

Talk of the Town And of the Country

In the \$10,000 action of Mrs. Mary Pearce, vs. Isaac Smith, as a result of which she was awarded five hundred dollars for blighted affection, Mr. Justice Logie gave 15 days stay to enable defendant to appeal. Mr. Mikel on behalf of defendant took the legal objection that there was no corroboration in law of the promise of marriage, and if there was a promise, there was no evidence of the breach of the promise, and it is understood the defendant will appeal on these and other grounds. The judge gave 15 days stay to enable defendant to appeal. E. Guss Porter, K.C., for plaintiff; W. C. Mikel, K.C., and George Drewery for defendant.

On Wednesday evening about thirty-five friends assembled at the home of Mr. Frank Wilson, Kingston street and surprised him by presenting him with a purse of money and an address, which was read by Mr. B. A. Sanford. Mr. Wilson who served with the construction troops in France has been in hospital at Kingston for treatment. Taken wholly by surprise, he was however able to express his gratitude for the gift and the address. He returned yesterday to Kingston.

Akey vs. Hydro Electric — This was an action brought at the assize by plaintiff for \$10,000 for the death of his son at the village of Tweed by coming in contact with a live guy wire attached to one of the defendant's poles. The deceased was sent by his mother for a pail of water and instead of going direct to the water pipe went to the guy wire and was found dead with his hand holding onto the wire. The guy wire became alive by the breaking of the insulator by some unknown cause. On the application of the plaintiff the action was postponed to the fall assize on the ground of the absence of a necessary and material witness. E. Guss Porter, K.C. for plaintiff; W. C. Mikel, K.C. for defendant.

Upwards of 7,000 gallons of No. 1 Jamaica rum were unloaded Tuesday from steamer Hamonic at Port Hope. The spirits shipped in huge oak casks, and said to be the finest, were shipped by bond from Kingston, Jamaica, to Winnipeg and Vancouver. The police are keeping a constant watch on the consignment and the cars will be double-sealed and checked by the police all along the line to its final destination.

John Macdonald, secretary of the Kingston Board of Education, is searching the country for a supply of coal for the schools during next winter, and is finding some trouble in trying to place contracts and hopes he will succeed. If this cannot be done, there may have to be some doubling up in connection with the schools next winter so that the children may be made comfortable.

So far this year Chas. Sally, the Baltimore chicken man, has hatched 10,000 chickens, which he has shipped. He expects to hatch out 20,000 more this year. Of eggs hatched by incubators he reports a 75 per cent. crop. The average with the old-time "clucker" is from 90 to 100 per cent.

John Van Albert of Amsterdam, Holland, is the tallest man in the world—eight feet five inches from heel to head. He has just arrived in New York and will soon join a circus. His limbs and body are in proportion with his height. John wears a 14 glove, 9 1/2 hat and No. 12 shoes.

In the death of Hon. Senator Clive Pringle, Cobourg loses a public spirited citizen. Senator Pringle was interested in everything pertaining to the town, and though, while he kept in the background, his time and his money were always at the disposal of an object of charity or advancement to the town. The town and citizens in general will miss his geniality and his public spiritedness.

The Earl of Meath, founder of the Empire Day celebration movement in Great Britain, having written to the Prime Minister suggesting a yearly religious observance, has received the reply that religious observances of a national or Imperial character should only be adopted with the greatest caution and it adopted the most suitable anniversary would be the anniversary of the signing of the armistice on November 11th.

Edward Reid, when down to Smith's Falls, his former place of residence, for the week-end, was run

into by a motor-cycle, ridden at a fast pace. He lost a tooth and sustained many bruises, but his feelings were relieved somewhat when seeing that the cyclist had ruined a perfectly good suit of clothes, greatly damaged the motor-cycle and come by sundry severe bruises.

Strange things have happened since the "dry" law came into effect.

On Monday, a Kingston collector of the street mail boxes found a bottle of whiskey in the parcel post box. How the whiskey came to get in the box is not known, but it is quite evident that some person was suffering with a guilty conscience. The collector took the "strong stuff" with the rest of his mail matter to the post office, and it was afterwards handed over to the Inspector's department.

