

**DONOVAN SOUNDS  
NOTE OF OPTIMISM**

**Brockville Member Specially Invited To Represent Private Members of Legislature at Exhibition's Ontario Day.**

Among the specially invited and honored guests of the Toronto Exhibition management on Ontario Day a the big fair was Mr. A. E. Donovan, M.P.P., of Brockville, to whom fell the high honor of representing the private members of the local House at the luncheon given by the president and the directorate of the Exhibition in celebration of the star day of the monster show.

In the course of his much appreciated post prandial address, according to the Globe's report, Mr. Donovan said that at no time in the history of Ontario were the people of the banner old province making greater sacrifices in men and money for the great cause than at present. Ontario had given willingly of men and money and would continue to do so till the Hun was conquered. Mr. Donovan has just completed a tour of Northern Ontario, in every part of which there were bumper crops. The shortage of labor had undoubtedly kept many men away from the Exhibition, but he believed that before its close many would avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting it.

According to the Telegram's summary of his remarks, Mr. Donovan, after congratulating the directors upon the quality of this year's exhibition, said:

"There never was a time in the history of Ontario when we have had better crops, more money, greater and a more determined spirit to hold up this part of the Empire. Everywhere there is great prosperity."

**WESTPORT MAN DROWNED**

Robert Acheson, aged 77, father-in-law of J. F. McGuire, Inspector of Public Schools, met death by drowning in Little Rideau Lake near Westport on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 2, when he fell from his row boat, it is believed, while suffering from heart trouble.

Mr. Acheson was camping with Mr. and Mrs. McGuire on an island in Little Rideau Lake two miles east of Westport. Mr. and Mrs. McGuire left on Saturday for Toronto in their automobile to attend the exhibition and Mr. Acheson was left on the island with a row boat in which he was to cross to the mainland daily to secure milk and other provisions. Early Sunday afternoon he successfully crossed to the shore and procured provisions, and was watched by farmers until he almost reached the island. When he did not return on Monday for milk, a search was instituted, and it was found that he was missing from the cottage. At six o'clock Monday evening his body was found in three or four feet of water off the island, in a sitting posture, by two of the searchers, Howard Alguire and A. W. Dier.

Deceased was subject to dizzy spells, due to heart trouble, and it is believed that when attempting to make a landing, on returning from the mainland, he fell into the water.

Deceased was 77 years of age, was born in Westport, and had resided there all his life, with the exception of a few years spent in Brockville, where he lived with his daughter, Mrs. James McGuire. Previously, he was a farmer in the neighborhood of Westport, and also an extensive dealer in hides. Mrs. McGuire is the only surviving relative.

**Appointed Farm Director.**

J. R. Spry, B.S.A., who has had charge during the past three years of the drainage propaganda carried on by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, has been appointed farm director in place of Samuel Todd, who resigned to take up his duties with the food controller. Mr. Spry will have supervision of the farms administered by the provincial secretary which aggregate over 4,000 acres and produce a large variety of food stuffs used in the various institutions.

Mr. Spry is a member of a prominent family of Easton's Corners, and took a course at the Ontario Agricultural College, from which he graduated several years ago.

**New Cheese Factory.**  
Messrs. Berney and Davidson, Supton, have practically completed the foundation for a new cheese factory to replace the one destroyed by fire about three weeks ago. The new factory will be modern in every respect, and will be rushed to completion as soon as possible.

**Cheese at 21 5-16c.**  
At the regular meeting of the Brockville Dairymen's Board of Trade held Thursday, a total of 3,201 boxes were offered, made up of 1,710 boxes of white and 1,491 boxes of colored. The total sales amounted to 1,506 boxes at 21 5-16c.

**Large Market.**

The attendance at the market in the county town Saturday morning of both producers and consumers was the largest of the season. A plentiful supply of offerings, especially vegetables, was on hand, and many a larder has been duly replenished. Some of the quotations follow: Butter, 43c to 45c pound; eggs, 45c per dozen; chickens, \$1.25 to \$1.80 per pair; potatoes, 80c per bushel; cabbage, 5c per head; sweet corn, two and three dozens for 25c; celery, 20c and 25c per bunch; cucumbers, two and three dozens for 25c.

**Luxurious Motor Boat.**

The son of the late Daniel Guggenheim, the great copper king and smelter works owner, of Washington, Murray Guggenheim, is at the Thousand Islands in his motor houseboat, Leonie. The boat is 106 feet over all, 21 feet beam, and she has 250 horse power engines installed. She is fitted up in the most luxurious and complete manner, with eight state-rooms for guests, dining room, gallery and crews' quarters for twelve men.

**Scribbling Books Doubled in Price.**

It even costs more to study these days. The latest increase is in the price of blank books for school children. Enquiries reveal that the cost of scribblers and blank writing books has just about doubled. A scribbler with 100 blank pages that last year cost five cents, now costs 10 cents. The same applies to all other blank books.

