

GRAHAM FACTORIES HAVE CLOSED DOWN

Unexpected Order From the United States Government Cancelled all Orders and Forcing Immediate Closing—Over 400 Thrown Out of Work.

A sudden and unexpected order from Washington to Graham's Limited of this city has caused the immediate close-down of all the Graham factories engaged in the production of dehydrated vegetables for the American government. This order means, in brief, that between 400 and 500 hands are thrown out of employment with no prospect of work elsewhere in the near future.

The contract, upon which Graham's Limited were engaged, was for 15,000,000 lbs. of their dehydrated soup mixture. Under the terms of the contract there was no clause permitting cancellation. It was required that full delivery should be made before July 1, 1919. In the regular course of events the contract would have been completed before that date but the factories have been kept busy for several months yet, perhaps well into June.

The American forces, however, being returned and demobilized much more rapidly than had been anticipated. Food stocks are piling up at various points and the government was compelled to take measures for its own protection. It will of course be obliged to make financial reparation for the cancelled contracts.

The order for cancellation specified that nothing would be accepted after Saturday. In view of this, the force was put to work at redoubled speed and as a result ten cars were

ready for shipment on the tracks by midnight.

The company had, in response to frequent reminders from Washington speeded up production. Its output was from 4 to 5 cars a day.

The order not only affects the local factories but all the Graham factories in Canada and the United States, 26 in all. It also affects the produce market. Many contracts for vegetable supplies, such as potatoes, turnips, carrots and so forth will also be cancelled in consequence. About 30 cars of dehydrated products were en route from other factories to be assembled and re-shipped from here.

Mr. R. J. Graham is, out of the city today. Mr. Bone informed The Ontario that negotiations were well under way for the establishment of other industries here that will keep going every working day in the year and not be subject to the fluctuations of vegetable markets and seasons. This was foreshadowed by Mr. R. J. Graham in an interview published in The Ontario some days since.

In the meantime there will undoubtedly be considerable unemployment in the city. All should help to tide over the difficult season between now and spring. Anyone who can provide work, by way of improvements to premises or in any other way would render a public service by going about it now. The weather imposes no obstacle.

and good judgment necessary to the office. You have always been duly mindful of the interests of our Order in this respect and yet patient with individual members who may have become affected by unfortunate circumstances or influenced by discouragement or have hesitated over benefits to be derived. Your obliging and gratuitous service in the past is worthy of more than we can manifest to you, and we trust you may yet long serve humanity and our cause. We ask you to please accept this purse of gold as a slight token of our esteem.

Yours in Hope, Love and Truth,
Signed on behalf of this lodge
S. N. Jones, S. C.
Sister M. Naylor
Sister E. Penn

Appreciation of Our Police Force

Belleville, Feb. 10, 1919.
Editor Ontario,—
I read with considerable interest the yearly report of our Chief of Police, and Belleville is to be congratulated upon having so fine a body of men to look after the interests of the city. Both physically and mentally they are equal to any other body of police in the province. I do not know what pay these men receive but if there are any persons who deserve to be well paid it is the policemen. Few people take time to consider and very few know the arduous duties of a policeman, they simply see him walking up and down the street but think little that he has to keep it up cold and stormy, wet or warm, or whatever the weather may be, and at night when law-abiding citizens are comfortably housed he is still making his rounds and liable at any time to come in contact with parties of unruly character. These same persons are not at all particular in regard to hurting the feelings of those whose duty it is to interfere with their nefarious business. As a taxpayer I think we owe a debt of gratitude to our police for keeping Belleville so free from burglars and thugs which are infesting other places.