The bottle was filled, and the cork had not been pulled and would have gladdened the heart of some thirsty one.

The Illinois Central Railway has introduced a "snore muffler," and promises that patrons of its sleeping cars will no longer be disturbed by the nasal noise performers. Of a truth, peace hath her victories no less renowned than war.

Judgment was reserved in the court of review, Montreal, Tuesday, in an appeal from the judgment of the superior court which exonerated the C.P.R. Company from all liability for the death of Abraham Mardler, resulting from a bullet fired by Patrick O'Connell, then employed by the C.P.R. as a special constable and lately stationed at Brockville as special agent for the Grand Trunk Railway. Mardler was surprised by O'Connell and another detective in the act of robbing a C.P.R. freight car near Hochelaga yards. When the detectives ordered to stop was ignored, O'Connell fired his revolver in the air. This caused Mardler to run faster, whereupon O'Connell fired a second time, aiming, it was said, at the ground. The bullet, having ricocheted, it is said, struck Mardler, who died the following day from his wound. Ella Marazter, widow of Mardler, entered suit against the C.P.R. for \$20,000 damages.

Announcement was made Wednesday that the Oshawa Telegram, a new paper, will make its initial appearance on May 13th. The paper will be published by Messrs. Alger, well-known in journalistic circles.

The Cobourg town council has written for information in regard to the provincial subsidy for paving streets in towns, as extensions of the provincial highway. On the Cobourg Front Road the highway department has widened the road to 30 feet, which would be the subsidized width in town. The government grants aid for paving to the extent of 80 per cent. for this width, and if so the town will pave from the Dyeing Co. bridge on William street to the eastern limits of King street. The cost to the town would be about \$6,000 a mile, according to this plan.

Mr. Alex. Birchard showed the Lindsay Post Wednesday morning a hen's egg which measured 6 1/2 by 7 1/2. It was laid by a hen belonging to Mr. W. Bailey, of Cambray.

Mr. A. A. Knight, of the Department of Agriculture, followed Mr. Birchard with an egg laid by a Barred Rock belonging to Mr. James Casey, of Valentia, which measured 8 by 6 1/2 and weighed 3 1/2 ounces. The egg was well formed.

Not to be outdone in the egg competition, Miss Beatrice O'Neill, 48 Ridout street, exhibited an egg from a Black Minorca which measured 8 1/2 by 8 inches and weighs exactly four ounces. It is a well formed egg. If the hens in the district keep up this competition much longer, one egg will be sufficient for a family.

An interesting surgical case occurred in the township of Bromley when the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Edwards became sick with stomach trouble. The little boy, three years old, became ill a year ago but apparently rallied. About a month ago he again became ill and appeared to be suffering intense pains in his stomach. Dr. Cotnam deemed an operation advisable and the trouble was partially thought to be appendicitis. The operation was performed and a needle, three inches long, somewhat corroded, was extracted from the child's stomach. The parents have no idea when the child swallowed the needle, but it

presumably must have been a year ago when he first became ill. The little patient is recovering.

The Prescott-Brockville section of the provincial highway, which is under the supervision of A. L. Baldwin, C. E., of Gananoque, is to be dragged its entire length to put it in shape for traffic. M. J. Higgins is to have charge of the work. On the Gananoque-Brockville section F. L. Brinkman, C. E., has completed location of the road from Glenora Park to the town limits of Brockville and the survey is to be carried westward from Glenora Park. Several culverts have been installed and the road has been raised at Brystat Beach. At Lily Bay blasting has been carried on removing a side hill to give the highway proper width.

Joseph Barcroft, a reader of physiology at King's College, Cambridge, Eng., has lived for six days in a hermetically sealed glass box.

The experiment arose out of a 30-year-old controversy as to whether it is possible to calculate the amount of oxygen in the blood from a knowledge of the amount of oxygen in the breath. The test was also made to demonstrate whether it was necessary that airmen should have oxygen apparatus when flying at great heights. It proved that oxygen was not necessary to flying men but it did not prove to what height they could fly with safety.

