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THEIR IS NO EGG SHORTAGE

W. F. O'Connor, M.C. Issues Scathing Statement—Eggs Will Not Rise.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—"Unjustifiable over-accumulation of eggs, held at unjustifiable prices." This is the main conclusion reached by W. F. O'Connor, M.C., cost of living commissioner of the Minister of Labor, in a special report he has prepared on the food storage companies in Canada. Mr. O'Connor, states that, "accepting bacon, ham, smoked meats, mutton and lamb, which show decreases, there is substantially a larger supply of meat, eggs, butter and cheese in Canada now than at the equivalent period of last year."

Of cheese, Mr. O'Connor finds that there was 70 per cent. more in store than on Jan. 1, 1918 than on the same date last year. He "cannot justify the contention that there is a shortage of butter in Canada nor the prevailing price of that article."

But it is in regard to eggs that Mr. O'Connor takes a particularly strong stand. He declares that in his opin-

ion, "the ruling prices for eggs are absolutely unjustifiable, and the daily reiteration in the market reports that a shortage of eggs exist is absolutely contrary to the fact. There exists an unjustifiable over-accumulation of eggs held at unjustifiable prices."

Mr. O'Connor proceeds: "Within a few weeks these large holdings will be unfit for human food. There is no demand for export or possibility to exporting such holdings, and they should be forced on the market right away while they remain fit for food, so that those who consume them may derive from them that sustenance which otherwise they will need in fats and meats."

"I trust," Mr. O'Connor concludes, "that this statement without anything more is sufficient to lead to an immediate and reasonable pricing of these stocks. Otherwise, they should be seized and sold before they rot."

GRAVEL ROAD

The weather continues very severe. It will have to hurry up with the January thaw. They say it is the first January in 45 years that there was no thaw.

Mr. John Fahey spent a couple of days in Toronto. Miss M. Cassidy was at home to a

CANADIANS AND THE CAMPAIGN OF 1917

Stewart Lyon Tells Belleville Canadian Club of Deeds of Canadian Boys at the Front — Description of Hill 70 — Plea for Returning Men.

The Canadian Club meeting which Mr. Stewart Lyon, former Canadian Associated Press correspondent, at the front for six months, and editor of the Toronto Globe, addressed on Wednesday afternoon at the High School was one of the most unique in the club's history. Not only was the address a wonderful picture of the deeds of Canadians in a class all by itself, but the hour of meeting was a departure for Belleville.

President Dr. Yeomans occupied the chair. He expressed his pleasure at the large attendance of ladies and gentlemen at an unusual time for a meeting in this city. The president paid tribute to the work of Mr. Lyon at the front and had no hesitation in saying that no man could speak with such authority as Mr. Lyon on matters pertaining to the Canadian corps in France.

Mr. Lyon was warmly greeted by the audience. "I came to Belleville because I knew that in this part of Canada you have done much."

The enemy in the past two weeks in relation to Russia, have thrown aside all reserve. Now they insist upon incorporating Russian provinces with a population of 20,000,000. The German war party are out for the spoils, as in the past wars with Denmark, Austria and France in the division of Africa in the 80's and 90's, and in the wrestling of Herzegovina and Bosnia from Serbia. Their claim that they are fighting a defensive war, cannot be substantiated. Their campaign in 1914 was to gain control of the textile and mining area of northern France. Mr. Lyon cited instances to show this. The object of the allies so far has been to defeat Germany's plan to hold the line in the civil life. We owe them a great debt. Vimy and Lorette, which deal here at home why should we dominate the coal area of northern France and the control of the sea routes to the east. The intervention of British troops had failed to hold back the Hun at Ypres, with nothing behind them, there was nothing to prevent the Germans marching to the channel ports. This would have given them the control of the sea.

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the top of Vimy Ridge remained in the hands of the foe. The preparations began in Dec. 1916 with the Canadians. Vimy Ridge was a great artillery battle. Yet it cost the Canadians 14,000 casualties.

Mr. Lyon turned to the action following Vimy. Mr. Lyon explained what activities engaged the attention of Canadians who are non-combatants. He mentioned the work of the Canadian railway men, tunneling companies, horsemen, and lumbermen, cutting down timber and firewood.

Mr. Lyon paid the highest tribute to the work of these non-combatants whose work is so vital to the cause of the allies.

