

NOTES AND COMMENTS

As the Globe very truthfully remarks, it cannot be said of the Canadian soldiers that they were the last to get into the war and the first out.

It is frequently asked of us who gave the information or who wrote certain items appearing in the news budgets of our correspondents. To impart this information is against the rules of a newspaper office. At the same time the Express stands ready at all times to correct a wrong impression or mis-statement.

One of the best ways to guard against schemes of grafters and at the same time keep in touch with the people and affairs of the community, is to be a regular reader of the Express. We mean, of course, as a subscriber, not as a reader of your neighbor's paper. Nine times out of ten it is the fellow who does not read the home paper who gets caught by the sharper.

The Owen Sound Board of Education is seriously inclined to establish a dental clinic in connection with the town schools, and a committee will investigate and report its advisability. This subject has been discussed at various times in Aylmer, but that is as far as the movement has gone as yet. The proper care of the teeth is very important in the matter of health.

The town of Meaford has introduced an innovation in the collection of taxes. Like every other municipality, Meaford finds it necessary to borrow money from the banks to carry on business until taxes are paid in, and the council will allow a discount of six per cent. off to citizens who will prepay their taxes. That looks like good business for both sides, and we will be curious to see how the plan works out.

One of our friends vouches for the truthfulness of the following little story. A neighbor of his was in the habit of assisting his wife after meals by wiping the dishes for her. Becoming weary of the task he went on strike, using the argument that it was not a man's work. His better half was not disposed to lose his services and being a Bible student, she brought out the good Book and read to hubby from II Kings 21:13: "And will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down." It is needless to say he is still on the dish wiping job.

Aylmer's paved streets received their spring cleaning last week. Usually at this time of the year the winter's accumulation of ice, snow and filth remains on the south side of Talbot street, where the sun does not get a chance to shed its welcome rays, but this year there was nothing of that kind with which to contend. The council might with advantage continue its good work by putting the grader to work on the side and back streets, and also by opening up gully boxes that are not in working order. It is generally acknowledged that Aylmer is not only one of the prettiest, but also one of the cleanest towns in Canada, and we must live up to our reputation.

The Government's proposition to increase the sessional indemnity to members from \$2,500 to \$3,500 does not appear to meet with popular favor. The excuse given is the high cost of living. But the cost of living is gradually coming down, while once the indemnity is raised there is no more chance, as an exchange puts it, of its ever being decreased than there is of a sober man seeing two moons in the sky. Members of the British House of Commons receive \$3,000 a year and pay their own transportation, and the cost of living is certainly not less in Great Britain than it is in Canada. Surely our M. P.'s are as good financiers as their British brethren.

Unless the Government goes ahead with public works on a large scale we fear many men may be out of employment this summer. Already there is a shortage of work, and while, when farming operations become active, this will somewhat relieve the present situation, thousands more of our soldiers returning from overseas will require and expect positions. In St. Thomas last week a firm advertised for ten men to assist in constructing a sewer, and received no less than seventy-five applications. In the same city one fireman was required, and forty applied for the job. It is gratifying to note that the successful one was a returned soldier. As before stated, unless public works are proceeded with, we are about to face a serious and unpleasant situation.

It is gratifying to note the continued improvement in the Silent City to year. This is made possible by to year. This is made possible by the generous contributions of plot-owners, who realize that it is a duty and a privilege to their beloved dead to see that their last resting place is kept green. So great has the improvement become that unkept graves are now the exception rather than the rule as it once was. The Secretary of the Cemetery Board tells us that subscriptions are coming in for 1919 very satisfactorily and there is a possibility the total may even exceed that of last year, which was the best on record. If the mild weather continues it will not be long before the caretaker commences work on plots, and we advise plot-owners to not delay in sending in their \$1.00, which will ensure them early attention.


It is with pride we note that the records of the work performed by Aylmer's patriotic ladies' societies during the war are being quoted and favorably commented upon by papers in various parts of the province. One thing the war has done is to bring to public attention the fact that women have always been a powerful influence in the uplift of the community, and they are now coming into their own. They have been rightly granted the franchise, and are entitled to occupy seats in Parliament. There was a time in the history of the world, way back in Paul's day, when woman was looked upon with something of disfavor. That to our minds was an unchristian era. To-day the situation is vastly different, and instead of woman being inferior to man, she has proven herself to be his equal, if not his superior, in many of the virtues that make for good citizenship.

In a recent address the speaker asked the following pointed questions of his audience: "How many minutes during the last ten years have you spent in working on or thinking about purely unselfish propositions affecting the welfare and progress of our town? Have you spent at least ten hours in the last six months in purely unselfish service to the community of which you are a member? Now, honest bright, have you? Don't all speak at once, gentlemen." Each of our citizens should answer for himself. As a community we should work together for the advancement and progress of our town and country, otherwise we are quite likely to fall behind the procession. Be patriotic to your own town, even to the extent you were patriotic to your country during the recent awful war.