While in the box Barcroft kept a record of his sensations and made scientific observations. He said he suffered from sleeplessness but otherwise did not experience much inconvenience except on the last day when the atmosphere became extremely rarified. He then had headaches and nausea. He was watched continually while in the box. He took food and slept in two small compartments fitted up with wicker chairs, a table, a small bed and a bicycle on which he exercised every morning.

It was just one year ago Tuesday that Daniel Gallivan was found dead in a house on Thomas street, Kingston, which was destroyed by fire. It will be remembered that the coroner's inquest brought in a verdict that Mr. Gallivan had been murdered, and though it was expected that developments would occur, nothing has come out of the case in the twelve months.

Bears and dogs live 20 years, foxes 15, hons 70, cats 14, squirrels, hares and rabbits 7, hogs 30. A horse has been known to live sixty-two years; their average age is 25, sheep 10, cows 15, camels 100, eagles 104, ravens 11, tortoises 107, swans 360, elephants 400, whales 1,000.

To make this city prosperous: Don't fret. Talk about it. Write about it. Beautify the streets. Patronize the merchants. Be friendly to everybody. Advertise in its newspapers. Elect good men to all offices. Avoid gossip about your neighbors. Keep your sidewalks in good repair. Do your trading with your own merchants.

If you don't think of any good word don't say anything about it.

If you are rich, invest something; employ somebody, be a hustler.

Remember that every dollar invested in permanent improvements is so much on interest.

Be courteous to strangers that come among you, so that they may go away with good impressions.

Always cheer on the men who go in for improvements, your portion of the cost will be nothing only what is just.

Don't kick at any proposed improvement because it is not at your door, for fear your taxes will be raised fifty cents.

Mr. Wilson, freight agent of the St. Lawrence division of the New York Central railway, is in Kingston investigating the possibilities for more direct connection with the railway with Kingston as an export point. There is no announcement to make at present regarding the result of his negotiations but the plans anticipate an important development of the American markets for Canadian exports of all kinds.

Many of the students at Queen's University have completed their examinations and have left for their homes. On Sunday a number of the preachers in the Kingston churches said good-bye to the students.

work will now proceed. The vessel will be practically a duplicate of the "Canadian Beaver" launched last fall and which is now ready for her trial spin.

One of the largest and probably most interesting real estate transfers that has taken place in Oshawa for some time was consummated Monday night when the building, land and equipment complete, the property of the late Ford Martin, consisting of the theatre and the stores occupied by Sebert Blatt, electrician, and W. H. Harris, barber, was purchased by Mr. Harry Cawker, the well known councillor. Mr. Cawker takes possession immediately and will personally manage the theatre. He intends making some alterations and was in Toronto Tuesday making arrangements for booking the best pictures possible to be played here at popular prices.

Although the exact figures at which the property was sold could not be ascertained, The Oshawa Reporter was given to understand the deal involved an investment of approximately \$50,000. The property has about 60 feet frontage on King St. and 100 feet on Ceilna St.

In police court before Magistrate Mason this morning, an unfortunate case of a young man who issued a cheque over his own name on an out of town branch of a bank which does not exist at present having recently been absorbed into another bank, was heard. The youth admitted procuring money from a Belleville merchant by fraud on the strength of the cheque and ultimately made compensation and paid the costs. In view of the sad circumstances surrounding the case, the accused was let go with a warning.

It is quite evident that there will be no scarcity of back yard gardens this year in Port Hope. Just a few days ago Mr. R. S. Brown of that town, purchased twenty-five bags of seed potatoes and they have nearly all been sold. Nothing will assist production so much as six dollar potatoes.

Two boys of tender years faced Magistrate Mason this morning in children's court on a charge of breaking and entering the club house of the Belleville Golf Club and stealing a number of golf balls valued at over ten dollars. One of the lads admitted the charge, the other tried to throw the blame on the first one of breaking into the place, but confessed to having a part in stealing the balls. There were fourteen in all stolen. The first boy was allowed to go home for eight days and the other being a ward of the Children's Aid Society was taken to the Shelter until May 15.

