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POTATO PRICES

Our correspondent, Mr. J. D. Livingston, whose letter on the potato situation appears elsewhere in this paper, takes a somewhat skeptical view of the representations made through the press with reference to the quantity of potatoes in the United States and Canada.

Speaking for the Guardian, the aim of the press has been to place the situation fairly and authoritatively before the people, and so enable them to decide for themselves whether to sell or to hold for higher prices. The Food Control Board thoroughly canvassed the situation last fall in the United States and Canada and announced that there was more than a sufficient quantity of potatoes on hand to supply the market in both countries.

Potatoes are now being rushed to the market. The price, as we write, ranges around sixty cents, and we are informed that there are quantities still in store throughout the province.

It is quite probable that sixty or seventy cents a bushel will not sufficiently remunerate the farmer for his time and labor at the present cost of labor, and other things that he is obliged to provide, but he still has the situation in his own hand; he can feed his potatoes to hogs and cattle and at the prices ruling for these, he can possibly make a better market for his potatoes than selling them at sixty or seventy-five cents.

It would be a comparatively easy matter for the press to minimize the reports of the Food Control Board and to point out to the farmers that Spring prices for potatoes have always ruled higher than fall prices but it would have been exceedingly unfair to the farmers.

thing to maintain high prices for potatoes. The demand and the supply will regulate that. All the government can do is to assist in transportation and the extraordinary measures adopted by them this year in making winter shipment of potatoes possible has done more to maintain prices at a high level than anything ever done by this or any other government.

THE FOX BUSINESS

We note by the last issue of "The Black Fox Magazine," that our American cousins have organized a Fox Breeders' Association, somewhat along the lines of the P. E. Island Association.

Among the specified objects of the Association are "to disseminate and exchange information among the members," "to maintain a registry of foxes bred in captivity that come up to a required standard of excellence," and to do any and all things necessary to promote, advance and enhance the character, standing and interests of the Association.

The Americans are fully alive to the importance of the fox industry and they may be depended upon to push it. They know the value of publicity and we may rest assured they will spare neither expense nor pains in advertising the industry.

BOY FARMERS

Throughout the United States preparations are on to make the most of boy labor this summer as a means of making up the shortage of help on the farms. It is pleasant to see, too, a tendency to secure official supervision over all this activity, so that by no chance shall there be any improper exploiting of the youngsters, in the name of war saving, for private profit.

NOTES

The potato problem, take it all around, was very nicely solved in the United States last summer. Potatoes have been plentiful, at fairly reasonable prices, during the winter. They have been so plentiful that the food commission has advised their greater consumption, in order to save bread.—U. S. exchange.

Mr. James A. Whitman, Field Agent of the National War Work Council, recently returned from France, said in an address in New York the other day, "The stories circulated here at home that our soldiers abroad are succumbing to disease, liquor, and dejection, are part of the subtle pro-German propaganda which is spread in this country for only one purpose. That purpose is to alarm the parents of our boys and to discourage more Americans from going to France."

WONDERFUL EXPLOIT OF LT. NANNA, V. C.

"He is the real hero of the Western Canadian army," says the London correspondent of the New York Herald in reference to Lieut. Robert Hanna, V. C.; and while it is a difficult task to say impossible to pick out the real heroes in an army where there are so numerous, no words of praise seem extravagant when applied to the wonderful gallantry and intelligence displayed by Lieut. Hanna in winning the Victoria Cross.

Out to Kill Germans

Hanna's feat was performed at Vinny Ridge, August 21, 1917. He was at the time sergeant-major of the 29th (Vancouver) Battalion. He had enlisted as a private and had won his way to be chief non-com. by steady bravery. He had fought at the Somme and St. Eloi. All told, he had been "over the top" 22 times before this eventful day, and it is said that he had no notion that he would ever come out of the war alive.

The Germans quickly had enough of it and backed up to the trench stub which was powerfully defended by barbed wire, and a terrible machine gun on the parapet diclacted the Canadian ranks. Of the 650 men who went over perhaps two-thirds reached the entanglements in front of the trench stub, but many fell there, the gun playing upon them like a hose.

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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THE SEA IS HIS

The sea is His: He made it, Black gulf and sunlit shoal, From barriered bight to where the long Leagues of Atlantic roll; Small strait and ceaseless ocean He bades each one to be.

