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Bank of Montreal Reports Assets in Excess of \$400,000,000

The Bank of Montreal, following its 100th anniversary, is out with its strongest statement and establishes new high records in all principal accounts.

STEADY EXPANSION OF DEPOSITS

The savings accounts of the people of the country continue to pile up steadily and now amount to over \$246,000,000, an increase of almost \$26,000,000 for the year, or at the rate of close to \$3,000,000 monthly.

SUBSTANTIAL GAIN IN EARNINGS

The profit and loss account shows that earnings allow a comfortable margin over the dividend and bonus payments. They are substantially above those of the previous year.

FEATURES OF GENERAL STATEMENT

| 1917 | | 1916 | |
|---|---------------|---------------|--|
| Total assets | \$402,950,238 | \$395,215,511 | |
| Total deposits | 276,276,297 | 246,982,630 | |
| Circulation | 317,156,257 | 299,296,949 | |
| Gold and silver coin | 29,592,981 | 21,649,892 | |
| Domestic notes | 39,769,223 | 29,273,216 | |
| Deposits in central bank | 11,000,000 | 7,500,000 | |
| Call and short loans | 106,619,214 | 113,902,097 | |
| Govt securities | 28,373,322 | 419,736 | |
| Coll. Man. sec. and B.M. and For. and Col. sec. other than Canadian | 31,155,551 | 21,796,159 | |
| Current loans | 97,607,494 | 85,729,066 | |
| Loans to cities, municipalities | 11,415,582 | 11,255,571 | |
| Call loans and Discounts | 10,495,411 | 8,478,267 | |
| Net profits | 2,477,969 | 2,209,471 | |
| Ret. earned fund | 1,664,893 | 1,414,123 | |

Animals kept in the back yard will produce manure that must be supplied to the garden, and at the present fearfully high prices of fertilizers animals are almost worth their keep for the production of manure alone.

To the Women of England.

Oh, you glorious women of England! Is there aught that you have not done To prove to the world the victory Your nobility has won?

That they have not made their own? It is you that our boys all fight for, You and the babes you bear; You, who have given them courage; You, who their burdens share.

Oh, you wonderful women of England Time your fame can never dispel; Tongue shall never be born that falters When your story it starts to tell.

O'er the winter fires of England, When she once more has her own; On the soft green lawns of England, When peace reigns o'er cot and throne

A memorial will be builded, Undying to your fame To the heroines of England And their immortal name.

—Arthur Francis.

CANADA'S FOREST FIRES.

Since Confederation the Loss Amounts to Total of Billion Dollars.

Forest fires in Canada since Confederation have destroyed vastly more of the nation's wealth than all other kinds of fires put together.

The fire losses paid by insurance companies in Canada since 1867 amounted to \$272,250,777, says the Canadian Forestry Journal.

It has been generally accepted as a modest estimate that for every foot of timber ever cut in Canada, seven have been destroyed by fire.

NOVEL BED. Invented by an Army Surgeon for Paralyzed Soldiers.

One of the latest examples of the surgeon's constant endeavors to lighten the sufferings of our wounded men is to be found in a military ward at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, England. It is a special bed for the paralyzed.

One of the great problems in certain cases of spinal wounds with paralysis is how to move the patient sufficiently to make his bed and tend his wounds without increasing his sufferings by moving him.

Surrounding the bed just at the edge of the mattress is a rectangular framework of hollow metal piping. Connecting the two parallel sides are broad bands of webbing stretched across on top of the mattress, and on these the patient lies.

A GRAND MEDICINE FOR LITTLE ONES

Baby's Own Tablets are a grand medicine for little ones. They are a mild but thorough laxative; are absolutely safe; easy to give and never fail to cure any of the minor ills of little ones.

TIMBER FOR AEROPLANES.

British Columbia Spruce is Extensively Utilized.

The extensive utilization of British Columbia spruce for the manufacture of aeroplanes has called into the service of the Imperial Munitions Board a special staff of technical foresters, among whom are Mr. H. R. MacMillan and Mr. Roland D. Craig.

The Italian government is proposing to use fir as a substitute for spruce in aeroplane manufacture owing to the difficulty of securing spruce of proper size and quality.

SOLDIERS REPAIR TRACTORS. Farm Motors Overhauled by Vocational Classes of M. H. C.

The tractors on the Experimental Farms run by the Government in the various provinces, will be turned over to the vocational training classes of the Military Hospital's Commission for overhauling during the winter months.

In the motor mechanics course, which is without a peer for popularity among the returned soldiers requiring industrial re-education, there is need of motors on which to work, and many of the men intending to run farm tractors when their course is finished are eager for a chance to work around a farm motor.

The Government has been spared the expense of buying motor cars for experimental work by the generosity of many firms and individuals who have given their decrepit motors for "vivisection."

If the whetstone gets greasy at butchering time, wash it off before you put it away. If you don't, it won't work worth a cent the next time you use it.

"Her Money Troubles"—They get more vexatious as the cost of foods climbs skyward.

Meat, eggs and vegetables are almost beyond the family purse. Happy is the housewife who knows Shredded Wheat, its low cost and its high food value. A better balanced ration than meat or eggs and costs much less.

Two Petains in the Field.

I heard a rather good yarn about the French Commander-in-Chief the other day, says a London weekly. He was driving in a motor with an eucury past a town near Verdun when he came upon four little boys marching in single file, arrayed in soldiers' helmets and carrying real bayonets.

"MONEY ORDERS

Dominion Express Foreign Cheques are accepted by Field Cashiers and Paymasters in France for their full face value.

Making Tears.

Tears are not made only when we cry. They seem to come only when you cry, because it is then that they spill over. A little part of you is making tears all the time, and your eyes are constantly washing themselves in them.

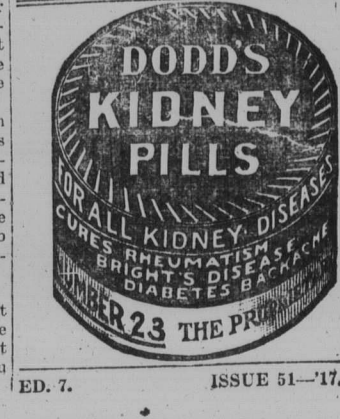
I was cured of Rheumatic Gout by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Halifax. ANDREW KING. I was cured of Acute Bronchitis by MINARD'S LINIMENT. LT. COL. C. CREWE READ. Sussex. I was cured of Acute Rheumatism by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Markham, Ont. C. S. BILLING. Lakefield, Que., Oct. 9, 1907.

Spain's National Parks.

