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POOR CROP OUTLOOK.

It is not the Belleville district alone that is suffering from the continuous deluge of rain. The editor has just returned from a trip to Fort William and Port Arthur and he has ascertained that the excessive rainfall has been general over the province.

The plentiful supply of aqua pura is common to the eastern and northern United States, and their plight seems quite as bad as our own. From the Brattleboro (Vermont) Phoenix we copy the following report of conditions in the New England States which will give our readers a more accurate idea of the generally flooded condition of the terrain over a very large division of the North American continent.

Massachusetts crop conditions are not radically different from those in other parts of New England, and for that reason there will be general interest hereabouts in the statement of the secretary of the Massachusetts board of agricultural that the loss in crops this year will probably average \$5 an acre over 1,000,000 acres of improved land in that state.

The difficulty began with the long, late winter, snow remaining into April, thus delaying frost from coming out of the ground and preventing the ground from drying out. Then came the heavy and quite constant rains, delaying planting still further, especially on low lands.

But this is not the only difficulty that the farmers have had to face. The labor problem is growing more and more serious. Both the market gardeners near the large cities and the farmers in the more rural districts report that it is almost impossible to hire help. The only result is that in such instances the farmers are not planting the ordinary crops, although they have no difficulty in finding a ready market for almost anything they can raise.

Even if the weather conditions and the labor situation had been good this spring the farmer would have had a hard row to hoe. Last year was a bad one for agriculturalists, due principally to the dry spring and the heavy rains which followed in July and August.

Large growers of corn say that the planting has been unsatisfactory. This is especially true where the seed has been planted on heavy land. In such instances the seed has come up very irregularly and replanting has been necessary.

Reports from the Connecticut valley are to the effect that the onions are doing well. This is a crop that can stand considerable water. It is too early yet to make any statement with regard to the outcome of the tobacco crop in that section.

The hay crop promises to be one of the best in years, providing, of course, that the harvest is dry and fair. It has been an exceptionally good season for dairying. The pastures everywhere are green, the cattle having all the grass they can eat.

unnecessary. "The apple crop promises to be good. Seldom has there been a better bloom than this spring."

CHINA'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Li Yuan Hung, Vice-President of China, becomes President following the death of President Yuan Shi Kai. In the regular course of events he would have retired from office October 1st, at the end of the five-year term for which he was elected.

Li Yuan is not a weakling by any means, but it will take all of his strength and power to keep the place he has been promoted to. He was not on good terms with Yuan Shi Kai and it has been rumored that he was at the head of the revolt started recently against the government.

Li Yuan is fifty-two years old. He served on a cruiser during the Chino-Japanese war and later entered the army. After the addition of the Manchus, he was elected Vice-President of the republic and appointed Chief of the General Staff.

The job of being President of China is not an enviable one, according to all reports, and Li Yuan is taking his place at the head of the government at a most perilous time. It is reported that several of the powers of the world are concentrating troops in Peking, as they did at the time of the Boxers' uprising, in order to protect their interests and people should the occasion arise.

THE END NOT FAR OFF.

The Germans have been thrusting forth their "cannon fodder" wherever there has been a chance of breaking out, ever since the Battle of the Marne. Nowhere have they succeeded. For more than three months past, they have been driving them against Verdun. Dismay at their failure has been rapidly increasing among the big remaining "rats" in the Fatherland.

The end, it may safely be concluded, is not far off. While Germany has been exhausting herself at Verdun, the Allies have been steadily massing their forces, and completing their preparations. They are much stronger at sea, now, than they have ever been. The German fleet once more lies more than decimated and fatally crippled, in the Kiel Canal.

Failure at Verdun, cannot be concealed from the hungry and hollow-eyed people of the Fatherland, who are watching from a distance of only a few miles on the Rhine. Fairy tales about "the great German victory" off Jutland must already be beginning to pall. Not even Germans can fail to comprehend that a "victorious" fleet which runs away in a shattered condition and hides behind its land fortifications, leaving the sea in the undisturbed possession of its adversary, is not a valuable war asset.

The German fleet has come out, has been driven ignominiously back, missing utter destruction only by what looks like an error on the part of its opponents. The final German confession has been made. "The Day" has gone irretrievably against them. Its morrow has now to be faced. It will not be long for us. How will it be for them?

It has been said that the year 1816 had no summer. History repeats itself and 1916 may be trying to repeat the weather of 1816. In that year there was frost in June and July, and in August there was a heavy fall of snow in some sections of the country.

It is the glory of democratic government, and one of its best features, that public dissatisfaction finds public expression. No British government would dare to misrepresent the facts as the Kaiser has just misrepresented the losses in the naval battle.

In selling this defective ammunition was Col. Allison acting out of pure love for General Hughes, or for a commission?

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COUNTY COUNCIL AND GOOD ROADS

Diverse Views on Report of Engineer Who Went Over Hastings System.

PATRIOTIC FUND GRANTS

Suggestion That Hastings Give \$2,500 Per Month For Rest of Year.

