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APPOINTED COMMISSIONER

At a meeting of the local executive of the National Liberal-Conservative party held in Petrolea last Friday, Mr. R. G. R. Mackenzie was unanimously appointed Census Commissioner for East Lambton with Mr. J. J. Mathews, second choice. It will be his duty to appoint enumerators throughout the riding subject to the approval of the local committees and instruct them as to their duties. It is understood that the old dyed-in-the-wool policy of choosing men for the work whose politics correspond to the party in power will be discontinued and that men of different political hues will be appointed. The census, it is expected will begin in April. The last local Commissioner was Mr. E. A. Archer.

Elmer Scratch of Point Pelee, was accidentally shot in the leg while out hunting rabbits a few days ago. He was accompanied by his son who aimed a rabbit not noticing his father, a number of grains of shot striking his father's leg and penetrating the flesh.

CHOP STUFF

Alvinston stores will close at six o'clock each evening between Jan. 1st and April 1st.

Up to date, the League of Nations has not been able to stop the Dempsey-Carpenter fight.

There are approximately 1,250,000 bushels of grain for export north of the Peace River.

Wages of lumber jacks in the Port Arthur district have dropped from \$70 per month minimum to \$45.

Magistrate Hunt, of the Elgin county police court, has increased his fine for ordinary drunks from \$15 to \$40.

Forest town council will submit a bylaw to the ratepayers, proposing to raise \$3,500 for the erection of a monument in honor of the town's soldier boys.

Canada won twenty-one out of twenty-five prizes including the first three for spring wheat, at the Chicago International Live Stock and Grain show.

Wm. Denham has closed his drug business in Petrolea. This will leave only three drug stores in the place. Mr. and Mrs. Denham go to California.

Dollar wheat would not be viewed with alarm if the farmer could be given assurance that a dollar would do the work of a hundred cents instead of fifty.

The Dominion Government will be petitioned to proclaim that Thanksgiving Day and Armistice Day fall simultaneously on Nov. 11 and be a national holiday.

Owing to high price of paper and other costs there are now only 599 newspapers and periodicals of all classes published in Ontario against 745 before the war.

The Alvinston Council at their last session made a grant of \$25 to each soldier who enlisted from Alvinston and who has again taken up residence in the village upon their return from overseas.

Robt. Aitken for 50 years in business at Dresden died Christmas eve aged 80 years. He had been a prominent figure in the town life for a great number of years.

It is to be hoped that in New York it is not coming to pass that in order to prove one's patriotism one must tear down or throw stones at a British flag whenever and wherever it is flown.

James D. Dewar, of Strathroy, well-known through this district as a grocery traveller, but now retired celebrated his 83rd birthday last week. He was the first mayor of Strathroy.

Essex county tobacco growers, alleging the loss of 800,000 pounds of tobacco through the failure of the Dominion Tobacco Co., Montreal, and the Foster Co., Leamington, to carry out their contract, are suing for \$8,000 damages.

The jewelry store of James C. Barr, Sarnia, was robbed during Sunday night of about \$200 worth of watches and other articles. The thief broke the front window and helped himself from the Christmas display. The police have no clue.

While nurses and patients of Strathroy Hospital joined in the song, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," Johnny Shortt, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shortt, aged 6 years, passed away on Christmas morning. He took sick on Wednesday and on Thursday the doctors diagnosed his case as pressure on the brain, supposed to have been caused by a blow or the head with a piece of brick thrown by another lad a few days before, but forgotten, as no serious results developed at the time.

Two Indian skeletons, probably a hundred years old, were found on Jas. Fraser's farm, 17th con. Base, about recently.

The butchers of Milton have reduced the price of meats ten cents a pound. They will do no delivering nor take orders by phone and give no credit. There is much unemployment in that town and the butchers have taken steps to save themselves from bad debts.

Corn grown in Manitoba and exhibited at the Texas State Fair secured first honors for this class of grain and attracted the attention of all visitors, astonished that corn from so far north should surpass in quality that of one of the first corn states of the Union.

Judgment for the plaintiff for \$150 was recorded at the Lambton County Court Sessions in the case of Walter Harrold vs. Walter Clark wherein the plaintiff claimed \$420 for damages to stable and contents by fire which it was alleged was caused by the defendant's negligence.

The barn and contents belonging to John A. Mellow of Comber, were destroyed by fire a week ago. Nearly all the live stock was saved but two tractors, about 57 tons of hay and 15 acres of unthreshed timothy seed were destroyed. Loss on barn \$4,000 and contents \$5,000 with only \$2,000 insurance.

The request of the town of Petrolea that the County Council assume the hospital expenses and cost of burial of the late A. Dibbel was turned down and Petrolea will have to foot the bill, amounting to \$410. The County Council, through its solicitor, took the ground that if Petrolea's request was met it would establish a precedent.

An English manufacturer known as a "Mustard King" declared he made his fortune not out of the mustard people used but out of what they wasted. The amount of mustard which is needlessly thrown away, in an average household, is rather startling. But mustard is such a small thing we say. Is anything small enough to waste?

John Albert Hume, an old Petrolea boy died suddenly in Detroit, on December 2nd, in his 46th year. Mr. Hume who was engaged in the house furnishing business in Detroit had delivered some goods he had sold after hours, and after cranking his start-up getting ready to start, he was stricken with heart failure and fell on the steering wheel. Deceased was born on the 12th line of Ennisville where he received his education which was followed by a course in London Business College. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Roberts Adams and Loretta, both in Detroit, his parents on the 12th line and three sisters and one brother, Mrs. J. L. Woodley, Australia; Mrs. Thos. Hartley, Inwood; Mrs. Wm. Cook, Point Edward and Sidney Hume, 12th line, Ennisville.

