

PERT PARAGRAPHS

Gathered by Our Exchange Editor and Condensed Down to Make Spicy Reading.

Ten Million Bushels of Manitoba Spuds.

Winnipeg, Sept. 3.—That the potato crop of Manitoba for 1918 will be well over 10,000,000 bushels was the estimate made yesterday by Prof. Sedford, Department of Agriculture. This is by far the largest crop the province has ever produced and shows an increase of almost a million bushels over the bumper crop of 1916. In that year 8,251 acres produced 9,080,620 bushels of potatoes against 7,293,655 grown last year. Manitoba's potato crop for 1918 is worth \$8,000,000.

Farmers Helped to Catch Evaders.

North Bay, Sept. 3.—For some time past some defaulters have been hiding near Warren and have been Dominion Police, with the farmers, stealing their foodstuffs from the set out to round them up. The men were armed with a variety of old-fashioned firearms and in the scrum with the Dominion Police one man, named Wainwright, was wounded. He was brought to North Bay Hospital this morning, but his injuries are not serious.

Rabbits for Winter.

Rabbit meat has long been used in England, and considered a dainty dish, and at the present time there is a movement on foot in Ontario to raise rabbits as a win-the-war measure and to bring down the cost of meat, and many families are going into it most enthusiastically. Rabbit clubs are being formed, and several exhibitions are to be held. As rabbits will eat practically any garden stuff and a good deal of household waste in the way of vegetable peelings, they are decidedly economical to raise.

Dress Reform.

Until after the war no evening clothes will be worn at the Spokane, Wash., County Club. Decision to that formal dress was made recently by the entertainment committee as being in keeping with other war economies.

D. B. Hanna Named Chairman of C. N. R.

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—The name of D. B. Hanna is being mentioned as possible chairman of the re-organized C. N. R. Board. He is at present vice president. There is nothing official on the subject.

26 Miners Missing after Explosion.

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 3.—Out of 30 men believed to have been in the mine of the Pacific Coal Company at Burnett, a small mining town 30 miles southeast of Tacoma, when an explosion occurred late yesterday, only four have been brought out alive and one of these died later.

Auto Manufacturing in States Curtailed.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Passenger automobiles are to be limited in production to 25 per cent. of the 1917 output for the remainder of the calendar year 1918, after which no more cars are to be made. This was in effect the announcement by the War Industries Board last week. Bernard N. Baruch, the chairman of the Board and representatives of various divisions of the Board, reaching a satisfactory conclusion on their negotiations with representatives of the automobile industry concerning the curtailment to be effected in the production of passenger cars.

In effect the agreement provides that no manufacturer of passenger automobiles shall produce in the second half of this year more than 25 per cent. of the number of cars produced by him in the entire year 1917.

Box Cars Now Being Delivered.

Ottawa, Sept. 3.—Orders for 8,000 box cars were given by the Department of Railways last May, to be distributed generally as needed by the Canadian Railways. The first of these cars are now being delivered. During September deliveries are promised at the rate of 40 per day, and during October at the rate of 50 per day. They will be used to assist the crop movement in the West.

6 German Steamers are Taken Over.

Amsterdam, Sept. 2.—A Batavia, Java, news agency despatch to the Dutch newspapers says that six German steamers—Silesta (4,489 tons gross), Uhenfels (5,577 tons), Genios (6,560 tons), Westmark (6,870 tons), Castall Peisch (3,464 tons), and Linden (4,187 tons), have been transferred to the Rotterdam Lloyd.

the Holland-America line and the Royal Dutch Lloyd to replace six Dutch ships torpedoed off the Selly Islands. All steamers at present are in Java ports.

Cartoonist Fox Killed in Flight.

With the American Army in France Sept. 2.—Second Lieut. Franklin Fox, of Philadelphia, Pa., was killed on Friday afternoon when an airplane in which he was riding caught fire. The pilot, an experienced aviator jumped and was killed.

Lieut. Fox was a newspaper man until the United States entered the war. He was employed on the Boston Herald and the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Fire Causes Loss of \$200,000.

Soo, Ont. Sept. 2.—Fire of unknown origin caused damage estimated at more than \$200,000 in Eddy Bros. lumber yards at Blind River yesterday afternoon. The fire started about noon at the edge of the dock and worked inward, fanned by a west wind, until at least one-third of 12,000,000 feet of lumber piled in the yards was reduced to ashes. Two tugs and the town fire engine taxed their capacity in throwing streams into the burning piles, so that the fire, while still burning, is now under control. The Wallace Lumber Co. is also a loser, as it was owner of part of the burned lumber.

Face Dark Hours.

