NEW BOARDS CUT DOWN TOTAL OF MEDICAL TESTS

Reduce Number of Eligibles Being Examined Here Under M. S. A.

11 RECRUITS ON THURSDAY

More Men From British-Canadian Mission Swelling Ranks of W.O.R. Depot.

New medical boards throughout the district are beginning to have some effect on the applications for medical examination under the military service act here. Men who pass before the boards each day number well over 100, but for the past days have not reached the 165 mark, which was established early this week. The total on Thursday, including eleven men examined with a view to enlistment, was 137.

The majority of the men who signed on were from the United States enlisted by the British and Canadian recruiting mission. All will train with the 1st Depot Battalion, Western Ontario Regiment, except H. G. Rayner, an Englishman, who was assigned to the Forestry Training Depot. The recruits were: T. Koncenwick, D. Buyeff, Russia; B. J. Roe, C. E. Lamont, C. O. Kenir, H. D. Brinsan, Canada; H. Barbrush, James Evans, W. R. White, England; F. Rehm, Syria.

The total of men examined under the military service act was 126. They were categorized as follows:

Class A, combatant service overseas	63
Class B, non-combatant service overseas	19
Class C, service in Canada	5
Class D, doubtful	12
Class E, unfit	27
Total	126

BURIED AT LAKEVIEW.

SARNIA, Oct. 25.—The funeral of Helen McCrae, daughter of the late Robert Ferguson, who died in Ottawa on Tuesday, was held from the undertaking parlors of Phippend & Simpson today. Interment at Lakeview Cemetery.

North End Enthuses Over Possibilities of Civic League There

Constitution and Plans for Future To Be Framed This Evening.

Great enthusiasm has been aroused in the north end of the city over the proposed organization of a Civic League for men and women, with the Ryerson School as the social centre. Some time ago, a preliminary meeting was held and another meeting has been called for this evening for the purpose of organization, framing a constitution, and planning a program.

A interesting program of music and readings has been arranged for tonight, and the objects of the new association will be explained. Questions of the day of live interest will be discussed by the league during the coming winter with variety in the way of consideration of literary subjects, debates, and probably dramatic entertainments. The up-to-date Ryerson School is fortunate in possessing an excellent auditorium and stage suitable for the presentation of dramatic performances.

SERVED ON SHIP LOST IN DRIVE ON DARDANELLES FORTS

Royal Marine With Long War Record, Visits in London

Unexpected orders to report at Quebec terminated the visit here of Corp. G. J. Moyse of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, who was staying with his cousin, J. Axford of 69 Stanley street, on his way from the China station of the royal navy to England.

Corp Moyse has a long war record to his credit, and was serving as a marine on H. M. S. Goliath when that warship was sunk in the Dardanelles. He had expected to be able to spend some days in this city until the sudden orders to report at Quebec arrived.

GOING TO BRANTFORD.

SOMBRA, Oct. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. William Duncan and family have returned from Brantford, Ont. Mr. Duncan has accepted a position as printer with the Thistle Rubber Type Company.

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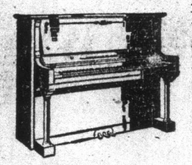

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$20 PRICE FOR HOGS UPSET BY TODAY'S DECLINE

Freely Predicted Increase Seems Doomed to Failure Now.

SURPLUS FOR NEXT YEAR

Buyers Believe There Will Be Plenty of Porkers for Sale in 1918.

Fluctuations in the price of live hogs during the last six months, and particularly the last month, have been very pronounced, and predictions that the $20 mark would be reached before winter have been made by hogmen all over the district. A decline recorded today, however, has distinctly changed the aspect of the porker market, insomuch that a normal range of values is expected to be seen before Christmas.

Although the country is admittedly drained of the best type of hog, owing to the scarcity of feed last year, today's decline is attributed to the efforts of the American and Canadian governments to curtail prices and generally supervise the trade of all markets.

Pigs started the war, and pigs will end the war, according to authorities on the subject. "Pigs will end the war," an eminent scholar of the subject is reported to have said. "Following the tremendous crop of the North American continent this year and the agitation for increased production of pork, the farmers will become wealthier than ever before, with the result that a larger acreage of crops will be sown and the country placed in a position to adequately feed the Entente Allies."

