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THE PARASITIC CUCKOO.

Leaves Sparrows' Nests, to Live With Thrush.

A curious little event in natural history is recorded from Hertfordshire, in a thrush's nest, built in a spinney separating a private park from the road were found two cuckoo's eggs along with three thrush's eggs. The eggs were of the commonest type—white-grounded and thickly speckled and blotched with rusty browns. It is, of course, by this time sufficiently proved that the cuckoo's egg rarely resembles with any remarkable closeness the eggs of the foster-mother, but this speckled pair against the three blue eggs of the thrush gave a rare and surprising contrast.

One may perhaps connect the unusual selection with the weather. In this district a lamentable number of hedge-sparrows' nests were found deserted, though some of them contained a full complement of eggs, after the cold weather. All over England cuckoos are parasitic on the hedge-sparrow, but those that frequent special places have special predilections, and in this part of Hertfordshire they have more frequently than usual preferred the hedge-sparrow.

It is tolerably certain that the cuckoo has an eye for color, though it has not the power, as the theories of some old naturalists almost implied, of controlling the color of its own eggs. Is it not then possible that the nest of hedge-sparrows the cuckoo felt an attraction towards the eggs that most closely resemble that fascinating blue?

In one other respect the weather seems to have modified common habit. On a neighboring common a stonechat has built tolerably high up in the water, and twice the channelled run that usually leads the way to the nest. The advantage to the bird is obvious; but it is less obvious how the builders had cognizance of the approach of universal wet.

TO HANDLE THE CROP.

Report of Experts On Railways In the West.

The Railway Commission's assistant traffic officer, Mr. Frank Dillinger, has reached Ottawa from the west, where he was sent to make a report upon the position of the railways to handle the crop of this season. Mr. Dillinger, who is an expert on railway operation, was accompanied on the trip by Mr. James Ogilvie, inspector of railway equipment. The railways of the west were carefully inspected, and the conclusion came to is that they will be in fairly good shape in the autumn to handle the crop and the general traffic. The inspectors are convinced that the roads are making every possible effort to obtain locomotives and cars and expand their sidings, engine houses and other portions of their system to handle the increased business. The inspectors did not take the word of the railways for the orders they had placed for rolling stock, but made independent inquiries as to the extent of these orders and the date of delivery. The officials have not yet concluded the inspection of the roads. It is the intention of the Railway Commission to arrange for regular reports for the railway companies on traffic equipment and orders for new equipment, so that it may be possible to ascertain at any time how any road is meeting the requirements of business and preparing for increase.

Killed Monster Octopus.

The largest devil fish, or octopus, ever seen in the Pacific Ocean was recently taken from the terrific struggle, by Captain Alf. Swenson, of the launch Leona, and his two men.

Captain Swenson was fishing for rock cod about six miles out from the shore when he noticed that something was taking the fish off the hook. He could make out a dark form in the water, and twice grappled with it with his boat hook, but was unable to reach it. Finally it swallowed a fish, and the captain pulled it in with the aid of the other two men, it requiring the united strength of them all. As the monster came over the side of the boat, it reached out one of its mammoth tentacles and grasped Captain Swenson by the shoulder, but one of the crew stuck a gaff under it and succeeded in prying it off before serious injury was done.

When safely landed on the deck of the boat, it was measured and found to be fifteen feet from tip to tip, its body being about two feet across. The largest sucker on the tentacles was four inches across and the smallest one the size of a penny. The captain and others who have seen it state that it could easily master a man in the water, and it is suspected that men have been taken by it in the past from their peculiar disappearance. The fish was brought into port and sent to Long Beach, where it was on exhibition for a day or so and has since been dried.

Who Are Your Friends?

"Birds of a feather flock together," "A man is known by the company he keeps," "Like begets like," "We are creatures of environment."

All these sayings have been preserved as proverbs simply because they have been found to be true.

The matter of associates is a most important one for the business man or employee to consider. The young man who spends his time in gambling, drinking, or dissipation, cannot do his best work, and can no more hide these practices than the clouds can obscure the sun permanently.

