

# Talk of the Town And of the Country

General satisfaction will be felt around the city that the contract for garbage collection has been let to Mr. Thos. Harris. Mr. Harris has been carrying out this necessary work the past two years in a manner that has pleased everybody except the man who kicks from force of habit. Mr. Harris and his assistants have set an example in courtesy and business-like efficiency.

Ald. R. D. Ponton, Chairman of Parks, has already entered upon the good work of beautification of our city. A transformation has already been effected in the park below No. 1 fire station. Ever since the construction of the railways this former beauty spot has been ragged and unkempt, but since the opening of Spring several dozen loads of earth have been deposited there and the surface raised about a foot and then levelled. Some flower beds have been established and soon we may be expecting a fine green sward in place of the late desolation. The south end of Victoria Park, which was often below water-level, is also receiving a heavy top-dressing of earth. This will gradually be extended northwards until the whole surface of the island is placed well above the highest high-water level. The protecting wall around the outside is also being repaired and extended so that the whole will be enclosed with its limestone revetment. Ald. Ponton is taking a keen personal interest in this work of improvement. He has made an excellent beginning and we are hoping to see it gradually extended until we have systematically eliminated ugliness from our city. St. Thomas has done that very thing. Everywhere in that city the eye is greeted with some new and agreeable picture. Why not in Belleville? It pays.

No. 1 fire station is being thoroughly renovated both upstairs and down. Chief Brown has turned his force of men into amateur plasterers, painters and decorators. They have lately been spending about eight hours a day each at these extra duties and will soon have walls, woodwork, ceiling and floors spick and span and shining. The woodwork on the outside, will also be given a coat of paint. When No. 1 station has received its full baptism of water, paint and kalsomine it is Chief Brown's intention to give treatment to No. 2 station. The work is being done in a most satisfactory manner and at a cost to the city for materials only.

During the forepart of haying in 1919 Robert Hamilton, Phillipsville, had occasion to use some money to pay a party at the roadside. He called to Mrs. Hamilton to send him his pocketbook. She did so. After paying the party there was left in the pocketbook over \$300. A day or so after he wanted some more money but the pocketbook was not to be found. A few days ago, while putting down hay for his stock the purse came to light. The money was intact, but mice had taken several nips off the purse. There was great rejoicing in the house of Hamilton.

The city of Galt has apparently been having the same kind of controversy over the problems of paving as we had at Belleville about six or seven years ago. The partisans of concrete, brick, tarvia, and other forms of paving have all been having their say but the advocates of asphaltic concrete, such as we have on our Front street, finally won out and placed a contract. Part of the work is now done and the residents are viewing the result with great satisfaction. The Reporter says:—So much of the West Main street pavement is in a finished condition that residents have now a fair idea of what the completed street will look like when the last foot of asphalt has been laid. The Reporter ventures to say that at the moment many of the objectors of last year are in a more pleasant frame of mind than when operations started on the street last fall. Some, it may be suspected, would not agree—it it could be done—to go back to the state of things that produced the famous by-law introduced and passed on the initiative of the Council. It is possible that they are even now proud of their street, though scarcely one-half of the asphalt has been laid. And well may they be. West Main street will soon challenge the admiration of citizens generally. That intention of citizens generally. That properties abutting it are held at higher figures than one year ago is believable. That values have been stabilized must be the result of the improvement undertaken. That the games for May be scheduled for handsome appearance of the new Saturday afternoons. There are no

pavement will stimulate individual embellishment of lawns, houses and industrial premises along the mile stretch that will mark the greatest single paving enterprise undertaken in Galt, is more than a possibility. It is inevitable. Neighbor will vie with neighbor in beautifying premises and adding to the attractiveness of the street. Effort piled on effort will reduce eyesores and add to the general good effect of the undertaking now approaching completion. Soon West Main street will be a real city thoroughfare, a credit to the citizens who are bearing the expense of the pavement and a considerable item in Galt's good assets. The mud of yester-year has gone forever. In its place within thirty days will be seen as smooth a piece of level roadway as can be shown in any small city in Canada. The gain is permanent to all concerned—and there is nothing left for the good citizen to do than pass on the spirit that brought on the improvement to those whose faith in Galt sometimes wobbles in the face of civic problems out of the ordinary. The city stands to gain by a bold policy initiated by men bold and wise enough to advocate progressive measures that accord with the ideas of the astute and practical city planner and builder.

