

PATRIOTISM and PRODUCTION Complete Your Plans Now

The important thing now is to complete at once your plan for the year's work—for increased production. By planning well in advance, each month's operations can be carried through more effectively when the time comes. Delays later on, through neglect of this, will mean loss to you and to the Empire.

Use the Best Seed

This year, for the sake of the Empire, farmers should be exceptionally careful in the selection of seed. Cheap seed is often the dearest. If every Canadian farmer would use only the best varieties, and sow on properly cultivated soil, the grain output of Canadian farms would be doubled. Deal only with reliable seedmen. Write at once to Canadian Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and to your Provincial Agricultural Department for information as to the best varieties of seed to be used in your particular locality, and use no others.

ATTEND YOUR CONFERENCE

Clean Your Seed

All grain intended for seed should be thoroughly cleaned and selected to retain only the strong kernels. You can reap only what you sow. It does not pay to sow weeds. Clean seed means larger crops and helps to keep the land clean. When you have your seed grain ready, put it through the cleaner once more.

Test Your Seed

Test your seed for vitality, too. Seed is not always as good as it looks. For example, oats, quite normal in appearance and weight, may be so badly damaged by frost that their value for seed is completely destroyed. If you have any doubt as to the quality of your seed a sample may be sent free to the seed laboratory at Ottawa, or Calgary, for test. But in most cases this simple test will prove sufficient—
Take a saucer and two pieces of blotting paper. Place seed between blotting papers. Keep moist and in a warm place. In a few days, you will be able to see whether the vitality is there. Neglect to test your seed may mean the loss of crop.

The Farm Labour Problem

The Government suggests the forming of an active committee in every town and city, composed of town and country men and women. This committee would find out the sort of help the farmers of their locality need, and get a list of the unemployed in their town or city, who are suitable for farm labour. With this information, the committee would be in a good position to get the right man for the right place.
Councils, both rural and urban, Boards of Trade and other organizations could advantageously finance such work. Every unemployed man in the town or city who is placed on the farm becomes immediately a producer, instead of a mere consumer and a civic expense.

Increase Your Live Stock

Breeding stock are today Canada's most valuable asset. The one outstanding feature of the world's farming is that there will soon be a great shortage of meat supplies. Save your breeding stock. Plan to increase your live stock. Europe and the United States as well as Canada will pay higher prices for beef, mutton and bacon in the very near future. Do not sacrifice now. Remember that live stock is the only basis for prosperous agriculture. You are farming not speculating.

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CENTRAL CLARENCE

Feb. 20th.
Mr. Frank Beanson visited his parents in Middleton last week.
We are glad to welcome Mr. Richard Snape home from England.
Some of the ladies in this vicinity have the "mat fever." Some are even dyeing.
Mrs. Harry Pinnamore and little daughter Irene spent the week-end with friends here.
Our teacher, Miss Grace Tomkins, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Judson Chute, Lower Clarence.
Mrs. M. C. Marshall and Mrs. Ed. W. Whitman spent Thursday with their friend, Mrs. Henry Messenger.
Our popular horseman, H. D. Starbuck, is very busy breaking three young colts. Success to you Henry.
Mr. Vernon Messenger has enlisted in the Third Centingent and leaves on Tuesday for Amherst, to train for the front.
The men at the warehouse are very busy packing apples. Three carloads are to be shipped on Monday to England.
Messrs. S. B. Marshall and Clarence Bishop have started to saw up the wood piles in this vicinity with their gasoline engine.
The young people have been enjoying the skating on the rink which is in excellent condition. They have also made several visits to Sand Lake and report good times.
Several of our young people attended the Mite Party, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ward Jackson's last Monday evening. The proceeds were for the Belgian Relief Fund.
The "Lend-a-Hand" Mission Band met in the schoolroom on Friday afternoon. After the opening exercises a very interesting lesson was taught, subject: "Aktion." The following programme was given by members of the Band:
Singing by the Band
Recitation—"Only a drop in the Bucket," Robert Marshall
Singing by the Band
Reading—"Charity Ann's Work," Grace Tomkins
Recitation—"Marguerite Marshall"
Singing—"We've a Little Song for Jesus," Three Little Girls
Reading—"The Room That Sheds the Light," Pearl Sproul
Reading—"The Money That Belongs to our King," Edna Kelley
Singing by the Band

St. Croix Cove

Feb. 22nd.
Mrs. T. S. Brinton is recovering from her recent illness.
Mrs. John Baltzer, Outram, visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stark last week.
Mr. Jason Anthony, Dorchester, Mass., visited relatives here, Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Poole visited Mr. and Mrs. B. Armstrong, Mt. Hensley, yesterday.
Mrs. Johnson Beardsley, Granville Ferry, arrived at the home of her parents tonight on account of the illness of her brother Oscar, who is quite seriously sick.

