

LONDON'S VEGETARIANS CAN DEFY HIGH COST OF LIVING THIS YEAR; MARKET PRICES HAVE DROPPED

Big Reductions Shown in Comparison With Prices Prevailing at This Time Last Year, But Meats, Canned Goods and Butter Offset Low Quotations in Mere Vegetables.

Potatoes—Last year, \$2.50 to \$3.00 a bag; this year, \$1.50 to \$2.10.
Onions—Last year, \$3.75 bushel; this year, \$1.
Carrots—Last year, 60c a bushel; this year, 35c to 50c.
Radishes—Last year, 45c to 50c a dozen; this year, 30c to 40c.
Creamery Butter (retail)—Last year, 40c to 45c a pound; this year, 35c to 40c.
Eggs—Last year, 45c to 50c a dozen; this year, 35c to 40c.
Maple Syrup—Last year, \$1.70 to \$2 a gallon; this year, \$2 to \$2.25.
Chicken—Last year, 24c a pound; this year, 20c to 25c.
Wheat—Last year, \$2 a bushel; this year, \$1.50 to \$2.
Parsnips—Last year, \$1.50 to \$1.75 a bushel; this year, 50c to 60c.
Turnips—Last year, 40c to 50c a bushel; this year, 30c to 40c.
Beets—Last year, \$1.50 to \$1.75 a bushel; this year, 50c.
Cabbage—Last year, \$1 to \$2 a dozen; this year, \$1 to \$2.
Dressed Hogs—Last year, \$2 a cwt.; this year, \$2.

High Cost of Living—the bugbear of every housewife in London—has not been so prominent in this city this year as last. The steadily increasing costs of everything edible, wearable, drinkable or useable have apparently camouflaged market quotations so that the general impression prevails that

ONLY MEN BELOW "B" CATEGORY TO REMAIN AT HOME

No Chance for Retention of Other Furloughed Men of First Contingent.

MINISTER MAKES REPLY

Says Authority to Keep "Originals" in Canada Applicable to "B" Men Only.

Little chance of furloughed men of the first contingent being allowed to remain in Canada seems possible in view of the attitude of the minister of militia, Major-Gen. S. C. McEwen. Since the furlough men arrived in London and elsewhere in Canada, efforts have been made to secure their retention in Canada on the grounds that they have done their "bit," and that their places in France should be taken by younger and unmarried eligibles.

Well organized efforts were taken in Toronto to secure the release of the men of the first contingent. Mayor Tommy Church of that city presenting the case to Major-Gen. McEwen. The mayor, however, has received a reply, by telegraph, which says that only those men who are below the "B" category of "A" in other words, men unfit for combatant service in the front-line trenches, will be released.

The reply to Toronto's mayor, which was signed by Col. N. C. Osborne, military secretary, reads: "With reference to your note of the 15th addressed the Honorable the Minister, enclosing letters signed by several soldiers, I am directed to inform you that correspondence has already taken place with the overseas authorities about this matter, and authority has been received to retain in Canada such members of the first contingent whose medical category is below 'B,' that is, those whose services are not really needed overseas."

BUILDING OPERATIONS STARTING SHORTLY AT HOSPITAL FOR INSANE

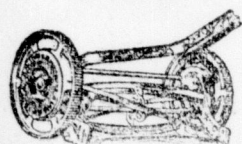
More Facilities for Open-Air Treatment Being Provided.

Building operations, for which the appropriation was obtained last year, will shortly be started at the Hospital for the Insane, to enlarge the hospital to some extent. Balconies are also to be added to the buildings to give more opportunity for open air treatment for patients. Apart from this and necessary repairs, no extension of the buildings will be undertaken at present, notwithstanding the fact that they are taxed to their capacity all the time.

Aimed today if the war was responsible for an increase in the number of cases of acute mental trouble, the superintendent, Dr. Robinson, replied: "Not directly. Altogether we have had only about eight or nine soldier patients, some of them suffering from the effects of acute shell shock."

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LONDON MINISTER MAY BE MODERATOR OF DOUBLE SYNOD

Name of Rev. J. G. Stuart Is Prominently Mentioned.

BIG U. S. SPEAKER COMING

Dr. Shailer Mathews of Chicago Will Deliver Two Lectures.

The name of Rev. J. G. Stuart of this city is prominently mentioned in connection with the moderatorship for another year of the Synod of Hamilton and London, of which the annual meeting is held for the week of April 25, to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, this city. Mr. Stuart has been nominated by the London Presbytery, and was named also in connection with the office a year ago.