In the late days of 1914, newspapers were deploring the fact that live hogs had jumped to $8 a cwt., which represented an increase of $2 in six months. Porkers in the city last month sold at $18 a cwt., and today the prevailing prices range from $15 to $15.50. The quality of pork has been poor, and it is only by drawing on the dregs of the country that the miniature movement during the last six months has been maintained.

According to one author of international fame, "pigs is pigs," but this theory has not enjoyed verification during the last year, owing to the decreased multiplicity of "grunts." A more modern version of the definition of pigs is "pigs is cash."

Predict 1918 Surplus.

Local hog buyers are emphatic in stating that next year will see a surplus of hogs all over the country. Plenty of feed and the realization that hog production is a vitally important factor in Canada's contribution to winning the war are reasons advanced for the expected increase of "grunts."

CHARLTON IS FOR UNION GOVERNMENT

SIMCOE, Oct. 25.—W. A. Charlton, who has represented Norfolk County in the House of Commons as a Liberal for some years, has definitely announced his allegiance to the Union Government of Sir Robert Borden. In a letter published in the Simcoe Reformer today, addressed to H. B. Donly, president of the Norfolk County Liberal Association, Mr. Charlton says:

"More than two years ago I became impressed with the necessity for a Union Government. The gravity of the situation indicated clearly that party strife had no longer any rightful place in the affars of ths country, and during that time I have done all in my power toward the formation of such a government. . . . I feel it my duty to inform you in your official capacity as president of the Norfolk County Liberal Association that I am a supporter of the newly-formed Union Government. Their manifesto, issued a few days ago, should be satisfactory to all classes of people. This is no time for division. This is the darkest day in the history of the world. Our united efforts are essential for the preservation of civilization."

COAL IS SCARCE.

SARNIA, Oct. 25.—Figures procured by the coal director in the city of Port Huron reveal a shortage of 1,351 tons of anthracite in the homes of 410 Port Huron citizens. When the 520 additional orders are received the actual coal shortage will, it is believed, pass the 3,000-ton mark. Data compiled shows not only a gigantic fuel shortage of both anthracite and bituminous, but they show that Port Huron is actually suffering. In some families it shows that children are ill without a pound of coal in the house. Plans are now being prepared for the judicious distribution of the 500 tons which are expected to arrive this week.

LONDON ITALIANS CONFIDENT CADORNA WILL REPULSE HUNS

Letters From Front Makes Them Optimistic

50 IN FIRING LINE

Many From This City Answered Call of Motherland and Returned to War.

Members of the Italian colony in London are keenly interested in the latest German offensive on the Italian front. They are confident that Cadorna will smash the attackers and drive them back within a week.

Upwards of fifty Italians who made their homes in this city are now fighting in Austria. Most of them were reservists, but quite a number volunteered for service and returned at the call of their sunny motherland. Ten members of the original Marconi band are now in the fighting line, and letters received from them have told of the recent victories over the Austrians. The Italians have the longest front of any nation now in the war, and they have gone at some points several hundred miles into Austrian territory.

"Every drive is going to end the war according to Berlin," said an Italian who keeps in close touch with operations. "The Italians are in a position not only to repulse the Germans, but to administer a real defeat. Watch the happenings of the week."

MEDWAY WOMEN NOW IN SYMPATHY WITH FOOD PLEDGE IDEA

Many Sign Cards at Meeting Addressed by London Women Thursday.

Mrs. David Williams, chairman of the local food conservation committee, and Mrs. R. M. Graham, secretary, addressed the regular meeting of the Medway Red Cross Circle in the town hall, St. Johns, on Thursday. The arguments offered by them evidently proved convincing. A number who had not been in sympathy with signing food pledge cards before hearing the speakers, signed the cards before leaving the meeting. Arrangements were also made to distribute cards among housewives of the district who were not present.

It was decided to hold in the city in the near future a sale of good, country, home-made cooking, the proceeds to be used for soldiers' comforts. The circle has recently contributed the sum of $25 to the British Red Cross. Mrs. George McComb, president, was in the chair.

The Denfield and Ilderton Red Cross Circles are also considering taking up the food conservation movement, and Mrs. Williams has been invited to address them in the near future.

FISH DEMONSTRATION GIVEN MOTHERS' CLUB

Methods of Preparation and Use Shown in Practical Way.

