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Times may change and work become less plentiful for you with advancing years and you will have no such help anywhere as your nice little few hundred dollars saved in some sound Canadian Bank.

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### FIRST ANNUAL PURE-BRED STOCK SALE MARKET SQUARE PETROLIA

ON—  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28TH, 1917

—AT 1 P. M. SHARP—

### LAMBTON COUNTY PURE BRED STOCK ASSOCIATION

Will sell by Public Auction—40 head of cattle, consisting of Shorthorn Angus, Holstein bulls and heifers, also one Shire stallion. The offering has been contributed by the best breeders in the County. Terms cash or eight month's credit will be allowed on approved joint notes with interest at 6% per annum from date of sale. A limited number of animals not yet registered, but eligible, will be offered.

Apply to the Secretary for catalogue. Sale under cover if stormy.  
Auctioneer—CAPT. T. E. ROBSON, London.

W. S. STEADMAN, President, Petrolia, Ont. W. P. MacDONALD, Secretary, Petrolia, Ont.

### Importance Of Securing Vigorous Potato Seed Stock

(Experimental Farms Note)

Experiments conducted at the Dominion Experimental Station, Kentville, N.S. with eight lots of Garnet Chili potatoes secured from different growers in 1915 show a variation in yield of from 36 bushels to 240 bushels per acre, or a difference of 204 bushels per acre in yield when grown under uniform conditions. Seed from these eight lots planted in 1916 yielded from 68 bushels to 212 bushels per acre, a difference of 144 bushels per acre. The respective positions of the different lots were changed very little in the second year, but the lowest yielding ones increased somewhat and the highest yield was not so great.

Seed from fifteen others of this variety was planted in 1916 and the lowest yield obtained was 158 bushels and the highest 275 bushels per acre, a difference in favour of the best over the poorest of 120 bushels per acre. Ten lots of pure stock of Green Mountain from different growers ranged from 180½ bushels per acre to 313 bushels per acre, a difference of 132½ bushels. Seventeen lots of Irish Cobbler ranged from 93 bushels per acre as the poorest to 235 bushels as the best, a difference in favour of the best yielding strain of 142 bushels. This would show that there may be as great a difference between potatoes of the same variety as there is between potatoes of different varieties, and that it is wise to secure stock from farms which have had high yielding crops. Because the Green Mountain has failed in giving a crop on a certain farm is not proof that this variety will not yield well there; it may have been due to low vitality in the seed stock. Such reversion in yield may have been due to disease, or adverse soil or climatic conditions which affected the crop at some time and it may be better to discard the stock entirely than to try to bring it up to its former vitality by selection.

### What is the Navy Doing?

London Telegraph: We are quite naturally fascinated by the size and grandeur of the Grand Fleet, but let us not be unmindful of the world-wide activities of other sections of the navy—the hazardous operations of the cruiser squadron, the splendid resource and hardihood of the patrol services, and the unceasing vigilance of the men-of-war in the outer seas. What is the navy doing? That answer is that it is doing everything that can be done by naval power, and it is doing it in a manner which will bear comparison with the glories of our great past.

### ARKONA

Mrs. Alex. Thoman is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Blackburn, Sarnia.

Miss Edith Waterman is spending a few days in Watford and Sarnia.

Miss Olive Evans of Forest is visiting her cousin, Miss Ila Huntley.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hall of Albany, Sask., spent a few days at Mr. N. C. Eastman's.

Corp. Verne Huntley has returned to London after spending a week at his home here.

Mr. Wes Lucas and daughter, Miss Lida Lucas, attended the funeral of the late D. McLean of Brooke.

Mr. Robt. Patterson of Pt. Huron, Mich., is visiting friends in town.

Messrs. Broad and Claude Bart-ram of Breckenridge, Mich., are visiting friends in town.

Mr. Henry Rivers of London called on Arkona friends last week.

Mrs. (Rev.) H. Moule, who has been spending the past month in London, returned home this week.

Miss Elva Fuller is attending the Millinery Openings in Toronto this

## I OWE MY HEALTH

To Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Washington Park, Ill.—“I am the mother of four children and have suffered with female

trouble, backache, nervous spells and the blues. My children's loud talking and romping would make me so nervous I could just tear everything to pieces and I would ache all over and feel so sick that I would not want anyone to talk to me at times. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills restored me to health and I want to thank you for the good they have done me. I have had quite a bit of trouble and worry but it does not affect my youthful looks. My friends say 'Why do you look so young and well?' I owe it all to the Lydia E. Pinkham remedies.”

