

BUTTER WAS HIGHER TODAY

Eggs Also Advanced — Berries Plentiful — Potatoes Easter in Price — New Hay

Butter prices soared today at the market to 48c and 50c per pound and eggs brought 40c some even selling at a higher figure. Chickens sold at 75c each and upwards.

There was a good supply of berries and currants although the drought is having its effect of drying them. Red raspberries sold at 15c per box, blue raspberries 12 1/2c, red currants 10c, black currants 15c; huckleberries 20c per quart.

Beans sold at 5-cents per quart box.

New potatoes were down to 55c per peck today. A few brought 60c. The size has improved considerably in the past week.

There was a good supply of vegetables at reasonable prices.

The hide and grain markets show no changes.

Spring lamb wholesales at 23c; beef hindquarters at 15c; live hogs at \$15.50; dressed hogs at \$21. Hay (new) was offered at \$10.

CONVICT ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE

A Frenchman, serving a two-year term in the penitentiary, Kingston, made a rather sensational attempt at escape on Tuesday afternoon. He was employed with twenty or more other convicts in unloading coal when he jumped into the bay, and made for the old steamer Donnelly, where he evidently intended to hide until he had a chance to make his getaway.

The eagle eye of Peter Beattie, quarry instructor at the "pen" who was in charge of the gang, caught the Frenchman in the act of making his grand escape, as he thought, and securing a boat, while another officer guarded the rest of the men, he went after the fleeing man, and soon had him back on the job again.

Had the convict been able to get out of the old steamer in the bay, he may have had a chance to get away. A large number of the villagers have been using this as a place to dive off when swimming, and it is likely that the convict would have got rid of his prison clothes, and after securing a new outfit would have had a better chance to get away.

ANNNOYANCE TO NEIGHBORS

The police answered a call last night to the corner of College and North Front street, where a number of boys were said to be causing trouble by annoying their neighbors.

TRENTON'S BIG DAY

There promises to be a record crowd at Trenton's great demonstration, Wed. Aug. 8th, under the auspices of Trenton Firemen. One of the chief attractions, will be a wrestling bout between Eugene Tremblay, champion of Canada and Jean Paradis, of Montreal. There will also be a championship baseball match between the "Ontarios" of Belleville and Trenton's senior team. Other events will include tug-of-war, catching the greasy pig and a multitude of races and other athletic features.

HORSEFLESH SELLS HIGH IN GERMANY

Washington, Aug. 4.—Information concerning food costs in Germany received today at the offices of the food administration shows that many edibles, particularly those containing fats, are selling at almost prohibitive prices. Fat for trying is bringing more than \$4.00 a pound. Goose fat is sold at \$5.36 a pound. Fowls generally are high. Fresh fowls bring \$1.01 a pound, larded goose breast \$2.03, salted goose legs 94 cents, young country laying hens \$3.32 each, well fed geese \$11 to \$19 each.

The egg ration at Hamburg for one week was one egg apiece for each person. Horses are in great demand for food, and horseflesh sells at from 53 to 86 cents a pound. Rabbits are sold at \$2 each. Cheese is quoted at from 36 to 32 cents a pound.

BIBLE SOCIETY CONTRIBUTIONS IN BELLEVILLE

Through the kindness of Rev. A. M. Hubby, The Ontario has been furnished with a copy of the 77th annual report of the Upper Canada Bible Society. The report shows last year's contributions for Belleville to have been \$235.52. The total receipts for all Canada were \$111,071.73, an increase of about \$23,000 over what was reported for 1916.

Mr. Hubby is the President of the local society, Rev. A. L. Geen the Treasurer, and Mr. J. E. Walmesley the Secretary.

OFFICERS DREW DOUBLE PAY

Cases Of Cols. Brown And Wilson Up In House—Economy, Not Politics, Declares Minister.

In reply to Hon. George P. Graham in respect to the cases of Cols. Wilson and Brown of the headquarters staff in Kingston, the latter of whom has been retired from office—Sir A. E. Kemp, M.P., minister of militia, made a statement in the House of Commons in which he pointed out that both these officers have ever since their appointment been drawing double pay and explains the action of the department.

