

NEWS FROM NORFOLK COUNTY

CHEESE FACTORY YEAR SUCCESSFUL

Annual Meeting of Shareholders—News Notes From Simcoe

(From our own Correspondent) Simcoe, Feb. 20.—Details of the 1917 season of the Cranebrook cheese factory, as given at the annual meeting of the shareholders, came to hand yesterday. Milk delivered in six months, 3,452,216 pounds. Cheese made 118,466 pounds. Milk per pound of cheese, 11.22 pounds. Average price of cheese, 22.3 cents. Amount paid patrons, \$39,077.51. Paid for teams, processing repairs and upkeep of plant, \$4,461.65. The shareholders got a 20 per cent. dividend and there is on hand a balance of \$82.57. The following officers were re-elected: G. A. McEoun, President and Secretary. Directors—Samuel Marsland, Robert Taylor, Wm. Walther, A. J. Rogers, J. G. Booth. Following addresses at Lyndoch by Frank Shearer and W. A. Bowyer, nineteen from the district joined the Norfolk Farmers' Co-operative club.

Quite Appropriate It was not at all unfitting that the article, "Robertson in New Position," in yesterday's issue, dropped in under "Norfolk News," for the family name is no stranger in Simcoe or in the Township of Windham. Among the early pioneers of Windham was one, Alex Robertson, who had served in the British navy in his early manhood. Their number are not a few among the older men of to-day in Windham who remember his son, Charles, as the king-pin of Windham Torism when Windham was as Tory as Townsend was Grit. Charles Robertson first settled in Waterford in 1843, but it was too gritty, and he moved to Windham. When Aquilla Walsh went to the hustings in the first contest for confederation, Robertson, by a personal canvass, gave him a majority of 177 in Windham, and he kept up the pace throughout his life.

And whatever praise is due to the late Dr. Snider and Registrar W. M. McGuire for their work of a decade or so ago, it is just possible that the son of Chas. Robertson, our townsman Oliver Robertson, was the man behind the gun in Windham throughout the Doctor's long, and finally successful campaign. The mantle of his father had fallen upon the son. For when Oliver Robertson was appointed keeper of the county inn, which adjoins the court house, there was great joy among the Liberals of North Norfolk in that a man always to be reckoned with had moved out.

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SIMCOE AGENCY THE COURIER. 55 Peel Street. Day Phone Temporary 390. Night Phone 356-3.

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More Soldiers Home. Ptas. Wingfield, Wakeford, Hynds and Copling arrived on Monday night by G.T.R. and there was no one at the depot to receive them. Wakeford's son, who went in the night, has been a cot case in Toronto for some time. Albert was shot through the lung. Hynds is very lame. He was shot through the leg and foot. We have no particulars regarding the others.

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RUSSIA READY TO QUIT; WILL SIGN PEACE PACT

Resumption of War by Germany Reason of Lenine and Teutons Occupy Dvinsk and Lutsk—Premier Says He Was Very Desirous

London, Feb. 20.—Russia is now forced to declare its readiness to sign peace upon the conditions proposed by Germany, says an official Russian statement received here to-day.

The official statement was signed by Premier Lenine and Leon Trotsky, the Foreign Minister. It protests against the German resumption of the war, and says the Council of People's Commissioners is now forced to declare its readiness to sign a peace as dictated by the delegations of the Quadruple Alliance at Brest-Litovsk. It promises to give a detailed reply without delay to the German peace conditions.

Bolsheviki Protest. The statement was transmitted through the wireless telegraphy stations of the Russian government with the government of the German Empire at Berlin. The text reads: "The Council of People's Commissioners protests against the fact that the German government has directed its troops against the Russian Council's Republic, which has declared the war as at an end and which is demobilizing its army on all fronts.

"The Workmen and Peasants' government of Russia could not anticipate such a step, because neither directly nor indirectly has any one of the parties which concluded the armistice given the seven days' notice required in accordance with the treaty of December 15 for terminating it.

"The Council of People's Commissioners in the present circumstances regards itself as forced formally to declare its willingness to sign a peace upon the conditions which have been dictated by the delegations of the Quadruple Alliance at Brest-Litovsk.

"The Council of People's Commissioners further declares that a detailed reply will be given without delay to the conditions of peace as proposed by the German Government."

"Signed For the Council of People's Commissioners: Lenine, Trotsky."

If Huns Refuse, Fight. The Russian Government, according to another official statement received here, has addressed the following message to headquarters and all fronts:

"The Council of People's Commissioners has offered to the Germans to sign a peace immediately, in order that in all cases where Germans are encountered massed that purporters with the German soldiers should be organized and the proposal to re-

frain from fighting made to them. If the Germans refuse, then you must offer to them every possible resistance."

(Signed) Krylenko. Request to Austria. According to Vienna despatches, Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, has forwarded a wireless message to Count Czernin, the Austrian Foreign Minister, reading: "The German Government having re-established a state of war with Russia, without even giving the seven days' previous notice, I have the honor to ask you to inform me whether the Austro-Hungarian government also consents itself to a state of war with Russia, and if not, whether it believes it possible to reach a practical realization of the agreements worked out at Petrograd."

