



RECRUITS FOR 70th BATTALION

Recruiting is now opened for 70th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Recruiting Stations for Lambton County are located at Sarnia, Petrolia, Alvinston, Watford, Forest, Thedford.

Watford Recruiting Station is in charge of Lieut. E. W. Lawrence.

ARKONA

An item last week reading, "Geo. Smith, manager of the Arkona basket factory" should have read "manager of the evaporator." The mistake was the type-setter's. Mr. Smith has no connection with the basket factory, which is owned and managed by Mr. Samuel Rivers.

Mr. Philpot, the popular soloist, will give several of his sacred songs in the Anglican church here Sunday, Sept. 19th.

Mrs. Arthur Jackson and family have returned to their home in Sudbury after spending six weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Jackson.

Mrs. O'Neil and daughter, of Wyoming, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson.

Mrs. W. Lucas is spending the week with friends in London.

Messrs. Norman and Henry Rivers, of Strathroy, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. Jas. Jackson spent a few days last week in Toronto.

Mrs. McCallum is spending a few weeks with friends in Aylmer.

Dr. Copeland and family left on Monday for their new home in London.

Miss I. Dickson wishes to announce her millinery openings Saturday, Sept. 18th.

Mr. Will Garden, of Standard Bank staff, is spending a few days at his home in Parkhill.

Miss Annie Augustine has returned home after spending the summer in Toronto and Port Hope.

Call and see our line of new fall dress goods.—Brown Bros.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Lucas on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Miss Moore gave a paper on "Medical Inspection of School Children." The cemetery report was read and it was decided to ask all plot holders in the Arkona cemetery who have not paid their dues to kindly do so before the 1st October.

The Women's Institute of Arkona will pack a quantity of jam, honey and maple syrup for the Red Cross Hospitals at the home of Mrs. Fred Melson on Wednesday, Sept. 22nd. All to be packed in one quart sealers. Any persons not members of the Institute are welcome to send with this bale of goods.

KERWOOD.

Remember the Kerwood school fair Oct. 4th.

Rev. Ball spent a few days in Ilderton and Exeter.

Mrs. Waddell returned from visiting friends in London.

Mrs. Barber, Komoka, is visiting her mother Mrs. McIntyre.

Miss Jessie Galbraith, of Hamilton, is home for her holidays.

Mr. Fred Armstrong, of Grand Rapids, is holidaying with his parents here.

Miss Freda Richardson spent the week end with Miss M. Fortune, Watford.

Mrs. McLaughlin and little daughter, of Toronto, are guests of Mrs. Chittick.

The Kerwood Institute will meet in the I. O. D. F. hall on Monday, Sept. 20th.

The young ladies' basket ball team expect to be champion players by next summer.

The Kerwood Patriotic circle will meet

OFFICIAL FRUIT BULLETIN

Fruit Branch—Dept. of Agriculture

Not many days left for securing the best of Peaches and Plums. Crawford and Elberta peaches are obtainable at moderate prices, but prompt action will be necessary to those wishing a supply of these delicious, health-giving fruits. It is impossible to have too much fruit in our Canadian winters. The Red Cross Society would be grateful for a few jars for our boys in France, and the Overseas Club has promised to look after delivery. Every Canadian housewife should put down all the fruit—especially Peaches and Plums—that she can possibly afford.

\$7.75 to \$8.55; pigs, \$7.25 to \$7.50; roughs \$6.40 to \$6.50; stags, \$4.50 to \$5.75. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 400 head; market active and unchanged.

Welland vs. Panama

The Welland canal has seven times more vessels and fifty per cent more tonnage than the Panama canal. Below is the record for the past six months:—

Total No. of Vessels to Pass.	
Welland Canal.....	3,314
Panama Canal.....	496
Total Cargo Tonnage.	
Welland Canal.....	3,484,327
Panama Canal.....	2,367,244

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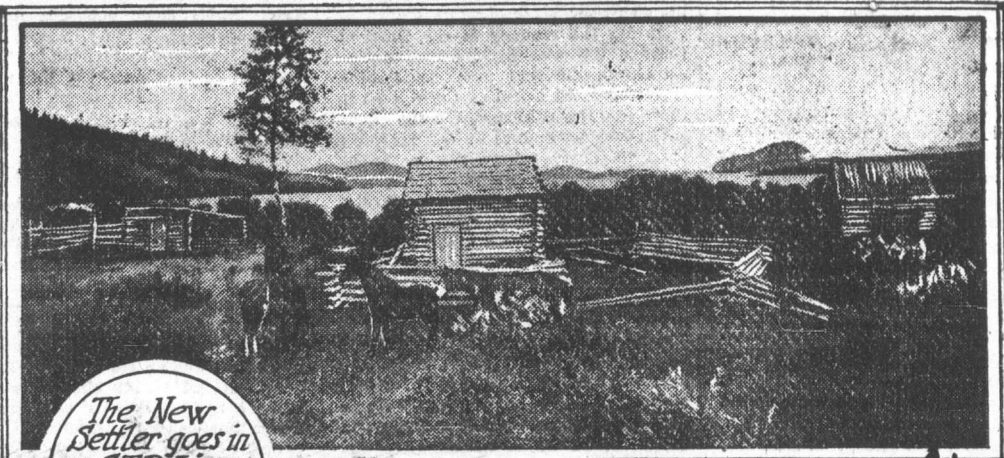
Note the Governments Advertising telling you about Canadian Crawford Peaches. You should see your Grocer at once and put down an extra supply of Niagara Peninsula Grown Fruits. This year quality is extra fine for canning. Fruit means good health.