The fact that the price of scrap paper has dropped from \$42 to \$10 a ton has given some people the impression that it pretends a decrease in the price of paper. A circular sent out by a wholesale house explains, however, that this impression is due to a misunderstanding as to the use made of scrap paper. It is used in the manufacture of chip board, box board, building paper, tar paper, etc., and the decline in the price of scrap paper is due to the fact that board mills, paper box mills, building paper mills, tar paper mills etc., have closed down due to the lack of demand at this time for their products.

There will be no increasing demand for scrap paper until such a time as there is an increased demand for tar paper, building board etc. which will not be until conditions in these lines of business improve very materially.

One of the most successful co-operative organizations among farmers in certain sections of the country is that of the threshers and silo-filling rings. In these rings farmers own threshing machines, engines, clover hullers, shredders and silo-filling rings. A general plan is for a number of farmers to buy the outfits and hire a man to operate them, charging each man so much per bushel, but at the end of the season returning to the ring members a pro rata of the amount of money invested. Through these organizations it has been possible to cut down the cost of threshing and also to get the work done before grain is destroyed or lost through adverse weather conditions. Where adequate provision for managing and safeguarding the equipment used is provided, these organizations have been quite successful.

While returning from school on Thursday evening the six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nicholson, Sylvan, was badly injured by Dr. Racey's auto. The child ran away from the car coming and separated, some going on each side of the road to allow it to pass. At the last moment the little girl became alarmed at the Doctor's dog which was riding the running board and barking. She started to run across the road in front of the car when it was very close to her. The Doctor tried to avoid an accident by turning his car away from her but it was impossible to miss her. She suffered a broken leg and a few small cuts and bruises, from the glass on the headlight which she broke by falling against it. She is doing as well as can be expected and is under Dr. Racey's personal care.

Read the Guide-Advocate "Wants."

WHO EATS THE MOST?

Do Women Get Hungrier Than Men?

Do women get hungrier than men? This is a question which, while not worrying anyone in particular, is causing considerable comment in the down-town lunch counter circles of cities in all parts of the country. Owners and clerks of these quick-eating places, which have sprung up like mushrooms since prohibition, say that more than half of their business is with girls and women. And they argue that some of their office girl customers eat two or three times there each day.

The proprietor of a soda and lunch counter in a large office building which houses thousands of employees, about equally divided as to sex, says that the stenographers and other girls in these offices are more or less organized into what he terms the "Ten-Thirty Lunch Club." As regularly as the clock rolls around each day these girls drift down to the fountain, one or two at a time, and stand there eating as if they had been forced to do without breakfast.

Then around noon or about 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon comes the third rush of the lunch club, and the manager of this fountain says these combined business of these three rushes about pays his rent.

"Men get hungry, too," this manager states, "but they are not in it with the girls and women, for they come down at regular lunch time, have their bite and then spend the rest of the lunch hour walking or playing billiards. But few men come down in between meals for anything to eat, while on the other hand, there is scarcely an hour during the morning or afternoon, when my counter is not lined with girls and women. And the general impression that they are there for cold drinks or ice cream is all a mistake, for nine out of ten of them call for several sandwiches and follow with cake or pastry. And they always eat as if they've had nothing for days. Of course, I do not object to it, but I would like to know why women eat so much more than men do."

Another restaurant whose place is divided so that men sit on one side of the room, while women sit on the other, separate accounts are kept, and in spite of the fact that the male side is always as crowded as the female, the daily balance sheet is always very much in favor of the female.

"They are without a doubt much hungrier than the men," this restaurant man said. "And I cannot tell why, but I do know that when we have specials on our bill, which experience has proved will appeal to women, we prepare for extra calls."

One physician consulted on the subject said that he could not tell just why women are hungrier than men. He doubted there was a physical or psychological reason for it.

What a Beak!

As everyone knows, the beaks of birds differ to a certain extent. Few people, however, realize exactly how closely a beak is adapted to do its work.

The heron uses its beak as a dagger, and very expert it is in its use in this respect, for which purpose the beak is specially suited. The helmet hornbill uses its beak in exactly the same way as we use a hammer, and its beak is hard and shaped for this use.

The beaks differ because of the birds' different methods of dealing with their food; this is the case with many fish-eating birds.

The scissor bill, for instance, differs considerably from the gull's; the short flat beak of the latter bird is made for holding as well as catching fish, but it is also remarkable for another reason.

At the base of the beak are certain brightly-colored plates; when the moulting season comes round these plates are shed with the feathers. They appear again, however, the following spring.

The strangest beaks of all are perhaps those belonging to the hind bird of Australia, for the beak of the male differs from the beak of the female, and when food is found by one to be out of reach of its beak, it is said that the mate is called, to see if, with its different shaped beak, it is able to capture the morsel.

Essences of Plants.

It is from Spain that we get most of our so-called essential oils, which are so valuable as flavorings, in perfumery, and for other purposes—chief among them being rosemary, lavender, pennyroyal, thyme, spike, sweet-fennel, bitter-fennel, sage and marjoram. They are extracted from plants that grow wild in the uncultivated mountain regions of southern Spain.

The total annual production of rosemary oil in that country is estimated at 150 tons; thyme, 100 tons; spike, seventy-five tons, and other essences, fifty tons. Minor products of similar kind are rue, juniper, neroli, geranium and Spanish rose, all of them derived from cultivated plants.

Until very recently the farmers who produced these oils pursued the industry only as a side line and intermittently. But within the last two years the demand for them has increased by leaps and bounds, exceeding the production fifty times. This demand is mainly by American importers, and one of its effects has been to bring about a wholesale alteration of the output.