The speaker described the battle of Hill 70 and how the operation was planned. The details secured by the aeroplane cameras are very minute, scarcely anything escaping them.

For almost a month the guns kept playing on the top of Hill 70.

Mr. Lyon resented in strongest possible terms the allegations that our generals from Canada are not careful of their men. They husband their men, these civilian soldiers.

The taking of Hill 70 cost surprisingly few lives. But it was not held without loss. In the hand-to-hand engagements with the attacking Germans, many of the most glorious deeds of prowess of the war were performed.

Mr. Lyon cited the cases of Brown and Hobson and of Andette. Cases of heroism of non-combatants were told. War does not make heroism. It only makes opportunities for heroism.

"I've been hearing stories of the difficulty of replacing these heroes in civil life. We owe them a great debt. Here at home why should we dominate the coal area of northern France and the control of the sea routes to the east. The intervention of British troops had failed to hold back the Hun at Ypres, with nothing behind them, there was nothing to prevent the Germans marching to the channel ports. This would have given them the control of the sea.

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BELLEVILLE S. S. INSTITUTE

Held Wednesday at Baptist School-room—Profitable Address and Discussion

The annual meeting of the Belleville Sunday school association was held in the Baptist school-room yesterday afternoon and evening. The following program was presented and made up one of the best interesting institutes ever held in Belleville:—

Afternoon Session

Chairman, Mr. D. V. Sinclair; devotional services by Rev. D. C. Ramsay; address by Rev. E. W. Halpenny on "An up-to-date Sunday school"; address by Mrs. Mary F. Bryner on "The ideal sabbath school." Officers reports and appointment of nominating committee. Parallel conferences.

Evening Session

Chairman, Mr. D. V. Sinclair; devotional services by Rev. C. G. Smith and Rev. A. M. Hubby; address by Mr. Halpenny, subject "The shepherd, the undershepherd and the hireling"; address by Mrs. Bryner, subject, "The value of graded lessons in the school." The nominating committee presented the following report of officers for 1918 which was heartily adopted on motion of Rev. S. C. Moore and Judge Deroche.

Pres.—Mr. D. V. Sinclair
1st. Vice Pres.—Mr. P. C. MacLaurin
2nd Vice Pres.—Mr. F. S. Deacon
3rd Vice Pres.—Mr. George T. Woodley

Sent. elementary division—Mrs. A. C. Williams
Sent. Girls Secondary Dept.—Miss Yeomans
Sent. Boys Secondary Dept.—Mr. Chas. Frederick

Sent. Adult Secondary Dept.—Mr. B. O. Frederick
Sent. Misses Dept.—Chas. Glenn
Sent. Temperance Dept.—Miss Deacon

Sent. Teacher Training Dept.—Miss L. Phelps
Sent. Home Dept.—Miss Mando Reeves

Rec. Sec.—Miss A. Youngberry
Chas. Sec. and Treas.—Miss A. Hiron

Mrs. Deaton, presided at the piano and Miss Pormen sang a solo in fine style. There was a large attendance at the evening session. The address of Mrs. Bryner and Mr. Halpenny were replete with good anecdotes, helpful suggestions and practical interest to all teachers of Sunday school classes. It was reported that over \$300 had been raised by the Belleville Sunday schools for the Armenian fund with more schools yet to hear from.

CHRIST CHURCH A.Y.P.A.

The members of Christ Church A.Y.P.A. met in the parish hall Wednesday, January 30th. Dr. R. C. Blagrove opened the meeting. A delightful program under the management of the musical committee was gone through. The Misses Fagan and Foster sang well as also did Mr. Drummond.

Major R. Ponton gave an interesting address on some of his experiences at the front. The Misses Mildred Lloyd and Christie Turney took part in an amusing dialogue and also gave readings. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

LETTER FROM SOLDIER

Principal Mott, of Queen Alexander School is in receipt of a letter from a former school boy, now in France. Pts. Clinton Brickman is very grateful for Christmas gifts from the staff and scholars.

France, Jan. 3, 1918
Dear Mr. Mott, the Staff and Pupils, Queen Alexander School.—

Received the Xmas box which was so kindly sent by the school and I would ask that you convey my sincere thanks to the school and to the ladies who assisted you in packing them. The box came in perfect condition and not a single thing was broken or spoiled.

