

Notes and Comments

If you are an Aylmer property-owner, let nothing interfere with your attending the public meeting in the interests of the Brandon Mfg. Co. by-law, at the town hall, on Monday evening, April 7th. That will be a favorable time and place to hear the arguments, and to satisfy your doubts by asking questions.

A remittance to Canada, through New York, a few days ago, of between eight and ten millions of dollars liquidates Great Britain's war debt to this country, which has been awaiting adjustment since the war. What in the world will the government do with all this money? Might reduce the income tax a bit for one thing.

We extend congratulations to whoever is responsible for the clean appearance of the pavements in Aylmer. It is an excellent idea to remove the winter's accumulation of filth at the earliest possible moment, both for looks and from a sanitary standpoint. Aylmer citizens are generally pretty thorough in doing their outdoor spring cleaning up, and as soon as the weather permits this year will be no exception.

The thirty or more British harvesters who left Toronto on a hike to Ottawa to impress government officials that Canada brought them out last summer under false pretences, have arrived at the capital. They were on more than one occasion offered employment enroute, but real work does not seem to be just the thing they are looking for. There is only one way to deal with this class of kickers. Make them earn what they eat and wear or send them back to where they came from. They talk altogether too loud and too much to make good Canadians.

So Venizelos is not to be the saviour of Greece after all. He returned from exile to his native land just a few weeks ago, and was loudly acclaimed, the people believing that he would adjust all their domestic and foreign troubles. He found himself powerless, however, and has again gone into exile, a defeated and broken man, notwithstanding the fact that he was once looked upon as the most efficient constructive man in Europe. His leaving Athens does not lessen the troubles of Greece, as reports indicate an attack on that country by Turkey and Bulgaria in the near future.

We can easily remember the time when Easter Sunday was the accepted time for our wives, sisters and daughters to make their first appearance for the season in their spring bonnets. That this is no longer the rule was evident on Sunday last, when Aylmer ladies donned their new headgear, even though the wintry blasts were blowing fiercely, and it was found necessary for comfort to wear the heaviest of midwinter garments and wraps. This does not, of course, refer to those thoughtless young ladies seen in open silk stockings and oxfords, thus inviting a visit from old man pneumonia.

What is to be done with the town property known as the armory site this summer? It has been suggested that the tennis club be permitted the use of a portion of the grounds, which would make a splendid spot for this purpose. This would still leave plenty of room for the establishment of a tourist camp, which doubtless would be a popular move and a good advertisement for Aylmer. Whether or not these suggestions find favor, we trust the grounds will not be allowed to run to weeds and make another eyesore in the centre of the town.

"Clearing Sale; Giving up Farming." These words are seen altogether too often at the head of posters these days for the good of the country. As has been frequently stated in this column, farming is the basic industry of this or any other community, and there are altogether too many good men giving up this honorable calling. But who can ensure them? After years of unremitting toil, and not confining their energies to any eight-hour day system by any means, they find they are not securing profitable returns, and they have every right to give it up and follow any honorable walk of life that is more attractive. There must be an adjustment of the farming industry in some way before this undesirable exodus ceases.

For some weeks the audit board at Ottawa has been gathering and considering information from the various government departments with a view to reducing the constantly growing civil service costs. Strange to say, the Senate is about to begin the same

investigation, and will secure their material from the same sources, though the necessity for such action is not apparent. It will simply be a loss of time and energy and double the cost of the probe, which hardly carries out the spirit of economy announced as the objective by the government. And many are very doubtful if the real sources of waste and extravagance will result.

In all probability the shoe factory by-law will be the last opportunity of this kind that Aylmer property owners will have a chance to vote upon, as recent legislation preventing assistance to industries comes into effect on July 1st. Aylmer certainly needs such an industry, as it would put at least \$1,000 in wages in circulation every week. There is no doubt that Mr. Brandon is one of the best and most efficient shoe manufacturers in Canada. It is the last chance to secure such an industry. Will we miss it? Not if the ratepayers are satisfied it is a good proposition. Come out to the public meeting next Monday evening.

It was thought that the recent negotiations between government officials and representatives of the postal employees were sufficiently satisfactory to prevent a strike pending final adjustment. Not so, however. Some 1,300 employees at a subsequent meeting for discussion came to the conclusion that the government was simply putting them off, and by a practically unanimous vote decided that unless their demands were complied with in the meantime, a national strike would be made on April 14th next. The postal men contend that their salaries were never adequate, and that in cutting off the existing bonuses it was made impossible for them to meet their financial obligations and live like decent citizens.