—Taxpayer

An Address of Appreciation

The members of Belleville Council of the Royal Templars in order to show their appreciation of the long and faithful service of Miss Bowen, their beneficiary, treasurer, at their last regular meeting presented her with a purse of gold and read the following address.—

Belleville, Feb. 6th, 1919.
Dear Sister Bowen,
For a number of years you have been Beneficiary-Treasurer of Belleville Council, No. 279 of the Royal Templars of Temperance, performing the work of the office in a very satisfactory manner. We desire this evening to pay tribute to your sterling qualities as an officer in our fraternity and to show our appreciation for the faithful discharge of your duties. Often service such as you render is not recognized until the opportunity passes for showing the consideration of it in person. We realize that much time is required in the receiving of monthly dues and remitting same on to the Head Office of our Insurance Dept., besides delinquencies and deferred payments occasion some concern and put a heavy strain upon the tact

Well Known Farmer Meets Death in Burning Building

Was in His Customary Good Health When He Left the House to Go to the Barn.

A tragedy which shocked the entire neighborhood occurred on Tuesday night when Mr. W. E. Graham, a highly respected farmer, who resided about one mile west of Tweed, lost his life in a fire which consumed his barn with all its contents. How the fire originated will always remain a mystery as the blaze was well under way when it was discovered. Several theories have been advanced but it would appear with each attempt at solution that the mystery only deepens. Shortly after 6 o'clock Mr. Graham, carrying a lantern, left the house for the purpose of hitching up a horse to come to the village. That was the last seen of him until his charred remains were taken from the burning building about an hour afterwards.

Earl, eldest son of the deceased, was the first to see the blaze, some fifteen minutes after his father left the house. Having no rear as to the safety of his father, whom he thought might be getting the horses out, and knowing from a glance that it would be impossible to check the fire, he immediately turned his attention to releasing the cattle from the stable, which he succeeded in doing, afterwards also releasing the horses. No trace of Mr. Graham could be found and the heat from the burning building prevented search within or near it. When the building was practically all consumed, a form lying on the barn floor, aroused the belief that it might be the body of the victim, which on investigation proved to be so. Tweed fire engine was despatched to the scene and by its use in quenching the blaze near the body, access was made to the spot and the charred remains were brought from the building and afterwards taken to Frost's undertaking room where they were prepared for burial. The lantern was found lying against the body. The deceased was in his usual health when last seen and was not subject to weak spells. He was highly respected, and for some years sat on the Hungerford township council Board. He was a member of St. James' Anglican church, and a Conservative in politics. The deceased was 44 years of age and is survived by his widow and seven children, the youngest 3 years old, to whom the sympathy of the entire community goes out. The funeral was held Friday, at 10 o'clock to St. James Church.—Tweed Advocate

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while in Germany. The boys have told us that if it had not been for the Red Cross parcels, they would not be alive today. Letters have been received by different members of the Association from the Belleville soldiers, acknowledging Christmas parcels.

Treasurer's report, Miss Clara Yeomans, treasurer:
Receipts for January . . . \$98.23
Balance on hand . . . 25.80
Red Cross Penny bags . . . 205.05
Total . . . \$1229.08

Expenditure for January:
Mr. Hugh Walsh, carting . . . \$1.50
J. D. Colp, flowers . . . 10.00
Transferred to savings acct. 600.00
Balance on hand . . . 417.58
Total . . . 1229.08
Red Cross Penny Bag report for January: Miss Mary Yeomans, Convener; Miss Helen Wallbridge, assistant convener.
Ketcheson Ward, \$49.15; Samson, \$46.69; Baldwin, \$31.70; Murney, \$28.28; Coleman, \$21.48; Blecker, \$18.70; Foster, \$10.37; Avondale, \$7.15. Total \$207.52.

Mrs. Yeomans, Convener of the Knitting Circles reported for January, socks, 546 prs.; refugee dresses, 58; Bloomers, 52; towels, 12; pillow-cases, 54; service flags, \$0.50.

Mrs. F. E. O'Flynn, Convener of Camp supplies, reported 900 prs. of socks shipped to Queen Mary's Needlework Guild during January. It was decided at the meeting on Tuesday evening that the February penny bag collections will be the last until some other good cause presents itself for the support of the public.