Mrs. David Anderson, Forest, broke her wrist Monday evening, in a fall from the back door of her residence. During the day the steps were taken away to be replaced with new ones, and after dark without thinking, Mrs. Anderson stepped out. Her shoulder was also badly sprained.

The machine gun campaign put on by the people of Forest resulted most successfully. The 24 ladies who canvassed the town on Wednesday, the 1st inst., for contributions, secured nearly the full amount required in a few hours.

Live cattle intended for slaughter at the port of landing will be admitted to England beginning September 21, thus abrogating the prohibitory order issued by the board of trade more than five years ago. A reduction in the cost of beef, estimated in some quarters at 25 per cent, is expected in consequence of the new departure. Importers of frozen meat will have formidable competition, although full developments of the trade in live cattle may be delayed by the present high freight rates and the shortage of suitable shipping facilities.

Throws Open Millions OF ACRES OF RICH LAND for the Settler.



The New Settler goes in on G.T.P. Line. This land is at Fraser Lake



Typical Hay Field, with Mountains in Background.

STRIKING FACTS IN GOVT. REPORT

Building of Grand Trunk Pacific Line Reveals Many Fertile Valleys in B.C.

"The 'Back to the Land' movement is taking place steadily but surely throughout the province of British Columbia and if this movement is directed along right lines we shall soon be supplying our own markets and eventually exporting."

Such is the declaration made by Mr. W. E. Scott, Deputy Minister of Agriculture in the British Columbia Government. This official, with Mr. W. T. McDonald, Live Stock Commissioner, has just returned from an extended tour through the central portion of the province for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the new country along the Grand Trunk Pacific's Transcontinental Line, now open for through passenger service.

In his report, the Deputy Minister says:—

"There have been many opinions expressed about the lands in Central British Columbia contiguous to the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific. Our observations led us conclusively to the opinion that this part of the province is a country, the future of which is assured as a stock raising and mixed farming country."

"After leaving Prince Rupert, on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, there is practically no land suitable for agricultural purposes until Terrace is reached, 100 miles from Prince Rupert. Here the Klamath, Kalem and Lakelse Valleys extend on each side of the Skeena River. There is probably an area of 250,000 acres of land in these two valleys suitable for agriculture. Considerable development has been effected lately in the Klamath Valley. The clearing here, in comparison with our coast districts, is comparatively light. The soil is very productive and is well suited for general mixed farming purposes. Dairying, poultry raising and small fruit and vegetable growing may be prosecuted successfully. The district is particularly well suited for growing strawberries and other small fruits, the quality of the berries being very high and realizing good prices on the Prince Rupert market."

The Bulkley Valley.

"Our next stop was at Smithers, in the centre of the famous Bulkley Valley. A very large amount of development work has been undertaken during the past year in this magnificent



A Sample of the Oats Grown on these Valley Lands

valley. The quality of a large proportion of the land is all that could be desired, and very good crops are raised thereon. Crops of oats promising to run 100 bushels to the acre were seen, and all prospects were most encouraging. Farmers are realizing that the time has arrived when they should develop their lands, and land-clearing operations are in evidence on all sides.

"It is difficult to estimate the amount of land suitable for agriculture in this wonderful valley, but it runs into many hundreds of thousands of acres."

Nechaco Valley.

"Proceeding along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, Fraser Lake is reached. A considerable number of settlers have gone into this district lately and are proceeding to clear land and develop their holdings. The next stop was at Vanderhoof, in the centre of the famous Nechacho Valley. We were immensely impressed with the enormous extent of good land in the Nechacho Valley, most of which can be cleared at a very low cost indeed. A large number of settlers have gone in there, and on all sides one sees signs of activity. Settlers' log houses are springing up in every direction, and considerable energy is being shown by most of them in clearing their lands and getting them into crops. Fields

100 acres in extent in grain were noticed.

"There are many tracts of good agricultural land adjacent to Prince George, whilst at the same time there is a considerable area of jack pine land, where the soil is light and therefore is not the best land for agricultural purposes."

"The wonderful country visited between Hazelton and Prince George has a great future ahead of it, now that transportation has been effected. It is a big country with a big future, and, as soon as times improve and conditions right themselves, a big forward movement must take place. The country traversed grows magnificent crops of timothy, oats and barley. Wheat may also be grown successfully if care is exercised in getting the seed sown as early as possible so as to avoid damage from frosts. Potatoes and other vegetables and small fruits do very well, but my observations lead me to the conclusion that this part of the province is not adapted for growing tree fruits commercially. Certain of the harder varieties may be grown all right for home use, but every effort should be made to prevent this country being advertised by any interested parties as suitable for commercial tree fruit growing. It is, par excellence, a stock and mixed farming country."