County council this morning devoted considerable attention to the government report on the county roads and the allowances made by the department.

Mr. Vermilyea said the department depends more on the reports of their young engineers than in those of road superintendents. The plan is evidently to keep down the expenditure. The department gets \$400,000 from auto licenses and the Good Roads are granted only \$250,000, whereas they should get the entire auto license revenue.

Hastings should take some stand in opposition to the Good Roads system, said Reeve Montgomery. This county by reason of its being heavily burdened should be able to get some relief. We should show the department that we think we are not getting a square deal.

Mr. A. D. McIntosh, district representative and Mr. Wyatt, field secretary of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, formed a deputation which appeared before the council.

A great deal of the road work should come under the head of construction instead of repair and reconstruction.

members of Hastings who had tried to have the county roads receive fair treatment, had been unable to accomplish their wishes, the council would have to get busy to protect the county.

We can help ourselves within our own boundaries, the provincial government cannot do anything, said Mr. Ketcheson. If we grow arbitrary, others may become the same. He quoted the situation of Sidney, which has four bridges over the Trent River, imposing a heavy burden on the township, yet the entire central district of Ontario profit by these. He suggested that the government be requested to assume some of the burdens imposed by the Hydro Electric and other changes. He referred to the loss of power assessment. Personally he thought the Good Roads System a good one.

Every shilling the automobile pays into the provincial treasury should be handed over to our roads and as much more as can be spared, said Mr. Vermilyea.

Mr. P. McLaren stated that Hastings was the only county that seemed to suffer under the division: 40 per cent for construction, 20 per cent for repairs.

"If we are always going to repair our roads, we shall only get the 20 per cent," said Mr. Ketcheson. "If money allowed, we should build better roads and drain them. Drainage is what we want to secure permanence to the Hastings roadways."

Hastings and Patriotic Fund. Mr. A. D. McIntosh, district representative and Mr. Wyatt, field secretary of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, formed a deputation which appeared before the council.

Mr. Wyatt dealt with a few criticisms of the fund. He urged keeping in advance of the needs. It should be no matter of regret if some families are better off now than ever before. The soldiers are at a mighty dangerous occupation. The man at home cannot find fault with too liberal grants. If anyone thinks the pay profitable, he has the privilege of stepping into the khaki uniform. The fund is national and is economically managed. The average donation to the fund has been \$5. per Canadian.

He urged that the council should grant an increased monthly payment. In March 78 families drew \$959.50; in April 120 drew \$1,637; in May 142 drew \$1,860, and in June 175 will draw \$2,079.

"If you are worrying over the surplus, you must remember that the figures are continually going up by leaps and bounds throughout Canada."

It has been suggested that the council should vote \$2,500 per month for the rest of the year. Sixteen Ontario Counties are giving 1 1/2 to 4 1/2 mills for 1916. At the rate of 1 1/2 mills, Hastings would raise \$24,000. The rate throughout Canada is \$1.35 per head. This would work out at \$46,000 for Hastings for 1916. At the city and town rate of \$5.40 per head, Hastings would give \$186,000. This is of course unfair to compare city and rural municipalities.

There is every indication of a bountiful supply of fruit o fall kinds in this vicinity if not blasted by so much wet and cool weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellis and son visited friends at Rose Hall on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cruikshank and children of Melville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Ellis on Sunday.

June Wedding

CLARK—THOMPSON. At St. Thomas' Anglican church, on Tuesday afternoon at two-thirty, the marriage took place of Miss Edna M. Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Thompson, Ann Street, to Mr. W. Edmund Clark, Rev Canon Beamish officiating. Miss Stella Thompson, sister of the bride was bridesmaid and Mr. Amos Myose did honors for the groom. The wedding was very quiet, none but immediate relatives being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark left on their honeymoon on the afternoon train for the west. On their return they will reside on Turnbull Street. The best wishes of a host of friends are extended to them for a happy wedded life.

BURIED AT ZION'S HILL.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Nelson Sills, who died at Leisgang, Sask., took place yesterday at Zion's Hill Church, where Rev. Mr. Huffman conducted an impressive service. The funeral was very large, many mourners having followed the remains to the church. Interment was in the family plot in Zion's Hill Cemetery.

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ZION NOTES

Wedding bells are ringing. Miss Lenora Lloyd with her friend Miss G. A number from here wedding of Ward and ner Settlement. We are sorry to hear of Mrs. Nelson Sills suddenly at her grandd the West. Mrs. T. Lloyd is con house with the mumps. Miss Neva Sills is on Mr. E. Reid spent We at Mr. R. Reid. Owing to the rainy we are having difficulty to

BLESSING TO

Farmers are beginning seriously of the planting keep the ground too we and in another week it late for potatoes. Mr. Clarence and Mi spent Sunday with friend Miss Bessie O'Sullivan training of Brockville, a O'Sullivan of Lonsdale a end with their sister Mrs. Mrs. Geo. Miller of nding her son Robert, this