How to prepare and cook fish was the special feature of the Lord Roberts Mothers' Club last evening in the domestic science room of the Lord Roberts School. Mrs. R. Day, a member of the St. George's Mothers' Club was the demonstrator. Mrs. Day emphasized the food value of fish, saying that it should be more often substituted for meat.

"Most people always consider skinning and boning fish a most difficult task," said Mrs. Day. She then demonstrated the most simple and easy way of doing this. How to use left-over fish and make most tempting dishes, salmon soup and fish cooked in several different ways was demonstrated.

After the instructive lecture, fish dishes were served, and opinions passed. Mrs. Boughner, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Rowat and Mrs Carson thanked Mrs. Day on behalf of the club.

RUTHVEN FARMERS READY FOR WINTER WITH BIG SMILE

Harvest Just Saved One of Richest Ever Put in Barns.

RUTHVEN, Oct. 25.—The fine harvest in this district is about all gathered in, and many of the large barns and cellars are filled to the roof with all kinds of first-class hay and grain for the livestock. The cellars and pits are also filled with an abundance of potatoes, carrots, cabbage, parsnips and many other vegetables.

A number of silos which were built here this fall are now all filled with the very best of feed. Hundreds of bushels of corn have already been husked and stored away in the granaries. In many fields the fodder has been hauled to the barns, and at several places large stacks have been built near the barns, which will make the best of feed for livestock all through the winter.

The large tobacco crop has been sold at a fancy price, and in a short time the growers will be busy stripping the weed and hauling it to the buyers.

Rain Has Helped.

The recent showers have greatly stimulated the growth of the fall wheat, which is now in the pink of condition.

Thousands of birds are now passing over here near the lake bank on their southern journey for the winter.

The fishermen all along the shore are making some big hauls. The whitefish are all large, and sell well.

The young men from this vicinity are daily going to Leamington to be examined for military service. Almost all are passing in class "A."

Patriotic Concert.

The ladies of the Patriotic League held a concert in the I. O. O. F. here this evening. A first-class program was put on.

The funeral of Francis Wigle was one of the largest ever held in this vicinity. It was held at the residence of his son Marshall, and was under the auspices of Beaver Lodge, I.O.O.F. Interment was made in Ruthven Cemetery. Mr. Wigle was 73 years old. He was postmaster here from 1885 until last year, when his son, T. H. Wigle, took over the position. Besides his wife, five sons survive: Arthur Wigle, agent Santa Fe Railway, Sweetwater, Texas; Mark L. Wigle, chief operator, C. B. and Q. Railway, Cameron, Mo.; Cameron and Marshall Wigle, on the farm, and T. H. Wigle, postmaster here. Two brothers and two sisters also survive: Burwell W. Wigle and Mrs. James Moore, Ruthven; Cornelius, Windsor, and Lucetta D. More, Mexico City, Mo.

MARINE NEWS

SARNIA.

SARNIA, Oct. 25.—Vessel Passages: Up—Andrews, Moll, Pohtiac, Mather, W. L. Smith, Campbell, Malletoa, Hoyte, Murphy, Pain, Ireland, Mitchell, Richardson, Ishpeming, Bessemer, Conneaut, Norton, Agnew, Shenango, Starke, Lumberman and consort, Ball, Nottingham.

Down—Adriatic, McIntosh, Australia, Thomas Barlum, Glenlyon, L. C. Hanna, Hazard, Huron, C. A. Reiss, Campbell, Manoula, Watt and consort, J. Barlum, Sweden, Smithh and consort, Richland Star, Tomlinson, Menns, Squire, Saxon, Colonel, Sawyer and consort.

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WOMEN OF DISTRICT BUSY PACKING GIFTS FOR BOYS AT FRONT

Christmas Boxes Being Sent Overseas From All Over Ontario.

ATWOOD, Oct. 25.—A big meeting of the women belonging to Elma Centre Patriotic League is called for Monday next to pack Christmas boxes, to be sent to the boys from this district now at the front. The Christmas cake, which is to be divided, weighs 78¾ pounds.

GIFTS FOR COMRADES.

KINGSVILLE, Oct. 25.—The members of the Sons of England Lodge have forwarded to each of the brethren overseas a Christmas parcel, containing pipe tobacco, cigarettes, chewing gum and chocolate. The lodge has 23 members on active service.

