

FARMERS CANNOT PAY HIGH WAGES OFFERED BY TOBACCO GROWERS

Vegetable Growers and Manufacturers Also Blamed For Farm Help Shortage.

CROP INDICATIONS GOOD

Some Peach Orchards Have Suffered From Bud-Freezing.

TORONTO, April 8.—The following is a summary of reports made by the agricultural representatives to the Ontario Department of Agriculture for the week ending April 7.

The strong, keen winds prevailing during the latter part of the week have been somewhat trying to the fall wheat, which is looking a little brown, but the roots of the plants are said to be strong, and a vigorous growth is expected with the first warm rain. Up to date there has been less heating than usual of either fall wheat or clover. The latter crop is doing very well where there was a good catch last season, which, however, was not general.

Many farmers in Essex and Kent and some in Norfolk seeded grain, chiefly oats and spring wheat during the week just closed. Considerable plowing and disking was also done on high, well-drained land in various sections of the province.

Bud-Freezing.—The only county definitely complaining of orchard injury, many peach orchards having suffered from bud-freezing.

Kent predicts an increased acreage of tobacco, and Haldimand also states that there will be an extension of the crop in that county.

Prince Edward states that more peas will be raised there, both for canning factories and for seed. Canners in Lincoln have contracted as follows: Tomatoes, 20 cents a bushel; spinach, \$55 a ton; beets, \$40 a ton, and a few contracts for strawberries at last year's prices.

Maple syrup is selling at from \$3 to \$4 a gallon. The run of sap so far has been comparatively light.

Hay, owing to the scarcity of straw, keeps up in price, the price per ton ranging from \$28 to \$30 a ton.

Hogs are being marketed slowly at from \$17.50 to \$19 a hundredweight.

Many cattle are selling in an unfinished condition, owing to the scarcity of grain and the high price of mill feeds.

Young beef animals, however, are in good demand, vealers selling at from 12 to 17 cents a pound. Oxford reports that in Berchem Township a few beef calves are being brought in and put on inferior dairy cows, with the object of

producing baby beef, and also to lessen the labor of milking.

Many dairy cows are coming in this season earlier than usual, from \$120 to \$300 according to weight and quality. A team of horses sold in Chatham last week for \$600.

Norfolk quotes eggs as selling wholesale at 45 cents a dozen.

High Wages Paid.—The Kent representative claims that the very high wages paid by tobacco growers, truck gardeners and manufacturers has a very unsettling effect upon the rural labor question in that district, as farmers producing food cannot pay such rates. As an example he quotes some local expert workers on land as being offered \$1,200 for ten months' employment.

Auction sales are frequent in many counties, and surprisingly high prices are being paid for machinery and live stock.

SCHOOL REPORTS

MARCH SCHOOL REPORT.

Moore, April 7.—The following is the report for S. S. No. 12, Moore, of the pupils' standing for March:

Senior IV—Erva Curran.
Junior IV—Lila Anderson.
Senior III—Katie Stewart, Bob Boulton.
Senior III—Kenneth Anderson, Margaret Starr, Roy Cassin.

Junior II—Hazel Davidson, Marjorie Long, Fern Lucas.
Class I—Bernard Starr, Grace Boulton.
Premier Pass—Carl Lucas, Bertha Booth, Walter Lucas, Lyle Proulx, Mildred Taylor.

EASTER SCHOOL REPORT.

The following is the school report for S. S. No. 4, Brick street, Westminster. The names are in order of merit:

Class IV—Seniors—Verna Hammond, Class III—Seniors—Gladys Tunks, Marjorie Ardy, Alma Griffith, Pearl Sharman.
Class III—Junior—Bruce Norton, Vera Hicks.

Class II—Seniors—Olive Topping, Leone Ardy, Elva McGregor, Dorothy Topping.

Class I—Junior—Russell Norton, Clarence Ardy.

Class I—Seniors—Jerry Norton, Murray Hammond, Harley Griffith, Wilfrid Topping, Edna Vye, Bella Vye.

Class I—Junior—Leroy Blinn, Leah Hammond, Ruby Norton, Roger Ardy.
Premier—Marjorie McLaren, Billy Griffith.

WINTER TERM REPORT.

Bickford, April 6.—The following is the report of S. S. 12, Sombra, for the winter term:

Senior IV—Clarence Beggs, Deles Toppiffe, Maxine Ellis, Marion Robson.
Senior III—Glendon Ellis, Murray Laur, Gladys Selman.

Class II—Laura Toppiffe, Nora Stratton, Reita Walsh, Ernest Walsh, Delos Stratton, Edna Vye, Bella Vye.

Class I—Premier—Raymond Beggs, Hubert Robson, Helen Powell.
Junior Premier—Verna Weese, Hazel Selman, Bert Barwise, Margaret Riddick.