PROBATIONERS GET CERTIFICATES FROM EXAMINING BOARD

Prospective Methodist Pastors Awarded Standing.

The annual examinations of probationers and candidates of the London Methodist Conference was brought to a close Thursday afternoon with the successful candidates were presented with certificates in the Centennial Church. The following have passed the preliminary examination: Bruce Leach, Coatsworth; J. D. Woollett, London; J. Finlay, Collingwood; H. E. Elliott, Iona; S. N. F. Chant, St. Thomas; Duncan Guest, Kincardine. Duncan Guest also was successful in the final examination. Duncan MacTavish of Kincardine received his certificate for the first year's work.

Eric L. Anderson, Lambeth, was successful in the second year's work. Pte. J. Morley Colling, who has been in France for two years and a half, was granted second-year standing by the examining board, without taking the examination.

The certificates were presented by Rev. J. W. Baird of Exeter, the secretary of the examining board.

Addresses were delivered also by Rev. H. T. Ferguson of Centennial Church.

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Ladies' Patent Lace Oxford, grey quarter, Louis heel, also Calf Pump with low sport heels, \$4.89

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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOTTISH RITE WELL OBSERVED LOCALLY

Unique Features Figure in Annual Reunion Held Here.

The annual reunion of the members of the Scottish Rite in London and district was held Wednesday and Thursday in the Masonic Temple. This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Scottish Rite in London. The first lodge being formed in Canada, A. G. Smythe, 82 years of age, is one of the charter members.

This is the first reunion he has missed for years. Charles Simpson of Rectory street, who was present, has been a member for 33 years.

The reunion was brought to a close on Thursday evening, when the eighteenth degree was conferred on a large number by the following past masters: Dr. Manning, Sarnia; G. N. Hazen, Sarnia; W. H. Graham, Stratford; C. P. Wells, London; A. J. Langford, Mitchell.

SOLDIERS' SPORTS PUT ON BASIS OF REGULAR TRAINING

All Ranks Have to Participate in Athletic Events.

Weekly programs of sports are being started in the local camps again this year. Beginning next Wednesday afternoon, sports will be held each week as part of the training, and all ranks will take part in the athletic events as they would in a parade.

The weekly sports were begun last year and proved so successful from the standpoint of training and also from the amount of enjoyment provided, that the district staff has decided to institute them again this year with the coming of suitable weather.

Officers commanding units are instructed in camp orders to prepare a program of sports and to see that all ranks take an active part. The Canadian army gymnastic staff will be at the disposal of the O. C.'s to assist in the carrying out of the sports.

THOROUGH TRAINING SHOWN BY MUSICIANS OF FIRST ORCHESTRA

Concert Given in Sunday School Pleases Big Audience.

The First Methodist Sunday school orchestra, conducted by Miss Florence Eggleston, gave a concert last evening, assisted by Carmen Learn, harp, and Robert Hannah, violin. The large audience attracted to Wesley Hall for the entertainment. The play of the orchestra of some 25 musicians was marked by precision, good intonation, fine rhythm and style.

The program was a fine one, including "The Brook" (Boisjoffre), "Marche Militaire" (Schubert), and a Serenade by J. S. Bach.

Mrs. Grant Harris and Ernest White, the latter a gifted pupil of Miss Eggleston, led the violin, sharing the honors of "concertmaster."

Miss Eggleston, in addition to conducting, played a solo number, a "Hungarian Dance" by Bela Bartok, with characteristic style and finish, receiving at the close a magnificent bouquet.

She was also showed with flowers as a tribute to her ability as a conductor. Mr. Learn, who has an exceptionally fine baritone voice, and Mr. Hannah, whose popular with a London audience, were both given gratifying receptions.

SCHOOLHOUSE BURNED. Stratford, April 18.—The fine schoolhouse at S. S. No. 19, Gore of Downie, was completely destroyed by fire today. The blaze is believed to have started from a spark from the chimney.

What will they be tagging next? asked one woman as she departed with her metal bag.

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PRACTICE ECONOMY—There is no virtue in only talking of it.—Canada Food Board.

INTERESTING EXHIBIT

"Little People of Cornfields" Shown to London Children.

Under the auspices of the Lieut.-Col. Campbell Becher Chapter, Mrs. Coburn of Walkerville is exhibiting the "Little People of the Cornfield" in the chapter's rooms today and again on Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

These "Little People of the Cornfield" are made from the husks and floss of corn, and are most interesting to children, proving popular in Toronto, Detroit and other cities. Arrangements have been made by friends of the chapter to bring parties of children to see the exhibit. Mrs. Coburn is donating her services free, the entire proceeds to be given to patriotic purposes.

