

NEWS OF NORFOLK

Reforming Influences Are at Work in the County Gaol

OTHER ITEMS OF NEWS New School Section Mapped Out by Arbitrators

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Simcoe, March 12.—(From our own correspondent)—It is generally recognized throughout Norfolk County, more particularly with those who have to do with those whose conduct places them behind the bars, that the corrective influence of the place stands out strongly in the management of the institution. The gaoler, Mr. Oliver Robinson, and his admirable help-meet in the work, in the case of female prisoners, and that of turnkey J. McNally, have touched the lives of many culprits for the better. It is their kindly patience and sympathetic control which seems to call forth any good quality of the individual in charge, and it very seldom happens that a prisoner leaves the place without a venerable respect for those who held the keys of confinement.

Letters come to these officials from former "guests" quite regularly—some send photos. More than one has made his first return call in Simcoe to the reception rooms at Castle Robertson, and we have been given access to a letter recently received from England written by a man who spent the winter of 1914-15 in the Castle. He was run in on Nov. 20th, for walking off with an overcoat from Barber's store on Robinson street, and on Dec. 8th sentenced to six months in Central prison. He spent the time here, and was discharged on June 8th, 1915. At his own request he was twice examined for military service before his sentence terminated, and he was twice rejected. He used to say to Gaoler Robertson,

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fellows standing in front of his tent, was soon afterwards received by his former "guardian" here. Others have followed since. A letter recently to hand gives a summary of his soldier life; buried twice with shells and blown up with a mine. Here is a bit of the letter:

Last Summer's Fighting. "We had a big fight in June. We took everything we went after, but believe me we had to fight for them. They call it the (third) battle of Ypres. We took lots of prisoners and guns. The prisoners said the hope they are right. They said we have the best artillery and we know how to use it.

With the Simcoe Boys at West Sandling. I am in a hut with a lot of Simcoe boys at West Sandling. There is one lad here who knows you. His name is Watson, from Campbell's nursery, and another one that spent a month or so with you in the seed department; and Pete Glover is here. I do not know what they are going to do with me. I have had eight "boards." I am going to have another one tomorrow. They are trying to make as many fit as they can. There will be a hard fight over these this summer and they need the men.

Say Oliver, you tell me to drop a line and tell him I will give him a good trimming in a game of cards when I get back. I have played with all classes of people.

A Good Word for Simcoe. Say, I wouldn't give that little town of Simcoe for the whole of this country. Little did I think I would see Ypres when you used to point it out to me on the map. I have seen about one hundred miles of the Western front, and it is in a state, if ever I get back I will be able to tell you about it, etc."

Police Court News. Young Parks, arrested on Friday grip containing a box of matches, a razor, father's axe, hair brush and a bad record. His father lives at Cornell, some 3 miles out of Otterville.

Hard Cider All Right? Magistrate Gunton's reserved judgment was given in the case of the citizen who pleaded "guilty" on the 3rd inst., to the charge of being drunk in a public place contrary to the Temperance Act. The sentence was very brief, "not guilty."

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SIMCOE'S SOLDIER SONS

Another Promise. So if you can send a starving man anything I'll promise to get up first every morning for a year and get breakfast when I am home. I know you haven't much time for baking, although that cake you sent was simply great. But anything else will sizzle in my stomach.

Oh, I got a box from Mr. Hoffman, C.M.R. conductor, Humbolt, which was mailed by one, Mary C. Leunin. That's just the way the name was written and for the world can't make it out or know who she is. Can you? There were four packages of "Old Chum" tobacco, one package of cigarettes and two cans of canned meat in it. It came in pretty good shape, although I would have preferred the tobacco all cigarettes. They said they would send more soon, and Let's said they were sending a box when another was able to bake, so I am hoping for the best.

Trenching in a Village. It is Sunday, but I can scarcely realize it. I was working all the forenoon cleaning out some old trenches in the village. We are just now under some houses. We will be here for six days doing working parties like that: every day, and then back to the front line to face Fritz for six days, then out to the little town just a little way from here for six days rest (drilling) and having a day off. It is six days to make the route. Fritz was pretty nasty this time in. He bombarded us every night for an hour or two, but we came out very lucky, for we didn't lose a man. He sure makes you duck your head though when you hear the shells whizz or burst near you. But he is scared to death all the time for fear we are going to make a raid on him. I think he is getting his stomach full of fighting. Spring is setting in here now I guess, and we are starting to wade through the mud. The trenches are fierce now.