Granville Centre

Feb. 22nd.
Mrs. E. P. Gilliatt, of Boston, is at home for a few weeks.
Mr. N. A. Eaton is making a short visit in Boston and vicinity.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Fraser spent the week-end with relatives in Centrelea.
Miss Isabel Longmire of Annapolis has been home for a two weeks vacation.
Miss Helen Gilliatt, teacher at North Range, Digby County, spent the week-end at home.
Mrs. John Hutchinson, of Centrelea was a guest of Mrs. Fred Covert recently.
Little Miss Jean Inglis of Tupperville, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Withers.
Miss Stella Covert who is teaching at Centrelea spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Fred Covert.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McAfee, of St. John, were here for a few days last week to see the latter's mother, Mrs. John M. Troop.
The W. M. A. S. will hold a public missionary meeting in the Baptist Church Saturday evening, Feb. 27th. Mr. W. E. Scott, of Acadia College will give an address on Foreign Missions.
A meeting under the direction of the Annapolis County Farmers' Association was held in the hall on Wednesday evening last. A large representation of farmers was present to listen to the interesting addresses by Messrs. Robinson of Berwick and Saunders of Round Hill.
Mrs. John M. Troop who has been critically ill is somewhat improved at time of writing. Dr. Stewart, of Halifax who was called last week in consultation with Drs. Robinson and Wiswell of Annapolis decided an operation was not expedient. Mrs. Troop's many friends will hope for a speedy recovery.

Port Lorne

Feb. 22nd.
Mr. Maurice Dalton spent Sunday in Lawrence town.
Quite a number of our young people enjoyed the skating on Sand Lake, Saturday.
Mr. Jason Anthony, of Boston, is spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Julia Anthony.
Captain Baker and Mr. C. Balcom, Margareville, passed through the village today in the auto.
The "Willing Workers" Club met at Miss Avis Corbett's last Saturday afternoon, after which tea was served and the evening spent very enjoyably by games and music.
After a long illness Mrs. Lucy Cropley, wife of Mr. Joseph Cropley, passed away this morning about 3 o'clock. Her husband, four daughters and one son are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving wife and mother.
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brown, Winchendon arrived here on Tuesday last for an indefinite period. We are sorry to report that Mrs. Brown is at present, very sick at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ernest Ray. Dr. Morse is in attendance and we hope for her speedy recovery.

Springfield

Feb. 22nd.
Wedding bells in the near future.
Mrs. Chas. Mason has been spending a week at Barrs Corner.
F. O. A. Grimm recently made a trip to Middleton.
Mrs. V. L. Roop is spending the week at Middleton.
Miss Pearl Smith is spending a few weeks with her sister in Halifax.
The young people are enjoying the good skating on the moonlight evenings.
We are glad to report A. M. Roop who has been seriously ill, improving.
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Baker on the birth of a son, 10th inst.
James McGill who has been seriously ill with pneumonia is much better.
Mrs. Annie Phinney, of Middleton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Z. T. Harlow.
Hubert Freeman who has been working in Kentville for some time has returned home.
Mrs. J. F. Bent and Mrs. F. E. Bentley, of Middleton, spent the week-end with Mrs. J. C. Roop.
Mrs. Sarah Langille who has been suffering from an abscess in her hand for some time, is better.
Sorry to report on the sick list: Mrs. G. M. Durling, Mr. John Grimm, Joseph Freeman and Alfred Late.
Miss Marjorie Spidle, who has been spending the past few weeks with Mrs. Gordon Spidle, returned on Saturday last to her home in Middlewood.

Granville Ferry

Feb. 22nd.
Mr. Wm. Eaton has returned to Boston.
Capt. B. A. Delap and wife returned from New York, Wednesday.
Miss H. Croseup, clerk at Mr. A. E. Amberman's, is on the sick list.
Colds of all kinds and description are sure in style here these days.
Mrs. S. C. Shafner who has been quite sick of late is greatly improved.
Hon. S. W. W. Pickup went to Halifax on Wednesday, returning Saturday.
"Snug Harbor" which has been closed to navigators and others for some thirty days is again open.
Captain Robert Blair, of Bath, Maine, is visiting relatives and friends here after an absence of nine years.
Several of our merchants and others are experimenting with a new lamp these days. There ought to be all kinds of light on the subject ere long.
Miss Emily Mills, teacher in the Primary Department of the Granville Academy has been confined to her home during the week with a bad throat.
A very interesting and instructive address was given by Mr. Lawson, of the Berwick Register Staff on Friday evening, in the basement of the Methodist Church. His subject was concerning the German atrocities in Belgium. Mr. Lawson went to Rotterdam in the first Nova Scotia Relief Ship.

