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Government Crop Report

Ottawa, April 16, 1915.—A press bulletin issued today by the Census and Statistics Office gives the results of the usual annual inquiry as to the stocks of grain and other crops remaining in the hands of farmers on March 31st, and the proportion of the crops harvested in the previous year which turned out to be of merchantable quality. The returns received from crop-reporting correspondents show that of the total estimated yield of wheat in 1914, 12½ per cent., or 20,247,000 bushels remained in farmers' hands at the end of March. At the rate of 1¼ bushel per acre this quantity should allow of the sowing this spring of about 11,570,000 acres, or 1,522,000 acres more than were sown in the spring of 1914, independently of quantities of wheat stored in elevators which may be returned to the farmers for seeding purposes. The quantity of wheat remaining this year in the hands of farmers is, however, smaller than in any previous year on record, the light crop and the high price being together responsible for this result. In 1914 the quantity of wheat estimated to be in farmers' hands at March 31st was 38,553,000 bushels, or 10½ per cent. of the large harvest of 1913; in 1913 at March 31st the proportion was 22 per cent., or 50,234,000 bushels and at March 31st, 1912, it was 27 per cent., or 62,188,000 bushels.

Of the remaining grain crops the proportion of the previous year's production estimated to be in farmers' hands on March 31st are also smaller than in any former year on record. Oats show a balance of 85,843,000 bushels, or 27 per cent. of the 315,000,000 bushels, or 20½ per cent.; barley 7,490,000 bushels, or 20½ per cent.; buckwheat 1,792,500 bushels, or 21 per cent., and flax seed 740,700 bushels, or 10 per cent. Of potatoes which gave the excellent yield last year of 55,672,000 bushels, 37½ per cent., or 20,810,000 bushels were in farmers' hands on March 31st, this proportion being larger than in any of the last five years, excepting 1913, when 43 per cent., or 39,819,000 bushels remained over from the year of 1912. Of turnips and other roots 10,267,000 bushels, or 15 per cent., is placed at 2,173,000 bushels, or 20½ per cent. of the total crop of 10,259,000 tons.

Out of the total wheat crop of 161,280,000 bushels, all but 6½ per cent., or 10,739,000 bushels proved to be of merchantable quality. This percentage, although below the exceptional record of 1914, when the proportion non-merchantable was less than 3 per cent., is about equal to the average of the last six years during which the lowest proportion of merchantable grain was in 1910-11 after the poor season of 1910, when 12.8 per cent was estimated to be of non-merchantable quality. The proportions of other crops in 1914 which proved to be of merchantable quality are as follows: Oats 91 per cent. (285,988,000 bushels), barley 88 per cent. (1,815,800 bushels), buckwheat 84 per cent. (7,299,000 bushels), corn for husking 80 per cent. (11,100,000 bushels), flaxseed 88 per cent. (6,370,200 bushels), potatoes 80 per cent. (74,165,000 bushels), turnips, etc., 87 per cent. (60,218,000 bushels), and hay and clover 88 per cent. (9,094,000 tons).

Correspondents throughout Canada report that the past winter has been exceptionally mild. In most of the provinces live stock have in consequence come well through and are in good condition. In some parts, notably in Saskatchewan, the light crops of last year rendered feeding difficult, and animals at the close of the winter were thin. In these cases, however, matters would have been much worse had the winter been of normal severity. An early spring was hoped for, and the prospects for the present season were hopeful. Farmers were preparing for a big increase in the acreage to be seeded, their efforts being facilitated by the large amount of fall ploughing completed last year.

BOSANQUET COUNCIL

Council met on the 12th inst. All the members present. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

A number of orders were given. The Trick drain by-law was read a third time and passed.

The by-law for the extension of the McPherson drain was provisionally adopted.

A by-law was passed, amending the Goosemarsh drain by-law, changing the rate of interest from 6 to 5½ per cent.

A by-law was passed appointing pathmasters, etc.