Winter decided not to give way to spring without a struggle, and if Sunday's snowstorm was, as some people claim, a dying kick, it was a mighty vigorous one. An electrical storm Saturday afternoon was followed by a roaring tempest, a fall of snow and a big drop in the temperature. Throughout the previous week perfect sugar-making weather prevailed, and the heavy coating of ice and snow that covered the earth melted away so gradually that the floods that were feared did not materialize. We are told that we had zero weather the first of April last year, but if this is correct we had forgotten all about it. At any rate spring is much farther advanced than for several seasons past, but the absence of spring birds, other than the crows and an occasional robin is said by some to be significant, and indicates that we are not yet through with cold weather.

MAKE AYLMER MORE BEAUTIFUL

Editor Aylmer Express:

Dear Mr. Editor—The Horticultural Society has received a fine suggestion through the mail namely "that we co-operate with the various branches of the Women's Institute of East Elgin by supplementing any prize or prizes awarded to the members developing the best home garden."

We thank Pro Patricia for the suggestion and shall be pleased to make a gift of Winter Bulbs to the successful contestants if the executives of the various branches of the W. I. will take up the proposition. Further we welcome suggestions from any of our citizens, who with us, are anxious to place Aylmer in the ranks of the beautiful.

Sincerely yours,
W. A. ASHMORE,
President A. H. S.

SCIENCE DEMANDS UNIFORMITY

Careful research made in recent years in the study of dietetics has shown the great importance to the human system of purity and uniform quality in foods. It is a great blessing that today so many delicious foods as well as tea and coffee can be procured in tins and sealed metal packages. "SALADA" Tea was one of the first pure food products to become widely popular in Canada. The flavour-preparing aluminum package keeps the tea fresh and delicious. Skillful blending maintains the quality absolutely uniform.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the relatives, friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy in the loss of our dearly beloved daughter and sister, Kate. To all for the beautiful floral tributes, and to those who so kindly loaned cars. Special thanks to Rev. Mr. Fanjoy and Rev. Dr. Hesser for their kindly ministrations and comforting words.

R. Matthews, Mrs. R. Matthews, Mrs. W. Cowling, Mrs. C. Griffin, Mrs. J. Page, Mrs. C. Baldwin, Mrs. H. Gorvett.

Among the West Indian Islands

Second Interesting Letter from Mr. Levi Young Who is Enjoying a Trip in the Tropics

We passed the Tropic of Cancer in the early part of the evening on Jan. 25th; 24 days run south from Bermuda, and were now sailing in the Tropics. Another day brought us to Sombbrero Island, a small outlying lighthouse island, the first of that numerous group known as the Lesser Antilles and from this on for 700 miles we were never out of sight of some of the islands.

The West Indian Islands are the outcropping of the peaks of a deep submerged range of mountains, extending from Florida in a semi-circle to the South American Continent, at Trinidad and enclose the Caribbean Sea on its northern and eastern sides. The Islands are with the exception of the Barbadoes, of volcanic origin, hence mountainous and frequently subject to earthquakes and volcanic eruption.

St. Kitts

After passing Coiberto light, late at night, we cruised among several islands during the night and as day broke the beautiful island of St. Kitts (St. Christopher) was off our port bow and at 9 a.m. we cast anchor at Basseterre, the capital of the island.

St. Kitts is a small elongated island of 68 square miles with a range of mountains through its centre, with Mr. Macey, 3711 ft. high, near its northern end. Our stay here was for the day and here began the operation of the group system mentioned in the last letter. We arranged a motor party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Gillies, Ampror; Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of Port Credit; Mr. Moorman, of Halifax; and myself. After landing, secured two cars and took a 30-mile trip around the north end of the island.

The motor roads are good; the tropical vegetation is luxuriant; the little negro huts built on stilts with pickaninnies in every window and every yard, many of them in nature's clothing; extensive sugar cane plantations (sugar being the chief product of this island); hedges of hyacinths, oleander and cactus and the beautiful bougainvilleas with the mountain covered with green forests, made this, our first land trip in the Tropics, most delightful.

On the west side of the island and 10 miles from Basseterre, is Brimstone Mountain, on top of which is an old and extensive fort, which was visited. It has long since been abandoned, but was the scene of a stubborn resistance by the English in 1782, but was compelled to surrender to the French commander, the Marquis de Bouille.

The fort located on top of this hill 779 feet above the Caribbean Sea, was built by slave labor and is very extensive.

Nevis

Nevis is a small round island two miles from St. Kitts, seven miles in diameter and rising at its centre to 3596 feet. It belongs to St. Kitts and is the marriage place of Lord Nelson who was married to Mrs. Francis Herbert Nisbet (widow), in 1787.

Antigua

Our next island to call at was Antigua, 60 miles east of St. Kitts. Our stay there was so short I did not go ashore, but hope to do so on the way back. It has a very broad coastline with many bays, and it was an English harbor where Lord Nelson refitted his ships in 1805, while chasing the French fleet previous to the battle of Trafalgar.

