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## NEWS ITEMS

### Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

Kingston police have been given a raise of \$5 per month.

Examinations were held in the High School last week.

At a recent sale held by H. S. Brown, Elgin, some cows brought \$150.

Mr. James Love, Addison, spent the week-end the guest of Mr. W. J. Quinn.—Merrickville Post.

Miss Bessie Steacy, of Seeley's Bay, was a week-end guest of friends in Athens.

Messrs John Ross and W. L. Steacy are employed in the munition works in Brockville.

Mrs. M. C. Arnold spent a few days in Brockville with her sister, Mrs. R. A. Stevenson.

Mr. Gifford, Greenbush, is opening up a tinsmith shop in the Mathews building, North Augusta, next to the bridge and is now taking possession.

Mrs. D. L. Johnston underwent an operation for appendicitis in the General Hospital at Brockville on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parish were week-end visitors in Brockville. Rebuilding Beale's Mills

Mr. C. J. Bell, of the Dominion Alliance will speak in the Methodist church Sunday morning. It is expected that he will have a large hearing.

The great weight of snow on the roofs of Beale's mills caused them to collapse and preparations are now being made for a "raising".

The Athens Brass Quartette gave a concert at the rink Saturday night, and a large number of skaters, including many from outside points enjoyed the excellent ice and music.

Probate of the will of Archibald Riley, Bastard, has been granted to George Riley, Kitley, and S. J. Riley, Bastard. T. R. Beale, Athens, solicitor.

Mrs. E. Collinson, of Port Myden, New York, was a guest of Mrs. N. E. Smith last week. Residents of the village will remember that her son, Jefferson, now a medical doctor, attended High School a number of years ago.

Dr. Thos. and Mrs. Whaley, with maid left for Alsask, Sask. last week after a honeymoon in New York and at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Johnston, Oak Leaf.

**Give \$8.25 to Red Cross**  
A donation of \$8.25 to the Red Cross is the result of a collection taken up at the Unionist committee rooms on election night. This amount was left after the expenses of procuring returns were paid.

**Annual Meeting of the B. K. A.**  
Notices are being issued of the annual meeting of the Leeds and Grenville Bee-Keepers' Association which takes place at the Agricultural Office, Athens, on Friday, March 1st, at 3 o'clock for the purpose of receiving reports, election of officers, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

**Annual Meeting**  
The annual meeting of the Guild of Christ's church will be held at the rectory, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

**Buys Creamery**  
A. A. Wright, of Renfrew, formerly of Athens, has purchased a controlling interest in the Renfrew Creamery, one of the leading dairy interests of Eastern Ontario, which was founded in 1895.

**The Ice Harvest**  
Considerable difficulty is being experienced in getting ice houses filled this year on account of bad roads between here and Lake Eloida. The ice is very clear and about thirty inches thick.

## MAIL SERVICE IS ADJUSTED

### New Railway Postal Service Went Into Effect On Monday

The following changes in the arrival and departure of mails from the al and departure of mails became effective on Monday.

A new R. P. O. service will be established Monday, the 25th inst., between Smith's Falls and Brockville trains 561 and 564.

Train 561 will be due in Brockville at 11.20 a.m. and train 564 will leave Brockville 6.20 p. m.

This R. P. O. takes the place of "B. & O." R. P. O. trains 563 and 562 cancelled from the 24 inst.

Starting Monday, the 25th Brockville post office will despatch a mail to Athens post office by rural route No. 4 leaving Brockville daily except Sunday at 3 p.m. and the office will receive a return mail from Athens post office by the same route due Brockville daily except Sunday at 10 a.m.

This in addition to present exchange with "B. & W." R. P. O. From the 25th inst. train No. 95 "B. & W." R. P. O. will leave Brockville at 2 p. m. and mail closes at 1.20 p. m.

It is gratifying to note the promptitude with which the Post-Office Department adjusted the service for this district after receiving a communication from the municipal authorities which appeared in the last issue of the Reporter.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF AYRSHIRE BREEDERS

Andrew Henderson, Lake Eloida, Is Elected President of District Club.

(Recorder and Times)  
The annual meeting of the Brockville District Ayrshire Breeders' club held in the Victoria building, Brockville, Monday morning, was attended by several breeders from various parts of the county. In the absence of William Bass, Newboro, the chair was occupied by Andrew Henderson, Lake Eloida. A short talk on the objects of the club and on the work which it should endeavour to carry on during the coming year was made by W. H. Smith, B. S. A., district agricultural representative, Athens, and remarks to the same end were made by E. H. Easton, Lyn, and G. M. Hudson, Lyn.

It was decided to hold a field day in Andrew Henderson's grove, Lake Eloida, this year, when a demonstration will be given by department officials. A committee composed of Messrs. W. H. Smith, B. S. A., and John Hamblin, Athens, and G. W. Percival, Glen Buell, was named to make arrangements for this event. A committee composed of Messrs. C. P. Bass, Newboro; Mackie Henderson, Athens and A. J. Hudson was formed to solicit further membership in the club.

