

Making a Better Belleville

Editor Ontario.

There has been much talk lately about making a better and bigger Belleville but hitherto, it seems to be only talk. In many respects Belleville is admirably situated to become a very flourishing city, prosperity however will develop only through the foresight and intelligence of its citizens, enabling them to see and take advantage of its opportunities and surroundings, to procure means to obtain betterments so much needed, such as, good streets and proper sewerage.

It would greatly help to make a better Belleville were we to live in closer intercourse with our good neighbours in the County of Prince Edward and trade with them, this would undoubtedly be profitable to both of us. But many people do not understand how trade brings prosperity to all alike, yet everybody knows that when trade is active and thriving all over the country there is no lack of work going on producing, making and growing things which people want. Not much profit can arise in Belleville to her citizens by trading among themselves inasmuch as what they produce to trade in is much of the same kind of things, trade will be more active and profitable between people who produce different kind of things.

There is an economic law entitled, "The Law of Supply and Demand" which depend the wealth of nations, which all intelligent men ought to recognize and act upon. A great country like the United States, wherein is a very large population and an immense variety of nearly all kinds of products, can trade wholly within themselves, be prosperous and become exceedingly wealthy. But not so with Great Britain, though she produces a great variety of things and could trade and live within herself and prosper, but not nearly so much had she a wider field. So being given around by the seas, feeling cramped and her energies curtailed, she had vision and not counting the cost but counting the gain. She forthwith spent hundreds of millions in providing the Merchant Marine for her great ships to bridge the wide ocean to trade in distant lands of both advanced and backward people with great profit to them as well as herself. Thus the land that Napoleon sneered at as a nation of shop keepers has, through trade, become the most prosperous and enlightened in the world.

Since the great war has ended and safety secured, England is about to build a bridge across the English Channel by a tunnel from Dover to Calais about thirty miles across, which will cost an immense sum. One chief object of this great undertaking is to develop trade by shortening the way to India and intervening countries. The people of England do not whine about the cost, they know that their leaders understand what is best for them.

It is an indisputable fact that the law of supply and demand operating in trade works out exactly the same results within a limited area, like our own district, as it does in a great nation.

It is a pity and a shame when such opportunities for progress toward betterment are present to us, that those who ought to be leaders and guides treat with indifference this matter of linking up with Prince Edward County.

Many seem not to be able to grasp the value and importance of trade to every individual in the community. In Prince Edward there is a population of seventeen thousand, the greater number of these would be glad to take advantage of a free bridge.

It may be mentioned that as the bridge unites two important counties the government may regard it not only as of local interest but also as of provincial concern.

Thomas Ritchie.

County of Hastings Development Association Ball

The publicity committee of the County of Hastings Development Association, consisting of Thomas J. Fenn, Deseronto, J. A. Kerr, of Belleville, Chas. S. Rollins, Cote Hill, Wm. H. Nugent, County Clerk and self, her interpretation of the am- W. C. Mikel, K.C., met Thursday night Judson Gunter, warden of the county was also present. It was decided to arrange for a Grand Ball soon after Easter for the purpose of attracting the attention of the public to the Resources of the County, and also obtaining funds to aid in the publicity campaign. A num-

ber of committees were appointed and arrangements for meetings from time to time were made. It is intended that this will be the largest ball ever held in this part of the province. There will be two orchestras so that square and round dancing will proceed concurrently and a splendid program of vocal music will also be provided.

Letter From Russia

Mr. W. Donahue, Grove St. Receives Interesting Account of Activities of Boys in Russia, From His Son.

Feb. 13, 1919, North Russia.

Dear Dad—Well Dad it is some time since I have written you last, but believe me it is not my fault. To tell the truth "Old John Boto" has been after us pretty hot; for a while we had been punishing him pretty good but one day he got "sore" at us, pulled a big bunch of men from some one of the other sectors and went right after us. We fought hard for a while but he was about ten men to our one, and we all had to retreat into our garrison. This town was fortified in a sort of fashion but no dugouts, consequently no retreat from shell fire. Well all that day he pounded us with his guns as he knew every spot in the town, a very simple matter. That night we beat, and practically walking through his lines; his sentries were no doubt asleep or drunk. Well we walked all night and all next day with him right on our heels. We went about sixty-five miles in three days so you see how fast we went. We burnt villages and towns as we went, making it harder for him to follow. We have at last halted here in this town. We have plenty of ammunition here and he will fight if he gets this place. Several hundred Chinamen were seen among his prosperous and become exceedingly army. I'll kill every "Chink" in Belleville when I get home.