Montserrat

This small island of 32 square miles, lies to the west of Antigua. We anchored off Plymouth, its capital, where I went ashore, visiting the town and Botanical Garden.

Before reaching the W. I. Island these ships carry a limited number of passengers, but there are a great many people both black and white, travelling from one island to another, so the ships are crowded as soon as the islands are reached. Most of the negroes travel second class, and there are many, called deckers, who live and sleep around on the decks.

Among those who boarded the ship at St. Kitts, were the Hon. E. H. Watkins, chief magistrate of Nevis and Canon Inery, also of Nevis, who has charge of the parish where Lord Nelson was married.

My roommate and I were glad to share our cabin with the Canon for the night, he occupying the couch. He has been on the island for 35 years and his reminiscences were very entertaining. He went ashore the next day at Montserrat.

Dominica

After spending the day at Montserrat, we weighed anchor and coasting along the French Island of Gaudeloupe, arrived at Roseau, the capital of Dominica.

Dominica is the third in size among the British West Indies, and its principal production is limes, although cocoa, coffee, rubber, spices, oranges and other tropical produce are grown. The island contains 291 square miles and has the highest mountains of any of the West Indies, rising to a point

5000 feet above the ocean. We spent the day ashore and visited the beautiful Botanical Garden which, although not as large as some others, is the most beautiful and finest in the West Indies.

St. Lucia

A night's run past the French island of Martinique, brought us to St. Lucia, and as this island has the only navigable harbor in the West Indies, we pulled along side the wharf in the most beautiful, natural haven, surrounded by hills, with the town of Castries, its capital, nestled around.

This beautiful inlet, or more properly speaking is a submerged crater of an extinct volcano. A shore visit was made to the town and park and at 4 p.m. we sailed for Barbadoes. Sailing along the West Coast, close inshore, a fine view is had of the Pinnos, two pyramidal shaped rocks, called the Gros and Petit Pinnos, being 269 and 261 feet high respectively, and rise directly from the water to their summits. They were grand sights on that beautiful evening as we sailed close beside them.

Barbados

Barbados is the most easterly of the W. I. Islands, and is about 100 miles east of St. Lucia.

I expect to spend two weeks on this island, so will defer to a later letter any account of the Barbadoes. I will take up the remainder of the trip and islands in my next letter.

LEVI YOUNG

DEATH OF MELVIN McALLISTER AT SPRINGFIELD

Melvin McAllister, Sr., passed away at his home in South Dorchester, Thursday morning, March 27th, after a long and painful illness, caused by pernicious anaemia. Mr. McAllister was born at Courland, the youngest of a family of ten children. His parents came from New Brunswick. His mother died over forty years ago. He married Miss Emma Koyle, daughter of the late Alex. and Mrs. Koyle, former residents of South Dorchester.

When his health failed he sold his farm at Courland, but later, when there seemed to be prospects of his recovery, he bought the farm on which he died. He bore his great suffering, which lasted over four years, with the patience of a true Christian.

He leaves to mourn his loss, five brothers, David, Robert and James, of Bayham, and John and William, of Lambton county; also four sisters, Mrs. Stratton, of Frankfort, Mich.; Mrs. Caplier, Ann Arbor; Mrs. E. Fleming, Comma, and Mrs. Anderson, of Bayham.

Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved widow. There are no children and she is the last living member of her own family, so that she is left practically alone. The funeral was held at the home, Sunday, at 11.30 o'clock. Rev. Geo. Braugh, had charge of the services. Interment was made at the Clam cemetery, near Stratfordville.

GRASS-GOODMAN

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the bride's home, 42 Elgin street, St. Thomas, at 1.30 on Saturday afternoon, March 29th, when Mrs. Susie Goodman, was married to A. B. Grass, of Aylmer, Rev. L. C. Hammond officiating. The bride, who was unmarried, wore a becoming frock of beige canton crepe, with hat to match, and corsage bouquet of Ophelia roses. Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Grass left on a wedding trip to Buffalo, the bride donning a beige wrap over her travelling costume. On their return they will reside at 42 Elgin Street.

Crossley-Hunter

Miss Carrie Dickinson, of Lockport, New York, formerly of Crossley-Hunter, was united in marriage on February 25th, 1924, to Robert Woodward, of that place.

Miss Agnes Abell is sick at her home. Miss Ruby Wright, of Alma College, St. Thomas, spent the week-end at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wright.

Mr. Wm. Grawburg and Laura, have returned home after visiting in London and St. Thomas.

Mr. E. L. Sweet is suffering from a bruised shoulder and arm. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Legg and daughter, Helen; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Learn, Aylmer, Ont.; and Mrs. Belle Learn, Griffin, Sask., and one brother, James Robins, of Toronto, formerly of Aylmer. The funeral took place on Sunday, the 30th inst., at 2 o'clock, with interment in the Lakeview cemetery, Port Huron.