We presume it is but natural for members of parliament representing the Western Provinces to argue that the somewhat large amount of money to be appropriated for improved highways might better be expended on something for their benefit. All the same, public opinion in Ontario is swinging with increasing momentum for better roads, and the same thing will happen in the West in the years to come. Without question there can be no better advertisement for town, city or county, nor no public work that is of more

real benefit, than good roads. Aylmer has found that out from experience. There was a time, and not many years ago, when the farmers dreaded a trip to town in spring and fall, owing to our almost impassable streets. But since the establishment of brick, cement and macadam roadways, these same farmers find it a satisfaction and pleasure to strike the corporation limits, where their teams may strike into a trot with their load of hay, hogs, produce or condensed milk cans. Another argument for constructing improved highways this year is that thousands of our boys are returning from the battle fields of France and Flanders, for whom employment must be provided, and these improved highways will help greatly in that regard.

There will be a big change in the personnel of the rural sections surrounding Aylmer this year. Never in any one season, within our recollection, has so many farms changed hands, and new owners or new tenants seem to be the rule, rather than the exception. Several reasons for this are apparent. Some have laid down the burdens incidental to the necessary activities and arduous toil of farm life, and moved into a city or a town to pass the remainder of their days in ease and comfort, which they have richly earned. Others are no longer able to conduct a large acreage, and are removing to smaller farms, while still others, with boys growing into manhood are procuring larger farms. And there are those who are going into dairying on a large scale, and are locating on lands particularly adapted for such purposes. The establishment of the Carnation Milk Products Company in Aylmer and Springfield, and which last year paid out more than a million dollars to the farmers in this section, is largely responsible for the increase in dairying. This excellent industry is ready and anxious to receive all the milk possible to produce, and the present price paid—\$3.00 per hundred for four per cent. milk—has shown the wide awake his work more profitable. We are farming more profitable. We are told that many additions have been made to herds, and as a result the quantity now being delivered exceeds that of a year ago by more than thirty per cent. In thinking over the unusual number of farm changes, our curiosity was aroused to know how many sales by auction took place in this section. As every one knows, the Express has for many years enjoyed the distinction of being the information bureau for this class of sales, and it is common knowledge that no sale can reach the highest pinnacle of success without using this paper for advertising.



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Of course with its circulation of nearly 2,500 copies weekly, it draws from a large territory in every direction within four townships, and many shrewd buyers acknowledge that their subscriptions are given for the sole purpose of watching our Sale Register. In looking over our books we find that from September last to date, no less than one hundred and thirty-four auction sales have been advertised in the Express. An astonishing feature was that one

hundred and seven of this number were clearing sales, while the remaining twenty-seven were held to dispose of excess stock, grain and implements. Let it be understood that the farms occupied by those who held clearing sales have not been turned into waste land. Every farm represented is again occupied, and will in all probability be made to produce in larger quantities under their new owners and tenants. Neither has the land depreciated in value,

for never have higher prices prevailed for farm property in this section than now, some pieces selling as high as \$150 an acre. Our farmers are prosperous and progressive, and East Elgin gives promise of keeping up its reputation as the garden of Ontario.

Practically a whole page of the Aylmer Express of last week was taken up with auction sales. Further evidence of the growing value of newspaper publicity.—Collingwood Bulletin.

Fancy Linens AYLMER'S Fine China

Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Store

IN THE SPRINGTIME





we unconsciously think of suits and wraps for the days that are coming. Smart, Snappy, up-to-date Suits, the box coats, long coats, charming dolman wraps and the daintiest of costume creations are found at this store.

| SPECIAL BLOUSE SALE | |
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| White Voile Blouses | \$1.35 to \$5.50 |
| Silk Crepe | \$3.75 up to \$7.50 |
| Georgette | \$5.75 up to \$15.00 |

| DRESSES AND COATS | |
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| Taffeta Silk Dresses | \$15.00 up to \$21.00 |
| Silk Poplin | \$13.50 to \$15.00 |
| Serges | \$15.00 up to \$30.00 |
| Coats from | \$16.00 up to \$55.00 |
| Silk Camisoles at | \$1.00 up to \$2.75 |
| Navy Blue Serge Suit, Special | \$25.00 up to \$55.00 |

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We quote the following from the Catholic Journal, concerning a well-known evangelist, who died a successful evangelist in Aylmer two years ago. Rev. Joe R. Hanley, Mu Fighting Parson" fresh from the fighting zone, dropped into M. San Diego, Calif., where he was in court martial proceedings. Since the signing of the armistice the nationally known evangelist has been seen at the national judge advocate with

Bronzed by exposure and aged by contact with the enemy which permeated the American air, he spoke interestingly of his experiences abroad citing incidents of military career which served to illustrate conditions and columns of printed matter.

Under Fire 45 Days

During the course of his abroad he was under fire for once. He was gassed twice and once. He proudly displayed from both the American and government. Ribbons of Verdun, Dun Se Musee. Pre were awarded him by government, while his Ar station reads, "Captain Jol Williams, Captain Frank W. Lieut. Fred P. Sorrows and Joe R. Hanley are hereby exceptional bravery and while in line of duty.

These officers carried bodies of at least six of saved their lives by do spite of a serious and det fort of the enemy they taking all the wounded safety."

At Chateau This

Chaplain Hanley received a bullet in the chest at Chateau T. he joined with the Ame in their successful repuls thrust of the Hun. "On the courage of the Ame arrested the enemy at t gave him his first sta said Rev. Hanley. "The over in dense waves led skirmishers followed b rifleman, then more ski then machine gunners. The machine gun fire at this point was victo ed to check the Yanks."

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