The King of Spain has sanctioned a law concerning the formation of National Parks: Under this law all those districts of the national territory shall be known as National Parks which are exceptionally picturesque, wooded or wild, and which are declared to be so by the State for the sole purpose of facilitating access to them by suitable roads of communication; causing the natural beauty of the landscape, the wealth of flora and fauna, the geographical and hydrological peculiarities to be respected by protecting them in the most efficacious manner possible against all acts of destruction, deterioration or disfigurement due to the hand of man.

Frozen But Alive.

Interesting experiments have been made by two French scientists, who placed a number of caterpillars in test tubes or metal boxes in a refrigerating mixture of ice and salt at a temperature varying between 15 and 20 degrees Centigrade. The same caterpillars were frozen six times in the space of a month, and they always came back to life, but at each new freezing operation their movements and reactions to mechanical excitation became slower.



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CURES ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
BRIGHT'S DISEASE
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GERMANY'S CONFLICTS. Has Waged Several Wars During Past Fifty Years.

Pacifists, and other people with German sympathies, are fond of telling us that from 1871 to 1914 Germany was at peace with the world; and that, therefore, she cannot be by nature so very fond of fighting.

For four years, from 1903 to 1907, the Huns in German Southwest Africa waged a war of extermination against the Hottentots, in the course of which some 30,000 natives and over 5,000 Germans lost their lives.

It was the seizure of Kiaochow—a warlike act of aggression against a friendly power—which led up to the anti-foreign outbreak of the Chinese Boxers three years later. In the war for their suppression German troops played a leading part; and, in obedience to the kaiser's orders to "take no prisoners," they were the only ones among the allies who consistently refused quarter to a beaten enemy.

GIRLS! WHITEN SKIN WITH LEMON JUICE

Make a beauty lotion for a few cents to remove tan, freckles, sallowness.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply you with three ounces of orchard white for a few cents. Squeeze the juice of two fresh lemons into a bottle, then put in the orchard white and shake well.

Fruit Sandwiches.

Odd bits of canned fruit can be minced, mixed with cream cheese, and very good sandwiches can be made.



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Sore Eyes, Eyes Inflamed by Sand, Dust and Wind quickly relieved by Muir's. Try Muir's in your Eyes and in Baby's Eyes.
No Smarting, Just Eye Comfort
Muir's Eye Remedy At Your Dispensing Druggist or by Mail from Muir's Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.

A good soaking in hot soapy water will cure frost-bitten feet. Do it at night, before going to bed, let your feet soak in the tub until you are comfortable. Add more hot water as that in the tub cools off.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

The choice of which form of lime to use on soil should depend largely upon relative costs, the one that can be laid down at the farm cheapest being the one to select if an equivalent amount of calcium and magnesium can be obtained.

A Kidney Remedy

Kidney troubles are frequently caused by badly digested food which overtaxes these organs to eliminate the irritant acids formed. Help your stomach to properly digest the food by taking 15 to 30 drops of Extract of Roots, sold as Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and your kidney disorder will promptly disappear. Get the genuine.

The Jordan Valley

In southeastern Oregon is a beautiful, fertile district that you ought to investigate. Many shrewd farmers are buying there, because their keen business foresight tells them that investment will pay big returns from the natural increase in the value of the land alone, to say nothing of the big crops that they can produce.

Machinery For Sale

- 1 WHELOCK ENGINE, 18x42. New Automatic Valve Type. Complete with supply and exhaust piping, flywheel, etc. Will accept \$1,200 cash for immediate sale.
 - 1 ELECTRIC GENERATOR, 30 K.W., 110-120 Volts D.C. Will accept \$425 cash for immediate sale.
 - 1 LARGE LEATHER BELT, Double, Endless. 24 inch x 75 ft. Will accept \$800 for immediate sale, although belt is in excellent condition and new one would cost about \$600.
 - PULLEYS, Large size. 26x66—\$30, 12x60—\$20, 12 1/2x48—\$12, 12x36—\$8.
 - 2 BLOWERS OR FANS, Buffalo make. One 10 inch, other 14 inch discharge—\$30 each.
- BEATSON ENGINEERING CORPORATION, LTD.
80 Front St. West.



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MADE IN CANADA
Tough Luck.
"So you've been rejected by your girl as well as the army doctors."
"Yes, after I got back she decided that if I wasn't good enough for the army there must be something the matter with me and she refused to take any chances."

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper. The hen that lays is the hen that pays. Eat the slackers.

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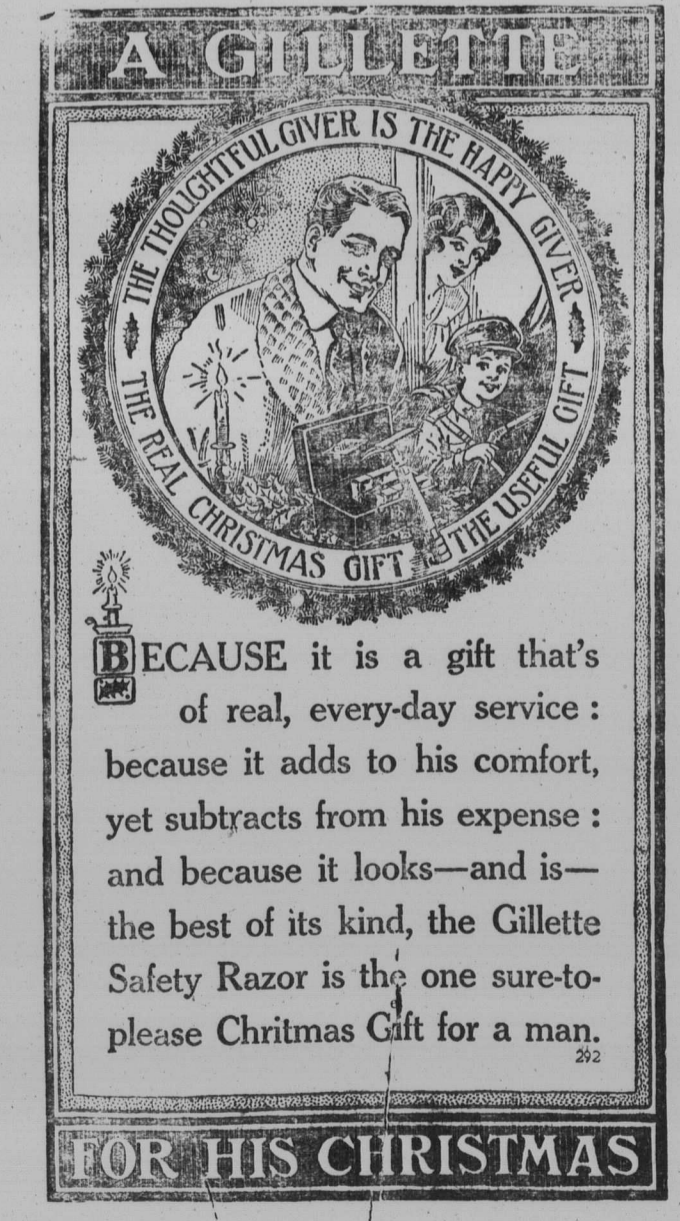
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That itch, burn, crack, chaps, and bleed, in a wonderfully short time in most cases. Soak the hands on resting in a hot sud of Cuticura Soap, using plenty of the Soap. Dry and rub Cuticura Ointment gently but freely into the hands for some time. Wear old gloves or softer bandages during night or remove surplus Ointment with soft tissue paper as preferred.

