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The Wholesale Depletion of Poultry Laying and Breeding Stock Not Warranted Under Present Conditions.

Judging from the unprecedented heavy deliveries of poultry on the central eastern markets so early in the season, it would appear that farmers and producers generally are not only depleting their flocks unwarrantably but also rushing them to the market in an unfinished condition. As a result, the current price of chickens is much below normal value at the present time, in comparison with the prices of other meats. This is directly due to the overloading of the market.

With the brisk inquiry for Canadian poultry from Great Britain, it is expected by exporters that the demand for well-finished, good quality stock will be very keen during the coming winter. Besides, there will be a good demand for home consumption. The price for well-finished birds continues firm, but with so much poor stock arriving wholly unsuited for either storage or export, many buyers have recently reduced their quotations for all low grades.

The presence of pullets and young fowl has also been noted in many shipments. This is most unfortunate considering the price of eggs. The very firm prospect for the profitable marketing of all poultry products points to the necessity of conserving in every possible way all suitable laying and breeding stock. Unless this is done, there will be but little poultry left in a short time on the farms in the central eastern portion of the country. Even though feed is scarce and high, it would pay farmers well to finish the birds before offering them for sale and spread their deliveries over a longer period.

Current receipts to date have consisted mainly of live poultry. The season is now sufficiently advanced, however, to warrant more liberal shipments of dressed poultry. In light of the fact that there will be a considerable movement of Canadian poultry to Great Britain, it is of the utmost importance that all poultry killed on the farms, in addition to being well-finished, be properly killed and dressed. The British market, in fact all large markets prefer poultry bled in the mouth and dry picked. While killing by dislocation may be preferred by some, the presence of blood in the neck and the resultant discoloration make it unsuitable for storage or export purposes.

Proper and complete bleeding is most essential. Sometimes the arteries of the neck are not completely severed, the bird fails to bleed properly, with the result that the carcass takes on a reddish appearance. With proper attention to details, a useful reputation for Canadian poultry can be established on the British market this year. It is of the greatest importance, therefore, that all poultry marketed be well-

finished, well bled and dressed and packed in the most attractive manner possible.

Death of Mrs. G. W. Mellon

Word has been received here of the death of Jane Mellon, wife of G. W. Mellon, of Vancouver, B. C., formerly of the 6th line, Warwick. Deceased had been in very poor health for the past eighteen months, and the end was not unexpected. She bore her sickness with christian fortitude and great patience. Mrs. Mellon, whose maiden name was Jane Hill, was born in Lobo township on January 4th, 1842. She was married to Mr. Mellon in 1862 and came to Warwick to reside and lived on the same farm for over forty years. In 1906 Mr. and Mrs. Mellon went to Vancouver where they lived retired. Besides her aged husband now in his eighty-sixth year, she leaves to mourn her loss four children, namely: Wallace, of Lulu Island, B. C.; Mrs. C. Palmer, Mrs. A. Crocker, and Mrs. R. G. Waddell; also two sisters, and three brothers who are: Mrs. I. B. Estey, Ingersoll; Mrs. B. Scouler, Elkton, Mich.; J. J. Hill, of Lansing, Mich.; N. Hill, of California, and S. Hill, of Tilsonburg. The funeral was held from her late residence, 4308 Sophia St. on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 26th, at 2 o'clock, interment in Mountain View Cemetery. Rev. Dr. Sipprel, of the Mount Pleasant Methodist church officiated. The bearers were: E. Stoner, formerly of Arkansas; G. McClelland, formerly of Warwick; and D. Johnson, formerly of Bosanquet, and Mr. Rollins, Mr. Nixon and Mr. Fitzpatrick, of Vancouver.

149th Batt. Wins Rugby for District

FOUR CLOSE GROUP GAMES
 149th Batt. 8 18th Batt. 1
 149th Batt. 12 Western. 12
 118th Batt. 6 149th Batt. 1
 149th Batt. 10 118th Batt. 1
 149th scored 31 points to 20 by their opponents in four games.
 The 149th Battalion won the intermediate O. R. F. U. group title on Saturday afternoon from the 118th Battalion by a 10-to-1 score on a snow-covered field at Tecumseh Park. A cleanly contested battle for local grid-iron supremacy found the going to the heavier squad's advantage, as the Waterloo team, depending on their speed and passing were unable to perform in the slippery footing.
 Major C. O. Fairbanks, of the 70th Battalion, who has just recently returned from the trenches on the Somme, was delighted with the game, as he still retained the presidency of the O. R. F. U., and to be on hand when a team made up of former Lambton boys, especially from Petrolia, were victorious, pleased him highly. The surroundings savored much of Petrolia, with Mr. Campbell, as time-keeper, while Capt. Moncrief and Capt. MacGillivray, of the 149th, also former Petrolia boys as officials of the winning team.

Soldiers' Farm Pay

Referring to the 27,000 soldiers whom the British war office released to enable farmers to gather in the harvest, the rate of pay to which they were entitled for that extraordinary service is interesting. \$1.50 for a ten hour day without board and lodging; \$1.10 a day with board and lodging; 10c an hour overtime, the rates in one or two counties are \$1.25 a day of ten hours, without board and lodging, 80c a day with board and lodging provided

The Fund's New President

The Duke of Devonshire Becomes the Chief Executive of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—The new Governor-General, the Duke of Devonshire, has manifested his interest in the work being carried on by the Canadian Patriotic Fund by consenting to become the President of the Fund. This position was held by the Duke's predecessor, the Duke of Connaught, from the inception of the fund until his departure from Canada and the present position of the Fund in National confidence and financial strength is largely due to his inspiration and personal devotion to its interests. The new Governor-General evidently proposes to take the same active part in promoting the welfare of this great national undertaking.