The quality of paper in these books is also inferior, caused by the higher prices for the paper.

There has been no increase in the price of school text books with the exception of Roman Catholic readers which are slightly increased.

**Municipal Potatoes.**

Saturday morning the town of Prescott offered for sale a small quantity, about fifteen bushels, of potatoes grown by the municipality and will continue to do so weekly for a time at least. These potatoes will not be sold to the stores, and in order to reach those for whom they are originally intended, the price is fixed at 50c per bushel. They are of excellent grade. The crop is large, and the outcome of the new municipal experiment will be viewed with interest.

**Have You Noticed It?**

Toronto Telegram: The retired farmer is conspicuous by his presence in many an Ontario village. The retired mechanic is conspicuous by his absence from every community. Agriculture permits its votaries to retire in their old age. Industry requires its victims to work until they drop.

**Big Mushrooms.**

The Gananogue Reporter says that on Wednesday a friend brought to the office three mushrooms that almost filled a fruit basket. They measured 7 1/2 inches in diameter, and were on their way to police headquarters, the Chief being particularly fond of that delicacy. Favorable weather conditions for the growth of mushrooms has recently prevailed.

**Steeplejacks Do Daring Feats.**

Some of the steeplejacks from Montreal, who have been working on the pinnacles of St. Mary's cathedral, the highest building in the city, says the Kingston Whig, gave a real performance of thrills to a great crowd of spectators on Monday afternoon at five o'clock. One woman screamed as one of the workmen took a dive at a rope which could scarcely be seen at the great height and slid down to the ground for a short way. She thought sure that he was going to be thrown to the ground, and her agitation brought a great crowd to witness the exploits of the daring men. "Gee, this has got the circus beat," was the appreciative comment of a small boy as he watched the manoeuvres of the men.

**September Rod and Gun.**

September Rod and Gun is out, and shows the usual list of good things for sportsmen readers and lovers of the out of doors. This issue is a good one to put in the late summer vacationist's knapsack. Such stories as "The Hide Builders," "Bonycastle Dale," "Two Weeks without a Care," "T. N. Hewitt," "Duck Hunting on the Small Sloughs," "George Belton," "A Cruise in the Sloop Katherine," "Austen Saunders," "The Time, the Place, the Game," "Archie Kishnie," and "Fishing in Little Streams," Reginald Gourlay, make the vacationist glad he went and the stay-at-home man sorry he can't go and maybe determined to get away into the north woods when the hunting season comes on. Among the special departments, that devoted to Dog men's interest, the Kennel, contains this month a full report of the recent Regina Dog Show. Rod and Gun is published by W. J. Taylor, Ltd., Woodstock, Ont.

**Change in Train Service.**

New changes in train service on the Canadian Northern Ry. will not affect Athens, as all service will remain as at present. For further particulars, see latest time-table folders, or apply to R. Watts, Station Agent.

**Infantile Paralysis at Cardinal.**

According to reports from Cardinal, infantile paralysis is epidemic in that village, there being all told in the neighborhood over fifty cases so far brought to the notice of the health authorities who are doing their utmost to stamp out the spread of the disease, and who in order to reach this desired object, may declare the entire village to be in quarantine.

**Where the Teachers Are.**

The following list shows the names and location of some of the Athenian teachers:

Violet Robeson, Frankville.  
Jessie Percival, Glen Buell.  
Mabel Jacob, Hard Island.  
Mina Prichard, Charleston.  
Alice Knowlton, Sheldon's.  
Lily Wiltse, Grenadier Island.  
Nellie Brown, Chantry.  
Ethel Brown, Lehigh's.

**NOTICE**

C. F. Yates kindly asks that all accounts be settled without delay.

**A.H.S. Initiation.**

Last night the solemn rites of initiation were extended to the freshmen of the Athens High School in the assembly room of the school. After being duly initiated, the new men were treated to ice cream by older pupils at E. C. Tribute's ice cream parlors. This is the first year that the teachers have joined in the initiating of the freshman, and shows the changing of the times. The freshettes will be entertained by the girls and lady teachers this evening.

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**Clergymen Not Taxed.**

Elizabethtown Council, at a meeting in the town hall, New Dublin, decided that resident clergymen actually engaged in preaching the gospel, will be relieved of all taxes for the year 1917. They also passed a by-law exempting from paying the year tax those engaged in active military service or their dependents.

**Caught a Deer.**

While Messrs. Calman Tackaberry and Grenville Langstaff of Kemptville were paddling up the Rideau near the village recently, a deer swam across the river in front of them. They gave chase but the deer reached shore first, where it became entangled in a wire fence and before it could extricate itself, the young men caught it. After having it in captivity for about an hour they released it and watched it disappear across the fields, jumping six-foot wire fences with ease.

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