This year's chairman of public works is acting wisely in letting out to contract important works of construction about the city such as sewers, pavements and concrete sidewalks. Our experiments in civic construction of such works have generally been costly and unsatisfactory. It is the hardest thing in the world for city foremen and superintendents to secure anything like as great efficiency from labor as can be obtained from the private firm.

The paving company now operating in the city has about completed the excavations for the permanent pavement to be put down under last year's contracts. After taking off from six inches to a foot of surface from the streets, the excavations have, in nearly every case, disclosed an excellent macadam pavement extending still farther below the surface. The process of road construction in Belleville has been to superimpose one layer of gravel or crushed stone above another. The result has been most unsatisfactory. Ruts, dust, mud-holes and mud have made our thoroughfares unsightly and at times almost impassable. The expense of maintenance has been heavy. The economy of permanent paving such as we have on Front street, is apparent to all who have given the subject any mature consideration. This pavement was put down six years ago and not one dollar has been spent upon it for maintenance or repairs. Competent critics say the present surface will last for thirty years. Then all that will be necessary will be to recover with a thin asphaltic coating and the roadway will be good for another thirty years. Such considerations mean economy and satisfaction.

May 6th was the anniversary of the accession of His Majesty King George. It is just ten years ago since King Edward VII. died, and King George, then the Prince of Wales, was immediately declared king.

It is just five years ago since the 21st Battalion and Queen's Hospital left Kingston for overseas. On the night of May 5, 1915, the gallant 21st Battalion, over 1,100 strong, left Kingston. The crowd that assembled at the Outer Station when the battalion left was the largest crowd ever assembled at any ceremony in that city. Mayor R. D. Sutherland gave the battalion a civic send-off. The 21st was then commanded by Brigadier-General W. S. Hughes, while Queen's Hospital was in charge of Lt.-Col. Etherington.

Fannie Hurst, of New York, the authoress, made public announcement of her secret marriage five years ago to Jacques S. Danjelson, a pianist. Under a pre-nuptial agreement with her husband, she said, they have lived apart since their wedding, so as not to interfere with each other's career. She said they made their appointments for dinner and other engagements in a purely formal manner, "meeting as per inclination, and not duty." They intend to continue that plan, she added.

Alex. Kay, of Peterboro is out with the suggestion that the City League Improvement undertaken. That the games for May be scheduled for handsome appearance of the new Saturday afternoons. There are no

Central League fixtures in that city during the month. Saturday afternoon games might be more attractive than the twilight brand, and two games might be played. Twilight games this month would have to start early, and there is always the danger of one team having to play part of an innings by moonlight.

A crazy motorist drove down the main street of Port Hope Wednesday night, at forty miles per hour. Fortunately the crossings were clear of pedestrians, otherwise there would have been some serious accidents.

About fifty students have registered for the summer course in Theology which opened at Knox College, Tuesday. The course is similar to the one given at Queen's last summer, being for the assistance of returned men who have the ministry in view. Prof. Wm. Morgan, of Queen's will be a member of the staff during the second term. Dr. D. M. Ramsay will be acting dean.

There will be two vacancies on the Kingston Collegiate Institute staff at the close of the term. George R. Smith, the master of the Mathematical department has been appointed to the staff of the Ottawa Collegiate Institute at a largely augmented salary over that paid here. His removal will be a source of regret to the Board. Miss Naomi Irving, one of the junior teachers is also retiring. She was a capable writing instructor.

The G.T.R. baseball team in the Central Ontario League, and St. Michael's team in the Trent Valley League turned out for practice last evening at the fair grounds. There were quite a few players out for the practice and the coaches of the two teams are much encouraged. The G.T.R. team looks even stronger than last year. One who follows baseball very closely says the team will perhaps have twice the strength of the champions of last year. St. Michael's has good material also and they are expected to go up high. Catcher Mills, Frank Goyer and Freddy Goyer were among those of the G.T.R. players out last night.

The Belleville Chapter No. 55 of the Eastern Star are holding a social evening in the Johnstone Academy on Tuesday, May 18th. It will be an informal gathering for the ladies and gentlemen of the Masonic societies in the district. The program will consist of progressive euchre, dancing and refreshments. It is expected this will be one of the largest gatherings of its kind this season and the ladies of the Eastern Star in Belleville are looking forward to entertaining their guests in grand style. The proceeds will be donated to the proposed Florence Nightingale home for the care of orphan children of Masonic members.

The Kingston Standard thus refers to the visit of R. W. Bro. F. E. O'Flynn to Ancient St. John's Lodge, A.F. and A.M. on Thursday night in that city.

