

MANY VETERANS AND FAMILIES RETURNING TO THE OLD COUNTRY

Do Not Like Canadian Government and Laws.

PRICE DOES NOT WORRY Increase in Steamship Rates Has Not Prevented the Exodus.

Increased passenger rates, which became effective recently at all points on the North Atlantic between Canada, the United States, France and Great Britain, has not effected the booking of passages from London, which continues to increase steadily, according to P. R. Clarke, booking agent.

Most of the passengers booked for ocean travel from this city are to return to the British Isles, and scores of persons, mostly returned soldiers and their wives and families, are booked to leave this city in the next month. Many of the ships from Canadian ports are booked to capacity, and there is a waiting list at the local office.

Increase All Round.

The increase in rates amounts to a flat rise on minimum rates for all classes, as follows:

First class, increase \$15; second class, increase \$10; third class, increase \$5. From now on, all passenger rates from the North Atlantic between American and European ports, will be subjected to the advance in charges.

Steamship offices announce that the increase in rates are the result of a general arrangement owing to the increased cost of labor, crews and supplies.

Dissatisfaction with Canadian laws, and prevailing sentiment against the government, displayed by returned soldiers and their families, is given as the reason for the immense exodus from this country back to England. Two weeks ago more than 60 families booked passages from Canadian ports for England, after residence in this city.

Don't Like Government. "I simply would not live in a country that is governed like this," an Englishman announced when he purchased a ticket back to England recently.

This week an interpreter is busy gathering together in this city a large number of returned soldiers and their families. They will be booked from this city to Paris, where they are to be taken to their native country, traveling overland. Many Poles and Galicians now here have families and relatives whom they left in Russia in districts where the war raged. Few have heard from their relatives since shortly after the outbreak of the war, and there is a general desire on the part of these foreigners to return home and ascertain the fate of their families.

Lost Husband and Son, Now Exists On Pension of Just \$22

Authorities Are Slow To Give Relief To London Resident.

Mrs. Alice Burchett, a twice-bereaved mother, of this city, is living on the meagre sum of \$22 per month, a pension as supplied by the Government.

On May 5, 1915, the Londoner, her husband, died in Victoria Hospital while serving with the 7th Division. After his death she received pension checks for \$22 per month. At that time she was receiving an allowance from her son who was serving with the Canadian forces in France. This allowance allowed her to live comfortably, but not extravagantly. On April 26, 1916, she received the heart-breaking official notice that her son had been killed in action. It was at that time that his allowance was stopped, and since then she has been living on her husband's pension. Application was made to the authorities for an increased allowance, but to the present the authorities have bungled it, and she is still waiting for the badly-needed increase.

HABERDASHERS LIKELY TO JOIN EARLY CLOSERS

In an effort to fall in line with other local merchants, the haberdashers of this city are considering early closing on Saturday evenings. Since many local stores selling goods in the downtown districts have adopted the practice of early closing, a feeling of unrest has permeated the ranks of local haberdashers and their clerks, who feel out in the cold on Saturday night.

The result was that all haberdashers of this city were approached by a committee with a view to early closing, but at the present time two or three large stores are opposed to the change. However, it is hoped by the committee that these merchants will fall in line in the near future, and all local haberdashers will join the ranks of the "Shop Early" campaigners.

Age and Security

Before the provinces of our nation decided to unite under the name of "The Dominion of Canada," the Old Huron & Erie Mortgage Corporation was founded. It received its charter in 1864, and has steadily grown in strength, breadth of service and volume of business.

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PRIZES AWARDED IN COUNTY FOR FINEST GARDENS AT HOME

Boys and Girls Continue School Fair Work.

Prizes have recently been awarded in the home garden contest in Middlesex County, conducted under the direction of the district agricultural representative, R. A. Finn.

The names of the prize-winners are as follows:

Model—Earl Martin, Wardville; 2. Vida Brunner, Newbury; Percy Dackworth, R. No. 3, Newbury; 3. Willie Baycroft, R. No. 3, Newbury; 4. George Hewitt, Bothwell.

London Township—Howard Macfarlane, Donibough; Harry Shipley, Donibough; 2. Keith Douglas, Iderton; 3. Delbert Fowler, Hyde Park; 4. Allen C. Hedley, Donibough. In this contest, which was an extension of the rural school fair competitions, and is intended to stimulate interest in gardening.