Foo Takes Lutsk and Dvinsk. The official communication issued by the German War Office this evening says that from Riga to as far south as Lutsk, German armies are advancing eastward into Russia.

The text of the day official German announcement reads: "Yesterday evening German troops entered Dvinsk. They met with little resistance. The majority of the enemy had fled. The Russians were not successful in blowing up the bridge, for which preparations had been made. On both sides of Lutsk (Volhynia) our divisions are on the march. Lutsk was occupied without any fighting."

Plan Guerrilla Warfare. Guerrilla warfare is to be Russia's method of opposing Germany should that nation invade Russia further, according to intimations from Bolsheviki sources. In an address to the Central Executive Committee of the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, Leon Trotsky, the Bolsheviki Foreign Minister, said: "We are not followers of Tolstoy. We do not say we will not resist the German invasion."

Trotsky proceeded to outline a plan by which the Socialistic army would conduct a bushwhacking campaign, hampering the efforts of the Germans should they endeavor to conduct commerce along the border, especially should they try to secure grain from the Ukraine under what he alluded to as the screen of their so-called peace with the bourgeois Rada of Kiev.

H.C. OF L. COMMISSIONER PROTESTS INCREASE IN BUTTER AND CHEESE

By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 20.—The Cost of Living Commissioner of the Minister of Labor has issued his ordinary monthly statement of the quantities of food held in storage as of February 1st, 1918. His figures are derived from the returns of companies holding about 99 per cent. of the total cold storage space available in Canada.

The amounts of food commodities in storage on February 1, 1918, were: Butter, 7,542,447 pounds; cheese, 7,529,923 pounds; eggs, 1,569,039 dozen.

Beef (fresh and pickled), 40,197,854 pounds. Pork (fresh and pickled), 20,915,495 pounds; bacon and ham and smoked meats, 13,036,104 pounds. Mutton and lamb, 4,832,230 pounds. Fish, 16,449,734 pounds. Poultry, all varieties, 3,105,535 pounds.

The preceding figures cover only goods reported as held in storage. To estimate the quantity of any such goods available from cold storage companies for consumption and export, add about ten per cent. to represent goods in transit and certain comparatively significant quantities unreported.

The holders of the firms reporting quantities of food commodities on hand, February 1, 1918, who also have reported for February, 1917, show the following comparisons:

Butter 7,726,330 6,979,209
Cheese 7,529,923 6,457,783
Eggs 3,311,337 1,480,299
Beef (fresh and pickled) 34,090,691 40,134,094
Pork (fresh and pickled) 22,972,061 19,999,537
Bacon and ham and smoked meats 16,909,551 12,305,422
Mutton and lamb 5,597,544 4,901,106
Fish 9,472,448 15,162,765
Poultry all varieties 4,724,170 2,345,208

The commissioner says concerning these relative increases: "Pork must again protest that a 100 per cent. increase of egg holdings and an almost equivalent increase of cheese holdings over those of a year ago fail to justify prevailing prices for these commodities."

While in January, 1918, Canada exported no less than \$77,858 worth of eggs, in January, 1917, Canada's imports of eggs were less by only 175,000 dozen than in January, 1917. The existence of the exportable surplus was the real reason for a falling off in imports. Further, that surplus principally available in the West has been fed out to the East as required. For instance, just a few days after the showing of greatly reduced stocks of storage eggs in Montreal as of February 1, 1918, compared with January 1, 1917, Montreal stocks were augmented fully one third. Needless to state, the operators who held the surplus did not fail to take advantage of the necessities of their Eastern brethren. There has been considerable selling and re-selling of storage eggs among the egg operators. The consumer pays for every shot. I humbly submit that this sort of thing should be stopped. If I may not so submit, I mistake my duty. I may add that this sort of thing can be stopped."

Germs of Disease should be promptly expelled from the blood. This is a time to them. Get rid of all impurities in the blood by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, and thus fortify your whole body and prevent illness.

HALF OF SEED CORN USELESS. Windsor, Feb. 20.—Half the seed corn in Essex county has been found to be worthless owing to the effect of the heavy frosts in the fall, and farmers will have to get part of this year's supply of seed from other places.

Annual Whitewear Sale J. M. YOUNG & CO. Quality First Annual Whitewear Sale

Annual Whitewear Sale Now in Full Swing

Beautiful showing of Ladies', Misses and Children's Ready-to-Wear Whitewear in Corset Covers, Night Gowns, Skirts, etc. Many styles to choose from, all specially marked for this sale.

