

FAR AND NEAR

In the last seven years the number of civil servants at Ottawa has been increased by fifty per cent., or from 30,988 to 46,605.

Canada's first postage stamps were issued April 23rd, 1851, and bore the picture of the Beaver. The first issue comprised, a three-penny, a six-penny and a twelve-penny.

In London, Ont., four members of the Royal Mounted Police guard the offices of the Tax Collectors. The same precaution is being observed in other cities.

Stumbling into a vat of boiling dripping at her father's butcher shop London on Saturday evening, Phyllis Lankin suffered injuries that resulted in her death some hours later. The child was the three-year-old daughter of Lester Lankin.

In Brantford City Officials are reported to be planning for a move to close up all places where men and women gather, at 11 o'clock each night. This, they state, would not be confined to dances only, but to all social gatherings of a public nature where the two sexes meet.

John Bowman, 13-year-old Peachland boy, in trying to discover whether a shotgun cartridge would explode if hit with a stone, nearly lost his life. John is carrying shot in various part of his body as a result of his experiment, though fortunately none in a vital place.

In the millions of dollars being spent on Good Roads the Inspectors should see for a certainty that good roads are secured. It is a easy matter to squander good coin, at a lively rate and have nothing to show for it in the end. Permanency should characterize public expenditure and "stop" work should be cut short with emphasis.

The Bureau of Municipal Affairs has issued a bulletin of municipal statistics for 1919 and population for 1920. There are 555 townships 148 villages, 139 towns, 24 cities, and 38 counties in the province, making a total of 940, being an increase of five per cent. in ten years. The assessed value of the Province is \$2,131,666,300. The total taxes imposed for municipal purposes is 1919 was \$43,607,652, and for schools \$18,361,838.

At the annual convention of the Canada Conference and Evangelical Association held at Stratford last week the following resolutions were passed:—"That we regard with alarm the ever-increasing use of tobacco, especially by the young, on account of the waste and its evil effects physically, and spiritually, and we urge the importance of an educational campaign based on scientific facts regarding tobacco, together with pledge-signing against its use."

How a 13-year-old boy made \$211 clear profit per acre on potato growing was told in the annual report of a growing contest for boys in Carleton and Russell counties, presented at a meeting at Ottawa on Saturday of last week. Last year Willie Meredith, the boy in question, took away second prize. This year he came back with an average of 490 bushels of tubers to the acre, and his clear profit was the amount named. The second prize winner this year averaged 448 bushels to the acre, and the third boy grew 150 bushels to the acre.

Insurance agents who until recently paid a license fee of \$3.00 to the Government for the privilege of writing up insurance policies are now compelled to pay a separate license of \$3 for the different kinds of insurance. An agent handling fire, life, automobile and casualty insurance will now pay \$12.00 for the license which heretofore he paid only \$3 for the lot. Where the agency is under a firm name each member of the firm is required to take out a separate license, while previous to this recent provincial enactment one license would suffice.

The Pons-Wennecke comet which is to make its re-appearance soon may be discovered by the astronomers next month, and be generally observable in June. It is named after the men who first located and made observations of it. This is the comet that some ways have said may collide with the earth and a good deal of fun has been made out of the possibilities of future happenings. That humor of this kind sometimes works in queer directions is illustrated by the seriousness with which many people have regarded the statements of these practical jokers. There are a number of people who are willing to believe that only by a miracle of nature can the earth avoid a disastrous bump.

The state of Michigan is in the position of having a valuable stock of confiscated liquor on hand for which it can find no sale. In other places confiscated liquor is sold to druggists who have licenses to handle it for medicinal purposes; but in Detroit the druggists say it does not pay. A member of the liquor committee of the state legislature is authority for the statement that of more than 500 druggists in Detroit, only four have taken out licenses. They claim that liquor is so easily obtained in the city that there is little demand upon the druggists. Even when doctors do prescribe liquor the patients prefer going where they can get it by the quart instead of by the ounce. It is estimated that the Michigan state authorities have 100,000 quarts of good liquor on hand, which they are unable to dispose of. Of course, good liquor will improve with age.

