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RELATIONS BETWEEN FARMERS AND HANDS REPORTED FAVORABLE

Employment Inspector Pleased With Rural Conditions.

FEW COMPLAINTS MADE

Frost Damage Has Been Confined To Belts Through Certain Sections.

Immigration Inspector Parrel of the Ontario Government Employment Bureau, after returning from a trip throughout the district, reports that conditions on the farms of the vicinity and particularly the relations between the farmers and their employees are exceptionally favorable.

At the majority of the farms Mr. Parrel visited perfect co-operation between the farmers and their men was manifested. Little complaint was voiced either by the farm hands or their employers. The larger portion of the crops has been harvested, and the hard hand will terminate with the planting of the fall wheat.

Labor conditions on the farms are quite satisfactory. Although every available man is asked to apply at the bureau for employment, as many additional men are needed for occupations throughout the country, the farms have not experienced a loss of men from the farms.

In certain districts the bean, tomato and corn crops have suffered to a large extent from frost, and this has added to the work of many farmers. The ravages of frost had no effect upon the greater part of the crops, but a noticeable deterioration has taken place in streaks in certain districts.

Y. W. C. A. MAY BUY FRASER HOUSE FOR BOARDING HOUSE

Deal Pending for Taking Over Building by Association.

The Y. W. C. A. has entered into negotiations with the owners of the Fraser House with the idea of purchasing the property as a boarding house for the association. A meeting has been held between the Fraser House and the Y. W. C. A. to discuss the matter, and another is to be held soon, at which a decision is to be reached. The Fraser House, with some alterations, would be an ideal spot for the association.

WILL REMOUE COURSE

Lieut. Mel Jones Returning to O. A. C. at Guelph to Graduate.

Found unfit for active service for at least twelve months because of wounds received some time ago in France, Lieut. Mel Jones will resume his course at the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, a third-year student at that institution when he enlisted with the O. A. C. Company, although he had qualified for a lieutenancy by taking a course of training here. In England he was given an appointment, and had been in France some time before receiving his wounds. He returned to Canada some months ago.

50 PER CENT OF LONDON WOMEN SIGNING CARDS

Half Pledges So Far Distributed Have Been Signed and Accepted.

SOME COOL RECEPTIONS

Canvassers Meet Many Who Decline To Cut Down On Beef.

HINTS AT COMPULSION

Workers Declare That Bread and Meat Tickets Will Come If Voluntary Method Fails.

"I've never done anything wrong in my life. My husband has never done anything wrong in his life, and we have never signed our names to anything. If we sign our names to that, first thing we know, our grocer will be refusing to give us anything. The grocer is right."

The foregoing was an answer given to two of the visitors representing the local food conservation committee by a woman who was asked to sign a card to the effect that she would cut down on her consumption of meat and butter.

This state of self-satisfaction, however, was not generally met on the first day of the canvass, nor were many found who regarded pledges to assist in reducing wheat, beef and bacon for the troops and the Allies equivalent to backing out of a card.

Fifty per cent or more of the visits paid to date have brought satisfactory results. In the homes where the pledges were not signed, the literature was left to be studied at leisure, and in the majority of cases, second calls will be made. During the campaign, every home in the city is to be visited once, at least, even if the time for the canvass must be extended until far into next week. This statement was definitely made to the Advertiser today by Mrs. C. A. Jones, convener of the committee.

In many cases, the housewives are found prepared to do the best they can. They have informed themselves in advance. They thoroughly understand that a definite call has come to Canada and the United States to make up a large part of the war effort. They are aware of the wheat required to feed the fighting men in Britain and the Allies, and another harvest. They furthermore have grasped the fact that beef and bacon are in large quantities in the hands of the enemy, and that the possibility of their being asked owing to the fact that these goods are absolutely necessary to the troops and the men must have them or "fight on empty stomachs" for the people who live in comfort.

The housewives who have taken the trouble to really inform themselves, express themselves as willing to do all in their power to help, particularly if they have men in the service.

Question of Substitution. On the other hand, there are a number who want to know, a trifle belligerently, why they should deprive their families of the food they need. In these cases, the canvassers explain that it is not a case of depriving, but of substituting other foods to take the place in home consumption of those imperatively needed overseas.

"I am I to know what a good substitute?" one woman wanted to know, and the same question came in a number of other forms.

A little booklet, "The Housewife and War," answers this question with several recipes, especially for the use of wheat substitutes.

VOTE ON RETENTION OF BOARD CONTROL SEEMS CERTAIN NOW

Second "Chamber" of Council May Cease After This Year.

That there will be a vote of the electors on the retention of the board of control seems certain. There is no possibility of the controllers going out of business this coming year in any event. The law gives them another year, even if the citizens decided to get rid of them. Opinion is pretty well divided on the necessity of a board of control.

RETURNED SOLDIERS WILL ARRIVE IN LONDON ON THURSDAY AT 11:15 A.M.

Between fifty and sixty invalided soldiers are expected to arrive from Quebec via C. P. R., at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday.