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THE REAL CHRISTMAS GIFT
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Young Bulls from 6 to 10 mos. old, by same sire as Junior Champion, Female, at Leading Canadian Fairs, 1916.
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Voluntary enlistment has taken thousands of men from office work. Conscription will take more. Office help is scarce now—will be scarce very soon. Young women must fill the vacant places and they need training.

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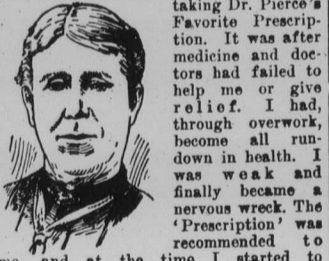
Oatmeal and Breakfast Food Regulations

1. That on and after the first day of January 1918, no manufacturer of breakfast foods or cereals shall manufacture for sale in the Dominion of Canada, such breakfast foods or cereals in original packages of less than twenty pounds without first obtaining a license from the Food Controller for each kind of breakfast food or cereal manufactured.
2. That there shall be printed or marked on each package, in such clear and legible manner that it may be easily read by the consumer, the name and address of the manufacturer, the net weight of the contents of such package (such weight being given in pounds and ounces avoirdupois), and the number of the license held by the manufacturer.
3. That no coupons, premiums, prizes presents or other similar inducements to purchase shall be enclosed, given away or sold with any such breakfast food or cereal.
4. That the prices at which breakfast foods or cereals are sold to the public in packages shall not exceed such an amount as will pay for the cost of the containers and allow a reasonable profit on the contents of the package. The containers shall in all ways be inexpensive.
5. That all licenses issued under these regulations for the manufacture of any breakfast food or cereal which is composed in whole or in part of wheat flour or any product of wheat shall be subject to cancellation by the Food Controller upon one month's notice, if in the opinion of the Food Controller it is desirable to conserve the wheat or product of wheat so used, and the Food Controller may, if he considers it in the public interest permit such manufacturer to substitute any other flour or material in the manufacture of such breakfast food or cereal in place of such wheat flour or product of wheat.
6. That in every application for a license under these regulations the applicant shall state the cost per pound or per package to the manufacturer, of the container, and of advertising and selling such breakfast food or cereal, and if in the opinion of the Food Controller such cost is excessive, he may refuse to issue a license.
7. The wholesale dealers and retailer dealers shall not require a license to sell any breakfast food or cereal in original packages of less than twenty pounds, when such breakfast food or cereal has been manufactured under a license issued by the Food Controller.
8. That the following shall be the fees chargeable for a license to manufacture a breakfast food or cereal.
 - When the value does not exceed \$100,000 per annum, \$10.00.
 - When the value sold does not exceed \$200,000 per annum, \$20.00.
 - When the value sold does not exceed \$300,000 per annum, \$30.00.
 - When the value sold does not exceed \$400,000 per annum, \$40.00.
 - When the value sold does not exceed \$500,000 per annum, \$50.00.
 - When the value so sold exceeds \$500,000 per annum then the license fee shall be \$60.00 and in addition \$5.00 for each \$100,000 or fraction thereof sold in excess of \$500,000. Such value shall in each case be the value of the previous years business for goods manufactured or sold in Canada. If the cereal has not been previously manufactured or sold for a year before the application is made for a license the fee for the license shall be \$10.00. A sworn statement of the facts upon which the amount of the license fee depends shall be attached to the application.

MOTHERS OF CANADA PREPARE FOR TROUBLE

When a girl becomes a woman, when a woman passes through the changes of middle life, are the three periods of life when health and strength are most needed to withstand the pain and distress often caused by severe organic disturbances. Many thousands in this section would testify as to the following:

St. Catharines, Ont.—“Over forty years ago I was restored to health by taking Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It was after medicine and doctors had failed to help me or give relief. I had, through overwork, become all run-down in health. I was weak and finally became a nervous wreck. The 'Prescription' was recommended to me, and at the time I started to take it I had not been able to do anything for over a year. I took the 'Favorite Prescription' and the 'Golden Medical Discovery' as well. It took several bottles, but I was completely restored to good health and since that time when I have taken them and always with perfect satisfaction.”—Mrs. WM. BAKER, 33 Page St.



St. Catharines, Ont.—I was all run-down, weak, nervous. I also suffered with severe pains through my back. I was very miserable when a friend advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and one bottle seemed to give renewed strength. It stopped the pain in my back, also helped my nervous condition. It is surely a good tonic for women.—Mrs. FLORENCE CULLUM, 100 Milton St.

Report of S. S. No. 10 Carrick.

- Sr. IV—Leander Schill.
- Jr. III—Hilda Schill, Marie Hoffman, Erwin Schill, Ruth MacDowell (absent) for two subjects, Wilfred Wissler (absent.)
- Jr. II—Melvin Haines, Clarence Schill, Otto Wissler, Homer Culliton.
- Jr. I—Johnny Schill, Sylvester Grub, Irene Kestner.
- Primer—Gertrude Grub, Clarence Keatner, Horace MacDowell, Lillian Wissler.

When The War Will End

Absolute knowledge I have none, But my aunt's washerwoman's sister's son
Heard a policeman on his beat Say to a laborer on the street That he had a letter just last week Written in the finest Greek From a Chinese coolie in Timbuctoo, Who said the negroes in Cuba knew Of a colored man in a Texas town, Who got it straight from a circus clown, That a man in Klondike heard the news From a gang of South American Jews About somebody in Borneo, Who heard a man who claimed to know Of a swell society female fake, Whose mother-in-law will undertake To prove that her seventh husband's sisters niece
Had stated in a printed piece, That she had a man who has a leg to

Will Engage Dietitian.

The Bruce County Hospital Board have, on the recommendation of the Lady Superintendent, Miss Sutherland, decided to do away with the position of assistant matron or head nurse formerly held by Miss Gallagher, who has resigned, and will appoint instead a Dietitian, who will have control of the cooking for the patients, as well as lecture to the nurses on the nutritive value and the proper methods of preparing and cooking various kinds of food. Miss Fraser daughter of Mr. F. J. Fraser here, and who is an experienced dietitian, having been connected with some large American hospitals in this capacity for some years, has agreed to accept this appointment until May next, when she is again returning to the States.