Amsterdam, Sept. 3.—The German army and nation now face dark hours. May God protect the Fatherland," concludes an article by Lt.-General Baron von Ardenne in the Dusseldorf Nachrichten, of Tuesday. "The period from Aug. 20 to 28 has been one of the trying tests of this hardest of wars," the critic continues, but he thinks the Germans have stood the test magnificently, and compares certain isolated actions with the stand of Leonidas at Thermopylae.

General von Ardenne speaks of measures "of which it is not yet permitted to speak," and which will aid the Germans in resuming the initiative and regaining their losses. He does not believe the offensive will end, speedily.

A Bad Actor.

Niagara Camp, Ont. Sept. 3.—Private Edward Smith, aged 22, is a soldier with unenviable record. He enlisted in the First Battalion, 2nd Central Ontario Regiment, but was convicted in Hamilton on Jan. 4th of bigamy, and sentenced to the prison at Burwash for twenty-three months. He escaped from Burwash on July 10 and yesterday he voluntarily showed up in camp here. On being questioned Smith said he "walked away" from Burwash. He is twenty-two years of age, and will probably be handed to the civil authorities to be dealt with.

Dollar Has Shrunk Woefully in 5 Years.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Comparison of food prices prevailing now with those of five years ago shows that the purchasing power of a dollar bill has shrunk to 54 cents in Washington, 57 cents in Philadelphia, 59 cents in New York and Chicago, and 63 cents in San Francisco, according to a statement today by the department of labor. Food which could be bought for \$1 in July 1913, now costs \$1.85 in Washington; \$1.77 in Philadelphia; \$1.68 in New York; \$1.69 in Chicago, and \$1.58 in San Francisco.

Perth Boy Killed by Touching Wire.

Perth, Sept. 2.—Gerald McGowan, 12-year-old son of Thomas McGowan, Centre street was electrocuted in the town park when he came in contact with a loose power wire. The wire was found by young McGowan and another boy, Emmet Foy, son of C. J. Foy, barrister. Realizing the danger they went to notify the chief of police. Failing to find the officer they returned to the park, and young McGowan accidentally touched the wire while playing with it. An effort was made to revive him, but without avail although the doctors "did not give up" until nearly midnight.

Child Rolled From Berth Through Window.

Meade Belden, six-year-old daughter of Meade Belden, of Woodlawn, Penn., rolled out of a berth and through the window of a sleeping car on the Mojave Desert and was not missed until the train had traveled 35 miles. Three hours later the crew of a freight train found the child, who was unconscious, and took her to a hospital. She will recover.

Lad Bitten by Dog.

The ten-year-old son of Mr. John Loveday, of Westmount, received a bite on the leg by a dog Saturday night, which left a rend in the flesh requiring eight stitches to sew up. The dog is reported to have been subsequently destroyed. The lad is recovering without any complications.

A Doubtful Story.

"Perhaps it is true that a German officer from a submarine succeeded in making his way to New York and was recognized there in a drinking resort by one of the survivors from a schooner recently sunk by the submarine," says the Boston Globe, "but the story sounds as if a yarn had come from one who saw through the glass darkly."

Wife Objected to Kilts.

A Scotchman gets a divorce because his wife did not like his kilts. This is a bad precedent. Wives will be getting divorces now because their husbands do not like their early morning complexion.

Where Dirt Comes From

City health officials when endeavoring to improve the municipal milk supply, generally lay most stress, when formulating systems of inspection, on the cleanliness of the cow stable and barnyard. The farmer with the clean stables and the clean cows gets the highest score. Now, along comes the University of Illinois with the statement that this is all wrong, that the most of the dirt in milk does not come from the stables or the cows, but that the main contamination is from improperly cleaned utensils. Their conclusions, after extensive studies, are summarized in a recent bulletin as follows:

"The fact that the dirt which falls into milk at the barn is readily visible in the milk has led to the conclusion that the barn is the principal source of the bacteria in milk. The result of this study, however, shows that it is the utensils, rather than the barn, that are largely responsible for the excessive bacterial contamination of milk. The extent of the contamination of milk by the utensils is strikingly illustrated in one of the experiments in this study: When all the utensils commonly used for handling the milk at the barn and in the dairy were thoroughly steamed, the bottled milk had uniformly only about 5,000 bacteria per cubic centimeter; but as soon as the steaming was omitted the bottled milk frequently contained several hundred thousand bacteria per cubic centimeter.

"The cans used for shipping milk are a particularly prolific source of bacteria when they are washed at the dairy and returned to the farm without being thoroughly steamed and dried. The number of bacteria usually added to the milk by such cans is many times larger than the number that would ordinarily get into the milk at the barn; the addition of a million bacteria per cubic centimeter of milk by such cans is not uncommon.