Margaret Lazier, (President)
A. M. Hurley, (Secretary)

New Hospital for Belleville

The ladies of St. Michael's congregation met to organize for a week's budget to be held during the coming spring to procure funds for the erection of a new hospital, with Mrs. St. Charles as honorary president and Mrs. F. Polan, president of the bazaar committee. Another meeting will be held this afternoon to complete arrangements for the proposed hospital. The site chosen for the hospital is the old Ponton property south of St. Michael's church and Church St. and running through to Pinnacle St.

The plans for the new Hospital call for a stone structure similar to St. Michael's Academy and the new hospital will be denominational, and those in charge of the plans will arrange to have installed the most modern hospital equipment obtainable and work will begin as soon as conditions will permit and the structure should prove itself not only a worthy addition to Belleville's already fine collection of public buildings, but also a great convenience to the city doctors and patients and especially to those from the surrounding district, many of whom are now obliged to go to Toronto or Kingston on account of lack of accommodation nearer home.

Sale Brought High Prices

The sale of farm stock and implements of Mr. Burley H. Ham. (L) at Foxboro, brought some notably high prices. For instance one horse sold for \$250. The herd of cattle averaged \$112, although all were grades. One cow sold for \$124 and two spring calves for \$60 each. The total of the sale reached \$4,300. At the conclusion of the day's work, Mr. Hamilton expressed his satisfaction over the results of the sale, in a brief address to the crowd, in which he greatly complimented the auctioneer, Mr. Ira Simmons for putting things through so successfully.

Woman's Red Cross and Patriotic Association

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Red Cross and Patriotic Association was held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 4th. The President, Mrs. Lazier, presiding. The Secretary's report was read and adopted. Letters have been received from the following since last meeting: Canadian Red Cross Society, Toronto; Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, Montreal; Capt. Mary Plummer, Canadian Field Comforts Commission, Shorncliffe, Eng.; Lady Rivers-Bulkeley, Prisoners of War Depot, Red Cross Society, London, Eng.

Also cards from several of the Belleville boys, before they were released from prison camps in Germany. These boys are very grateful to the Woman's Red Cross and Patriotic Association, as this Association adopted them as soon as they were taken prisoners and through the prisoner's department, of the Canadian Red Cross Society in London, England, the Belleville boys, prisoners of war were provided with good things to eat, and as they were badly in need of clothing, from their long marches inland, they were also provided with the clothes they wore

Indians Dying by Hundreds From "Flu"

Pestilence Decimating the Red Men About Hudson's Bay—Word From Rev. George Denyes.

Mr. Henry K. Denyes, of Thurlow was in the city on Saturday and he told The Ontario of having received a letter from his son, Rev. George Denyes, head of the Industrial School and Mission at Norway House, north of Lake Winnipeg. The letter told of deplorable conditions on the reservation, due to a visitation of Spanish influenza. Mr. Denyes' letter was written early in January when the epidemic was at its height. At the time of writing there had been 70 deaths. A later report, appearing in the press gives the total of deaths as 107. The population of this reserve was only 750 in all, before the outbreak of the epidemic.

In Belleville we thought the "flu" was extremely severe in the Fall months. As a matter of fact, this city had about as high a death rate from that cause as had any city in the dominion. The cases terminating fatally here numbered about 60 in three months. Had our death-rate been as high in proportion as that on Norway House reservation, the Grim Harvester's toll would have reached a total of more than 1,500, or more than 25 deaths for every one that actually occurred.

There was a physician stationed at the Grim Harvester in the midst of the epidemic. The care of the sick in the vicinity of mission house therefore devolved upon Mrs. Denyes, who is

Laid to Rest

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rine took place on Saturday afternoon at the Grand Trunk depot from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilbee, Blecker Ave. The remains were then taken to Toronto, where the burial was held today. The bearers at the funeral here were Messrs. W. R. Kerr, W. Crothers, A. Johnston, and H. Dunwoodie.