“A Happy New Year”

May the Year 1918 be Brimful with Happiness and Prosperity for all our Patrons, Friends and Acquaintances.

Bring your Cream, Butter, Eggs, Potatoes, etc. The Store for Honest Values

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Public School Report.

- December.
- Sr. V—Gertrude Duffy 67; Marie Heisz 42.
- Jr. V—Clayton Fink 71; Dorothy Schwalm 59.
- Sr. IV—Hilda Schneider 59; Ernie Miller 55; Louis Privat 44; Herb Miller 46; Buelah Lambert 41; Edward Schneider 38.
- Jr. IV—Hazel Duffy 61, Gloria Reuber 60; Walter Schnurr 51.
- Sr. III—Harvie Schneider 79 (Honours); Laugretta Hamel 76 (Honours); Ruth Vollick 75 (Honours); Helene Kidd 63; Joseph Lewis 63; Hilda Pross 59; Harold Lewis 58; Wesley Filsinger 55; Cathryne Miller 51; Katie Lewis 48; Walter Schneider 44.
- J. T. Kidd, teacher.

ROOM II

- Sr. II Honours—Zelda Finger, Dorothy Siegner, Pass—Wilfred Brown, Irene Harper, Matilda Miller, Gladys Duffy, Irene Weber, Blaw Pass—Olive McNamara, Harvey Vollick, Geo. Weber, Edna Sieling, Norman Weber.
- Jr. II Pass—Malcolm Bridges Orville Kalbfleisch.
- Jr. I Honours—Elma Lewis, Marion Finger, Rudolph Siegner, Arthur Schneider, Cleve Kidd, Pass—Milton Filsinger, Blaw Pass—Delma Horst, Dorothy Vollick, Gilbert Lewis, Garfield Culliton, Irvine Harrison, Walter Weber.
- Primer—Ray Lewis, Almeda Albrecht, Norman Albrecht, Lloyd Coutts, Pearl Weber, Wilbur Kalbfleisch, Melinda Heimbecker, Beatrice Kinzie.

She was a very nervous old lady, and her particular horror was Zeppelius, and as she lived alone outside the village she made careful inquires of the pastor as to her best course in the event of a raid. “I don't think there is much for you to worry about,” replied the pastor, “but if you feel so nervous, why don't you do the same as some people are doing—sleep in the cellar?”

The old lady thanked him profusely and went her way, but returned in half an hour looking as anxious as ever. “The cellar's all right for Zeppelius' sit,” she said, “but suppose one of them there submarines comes instead?”

How we poor folks like to find fault with the rich.
Some things are hard to explain and also quite unsafe.
True love is responsible for many follies and a few crimes.

A Loyal Citizen.

The following is copy of an oration composed by Mary Kieffer, aged 9, who is a member of the Senior Second Class at Inglis' School, Carrick. She received the highest mark in her grade in this subject:—

We must learn to know there is a God, to be a Christian, and to be true to our country. Our first and last thought of the day should be of God who created us. If we do this it shall help us to be true to our neighbor, King and country. Be generous and give as circumstances permit you. It is not necessary to be rich and to have a lot of this world's goods in order to be loyal. The poor that go begging from door to door can be loyal so long as they look to the rules and laws of their country. A loyal citizen during this great war should contribute to the support of his country. Give freely, as I said before, according to your circumstances, to the Red Cross and to anything that will help our poor boys at the front. Children as well as grown-up folk should learn to be loyal by not spending their earnings foolishly. We have heard nothing but war ever since the outbreak of the struggle. Now we hear something different. No matter where you go you hear men discussing politics. Would you call a man a loyal citizen who, on Dec. 17th, voted for one party just because his neighbor voted for that party or his most sincere friend voted for that party? Vote as your conscience tells you, and then you will be counted a loyal citizen. Never turn a poor person away from your door. Do all you can to make them happy. How could any loyal citizen enjoy his Christmas dinner and see the poor who have not anything to show that it is so. A loyal citizen is honored and respected by all and I guess you will not count me a loyal citizen unless I give the others a chance to say a few words.

A tragedy was narrowly averted here last Thursday afternoon. Mr. H. Sansom was taking the back tires off his auto in the garage at his home, and at the same time had the engine running in order to keep the batteries charged. The doors of the building were closed and before he was aware of it Mr. Sansom was overcome by the gas. He was able, however, to get outside and in time recovered alright, but it was certainly a close call and one that he will remember for a long time. He was alone at the time and it is indeed a wonder that he was not suffocated.—Fordwich Record.

England saved 300,000 tons of coal last summer by putting the clock forward an hour and France saved \$10,000,000 in the same way. The United States Congress will be asked to adopt the daylight saving plan during the coming session. If it adopts the measure Canada will almost certainly fall in line. With a continent-wide application of the system it will have a chance to succeed, though it failed when tried locally. The lesson of the saving which it has effected in England and France is plain enough for us.

Suffering from a fractured collarbone, a scalp wound, and several abrasions, Sir Geo. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, is confined in the Toronto General Hospital. Sir George was struck down by an engine while walking to his private car in the Union Station yards on Friday night. He was thrown clear of the rails and was able to get back to the station, where a doctor was summoned. He will be confined to the hospital for some days.

The great iron mining companies on the shore of Lake Superior encouraged their men to plant potatoes on company land. They gave the use of the land, furnished seed free or at cost, and provided the teams necessary to prepare the ground. In consequence nearly all of the miners planted gardens, and most of them raised good crops. Meanwhile, the companies have been building vegetable “banks”—that is, solid concrete buildings, proof against frost, in which each miner will have a bin. A company employee will be in charge, and will deliver vegetables on written orders drawn by the miners as cheques are drawn against a bank account—a good suggestion for any community in a cold climate.

Sold Lemon Juice.

Extract of lemon is an innocent household necessity, at least that is the customary way it is looked upon. Over in Owen Sound it proved to be something more. It proved to be the basis upon which the police department there extracted an even \$200 from one John Bomalick. He sold it to a “friend” who poured it into a bottle of two per cent, and gulped down the whole thing—right on his premises. Bomalick paid the fine and the hope over in Owen Sound at least is that his experience will prove a warning to others who indulge in dispensing that which is said to be a suicidal beverage of the worst kind.



The Smartest Utility Car Ever Produced

No other sport model sells for so low a price.

No other sport model can be operated for so little.

No other sport model is so easy to park.

Here, at last, is an economical utility car with snappy, distinctive, pleasing style.