Hansard gives the report as follows—

Mr. Graham—"The Kingston Whig charges that two officers in Kingston—their names, if I remember correctly, were Brown and Wilson—are being retired to make way for political friends of the government."

Sir Edward Kemp—"As to the officers at Kingston, I saw that item in the paper. There is absolutely no politics in the matter at all; the article is incorrect in more ways than one. A number of officers throughout the country are being let out now. Both officers to whom my hon. friend refers are employees of the Inland Revenue Department and have been drawing their full salaries from that department with military pay since the war began. The services of quite a few officers in different parts of the country are not needed now as much as they have been hitherto in the work of recruiting. We are trying to economize, and at the same time we are trying to act fairly to those men. They have done what the country has asked them to do, and if those whose profession was not that of a soldier before the war began can secure employment now—they have a better opportunity of doing that at the present time than they would be likely to have when demobilization is taking place after peace is declared—it is just as well for them to take that into consideration."

FEWER WEDDINGS NOWADAYS; PERHAPS CUPID ON STRIKE

Reports which have been received by the vital statistics branch of the Provincial Government indicate there has been a very depreciable falling off in marriages in Ontario compared with last year. Conscription does not appear to have hastened or increased the number of marriages. The falling off is attributable to the fact that last year there was an unusually large number of marriages of soldiers before they went overseas. Soldier marriages this year have been few in comparison, while the marriage rate generally is lower because of the fewer number of single men in the province, owing to the response to the call for war service.

G.T.P. ACQUIRES NEW STEAMSHIP TO HANDLE GROWING ALASKAN TRADE

The Grand Trunk Pacific has added another ship to its North Pacific Coast Fleet. This is the S.S. "Thimblefoot" and it has been placed in service between Prince Rupert, the western terminal of the G.T.P. Line and Ketchikan, Alaska.

THE VESSEL IS OF UNITED STATES REGISTRY, 118 FEET IN LENGTH, 29 FEET BEAM, HAS A CARGO CAPACITY OF ABOUT 450 TONS, AND GOOD PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION. IT WILL MEET THE GROWING DEMANDS OF THE NORTHERN TRADE IN HANDLING FRESH FISH, IN HANDLING SUPPLIES TO CAMPERIES, AND IN LOOKING AFTER GENERAL TRADE, AND SERVES AS A FURTHER INDICATION OF THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF ALASKA BY THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC, AND OF THE INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF PRINCE RUPERT AS A PACIFIC PORT AND DISTRIBUTING CENTRE.

The big vessels of the G.T.P. fleet, the "Prince George" and the "Princess Rupert," are handling record business this year between Seattle, Victoria, Vancouver, Prince Rupert and the principal Alaskan ports.

BAIRD—FINKLE

The marriage of Miss Grace Finkle, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Finkle of Belleville, Ont., to Mr. Wm. Edgar Baird, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baird, Ottawa, Ont., took place at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. S. H. Wright, 1148 Third Ave. N.E., on the 28th inst., at 1:30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Wm. A. Guy of Regina.

MELVILLE

Mr. Albert Davern has returned to Toronto after spending last week with his family at their summer home. On Sunday July 29th a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Case.

Mr. Charles Kincaid is able to be about again after a prolonged illness. Miss Helen McCreary, Halston, who spent last week, the guest of Miss Luella Young, returned home on Saturday.

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Miss Frances Osborne, Melville, who has been a student at Oshawa Collegiate, was the fortunate winner of second class prize in the recent essay competition, organized by the Resources Committee, the subject being "How can the High School Boy, by working on the farm this summer help—1st Himself—2nd The farmer—3rd The Empire?"

THE SECOND PRIZE WAS THREE DOLLARS IN CASH. MISS OSBORNE HAS OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Weeks were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Pyne, of Crofton. The boys of Belleville band spent Wednesday at Coneseon Lake and enjoyed the fishing. In the evening, they favored the locality with several musical selections which were appreciated thoroughly by not only the residents of the village but by the dwellers on either shore, the sound of the music carrying most beautifully and clearly over the water. Come again, boys.

With Canadians At The Front



On the British Western Front in France—A field battery in action.



The great British advance in the West—Yet another instance of a crucifix escaping injury from shells.—Photos by courtesy of C. F. R.

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