One of the best attributes a man can possess is good character. It gives him a standing amongst men. If the employee ever expects some day to be the manager he must associate with men of ideas that will be helpful to him.

The only way we can advance is to surround ourselves and associate ourselves with uplifting influences and helpful individuals, and we should look forward, not backward.



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Famous Emblem That Adorns the Massachusetts Statehouse.

A codfish carved in wood hangs on the white mahogany wall of the Massachusetts hall of representatives in the statehouse in Boston. Between two classic pillars it occupies a place of honor, directly opposite the desk of the presiding officer. This wooden fish is the renowned original sacred codfish of the Old Colony, and it has assisted at the deliberations of the lawmakers of Massachusetts for more than a century and a half, gathering sanctity year by year. It is a relic of the old building which preceded the present statehouse, and great is the dignity of this souvenir of colonial art and industry.

The following account of its origin is given in a Boston paper: "Captain John Welch of Boston was the creator and carver of the celebrated fish. He was a wood carver of renown for his time and in 1747 established his business in Dock square. He belonged to the Ancient and Honorable Artillery company and afterward became its captain. He was called upon to contribute to the decoration of the colonial assembly hall, and as at that period codfish was the colony's main article of export Captain Welch conceived the idea of immortalizing the king fish of the Massachusetts waters. When completed the carving was finished off and colored so as to be a faithful simile of life and was hung on the wall of the assembly hall."

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The gentle Kafir when he does become Christianized has his own ideas of the best method of raising funds for the support of the "cause." From the subjoined description of a native meeting sent home by a missionary it would appear that native generosity, although of a rough and tumble character, is distinctly productive of ways and means:

"Recently I attended a native tea meeting, at which more than £12 was raised by this very poor-congregation. Their way of doing it was characteristic and amusing. They paid 2 shillings to sit down to tea. Then some one would pay 3 shillings for such and such a man to be required to get up again and leave the table. The man thus assailed would pay 3s. 6d. for a special table at which six could sit, paying an extra shilling each for the privilege. They had just got seated when a man paid 7 shillings to clear them out, and they paid another 8 shillings to sit on, and so it went on. They arrange all this themselves, and this is their way of giving to the cause. One man had a tin of sirup. He said he would pay 2 shillings to pour it over another man's head who had got himself up well in a large collar, etc.; this man paid 3 shillings to be let off, the first man 4 shillings again to do it, the other 5 shillings to escape, the first 6 shillings to do it—and did it, and oh, the laughter and the mess!"

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TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

HARWICH COUNCIL.

Harwich township council met June 10 at ten a. m. as regular meeting with all members present.

Minutes of May 13 and of May 27 were read, adopted and signed by the Reeve after adding to the same that the claim of L. Conlin, which was settled for \$3, was a claim of \$25.

Communications were read: The trustees of S. S. No. 2 1-2 asking for a loan of \$2,000, to be raised by debentures, to be paid in four payments, the first to be in 1908. The purpose of the loan was for to build a new school where the school had burned.

Kingsmill & Co., barristers, M. O. R., wrote re crossing on 18th and 19th side road, intimating that the Newcomb fence was on the road and if this was put on the line the road would be sufficiently wide.

P. B. Patterson, secretary-treasurer S. S. No. 13, asked for their usual special grant of \$100.

The Maple City Oil & Gas Company applied for a franchise to lay pipes in the township.

A. R. Robinson, Clerk of Raleigh, wrote giving time of meeting of Raleigh committee re Gregory drain.

R. Doherty wrote putting in a claim for work done on the McKimly drain.

John Johnston and J. Donovan applied to have the Mull drain repaired from the branch to the outlet.

John Whittington and S. B. McCully wrote resigning as auditors.

Commissioner J. T. Walters filed a report on sale of Purser bridge for \$36.75, to be done by June 28, 1907.

A committee of R. L. Gossnell, T. B. Shillington, A. Donaham and J. Rutherford asked for a franchise to put up a rural telephone system in the township.

W. Samson and T. Pickering addressed the council re arrangement with the P. M. R. re grievances at Erieau, suggesting the railway be given a trial as they had requested.