And it's a wonderful performer.

It has a wonder of a motor—smooth—lively—powerful.

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THE SAD STORY OF THE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

is frequently revealed in these war times even in this well-to-do Province. Hard enough to be poor—still worse to be sick and poor.

The lot of the consumptive is a specially trying one. Only recently a family was discovered living in two small rooms over a store. At one time they had occupied a comfortable home but the father took sick and had to give up work. With the savings all gone, they were forced to sell the furniture to buy food. When the man was found to be a consumptive, this was the opportunity of the Muskoka Free Hospital to bring relief so that not only would the stricken husband have a winning chance for life, but more desirable still, the wife and children should be removed from danger of contracting the disease. Under skillful guidance the home was cleaned up and the family temporarily provided for. It is now reported that the patient is doing well, with every chance of recovery.

This is the great work carried on by the Muskoka Free Hospital which is now appealing for help.

Contributions may be sent to W. J. Gage, Chairman, 84 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, or Geo. A. Reid, Secretary-Treasurer, 223 College St., Toronto.

It is announced from Paris that there is a big saving to be made in the goods used in women's dresses next season, at least 25 per cent. less material being used. It is hinted that the skirts may be shorter. If they'd make their gowns just a little longer in the waist it would almost save the skirt entirely.

Siberian Hare Industry in Canada

The following is from the Mail and Empire.

The raising of Siberian hares for commercial purposes has been undertaken on a large scale by business men on a farm near Hamilton, Ontario. The industry is described in an article which is published by the Mail and Empire of Toronto, Ontario.

"The best argument in favor of breeding rabbits to help increase the food supply is that they are so easily raised. They are not in general demand in Canada for food, it is true, but England and France have both taken them up and in those countries they are a staple commodity. It is merely a case of getting used to them. They resemble plump young chickens when cooked, and are as nutritious. With the present scarcity of our regular meats, and the ever increasing prices, the time is not far distant when the great mass of the people who feel these high prices, most will begin to realize that the table rabbit is a welcome reinforcement to the regular bill of fare. "From its size and thick soft pelt the Black Siberian should be a valuable rabbit for Canada. It will thrive in our coldest weather and is easily raised. It is really a rabbit, not a hare."

Where Victory Hovers.

Notwithstanding the reverse at Cambrai, and despite all German braggadoocio about the strength of their line and the insignificance of the Allied advance, it seems certain that the German line in the West is in greater peril than ever before. It is true that Passchendaele is a long way from Brussels and Cambrai is not yet British, and yet it is equally true that the German line is threatened as never before, while the German ability to withstand the hammer-strokes of the British has been visibly weakened. And so Germany is bringing up reinforcements of Germans and Austrians, with the evident intention of anticipating another British and French offensive by inaugurating one of her own. But it is hardly credible that the army which for three years has been trying desperately to force a passage at Ypres or Verdun now hopes to be successful in another desperate attempt. But they can do as they did before, send half a million more Germans to the slaughter. The British and French are massing all the guns possible to be used either in an offensive or a defensive, as may be. The slight German success at Cambrai was evidently due to some British blunder, and it is to be thoroughly sifted. Last week the Germans attacked near Bullecourt and captured a five hundred yard section of a trench, but

their loss was exceedingly heavy. Prisoners taken report that the troops who are facing our Canadians are exceedingly nervous, as they fear that they have been brought there to smash the German line.

Fuel Situation Serious.

The fuel situation in Walkerton is becoming serious, many people having practically neither coal nor wood. The farmers are bringing in very little wood, and what is being teamed into town is being held for a high figure, some asking as high as \$5.00 for a single cord of 16 inch wood. The railroads, on the other hand, are also fetching but little coal here, and this is grabbed up by the populace almost immediately upon arrival. We notice in many other places the Town Councils are taking a hand in the fuel question, and by wiring to the Provincial authorities and the coal barons are getting much fuel started their way. The Walkerton Town Council should also act in the matter and assist in relieving the seriousness of the situation here. Winter having set in with prolonged and exceptional severity, it would seem that the early predictions of a mild open winter are about as wild and extravagant as the Kaiser's ancient boast of spending his first war Christmas in Paris. Unless the fuel situation is greatly relieved here there promises to be much suffering and hardship in town this winter.—Herald & Times.

Truax Thanks Electors.

From the platform of the Town Hall on Monday night Mr. R. E. Truax thanked the electors of South Bruce for their splendid vote. He expressed himself as particularly pleased with his home town of Walkerton, where a conservative majority of 125 was turned into a majority of 32 for him and against one of his neighbors at that. It was 60 years ago the 11th of October, said Mr. Truax, since he had come to Walkerton and he regarded every person in his town as his neighbor. This was his eleventh campaign and as he was now 71 years old, it would be his last. He regretted to say that the campaign just closed was

the dirtiest that had ever been fought against him. He could produce a young man who would swear he had received assurance he would be conscripted next week if he voted for Truax. The daily papers, which flooded the Riding, were against him and all the local papers but two were full of government campaign advertising. Even the pulpita had been used against him, but he thanked the Lord there are still a few churches that can stand on their own bottom. He had nothing against the women who had worked so hard against him in Walkerton. If they failed to get their reward now, no doubt, he added with a smile, they will get it in the next world. He represented the farmers and artisans of South Bruce, not the aristocrats, the people who want judgements and such like. He had expected the result in South Bruce. He had been over the Riding and knew what was coming. Except from the platform he had asked no man for his vote. Mr. Truax deprecated the loyalty cry that had been raised against him by the bitterness of his opponents. Is there a man in Canada from Vancouver to Halifax who is more anxious to win the war than I am, he asked. He would support whichever leader was returned to power until the end of the war. He had voted against his party more times than any liberal who sat in either house. He had voted against his leader on the bilingual question. He had opposed him on the conscription bill. He had favored the Military Service Act because he considered Sir Wilfrid's old Militia Act unfair. If conscription is necessary, he knew no better way that it could be carried out than under the present bill which had been very carefully framed.—Telescope.

Under the classification "married men" are many unknown heroes. Women hate to answer questions but love to ask them.

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Report of S. S. No. 6.

November and December.

Subjects—Nature Study, Reading, Literature, Arithmetic, Writing, Grammar and History. The number given after the percentage is the average number of errors in Spelling per lesson during the Fall term.

Jr. IV—Henry Russel 74%; 91; Edna Eidt 71; 1.79; Sarah Bickel 69.5; 1.3; Wesley Hill 65; 1.00.

Sr. III—Henry Hammer 5.8; 1.5; Maudie Eidt 57; 3.5.

Jr. III—Emerson Loesch 64.5; .8; Luella Russel 46; .73.