Officers elected were as follows:  
Honorary president—William Bass Newboro.  
President—Andrew Henderson, Lake Eloida.  
Vice-President—G. W. Percival, Glen Buell.  
Directors—H. E. Bowser, Delta; W. N. Bradley, Lansdowne; B. N. Henderson, Morton; J. V. Lynett, Westport; Jacob Dillon, Ellisville; Horton Parslow, Lyn; and E. H. Easton, Lyn.  
Auditors—C. P. Bass, Newboro, and Mackie Henderson, Lake Eloida.

**ARMY DRAFT TREATY**

Between the United States and Great Britain Signed.

The signing of an army draft treaty between Great Britain and the United States was announced last week. The new British ambassador, Earl Reading, affixed his signature to the document as his first official act in Washington. Under the treaty the United States may draft into military service British subjects in this country between the ages of twenty and forty-five years, while Great Britain may draft American citizens living within its jurisdiction between the ages of twenty and thirty-one. A separate convention along the same line by the state department with Canada has been signed.

**Says Ottawa to Kingston**

Kingston will cut down enough city trees to make 1,000 cords of wood and thus likewise fulfil the predictions of some of the oldest inhabitants that the day would come when Kingston would emerge from the woods.—Ottawa Citizen

**Prescott Postmastership**

The position of postmaster for the town of Prescott, made vacant two weeks ago by the death of Jos. E. Dubrule, has since been filled by A. N. Halliday, of the express department of the local customs office. It is understood that the appointment is a temporary one.

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## STURGEON—BANHAM

At Christ Church, Vancouver, B.C., the marriage took place Feb. 20 of Miss Edith Maude Banham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Banham, 4016 Kaslo street, Vancouver, to Mr. William Clement Sturgeon, son of Mrs. Margaret Sturgeon, of Toronto, formerly of Brockville.

Mr. Sturgeon is a former Leeds county boy, having left here fifteen years ago.

## Purchase Wood Lot

Casper J. Speagle, reeve of Westport, has purchased a wood lot from Edward Botton at Crow Lake and intends putting a gang of men to work cutting fuel for Westport's needs. The lot contains 200 acres and is well timbered.

## Saturday's Market

The market in the county town Saturday morning was small, only about 12 farmers being present. The ruling prices were as follows: Butter 50 to 52 cents; eggs 60 to 65 cents; potatoes \$1.25 per bushel; onions \$1 per bushel; apples 75 cents per basket; beef 16 to 18 cents; mutton 18 to 20 cents; cabbage 10 cents a head; carrots and turnips 45 cents a basket.

## Two Boys in the Air Service

Douglas Johnston who left Athens during January to enter the Royal Naval Air Service, arrived safely in England after a very rough passage. On landing at Liverpool, he wired his brother, Mills, who is also training in the R. N. A. S. and the two proceeded to "do" London and enjoy the re-union. They were to have week-end leaves together, but Douglas had to undergo vaccination and inoculations and was finally quarantined on account of mumps in the college. His brother has passed his examinations and is likely flying at one of the training schools in southern France by now. It will be interesting to Canadians to know that their boys are taken up in a social way and when on leave are entertained by families of the British aristocracy. Mills has written home telling of the fine hospitality extended to him by the Clanwilliams of Montalto, Ballynahinch, Co. Down, Ireland. His visits to relatives and friends in London have been pleasant but residence in the great metropolis is rather a nervous existence owing to the frequent air raids.

## Serve on Committees

John R. Dargavel, M. L. A. for Leeds, has been selected as a member of the standing committee of the Legislature on private bills, publication and fish and game. A. E. Donovan, M. L. A. for Brockville, occupies seats on the committees on standing orders, public accounts, agriculture and colonization, printing and fish and game. Hon. G. H. Ferguson, M. L. A. for Grenville, is on the committees on private bills, public accounts, municipal law and legal bills.

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**With Flying Corps in Texas**  
Cadet Rod Seaman, of Toronto is now in Texas training as an aviator in the Royal Flying Corps. He is well known here, having attended Athens High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Seaman who now reside in the Queen City.

**Novel Device to Keep Airmen Warm**  
Lieut. J. Weldon Edwards, son of Dr. J. W. Edwards, M. P. for Frontenac, who is serving at the front, has invented an appliance for keeping aviators warm. His invention consists in equipping the aviator's clothing with wires through which he introduces an electric current generated from a motor driven by the airplane engine. By using this appliance the birdmen are able to stay aloft for hours in the bitterest weather. The invention is being rapidly applied to all the machines in the Flying Corps.

## Wood In Furnaces

Where wood is to be burned in a furnace intended for coal it will be found desirable to partly cover the grate with iron or firebrick. If this is not done the wood is wasted by being consumed too fast and makes a very hot fire which in a furnace, may damage the firebox.

## 38,000 Ask for Divorces

According to Petrograd newspapers, the Bolsheviki government's action in simplifying divorce proceedings has resulted in 38,000 applications being made for divorce in the capital alone.

## Eggs by Weight

At a time when eggs are dwindling in size as the cost of living goes up, the Government is likely to institute a reform of the Sales and Inspection Act, providing for the sale of hen fruit by the pound. It is proposed to stipulate that a dozen of them must weigh a pound and a half and for any deficiency in such weight the dealer would have to throw in a few extra. A regulation also provides 128 cu. ft. being the standard cord of wood.

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