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AUSTIN C. L. TRIBUTE, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR

Down in Louisiana, a man served a sentence of thirty minutes in jail for murder. Probably a case where Justice did not happen to be blind.

Restrictions of British imports and regulation of the prices of wheat, potatoes, oats, etc., will have a chastening effect on Canada. Potatoes are sure to slump for there is an immense supply in the Dominion. Wheat has already lowered, and apples and other farm products will follow the downward trend.

The Dairy Standard Act, a bill of last session, which provided a system whereby dairy farmers would receive payment according to the quality of their milk rather than according to quantity, and which was to come into force March 31, 1917 has been laid aside for a time in order that an educational campaign may remove the objections offered by the Eastern Dairy Association.

National service registration is to be made compulsory in Canada. In fact the signing of the cards sent out to register Canada's manpower is practically a matter of obligation now, as the War Measures Act is to be invoked against those who refuse to supply the information asked for. The time limit for receiving the cards has, however, been extended to March 31. After that date any person who has not signed his card will be proceeded against.

Cats and Taxes

Kingston's City Council may place a tax on cats in order to increase its revenue. With spring coming and its attendant cat serenades, this is a most happy suggestion. In fact any suggestion that would increase the death-rate of cats would be welcomed by the average citizen when he thinks of the countless nights he has endured feline incantations.

Officers Struck Off

A large number of commissioned officers of all ranks in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, both in Canada and in England are being struck off the pay list and temporarily retired to civilian life until their services as officers are needed, or until they decide to take non-commissioned rank and fight as privates.

George Stacey Dead at Frankville

Death came with startling suddenness on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock to Mr. George Stacey, Frankville. Mr. Stacey had enjoyed comparative good health, and after partaking of his dinner, went for a walk to the home of William Hewitt, a half-mile away. He had been in the house only a short time when a member of the household noticed his head drooping, and on going to his assistance, found that the vital spark had fled. He was born in Ireland 84 years ago, and came to Canada when seven years of age, settling in Brockville. His wife predeceased him by eight years. He leaves a family of seven children. They are: Edward, C.P.R. dispatcher, Ottawa; John, in Western Canada; William, Smith's Falls; Robert and Thomas, at home; Mrs. Ed Best, Ottawa, and Mrs. Ed. Hough, North Augusta.

He was a man of kindly, genial disposition and a good neighbor. He will be greatly missed in the community where he spent so many years of his life.

The funeral took place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock to the Lehigh cemetery.

TOWN

Feb. 26th
 Mr. and Mrs. Norris Ferguson were visiting relatives in Brockville one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson Ferguson have moved to Brockville.

Mrs. Wm. Purvis and sons, Willie and James, spent a couple of days last week with Mrs. Allen Earl, Warburton.

Mrs. Peter Ferguson, Yonge Mills, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. G. Herbison.

Mrs. Walton Sheffield, Athens, has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Warren, for the past week.

Born Feb. 20th at the General Hospital, Brockville, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ferguson, a daughter.

Miss Elsie Herbison, Fairfield East, was visiting Mrs. John Herbison last week.

Mr. John Herbison, Mr. Arden Warren, and Mr. Claude Purvis spent Tuesday last in Brockville.

Mr. J. B. Ferguson and Master Willie, visited friends in Brockville on Wednesday.

Miss Arley Purvis has returned home from spending the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. C. N. Purvis, Purvis Street.

Mrs. Sanderson Ferguson and little daughter, Mildred, spent last week at Mr. Eli Tennants.

Mrs. Wm. Patterson, Fairfield, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Norris Ferguson.

Miss Joyce Foley, Lansdowne, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Baile.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Truesdale, Mallorytown, spent one day last week at Mr. J. S. Purvis.

Mr. Hugh Shaw, Montreal, is visiting at Mr. John A. Herbison's.

Miss Evelena Price, Mallorytown, was the week end guest of Mrs. Franklin.

Mrs. H. Foley, Lansdowne, and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Foley and family, Til-

ley, were recent visitors at Mrs. Chas. Baile's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Purvis and little daughter, Jean, of Purvis street, spent Friday, at Mr. J. S. Purvis.

Witley Camp, Surrey, England
 There's a desolate isolated spot I'd like to mention
 Where all you hear is stand at ease,
 Slope arms, quick march, attention,
 1's many miles from anywhere;
 By golly, 'tis a rum one.
 A chap lived there for fifty years
 And never saw a woman
 There are lots of little huts dotted here and there.
 For those inside I've offered many a prayer.
 Inside the huts are rats as big as any nanny goat;
 Last night I saw one trying on my overcoat.
 It's slush up to your eyebrows—you get in your ears
 But into it you've got to go in spite of sighs or tears,
 And when you've had a bath of slush
 You just set to and groan,
 Then just get shaved for next parade.
 Or else it's orderly room.
 Week in, week out from morn till night
 With full pack and a rifle.
 Like Jack and Jill, you climb the hill.
 Of course, that's just a trifle.
 Slope arms, fix bayonets, then present
 Thy fairly put you through it,
 And as you stagger to your hut,
 The sergeant shouts jump to it.
 With tunics, boots, and puttees off
 You quickly get the habit
 Heads backward, bend arms upward,
 stretch heels, then tanks change places
 And later on they make you put
 Your knecaps where your face is.
 But we're not down-hearted yet.
 Now when this war is over,
 And we've captured Kaiser Billy,
 To shoot him would be merciful
 But absolutely silly.
 Just send him down to Witley
 Among the rats and clays,
 And I'll bet it won't be long
 Before he droops and fades away.
 Corp. W. A. Thornhill

Mr. Robert Mackie has purchased the John McKenna house on Wilts street. Mr. McKenna has bought the W. Richard's farm near Frankville and will take possession immediately.

GREENBUSH

Mrs. Wm. White has returned from New York where she has been visiting her sister for the past month.

Miss Myrtle Loverin is in Domville, the guest of Miss Hazel Perrin.

Mr. Henry Davis intends to put in his ice for the season this week, and has made some preparations towards getting it from Mud Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burke and son of Brockville, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Burke's mother.

Mr. Chas. Connel and family are this week moving into their village residence having rented his farm to Mr. Geo. Marshall, of Brockville.

Miss Lizzie McTurk is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Blanchard.

Mrs. Leonard Kendrick, of New Dublin, spent the past week at the home of her parents here.

Mr. Carter is on a business trip to Watertown, New York.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Howe, on Feb. 13, a daughter.

Miss Tina Justus is in Smith's Falls visiting her niece, Mrs. Geo. McGrath.

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 75c and \$1.00 odd lines of Men's Caps for 63c
 \$1.25 and \$1.50 odd lines of Men's Wool Undershirts for ... 98c
 \$1.50 and \$2.00 odd lines of Men's Hats for \$1.00
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