—Mrs. ROBT. STORIEL, Moore Avenue, Washington Park, Illinois.

We wish every woman who suffers from female troubles, nervousness, backache or the blues could see the letters written by women made well by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

If you have any symptom about which you would like to know write to the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for helpful advice given free of charge.

week.  
Baiting, Chimes, and Linings for quilts—Fuller Bros.

Mr. Howard Farr who has been spending the past two months with friends in town, returned to his home in Alberta this week.

Mr. Orval Thoman, of Sarnia, is visiting at his home here.

New Prints, Gingham, etc. arriving—Fuller Bros.

### BABY'S OWN TABLETS OF GREAT HELP

Mrs. Wm. Artlett, Ancaster, Ont., writes: “I have used Baby's Own Tablets for three years for my little girl and baby boy. I have found them of the greatest help during the teething period and always keep them in the house.” The Tablets aid teething babies because they regulate the stomach and bowels, thus preventing constipation, diarrhoea and convulsions. They promote healthy sleep and keep baby well and happy. They are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

### Death of Mr. D. L. McLean

One of the earliest settlers of the Tenth Concession West Brooke, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 4th, 1917, when Mr. D. L. McLean passed into the great beyond. The end came with startling suddenness, Mr. McLean having been in Alvinston within a little more than a week of his death. Mr. McLean was one of the best known and most respected men of Brooke and was well known in Alvinston, his mother, the late Mrs. Yates Ferguson having lived there for many years, and died only a few years ago. He was for a quarter of a century a leading elder in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and was one of the organizers of that congregation. His life was one of steady exertion and he had the satisfaction of seeing his family grow up and settle in the neighborhood, six of his family of nine children having married and settled within driving distance of the old home. His wife, who survives him, is a daughter of the late Joseph Lucas. In the passing of Mr. McLean there passes from us one of those sterling men whose life enriches any community and who will be missed greatly in his home, his church and his neighborhood. Having been for many years an elder in St. Andrew's, the funeral service was conducted in the church of which he had been so long a leader and father, his empty pew and the pulpit being draped in black, while the choir rendered suitable music. Interment took place in Alvinston Cemetery and in spite of the cold was very largely attended many of Mr. McLean's old comrades from East Brooke being present to show their esteem of an honored friend. The bearers were Richard, Wesley, Sanford and Wellington Lucas, David Whitehead and Wm. Higgins.

Mr. McLean is survived by his widow, Emily Lucas, and nine children, three sons, Joseph, who lives on the tenth concession of Enniskillen, and Andrew and Dan at home, and six daughters, Mrs. W. J. Johnston, whose husband is deputy mayor of Brooke; Mrs. Alex. McDonald; Mrs. Thos. Clark, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Minicelly, of South Plympton, and Miss Lena at home. He is survived also by one sister Mrs. D. McCaw, of Enniskillen. The family has the sympathy of the community in their great sorrow.

### 500 Bags Potatoes from 6 Acres

W. A. CRAIG, Sarnia Ontario, says: “This year I planted 5 acres of potatoes on clay land; applied 600 pounds Homestead Bone Black Fertilizer to the acre broadcast. The piece was cultivated six times and Spring plowed. It was harvested August 20th and yielded 500 bags fine merchantable potatoes. I have used Homestead Fertilizer for five years and always got good results. I would not plant potatoes without it.”

### Corn and Wheat Doubled

TIMOTHY DUNHAM, Salford, Ontario,

“I used fifteen hundred pounds Homestead Bone Black Fertilizer on my corn last season and was very much pleased with results. I also used ten hundred pounds on my wheat last Fall, and am already satisfied that it paid me well to do it, as there are a few spots that the drill missed sowing, and the wheat there isn't more than half as good. I think this ought to convince any person whether it pays to sow fertilizer or not.”

Write Michigan Carbon Works, Detroit, for free book and particulars about their Homestead Bone Black Fertilizer.