Jr. II—Arthur Juergens 69; .8; Wilfred K. Ifman 48; 2.5.

Sr. II—Adeline Krueger .39; Eldon .72.

Promoted to Sr. 1—Arthur Luellen Russel 1.9; Mrs. F. Wendt, teacher.

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With Halifax added to worthy objects calling for immediate aid, no man's Christmas cheer up to the immediate friends.

People should turn to noon and break the roads for carrier. If everyone would sleigh and drive over his part as some do, it would be them, and the roads would shape. Give it a trial this have compassion on the horse.

27 Dec. 17

KITCHENER'S MOB

By Jas. NORMAN HALL.

CHAPTER III.—(Cont'd.)

"All men needing boots, one pace step forward, March!"

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ciency asserted itself. This was made evident to us in scores of ways—the distribution of supplies, the housing and equipping of troops, their movements from one training area to another. At the last, we could only marvel that a great and complicated military machine had been so admirably and quickly perfected.

Meanwhile our rigorous training continued from week to week in all weathers, even the most inclement. Reveille sounded at daybreak. For an hour before breakfast we did Swedish drill, a system of gymnastics which brought every lazy and disused muscle into play. Two hours daily were given to musketry practice. We were instructed in the description and recognition of targets, the use of cover, and chiefly in the use of our rifles. Through constant handling they became a part of us, a third arm which we grew to use quite instinctively. We fired the recruits, and later, the trained soldier's course in musketry on the rifle ranges at Hythe and Aldershot, gradually improving our technique, until we were able to shoot with some accuracy, fifteen rounds per minute. When we had achieved this difficult feat, we ceased to be recruits. We were skilled soldiers of the proud and illustrious order known as "England's Mad-Minute Men." After musketry practice, the remainder of the day was given to extended order, drill, and bayonet practice. Twice weekly we route-marched from ten to fifteen miles; and at night, after the parades for the day were finished, boxing and wrestling contests, arranged and encouraged by our officers, kept the red blood pounding through our bodies until "light out" sounded at nine's o'clock.

The character of our training changed as we progressed. We were done with squad, platoon, and company drill. Then came field maneuvers, attacks in open formation upon entrenched positions, finishing always with terrific bayonet charges. There were mimic battles, lasting all day, with from ten to twenty thousand men on each side. Artillery, infantry, cavalry, air craft—every branch of army service, in fact—had a share in these exciting field days when we gained bloodless victories or died painless and easy deaths at the command of red-capped field judges. We rushed boldly to the charge, shouting lustily, each man striving to be first at the enemy's position, only to be intercepted by a staff officer on horseback, staying the tide of battle with uplifted hand.

"March your men back, officer! You're out of action! My word! You've made a beastly mess of it! You're not on church parade, you know! You advanced across the open for three quarters of a mile in close column of platoons! Three batteries of field artillery and four machine guns have blown you to blazes! You haven't a man left!"

Sometimes we reached our objective with less fearful slaughter, but at the moment when there should have been the sharp clash and clang of steel on steel, the cries and groans of men fighting for their lives, we heard the bugles from far and near, sounding the "stand by," and friend and enemy dropped wearily to the ground for a rest while our officers assembled in conference around the motor of the divisional general.

All this was playing at war, and Tommy was "fed up" with play. As we marched back to barracks after a long day of monotony and field maneuvers, he ceased his mind by making sarcastic comments upon this inconclusive kind of warfare. He began to doubt the good faith of the War Office in calling ours a "service" battalion. As likely as not we were for home defense and would never be sent abroad.

"Left! Right! Left! Right! Why did I join the army? Oh! Why did I ever join Kitchener's Mob? Lor lummy! I must 'ave been balmy!"

FOOD SAVING ART IS CENTURIES OLD

REVIVED TO MEET PRESENT WAR NEEDS.

Method of Arresting Decomposition of Food Was Practised by Savage Tribes.

Three years of war have brought mankind face to face again with the oldest problem of the human race—the problem of food supply. True, conditions of the problem have changed somewhat. There is no danger that the earth may fail to produce sufficient food. The problem is to transport and store the food crops of one season so that they may be available in places where the necessities of war have reduced production to a point below consumption. But the very cause which makes necessary the transportation of food in immensely greater quantities than ever before also operates to restrict the facilities for so transporting it.

Production in the allied countries of Europe has fallen far below consumption, and only the resources of the United States and Canada stand between the people of France, Britain and Italy and starvation. Yet ocean tonnage is at the greatest premium in all history. The ravages of the submarine and the necessity of transporting large quantities of munitions and men across the Atlantic have brought about a shortage in ocean going shipping. Until sufficient tonnage can be built and manned the crying need is for some process which will make possible an enormous reduction in the bulk of food supplies which must be carried across the Atlantic.

Chemists Working on Problem.

To this end United States chemists have been bending their energies for the last six months. By the process perfected practically all water is removed from the raw product. As most fruits and vegetables contain from 70 to 90 per cent. of water, the complete removal of moisture results in an enormous reduction in weight and volume. This may be further increased by the compression of the dehydrated products, so that a cube one and one-half inches in dimensions contains the equivalent of a can of tomatoes. The addition of water—rehydration or reconstitution, as it is called—brings the vegetable back to its natural condition.

In discussing the progress which had been made in the new process one of the chemists said: "The discovery that the removal of water naturally present in foods would arrest decomposition was made many years ago. The ancient Indians and the savage tribes of Africa are known to have dried their surplus meat supplies so that they might not be in want when game was scarce or hunting difficult. Egyptian tradition called for the placing of food in the tombs alongside the dead, and it is said that dried kernels of grain more than six thousand years old when discovered in the tombs in our time yielded perfect grain upon planting.

"These people made use of the sun's heat and the winds of the air to carry away the water in the food products, and while the palatability and other properties of the dried material would not have appealed to the elaborate tastes of our present age, yet we cannot question their methods so far as the keeping qualities are concerned.

How the Indians Worked.

"The north American Indians separated the fat of meat from the muscular tissue, drying the latter. When dried, or at least partly so, they melted the fat and mixed it with the dried meat, which had been pounded into a paste or powder, and after adding a few berries to improve the flavor the whole was compressed into cakes. This product is known as pemmican, and is nowadays made of beef especially for the use of Arctic explorers. "In South America jerked or dried meat is known variously as tassaigo or tassaigo, and jerked venison is prepared and used by mountain dwellers in the Rockies and our Southern mountain ranges. In South Africa these dried meat products are known as biltong.

"The process of drying as means of preserving food for storage possesses great advantages over canning and cold storage, while embodying practically every advantage obtained by those agencies. Dehydration greatly diminishes both the bulk and weight of the material, making it both easier and cheaper to store and transport. The food value is concentrated, while at the same time preservation is secured by the removal of the water.