NEW OFFICER APPOINTED.

BLUNHEIM, April 18.—Day Officer S. L. Blakely, who resigned recently from the town council, refused to increase his salary, has been succeeded by S. W. White. Mr. Blakely will be asked to complete the collection of taxes.

MILITARY FUNERAL

Former Member of 33rd Battalion Buried With Full Honors on Thursday.

With full military honors, the funeral of Pte. William Robert Baldwin, late of the 33rd Battalion, who died at Wesley Barracks Hospital on Tuesday, was held on Thursday afternoon from the residence of his mother, 113 Sackville street.

The casket was conveyed to Mount Pleasant Cemetery on a gun carriage provided by the 63rd Battery, and was escorted by a firing party of the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R. The brass band of the battalion, under the leadership of Bandmaster Rosalie Pococke, accompanied the cortege.

Services at the house were conducted by Ven. Archdeacon Richardson of St. Luke's Church, Brimleydale. Rev. J. H. Boyd of Adelaide Street Church and Capt. (Rev.) A. Graham, the camp chaplain.

The pallbearers were all former members of the 33rd Battalion—Pte. C. W. Claxton, Pte. L. G. House, Pte. J. McKernan, Pte. H. T. Smith, Pte. J. Howe and Pte. B. McKinnings. The interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, the service at the grave being conducted by Rev. Capt. Graham.

RUSH FOR LICENSES

Vehicle Owners Contribute to City's New Tax in Big Numbers.

License Inspector J. W. McCallum's office was flooded today with applications from dray, auto and buggy owners for licenses. The new bylaw, which compels owners to have the city vehicle license, becomes effective Monday, and many people feared that they would be hauled before Magistrate Graydon. This was responsible for the rush. They were lined up many deep in Mr. McCallum's office.

For an invigorating tonic which will clarify the blood, put new life in the body, sparkle to the eyes, and a wholesome skin, nothing does so well as a glyceric herb extract made from Golden Seal, Blood and Stone root, Oregon grape root and Wild Cherry bark. This can be had in convenient, ready-to-use tablet form at all drug stores, fifty cents, and has been sold for the past fifty years as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

By reason of the nerves feeding on the blood, when the blood is pure the nerves feel the effect, and neutralize or other nerve pains disappear because such pain is the cry of the starved nerves for food. When suffering from backache, frequent or scanty urination, rheumatic pains here or there or that constant tired feeling, the simple way to overcome these disorders is merely to obtain Dr. Pierce's Anuric from your druggist. In tablets, fifty cents.

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Anniversary Shoe Sale

To commemorate the end of thirteen years of successful business in London, we wish to take this opportunity of thanking our many customers for their kind patronage, also soliciting a further continuance of the same. Our reputation for handling Shoes of Quality is well known throughout this city and district. During these days of strain and stress, and right at the beginning of the season, we are cutting Leather Pumps, Oxfords and some Boots for the thrifty buyer. Some are not the latest styles, but for genuine values they cannot be duplicated. They are regular stock Shoes, not brought in for this sale. Quality counts! Don't wait! Do it now!

SALE OPENS SATURDAY, APRIL 20—LASTING ONLY TWO WEEKS.

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Men's Oxfords. In Tan, Dull Calf and Patent, some English lasts, but mostly round toes, all sizes, \$3.89

Men's Dull Gunmetal Oxfords. Lace and Button, also Tan Calf Lace and Button, all sizes in the lot, \$2.98

Men's Patent Oxfords. Pointed and round toes, also Tan Calf Lace, good sizes, \$3.48

Men's Calf Boots. Goodyear welt, slip soles, a round toe. A snap, \$3.89

Men's Gunmetal Calf. English Toes, all new styles, Goodyear welts, \$4.89

Men's Velour Calf. Blucher cut, with slightly knob toes, welt soles, \$4.89

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This sale is significant from the viewpoint of economy. You will find prices of Draperies unusually lower marked on goods of quality.

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You will be able to save a lot of money on your spring house cleaning wants. Come this week and see.

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Dainty and Artistic Voile and Marquisette Curtains, in both ivory and ceru, with hemstitched bands, edges finished with tereon lace edges; most suitable styles for bedroom use and in ceru color; suitable for dining-room and living-room \$2.65 pair

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