The Reeve and Mr. Thomson were appointed commissioners to let and superintend the work of repair to the Trick drain.

The Reeve and Mr. Menhenick were appointed to examine the Nesbit drain on complaint of Jas. Carrothers.

The engineer's report in reference to ditch on 27 sideroad was referred back.

The Clerk was instructed to insert an ad. in the Theford and Forest newspapers forbidding anyone to take gravel from the Township gravel pits or they will be prosecuted.

A petition was presented asking that the Dungan and C. con. award drains be repaired and outlet changed, if practicable, under the Municipal Drainage Act, and the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. McGregor, O. L. S.

The following resolution was passed: "That this council respectfully urges upon the Dominion government the necessity of declaring its policy with respect to such subsidies and that such policy be so expressed that it will allow provincial public service commissions with powers from the province similar to those given to the Hydro-Electric power commissioners of Ontario, to anticipate such subsidies and proceed with the immediate

construction of the road, copies of this motion to be sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Railways and Canals, the member of this riding and the secretary of the Hydro-electric railway association. Council adjourned to meet on Monday, the tenth day of May, at 10 a.m., as a court of revision on the McPherson drain by-law and at 11 a.m. for general business.

GEO. SUTHERLAND, Clerk.

CHOP STUFF

Leamington banks will open at 9 a.m. after May 1st.

Twenty-one houses in South Dorchester are under quarantine for smallpox.

The Forest spring horse and stallion show will be held on Thursday, April 29th.

The Forest boy scouts took a 12 mile tramp to Cedar Point and enjoyed the outing.

Mary McGeachiv, of the 6th line of Ennisville, died in the Petrolia hospital on Sunday.

The new Presbyterian church at Alvinston will be opened on Sunday, May 9th, it is expected.

A. P. Malone, Strathroy, received word that his brother-in-law, Mr. Lee, had been killed in action at the front in France.

Fire of unknown origin caused a \$2,500 loss to Charles McGiffin, main road, on Tuesday evening, when it totally destroyed his barn and contents. Only the stock was saved.

The girls of the Strathroy Colborne street school have organized two baseball teams, which will play an exhibition game at the park, Strathroy, on Monday, May 24th, the proceeds in aid of the Red Cross fund.

The San Jose scale has obtained a strong foothold in Elgin county, particularly in Aldborough and Dunwich. Unless prompt action is taken to control the pest whole areas of orchards it is feared will be wiped out.

The solicitor for the township of Dunwich has given an opinion that the council are bound to pass a by-law appointing at least one inspector to enforce the provisions of the Fruit Pests Act upon a receipt of a petition of 25 or more fruit growers.

The Kettle Point church vestry meeting was held on April 9th, with sixteen present. Officers—Rector's warden, J. Bressette, people's warden, Satton Shawkence; side-men, Messrs. W. Smith and Caleb Shawkence; delegate to Synod, E. Askquabe, with W. Smith as alternate.

Mrs. Mary Tuttle died last week at the home of her son-in-law, John Benstead, Albert street, Strathroy, in her 84th year. She is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Charles Benstead, Mrs. John Benstead, Mrs. J. Payne, Miss Jennie and Miss Dulcinea, all of Strathroy.

Mr. Bert Wellington, 6th line, Brooke, recently engaged a man who was in search of employment to assist him on the farm. He was observed to act somewhat strangely, but no particular notice was taken of the matter until last week, when he became insane, and on Saturday he was removed to Sarnia jail, impeding his removal to the asylum.

Glencoe council has decided to try oil on the streets this season, and an order has been given for a tank of some four or five thousand gallons of crude. It is estimated that the cost of oiling the streets will be but little more than what has heretofore been paid annually for watering them, and the results will, it is hoped, give better satisfaction.

Owing to the advance in the price of wool and other influences brought about by the war, the Kingsville woolen mills will close indefinitely. This will effect the heads of twelve families and twenty-five or more young men employed when the mill was running to full capacity. Several will probably have to remove from the town to secure work. The mill was considered Kingsville's best industry. It may re-open after the war.