Hillsburn

Feb. 22nd.
Mr. Chas. Wade is visiting friends at Victoria Beach.
Mrs. Bertie Hardwick left on Saturday for Deep Brook.
Miss Nina Longmire visited relatives at Litchfield last week.
To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Longmire a daughter on Feb. 12th.
Quite a number of people attended the meeting at Litchfield on Sunday.
Sorry to report Mr. Judson Longmire on the sick list at the time of writing.
Miss Hutchinson spent the week-end with her friend, Miss Ruth Burns, of Litchfield.
Mr. A. Ward Reede, of Granville Ferry, called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Longmire last week.
Miss Minnie Walker, of Clements-Port is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Harwick.
Mr. Lloyd Longmire spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. David Milner, of Parker's Cove.
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Longmire spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Orde of Stoney Beach.
Mr. Andrew Clarke returned home on Saturday after spending the winter in the lumber woods near Springfield.
Miss Mildred McCaule and Mr. Chas. Millbury, of Litchfield spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Longmire.
The U. B. W. M. A. S. held their public meeting on Sunday evening in the Baptist Church. The meeting was largely attended.
There will be quite an addition to the boat fishing fleet at Anderson's Cove this Summer as there are five large motor boats of the latest design being built for the following men: Messrs. John Halliday, Esteen, Roy, Ross and Lloyd Longmire. We hope they will prove a success to the fishermen.

Lawrencetown

Feb. 22nd.
It is good to see Mrs. Wheelock home again.
Mr. J. C. Archibald was home over Sunday.
Miss Hattie Fair is visiting friends in town.
Mrs. Wm. Shafner is visiting friends in town.
E. C. Shafner was in Halifax on business last week.
Mr. W. Bishop has sold his horse to Rev. A. McLeod.
Miss Nina Banks is somewhat improved, although a second operation was necessary.
Mrs. H. H. Whitman is on the sick list. Trust it is an illness of short duration.
The young people are enjoying the Epworth League of Bridgetown with them on Friday night.
Elmer Rice has put in a grain cracker and is prepared to wait upon the public, at the marble works, South Williamston.
Mr. Geo. E. Saunders, head of the Entomological Dept., in Bridgetown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Crofton Whitman.
The Sunday School District Meeting will be held at North Williamston on the afternoon and evening of the 26th inst. All come.

Parker's Cove

Feb. 23rd.
Mrs. Selma Halliday is visiting her niece, Mrs. Herbert Anderson.
Mr. Lloyd Longmire was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Weir on Sunday.
Captain Jas. Blair, of Bath Me., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Milner.
Mr. Wallace Longmire, of Hillsburn, called on his sister, Mrs. David Milner quite recently.
Mr. Edward Hudson, of Hillsburn, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. David Milner one day last week.
We are having the mildest kind of weather, for February; the snow would be so welcome for hauling.
Messrs. David Milner, Orbin Oliver, Frank MacGarvie and several others are busy cutting and hauling ice.
Mr. Thomas Milner is having his house repaired and some improvements put on it. The work is being done by Mr. Rolins Robinson.
Miss Myrtle Longmire, Miss Hazel Halliday and Mr. Harold Halliday, of Hillsburn, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard MacGarvie on the 21st.

Paradise

Feb. 22nd.
The Literary Society will meet on Tuesday evening, March 2nd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Longley.
The Annapolis County District Meeting is being held in the Baptist Church today (Monday). The meetings will also be held tomorrow.
On Feb. 20th, the following articles were sent by the Paradise Red Cross Society to the Belgian Relief Committee at Halifax:
2 quilts
8 children's dresses
6 children's nightdresses
7 pairs children's drawers
4 pairs bloomers with waists
4 slips
2 children's skirts
4 waists
3 girls' dresses
6 infants' bands
1 pair boys' socks
6 pairs mittens
1 ladies' waist
1 ladies' suit
1 ladies' cap
2 pairs underwear

Clementsvale

Feb. 23rd.
Miss Wood spent the week-end with relatives in Port Wade.
Miss Etta Long spent a few days last week among friends in Bear River.
Mrs. Graves, of Harmony, is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Fletcher Sproule.
Kenneth Bealar went to Centreville, Digby County on Saturday to visit his aunt, Mrs. Barr.
Rev. O. P. Brown and Mr. Daniel Hubley are attending the Quarterly Conference at Paradise.
B. Dukeshire spent part of last week at Caledonia, visiting his many relatives and friends in that place.
The Sewing Circle for the Belgians forwarded a large box and barrel on Monday consisting of 3 large quilts, 7 crib quilts, women's, men's, and boys' clothing, children's and infants' outfits and yarn.