Fire on Sunday destroyed the storehouse and contents of the Beaver Falls mill of the J. P. Lewis Pulp and Paper Co., almost in the centre of the million dollar plant.

The flames were fought by relief expeditions from four communities. Conservative estimates place the loss at \$100,000, while some paper mill experts place the damages at several times that figure. Harry S. Lewis, principal owner, who took a cheery view of the near disaster to his industry, expressed the belief that \$50,000 might cover the destruction. The company is fully protected by insurance.

Magistrate Jelfs of Hamilton got a glimpse of housing problems the other morning. Maude Graham charged her husband with non-support. She said she had moved thirty-seven times since 1917. The wife said it was because hubby wouldn't pay the rent. He said it was on account of her tongue. She faints. Their two-year-old child was in the court room in happy ignorance of what it was all about. The case was dismissed.

It is reported that on the occasion of the recent visit of Superintendent of Prisons W. S. Hughes to Portsmouth penitentiary there was a general investigation and clean up of traffic in contraband such as tobacco. Some prisoners, it is stated, had quantities of dope that escaped the vigilance of guards. Warden Foster has taken over the duties of the penitentiary and when questioned said that he had no knowledge of what transpired before he came to Portsmouth, but there was always more or less tobacco found there was any likelihood of an allowance of tobacco to former inmates he stated that at the present there was not.

On Monday morning Mr. Fredericks of the Chamber of Commerce will commence to lay out the new park and beauty spot to be established in the section surrounding the Union Station. Mr. Fredericks has been given a free hand by the railways to make what improvements he deems

advisable. It is Mr. Fredericks' intention to lay out walks, flower beds and grass plots in attractive design with shrubbery planted in the background. When completed it is anticipated that such a transformation will have taken place that our people will scarcely believe it is the same place.

Mr. Jack S. Panter, son of ex-Mayor W. H. Panter has passed his fourth year at the Toronto School of Science with honors in electrical engineering. Mr. D. Mackenzie Waters, son of Mr. D. M. Waters, of this city, has graduated with honors in architecture at the same institution. Both graduates of the school are veterans of the Great War whose courses were interrupted by their service abroad.

Belleville is to have a big summer of circuses and shows. The Hagerbeck-Wallace Shows Co. will play here on June 8th. Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey's Combined Shows on July 17th and the Sheesley Shows July 28-31. Belleville are not yet decided whether to visit here yet. Their great attraction is George Carpenter, the champion of Europe in the manly art.

The Ontario cannot too strongly endorse and commend the wisdom shown by the ladies of the Belleville Consumers' Economy League in the course they have taken in regard to the high prices of potatoes and other products. They are not engaging in any ill-natured and ineffective boycott of producers as the women's organizations have foolishly been doing at Peterborough and elsewhere but they have taken the logical course to relieve potato scarcity by entering upon a campaign to produce more potatoes. In short, they have decided that the best remedy for high prices is for everybody to quit grumbling and go to work.

At the meeting of Eureka Lodge, A.F. and A.M. on Wednesday night, R. Wor. Bro. F. E. O'Flynn gave a most interesting and illuminative account of his experiences in southern California the past winter. There were much appreciated addresses also by W. Bro. Rev. A. H. Foster and W. C. Mikel, K.C. A number of visitors from Franck lodge, Frankford, were present.

Mr. Ernest P. Fredericks, secretary-manager of the Chamber of Commerce, will deliver an address on "Civic Righteousness" at John Street Presbyterian Church at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon. A strong, earnest and plain-spoken address may be expected.

With only a week more to file appeals against the 1920 assessment in Belleville, the total number of appeals is not much greater than last year, in spite of all the objections that have been heard. How many more appeals will be lodged between now and May 14th remains to be seen.