WARWICK COUNCIL

The Council met on the 25th inst as per adjournment. Members all present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The following orders were granted Ed White, doubletree for grader .....\$ 1.00 C. E. Janes, amt due from S. Boundary drain. .... 459.02

H. C. Benedict, part salary as assessor ..... 70.00 John Cooper, gravel furn in 1920 ..... 10.75

Ingot Iron Co., cul. furn. 160.04 J. McKercher, grader blade 15.50 Corrugated Pipe Co., cul. furnished ..... 245.72

Campbell—Muma, that the petition of H. Curtis and others to have the McPherson drain repaired and of James Brandon and J. Campbell to have part of Lot 11, con. 4, S.E. R. drained be entertained and the Clerk be instructed to have C. A. Jones examine the same and report.

—Carried. Campbell—Perrier, that we instruct Mr. Bell, engineer, to make a new assessment on the Campbell drain.—Carried.

Higgins—Muma, that statute labor be \$2 per day as per statutes and that all parties on the County Roads be given a chance to earn their amounts on sideroads by pathmasters of each beat or otherwise and that all road lists not returned by the pathmasters the work will be taken as not done.—Carried.

The council then adjourned to meet on Monday, the 30th day of May, at ten o'clock as a Court of Revision on the Assessment Roll and for general business.

N. HERBERT, Clerk.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Watford Board of Education held in the Library Board room on Monday, 25th inst., at 7:30 p.m. Present—John McKercher, chairman; Dr. Howden, E. D. Swift, W. E. Fitzgerald, Dr. McGillicuddy, and Dr. Siddall.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Howden—McGillicuddy, and Carried, that the following accounts be accepted and paid.

HIGH SCHOOL Geo. Chambers Est, lumber. \$ 11.10 Swift, Sons & Co., supplies 14.22 McKay School Equipment Ltd., blackboards ..... 246.92 W. A. Smith, wood. .... 65.00 Sam Janes, draying. .... 1.75 Electric light, armory. .... 2.00 Meredith and Fisher, legal advice ..... 10.00

PUBLIC SCHOOL W. A. Smith, wood. .... \$ 65.00 Reports of the Public School for February and March were read. Fitzgerald—Swift, and Carried, that the Public School Principal's report for February and March be received and filed.

Principals Cameron and Mahon were present and advised the Board of some equipments that were necessary for both the schools.

Swift—Siddall, and Carried, that the requirements mentioned by the Principals be referred to the repair and supply committee for attention.

Fitzgerald—Swift, and Carried, that we advise our Municipal Council to supply \$805.00 for Public School purposes for May.

McLaren—Swift, and Carried, that we adjourn. D. WATT, Secretary.

New York Times.—The 1st of May is drawing near. Germany's past record leads to the fear that there will be a new German proposal late in the afternoon of April 30, intended only for discussion and delay. The French are not in a mood to wait much longer. Whatever counter-proposals Germany has in mind must this time be made in good time, if they are to be seriously considered in Paris. The Germans have had opportunity after opportunity to settle the indemnity question by showing a real willingness to pay what they owe. If they suffer from the French application of force next month, the fault will be almost entirely their own.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

AUCTION SALE OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

The undersigned has received instruction from the administrator of the estate of the late

MRS. C. WILLOUGHBY to sell by auction on the premises Corner of Watford and Erie Streets WATFORD, on

SATURDAY, MAY 7th, 1921 at 2.30 p.m., the following goods:—1 full bed room suite, 3 beds, springs and mattresses, parlor suite, table, 1 chest of drawers, 1 dining table, 6 dining chairs, 1 sideboard, 3 rocking chairs, high chair, 2 comodes, kitchen chairs and table, 1 cupboard, 3 tables, 1 rug and carpets, linoleum, pictures, hall rack, vacuum cleaner, parlor lamp, drapes, 2 coal heaters, 1 with oven; 1 coal-oil stove and oven, 1 small heater, fruit and empty sealers, dishes, wringer, lawn mower, window shades, and other household articles.

No reserve. TERMS.—Cash. H WILLOUGHBY, J. F. ELLIOT Administrator. Auctioneer. a29-3t

BIG BREAK IN PRICES of Wanted Goods SEE THE GOODS AT SWIFT, SONS & CO. 15 dozen LADIES' VESTS, good value at 75c—... The Price Break.... 45c 6 doz. LADIES' PINK BLOOMERS, value at 75c—The Price Break.... 50c 20 dozen BLACK HOSE, 40c value ..... The Price Break.... 25c 20 doz. LADIES' HOSE, black, brown and grey, 50c, The Price Break.... 35c 10 doz. LISLE HOSE, black only, value at 75c.... The Price Break.... 49c 8 doz. GIRLS' BROWN RIB HOSE, 50c value.... The Price Break.... 39c 20 doz. MEN'S HEAVY WORK SHIRTS, reg. \$2. The Price Break... \$1.25 Goods open Thursday—get ready for town! SWIFT, SONS & CO.