From Old Subs.

Geo. A. Hick, Senlac, Sask., writes Nov. 21st.—Enclosed please find money order for subscription. I do not feel as though we can do without the home paper. We are having lovely weather here at present. First part of month was cold with heavy snow falls. Threshing is in full swing, about one-third yet to do.

R. Hills, Holland, Man.—We have been having very nice weather up to yesterday when snow began to fall and it looks like real winter again. Crops have been fair here this year and prices never were better.

W. C. Percock, Bulwark, Sask.—Cannot get along without news from home, and this is the only way we get it, by subscribing for the home paper, so you will find enclosed subscription for another year.

Ed. Styles, Laverna, Sask., in sending his subscription says:—"I would not be without the Guide if it cost twice as much."

T. L. Swift, Swan River, Man., writes:—"The good old Guide has been following me around and always finds me eager to learn of the happenings in and about the town that I once considered home. I should indeed be sorry if for any reason the weekly letter ceased, or to know that its readers failed to appreciate the very important place it so ably fills in community life. A town without a newspaper is a dead one, and will so remain. I am sending a copy of a Florida weekly, the sub. price of which was raised five years ago to \$1.50 per year."

Albert Clark, Allan, Sask.—Enclosed find renewal for 1917. We had a very unfavorable year. All the crops around Allan were hauled out.

W. H. Lovell, Champaign, Ill., writes:—"Enclosed find \$1.50 to pay for my weekly letter from home. I don't blame you for boosting the price of your paper as everything else is getting the boost, and your advance is not so much as some other things."

Capt. Fred Taylor Writes From England

In a letter to a friend in London, Capt. Fred Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Taylor of Watford, writes from Shorncliffe, England, under date of Nov. 7th as follows:—

We have been moving around so fast lately that there is hardly time to write or do anything else. We were in three different regiments in four days and finally landed here along with the entire draft in an infantry regiment.
 We are only 30 or 35 miles from the firing line and it frequently happens that a man leaves here in the morning and is shipped back, wounded, the same day. Very little time is wasted here, but England certainly looks dead, as there is not a light anywhere at night, and after dusk business is at a standstill. Canadian papers give you no idea of conditions here or in France.
 The camp was first used by Caesar in his invasion of Britain in 55 B. C. Some of his old fortifications are still here in fair condition. He would have an eyepiece if he came back to-day and saw the number of troops, with the air full of aeroplanes.

It rains all the time here and the wind gives such a free sweep across the Channel that you can hardly stand up against it. However, it is not very cold and does not bother me as much as it does some.
 England is full of troops and troop trains have right-of-way over everything. I haven't had any Canadian mail yet and would certainly appreciate it. Drop a line as often as you can and don't wait for letters, as it takes over a month to get a reply.

Strathroy District W. M. S.

The annual meeting of the Strathroy District Women's Missionary Society, was held in the Methodist Church, Strathroy, on Tuesday, Nov. 21st. Two sessions were held afternoon and evening and a large representation from the different places on the district was present. The chief speaker was Miss Courtice, returned missionary from Japan, who gave a delightful and instructive address on "Our Schools and Women's Work in Japan." A round table conference led by Mrs. (Rev.) Vance of Melbourne, circle and band work by Mrs. (Rev.) Graham of Sarnia, and bible study and devotional led by Mrs. (Rev.) Snell of Watford, were among the special features. Notwithstanding the serious conditions and claims of war time reports of work were quite encouraging.

Mayor Mederic of Montreal declares that the federal authorities are criminally responsible for the present cost of staple food commodities. Ex-Aid. Dan Gallery of the same city has figured that in the first ten months of this year 588,577 gallons of milk were sent from Quebec to the States at a price 4 1/2 cents lower than that paid by the Canadians.

How One Editor Gets On

The following characteristic letter was received by Editor Leslie of the Niagara Falls Review from James A. Livingston of the Grimsby Independent:—

"Dear Sir:—On account of having promised to act as starting judge at the races at Wellandport Fair to-day, it is impossible for me to attend the meeting of printers and publishers. Will you kindly say to the meeting that I raised the annual subscription of the Grimsby Independent to one dollar and a half on July 1, 1916, and I would like to see all the weeklies in the Niagara District raised to the same price, and the semi-weeklies and dailies raised accordingly. Of course I do not have to make my living out of the Grimsby Independent, as I have four farms and several race horses besides, and do a little auctioneering into the bargain.
 I milk the cows, I clean the barn, and while the hens are laying I drive a bus to Grimsby Park, and do a little praying.
 Wishing you a successful meeting, I remain, Yours very truly,
 JAS. A. LIVINGSTON.
 P. S.—God help the man who has to live on the profits of a one dollar a year paper."

Five Fires Going at One Time

Leamington, Nov. 30.—As a result of the work of unknown incendiaries, five of Leamington's finest barns were to-night almost simultaneously razed by fire and the town itself escaped serious damage only by the diligent work of hundreds of volunteer firemen. The obvious attempt to create a big fire in the town quickly alarmed the people and every man turned out to help check the flames. Church services were called off and special patrolmen sworn in. Every effort is being made to learn who is responsible for the fires, but the general deep-rooted opinion is that enemy sympathizers are at the bottom of the vandalism.

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