

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

"Go after the speeding autoists again," said a prominent citizen, and an auto owner who does not exceed the speed limit. We answered that our warnings and suggestions along this line did not appear to have much influence, and that apparently the only thing that would bring the dangerous practice to a halt would be a fatal accident. To which our friend agreed.

In April, when other pleasures did not prevent us from glancing over the Tribune, we noticed some verses over the name of its political, clerical, farming editor, as the author, which we thought well worth reading. The following month we happened to notice practically the same verses, which had been written previously by an American author, in honor of "Old Glory," and we reprinted the first verse as a suitable national anthem. We asked the Tribune to republish its poem as an evidence of eccentricity of genius shown in similar thoughts and words by two poets unknown to each other. Last week the P. C. E. editor reproduced it, but took the precaution to write "adapted by" before the name, with the following ingenious or disingenuous explanation, according to the reader's viewpoint. He says: "Not having the name of the author and having changed the poem, we signed our own name to it, indicating its adaptation to our purpose. We thank the express for drawing our attention to an oversight on our part in not making clear the fact which on account of the poem being so well known, we thought to be patent to all that we had adapted it to the occasion of the union of the flags in common cause. We gratefully acknowledge the memorial offices of our contemporary, and have corrected our previous negligence." We beg to differ with him in his statement that the poem was well known here, and the readers of his paper will hear us out in this. We do not think anyone in East Elgin had heard of it up to the time that the editor copied it from an American magazine. If so, we would appreciate it greatly if they would say when and where they saw it. We cannot understand how the name of the writer (Wilbur D. Nesbitt) should have been omitted, and if so, it must have been another case of "adapting" so we would like to compare it with the writer's version as it appears on this page of the Express, probably for the first time in any Canadian publication. As an opportunist, the editor may "adapt" his speeches to suit his audience but as a simple matter of justice to poets he should not attempt to "adapt" their laurel wreaths. If a man came along and helped himself to the edi-

tor's overcoat, and by cutting off the tail of it, or changing the lining, felt that he was justified because it had been adapted to him, would the editor consider it a satisfactory excuse? We have no intention of criticizing the Tribune, its editor, policy or politics, but we must be permitted to have something to say about such a vital and national subject as conscription, or anything that would tend to shorten this awful war and permit our war-weary and wounded soldiers some respite. If those who oppose conscription would take their places at the front for a month, and give them a much needed rest, there would be no further objection to conscription. We should also like the editor of our contemporary, before he refers to any one in this office as a "dirty bird" to examine his own plumage and locate the nearest bird bath.

For the past two years we have been hearing and saying a good deal about the high cost of living, and the purchasing power of a dollar. This subject really is of grave concern to all of us, but our often repeated contention that the prices of commodities are higher than ever before known is not correct. While we do a lot of grumbling, there are few indeed in Aylmer and vicinity who have actually experienced real hardship and want as a result of the continued advance in everything we eat and everything we wear. We are not content to exercise the frugality of our forefathers, and have no thought of living the simple life they lived. We think we must have all the comforts and all the luxuries, fine clothes, automobiles, etc., etc., or we are unhappy, indeed. Through the courtesy of our esteemed friend, Mr. O. L. Baker, of Malahide, we were the other day permitted to compare the prices of commodities and wages that prevailed a century ago, when large families were the fashion, with those of today, and as a result have concluded that we have no cause to whine and repine over present conditions. Mr. Baker had in his possession a book entitled "Pioneer Sketches of Long Point Settlement," which had been loaned him by a friend at Port Rowan. This book contained, among other interesting things, a record of a bill of goods sold to a customer by Tisdale Bros., who conducted a mercantile business in Long Point district in 1810. The unit of value was of course, at that time, in pounds, shillings and pence, but the equivalent in dollars and cents was also given, and for the sake of convenience we give the latter only. Compare them with the prices of to-day, with which every reader is familiar:

2 yds. factory cotton	\$1.25
1 pound tea	.88
1 pound tobacco	.38
1 pair wool cards	1.25

2 yds. flannel	81
4 skeins silk	50
Water pitcher	1.50
1 yd. cashmere	57
3 lbs. sugar	57
1 lb. pepper	32
1 lb. nails	38
6 bus. rye	9.00
1 cwt. rye flour	4.25

