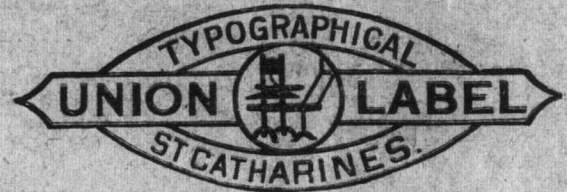


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Radicals Blamed for Disappearance of Dr. Vermilye of New York.

MONSON, Mass., Dec. 27.—Dr. W. Grey Vermilye, of New York, a former naval surgeon of the U. S. N. failed to appear for his wedding with Miss Ruth M. Keeney, of this town, yesterday, and his absence was still unexplained.

Rev. Herbert Buckingham, who was to have performed the marriage ceremony, said that he and Miss Keeney's family felt that Dr. Vermilye was a radical.

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ENRICHING THE SOIL

Some Hints Upon the Wise Use of Artificial Fertilizers.

Fuller Use of These Fertilizers Likely—Their Application Must Be Handled Intelligently—Study Your Own Soil Closely—General Farm Hints.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

THE use of artificial fertilizers in this country is bound to increase. These materials are, however, expensive and those intending to make use of them should make an effort to inform themselves regarding the conditions under which they will give the best results. Too many people are using fertilizers without fully realizing that they carry plants food and that the real object in applying them is to supply needed available food for the plant.

To intelligently make use of these materials there are three points to be considered. First the needs of the soil, second, the needs of the plant, and, third, the nature of the materials to be applied.

It should always be kept in mind that the soil carries immense amounts of plant food, but that only a small quantity of this is rendered available during the growing season. The acids formed by the decay of the organic matter in the soil is the chief natural agency operating to bring the big store of mineral matter into a form that may be taken up by the plant. The organic matter is also the source of nitrogen for the plant, and it increases the water holding capacity of the soil as well as improves its physical condition. Consequently every effort ought to be made to maintain or increase the amount of decaying organic matter. Otherwise the crop will be grown largely from the added fertilizers and not from the plant food of the soil. It is for this reason that it is sometimes stated that if you commence to use fertilizers you must continue their use.

However, no matter how much we try to render available the immense stores of food in the soil, we cannot bring about it fast enough to supply the needs, especially of heavy feeding crops, such as the mangels, turnips and garden crops. Hence the need of manures. Stable manure cannot always be got in sufficient quantities to fulfill requirements, nor does it always furnish the needed plant food in the right proportions to develop the plant properly. To supplement the manure is the place of fertilizers.

Stable manure is essentially a nitrogenous fertilizer. Hence it used in large quantities it will force big leaf and stem growth and retard maturity. Consequently, a plentiful supply of stable manure would help the growth of lettuce, spinach, maize, etc.; but it would not be so satisfactory for tomatoes, sugar beets, or other crops that must be brought to maturity. What these plants need is some stable manure and some mineral fertilizer to force early maturity. On the other hand, plants like lettuce, spinach, etc., are grown for their leaf and stem and maturity is not a necessary point, hence a soluble form of nitrogenous fertilizers may even be added after heavy applications of manure with good results.

The manufacture of mixed fertilizers seeks to prepare special mixtures that will be suitable for different crops, but the farmer or gardener should strive to inform himself regarding his soil and crop needs that he may be able to select the form of fertilizer that will bring about the growth desired, and he should study the fertilizer materials available that he may buy intelligently and economically.—R. Harcourt, O. A. College, Guelph.

General Farm Hints.

Put a plant or two of rhubarb in the cellar which should be kept at a temperature of 60 to 70 degrees in sand, which is kept moist and in the dark so that it will produce stems and no leaves. Do some reading on gardening work for this year, but more especially think over the failures of the last.

If the roads are in good shape, get your manure out and spread. A dressing of 8 to 10 loads per acre will keep the orchard in condition. If buying in the larger cities, order early as the car situation is serious enough to delay shipments.