There has been a most gratifying response to the city's offer to turn over forty acres of vacant land, belonging to the corporation, to those who desire to cultivate vegetable gardens the coming summer. Although announcement of the offer was made only yesterday afternoon in The Ontario, one-third of the lots have been taken up already. There are those who desire to enjoy the pleasure of the profit of producing their own vegetables will have to speak quick.

The Amateur Athletic Union, Ontario branch, has written to the secretary of the Ontario Amateur Baseball Association objecting to Jimmy Cockman, of Guelph holding an office in the Guelph Amateur Baseball League, taking the ground that as Mr. Cockman is a former professional ball player he is not eligible to hold office in an amateur organization. The O.A.B.A. have been aware that he held the office of president last year, but did not care to interfere, appreciating the work that he has done for amateur ball in Guelph. Now, however, that the point has been raised by the Athletic Union, there is no alternative but to have Mr. Cockman resign, which he is perfectly willing to do. This will not interfere in any way with his work as an umpire. A special meeting of the league will likely be held some evening this week in Guelph when his successor as vice-president of the league will be elected.

On Tuesday morning the Canadian Beaver left its moorings at the dock of the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company, Kingston, and started out on its trial trip up the lake. This ship is the largest steamboat ever built in Kingston, and is so constructed that it may be used for lake or ocean traffic with equal facility. During the winter months, the carpenters and joiners, plumbers, elec-

tricians, painters and finishers of all kinds have been at work putting the mass of steel, and it is now ready to carry large cargoes in the service of the Canadian Merchant Marine. The sailing of this ship on her trial marks the opening of a new departure in the shipbuilding industry in Kingston. It was not considered practicable by some to build ships of this size in this city without an enormous expenditure on new equipment. The Collingwood Shipbuilding Company has demonstrated that it is not only possible but easy, and have ship equally as large.

The Exclusive Children's Clock Co. Limited has written Mayor McLean, of Lindsay to the effect that they expect to commence moving their plant to Lindsay in the course of a few days.

The building in which they were housed in Toronto has been sold to the Laura Secord Candy Co. They were more enthusiastic now about their removal to Lindsay and regret that conditions were such as did not permit them to get going in Lindsay sooner.

In the choice of Dr. Edward Ryan as president of the Ontario Neuro-Psychiatric Association, the members showed a due appreciation of his zeal on behalf of the medical profession. It was he who originated and carried to success the formation of the association after several months of hard work, and his appointment is a testimonial to the esteem in which he is held by the profession, and a recognition of his high standing in the field of psychopathology.

By the will of the late Richard Brown, Toronto, father of Mrs. J. M. Kerr, Cobourg, amounts of \$500 each are being bequeathed to the Missionary Society of the Methodist church, the Superannuation Fund of the Methodist church, the Methodist Union, to assist needy churches; also \$500 to the Hospital for Sick Children. The estate is valued at \$543,626.

Last year in Cobourg 1,111 automobile licenses were issued. And this year the number will likely be near the 1,500 mark. It looks as if this district was prosperous.

Commencing last week and continuing still Drs. Clark Carroll, Shaver and Woodrow are making a dental survey for the Educational Department of Ontario of the 1,200 pupils of the Brockville Public Schools. They are being assisted by Miss J. Nicolson, school nurse. It is needless to say that the dentists mentioned are giving their services gratuitously. The matter of the care of the teeth is an important one, and it is well that the children should be examined while in tender years, as it will tend to correct malocclusions of later life.

Last Wednesday the Agricultural Class of Port Hope High School visited Cobourg City Dairy, and were shown the process of making butter.

Activities slowly but surely increase in volume at the celestine mines out at Dempsey's Lake, four miles from Calaboga. The existence of celestine deposits there first became known fifteen or twenty years ago. The deposits appear to be very rich, for outcroppings show at points a considerable distance from where drilling and digging have been going on. Mr. Banbridge, the manager states that he knows of no other mine of the kind in Canada, and that the only one in the United States of which he has any knowledge is marked by the presence of acids and clay which are not easily separated from the ore.

Goodwin Britton, a member of the Lindsay Boy Scouts, has the distinction of being the only Boy Scout in Canada to receive the special award of the Cornwall Scout Badge.