By pain, and stress and striving Beyond the nation's ken, By vigils stem when others slept, By lives of many men; Through nights of storm, through dawns Blacker than midnights be This sea that God created, Britain has kept it free.

Count me the splendid captains Who sailed with courage high To chart the perilous ways unknown Tell me where these men lie! To light a path for ships to come They moored at Dead Man's Quay. The sea is God's. He made it— And these men made it free.

O little land of England, O mother of hearts so brave, Men say this trust shall pass from thee Who guarded Nelson's grave! Ave, but let these braggarts learn Who'd hold the world in fee, The sea is God's—in Britain, Britain shall keep it free. —Author's name missing

the first one was five yards away he shot him, using his last bullet, and then attacked the others with his bayonet. He killed two, and then, as another appeared apparently from the sky, he dashed his brains out with his butt.

Alone in German Trenches

He continued to advance down the trench. Presently he heard voices and saw the mouth of a dugout. He was without ammunition and had no bombs, but he spied a German bomb and this he hurled into the dugout, killing or wounding every German there. He moved along a few feet further and saw another dugout. He hunted round in the trench and got hold of a couple more bombs, which he threw into the dugout. He remarks, "There was no more noise in this dugout." Soon afterwards Hanna caught sight of a number of Canadian soldiers from another company, and as there were no officers anywhere about he took charge of them and led them through the entire trench in a "mopping-up" expedition, and the position remained in the hands of the Canadians, thanks to Bob Hanna, a couple of years before a lumberjack.

Saved Many Lives

Hanna had accomplished something more than the slaughter of a score or two of Germans. He had saved one battalion, perhaps two. The Germans who were killed in the dugouts had been left there to operate machine guns of the flank and in the rear of the Canadian battalions as they swept by. The impetuosity of the Canadians had carried those who had gone past the objective, namely, the little stub trench—where Hanna alone had halted—too far, and had it not been for him they would have been destroyed by the hidden machine guns. Had he gone on with the others maybe none of them would ever have got back, so that the number of lives he saved by his pluck and quick wittedness might be estimated by the hundreds. Lieut. Hanna weighs only 140 pounds, and he must have seemed a mere boy to the stalwart Prussian Guards of the fifty-fifth Regiment, whom he met in the trench. But his toughness and quickness of hand and of eye made them easy victims. Lieut. Hanna, V. C., at the order of the Government, has sat for his portrait, which will be hung in the National Gallery. As the Herald says: "It will remain for a new race to roll up a single record to overshadow that of Hanna."

COMMANDER WYATT IS EXONERATED

Freed from Blame in the Halifax Disaster

HALIFAX, March 25.—The court of inquiry which investigated the circumstances leading up to the fatal Mont Blanc-Imo collision, exonerated Commander Wyatt from any direct responsibility for the catastrophe and Mr. Justice Russell instructed the Grand Jury last night that the evidence taken at the preliminary examination did not justify the trial of the naval officer on a charge of manslaughter.

YOUR PROBLEMS SOLVED

BY REV. T.S. LINGCOTT, D. D. (All rights reserved)

A PARENT—Parents must be God to their children before they are old enough to think for themselves; you must make and enforce righteous laws. Unless you are right yourself you cannot train your children right. The book the child reads first and last, generally obeys is what you are, and not what you say. Your responsibility is great, as the future of your children depends upon you. By the grace of God you can make them whatever you will.

AN ATHLETE—There is no moral merit whatever because you tip the scales at 210 pounds and are six feet two inches tall in your stockings. I frequently meet a little man who must be at least forty years of age and in good health, who is only thirty six inches tall, and other things being equal, he is morally meritorious as you are. Your unusual physical powers do and to your responsibilities, as you are expected to accomplish work commensurate with your great strength. There is no necessary praise or blame due to those who excel in either physical or intellectual strength; everything depends upon the use which men make of these unusual qualities.