Sale of Embroidery

Camisole Embroidery or fine Swiss and Nainsook, in eyelid or solid designs; 18 in. wide; Sale price at 65c, 50c, 40c to 35c

Embroidery, suitable for Camisole on medium weight Nainsook, in good open work designs, 17 in. wide; Sale price 25c and 19c

Embroidery Beading with straight or scalloped edges, 1-2 to 2 in. wide; Sale price 25c, 18c, 15c to 10c

Embroidery Flouncing, 45 in. wide, or fine Swiss and Lawn, in good open work designs; Sale price \$1.50, and, per yard \$1.29

Embroidery Voile Flouncing, 45 in. wide; elegant range of designs; Sale price \$1.50

Embroidery Flouncing on Cambric, in dainty designs, 24 in. wide; Sale price, per yard 29c

Mill ends of Embroidery and insertions, in lengths of 4 and 5 yards; Sale price, 40c and per end 50c

Pearl Buttons

Fresh water pearl buttons, with 4 and 2 holes; 1 doz. on card, Sale price 10c 15c and, per card 7c

Finest Grade Pearl Buttons; 2 hole 6 on card; per card 7c

Sale of White Silks

Habitua Silk, 36 in. wide, for underwear, etc., Sale price 50c

White Habitua Silk, 36 in. wide; extra quality good washable Silk; Sale price \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00 75c

Whitewear Specials

Corset Covers, fine quality, dainty lace and embroidery trimmed, worth 75c; Sale price 59c

Ladies Corset Covers, lace and insertion trimmed, dainty styles; Sale price 35c

Ladies' Drawers, tucked and lace trimmed, good quality cotton, 50c value; Sale price 39c

Ladies' Drawers, fine quality cotton, embroidery and lace trimmed, in regular sizes and extra large sizes; Sale price 59c

Ladies' White Cotton Gowns

Ladies White Cotton Night Gowns, slip-over or high neck styles, trimmed lace and embroidery, worth \$1.00; Sale price 89c

Night Gowns \$1

Night Gowns, good quality cotton, in slip-over or high neck styles; also low neck, button front; regular \$1.25 and \$1.50; Sale price \$1.00

Underskirts \$1

Ladies' White Cotton Underskirts, good quality embroidery and lace, trimmed flounces, all lengths, worth \$1.25 and \$1.50; Sale price \$1.00

Thread 5c

Coats; 6 cord cotton thread, in black and white; Sale price, per spool 5c

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Advertisement for Wilson's Bachelor Cigar. The National Smoke. Eighteen million "Bachelors" sold annually in Canada. An imported value at a domestic price. Imported Havana filler—imported Sumatra wrapper—hand rolled by the highest class workmen obtainable in Canada. 3 for 25¢. Cheaper by the Box. (ANDREW WILSON & CO. TORONTO)

Now pa has something to occupy his mind, too THAT SON-IN-LAW OF PA'S —By Wellington

Comic strip titled "THAT SON-IN-LAW OF PA'S" by Wellington. The strip shows a man (Pa) and a woman (Mrs. Pa) talking. Pa says: "WHY DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT RETURNING THE DRAWING ROOM? WHAT'S A MATTER WITH YOUR FURNITURE THAT'S IN THERE NOW?" Mrs. Pa replies: "NOTHING, PA, BUT I NEED SOMETHING TO OCCUPY MY MIND, AND—" Pa says: "DEAR CEDRIC SUGGESTED THAT I RETURN THE DRAWING ROOM WITH A COLLECTION OF GENUINE ANTIQUE FURNITURE AND ART OBJECTS THAT WE WILL PICK UP HERE AND THERE AT ODD TIMES." Mrs. Pa says: "HIT ME, DEAR CEDRIC SUGGESTED ALL THIS, EM?" Pa says: "YES, AND HE'S SUCH A HELP TO ME! FOR INSTANCE—LOOK AT THIS GENUINE COLONIAL FOOT STOOL HE GOT FOR ME TODAY, AND IT ONLY COST EIGHTY ONE DOLLARS!" Mrs. Pa says: "ONLY?" Pa says: "HE'S GOING OUT THIS AFTERNOON TO TRY AND PICK UP SOME OF THE LARGEST PIECES TO MATCH IT." Mrs. Pa says: "IF HE DOES, HE'LL GO ON A STRETCHER!"

HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA

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CITY OF BRANTFORD. TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRANTFORD WATER TOWER. Sealed Tenders to be received at the City Hall, Brantford, Ont., on or before the 27th inst. at 10 o'clock a.m. The lowest and most reasonable tender will be accepted. The lowest bidder must furnish a bond for the completion of the work. T. B. City Hall, Brantford, 18th, 1918.

MORTGAGE

Under and against the mortgage of the City of Brantford, Ontario, in the sum of \$1000.00, the following property is being offered for sale: A certain lot of land situated in the City of Brantford, Ontario, containing an area of 1000 square feet. The property is situated on the east side of the City of Brantford, Ontario. The property is being offered for sale by the City of Brantford, Ontario. The property is being offered for sale by the City of Brantford, Ontario.

FOR RENT. Now is the time to buy a house. The city of Brantford has many houses for rent. The houses are in good condition and are well located. The houses are for rent at a low price. The houses are for rent at a low price. The houses are for rent at a low price.