The death of John Reginald, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Egan, 10th con., Bosanquet, took place on Saturday, in his 6th year. The funeral took place Monday from the family residence to Forest Roman Catholic church, where Requiem high mass was sung by Rev. Fr. O'Neill, of Parkhill, interment being in Beechwood cemetery. The cause of the little fellow's death was lung trouble.

An Acre for Patriotism

Running parallel with the patriotism and production campaign is the movement on the part of a large section of Western farmers to set aside one acre of their 1915 crop, and to devote the proceeds from this to relief of destitute, arising out of the war. This is not a selfish move to take advantage of the higher prices due to war conditions, but a definite effort and sacrifice in the cause of humanity. The spirit behind such a movement is commendable, and the endeavor to give the generous impulse concrete expression in a definite amount of land devoted to a special purpose is a more practical way to implement a generous resolution. By all means have patriotic acres—voluntary taxes are the easiest to bear and the most fruitful of good.

A Free Translation

Pending their removal to a more distant base, a party of German soldiers who had been taken prisoners at Dixmude were being held in the rear of the Allies' line. They were permitted to hold a sort of informal sing-song one evening, and the flow of Teutonic melody was finally wound up by the whole bunch singing their famous war song, "Deutschland über Alles." "Bill" said one of the English guards, turning to his companion, "do you know what that means in English?" "That's easy," replied Bill; "it means 'It's all over with Germany!'"

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LAMINGTON grown whitecap dent seed corn for sale—\$1.50 per bushel.—Apply WM. W. TAYLOR, lot 8, con. 10, Brooke. 23-3t

CALVES FOR SALE—Six choice Polled Angus fall and winter calves in good condition, 4 steers and two heifers.—FRANK WRIGHT, lot 6, con. 3, Adelaide.—2

NIGHT SOIL.—The contract between the Council and Walter Cook for the removal of night soil, requires citizens to pay the following rates—45c per barrel for pits; 50c for small drawers; 70c for large drawers.

FOR SALE—Double corner lot with good frame house, stable, fruit trees, situated corner McGregor and Simcoe streets, Watford. Also good frame house and stable on St. Clair St. Apply to J. F. ELLIOT, Watford. a24t

LOTS for hatching from Buff Leghorns, White Minorcas, Buff Plymouth Rocks, \$1.00 a setting of 13. Last matings from Woodstock. Next matings coming from Northern Illinois.—JONAS A. ZAVITZ, R. R. No. 7, Alvinston P. O. a9-4t

MRS. R. MOODY wishes to thank the officers and members of the Independent Order of Foresters for the prompt and satisfactory settlement of the insurance policy carried in the Order by her husband, also for kindness and sympathy shown at the time of her bereavement.

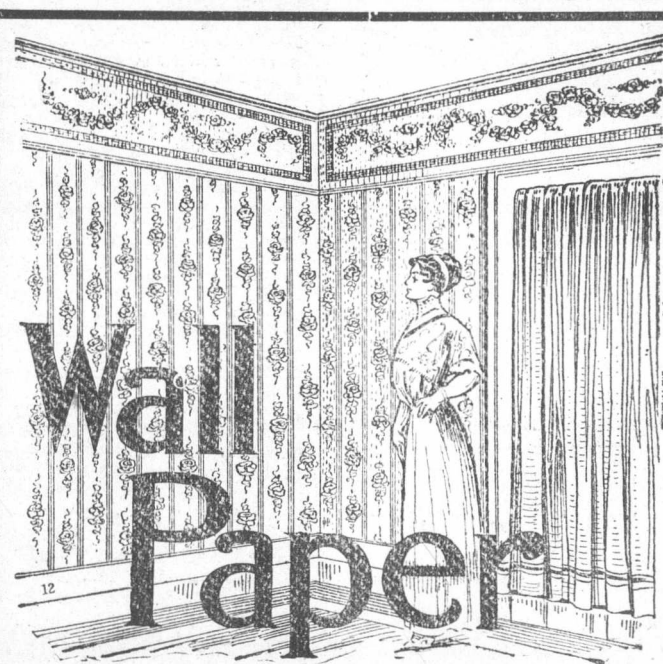
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A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. Robt. Tanton, West 10th, Wednesday evening, April 20th, when Mr. John T. Paterson was united in marriage to their daughter, Miss May Tanton. A number of friends and relatives were present at the ceremony. Rev. H. W. Wright, pastor of the Arkona Baptist church, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Paterson will make their home in Bosanquet, near Theford.