"A detailed comparative study of the effect of the various other utensils at the barn and at the dairy suggests that the greatest contamination comes from the more complex apparatus, such as the clarifier and the bottle filler. In one of the experiments in this study, it was found that pails added approximately 11 times as many bacteria to the milk as the barn influences, the strainer one and one-half times as many, the clarifier 30 times as many, the cooler 10 times as many, and the bottle filler 60 times as many—a total of 112 times as many added by the utensils as by the barn factors.

"It seems to the authors that in an attempt to produce milk with low germ content too much stress has been laid on practice of minor importance, and the influence of utensils poorly steamed and not dried has been commonly neglected."

No Demand Made For Tax Reform

Toronto's Commissioner Says The Present System Generally Satisfactory.

James Forman, Toronto's assessment commissioner, addressed a session of the Ontario Municipal Association in the Toronto council chamber on municipal assessment. He outlined the different systems from the time of the city's incorporation to the present. "I wish to say," Mr. Forman said, "that there does not appear to be any desire on the part of the general taxpayers for any drastic reform of present system of taxation. Our assessment act was and is the result of special and well considered thought and experience on the part of the Ontario Government commission and the special committee on taxation appointed by the government. It has been in force for a period of 12 years, and comparatively few amendments have been made. It is only lately, by reason of the increased wants of the municipality, that special efforts are being made, and suggested changes in the act, by which additional revenue may be raised, and there should be no reasonable objections to these proposed changes if the same can be shown to be fair and reasonable."

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Miss Gena McPaul, of Detroit, is spending her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt McPaul, near Melville.

Mr. P. C. Macnee has resigned the clerkship of the town of Picton and Mr. F. W. Martin has been appointed to the position.

Mr. R. M. Ching and son and Mr. T. G. C. Van Edmond of Cleveland, Ohio, are at Mr. Thomas Mondau's, Wapoose, enjoying the fishing.

Mr. Kenneth E. Seth and Miss A. L. Seth, Toronto, were home attending their father's funeral. Mr. Seth returned to Toronto Saturday, but Miss Seth is remaining for a few days.

Miss Kathleen Lyons left for her home in Kingston on Friday last, after a pleasant visit with Rev. A. Brown and family, also her aunt and uncle, S. W. and Mrs. Pettigill.

Rev. M. B. and Mrs. Williams and daughter Rachel left for their home in Newstead, Pa., yesterday, after a few weeks' stay with friends in the County.

Mrs. Jane Tierney and Mr. Daniel Tierney leave today (Thursday) for their home in Syracuse, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Branscombe attended the funeral of Mrs. Mallory at Adolphustown on Tuesday.

Mr. Ed. Hicks, Buffalo, was here this week attending funeral of his cousin, the late Albert McCaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Welsh and daughter Alice of Wilkes Barre, Pa., expect to leave for their home this week after a two weeks' vacation under the parental roof.

Mr. R. Davison left this week for a ten days' trip through the upper lakes, Buffalo to Duluth and return.

Cadet Gordon Walmesley left on Sunday for Toronto after a week's leave of absence before going overseas.

Mrs. Wayne McArthur has returned home to Woodliff, N.J., having been with her parents during the past three months on account of the illness of her father, Mr. W. H. Seth.

Mr. and Mrs. Portland Benson left Ceballos, Cuba, on Aug. 21 for the

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north and expect to spend a short time in Picton before returning to their Cuban home.

Mr. Eldon Vandusen leaves this week for his home in Far Rockaway, L.I., after spending his vacation with friends in Prince Edward.

Mr. A. W. Hepburn of Snow Hill, Maryland, was in town on Monday. Mr. Hepburn motored from Toronto with Mr. J. de C. Hepburn and is spending the week at West Point.

Mr. James Calnan was in Belleville over Sunday.

Mr. W. E. Densie, contractor of Montreal, was this week a visitor to Miss Isabel Welsh, New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Welsh, Washburn street. Miss Welsh is a graduate of Metropolitan Training School, New York, and expects to leave soon for overseas service.—Times and Gazette.

Miss Hazel McGuire spent a few days last week with her cousins, Misses Lancaster.

Miss Stella Bateman was a visitor of Miss Mildred Holland on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Holland spent the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. James Rollins, of Cooper.

Just think! four Sundays of camp meetings this year, beginning Sept. 1st.

Mrs. Henry Dietrick, of South Easthope, was fined \$100 and costs by Judge Barron when convicted of concealing her brother, Pte. Adam Hartmann, deserter from the W. O. R.

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