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Biggest Flood in Years.

Last week it looked as if there would be very little flood. The mild weather with frosty nights, kept the snow from going too quickly. But a spell of warm weather on Monday, followed by rain, set the water free with a rush, and the old Saugeen rose to a height of which has not yet been equalled since the big flood of 1912, and with that single exception has not been equalled for many years. At 4.30 p. m. on Tuesday the water was within 28 inches of the high water mark reached in 1912. A number of dooryards in the East Ward were flooded and a couple of families had to vacate their houses. The Truax firm have had to shut down the past three days owing to the height of water at the dam but have not sustained any damage from the flood. The Walkerton E. L. & P. Co. have been able to keep their plant going and maintain continuous service. No great damage has been done thus far by the flood, which is now abating.—Tele-cope.

Twenty Years Ago

The following story is currently reported of a transaction that took place recently at Port Hope between a dealer in buggies and other vehicles and a farmer. The latter wanted to purchase a buggy, and when told the price was \$90, said: "My father bought a buggy exactly like that for \$60 twenty years ago". The dealer remembered the sale also, and said: Your father turned in 300 bushels of corn to pay for it. I will do better for you than I did for your father. You bring in your 300 bushels of corn and I will let you pick out of this list one \$90 buggy, one \$75 wagon, one \$20 suit of clothes, one \$20 dress, one \$5 baby dress, one crib, one \$3 box of cigars, \$10 worth of sugar, \$10 worth of coffee, \$10 worth of tea, \$100 worth of gasoline, \$17 worth of lubricating oil." The total figured up \$365 as the present value of 300 bushels of corn. It is stated that the farmer climbed back into his motor car, with the words, "I guess I haven't any kick coming on the high cost of living. Send out the \$90 buggy."

The Spring Assizes.

Outside of the theft charges, against four Walkerton boys, who were let off on suspended sentence, the only case to come before the Spring Assizes, which opened before Chief Justice Sir Wm. Mulock here on Tuesday afternoon, was that of a criminal action against Geo. H. Day, an escaped convict

who was accused of committing the dastardly crime of rape against the person of Mrs. Bertha Gingrich, who lives with her husband on a farm near Hepworth. The prisoner, who is a low-browed, heavy set, tough-looking character, with an extremely bad past, had been sentenced to fourteen years in penitentiary for bigamy. He had still eight years to serve when he escaped from the Prison Farm in Guelph, to where he had been transferred, and while a fugitive from justice landed begging his bread last March at the farm of Oliver Gingrich near Hepworth. Taking the stranger in, the farmer befriended him, but while the agriculturist was absent at the barn after supper doing his chores, the visitor repaid him for his kindness by attacking and heinously assaulting his wife who was lone in the house. Escaping from the premises he was arrested in Hepworth as a vagrant and brought to the Walkerton jail and while here it was learned that the prisoner was the culprit who had committed the above assault, and later he was also recognized as the escaped fugitive from the Prison Farm. He was removed to the Kingston Penitentiary, but on showing evidences of insanity was transferred to the Hamilton asylum, where he was put under observation for some weeks. He was brought from this institution to the Fall Assizes here last Fall, but the case was adjourned to the Spring Court in order to determine his sanity. At the trial here this week the prisoner refused the services of a lawyer offered him by the court, and proceeded to conduct his own case, which he did in a rough and boisterous manner. He was cunning enough to try to place the blame for his crime on the woman, but when this ruse failed, he put forward the plea of insanity. The Court decided that he was sane enough to know what he was doing, and as the Crown Prosecutor, Lawyer H. G. Tucker of Owen Sound, had no difficulty in establishing his guilt, the Judge sentenced this most dangerous and desperate criminal to twelve years in penitentiary for his venomous crime.—Herald and Times

A party of British officers at Salonika fell into a dispute. The question was which smelt the worst a Turk or a goat. One of the officers was duly constituted judge. A goat was led in, and the officer fainted. Then the Turk was brought in, and the goat fainted.

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Ontario's Great Fire Record.

In all, 8,800 fires had been reported in Ontario during the past year. These entailed a total loss of over \$12,000,000. This was the highest fire waste touched by the province since 1804, the year of the great Toronto conflagration, according to Fire Marshal E. P. Heaton's remarks as the convention of the Mutual Fire Underwriter's Association of Ontario held at Toronto. It was significant that the State Ohio, with double the population of Ontario, had only experienced 8,042 fires, with a total loss of 7,376,000.

The enormous number of barn fires during 1915 and 1916 had given rise to a general suspicion that they were of enemy origin. There was no evidence to support this belief, beyond the fact that a huge percentage were ascribed to unknown causes. Through investigation of officers, it was found that practically all the barns so destroyed had no proper ventilating system.

The fire marshal criticized the number of barn fires accredited to the cause of lightning. In one county, out of 22 barn fires, 19 were ascribed to lightning, two to unknown causes and one to incendiarism. In another county, out of 38, no less than 27 were assigned to lightning and seven to causes unknown. The fires said to be caused by lightning were scattered over a period from January 14 to December 11.

According to Bradstreets eighty-five out of every hundred business men who fail are men who do not advertise. The busier the age grows, the more necessary advertising becomes.

Teeswater public school has been closed on account of measles and whooping cough. Three or four deaths have resulted from the epidemic.

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May 1st is mentioned as the probable date of the 160th Bruce Batt'n's departure for France, in letters received from the boys at Whitley Camp this week. The boys say that a newspaper is to be launched soon.

Cheer up. Keep sweet. Don't fret. Smile a little. There will be plenty of eggs by Easter, butter is sliding down and new potatoes will soon be in. In spite of a gloomy old world the sun keeps on shining.



"The plow is our hope," declared Right Hon. David Lloyd George, the Prime Minister of Great Britain. The tremendous significance of these words in the face of a world shortage of food must be a matter of concern to all. It points out the path of duty to men and boys unable to enlist in the army but capable of helping to increase production.

Help the farmer increase production

At this supreme hour when ample food production is one of the indispensable means of victory, the country faces a serious shortage of men and boys on the farms. The Department of Agriculture emphasizes the urgency of every man and boy taking to heart this splendid opportunity for patriotic service.

Boys Decide now to help in the war. If you are between the ages of 14 and 18, and have good term record, you can secure promotion at school by enlisting for farm service any time between April 20th and May 20th.

Parents are urged to encourage their boys to enlist for farm service. The physical and moral welfare of your boy will be advanced by a summer spent close to Nature; an interest will be awakened in an important industry of the country that will be a help to him in his whole future.

Men The Department appeals to retired farmers, to men following no occupation (retired), to business men who can spare at least a portion of their time, to all men who can arrange their affairs so as to help some farmer. Every man is invited to enlist for farm service.

Confer with your District Representative of the Department of Agriculture, or write or visit Ontario Government Employment Bureau, 15 Queen's Park, Toronto.

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