"The cost of handling and transporting equivalent amounts of canned and dehydrated products of the same food material will show a saving of at least 80 per cent. in favor of the dehydrated product.

"At certain seasons farm products come in in such great quantities that it becomes absolutely necessary to employ some ready means to prevent the great waste. There are several factors which operate to produce wastage, among which are irregularity of demand, inaccessibility of the locality of production to canneries or refrigerating plants and refusal of the consumer to purchase undersized material which is perfectly sound and mature and equally as nutritious as

the product of normal size and appearance.

German Preparedness.

"As food for armies in the field dehydrated products are almost ideal. One of the most important features of the food conservation movement in Germany since the outbreak of the war has been the practice of dehydrating fruits and vegetables, and Germany's efficiency in connection with the conservation of that country's limited food resources is strikingly demonstrated by the fact that after more than three years isolation from the world markets that nation still manages to feed its inhabitants.

"In June, 1914, there were 480 dehydrating plants in Germany, producing annually about a quarter of a million pounds of potatoes alone. In a food conservation campaign organized at the time of Germany's first declaration of war 246 new dehydrating plants were added, 190 of which were aided by Government funds."

THIS AND OTHER WARS.

Comparison Between the Horrors of Ancient and Modern Warfare.

War with all its modern horrors is really a brighter and more endurable thing than the ancient struggles. War as waged 100 years ago would appal a twentieth century man. He would not have faced liquid fire in those days. Cannon were few in number and short of range. Grenades were restricted to naval battles. There were no "star shells" nor barrage fires. Trenches were shallow ditches behind scooped-up mounds of earth. The communication trench had not been heard of.

One didn't stand in inundated trenches for long hours in the days of Washington or Napoleon. But the facilities for housing the soldiers were far worse then than now. The food was abominable. It might be unvarying, un-nutritious, even harmful. It might bring on scurvy or cholera, as it often did, but no effort was made to alter the soldier's rations. Amusing him would have been considered absurd "mollycoddling." He found his own amusement when on leave in the taverns and bars and low theatres. Instead of being forbidden to sell him drinks, the innkeeper was enjoined by custom to see that the soldier's demands were promptly filled. There were no Y. M.C.A. influences in camp. Fighters were rough men and the barrack-room jests and songs have long been proverbial as things unmentionable elsewhere.

Men were supposed to keep fit and march on salt pork, coarse bread and "frog"—the latter often served with a pinch of gunpowder, added as calculated to increase the consumer's valor. Surgery knew no refinements. Efforts to patch up maimed arms and shattered faces were unknown.

Typhoid, cholera and other camp epidemics resultant from impure water and bad sanitary conditions killed off more men annually than the enemy and little effort was made to improve sanitation of the camp or barracks. Much of the work of amputating bullet-shattered limbs was done without anesthetics. Indeed in the tenth century the limb was crudely hacked off and the stump plunged in boiling tar!

The Letter.

From a soil drenched in blood, where cries of the dying Are borne by the winds o'er the deep booming sea, You come, a white thing, to stop my heart's crying, To give a dear bit of yourself unto me.

Oh, boy, in that land of ruin—disaster— In that hell of machine gun, of rifle and shell, Just to know you are mine, makes my heart beat the faster; Bone of my bone—God fashioned you well.

So strong has He made you—so fearless, so tender, I would that all sons had been modelled by you; God-given your spirit, an able defender Of liberty, loyalty, all that is true.

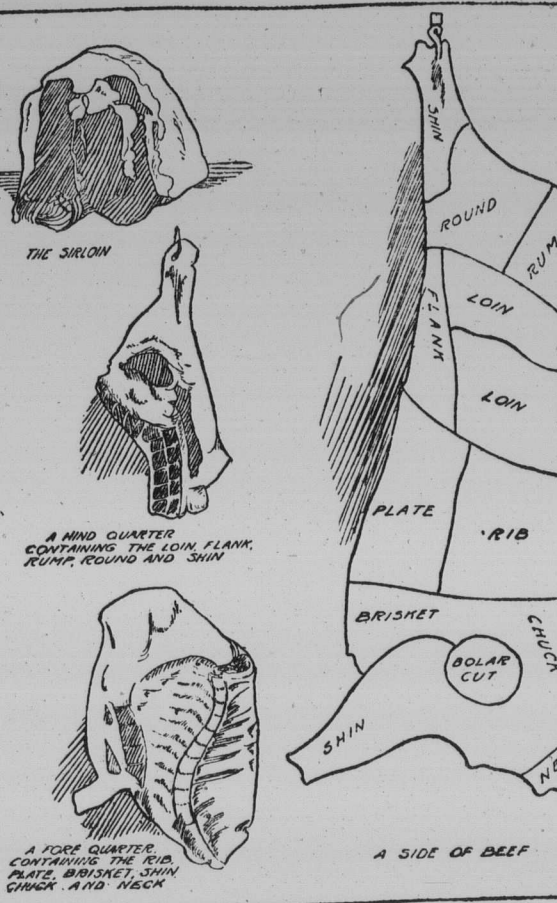
Out over the seas—past the gardens of flowers, I whisper my hopes to that far-away land, I dream of great joys in the pale twilight hours, God grant that you know them—and so understand.

—Blanche Adelaide Donaldson.

Have you learned the newest word, "camouflage"? Pronounce it "cam-oo-flahz" with the first "a" short and the last one broad. It has several meanings, most of them slang, but it is generally accepted as meaning a make-up or disguise. Our French brethren, called camouflageurs, are just as expert in the art as we are in the use of the new word. They cover the railroad tracks with sod, surround their big guns with branches of trees, paint the ambulances so they blend with the landscape, etc., making them invisible to the German snipers.

The Housewife's Corner

A COURSE IN HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE COMPLETE IN TWENTY-FIVE LESSONS. Lesson XXIII. Cuts of Beef.



THE PRINCIPAL CUTS OF BEEF

The beef is split into halves; it is then divided into fore and hind quarters, and as follows: SIRLOIN—Used for broiling. FLANK—Used for stewing. RUMP—Steaks from the rump are used for broiling and pan-broiling. The back cut from the rump is used for roasting. The pin bone is the face cut from the rump averaging from six to eight pounds. ROUND—The meat is so called because of the way in which it lies on the block. The upper or top of the round is the inside of the leg. This is the tenderest portion. It is cooked by broiling or pan-frying. CHUCK—Chuck and crosscut is also called the Boston and English cut. It is used for roasting, pot roasting and braising. BOLAR CUT—A steak may be cut from this cut of meat. It is used for pot roasting and braising. By slow cooking this meat is made delicious and tender. SHIN—Used for stews and soup making. BRISKET—Used for stews, soup making and corning. RIBS—Used for roasting. PLATE—Used for stews and soup making.