The obsequies of the late William Rosevear took place on Saturday afternoon from his late residence, Sidney street, Rev. J. N. Clarry officiating. Interment was made in Belleville cemetery, the bearers were Messrs. J. A. Roblin, S. Treverton, George Babcock, F. Shoebridge, S. Simfield and W. Elliott.

TRENTON

Trenton, Feb. 7.—Mr. C. L. Harris, superintendent, and Mr. L. W. Buller, assistant superintendent of the Toronto division of the Canadian National Railways are in town today.

The Canadian Club banquet and address by Sir John Willison, Toronto on Thursday evening was most enjoyable. Mr. Skitch, of Lindsay, sang a couple of patriotic songs most acceptably before the guest of the evening was introduced to the gathering. His subject, "New Conditions and New Problems" was a most interesting one, and the speaker kept the unwavering attention of his hearers by the clear, concise, forceful and logical manner he placed his thoughts before his audience. Coming directly to the question, he promised that there are three vital needs essential for Canada in the period through which we are passing, and they are these—good relations between the province, good relations between industry and agriculture and good relations between employers and employees.

At least 500,000 soldiers and war workers are to be re-placed and re-adjusted in civil life. This necessitates activity in our factories to meet this necessity we require to have command of our home markets and also to expand our export trade in a marked degree.

When the war began the net public debt was \$330,000,000 and the gross debt \$544,000,000. Our net debt is \$1,330,228,898 and our gross debt is \$2,491,864,484. There will, of necessity be a still greater indebtedness by the time demobilization is completed. Before the war the greatest revenue we ever had was \$175,000,000, for the fiscal year we shall have to raise \$450,000,000, this scale of annual charges will probably be maintained for many years to come. This means that we must increase our population on the land, expand Canadian industries, occupy home markets and greatly increase exports to outside markets. The speaker then went on to show something of the amount the government was spending to make agriculture profitable. He claimed that under proper assistance in regard to cleaning, cold storage, etc., the Atlantic fisheries annual returns would be \$75,000,000 or \$108,000,000 instead of \$30,000,000 or \$40,000,000 as at present.

The speaker then touched upon the labour and wage question and at the conclusion of his address a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Sir John for his excellent address. The club afterwards placed itself on record as endorsing the "League of Nations" idea.

Trenton, Feb. 8.—Mr. Cullen, teller in the Bank of Montreal, here has been transferred to the Deseronto branch and Mr. Campbell, who has been on the ledger here has been promoted to teller.

Mrs. Anson Whittier entertained a number of friends last evening at an auction bridge party in honor of Mrs. (Col.) Dunbar, of Ottawa. Five tables were played on in the living room and drawing room. About mid-night a very dainty supper was served at small tables in the dining room. Mrs. Pattee and Mr. Mowat won the prize for the highest scores.

Mr. T. McLean, of Campbellford, is in town, the guest of his sisters, the Misses McLean, Dundas St.

Miss Madden, Toronto, who has been the guest of Mrs. Lorne Foster returned home yesterday.

Mr. Wellington Boulter, of Detroit, Mich., was in town yesterday. Mr. Boulter for many years resided in Picton.

Mrs. George Weller, of Hamilton, is in town, the guest of Mrs. Thos. Flynn, Victoria Ave.

Mrs. C. K. Temple gave her second bridge party yesterday afternoon, and the rooms were gay with spring flowers. The lucky prize winners were Mrs. Dunbar, Ottawa; Mrs. McIntyre and Mrs. Ullot.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Barclay expect to leave for England next month.

Dr. Driscoll and his mother, Mrs. Driscoll have returned from a ten days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. L. Grand, in Detroit, Mich.

Laid to Rest

Scattered all over the region are a number of other Indian reservations, and settlements, absolutely without professional medical service of any kind. The death rate and conditions generally, as a result of the scourge, are appalling. At this season, it is reported, twenty Indians were lying sick, with four dead bodies among them, the others being too sick to look after the burial of the dead.