Hampton

Feb. 22nd.
Miss Susan Foster has had a shock leaving one side almost useless.
Mr. Frank Brown, of Everett, Mass., is visiting his mother and sister.
We are sorry to report Mrs. I. B. Snow in very poor health at time of writing.
Mrs. David Foster, of Karsdale, has been visiting at the home of Herbert Foster for the past week.
Mr. David Foster has a cow that on Monday a week ago presented him with a fine pair of heifer calves.
The sound of Captain R. P. Chute's gasoline boat in the Bay today is a sign that Nova Scotia's Winter is a thing of the past.

Clarence

Feb. 22nd.
About fifty of our young people were skating on the lake on Saturday.
About \$9.00 was realized at the Mite Social last week. This was donated to the Belgian Relief Fund.
Mrs. Harry Chute received a telegram on Monday to come to Boston as her son was sick in the Massachusetts Hospital.
V. B. Messenger, Roy Jackson, Everett Balcom and William Hamilton have enlisted with the Third Canadian Contingent.

North Williamston

Feb. 22nd.
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Merriott on the arrival of a son.
Mr. and Mrs. Oliver DeLancey spent the week-end with friends at Bridgetown.
Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Turner, of Bridgetown, were the guests of their friend, Mrs. A. Stevenson on the 21st.
We are pleased to see Miss Grace Beanson able to be out again after being confined to her home with a severe attack of quinsy.
The checks issued for separation allowances and assigned pay to families of the Canadian expeditionary forces, now total over \$20,000 per month. The total expenditure from the outbreak of the war up to Dec. 31st last, for pay allowances and maintenance end troops and horses was \$11,885,107.

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Druggist Protest Against New Tax

(From the Montreal Pharmaceutical Journal.)
Two very important meetings have just taken place in Montreal—the Wholesale Drug Association of Canada and the Proprietary Trade Association of Canada. These meetings were both held for the purpose of considering the war taxes proposed, and which very seriously affect both the manufacturers of medicines and perfumes, and the trade of the distributors—the wholesale druggists. A general meeting of the retail druggists has been called and will take place this week. A reconsideration has been asked of the Government, and a deputation will present the views of the trades interested at an early date.
The objections to the new measure of taxation as voiced in these meetings with unanimity are several in number. The tax proposed, it was shown, amounted to from 10 per cent. to 40 per cent. on the usual trade selling prices. The tax being imposed on the price of sale at retail to the public represented on that basis of calculation from 10 per cent. to 20 per cent. No other business of industry was taxed to any such extent, and many important lines would actually face ruin if the measure was persisted in by the Government.
Instead of yielding for the war a large amount, the prohibitory nature of the tax would defeat the object sought and ruin prosperous and legitimate business enterprises in manufacturing.

SHIPPING NOTES

Arrived in Boston, Feb. 10th, schr. Emma E. Potter, Captain Walker, from Digby.
The term schr. Willina Gertrude, has been fixed to load lumber at Barrsboro or adjacent ports for the United Kingdom.
Schr. C.W. Mills, 818 tons, is chartered from Mobile to Cay Francis at \$7.25. Later—A Mobile despatch says: Schr. C. W. Mills, hence for Havana, will be towed to sea Monday whilled with the channel beam on and damaged it, the schooner was also damaged and towed back to the city for repairs.
Schr. Lillian Elanvelt, from Weymouth, arrived at Barbados Jan. 29. Steamer St. Nazaire, and schr. Silver Leaf, from Kingsport, N. S., arrived at Havana Feb. 9th.
Annapolis Royal Feb. 22
ARRIVED—Steamer Granville, Collins St. John; Schooner Misspah, Stanley
CLEARED—Steamer Granville, Collins, St. John.
Making the remarkably quick voyage from St. John's to Santa Pola, Spain, and back to Lunenburg in 60 days the schr. J. H. Mackenzie, Capt. Geldert, reached Lunenburg on Tuesday from the latter port, taking 30 days to make the passage from Spain. She had a cargo of salt and the captain reports fine weather during the entire voyage.

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