I was in the trenches when it came to hand and as I was feeling very tired it just touched the right spot in more ways than one and after such an excellent treat I felt like a new man.

Since coming to France 2 months ago I have had great deal of experience and have learned many things which I shall never forget.

I have had several close calls, but so far have escaped untouched. I have met already several of the old school boys, among them Gar. Arnold.

At present we are settled down in a small French village where we have things quite comfortable. At present I am taking a scouting course which requires some study and this reminds me of my old school day at Q.A.S. At my first opportunity

Officers Elected at Annual Meeting
Yesterday—Grant to Red Cross
May be 125 Head for Sale

The outlook for the Holstein Friesian cow in this district is good. For years an annual consignment sale has been held and the Belleville District Breeders Club are planning another spring dispersion sale on the first Wednesday in April in this city.

The success of these sales have been phenomenal and to them is due the fact that Belleville is now on the map of the black and white.

When President Parks, of Nanawee called the annual meeting of the Belleville Breeders' Club together on Wednesday afternoon in the spacious and comfortable rooms of the West Hastings Auxiliary Club, he found a very large attendance of breeders. Many of them who had sold before at sales but others who had been drawn into the Holstein class by the reputation being gained by local breeders. All were optimistic over the outlook for a grand sale in April.

The club then decided on the proportion of males and females to be allowed in the April sale. Evidently the sale will contain nearly 125 head. There is a possibility of the sale lasting two days.

Officers were elected as follows:—
President—Milton Maybelle, Hill-ton.
1st. Vice Pres.—S. J. Foster, Bloomfield
2nd Vice Pres.—A. E. Phillips, Rossmore

Sec. Treas. and sales manager—P. R. Mallory, Frankford
The club decided not to hold any banquet. The general opinion was that a grant should be made to the Red Cross. Mr. Caskey and Mr. Mallory first favored a banquet in order to advertise the black and white. Mr. Finkle supported a grant instead and the consensus of opinion was in favor of his suggestion. Mr. E. B. Mallory thought that with the club funds, both a banquet could be held and a Red Cross grant made.

On motion of Mr. Finkle a grant of \$50.00 was made to the Canadian Red Cross.

Mr. John McAuliffe arrived in the church on Thursday from Segany, Mich., en route to Lonsdale to spend some holidays with his brother, sisters and other relatives.

Miss M. Hayes, Nanawee, spent Sunday under the parental roof.
Mr. A. Campbell is back from Belleville again.

I shall write you a long letter and explain things more fully.
Thanking you all again for your very thoughtful and much appreciated kindness and wishing the school a happy New Year.
Your old pupil of 1913,
Pts. Clinton Brickman

7,000 SOLDIER VOTES WILL BE THROWN OUT

This is in Canada Alone—Many Irregularities Found in Marking Ballots.

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—It is estimated by those who are counting the soldiers' vote in Canada that at least seven thousand of the fifty-five thousand votes cast will be thrown out owing to non-compliance with the act. There are at least that many ballots which are improperly marked on the envelopes and cannot be allocated. When the envelopes are opened and the actual counting starts there may be found to be most of the ballots discarded are those of soldiers who imagined that no matter where their home they could vote in any constituency they chose.

It is stated that the same proportion of ballots in England as in Canada are being put aside through "irregularities." As there are some 250,000 ballots overseas this means that nearly thirty-five thousand ballots in England are being lost.

The majority of these ballots are being discarded through soldiers voting in ridings other than those they designated as their homes.

Most of the envelopes placed in the boxes have been of men who lived in ridings in which there was an election. Not wishing to lose their votes they designated some other riding. In every case such a ballot is not counted.

If the election had been close the loss of forty to fifty thousand votes would have been a serious influence on the result. As it is, it will not affect the general outcome, but the discarding of so many votes is bound to have an influence on many seats.

Many ballots are being discarded through the carelessness of returning officers, who failed to secure all the necessary information to properly allocate the vote.

PLEASANT BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Ladies' Class of Bridge St. church will not soon forget the delightful evening spent at the home of Mrs. F. E. O'Flynn, associate leader of this class, held in honor of Mrs. M. B. Roblin's birthday, who for so many years led this class with efficiency and profit.