The records show that the prevailing rate of wages to a laborer at that time was 3 shillings, or \$100 per day. Two yards of cotton represented 14 days work; a pound of tea 34 days work, and it would take a man a whole week to buy his wife the material only for a cashmere dress, or as much sugar as he now gets for \$1.50. Tobacco appears to be about the only thing that was cheaper in those days. It will be noticed that while many of the necessities of life were 100 per cent. higher in cost, one hundred years ago, wages were 100 per cent. lower, yet the people of that time managed to raise large families and possibly were contented and as happy as we are at present. At the same time we would hardly like to go back to the "good old times" and customs of a century, but the above shows what could be done if the necessity arose, through the German submarine campaign or other unavoidable cause.

Sunday next completes the fiftieth anniversary of Confederation, and during that period Canada has continued to make progress until today she looms large to the nations of the world. The completion of the half-century mark finds us in a rather critical condition, as we were at the time Confederation was established. As a result of the European war, with which we are so actively identified, all our power and our resources are required, and it will take much diplomacy and all the loyalty exercised fifty years ago to keep Canada united. Conscription is the rock on which the unity of Canada will wreck, if any one of the provinces strongly and evidently with determination resents and opposes the method of sending reinforcements to the boys who are doing such magnificent service at the front. Such men as Sir John McDonald, Hon. George Brown, D'Arcy Magee, George E. Cartier, and other Fathers of Confederation are needed at this time to guide the ship of state through the troublesome waters, and preserve a unified Canada. May all be inspired by a common purpose to work out the complex problem to the advantage of the nation. It would be well for all to read at this time the history of Confederation compiled by Prof. George M. Wrong, Sir John Willison, Z. A. Lash and Sir Robert Falconer, or "Confederation and its Leaders," by M. O. Hammond, of the Toronto Globe, and thus secure a clearer vision of our present duty and privilege.

Our ignorance in politics having been held up to scorn by the P. P., we think it no harm to say that we have considered the best interests of the nation only at all times. In our issue of June 7, we suggested that Hugh Guthrie was the Liberal man of the hour, and that no French-Canadian should head any party at this time. The Globe of recent date said: "In the House on Tuesday Hugh Guthrie was the Liberal man the majority of Ontario Liberals." We now suggest that his name be given a place in the Senate it would be a graceful act, and a suitable ending of his brilliant political career.

A pretty strong argument in favor of reinforcements in the trenches and conscription, may be found in a letter published in this issue from Private Dan Coady, now in France, to Mr. W. Harold Barnum, of this place. Read it.

## ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Canning and son, and Mrs. Fraser Wingrove, of Hamilton, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Canning. Mr. Canning has a position with the Canadian Westinghouse Co. in that city.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnston, of Baltimore, Md., celebrated their golden wedding on Monday, June 18th. Dr. Johnston is well known to Canadian Methodism. Dr. Hugh A. Johnston, of Port Burwell, is their son.

A patriotic service will be held at Mr. Salem church next Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock. Patriotic addresses will be given and the men will furnish the music. All men are particularly invited. A patriotic collection will be taken.

The midsummer examinations in connection with London, Eng., College of Music were held at the studio of Mrs. Glen Campbell on Tuesday. Prof. Howell, of Montreal, presided. A report of the successful candidates will be given later.

## ATTRACTIVE DINING CAR SERVICE

Probably nothing helps more to make a railway journey really enjoyable than a visit to the "Dining Car," especially if it be a Canadian Pacific Dining Car, where the passenger is assured of the highest form of efficiency in the culinary art, the choicest provisions that the market affords prepared on the scientific principle known as "Dietetic Blending." Your favorite dish, as you like it, may be enjoyed at reasonable cost, amidst ideal surroundings, while travelling on the Canadian Pacific.

## STRATFORD COUNCIL FOR CONSCRIPTION

Stratford, June 18.—By a unanimous standing vote, the City Council to-night voted to have Mayor Monteith, Ald. Ballantyne (Liberal) and Ald. Wright (Conservative) draft and immediately dispatch to Sir Robert Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. H. B. Morphy, M.P., a resolution declaring that Council stands firm behind the conscription bill, the defeat of which would be a disaster to Canada, as Ald. Wright put it.