CHUMS IN 142ND AND AT FRONT WOUNDED WITHIN FIVE DAYS



Pte. Leo Willis



Pte. Alvie Steele

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Willis of Mr. Bryce's heavy rec'd word that their son, Pte. Leo Willis, was wounded in the arm on August 16. He enlisted with the 142nd Battalion in this city, and went overseas last November. He was transferred to another battalion. Pte. Alvie Steele is a chum of Pte. Willis and was wounded five days later on August 16. He is seriously wounded with gunshot in the legs and a fractured knee. Both boys have been in the trenches since March and were employed at the Sherlock-Manning piano factory before joining the colors.

COMBINATION IN MAYOR'S SCHEME FINDS NO FAVOR

Western Fair Directors Do Not Take It Seriously.

NO ACTION THIS YEAR

Present Board Will Not Move To Combine Fair Secretary With Commissioner.

The Western Fair directors do not take seriously the suggestion of Mayor H. A. Stevenson that the duties of secretary of the Fair and of the commissioner of industries be combined. The finance committee will deal with the question at the next meeting. The council has only 25 per cent control of the Fair. The Eastern Middle West Agricultural Society elects annually six members. The council selects six. The council is chosen at the annual meeting, and represent probably 50 organizations throughout Canada. The association was incorporated by act of the Legislature, and is in operation under this act. Any change suggested by Mayor Stevenson will be opposed by many of the other organizations.

We should pay no attention to the suggestion," said a director to the Advertiser. "We have made a success of the Western under present methods, and I do not know that there will be any change. Certain it is that the present board will take no action. In terms of usefulness is ended peacefully. The new board will take no suggestions of this sort, but we will not."

OAT PRICES JUMP TO \$2.00 TODAY ON LOCAL MARKET

Scarcity of Shorts In Country Given As Reason.

Despite the fact that a particularly good yield of oats was harvested by farmers of the district this year, the price of the grain jumped as high as \$2.00 a bushel today. The largest local crop, not unexpected, as the offering of oats on the market of late has not the slowest in years.

For the first time in weeks as much as six bushels were offered today and the price advanced to \$2.00 a bushel. One farmer received as high as \$2.00, while others got the usual price of \$1.50 a bushel.

The large advance is accounted for by the high price and the small quantity of shorts in the country. It is not expected that a large decline will occur for some weeks at least. The value of oats, but some are optimistic that a change for a lower price will take place when local dealers have bought up the immediate available supply.

ANOTHER REQUEST TO MAKE ALL INQUIRIES FROM OTTAWA DISTRICT

Relatives of C. E. F. Men Can Get Quicker Service, Says Col. Brown.

Inquiries regarding members of the Central Postal Directory should be sent to the militia district headquarters in this city, whence they will be forwarded to the relevant office at Ottawa, and the men who send for information to England will only suffer long delay before they receive the desired information. The following letter received by the Advertiser from Lieut.-Col. Brown, Canadian Adjutant-General at Ottawa, is of interest to all citizens who desire information to communicate with the authorities in this district:

To the Editor of the Advertiser:—I shall be obliged to you if you will kindly bring to the attention of your readers the fact that inquiries concerning members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force should not be sent to England, but to the authorities in this district. The following information is available: The men are available in the district headquarters, and in most instances, is able to impart the information from two weeks to a month earlier than could be done by the authorities overseas.

All inquiries, therefore, concerning members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force should be sent directly to district headquarters, and will be transmitted to Ottawa immediately, for attention. Yours truly, WALTER JAMES BROWN, Lieutenant-Colonel, Acting A. A. G., M. D. No. 1.

EVANGELIST DIES

George Clarke Booth, Former Christian Workers' Pastor, Passes Away in Hospital.

George Clarke Booth, who has conducted a number of successful evangelistic services in the vicinity of London, died Monday at Victoria Hospital, where he had been taken more than two months ago as a result of hemorrhage of the lungs. He was 52 years of age, and although he had lived in London for only nine years, he was known to many.

For some time he was pastor of the Ottawa Avenue Christian Workers' Church, resigning this charge to join the Baptist Church shortly before the announcement of the outbreak of the war. He was a member of the Ottawa Avenue Christian Workers' Church, and had been in London for some time and in the winter of 1916-17 conducted evangelistic campaigns at Hessel, Iona, Thorndale and other centres.

The parents of Mr. Booth reside on Ossington avenue, Toronto. One brother, former membership secretary of the Central Y. M. C. A., Toronto, was killed in action with the Canadian forces in France.

A funeral service was held today at the home of Benjamin Goney, 840 St. Lawrence street. The remains will be forwarded at 5 o'clock this evening to Toronto, where interment will take place.

COUNCIL WILL PAY NO MORE ACCOUNTS FOR AJAX BYLAW

Much Routine Business Disposed Of Last Night.

FIREMEN'S UNIFORMS

New Tenders for Supplies Will Be Asked For Shortly.

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