DELAWARE SCHOOL REPORT.

Lambeth, April 7.—The school report for S. S. No. 6, Delaware, for March, is as follows:

Junior IV—Honors—Blanch Baker.

Erle McGugan.
Senior III—Honors—Ermine McGugan, Norman McGugan.
Junior III—Honors—Stewart McGugan, Herman Kennedy.
Senior II—Honors—Wilfred Pearn, Junior II—Honors—Mildred Prior, Gladys Gordon.
Class I—Honors—Bobbie McCloy, Marjorie McGugan, Harry Colfax, Kathleen Dunning, Passed—Jack Colfax, Donald McGugan.
Premier—Delmar Prior.
Bestmovers—Annie McGugan, Edward Pearn.

SCHOOL REPORT.

North Dorchester, April 6.—The standing of the pupils of S. S. No. 3, North Dorchester, at the recent winter term examinations was as follows, the names in order of merit:

Senior IV—Dorothy Morrison, Mildred Groaty.
Junior IV—Howard Cameron, Ena Moore, Bobbie McKay.

Junior III—Margaret Morrison, Grace Morrison, Erma Alexander and Everette Alexander did not write.

Senior II—Adella Moore.
Junior II—Edith Morrison, Verna Florence Reading, Dorland Wilson.

Junior I—Laurence Reading, Read Alexander did not write.
Premier—Theresa Mitchell.
Primer—Jim Moore, Helen Reading.

EASTER EXAMINATIONS.

Lucan, April 6.—The following is a report of the Easter examinations held last week in S. S. No. 1, McGillivray. The names are in order of merit:

Senior IV—Zelda Dixon.
Senior III—Mary Whiteford, Alma Lewis.

Junior III—Wilfred Dixon, Violet Dundas, Jean Nell, Neil Maguire.
Senior II—Olive Dixon, Myrtle Lewis, Margaret Dixon, Grace Thompson.

Senior I—Frank Strange.
Junior I—Lena Lewis, Kenneth Mitchell, Olive Nell, Madeline Lewis.
Premier—Wellington Lewis, Murray Dixon.

EASTER EXAMINATIONS.

Harriestown, April 7.—The following is the report of the Harriestown Easter examinations:

Senior IV—Orville Law, Helen Doan, Jim Ferguson, George Barr, Lewella White, Mary Elwood, Alice Taylor, Olive MacVicar, Edith Eaton.

Senior III—Annie Barr, (honors); Gertrude MacVicar, (honors); George Elwood, (honors); Wilfrid Thomas Finch, Wesley Sadler, Junior III—Murray Malpass.

Senior II—Doris Finch, (honors); Fred Barr, Edna Eaton, Nelson White, Junior II—Violet Kerr, (honors); Elaine Finch, Iva Law.

Primary C—Jean Eaton, Edmond Elwood.
Primary B—Charles Law.
Primary A—Keith MacVicar.

AGREE TO EARLY CLOSING.
WINDSOR, April 8.—Acceptance of the early closing schedule submitted by the Retail Clerks' Union has been made by the Board of City Retail Merchants, and a conference of retailers will be held shortly with their employees to determine details for the working out of the plan.

The clerks today filed a petition with the city council, asking the city to erect houses for workmen for rent or sale under the Government housing scheme.

SPEECH OF CURRIE IN NEW YORK LEFT A DEEP IMPRESSION

Recital of Deeds of Canadians Drew Large Gathering.

ADDRESS WAS SIMPLE

General Paid Straightforward Tribute To Men of Corps in France.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The speech delivered by Gen. Sir Arthur Currie, commander of the Canadian corps on the western front, and now inspector-general of the Canadian military forces, appears to have left a deep impression here.

Gen. Currie's recital of the deeds of Canada's fighting men was heard by the largest gathering of members of the Canadian Club and their friends that has assembled to hear any speaker during the past year. The big ballroom of the Biltmore Hotel was crowded, many Americans being present as guests of members of the club.

"I never before realized the extent of Canada's sacrifice in the cause of humanity," said one American guest afterwards. "The forceful way in which Gen. Currie told of the wonderful work of the Canadian corps made a deep impression upon me."

Gen. Currie's speech really was a simple, straightforward tribute to the Canadian soldier. He told of the men in the ranks, of their suffering and their heroic qualities of self-sacrifice and service. He put forward no claims for the higher officers, said little or nothing of himself or of the others who had directed the battles.

Canadian "Tommy" was the subject of his address, and he kept his audience keen to a high pitch of interest as he described the achievements of the men in the ranks.

He told story after story of incidents which had come under his personal observation, little tales of heroism which had been said or written, and each was greeted with a round of applause that was a tribute to the men who had upheld the honor of the Dominion.