Many of these boys and girls have been engaged in school fair work for some time, and are now ready for crop raising on a larger scale. Early in the year, home garden contest bulletins were sent out by Mr. Finn to young people of the county, and the results of the contest were given for location of the plot, preparation of the soil, cultivation and watering and the care of the individual crops.

The second prize showed a plan of the garden, regulations calling for a plot 20x30 feet, in which to grow a variety of crops. The prize was won by a student who was to be planted tomatoes, corn, cabbages, peas, beans, onions, spinach, radish, lettuce, potatoes, beets, and a variety of other crops.

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MAN WHO ESCAPED FROM CITY IN AUTO WANTED ON MURDER CHARGE IN BUFFALO

Howard C. Patterson Is Much Sought After.

LEFT IN STOLEN CAR Is Alleged To Be Implicated in the Shooting of Policeman.

With the receipt in Buffalo recently of photographs sent by the local police department of Howard C. Patterson, who escaped from this city on August 3 in a stolen motor car owned by Harry C. Greenberg, which was abandoned by the thief at Niagara Falls, the police have received replies to the effect that Patterson is now sought as the slayer of Albert S. Kasbaum, motorcycle policeman, in Buffalo on August 18.

The Buffalo motorcycle policeman was shot dead by two automobile thieves, whom he had arrested and was taking to the North Tonawanda police station. One of the men, H. B. Judge of Niagara Falls, is under arrest. The other one, who is thought to be Patterson, escaped on the policeman's motorcycle. The man who escaped is said to be known as "Red" Patterson, and was riding in a car under the policeman's guidance, when he turned and fired four shots from a revolver, all of which hit the policeman.

Helen Murray, 14 Miles street, who was arrested on August 18 here, and who rode with Patterson as far as Niagara Falls, the previous night in Greenberg's car, was released in \$250 bail, furnished by her father, in police court today. She had been held in the county jail since her arrest, and was released in the expectation that Patterson would be apprehended and brought back to Buffalo for trial on charge. She is said to have fled upon to appear in police court.

More than 300 bottles of whiskey, some of it good, but much of it inferior, product of unscrupulous bootleggers, is lying in the police station vaults awaiting carriage to the office of the license commission, who forwards it to the liquor license commission at Toronto.

What becomes of all the booze that is confiscated by the police is a question that was asked by the police inspector when he was asked to take charge of the warehouse until it was sent to the provincial license commission at Toronto. The inspector said that he did not know, but that he would try to find out.

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G. W. V. REQUESTS EXCESS PROFITS BE SEIZED AND UTILIZED

Will Present Resolution to the Government Soon.

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CITY'S POPULATION INCREASES BY 2,179, TOTAL NOW 59,100

Assessment Also Has Jumped in Last Year.

London's population has increased 2,179 during the past year, making the population for the city proper 59,100. The population in 1917 was 56,921, including 1,500 soldiers. The dispersal of these men left the regular population 55,421.

Ward 1 has a population of 12,806; Ward 2, 9,819; Ward 3, 17,141; Ward 4, 19,234. The total assessment for the city has been increased \$2,404,228. Land in 1918 was valued at \$16,724,000; it is now assessed for \$17,017,027, an increase of \$293,027.

Buildings in 1918 were assessed for \$19,917,436, and are now assessed for \$20,086,436, a gain of \$169,000. Business assessment has increased from \$3,582,294 in 1918 to \$3,549,117 this year, or \$33,177 less. Income assessment has advanced from \$1,882,885 to \$2,569,336, a gain of \$686,451.

Two hundred and forty-two persons more than last year were assessed for statute labor tax, making a total of 741. The increase in assessment by wards was: Ward 1, \$667,043; Ward 2, \$515,177; Ward 3, \$532,195; Ward 4, \$613,357.

The city now has 12,044 children between the ages of 5 and 21, an increase of 1,137 over 1918. Children between the ages of 5 and 14 number 9,133, of 801 more than in 1918.

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BACK FROM FRANCE, THREE DECORATIONS

Capt. Lyons Won Promotion, But Lost Leg.

Capt. Lyons, a well-known Londoner, and son of Mr. R. A. Lyons, Talbot street, has just returned home after being overseas on the Western Front for two years.

Enlisting in a Scottish regiment in 1914 as a private, Capt. Lyons won his commission on the 10th, afterwards saving him from the front. He participated in all the notable battles which were fought, and was decorated with the D. S. O., the M. M., and the French Croix de Guerre with a gold star.

He was severely wounded in the Battle of the Somme, and lost his leg. He was promoted to captain in 1917, and was awarded the D. S. O. for his gallantry in the field.

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