I received a letter from mother today and I wrote her one yesterday. Her letter was dated Dec. 11th; it is the earliest one I have ever received. I suppose you are all glad the war is over but it will not affect us materially until June anyway. All of us expect to be home by August, 1919, anyway.

My nerves are still a bit jumpy from an episode which occurred some time back but are getting much better.

We have had some pretty cold weather for the last couple of months and it still remains very cold.

We are getting all kinds of fresh meat, and vegetables now. The fishing villages leave all their household belongings and live stock behind and we help ourselves. Well Dad as it is getting late I must close for now. Good Bye.

JIM.

"Aunt Susan's Visit" Pleased

Standing Room Only at the Tabernacle Last Evening

It took "Aunt Susan's Visit" to bring out over five hundred people last evening to the lecture room of the Tabernacle Methodist Church. The Ladies Aid Society under whose auspices the production was given expected a big crowd but none of such proportion. Before 8 o'clock the available seating was taken and the people had to seek standing room in the class rooms at the rear.

These five hundred people enjoyed to the full the sketch. It is a story with a healthy moral, breezy and old fashioned. The old fashioned aunt cleans up a whole settlement by reason of her genuine good example. The plot is in a number of scenes, all throbbing with real human interest.

Mrs. F. Nicholson as "Aunt Susan" had the leading role. She took the part with great credit to herself. Those who attended will long remember her characterization. Mr. W. D. Reid make a fine nephew as John Thomas Tibbs. He was perfectly natural and at ease. Mrs. C. W. Moat as Mrs. Tibbs had a more difficult role as the lady with social aspirations but even in this she managed to appeal to the audience. Mrs. A. Singer took exceedingly well the role of Mary Alice Tibbs, the daughter, that followed Mr. Tibbs' Fenn of the house. Miss Henrietta Naylor, Deseronto, J. A. Kerr, of Belleville, Chas. S. Rollins, Cote Hill, Wm. H. Nugent, County Clerk and self, her interpretation of the am- W. C. Mikel, K.C., met Thursday night Judson Gunter, warden of the county was also present. It was decided to arrange for a Grand Ball soon after Easter for the purpose of attracting the attention of the public to the Resources of the County, and also obtaining funds to aid in the publicity campaign. A num-

Miss Muriel Greenleaf made a graceful servant. The other roles were taken by Mrs. C. McCurdy who gave a good study of Mrs. John Highborn Mrs. C. Frost, who played Miss Linda Tugs, Mrs. H. Buck as Madame Pauline Wiser, Mrs. T. Clare as Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. E. Fenn as Mrs. Weakly, Miss Eva Davis as Miss Redlip and Mrs. G. S. Sharp as Mrs. Sadden.

Military Service to Count in Entering the Civil Service

Ottawa, April 5.—The civil service regulations have been amended by the addition of the following provision: "Persons who have been on active overseas service in the military or naval forces of his majesty or of any of the allies during the great war, who have left such service with an honorable record, or who have been honorably discharged, shall not be required to have had three years' office experience in order to be admitted to these examinations but marks in the nature of a bonus for their military or naval service shall be given to such candidates who obtain the required percentage in all other subjects."

High School Students Dance

Two Hundred Enjoy Themselves at Function

The first at home of the students of the Belleville High School took place last evening in the assembly hall, about two hundred of the boys and girls attending the affair. The students had taken great care to have the room decorated for the occasion, and the adornments added much to the gaiety of the function. The gathering was under the auspices of the Students' Council and under the direction of the Principal, Mr. P. C. MacLaurin. Dancing started at seven-thirty and was brought to an end at eleven o'clock.