Mrs. J. W. Norris, Marmora; Col. Wilson, Major R. D. Ponton and J. W. Pearce, Belleville; C. W. Ketcheson, W. A. Ketcheson and a number of others from Frankford and surrounding towns, attended the funeral of the late T. H. McKee.

Mrs. Jno. Chard returned home Saturday from Toronto, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ernest Chard, and little daughter Kathleen, of Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Scott and Master Donald spent Wednesday with Mr. Walter Scott, Foxboro, and Mrs. Scott and Donald remained the weekend with her sister, Mrs. J. Daniels.—Leader.

Vocal Examinations at the Conservatory of Music. We are pleased to state she was very successful and much credit is due her and her teacher, Mr. Marley Sherris.—News.

Miss Hilda Hughes, of Marmora, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Thos. McCann.

Mrs. T. Eggleton was the guest of her son, Mr. E. Eggleton, on Tuesday.

Miss Kathleen Quinn left on Tuesday for Detroit to visit friends.

Miss Rose Corrigan and brothers, of Lonsdale, spent Sunday the guests of Miss Ella Mae Cassidy, Stoco.

Mrs. Jos. Goulash, Master Ferdinand and baby Bucilla, of Sulphide, were guests of Mrs. Paul Longevin on Tuesday.

Mr. Peter LaBarge, of Flinton, spent over Sunday with his family in town.

Mrs. Vince Lynch and baby, J. D., of Erinville, are holidaying under the parental roof.

Miss Stella-Latton, of Queensboro, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. Elliott, for a few days last week.

Dr. and Mrs. Bowby spent a few days last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bowby, Port Dover.

Mr. E. Trudeau shipped a car-load of hogs to Montreal on Friday.

Mr. Thos. Hawkins, student of the College of Philosophy, Montreal, is spending a couple of weeks vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins, Bogart.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Townsend, of Belleville, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Morrow of Strirling, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. W. Salsbury.

Mr. Hector King has taken over the boot and shoe repairing business formerly conducted by his brother, Mr. Paul King.

Miss Annie James, who underwent an operation in the Ottawa Hospital a few weeks ago, has so far recovered as to be able to leave the institution. She left last week to spend a few days visiting her uncle, Dr. James, Matawa.

Mrs. Jno. Hotts and Master Dornick returned on Monday from a few days' visit to her sister, Mrs. J. Whalen, Belleville. Miss Annie Whalen accompanied her home and will spend a few weeks visiting Hungerford friends.

Mr. Jno. Sills left last week for Welland where he has accepted a position as millwright with the Metals Chemical Co. Two other former residents of Tweed are engaged at these works, namely, Mr. Jno. Frost, as superintendent, and his brother, Mr. Russell Frost, as mechanical engineer.—Advocate.

CHAPMAN

February 8th, 1919.
These bright sun-shiny days make us think that our winter is over and that Spring has come again.

Miss Helen Emerson spent last week with Belleville friends.

Miss Lola Fluke has returned home after spending the past few weeks with her sister, Miss Helena Fluke of Toronto.

Mr. A. Hall is busy moving to his new home near Belleville.

Mrs. J. Martin, of Belleville is visiting at Mr. G. V. Clarke's.

A number from here attended the funeral of the late Mr. E. Graham who was burned to death on Tuesday evening last.

Mr. Stephen Fluke is busily engaged in moving to his new home at Foxboro.

Mr. Harold Emerson of Belleville spent the week-end under the parental roof.

We are all glad to see Mrs. George Kletly about again after an illness of a few weeks' duration.

Mr. J. Malmes is busily engaged in sawing wood in our midst.

We all welcome Mr. and Mrs. E. Blakely and family of Thomasburg in our midst. Mr. Blakely has purchased the farm formerly owned by Mr. A. Kirk.

Mrs. Kennedy of Lonsdale is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. Kletly.

Mr. Wilfred LaBarge of Marlbank spent the week-end under the parental roof.

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