Mr. George Robinson, of Napanee who was injured some time ago was brought to Kingston and was reported to have one of his feet amputated. He was removed in Jas. Reid's motor ambulance from the Grand Trunk station this morning.

This equally applies to Belleville as well as to Cobourg; Pedestrians have the first rights to the sidewalks, but the small boy with his wagon seems to think differently. The lads use the walks for an amusement path, and using the foot as motive power propel their vehicles more or less swiftly along the walks, regardless of the number of people using them. If the lads cannot draw the wagons along by the tongue they should not be allowed to use the walk but compelled to take the roadway. The use of the walk or the walks constitute a danger and a

nuisance.

On Tuesday evening the Cobourg and District G.W.V.A. held a very successful public meeting in the Victoria opera house, when the aims, objects and accomplishments of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada during the past three years were ably expounded by Comrade E. D. O'Flynn, of Belleville, president of the Ontario Command, G.W.V.A. and Comrade W. E. Turley, Ontario secretary.

Col. E. D. O'Flynn gave a forceful and inclusive address on the work thus far accomplished by the association, and his plea for the co-operation and support of the citizens of Cobourg was received and marked approval and cordial applause.

Kingston merchants are drily in receipt of circulars from German manufacturers in Berlin, Hamburg, and other industrial centres soliciting orders for their goods. One significant statement in these circulars is: "The finishing of our products is held entirely neutral; that is, without factory inscriptions of any sort." This means the absence of the pre-war "Made in Germany" stamp that distinguished all articles made for export.

Navigation has been resumed on the Welland Canal where the steamship Stormount of the Montreal Transportation Company, well known on the river, carried away the head gates and one foot gate at lock 3 on her first trip of the season. The vessel damaged her rudder and was forced to return to Port Dalhousie where she has been laid up during the winter for repairs.

This year, owing to the costliness of flowers, it was suggested in Kingston, that on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th, the people wear short white and red ribbons; white in memory of departed mothers, red in recognition of living mothers. The suggestion is worthy of action.

Master D'Arcy McManus, twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. McManus, Pembroke, met with an unfortunate accident on Tuesday evening. With some other boys he was playing with a .22 rifle, and was in the act of loading the weapon when it was discharged, the bullet entering his left foot. It seems that the bullet in some way became stuck and while trying to force it into place the trigger was pulled, causing it to discharge. Judge McNamara was near at hand at the time and carried the little fellow to a nearby surgery, where the bullet was removed and the wounded member given attention, after which the boy was removed to his home.

The double header freight train which left Port Hope on the Midland Division about five o'clock Tuesday evening, jumped the track one mile south of Millbrook. Three cars of coal and one car of eggs went over a steep embankment and the scattered coal and the scrambled eggs made a sorrowful looking mixture. A special car was sent out and transferred the passengers from the 10.30 train and traffic was opened Wednesday morning. With the numerous accidents on this line it might be well for the officials to give a little attention to the roadbed.

Dr. Maloney, district medical officer, is in the city of Kingston making an investigation into conditions at a Kingston slaughter house, and it is understood that some charges are to be made as a result of his investigation.

Uniform clothing for girl students at the London Collegiate Institute and the two highest grades in the public schools was strongly urged by a deputation from the London Council of Women, which waited upon the board of education at its regular monthly meeting.

Mrs. Godwin, who was the mover of the resolution at the last meeting of the women's council, said that many women had approached her regarding the clothing of their daughters attending school. As she had daughters of her own, she knew that many girls wore very inappropriate clothing to school. She said that she had interviewed several teachers on the subject and that they were of the opinion that many of the children were overdressed. They thought, too, that many of the dresses were cut too low.

In the opinion of Mrs. Godwin, a neat uniform, such as the nurses wear would tend to create efficiency among the students. She recommended that a neat middie blouse and a serge skirt be adopted as the regulation dress for all girls in the high schools and in the seventh and eighth grades of the public schools. This is a good resolution that would be well to be adopted in Belleville.