## YOUR FLAG AND MY FLAG

(As written and Arranged by Wilbur D. Nesbitt)

Your flag and my flag!  
And how it flies to-day  
In your land and my land  
And half a world away!  
Rose-red and blood-red  
The stripes forever gleam:  
Snow-white and soul-white—  
The good forefathers' dream:  
Sky blue and true blue, with stars to gleam aright—  
The gloried guidon of the day: a shelter through the night.

Your flag and my flag!  
To every star and stripe  
The drums beat as hearts beat  
And fifeers shrilly pipe!  
Your flag and my flag!  
A blessing in the sky:  
Your hope and my hope—  
It never hid a lie!  
Home land and far land and half the world around,  
Old Glory hears our glad salute and ripples to the sound.

Your flag and my flag!  
And oh, how much it holds—  
Your land and my land—  
Secure within its folds!  
Your heart and my heart  
Beat quicker at the sight:  
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed—  
Red and blue and white.  
The one flag—the great flag—the flag for me and you—  
Glorified all else beside—the red and white and blue!

## YOUR FLAG AND MY FLAG

(As disguised, disarranged or adapted by the Tribune, April 25, 1917)

Your flag and my flag, and how they fly to-day,  
In your land and my land and half the world away!  
Rose red and blood red, crosses forever gleam,  
Snow white and soul white—the nation's constant dream:  
Sky-blue and true-blue, with stars to gleam aright—  
Glorified all else beside—the red, the blue, the white.

Your flag and my flag! Oh, oh, how much each holds—  
Your land and my land—secure within its folds!  
Sun-kissed and storm-tossed the red and blue and white.  
Your heart and my heart beat quicker at the sight:  
These flags—two great flags which float o'er you and me,  
And symbolize together the lands so truly free.

Your flag and my flag! To every star and stripe  
The drums beat as heart beats and pipes shrilly pipe!  
Your flag and my flag, the dear old Union Jack  
In glorious achievements she has never been held back.  
Home land and far land and all the world around  
These colors have our grand salute wherever they are found.

—Adapted by W. G. Charlton.

## The Royal Bank of Canada

MONEY ORDERS issued by the THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA will be negotiated without charge to holders by any bank in Canada (Yukon Territory excepted), or Newfoundland, by New York Agency, and by various banks in United States, England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

## Selling Rates

\$5 and under	3 cents
Over \$5 to \$10.00	6 cents
Over \$10 to \$50.00	10 cents
Over \$50 to \$500.00	15 cents

J. W. BANFIELD,

Manager Aylmer Branch



FORMATION OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, 1st JULY, 1867.  
Statesmen who Inaugurated the Union of British Provinces in North America.

- |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. J. A. Macdonald, Secretary.            | 10. F. B. I. Carter, New Brunswick.     | 18. Sir G. E. Cartier, Canada East.       | 26. R. B. Dickey, Nova Scotia.            |
| 2. J. A. Henry, Nova Scotia.              | 11. A. Shea, Newfoundland.              | 19. Sir E. P. Tache, Canada East.         | 27. Sir Charles Tupper, Nova Scotia.      |
| 3. J. Palmer, Prince Edward Island.       | 12. J. Chapais, Canada East.            | 20. Hon. George Brown, Canada West.       | 28. Col. J. M. Gray, New Brunswick.       |
| 4. W. H. Stoeve, New Brunswick.           | 13. E. B. Chandler, New Brunswick.      | 21. T. H. Haviland, Prince Edward Island. | 29. W. H. Pope, Prince Edward Island.     |
| 5. C. Fisher, New Brunswick.              | 14. A. Campbell, Canada.                | 22. A. Galt, Canada West.                 | 30. W. McDougall, Canada West.            |
| 6. W. H. Stoeve, Prince Edward Island.    | 15. A. C. Archibald, Nova Scotia.       | 23. P. Mitchell, New Brunswick.           | 31. T. Darcy Moore, Canada.               |
| 7. Col. T. H. Gray, Prince Edward Island. | 16. Sir H. Langville, Canada East.      | 24. Hon. Oliver Mowat, Canada West.       | 32. A. A. McDonald, Prince Edward Island. |
| 8. Col. A. Cole, Prince Edward Island.    | 17. Sir John A. Macdonald, Canada West. | 25. J. Cookburn, Canada West.             | 33. J. McCreary, Nova Scotia.             |
| 9. J. A. Tupper, New Brunswick.           |   |   | 34. J. M. Johnston, New Brunswick.        |

## REV. THOMSON SAYS WELL

Mr. and Mrs. Thomson G. resses and Prestation a sonage.