A most enjoyable time was spent last evening when the Masonic brethren of Ancient St. John Lodge, held their regular meeting, which was supplemented by a banquet. The special speaker of the evening was Mr. F. E. O'Flynn, of Belleville.

A toast to the Grand Lodge was responded to by P. M. John Nicholle, while the toast to the visitors was responded to by Mr. Graham, and Rev. J. P. Wright. Both referred to Mr. O'Flynn, P.D.G.M., of Prince Edward district, and whose presence was a source of pleasure to all.

Mr. O'Flynn in his address, outlined his trip through the middle states to California, and also to Mexico, which he has visited. In a forcible and interesting manner, he spoke of the beauty of the country, and the sterling worth of Canadians everywhere. His address proved most enjoyable throughout.

Another business change has taken place along Front Street, Mr. F. W. Churchill, who has for some time conducted the undertaking business of Churchill & Speer has bought out his partner, Mr. Churchill has also purchased the furniture and upholstery business that has been so successfully conducted for some months past by Messrs. Thompson and Large, 194 Front Street. This will be Mr. Churchill's headquarters and he will carry on both the undertaking and upholstery business as done by the other firms in the past. Mr. Churchill, during his comparatively brief residence in the city, has made a host of friends, and he will probably make a fine success of his new venture.

In police court this morning two young men for speeding their cars on Scotia street were fined \$5 and costs each.

and Public schools are to be congratulated upon their splendid showing at the annual inspection on Wednesday afternoon. The young lads went through the various movements like old time veterans and were highly complimented by Lt.-Col. Gillespie, of Kingston, the inspecting officer. The afternoon tea at the High School following the inspection of the cadets was a pleasing innovation and proved such a success that it is likely to become a permanent fixture on the annual program. Eighty-seven dollars was realized and this will be turned over to the hospital. This generous gift is much appreciated by the officials.

Messrs. Alexander Munroe, Jr., and William Munroe, Hall's Mills, had rather an unpleasant adventure on Clayton Lake lately. They were engaged in bringing down a raft of logs for the sawmill and as they neared the outlet of the lake a fierce storm of wind and hail stayed their progress. As they had no boat and did not wish to spend the night on the raft they constructed a smaller raft to reach the shore. As they neared an island their raft went to pieces and they were compelled to wade through the water waist deep to shore, where they had to pass the night, wet and without fire.

The Brockville police have been requested by P. Belanger, chief constable of Montreal, to assist in the search being made for two criminals wanted in that city. Albert Dellaghi, alias W. Forgetta, Italian, is described as being 26 years old, five feet six or seven inches in height, and weighs around 155 pounds. He is of a sallow complexion, has dark hair, a gold tooth in the front of the upper jaw, and walks with stooped shoulders and hands behind his back. He wore dark clothes, a fawn raincoat and glasses with a chain over one ear. Dellaghi is wanted for the murder in Montreal on May 5 of one Arthur Palmer. The other fugitive from justice is Winnifred McVey, alias Mary W. Baxter, alias Mrs. Leonard Dandenaunt, five feet and eight inches in height, weight about 170 pounds. She has grey hair and wears glasses and is wanted on several charges of theft.

Mr. Orvil Dainard, Royal street, sent to the office of The Picton Times recently an African goose egg which measured 10 1/2 by 1 3/4 inches and weighed exactly one pound. When broken, another complete egg measured 10 1/2 by 7 1/4 inches was found inside. The outer shell was filled with the white substance of an egg and the inner egg is probably complete. Mr. Dainard will let the goose hatch this egg with others. Last year the goose laid a similar egg just about the same size, which also contained a regular sized egg inside.

Hats off to the women of Belleville. While the ladies in Kingston, Peterborough and elsewhere have been excitedly trying all kinds of more or less bizarre fads to reduce the high cost of living the housewives of Belleville have formed a Consumers' Economy League and have given a fine display of commonsense by deciding that the most effective means in which to attack high prices is for everybody to go to work and produce more and, in addition, to exercise constant economy in the home. Those are the right ideas and they will accomplish wonderful results if only they become generally adopted. Boycotts and overalls came suddenly and vanished as rapidly, carrying on strong for a brief period because of novelty and artificial enthusiasm. To be moderate in our purchasing, to be willing to make our clothing last a little longer and, wherever we have land, to produce something to help out the pantry, are better plans than to refuse to buy necessities altogether with consequent suffering.