Light pruning of apple orchards, taking out the small wood with the long-handled pruners, may be carried out during bright weather. Grape trimming may also be looked after when the weather is suitable. Before feeding or selling any grain crops make good provision for your own seed supply. Finish cutting out of black knot of cherry and plum. Inspect and oil windmill before winter. If weather is fine and warm may continue to spray peach trees and give first application to trees badly infested with San Jose scale. On rough days during this and succeeding months it is well to go over all packages, barrels, boxes, etc., mending broken carriers, handling baskets. Be sure pumps are in good condition. It is not too early to consider the question of getting help for the big crop which will have to be raised in 1920.

Depreciation of Machinery.

Did you ever think of the relation of the farmer's bank account to the tool shed? Machinery depreciates faster in the weather than it does in use. The time saved by having a rust-free implement will soon pay for the shed. Crown Prince Frederick William has entered a protest with the Wierengen Council against its assessment of his annual income.

CITY AND DISTRICT

During Saturday night and Sunday the firemen did not have a call.

We buy everything you want to sell. McGuire & Co.

The barber shops of the city will be closed all day New Year's Day.

The temperature got pretty low again this morning, nine above zero being recorded in the city.

Most of the city churches will hold watch night services on Wednesday night.

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The annual Christmas entertainment of Welland Avenue Sunday School will be held in the church tomorrow evening.

Rev. Mr. Thomas of Peterborough who is understood to be the next pastor of St. James' Church, Montreal, will preach in Welland Avenue church next Sunday morning.

The City Council went into session at four o'clock this afternoon for the last time this year. Before an adjournment is made all the remaining business will be cleaned up.

The Lyceum Club are holding a smoker in the club room tonight when a first class musical programme will be rendered and five good boxing bouts put on. A number of speakers have also been arranged for.

TO the Electors of St. Catharines

Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for re-election as Alderman for 1920.

Wishing you the compliments of the season.

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Deputy returning officers for the elections on New Year's day are required to get their ballot boxes from City Clerk Pay before five o'clock Wednesday evening.

City Clerk J. Albert Pay is sending out notices to all Deputy Returning Officers appointed for the municipal election to call at his office on Wednesday for their ballot boxes.

The managers of all local theatres are making arrangements to receive the returns of the municipal elections on Thursday night for the benefit of their patrons.

There will be a special meeting of the local branch of the Great War Veterans Association tonight for the purpose of hearing the various candidates for municipal office discuss the issues of the day. Mayor Elson will be present at the meeting.

Today is nomination day throughout the County of Lincoln and heavy slates are expected in all the towns, townships and villages. The list of candidates will be published in The Journal tomorrow.

Several election bets were made today especially on the Mayoralty. Sporting men are laying even money on Elson and Lovelace and as high as five to one on the other candidates. At present the first two are split favorites for the honors.

From the talk heard on the street the electors are taking very little interest in the bylaws to be voted on. The Collegiate site and the play ground question are the ones that the people are most interested in, the Daylight Saving Question being practically ignored.

There was a splendid attendance at the euche party and dance held by the Grand Army of Canada in their hall on Saturday evening. Excellent music was provided for the occasion and an enjoyable time was spent by those present.

The fine new organ of Knox Church was opened yesterday with special services. The choir were in their new loft and the Church presented a much improved appearance. There were large congregations present. The new organ is one of the finest to be found in any church. Mr. Allison presided at the organ and Rev. Dr. Smith preached.

Mrs. Cameron, Librarian of the Children's Department of the Public Library, requests us to state that, although books will not be issued for a time on account of the small pox, she desires to have books now in circulation returned as soon as possible to avoid loss of books through possible further spread of the disease.

At Welland Avenue Church last evening the novelty of illustrated hymns was introduced, the verses being thrown upon a canvas from a lantern. The Pastor, Rev. R. D. Hamilton, gave an illustrated talk on Biblical scenes. Misses Lillian White and Anna Robb sang solos in place of the usual choir music.

As yet no announcement has been made as to successor for W. R. Robertson, superintendent of the N. S. and T. R. His numerous friends are hoping the appointment will fall on the shoulders of the assistant, superintendent Arthur T. McGill.