Sunday last Rev. A. E. Thomson completed his four year at St. Paul's church, an evening said farewell to a tion of members and adhe filled the building. During vice he thanked all those stood by him during the work, particularly during for temperance, also those been against him and had f ly and squarely. He tha officers of the church for t est and help, and said th Aylmer was just like lea During Rev. Thomson's p Aylmer some two hundre have been added to the c the church now has a bala right side of the ledger. A er Mr. Thomson is a man and a successful serm burg his new appointment On Wednesday afternoon week, the Ladies' Aid, t board and a number of men gregation met at the pars had a social hour with Mr and family, at the close Mr. Thomson was presen set of five sectional book Mrs. Thomson with a can and chain, in evidence of tion for their work in Aylmer the service on Sund special music was given by and solos were rendered b borg and Miss Mahoe, bo sonburg. After the se Weaver gave a short ors Mr. Thomson and family l for their new home in W and will carry with the wishes of the Aylmer co

The Addresses  
Aylmer, June  
Rev. A. E. M. Thomson,  
Dear Pastor:

The time having arrive to our ternate system, w upon to say goodbye. W bers of St. Paul's Metho have gathered here to t that you have been held esteem since coming amo faithful service as Pastor will not soon be forgotte do not fully realize yet will sustain by your rem midst, but we feel satisf will leave a blank that to fill. We know that efforts to do good have, and blessed by God, and t alone will reveal the re labors. We feel that we you to leave us without i in some tangible way th vices have been highl Therefore we ask you this book case, not for it te, but as a slight token will, and our prayers go may abundantly bless y family in your new hom when life work is over v again around the shi where parting is unknow Signed on behalf of th H. L. St Aylmer, Jun

Mrs. Thomson,  
Dear Madam:

In behalf of the Ladie Paul's Methodist church to say that we have lea cere regret, that you are s us. We shall miss you

During your stay amo member of the Aid, yo untiring in your efforts our interests, and have your labors for the church we have been identified.

We have decided to sp with you, before you t parture. Will you kind our hands this Cameo I chain, which we hope yo and often wear. We at in the future your min return to Aylmer beca associations we have enl er, and you may feel as that wherever your hom your lot be cast, you warmer friends or true those you are about to you.

Signed on behalf of the Mrs. G. W. J Mrs. A. W.

## NOTICE

Aylmer, Jun  
This is to notify all con is that I will not be re any debts contracted in my sons without my writ j 5 Jol

Every 10  
Packet  
WILSON  
FLY PA  
WILL KILL MORE FL  
\$8.00 WORTH OF  
STICKY FLY CA

Glenn to handle. Sold  
gro, Grocers and Ce

## Appetizing Foods

## For Every Meal

As the temperature mounts upward, appetites frequently lag and the housewife is often in a quandary as to what to prepare for meals. Our suggestions will help her solve the problem of summer meals.

## For Breakfast

FRUIT—Oranges, Bananas and Sliced Pineapples makes a good start for a morning meal.

BREAKFAST FOODS—Are easily digested. We have a full assortment and the care we take to keep our stock fresh should appeal to you.

BACON—If you wish something heavier for breakfast we suggest our breakfast Bacon or Smoked Hams, mild cure and finest quality.

## For Dinner

Campbell's Soups, Canned Peas, Corn, Tomatoes, Cheese, Rice, Tapioca, Roast of Beef, Pork or Veal, Pork Chops, Jams, Jellies, Pumpkin in this for Pies, or Chocolate Pudding.

## For Supper

Cooked Ham, Cooked Jellied Hock, Fray Bentes Corn Beef, Cream Cheese, Olives, Sardines, Canned Shrimp or Lobster, Sweet Mixed Cakes, etc.

Rapid delivery for all our Groceries and Meats

H. L. Charlton