There is a general feeling among Canadians here that Gen. Currie's visit has helped to create a better understanding of Canada, and a keener appreciation of the great war record of the Dominion on the part of hundreds of citizens of New York.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

At The Theaters

AT LOEW'S.

A vaudeville bill that is excellent in every respect is presented at Loew's Theatre the latter half of this week. Clean comedy and good fun and dances that can be danced in the most select ballrooms and in the program. One act which drew forth unstinted applause yesterday was the appearance of the two Yankies, the full-blooded Indians, clad in regular Indian costumes, including gay feather headbands and war paint, and when they sang Indian love songs and danced the picturesque war dance and the Indian maid dance.

Hunter Handall and Senorita, in a little vaudeville sketch, were the cause of laughter from the audience and were recalled. "On the Border of Mexico" is the title of the sketch. The two Yankies, who dress as comical characters, roam the streets at large, uttering gay chatter and then they form a quartet and sing some of the most popular songs.

Graser and Lawton appear in stylish costumes and after presenting a few snappy songs from "New York Songs" to some of the new fancy dances now being taught in New York City, they cleverly stepping is shown here. Fairmount and Clark, who give an offering of the latest vaudeville showing, Edna Bennett, the lovely blonde of Blumfeld, in "What Every Woman Learns." Her dying father tells her that a merry-hearted husband is the best kind of husband to get. To live up to his last wishes she marries a man of this type, and she turns out to be just the opposite after he marries her and gets her money. His jealousy has been aroused by the love affair, and is quickly cast aside when his ends are accomplished. To marry a lawyer, a life-long friend, because he was not gay. After a few months of unhappy married life in a domestic scene Edna's husband is shot and she marries the man whom she has before cast aside. Lovely gown are worn by Miss Bennett in this film, and her dramatic ability is of the highest order.

AT THE ALLEN.
Capacity houses were in vogue at the Allen Theatre yesterday, and those present were delighted with the added attractions on the special Easter week program. On the screen bill Charlie Chaplin in a travesty on "Carmen," with Jack Pickford for premier honors, the latter appearing in "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come."

As "Chad," Edna, a homeless lad of the Kentucky mountains, Jack Pickford is seen at his best in juvenile roles. The scenario is drawn from the well-known novel of the same name by John Fox Jun. Chad runs away from a brutal foster father, and hides in "Kingdom Come" in the mountains, where he lives with the simple people.

Later journeying to Lexington he is met and adopted by Major Buford. He meets Margaret Dean, and here the inevitable romance creeps in. Margaret reciprocates his love, but as she comes from an aristocratic family, Chad is subjected to considerable snobbery, and as a result of which he returns to the mountain folk.

Major Buford sends for the lad, and while he is in the city the former foster-father on his death bed reveals to the orphaned deity, and he is accepted in southern society once more. At this time the civil war breaks out. A portion of the film carries him through the campaign with distinction, during which he saves the life of Margaret's brother, serving with the Confederate forces. Upon the conclusion of hostilities, reconciliations are in order.

This vehicle is tinged with pathos and replete with dramatic situations, with Chad's little sweetheart of "Kingdom Come" playing away happily. Margaret is the girl of his choice. The scenes depicted are picturesque, of southern life, and the entire production is beautifully portrayed.

Assisted by the popular comedian Ben Turpin, Charlie Chaplin kept the house in an uproar in his burlesque on "Carmen." The ludicrous attitudes of this pair serve to chase away the blues, and the sub-titles presented in the vehicle fairly scintillate with wit. While all the scenes presented are mirth-provokers, possibly the best is the comic Spanish duel, in which Charlie participates. Edna Purviance plays the title role, and economy was a secondary consideration in the filming of "Carmen." Other screen features are included on this excellent photoplay program.

Special Easter musical selections are rendered by the Allen concert orchestra under the leadership of Maurice Pour. The overture as presented by these artists yesterday brought forth rounds of applause at all performances, being a treat to all lovers of good music. The above special feature program will be repeated at the Allen Theatre today and tomorrow.

HAVE YOU COME TO THE END OF THE ROAD?
If you have not yet seen "The End of the Road," that wonderful film which is being shown to capacity audiences at the Majestic this week, you must do so. There is no one who will not benefit by the forceful lesson which this great picture presents.

AT THE GRAND.
Those who were unable to see the H-K Players in "The Mollusc" at the Grand Theatre a week ago, were given the opportunity again last evening, when the play was presented under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Once again Miss Lorraine White appeared in the difficult and lengthy role of the mollusc, playing her part with skill and understanding. With her were Miss Mary Granger, as the very young governess whose activity shows up in marked contrast to the utter laziness of the mollusc; Russell W. Knight as the impetuous brother who has educated himself out of the hereditary state of mulishness in the rough and ready west, and Wendell L. Hughes as the enslaved husband of the mollusc.

Although the whole drama revolves about the one character "The Mollusc," there is a very pretty little love interest introduced between her brother and the pretty governess, with complications where the husband is concerned.

