar. A clause in this bill places the duty of attending to registration upon parent or guardian. As such registrations in the past have proven of the utmost importance in legal matters, it is not at all likely that this bill will meet with any serious opposition.

A writer in an exchange makes the statement that nine out of ten auto owners would be unable to give a proper description to the police if their cars were stolen, and suggests that it would be a wise plan for every motorist to fill out a form in which the mechanical and other details of the car may be listed for use in case of emergency. The following is suggested: Name of owner, home address, phone number, business address, make of car, license number, Province or State, Manufacturer's number, engine number, model, number of cylinders, year built, type, color, color of running gear, color of body, particulars of accessories and other contents,

tire numbers (right front), left front, left rear, right rear, spares, distinguishing marks, stolen from, time, date, left unattended by (driver or owner), locked or unlocked, place of storage (private or public garage), speedometer reading (approximately), is it insured against theft and accident?

Although the past few days have been anything but spring-like, nevertheless the season is upon us when the home is turned inside out and upside down by the cleanly housewife for the annual renovation. Woman appears to take a special delight in this laudable and necessary work, but it always proves a disagreeable period for the man of the house, who is lucky to even get a meal in the woodshed, while he has no place to rest his weary body or to lay his tired head. The men thus afflicted might, however, forget their trials and tribulations during house cleaning were they to take advantage of the occasion to busy themselves in cleaning up and painting up on the outside. Wood, which comprises so large a part of all residences and their environments, without the protection of frequent painting, soon deteriorates, becomes shabby, and looks neglected. A coat or two of paint not only adds to the appearance of a building but prolongs the life of the wood itself. Then, again, the soldier boys are coming home, so clean up and paint up, and give them a cheery home-like welcome.

Believing that it was the duty of every true Canadian, physically fit, and within the age limit, to take his place in the ranks of the fighting men, unless extraordinary circumstance of hardship to others entitled him to exemption, we must confess that we have had mighty little sympathy with the "conscientious objector." At the same time, in all fairness, he should receive no greater punishment than the shirker who, instead of responding to the draft call, took to the woods and put the country to the expense and trouble of rounding him up. The latter seems to have, in most cases, been let off with nominal fines, while the "objector," while willing that the other fellow should do the fighting for him, did stay and face the music, was sentenced to serve from two to ten years in jail. Pressure brought upon the Department of Justice has brought another review of these cases, and the information was the other day given in parliament that of the 152 imprisoned, between 70 and 80 have been liberated, while the others will in no case remain prisoners after serving six months. It was perhaps not so much a case of the "objectors" receiving too severe a punishment as it was of shirkers being let off altogether too easy.

In the Legislature the other day Colonel Pratt, who recently returned from overseas, made a sweeping denunciation of the red tape existing in the overseas administration of the Canadian army, and formulated serious charges against some of the officials at Argyle House, London, which should bring about a thorough investigation. Among other things the colonel told of officers going through a homeward bound train, and collecting from passengers some \$15,000. He also charged that members of the R. A. F. who have been doing absolutely nothing for the past four months, find it impossible to get home unless they liberally "salve" a higher-up, which the majority of them are unable to do. In dealing with the Rhyl riots, Colonel Pratt took the same ground as the Express in an article three weeks ago, and his sympathies were all with the Canadian soldiers, who in his opinion were unjustly treated. His answer to the contention of the authorities that it was impossible to secure ships for their transportation was that within a week after the riots twenty thousand soldiers had received their back pay and were sent home. On the whole our boys have shown great patience since the armistice, but they

have also shown that there is a limit beyond which they will not go.

If you ask a citizen what time it is just now, the answer may not be correct for your purpose. Since the Dominion Government decided not to pass the daylight savings measure this year, things have become in a terrible muddle, and the consequent confusion is causing considerable inconvenience in the larger centres at least. The cities and towns seem to be in favor of the new time, while the farming communities as a whole are decidedly against it. On Sunday the railroads set their clocks one hour ahead, and in centres where the farmers ship their milk there is nothing for it but to conform to the new schedule. In scores of other places, proclamations have been issued asking the citizens to observe the new time, while others have taken no action. Aylmer so far is among the latter, but the council will likely deal with the matter next Monday. It is sure to be confusing unless either the old or the new time is observed generally, and we think the government should pass a law making it compulsory for all municipalities to observe the time which is in the best interests of the Dominion as a whole. The advocates of both old and new time put up a strong argument from their respective standpoints, but a unanimous decision will never be reached if left to them. One thing is certain, newspapers must of necessity adopt the time used by the railroads. We hope the question may be finally settled before our next issue one way or the other.

FORMER AYLMER BOY DIED AT PEMBROKE

We quote the following from the Pembroke Observer, of recent date, concerning the death of the late Huntley S. Willison, a former popular Aylmer young man, whose many friends will regret to learn of his untimely demise.

The brief note in last week's Observer telling of the critical illness of Mr. Huntley S. Willison hardly prepared the townspeople for the announcement of his death, for, with youth and strength on his side, it was felt, despite his condition that he might win out in the struggle for life. He fought valiantly, but weakened by days of burning fever and stricken very heavily with pneumonia his strength proved unequal to the struggle, and early on Saturday morning, March 8th, he passed away. The news came as a most painful shock to the citizens, and on every hand sincere regret was expressed, coupled with profound sympathy for his young widow and two little children, as well as for his mother, brother and sisters, for whom it was the third family bereavement in a little over a year.

The late Huntley Scott Willison was born at Ingersoll, Ont., and was in his thirty-second year. He came with the other members of the fam-

ily to Pembroke some twelve years ago, from Aylmer, Ont., and until the time of his death was in the employ of Messrs. Fenton & Smith, having charge during recent years of the firm's gents' furnishings department. He was a valued and trusted employee giving always careful and conscientious service, and he was popular with the trade. Socially he was held in high regard in town and among all classes he numbered many warm friends. In local fraternal circles he was prominent, being a member of the I. O. O. F. and Pembroke Masonic Lodge. He was married about six years ago, his wife and two little children, Kenneth and Margaret, be-

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Miss Mary Gracey returned last week to her position in Sask., after spending the winter in Aylmer, on M. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew daughter.

Miss Eliza Fothergill returned to her home here.

Sapper Grant Vanshup returned to his father's home at her home here.

Miss Iris Pineo has accepted a position as assistant in the H. M. Hambidge Co.

We are pleased to hear that Laura Chiverton, of T. east is recovering and up after an attack of

her mother in Springfield, before leaving a number of weeks here and most enjoyable evening.

Mrs. S. W. Sparkman, Earl, have returned to Niagara Falls after a week of weeks here and funeral of her sister, Smith, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. moving back to Aylmer, where they have home for the past few have purchased a farm town.

Auction sale of dairy and vehicles and household furniture, Saturday, April 1, 1 o'clock, South of Baptist church. For next week. Lindsay &

The W.C.T.U. will hold a home of Mrs. R. W. 1 St. east on Tuesday, 1 o'clock p.m. All members invited to be present, invitation is extended of the town.

Mrs. Grover I. Willis from a two weeks visit in Toronto where she united to receive the P. A. Beattie who returned C.M.R. Although 8 years old, Sig. Beattie active service for over winning honorable R. Passchendaele. He has hurt and was given a tion by his family and Beattie was on the staff coming over on conditions of the service in comparison officers.

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