Home News Brings Pleasant Surprise. Ge, I can hardly realize that Sunny can talk so well. It will be great to hear him when I see him. Dear little fellow, to still remember and talk of his Daddy, and to hear him say that he can sit on his daddy's knee all he wants to when I get back, but I suppose he will be pretty busy by then out playing.

Well, I will have to close this time, as this is all the paper I have just now, but I will write again before we leave here if I can get a chance. Give my best to and to dear Mrs. J. and tell "Sunny" Daddy sends kisses to him and wants him to sing songs for him. "BILLY."

BLOODLESS WOMEN. It is an unfortunate fact that nine women out of ten are victims of bloodlessness in one form or another. The girl in her teens, the wife and mother, the matron of middle age, all know its miseries. To be anaemic means that you are breathless at any slight exertion, you feel depressed and worn out all day. You turn against food and cannot digest what little you do eat. At night you do not sleep well and in the morning you feel tired and listless. Perhaps there are splitting headaches, or pains in the back or side. Often a feeling of dizziness and drowsiness. These are the signs of anaemia, or bloodlessness. There may be only one or two of these signs noticeable, but the more there are the greater are the ravages of the trouble. There is only one way to cure anaemia, and that is by increasing and enriching the blood supply, and there is only one medicine can do this speedily and effectively—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills purify the blood. It is in this way that thousands of men and women, weak, ailing girls and women have been restored to the joy of energy and good health through their use. Give these pills for protection and will enjoy that health and strength that is the birthright of every woman.

You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills from any dealer in Medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

U-BOATS TO BE FIRED ON AT SIGHT Washington Sanctions Rule of No Warning to Hun Submarines

Washington, March 11.—President Wilson's purpose in arming American merchantmen for protection against submarine attack on the high seas is to be carried out without compromise. A dispatch from the State Department today that the decision of the United States Government was not made merely with the hope that Germany would take warning therefrom, but that American vessels would pass through the war zone unimpeded. The masters of the ships will be informed that they have the right to a defensive measure to fire upon a submarine at sight.

In the effect of the action of the United States will be a direct challenge to the German Government of its right to search for and destroy the light seas and declare its purpose to sink any ship that comes within it. The responsibility for any consequences that might follow will rest upon the German Government.

In diplomatic quarters the President's decision has made a profound impression.

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"The money needed by the settler will be advanced through existing state agencies at moderate interest rates. The land itself will be provided practically free of charge. In Queensland, for example, the land will be leased under a perpetual lease. There will be no initial payment for this lease, and there will be no rent to be paid during the first three years. In Western Australia, each settler will be given, without charge, 160 acres. The government will clear some of the land for him and provide the necessary financial assistance through the Agricultural Bank.

"In the old days, starting on the land was difficult, slow, and expensive. Now the small man can start with a good prospect of being comfortably settled after a few years' work. Large pastoral holdings are to be converted into agricultural areas where wheat is grown. Other land will be used for mixed farming or dairying."

"The development of Australia from now on, continued Mr. Fisher, will be greatly accelerated by railway building. About 21,000 miles are now open for traffic, practically all state-owned. Much bigger things in railway building, however, are being planned for the next few years.

"The Commonwealth parliament," said Mr. Fisher, "is providing for the construction of great trunk railways, spanning the continent from East to West, and from North to South. The Transcontinental from east to west is now on the point of completion. It runs from Port Augusta in South Australia to Kalgoorlie in Western Australia.

It has been a monumental undertaking. It is a first-class line of four feet eight, one half inch gauge, capable of luxurious travelling at high speed. It has been built entirely by the Commonwealth government by day labor, without the aid of contractors. Australian engineers made the plans, and Australian steel works supplied most of the rails. To build the line was alone a great undertaking, for in all its 1,000 miles of length, there was practically no civilization. It was built in two sections—simultaneously from either end, and to-day the construction camps are getting hourly into touch. It will be a dramatic meeting there in the silent heart of the continent.

"That meeting will bring Western Australia within 48 hours of the Eastern states. It will open up thousands of miles of new country, which will support a large population."

Real Estate.—The farm consists of part of Lot Nine in the Range South of the Hamilton Road, and containing 137 7-10 acres, part taken by the Brantford Hamilton Radial Railway, will be offered for sale at 4 o'clock, subject to a reserved bid. Soil is good loam, excellent for stock or grain. Buildings consist of large storey frame house with good large barn on stone foundation.

Terms for real estate, ten per cent. at time of sale, balance in 30 or 60 days, or mortgage of 4000 at six per cent.

Terms—All sums of \$10.00 under, cash; over that amount, months credit on approved security at 4 per cent discount for cash on accounts over ten dollars. No art to be removed until settled for. E. B. REA, D. Priestor, U. O. KENDRICK, Clerk. WELB ALMAS, Auctioneer.