With their presentation of "The Mollusc" the H-K players have gained a name for themselves in the local dramatic arena, and if they should decide to present something else in the future it will be looked forward to with interest.

GEORGE ARLISS AT THE GRAND TONIGHT AND TOMORROW.
Tonight at the Grand, the noted English actor, Mr. George Arliss, and his company of associated players, appear in a new play entitled "Poidekin" by Booth Tarkington. The theme of the play is the proposal of industrial and political revolution. "Poidekin" is written in four acts, the locale of the first Russia, and that of the last, New York City. While the new drama deals with a vital question of today, it is both amusing and thrilling. In Mr. Arliss' company are Carl Anthony, Manart Kippen, Edward Bonnelly, Norma Mitchell, Jean Robertson, Stapleton Kent, Guy Cunningham, John Ellis and "Billie" H. H. Barlow. "Poidekin" will be presented at the Grand again tomorrow, matinee at 2:30, and evening at 8:15.

RETAIL CLERKS ENROLL FORTY NEW MEMBERS
Some forty new members were enrolled at the meeting of the recently-organized local branch of the International Retail Clerks' Protective Association, held in the Higgins Block, 212½ Dundas street, Thursday night. The membership of the local now slightly exceeds two hundred. Partial election of officers took place, the remainder to be elected at the next meeting. Addresses were given by Al John Ashton, Arthur Mould, Frank McKay and Harry Wray, representing the local Trades and Labor Council.

BURSTING CHEMICALS INJURE EXETER LAD

EXETER, April 8.—Fred Heaman, son of W. J. Heaman, hardware merchant, was painfully but not seriously injured when some chemicals with which he was experimenting, exploded. The lad had mixed up some chemicals for making fireworks in a wooden dish and not being satisfied with the results was going to throw the mixture out.

Before doing so, however, he poked his finger into it and it exploded. The end of his finger was nearly blown off and a piece of the wooden dish struck him in the forehead, inflicting a rash. The injury is not serious. Young Heaman is a grandson of Wm. Heaman, coal merchant, London, Ont.

Doris Schroeder, 12-year-old daughter of Daniel Schroeder of Uxbridge Township, had the middle finger of her left hand cut off by an axe in the hands of her brother. The children were playing in the suburban woods when the boy was chopping a chip on a block his sister tried to pick it off and was struck.

At the regular meeting of the Junior Farmers' Association held in Senior's Hall, a feature of the program was a debate, resolved, "That Electricity on the Farm is a Profitable Investment." Elmer Herdman, Wesley Jones and Verne Pincombe supported the affirmative, while the speakers for the negative were Ernest Pym, Earl Shuttles and Edgar Monteith. The subject was well handled and a decision was given in favor of the negative by one vote.

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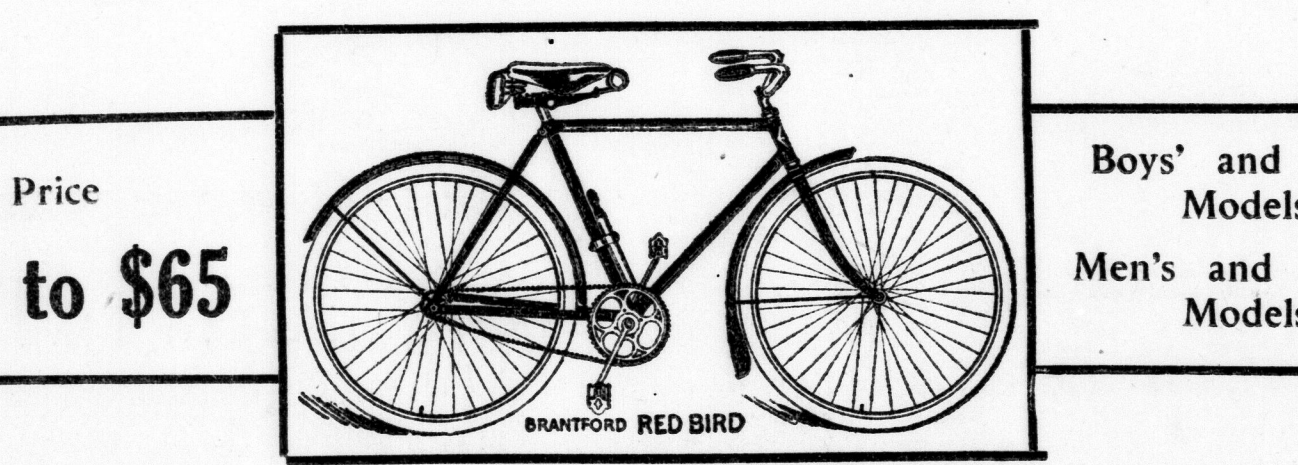
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