Six months' exposure in the open air reduces the heating value of coal by nearly 10 per cent.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

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FOR SALE—Choice Six year old Cow, due to freshen.—A. G. Brown

FOR SALE—A Barn 18x30. Also a smaller building.—Geo. Chambers Est.

FERTILIZER FOR BEET GROWING or gardening on hand at the Farmers' Co-operative Store, Watford.

LOST—One Dunlop Tire, 30x3 1/2 between Arkona and Watford, on Arkona sideroad or Main road. Reward at Harper Bros., Watford.

INVEST in a Huron & Erie Debenture. Interest now 5 1/2 per cent. on \$100 and upwards for one year or up to five.—S. Davidson, agent, Watford. a8-tf

LIVE HORSES BOUGHT at highest price, also injured horses.—LETT BROS., fur ranchers, lot 18, con. 13, Brooke; Rural phone 48-21. Watford P. O. Phone messages at our expense.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL—J. Tomlin wishes to notify the public that he has moved to Ontario street, near John street. Satisfaction guaranteed in all furniture repairing and upholstery. tf

Persons desiring any kind of automobile insurance can obtain same by applying to W. E. Fitzgerald, Watford, who represents several good companies transacting this kind of business.

GARD OF THANKS—Mr. Thomas McKay and family wish to thank all the friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to them in their recent bereavement.

FOR SALE—Eggs For Hatching, Bred-to-Lay Barred Rocks, \$1.00 for 15, \$6.00 per 100, 25c extra to pack. Also Strawberry and Raspberry plants. Apply to Hugh R. Clark, R. R. 2, Watford, phone Arkona line. a29-4t

BARBER SHOPS CLOSE We, the undersigned, have agreed to close our shops Wednesday afternoons and Monday evenings of each week throughout the summer, commencing May 1st.

C. C. LEIGH, G. B. RICHARDSON, JAS. KERSEY.

WARWICK COURT OF REVISION The Court of Revision for Warwick Township will be held in the Town Hall, Warwick, on Monday, May 30th, 1921, at 10 o'clock a.m. to hear and decide any complaints against the assessment of the township. Interested parties please take notice. N. HERBERT, Clerk.

Spring Shoes WOMEN'S EVERY DAY SHOES.....\$ 3.50 WOMEN'S CUSHION SOLE, Rubber Heel. 5.00 WOMEN'S DONGOLA BAL. Sport Heel Black or Brown..... 5.50 WOMEN'S BLACK OR BROWN OXFORD Sport Heel..... 4.00 MEN'S BROWN FINE SWIFTS..... 6.00 MEN'S EVERY DAY SHOES \$3.00 to \$6.00 CHILDREN'S SHOES..... 5) cents to \$2.50 SLIPPERS & OXFORDS FOR ALL THE FAMILY OUR SPRING STOCK IS COMPLETE AT REDUCED PRICES P. DODDS & SON WATFORD'S BUSY STORE

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CORRUGATED IRON, Preston Safe-Lock Shingles, Metal Ceilings and all kinds of metal goods. Also Brantford Asphalt Shingles and Roofing. Anyone requiring any supplies in this line will find it to their advantage to get in touch with GEO. O. STEVENSON, Phone 74, Watford. n19tf

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\* CUT OUT THIS COUPON \* It is good for fifty cents on \* any five dollar order if pre- \* sented during April at \* ROBSON'S STUDIO, Petrolia \* only one coupon with each order \*

TENDERS FOR DRAIN Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to Tuesday, May 10, 1921, for the construction of the east branch of the Kersey Drain in the Township of Warwick. Plans, specifications and profile may be seen at my residence, lot 21, con. 1, at any time. Work to be completed by Nov. 1st. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. WM. E. PARKER, Reeve. 22a-3t

MAILED CONTRACT SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 27th May, 1921, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed Contract for four years, Six times per week over Watford No. 2 Rural Mail Route, from the 1st October, 1921, next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Watford, Warwick, Kerwood, Alvinston, and at the office of the Post Office Inspector. CHAS. E. H. FISHER, Post Office Inspector. Post Office Inspector's Office, London, Ont., 15 April, 1921. a22-3t

TIRES Vulcanized and Repaired R. J. HAWKINS Egremont Rd., Warwick a22-1m

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