

COL. H. LABATT NOT PHYSICALLY SOUND WHEN HE ENLISTED

Evidence of One Who Considered His Case. OFFERS TO QUIT JOB Controversy Results in Suggestion to Reduce Income.

OTTAWA, May 10.—Col. H. Labatt, pensions commissioner, in connection with the granting of full disability pension to whom there has arisen a very considerable controversy, has written to the pensions commission of the House of Commons offering either to resign from the board or to have deducted from his salary of \$5,000 a year, the amount of his pension which is \$1,890 plus \$240 for his two children, per annum. It has not been stated whether the proposal will be accepted or not, or what may be the alternative.

Before the pensions commission yesterday, Col. Labatt's pension again came up for consideration. The discussion raised an interesting point in connection with functional troubles, which have developed or been induced prior to enlistment. Under present conditions it is customary to limit the percentage of disability of any man to what has actually so far as can be ascertained, contracted while on service.

Officers Not Examined. In the case of many officers, however, it has been impossible to ascertain anti-enlistment disorders because of the fact that the only record of fitness was the granting of the commission which was taken in itself to be a certificate of fitness. With non-coms and men it was different.

There is now a movement on foot to have no account taken of functional disorders, contracted prior to enlistment. Even in the case of rank and file men, on the assumption that if a man has been passed for service, the responsibility is upon the authorities for anything which may develop on service. There have been a great many hardships because of anti-enlistment disorders, aggravated by the fact that many cases of valvular trouble of the heart, have drawn but small pensions, because it was represented that such had been contracted prior to joining up.

One of Board Questioned. Yesterday Col. Donald McGillivray, who was one of the boards, which considered the Labatt case recently, gave evidence.

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THE GERMAN MOTHER HUBBARD

"The quantity of wheat seized was insignificant, and to obtain it the German soldiers have created among the Ukrainian people an undying hatred of Germany."—Daily Press.



Old Kaiser Cain went to Ukraine To get his starved people some corn; But when he got there the Ukrainians were bare—And the Huns wish they'd never been born.

—London Opinion.

LOSSES BY U-BOATS ARE CUT IN HALF COMPARED TO 1917

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Official French statistics on the submarine warfare, received here in a dispatch from France today, show that the total losses of Allied and neutral ships, including accidents at sea, were approximately one-half as great during April, this year, as in April, 1917.

In April, last year, 634,655 gross tons were lost, while this April's figures are 381,631.

Attacks are now more costly for the enemy, the dispatch points out, owing to the fact that the attacks are chiefly made with torpedoes instead of gunboats, as was the case before merchant ships were adequately and efficiently armed. Attention is also called to the fact that each time the Germans have made an offensive on land they made a corresponding effort with their submarines. Thus, during the second half of March the number and activities of their submarines increased. The first half of April marked a very distinct lessening attributed to the counter-efforts of the enemy, the dispatch points out, owing to the fact that the attacks are chiefly made with torpedoes instead of gunboats, as was the case before merchant ships were adequately and efficiently armed.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

DAIRY BUTTER DOWN; CREAMERY IS FIRM

Prices Reduced on Local Market Today—Onions Show Advance.

Butter dropped in price on the market this morning, dairy, pool rolls, selling at 45c a pound wholesale, and 47c a pound retail. Creamery butter, sold at 47c a pound, and selling at 44c a pound wholesale. Creamery butter remains the same.

Vegetables were plentiful, rhubarb selling from 40c to 50c a dozen bunches and green onions at 30c a dozen bunches. Home-grown potatoes were in good demand selling from \$1.75 to \$1.50 a bushel.

Large quantities of tomatoes, cabbage and onion plants were offered by the vegetable growers, selling at 20c a box wholesale and 25c a box retail. Dry onions advanced to \$1.25 a bushel.

Live hogs are higher, doing at \$20 a cwt. The Toronto live hog market is firm and the price may go higher here. The price of live sows has advanced to \$17 a cwt. Dressed hogs remain at \$28.

Eggs show a slight advance, crate lots, wholesale, selling at 37½c a dozen, and 38c a dozen, retail. Eggs, sold at 35c a dozen, and 36c a dozen, retail. The price of eggs is firm.

Hay is in good demand, selling from \$12 to \$14 a ton. There is no change in the prices of butchers' meat.

Grain, Cwt.—Oats, per cwt., \$2.80 to \$2.82. Wheat, per bu., \$2.10 to \$2.12. Corn, per bu., \$1.10 to \$1.12. Barley, per bu., \$1.10 to \$1.12. Rye, per bu., \$1.10 to \$1.12. Clover, per ton, \$14.00 to \$14.20. Alfalfa, per ton, \$14.00 to \$14.20.

Vegetables—Celery, per doz., 75 to 80. Carrots, per doz., 75 to 80. Radishes, doz bunches, 50 to 60. Turnips, per bu., 50 to 60. Beets, per bu., 50 to 60. Green onions, 30 to 35. Hay, per ton, 12.00 to 14.00. Straw, per ton, 7.00 to 8.00.

Butter, creamery, lb., 52 to 53. Butter, dairy, lb., 47 to 48. Butter, crocks, lb., 45 to 46. Eggs, per doz., 40 to 45. Butter, creamery, Wholesale, 50 to 55. Butter, dairy, Wholesale, 45 to 50. Butter, crocks, Wholesale, 40 to 45. Eggs, crate lots, 35 to 40. Eggs, basket lots, 35 to 40. Chickens, per lb., 25 to 30. Ducks, per lb., 25 to 30. Turkeys, per lb., 25 to 30. Live Stock—Hogs, per cwt., 20.00 to 20.50. Beef, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Veal, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Mutton, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Lamb, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Pork, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Bacon, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Ham, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Sausages, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Canned goods, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Dried goods, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Pickles, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Condiments, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Spices, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Nuts, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Fruits, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Vegetables, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Grains, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Seeds, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Flowers, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Plants, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50. Miscellaneous, per cwt., 17.00 to 17.50.

Chicago, May 10.—Opening: Corn, May, \$1.27½; July, \$1.44½; September, \$1.44½; December, \$1.44½. Wheat, May, \$2.10½; July, \$2.10½; September, \$2.10½; December, \$2.10½. Barley, May, \$1.10½; July, \$1.10½; September, \$1.10½; December, \$1.10½. Rye, May, \$1.10½; July, \$1.10½; September, \$1.10½; December, \$1.10½. Clover, May, \$14.00; July, \$14.00; September, \$14.00; December, \$14.00. Alfalfa, May, \$14.00; July, \$14.00; September, \$14.00; December, \$14.00.

Chicago, May 11.—Expectation that planting would be in full swing next week sent the corn market sharply downward. The British common wheat market was firm, and there were reports that seeds of nearly all kinds were being freely offered at reduced prices. Fresh measures by the food administration to curb high prices for certain kinds of foodstuffs, according to market. Opening quotations, which ranged from 1½c to 1½c lower, with May at \$1.27½ and July at \$1.44½, were followed by a slight reaction.

Oats, like corn, showed decided weakness. Absence of demand from the seaboard did much to depress the price of support. After opening at \$1.10½, May closed down at \$1.08½, and July at \$1.25½, prices continued to recede.

Winnipeg, May 11.—Oats opened 1½c lower for May at 73½; July, 84½; 1½c lower at 73½. There were 202 cars of all grains inspected. Exports, 326 cars for the same date last year.

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