SPECIALLY MENTIONED.

CHATHAM, Oct. 25.—Signaller Hillman Snell, who received the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery on the field, has been specially mentioned in connection with the work which resulted in the decoration. "He received the medal for repairing the telegraph wires under heavy fire," a member of the same corps has reported to the parents of the soldier. Snell enlisted with the Toronto University Battery.

A FINE SHOWING.

LEAMINGTON, Oct. 25.—The medical board has examined 250 eligibles under the military service act. Of these, 60 per cent were placed in class "A," the highest percentage of any town yet visited.

NAIRN GAVE GENEROUSLY.

NAIRN, Oct. 25.—The concert and shower in aid of Christmas boxes for the boys of this district now in the trenches was a splendid success. More than enough articles to fill the boxes were brought in, and enough was left over to make a nice box for a soldier in another section. In addition, $10.10 was secured in cash. Duncan Ross, M.P., of Strathroy, gave a fine patriotic address, and the musical program included: Song by Pte. Exley, returned; solo, Miss Auld; violin selection, Irvine Barnes. Miss Ada Munro of Ailsa Craig was accompanist.

The Red Cross canvass is in progress here, and from present indications the returns will be about the same as last year. The local collection is being made by Alex Malcolm.

BOARD FOR TILBURY.

TILBURY, Oct. 25.—On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week a military medical board will be in Tilbury at the fire hall to examine young men who are liable for service. This will be a great convenience to the young men of Tilbury, Tilbury East, Tilbury North, Tilbury West and Romney.

AUTUMN WEDDINGS

HODGINS—CORBETT.

A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Brinsley, on Wednesday, when A. Arnold Hodgins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hodgins, of Lucan, was united in marriage with Agnes Estelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Corbett, of Brinsley. The ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. S. F. Whealen.

At 10 a.m., to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Miss Aileen Corbett, the bride entered the church, on the arm of her father, and took her place under an arch of pink and white asters, where the groom awaited her.

During the signing of the register, after the ceremony, W. L. Stokes sang "O Perfect Love."

The bride looked very pretty in a gown of white silk crepe and taffeta, with veil trimmed with pearls and orange blossoms, and carrying a bouquet of cream rosebuds.

The groom's gift to the bride was a gold wrist watch, to the organist a gold brooch, and to Mr. Stokes a scarfpin.

After the wedding dinner, served at the home of the bride's parents, the happy couple left on the afternoon train from Ailsa Cral gfor Toronto and other points east. On their return they will reside on Mr. Hodgins' farm in Biddulph.

LOCKE—BURTON.

MIDDLEMARCH, Oct. 25.—The wedding took place at the home of Edward Burton on Wednesday afternoon of his daughter, Miss Zella Fern Burton, and William E. Locke, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Locke, Edgeware road, Yarmouth. Rev. W. H. Harvey, of the First Methodist Church, St. Thomas, performed the ceremony. After the ceremony the bride and groom partook of a dainty wedding breakfast, after which they left for a wedding trip to Buffalo, Toronto and points east.

DELINE—BELL.

DRESDEN, Oct. 25.—A pretty wedding was quietly solemnized on Wednesday afternoon at the Presbyterian manse here, when Miss Ellen Bell of Rutherford was united in marriage to Earl C. Deline of Dresden. Rev. Mr. McRae officiated. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Deline took the evening train for Cleveland, where they will spend a short honeymoon, and on their return will reside on Sydenham street.

SHOWER FOR SOLDIERS.

SARNIA, Oct. 25.—A Christmas shower was held today by the ladies of St. John's Church for the soldiers of that church who are on active service. Quantities of chocolate, gum and materials for fruit cakes were donated, also money for postage and other comforts necessary to keep up the morale of the men. Light refreshments were served and a general social time was enjoyed.

ASKING FOR INCREASE.

SARNIA, Oct. 25.—Port Huron police and firemen have filed a petition with the city commission asking for a $15 monthly increase in pay. Among other claims, the petitioners says that employees of other civic departments have been granted more money, whose work is less hazardous than their own. Should the increase be granted the average patrolman or fireman who has been in the service for more than six months will receive $100. The present scale is $70 for new men and $85 per month for those making good after a six months' period of probation.

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