A WELL-BALANCED MEAL.

Onion Soup.—Two large onions, two tablespoonfuls of butter. Peel the onion and chop fine. Cook in shortening until very brown, taking care not to burn. Add one carrot, two cupfuls of water. Cook slowly until the vegetables can be rubbed through a fine sieve. Now add one cupful of milk, two tablespoonfuls of flour. Blend well. Add milk and onion mixture. Cook slowly for ten minutes and add one teaspoonful of finely chopped parsley.

Creole Louisiana Cracker Pie.—Clean, cut and cook until tender a three-pound steaming chicken. When tender lift on to baking dish. Add eight small potatoes, two onions, one carrot, which have been cooked until tender in the chicken broth. Season with salt and pepper. Add one teaspoonful of finely chopped parsley. Now mix two cupfuls of flour, one teaspoonful of salt, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder, two tablespoonfuls of lard, three-quarters cupful of milk. Mix the dry ingredients, then rub in the shortening. Add milk and mix to a dough. Roll out one-quarter inch thick, cut with biscuit cutter. Lay on top of chicken pie, then brush the top of each biscuit with milk. Bake in a hot oven for twenty-five minutes. Serve on dish. This amount of dough mixture makes twelve biscuits.

Apple Turnover.—One cupful of flour, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of baking powder, four tablespoonfuls of shortening, three tablespoonfuls of water. Mix dry ingredients, then rub in the shortening, and mix to dough with cold water.

Have you secured your seed corn for next year? If not, do now! The winter loss of bees is enormous; the average is from one-tenth to one-half of the colonies, and the loss can be prevented if proper winter protection is given.

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NOMINATION

Township of Carrick.

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the electors of the Township of Carrick will be held in the Town Hall, Mildmay, on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1917, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Reeve and Councillor for the said Township of Carrick.

If a greater number of candidates are nominated than are required to be elected, the polls will be opened at the polling places for each of the polling subdivisions in the said Township on Monday the 7th day of January, 1918, the polls to continue open from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon, and no longer.

J. A. JOHNSTON,
Clerk Tp. of Carrick.

Report of S. S. No 5, Carrick.

Sr. IV—Eddie Schlegel, Hazel Rossman, Alfred Klages.

Jr. IV—Agnes Stroeder, Clemens Stroeder.

Jr. III—Tabitha Losch.

Sr. II—Amelia Stroeder, Edna Helwig, Walter Losch, Herman Wildfang, Clarence Obenhack.

Jr. II to Sr. II—Silvina Wagner, Lizzie Hill.

Sr. I to Jr. II—Amelia Weber, Emerson Rossman, Julia Wagner, Eleanor Stroeder.

Jr. I to Sr. I—Madeline Klages, Laura Weber, Christena Krohn, Clarissa Stroeder, Katie Krohn.

Pr. C to Jr. I—Melinda Schlegel, Milton Schmidt.

Pr. B to Pr. C—Hilda Wagner.

Pr. A to Pr. B—Hilda Stroeder, C. M. Weinert, teacher.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS
TORONTO.

With about 875 cattle, 30 calves, less than 1000 hogs, and about 250 sheep and lambs, the Union Stock market for a Monday took on a decidedly holiday air yesterday, and while the demand was fair to good, and the stuff generally was well cleared up, there was no getting away from the spirit of the day, and by noon practically all business was relegated to the background. Handy-weight butcher steers and heifers were in demand, and sold well, but the heavy steers, what there were of them, were slow of sale at the market.

The large packing houses are said to have closed down over the Christmas holiday, and will not reopen until Thursday of this week, tho the Wednesday market will be in evidence as usual.

The executive of the Live Stock Exchange have this year adopted a forward policy, and to-day Christmas will be strictly observed, trading of all kind being closed, and this policy will, it is said, be adopted in respect to all national holidays, as May 24, Queen Victoria Day, Dominion Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day. It is expected that business conditions will readily adjust itself to the changed conditions, and everybody will be better satisfied.

The market for sheep was firm yesterday, but lambs were fractionally lower from 20c to 25c. Calves were steady, with fairly good offerings.

The hog market was steady to firm, at 18 1/2 lb., fed and watered, the bulk of the offerings under contract. The outlook, however, for Wednesday, according to the packers, is said to be toward lower prices.

CARLSRUHE.

The correspondent wishes the editor of the Gazette, also the readers of this paper the compliments of the season.

Mr. John Wand, who spent last week with friends in Waterloo, returned on Monday of this week.

Rev. Father Kuntz of St. Jerome's College, Kitchener, is assisting Rev. Father Lenhard during the Xmas Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Weber of Tompkins, Sask., are visiting relatives here during the winter months.

Carl Halter from Kitchener is spending Xmas at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Strauss are visiting relatives here at present.

Mr. Leander Schwan from St. Jerome's College, Kitchener, and Willie Schwan from Waterloo are spending the holidays at their home here.

Mrs. Glasser from Lethbridge and her brother, Steven Weber, are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Weber.

Girls who are enrolled as second-class yeomen in the United States navy receive \$85 per month salary.

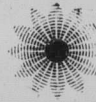
Staying awake nights contemplating the wonderful things that you are going to do is just raising the taxes on your household goods.

No wonder the Germans are a patient and painstaking race; they have to be to speak their own language. For example what the Englishman curtly refers to as a "tank" the German carefully describes as a Schutzengrabenvernichtungsgauto-mobil—which is as much as to say—motorcarfordestroyingshootingtrenches.

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Pocket
Knives

At prices ranging from 10c to 1\$. See our specials at 25c. Razors and Razor Strops Carving sets, 1.25 and up.

O'Cedar Mops

A household necessity. Prices from 75c to 1.50

Nickle tea and coffee pots
Enamelled Roast Pans
Trays, Bread Boards,
Child's Cups, Plates,
Saucers, Knives, Forks.

Brass Ware

Brass Jardineers, 1.00 to \$3. Brass candle sticks, brass Cuspidors, Brass smoking sets, Brass Umbrella Stands.

Silver Ware

A full line of Old Colony 1847 Rogers Silverware—knives, forks, \$2 to \$5 per set. Berry spoons, \$1 to \$2. Meat forks 75c to 1.25, Sugar shells 50c to \$1.

Meat Choppers

This home chopper would be appreciated. Cuts easily, heavily tinned, and easily cleaned, at 1.50

Carpet Sweepers
Vacum Sweepers
Snow Shoes
Hockey Skates
Hockey Sticks,
Etc., Etc.

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THE CORNER HARDWARE