### Letter from the Front

Extract from a letter from an old Warwick boy, one of those doing his bit for his country:—

Somewhere in France. Well, I am back in a sort of rest camp and a little quieted. I am quite well and we have had a quiet Christmas and New Years. The weather is real fine here, not a bit like last winter, although the last 3 months we were in action it was awful, but a few weeks out you seem to forget the troublesome time you have had and sorrow you have gone through. The only thing I wish is that we do not have to go back to the dreadful cruelty we left. I left some of my best friends up there including Curley and Rob. my old and tried chums, went from Toronto with me. One thing they are through with the mud and horrible time and longing for dear ones at home. Well this is the starting of another year and who knows but God what it has in store for us all. They say it will be the blood-

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and sheep skins.

## T. DODDS & SON

est year of the war and I wouldn't be surprised. One thing we can say is we are now ready for anything and the Huns will see what a real bombardment is. We gave them an awful hammering the past 3 months, but they will remember that as a Sunday School picnic to what they will get. I only hope it doesn't last long so that those who are spared will be able to return to dear old Canada. I will have two years service next month and have been no farther than 4 miles behind the firing line the last 6 months, and have had only a few scratches.

Artillery Gunner  
R. G. CLARK.

### July 12th in Forest

The annual meeting of the Loyal Orange Association of East Lambton was held in the Orange Hall, Uttoxeter, on Tuesday, Feb. 6th, with a very large number of members present. All the reports showed a decided interest in the Order during the past year. It was decided to celebrate the 12th of July in Forest this year, and the members from West Lambton will join with this county.

Dinner and supper were served by the ladies of the District in the basement and a collection was taken up amongst the brethren, and a nice large sum was handed over to the ladies for Red Cross Work.

Past Depy. Master Frank Sherk afterwards conducted the election and installation of officers for the coming year in a most able manner:—

County Master—Jas. McKeown.  
Deputy M.—Jas. Freer.  
Chaplain—Wm. Bullick.  
Rec. Sec.—Jno. Maidment.  
Fin. Sec.—Wm. Neil.  
Treas.—Henry O' Lane.  
1st Lecturer—Archie Dewar.  
2nd Lecturer—Robt. A. Hall.  
D. of C.—Jas. Gilliard.

### School Reports

Report of S. S. No. 11 Warwick for the month of January.

Class IV—Sr.—Florence Edwards, Beatrice Edwards, Susie Westgate, Mary Tanner.

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Class III—Sr.—Gladys Parker, Francis Edwards, Mervyl Fuller, Fred Tanner.

Class II—Sr.—Carrie Jarriot, Leila Westgate, Thelma Ward Eva Tanner.

Primer—Margaret McKenzie, Clara Parker, Stanley Edwards.

FLORENCE EDWARDS, Teacher.

Report of S. S. No. 13, Brooke, for January. Those marked with star absent.

Class IV—Sr.—Edna Peasley, Willie McIlmurry, Willie Coke, Reuberta Griffith, Nellie McDonald, Lizzie McCabe.

Tr.—Jean Lucas, Lottie Higgins.\*

Class III—Sr.—Gordon Johnston, Velma Griffith, Charlie McMahon,\* Emerson Fisher,\* Maud Melton.

Jr.—Sadie Fisher, John Lucas Jimmy Burns.

Class II—Harry Chalk, Edna Griffith, Kathleen Burns.

Class I—Lida McDonald, Margaret Lucas.\*

Primer Class—John Griffith, Hazel Taylor, Clarence Johnston, Mary Lucas.\*

A movement is on foot in Sarnia to have the city council pass a bylaw which will exempt all dwellings erected for a period of two years to encourage the people of Sarnia to build more homes, and thus help solve the house scarcity problem, which, at the present time, is declared to be severe. The Sarnia Board of Trade is behind the scheme.

In some unaccountable manner, his hand striking the sharp edge of an axe, Frank Dewar, eldest son of Dan Dewar of Plympton townline, had his arm almost severed at the wrist. He was working in the woods on Wednesday when the accident occurred. Companions gave him first aid and he is now under medical care.

### JUNK WANTED

Rags, Rubbers, Old Copper, Brass, Iron, Bones, Horse Hair, Anything in the line of Junk

### BEST PRICES PAID IN CASH

for everything in the junk line, and allowance made for delivery.

As I am now living in Watford goods can be brought in at any time.

Call at the Assembly Billiard Parlor and see me.

ALEX ZIMMERMAN  
35-1m

### THIS IS THE AGE OF REASON

ISN'T it better at the first sign of failing vision to have your eyes attended to, than to put it off until perhaps your Optician can not do for you as much and as well as he could have done on the start? Reason it out. Think about this and let us know. Our service is at your bidding.



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