A French doctor named Tissot, who lives at Bonneville, near Geneva, was on Friday confronted with an ordeal involving his professional honor. He received a telephone call from a neighboring village informing him that a patient suffering from influenza was in a serious condition. Dr. Tissot started immediately, but his carriage was overtaken by a messenger, who said the doctor's son, seventeen years old, had fallen into a ravine while collecting Alpine flowers and fractured his skull. The boy's condition was described as critical. The physician, after hesitating for a few moments, drove on to his patient. On returning home he found his son dead.

Three members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who are stationed at Ottawa, previously in the West, were in Lindsay for a few days, Constables Sandiland and Joe Connelly, of that town, and McMahon, of Montreal. Their natty uniforms attracted considerable attention on the streets. The boys were originally stationed at Regina, but

are now doing duty at the Capital.

George Beverly, of Claremont, appeared before Magistrate Johnson of Pickering, charged with abducting Mabel Alexandra, daughter of Albert Peters, of the same place. The father objected to the attentions of the young man to his daughter, who was attending the Continuation School and the accused carried the girl off for three or four days on a visit to his sister. The defendant was bound over to refrain from paying attentions to the girl for three years.

Machinists, toolmakers and other employees of the Peterboro plant of the Canadian General Electric Company walked out at ten o'clock Thursday morning. They demand a wage increase. H. Harper, of Toronto, is in Peterboro in connection with the strike. Several hundred men are affected. The employees of the Canadian Packing Company are still out and are determined to remain out until their demands for a wage increase is granted. Both the plant and the retail stores in that city are affected. The wage increase asked for by each group amounts to 5 cents an hour for an 8-hour day and time and a half for overtime.

Peterboro baseball fans whose enthusiasm has had a hard struggle with the frigid atmosphere of the last couple of weeks, will be given a chance to look over the Central League candidates on Saturday afternoon at Riverside Park, Peterboro. With fair weather conditions due any day now, it will be up to the players to get down to business in preparation for the first game at Belleville on May 24th. The following players should be out on Saturday afternoon: Swanson, Ross, Morris, Klyn, L. Rose, Corrin, Holyman, Collins, Lowe, Harrison, Butcher, Adams, Connors, Jackson, Cherrett, McCorney. No player need feel worried over the absence of his name from the list, as all players of ability, who are willing to practice regularly and work under orders, will be given every opportunity to make good.

A very pleasant and interesting gathering was held at Tweed on Tuesday night when a number of friends bade farewell to "Sandy" Grant, who is leaving Tweed, where he has resided for thirty-four years, to reside in Belleville. There was a large turn-out of Conservative stalwarts, and other friends in the auditorium, when Mr. Grant was presented with a gold-headed cane. Thomas Johnston made an admirable chairman. Mr. Grant replied feelingly, thanking the gathering for the fine gift, and the following also spoke: John Stokes, W. H. De Blois, Charles Ketcheson, John Kingston, W. J. Murgoyne, D. S. Morrison, Andy Wilson, George Stokes, Rev. A. E. Smart, Rev. Mr. Johnston, and W. E. Tammon, president of the Conservative Association. The event was brought to a close by all present partaking of a well prepared lunch, with fruits and cigars. Mr. Grant has been one of Tweed's foremost citizens. He served in the Council, and is also a former reeve, and for nine years ably represented Tweed in the Ontario Legislature. Mr. Grant carried on a harness-making business up till some years ago. He was a splendid type of citizen, and did much to promote the interests of the town he loved so much. He holds the respect of all classes, and in leaving he carries with him the best wishes of the community.

The farming has been on tenterhooks all the spring because of the uncertain weather conditions. But everything has worked out most favorably after all. Tonight will see the finish of nearly all the seeding in Hastings and Prince Edward counties. Even the lowlands west of Madoc road in the fourth and fifth concessions of Sidney have dried off finely and are now nearly all sown to grain wherever fall-plowing was done. On the early sown fields the seed has germinated remarkably well and already there is a distinct shade of green above the soil. The cold nights apparently did not hold back growth nearly as much as might be expected. The unusual heat of yesterday and today should push forward all forms of vegetable growth with a rush. With this reasonably early finish of seeding the farmers will now have abundant opportunity to proceed with the planting of corn and potatoes and should have those processes pretty well completed by May 24th.