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We have a number of items in French Ivory, Ebony, Packaged Perfumery and in Neilson's Boxed Chocolates, anyone of which will be quite proper, and at prices equally suitable.

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Dr. McBride of Penetang is in the city visiting old friends. Dr. McBride was a member of the local board of Health some years ago.

Rev. J. L. Harton, pastor of Port Colborne Baptist Church for the past four and a half years, has tendered his resignation to take effect about the middle of January. Mr. Harton has received a unanimous call to the Emanuel Baptist Church of Oshawa under circumstances which makes him feel that it is direct duty to respond.

LONDON CRIME WAVE AFTERMATH OF WAR

LONDON, Dec. 27.—More crimes of violence have been committed in London this year than in any previous year. Sir Nevil McCreedy, son of the famous tragedian of that name, who is Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, says the crime wave is an aftermath of the war.

That carved galalith, the "something new" in novelty jewelry, ones in bizarre colorings. A carved beetle of red and brown, swinging on a narrow strip of brown leather, and a square medallion of rose and purple suspended from a chain of old rectangular heads might have been worn by the women of old Egypt.

The railways in Holland are being electrified.

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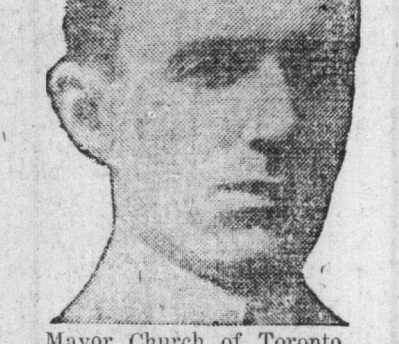
The stock transfer books will be closed from the 15th to the 31st day of December, inst., both days inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors. E. F. DWYER, Secy.-Treas.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 4th., 1919

To the Electors of St. Catharines

Ladies and Gentlemen: Your vote and influence solicited for Alderman for the year 1920.

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE VALLEY UP TO

Recommendation insurance is Passed 1920—No Referendum With Reference to Soldiers Home

The City Council last night special meeting received final report of the various committees for the year. Mayor Elson was in the and all the Aldermen in their places.

Thorold Council sent in the following resolution passed by the Council: That this Council invite the municipalities of St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Stamford, Welland, Fort Thorold Township, Merriton, and the City of Hamilton, to co-operate with them in a plan to the Railway Commission regarding the high rates of freight charged by the N. S. and T. Co. not paying the employees the Adoo scale of wages.

The Housing Commission presented a report to the Council for the year. During the year 22 buildings were purchased by the Commission for \$4645 and the total houses occupied or now being constructed is 41. A number of the lots been taken up by returned soldiers erecting houses on them. On lots the commission has control for seven houses now being constructed and some are nearing completion. These seven houses will be offered at cost price. A large number of those having houses built had own lots and it was much easier to build a better house at a cost within the limit of the Act. All the plans on completion of their construction have furnished to the Commission in writing as to the amount which the work on their home been carried on. The financial statement follows:

Amount of Provincial Loan 000. Loans approved and paid \$ Purchase of 22 lots \$4,645. Seven Houses under contract Commission \$21,000.

Loans approved and not expended \$24,000. Balance unexpended \$8,785.

The number of loans made returned soldiers; to others 16 of houses now occupied 24 erected 21.

Ald. Eagle reported for the committee passing accounts 682.46 and the following: Request of G.W.V.A.

Your Committee has given careful consideration to the request of the Great War Veterans' Association for exemption from school purposes for a period of ten years, dwelling assessed at not more than \$300 and occupied by officers who have been on active service, and while unanimous desire to give every possible assistance to returned men, it was felt that as a considerable percentage of the returned soldiers were officers, a reduction in taxation which would or were purchased by agreement would result in discrimination by benefit of the returned men.

In view of this, your Committee cannot recommend the grant of this request until a more

To the Electors

After having seen seven years on the public School Board two years on the Legate Institute Board I have been nominated for the Board of Education. Should you desire a continuance of services, the same at your disposal Yours

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