TENDER REQUIRED

Up to noon on Friday, the 16th inst., for the erection of a small stack or chimney at the Collegia Institute. For specifications and further particulars, apply to A. K. B. Bell, Secretary, City Hall.

ARTHUR COULBECK, Chairman

Board of Education.

Sold the Farm

Auction Sale

Of Farm Stock and Implements. Welby Almas has been instructed by Harris Green to sell by auction his residence situated 1 1/4 mile north and two miles west of Lynd on the Mud Road, better known as Samuel Wood farm.

Wednesday, March 14 at one o'clock.

Cattle—Holstein cow due in May 4 years old; well bred Dutch; 4 years old, fresh in two months Durham heifer, 18 months old; we bred Durham bull calf, 2 months old; Durham heifer calf, 6 weeks old.

Horses—Bay team, 11 and 12 years old, about 28 hundred lb; sorrel horse 9 years old, about 12 lbs; gray colt, rising three years 1300 lbs.

Swine, Etc.—One good brood sow due April; 25 chickens, most rocks.

Hay, Oats, Etc.—About seven tons of hay, mostly English; 700 bush of good seed Silver Star oats; 2 bushels buckwheat; 4 bushels clover seed; two bushels of seed corn, etc.

Implements—Massey-Harris cultivator, two sets, 13 teeth; Massey-Harris binder; Frost and Wo mow; Massey-Harris four 5/8 drag; Frost and Wood drill; Massey-Harris cutting box; Oliver walk plow, new; Oliver riding plow, new; one farm truck, steel wheels; one good wagon; 2 wagon boxes; one good spring seat; one horse rack, 1 foot long; top buggy, extra; Frost and Wood Crown cap plow; two sets team harness; one of single harness, odd collars; one barrow; grind stone; forks; one horse scuffler; neck yokes, double trees, one Lister gasoline engine 1 3/4 horse power, new, with pulley; Sharpless; number of fr baskets and crates; two beds; one set of springs. Everything to be sold without reserve.

Terms—All sums of \$10.00 under cash; over that amount, months credit will be given on furnishing approved security, or 5 per cent off for cash on credit amount. Daniel Green, Welby Almas, Auctioneer.

Auction Sale

OF FARM STOCK IMPLEMENTS AND REAL ESTATE. Welby Almas, auctioneer, has received instructions to sell by auction at the farm lately owned Geo. A. G. G. and better known as the Mitchell Farm, situated on the south side of the Hamilton Road, a short distance east of Langford.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH.

Commencing at one o'clock, following valuable farm stock, implements and other articles, to-wit: Five—One brown mare by Dominion Boy, 6 years old; Percheron horse, 5 years old; Percheron horse rising 2 years; Percheron horse rising 2 years will make splendid team; one Percheron one year old.

Cattle—19—1 Holstein cow 2 years; 1 Red Durham cow, in calf; Holstein grade cow, in calf; Jersey grade cow, 6 years, fresh; Jersey grade cow, supposed fresh; Jersey grade cow, fresh; Jersey cow, due to freshen soon; Holstein grade cow in calf; Jersey heifer coming 2 years old; two steers, one 2 years old; five calves, coming yearlings.

Hogs—Two York bred sows four fat pigs; 16 small pigs. 5 Foulton's—5 Hinckova ducks, geese, 50 chickens.

Implements—Cockshutt walk plow, No. 21; Adams wagon box; Chatham buggy; cutter, w or ch; Massey-Harris cultivator; Capital cream separator; Deering binder; Massey-Harris mow; Massey-Harris rake, 10 wooden drum roller; Massey-Harris spring tooth cultivator; 2 harrows; 2 rollers; 1 separator; Massey-Harris; Wisner drill; set of sleighs; platform scale; forks; sleds; wheelbarrows; chains; harness, Etc.—Set single harness 2 sets double harness; two good lie pups, four months old.

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The Royal Bank of Canada Santiago, Cuba, has asked for section for the American Mills at Santa Ana, in which claims an interest to the amount more than \$1,000,000.

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Heavy White Twilled Sheetting, 2 yards wide, nice, fine English Twill, worth 45c per yard, Sale price, 33c

Fine White, Plain Sheetting, 39c per yard

3 Pieces only of Fine White Plain Sheetting, 2 yards wide, worth 50c per yard, Sale price, 39c

White Plain Sheetting, 2 1/4 yards wide, worth 48c yard, Sale price, per yard, 37 1/2c

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