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At Watford, on April 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Simpson—a son.

In Plympton, on Sunday, April 19th, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Muntely, a son—George Leslie.

In Armada, Mich., on April 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Carter (nee Miss Clara Spalding) a son—George Spalding.

DIED.

In Sarnia, on Sunday, April 19th, 1915, Annie, widow of the late James McIntosh, of Warwick, in her 71st year.

In Plympton, on Saturday, April 18th, Mr. John B. Armstrong, aged 60 years.

In Bosanquet, on Saturday, April 18th, 1915, John Reginald, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Egan, in his 6th year.

Petrolia on Sunday honored the memory of the first of its citizens to die for King and country, when a memorial service was held in the opera house, presided by a parade. The various speakers declared that Lance Corporal Harris was a faithful soldier of the Empire, and it is likely that a memorial tablet will be erected in his honor.

SALE REGISTER.

40 head one and two-year-old steers and heifers, Durham, at Kerwood, Tuesday, April 27th, 6 months' credit. H. & G. Hollingsworth, proprietors; R. Brock, auctioneer.

Equal to Any British on Firing Line

Ottawa, April 20.—Lt. Col. Burritt of Winnipeg, who left Canada with the first contingent in command of the 11th Infantry Battalion, and who has temporarily returned in charge of a party of men in England regard the Canadian troops now on the firing line as the equal of any British division under General French. Col. Burritt declares that General Alderson has the confidence of all ranks, but that if Major-General Sam Hughes wants to go over and get into active service the Canadians will be glad to serve under him.

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The Court of Revision for the riding of Watford, on Monday, May 3rd, at 10 o'clock.

Miss Iva White, of St. Theoford, spending a few days at her home.

Mr. Carl Little left Monday for Hamilton to resume his duties on the Bank staff.

Mr. Will Jackson, of Denver, visiting his mother who is very ill.

Mr. Bowley, of Brooke, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. Utter.

Mr. P. Blackburn, of Sarnia, week end with friends in town.

Mrs. B. Keyser, of Toronto, attending her mother, Mr. Thoman, who is very ill.

Mrs. N. Davidson, left on Monday for Port Hope to spend a couple of days with her sister.

Mr. Burnette, of Paisley, transferred to the Standard B of Arkona.

Mr. Sam Rivers, of Watford, spending a few days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dickson the funeral of their niece, Mr. Jones, of Regina, in Wyoming, day.

Call and see our new line of lace shoes.—Brown Bros.

Miss Helen Heally, daughter of the fourth line, passed away at 9 o'clock Sunday after an illness of four days. 5 years old.

TENDERS WANTED

QUALIFIED TENDERS will be received by undersigned until May 8th, for the construction of a new building for the West Adelaide Prison, forty-eight by one hundred feet (48 x 100 ft.) with cement foundation, enclosed with corrugated steel, and specifications may be seen at my office or tender not necessarily accepted and specifications may be seen at my office.

Lot 3, Con. 3, N.E.R., Adelaide.

STUART WILSON, Sec. Board of Managing R. R. No. 3, Kerwood.

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EAST LAMB

Liberal Converter

A Convention of the Liberals of the riding of East Lambton, as candidates for representation in the Dominion Parliament, will be held in the Dominion.

ALVINSTON

Friday, April 30th

AT 2 P.M., SHARP

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