R. L. Gossnell, on behalf of W. R. De Gruchey, asked for a franchise to lay gas pipes in the township.

A. McLachlan inquired concerning the upper portion of the Morgan drain that had been put out of repair.

Moved by Clark and McColl, that the Clerk be instructed to write Mr. Rutherford, that after conferring with a number of ratepayers re grievance at Erieau caused by smoke from engines and from encroachments on the roadway; that this council approve of the suggestion made by Mr. Pyatt as set forth in the communication from our solicitor received by the council and dated May 23, 1907.—Carried.

Moved by Clark and McColl, that the Clerk write the M. C. R. in regard to the railway crossing on the 18th and 19th sideroad, requesting them to put said crossing in proper width of road allowance in accordance with their understanding had by the committee on May 18 with their representative, and that action will be taken unless this is done by July 15 next.—Carried.

Moved by Walters and Clark, that the Reeve and Clerk be instructed to issue a duplicate cheque in favor of R. Doherty, the original cheque issued on Dec. 22, 1905, having never been cashed.—Carried.

Moved by Clark and McColl, that the Reeve and Clerk be instructed to sign all cheques for the payment of accounts of the meeting of June 10.—Carried.

Moved by Walters and McColl, that the Reeve and Clerk be instructed to sign a cheque for the payment of the debenture on the Walker drain, due June 17th.—Carried.

Moved by Clark and McColl, that the Reeve and Clerk be a committee to draft a letter of condolence and forward the same to Mrs. James Leslie and family, expressing the sympathy of this Council in their bereavement on the death of our late Treasurer.—Carried.

Moved by Corlett and McColl, that the resignations of John Whittington and S. B. McCully, as auditors, be accepted.—Carried.

Moved by Corlett and McColl, that the application of the Trustees of S. S. No. 2 1-2 for a loan of \$2,000 be accepted, and the Clerk be instructed to prepare a by-law for the purpose of the same by next meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Clark and McColl, that the Commissioners of Ward 3 be instructed to have posts and wire placed upon the boundary line of the gravel pit at Blenheim west, as determined by Geo. A. McCubbin, E. E., last year.—Carried.

On motions, the Harwich & Blenheim Telephone Co., The Maple City Gas & Oil Co., and the W. R. D. Gruchey Gas Co. were each granted the franchise asked for on certain conditions, to be outlined and agreed to, if satisfactory to the Council, in by-laws to be presented at a future meeting.

On motion of Clark and McColl, the salary of the Treasurer was fixed at \$200 per annum, he to furnish his own bonds.

Applications for the position of Treasurer were read from Douglas Campbell, Peter Morrison, A. Huff, S. B. McCully, Archibald Laird, G. W. Huffman, Benj. Rothwell, Neil Sinclair, John Whittington, A. S. Maynard, Wilber Huffman, E. B. Toie, and G. W. Risenborough.

The Council proceeded to elect, and John Whittington was chosen and by by-law appointed Treasurer.

S. B. McCully and A. Huffman were appointed auditors to audit the books of the late Treasurer and report to the Council before the new Treasurer assumed office. A number of accounts were ordered paid. Meeting adjourned. G. W. RISEBOROUGH, Clerk.

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TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

HARWICH COUNCIL.

Harwich Council met in Court of Revision of the assessment roll on Monday, June 3, at 10 a. m., with all members present.

The members took the necessary oath and proceeded to hear and determine the appeals. After hearing the evidence of those present wishing to be heard, on motion the following changes were made:

Bert Shanks reduced \$300 on buildings, owing to loss by fire.

C. Crawford reduced \$100.

W. Sloan reduced \$300 on building and increased \$200 on land.

W. Sloan added as owner to lots 5, 6 and 7, Bk. C, Con. 2, R. T.

J. A. McNaughton reduced \$1,000 owing to loss of buildings by fire.

C. Milner, lot at Erieau, reduced \$150 on building.

W. D. Bates, business transferred from lot pt. 23 and 24 to property at Round Bay Point, and Bros. added.

J. Liddy, statute labor corrected one day at pt. 25, Con. 3, E. C. R.

Wallace Haviland assessed as owner N. W. qr. 8, Con. 1, W. C. R.