Mrs. Roblin received the congratulations of the evening with the sweetest grace and dignity. And the hostess was untiring in her efforts that all should enjoy the evening.

Mrs. Hunter sang to us of her best and in her best voice.

Then came the very social time, over the refreshments so abundant and dainty. And last but not least, was the gracious welcome to all by Mr. F. E. O'Flynn, as he found his parlors full to overflowing. The gathering sang "Blest be the tie" led by Mr. O'Flynn.

The sweetest flowers that ever grow are flowers of love.

Nurtured and cared for by a hand, held from above.

These flowers are acts of kindness which the more we wear, will never fade, but ever grow more sweet and fair.

HARRY WEEKS

Harry Weeks passed away in Belleville Hospital yesterday afternoon as a result of pneumonia. He was born in Concession 36 years ago and resided at 57 Moira street, Belleville. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow and six children, four boys and two girls, whose ages run from two months to twelve years. The deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Weeks and the relatives in the sad occurrence.

AUSTRIANS BOMBARDING NEW ITALIAN POSITIONS

ROME, Jan. 31.—The Austrians are heavily bombarding the positions captured by the Italians in the recent offensive but the Italians are responding even more heavily.

GERMAN STRIKE SITUATION UNCHANGED

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Despatches from Copenhagen report that the German strike situation is unchanged.

BREAKS ONE RECORD

January's Warmest—Weather Was Colder Than Any Previous January's Warmest.

Last month established a record in one respect. Its warmest weather was colder than the warmest of any other January known. In other words, the maximum for the month was the lowest January maximum on record. The warmest day of the month was the 12th, when the mercury was 32.9 above. The coldest day was the 27th (last Sunday,) when it fell to eight below.

Practically speaking, this was a rinceless January. Only on one day was there a trace of rain and this was too slight to be measured. On the other hand, we had abundance of sunshine. There have been 112 hours of sunshine when the normal for January is only 78 hours and last year there were only 16.

The month's snowfall was 23 inches, occurring on 13 days, which is a fairly heavy precipitation, but not remarkable. The winds have been exceptionally violent. On twelve days during the month the velocity has exceeded 25 miles an hour. The windiest days were January 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22, 25, 28, 29.

WEDDING BELLS

McDONALD—MORAN

Brookville, Jan. 30.—This morning at 7.30 o'clock, a pleasing event took place in St. Francis Xavier Church, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Margaret Moran, second daughter of Mrs. D. Moran, 34 Bartholomew Street, and Mr. Joseph V. McDonald, of Watertown, N.Y.

The ceremony was performed by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Murray, who also celebrated a nuptial mass. The bride was assisted by Miss Tecla McDonald, Ottawa, sister of the groom. Mr. Leo Moran, of Belleville, a brother of the bride, was best man. The bride was attired in a travelling suit of brown gabardine with hat to match, and wore brown tulle and carried pink roses. To the bride the groom gave a diamond necklace; to the bridesmaid, a pearl pendant; and to the groomsmen, a cameo tie-pin. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast for the bridal party and the immediate friends was served at the residence of the bride's mother. They were the guests of many handsome and beautiful presents. They left this afternoon for their new home in Watertown, following a trip to New York.

NO SERIOUS PARTY MEASURES EXPECTED

Coming Session will not see Contentious Legislation, it is said—Sensing is changed

In political circles it is agreed that the coming session will not be one of drastic measures, the most outstanding piece of legislation now fore-shadowed being that relative to the care of feeble-minded persons and to check the prevalence of venereal diseases. Minor amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act and to the act respecting the Toronto-Hamilton, highway are expected. The possibility of a provincial election in June may account for the absence of contentious matters being brought to the attention of the public at this time.

There is considerable activity at the parliament buildings these days in view of the opening of the legislature next Tuesday. All departments are busy and for some days the legislative chamber has been in readiness for the session. Because of the change in the leadership of the opposition there will be some alterations in the allotment of seats.

William Proudfoot, K. C., the new leader of the opposition, will occupy the seat formerly occupied by Hon. N. W. Rowell and C. M. Bowman will take Mr. Proudfoot's former seat. J. C. Elliott will replace Mr. Bowman and C. G. Hurdman will move into Mr. Elliott's old place.

One or two changes on the government side of the house is expected.

PEACE OR REVOLUTION