The first general election after the adoption of the national policy was in June, 1882. Citizens of Toronto and elsewhere were suffering at the time from a potato famine and, as at present, prices were very high. The chief Conservative meetings were held at the Amphitheatre, on James street, where part of the city hall

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now stands. The chief speaker on the night was St. John Macdonald. He said, when he appealed to the country in '67, the battle cry was Union and Progress, and his opponents referred to his party as the U.P. Now he was asking a renewal of confidence on account of the N.P., which, he said, stood not merely for National Policy, but also for National Prosperity. No poverty, and (after a pause and with that peculiar smile) he added, "and for New Potatoes." This "brought down the house."

A new salary schedule for rural school principals and high school assistants has been approved by the executive of the Manitoba Teachers' Federation, and a circular is being sent to all school boards in the province asking their co-operation in making it effective. According to this schedule, principals of two-roomed schools will receive \$1,600 for the first year, with increases up to \$2,000 for the sixth year; three-roomed and four-roomed schools, \$1,800 for the first year, increasing to \$2,200 for the sixth year; five-roomed and six-roomed schools, \$2,000 for the first year, increasing to \$2,500 for the sixth year. For high school assistants the schedule provides a minimum of \$1,600 for the first year, with an increase of \$100 per year up to \$2,100 for the sixth year.

Kingston is also advocating that all vacant lots in that city be used for gardening. Have you started your garden yet, asks The Standard. If there is a vacant piece of land you wish to cultivate, communicate with Prof. J. Macgillivray, and an effort will be made to secure it for you. Don't lose time now. Every day lost now means a few more cents added to the price of potatoes next summer. To get the best results from your garden, coat the land with rotted stable manure, if it can be had, before plowing. If this is not available it will pay you to purchase some commercial fertilizer. Use about a pound for five square yards.

There was a start made on Saturday last in the preparations for the shooting competitions at the Barrie field ranges. Representatives of the 14th P.W.O.R. and district headquarters staff teams had a shoot off. The miniature target was also used. The prospects are reported excellent for a very successful season and the Kingston clubs hope to have a representative on the Bisley team this year. There is more or less objection to the conditions imposed by the new regulations prohibiting the aperture and hooded sights. It is realized, however, that the battle sight and the service rifle really constitute the ultimate conditions of rifle shooting in war and the greatest proficiency under such conditions ought to be the aim of all training.

The barge Frank E. Ewen of the

George Hall Company's line, Captain P. Le Boeuf, Valleyfield, docked at Belleville Wednesday night at 6 o'clock and on Thursday morning the work of unloading a cargo of 1,233 tons of egg, stove and chestnut coal for the W. B. Reynolds Co. was undertaken. The coal was loaded at Fairhaven, N.Y., where boat men say a plentiful supply of the black diamonds, ready for shipment by water, appears to exist at present. The Ewen was one of a tow of three barges behind the tug Florence, Captain V. Gendron, the others being the Walter A. Sherman and the Melrose, all carrying anthracite cargoes. The Sherman was left at Ogdensburg while another tug proceeded with the Melrose to Montreal.

Mr. S. W. Brownridge, the well known Canadian moving picture expert, was in Trenton on Monday and Tuesday at the Gilbert House making arrangements for the re-opening of business in that town. We understand that some \$200,000 is behind the production of a new serial picture and the films will be produced there. Mr. Brownridge gave the citizens to understand that a full staff of actors, actresses, and play directors will be there in readiness to start operations on the new picture in the course of the next couple of weeks. "The World Shadow" produced in Trenton last year, has been well received both on this and the European continent and the success of their first Canadian picture has resulted in the re-opening of the Trenton studio.

Marmora Board of Health have fixed the period of May 1st to 15th as the time during which all yards, cellars and out buildings must be cleaned up and put in a sanitary condition.

Chemical Products, Limited, is being organized by Canadian capitalists, with a capital of \$2,000,000 to carry on the work of manufacturing several lines formerly put out by British Chemicals, Limited, at its Trenton plant. These works are being taken over by the new company. The principal lines to be manufactured are: Sulphuric acid, 38,160 tons; acid phosphate, 75,000 tons; soda nitrate, 600 tons; salicylic acid, 456,000 pounds; aspirin, 1,080,000 pounds. Of acid phosphate there is estimated to be a short shortage of no less than 15,000,000 tons. Some idea of the extent of the Canadian market alone for the consumption of chemicals and their various products may be gathered from the fact that the aggregate value of the imports under this general classification last year amounted to \$88,000,000.

A gang are at work just west of the river at Moira getting out rock to be used on the county roads this year. It is expected the crusher will be there next week and a large amount of stone will be crushed for the roads in that section.