J. F. Schwenler, assessed as owner N. W. qr. 8, Con. 1, W. C. R.

Kasper Schwenler, assessed as owner W. hf. of 10 ac pt. of lot 2, Con. 2, R. T.

Lewis Reusch, assessment, changed from S. S. No. 10, to Separate No. 9.

Walter Moody assessed as tenant lot 24, Con. 4, R. T.

A. McKay as tenant S. E. hf. 22, Con. 13.

Jan. Anderson as tenant pt. lot 5, Con. 1, R. T.

John McBride as tenant pt. lot 5, Con. 1, R. T.

Chas. Patchett, tenant n. gr. 8, Con. 4, W. C. R.

Alfred Polky, tenant N. E. Cor. 20, Con. 2, R. T.

H. Ellis, tenant, N. E. qr. 22, Con. 1, R. T.

J. J. Moffin, tenant N. W. hf. 14, Con. 2, W. C. R.

A number of others were added to the roll as M. F.

R. A. Glenn and James Wood, each assessed for a dog, reported dogs were dead, had none now, and were struck off.

The Court of Revision was closed and the Council proceeded with general business.

The following communications were read:

Benj. Rothwell, requesting that the Z. W. & Lutes drain be repaired in the northern portion, according to original specifications.

Wilson, Pike & Company, re tracks at Erieau, enclosing copy of letter of Manager Pyatt.

Wilson, Pike & Company, stating the proposal of the P. M. R. if scales were left as at present to see that all unnecessary shunting and annoyance is stopped; also promising to remove track off road if given a trial this season to see what they could do.

P. S. Shillington re Conlin claim.

S. S. Arnold filing notice to remove obstructions complained of in Talbot road.

Canadian Oil and Derrick re purchase of copies of their journal for advertising purposes.

Reeve Charles Buchanan filing a report on his investigation re Conlin claim for damages. He recommended that \$3 be paid in full of claim.

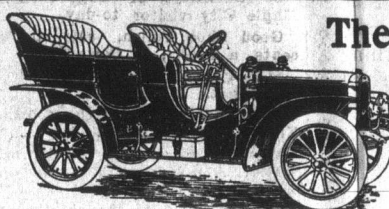
Moved by Clark and Corlett, that the Reeve's report be adopted and the amount be paid.—Carried.

Moved by Walters and Corlett, that the Clerk be instructed to notify Mr. B. Rothwell concerning his request for repair of the C. W. & L. drain

as to what section of the Drainage Act it will be necessary to proceed under.—Carried.

Moved by Clark and McColl, that owing to the illness of the Treasurer that the Clerk and Reeve be instructed to sign the cheques for the payments of account of the meeting.—Carried.

There were a number of accounts ordered paid. G. W. RISEBOROUGH, Clerk.



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DISTRICT

NORTHWOOD.

The ice cream social held under the management of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church, Northwood, on the 20th, was a decided success, the night being all that could be desired. The program was very much appreciated by the large audience assembled in the church. The choir was ably filled by A. B. McCoug, M. P. P. The proceeds amounted to \$59.

The saw mill of P. D. Campbell at Northwood, which has been running steadily for the last five

months, has its large stock of logs nearly sawn.

Mr. Willington and wife, of Toronto, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Challis.

W. H. Osterhout and wife, of the city, are visiting at the home of his parents, J. G. Osterhout.

A large barn raising took place on the farm of John Campbell on 11 Towline. The carpenters were delayed and they did not commence to raise the barn until nearly seven o'clock, but it was completed before dark without accident.

The Rev. Mr. Peters, pastor of the Methodist church, Northwood, will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday evening.

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CON. 13, RALEIGH.

Mr. Blakeley has engaged with Mr. Henry Russell for the summer.

Mrs. Ford, of Blenheim, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Pardo.

Jim Walker, an old 13th Con. boy, who has spent the last three years in British Columbia, arrived home last week.

G. Russell is drilling for water.

Many of the young people from here attended the picnic at Government Park on Friday last.

Oscar Goulet, of the Middle road, was a visitor on the 13th last week. He was looking after property in which he is a shareholder.

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