Island Aggie De Kol



Holstein cow, "Island Aggie de Kol," bred and owned at "Riverside," who has recently made a seven-day R. O. M. (record of merit) of 577 lbs. milk and nearly 20 lbs. butter. She is also entered R. O. P. (yearly record of performance) test, and has given over 2,200 lbs. milk in the first 30 days. She is a most persistent milker and could not be dried before freshening, so was not in proper condition to do her best. She is not only a heavy milker, but a show cow of high order, winning from a calf up all over the Maritime Provinces wherever shown, being a daughter of that great producing and show bull "Ida Rooker 2nd Vale," a bull which had few equals in Canada.

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This bull has also seven daughters in R. O. M., with high records for age and many more pending. All of these heifers were bred at "Riverside," but the credit for making the record of the first named should go to Mr. Harry Best, who purchased this heifer from us, and the record to Mr. Wm. J. Gibson & Son (who owned this heifer when she made her splendid record. It has always been our policy at Riverside to exhibit our stock at every county fair, and to enter every public dairy competition, and all other official tests possible, so our customers might know that our show cows were our work cows, and our work cows our show cows. Our idea is that a good dairy cow does not have to be homely. At the late exhibition in Charlottetown, our cows stood 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the show ring, and 1st and 2nd in dairy test, the Riverside entry in 2-year heifer class also winning 1st in both rings and dairy test, all by a good margin. Our winning cow in the grade class also won the dairy test for grades her fat percentage being 3.8 and 4.6 for each of the two days. The standard of this herd goes to show the great value of one good bull, as nearly all the above animals mentioned were sired by him. One good cow is valuable in a breeding herd, but only has one calf in a year, while the sire has many calves, and improvement can be obtained much more readily and cheaply through the sire than the dam. Our prize winning herd at Halifax, 1916, consisted of Ida Rooker 2nd Vale and 4 daughters in milk, a most uniform lot that were the subject of much favorable comment as a living testimony of the great value of a real high class sire. He was no accident of breeding, his sire "Norona Vale," and grand sire "Count Norona Pasch" being two of the most noted show bulls in Canada, while his dam and four nearest female ancestors had all big official records, and were large, straight, magnificent specimens of the breed.

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Sir.—The cry for greater production has been the slogan by the press, from the pulpit, Agricultural Department, office seekers, etc. All these asked the farmer to show his patriotism by increasing production. The farmer answered to the call by "increasing his acreage," and "hours of labor per day."

Now, how has he been treated for his response? We find the dealer, the press, and many others are forever shouting the great surplus of potatoes in the United States, Canada, and particularly in our own little Island.

Now we can readily understand their motive for this is to cut down prices, thereby obliging the farmer to have to dispose of his potatoes at a loss.

I would like to ask what merchant, middleman, lawyer, politician or any other would give away his income or salary, and then borrow money to live on? Presume not any. This will be the case with the farmer if he is obliged to sell at present prices.

Now I think the powers that be can certainly do something to remedy this, and avoid a decrease in production for the coming year, as potatoes cannot be sold at present under one dollar per bushel and enable the farmer to live and pay his expenses.

I am, Sir, etc., J. D. LIVINGSTONE.

Kings Co.

Threaten to Strike For One Dollar A Day Increase

SYDNEY, N. S., March 26.—Whether the coal miners and steel workers of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company will strike and whether the workers in other mines will strike in sympathy will be decided at a convention of the men to be held in Sydney on April 3. This decision was the outcome of a meeting of the Scotia men held in the Town Hall Square, Sydney Mines, yesterday morning.

As a result of the decision at seven this morning all of the mines and shops of the steel company will present the same business appearance as they did on Monday. The law covering strikes allows employees to spend one day in deciding whether they will strike and they must then return to work and give thirty days' notice of their intention to strike.

At the convention delegates from all of the mines in the district will be present. It is said and a representative of the Government will be requested to attend. It has been decided during the early part of the meeting to hold a meeting of committees representing the men last night, but this was cancelled then it was decided to hold a convention. The men are striking for an approximate increase of \$1 per day which would equal the rate being paid the miners of the Dominion Coal Company here according to one of the men interested. About three thousand men would be affected if the increase were granted.

FIERCE AIR FIGHTING CONTINUES

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, March 28.—The continuance of fierce air fighting in the battle area is shown by the report of aerial operations, issued tonight. The British report says that on Wednesday 24 German machines were brought down in air fighting and seven were driven down out of control. Nineteen British machines are missing. The French shows that 42 German airplanes and six captive balloons were destroyed in one day.

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