The students had a most enjoyable time, dancing waltzes and two steps, and a fox trot and one step. The young dancers stepped the measures with grace and propriety. Principal MacLaurin was delighted with the success of the event, which was exclusively a high school affair. That the at home was a success was apparent from the comments of the students.

Owing to the interest of the Board of Education in the affair and on account of the recent discussion on dancing one of the trustees was an interested spectator. He was very much pleased with the function. To-day he had nothing but words of praise for the students for the manner in which they conducted the at home.

This is the first dance since the war closed and since the question of allowing dancing in the school was discussed in the Board of Education

Flu Disappearing

Number of Deaths for March Greatly Reduced in Province

The reports of secretaries of local Boards of Health for the month of March show scarlet fever and diphtheria prevails to a much greater extent than in the corresponding month of 1918. The cities where the increase for the last few months in diphtheria is most noticeable are Toronto, Ottawa and Windsor. Scarlet fever also has been prevalent in Fort William for some weeks.

Spanish influenza is fast disappearing from the province as indicated by the decrease in deaths for the month of March. Since the first of October the epidemic has been either the primary or contributory cause of nearly 10,000 deaths in the province. It will be observed in the deaths for March pneumonia caused 133 more deaths than Spanish influenza.

All the News From Trenton

Trenton, April 5.—Lt. Col. and Mrs. Bywater, Ottawa, are spending a few days in town with her mother, Mrs. Little.

National Railways is in Kingston today.

Mr. Anson Whittier is in Belleville today.

Today, the first market day under the new system, saw a few anomalies of the double time. Eggs which normally are higher owing to the demand for export, were plentiful as late as eleven-thirty. Buyers were offering 40 cents per dozen and consumers 45c to 46c, although a few bought at 40c. Normally when there is an increase in price, the offerings are less numerous. At twelve o'clock quite a few eggs were unsold and were turned over to the dealers.

Butter was none too plentiful. It sold at 58c and down to 54c and 55c. Chickens sold at \$2.25 and upward per pair.

Equal Pensions Among Families

Ottawa, April 5.—Col. Margeson, G.W.V.A., expressed the opinion to the Parliamentary Pensions Committee yesterday that no pension allowance should exceed \$1,500 exclusive of helplessness allowances.

A lieutenant-colonel, he said, should get \$1,500, but there should be no allowance for wife or children. In the case of a private totally disabled the man should receive \$600, his wife \$300 and the children \$144 each, but the maximum should be \$1,500. This would meet the demand for equality of pensions.

Col. Margeson suggested raising the helplessness allowance from \$350 to \$450 and in view of the cost of living he thought the totally disabled allowance should be raised by \$300 for married men.

Killed at Vimy, But Alive at Niagara

Niagara Falls, April 5.—When James McGleish, of the 98th Battalion got home the other night, his first words were: "This is my second time on earth." Among his trophies from the war are memorial cards with his own name on them and clippings from newspapers telling he was killed at Vimy Ridge. He had been taken prisoner, instead of being killed, and another man's body taken for his, which caused the Government to officially report him dead. As a result several insurance companies and societies paid his mother insurance.

Both Times at Market

Began at Standard Time and Closed at Railway Time.

"Daylight Saving" and "farmers' time" conflicted at Belleville market this morning. Citizens with their baskets for purchases and grocers were on the square and in the butter building at usual time, but the farmers were not. At nine-thirty only half a dozen or so agriculturists had reached the market. By ten o'clock the attendance was getting up to normal.

The issue between the two times results in a one-hour shorter market. The market that used to last three hours, now lasts a little over two hours, for the citizens decamp about eleven-thirty by city time. Consequently most of the trading is being cramped into the hours between nine-thirty or ten, city time, and eleven-thirty city time. The rural visitors when in the city are hemmed in by the railway time as all business in town is run on the schedule. One advantage the farmers have in the near vicinity is to get home by their time before they leave Belleville by city time.

accommodation for the Sunday schools of the towns are hopelessly inadequate for the work—than which there is none more important—is suffering tremendously. No one will attempt to deny that there should be more attention paid by the churches to providing places of amusement and recreation for the young people. We wish the church success in its new undertaking. — Campbellford Herald.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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