FOOTBALLERS ATTENTION!

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Your Party Invitations

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Barn at our warehouse, Canadian National Tracks.

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to have one of his fingers smashed, on Tuesday.

The Epworth League anniversary which was held in the church on March 30th. The service in the morning was conducted by Rev. Mr. Williams, of Springfield, and Rev. Mr. Manning, of Linton, in the evening. Mr. W. McCredie has returned home after a winter spent in the sunny south.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Wood are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy. Mrs. John Roberts is improving after her attack of quinsy.

DEATH OF MRS. LILLIAN SCRIVER

Former Aylmer Resident Died in Port Huron, Mich.

Mrs. Lillian Grace Scriver, aged 39, died at her home, 2519 1st street, Port Huron, early on Thursday morning, March 27th, after a week's illness. With her husband and children deceased, left Aylmer in December last to make her home in Port Huron, after being residents of Aylmer for many years. She was born in Elgin county where she leaves many friends to mourn her untimely demise.

She is survived by her husband, three sons, Ray, Leslie and James; one daughter, Helen; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Learn, Aylmer, Ont.; and Mrs. Belle Learn, Griffin, Sask., and one brother, James Robins, of Toronto, formerly of Aylmer. The funeral took place on Sunday, the 30th inst., at 2 o'clock, with interment in the Lakeview cemetery, Port Huron.

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ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

M. Mude Campbell, Music Studio. Mr. A. A. Leslie, of Detroit, spent the week-end with friends in Aylmer. We have the Newest in Coats, Dresses, Suits, Gloves, Underwear, Corsets and Hosiery, at Wooster & Turner's. Miss Ida Clark, teacher at Norwich, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke. Mrs. Ella Bassett has returned from a fortnight's visit to Detroit, with her son, Mr. E. B. Kennedy, and other relatives.

Mrs. George Johnson, Sydenham street, who has been seriously ill for the past two weeks, is steadily improving.

AYLMER TRANSFER CO.—Aylmer to London truck service, local and long distance moving. Will ye no call me when ye move.—G. A. Chalk, Phone 383A.

William Bottomley for many years a citizen of Aylmer, died at his home in Simcoe last week, following a long illness. Mr. Bottomley also resided at St. Barwell for some years.

Your last opportunity to get 5-lb. pails of light honey at 50c a pail; 10-lb. pails dark honey at 90c a pail, as long as they last. Aylmer, Ellsworth, along street south, Aylmer.

Wm. Boettinger received word last week of the death of his niece, Mrs. Fredrick Kitchener. Deceased had visited Aylmer many times and was a daughter of Mr. Boettinger's brother.

Jos. E. Grandy is now buying hogs, cattle, calves, etc., at Kingsmill which business was formerly conducted by Gay Ostrander. Highest market price will be paid. Phone 312-02.

Specials For THIS WEEK

Crimery Butter, lb. 40c
Dried Apricots, lb. 20c
Dried Peaches, lb. 20c
Choice Dates, 2 lbs. for 25c
First Bulk Cocoa, 2 lbs. for 25c
First Cocoa nut, lb. 25c
Macaroni, 2 for 25c
Aylmer Chicken Lard, pail 95c
Peanut butter, large tin 25c
White Beans, 4 lbs. for 25c
Mile Leaf Salmon, tin 40c
1 lb. tins Corn 10c
Aylmer Early June Peas, tin 20c
Peanut Butter, lb. 22c; 5 lbs. \$1.00

Wanted - - Potatoes

Phone if you have any to sell.

Fresh Picnic Hams, 15c lb. by the ham.
Cottage Rolls, 20c lb. by the roll.
Smoked Picnic Hams, 17c lb. by the ham.
Smoked Hams, 25c lb. by the ham.
First side Bacon, lb. 25c by the side.
Pork Lard, 3 lbs. for 50c
Special Black Tea, Doodee Blend, pound 65c
Special Green Tea, Aylmer Blend, pound 65c
Unmailed Seeded Raisins, 2 for 25c
Rocky Salmon, finest red, tin 35 cents.
Golden Net Cohoe, med. red, tin 35 cents.

Remember we give coupons for every \$1.00 CASH Purchase or every Dollar paid in Account.

Sweet Mixed Pickles, pint 30c
Season Jar Olives 50c
Stuffed Olives, 6 oz. bottle 30c
Cobbler Seed Potatoes, \$2.00 per bag, CASH.
Catches, box 10c
Extracts, all flavors, 3 for 25c
Pure Black Pepper, lb. 25c
Raspberry Jam, 16 oz. bottles 25c
Strawberry Jam, 16 oz. bottles 25c

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