

Guide-Advocate

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SMALL TOWNS
AND THE BONUS

(From Toronto Times)

"Canadian machinery" prints an article about the housing fever which periodically attacks small towns on the lookout for industries. An American corporation which was considering the establishment of a Canadian branch, was approached by an industrial commissioner with a suggestion of consideration for the town he represented. The management wrote in reply:

"We have now before us a Canadian proposition in which a city has offered us ten acres of land on a railroad siding, and has agreed to build on this land a one-story fire-proof factory to contain 30,000 square feet; turn same over to us free of charge; also to give us water and taxes free for ten years. The Hydraulic Power Company have agreed to give us electrical power at 1¢ per K.W. hour. In return we are to start operations with at least 100 men and to agree, in case we discontinue during the first ten years, to return the property to the city. If you have any better proposition to offer, we would be pleased to receive it and give it due consideration."

As Canadian Machinery remarks, "One may as well be prepared to lean back and say 'if you know a better 'ole, go to it.'"

Each small town has aspirations. Most of the more ardent inhabitants trust that it will yet become a city, if not a metropolis. When these optimists gain control of the Council, or dominate opinion on the housing green, a commissioner is appointed to go still-hunting for industries—of any kind.

The situation of the place may not be suitable for manufacturing, the labor supply may be inadequate, a happy conjunction of water transport and through railway lines may be wanting, yet some timid, trusting capitalist may be willing to overlook these conditions in order to become a candidate for public charity.

Many a municipality is willing to involve itself in heavy burdens and misuse the ratepayers by granting excessive "consideration" to drowsy promoters. The experience of other places that drew a "lemon" in this lottery is overlooked or despised. Even the warning of anti-bonus Provincial legislation is not sufficient to deter the enthusiasts from "trying the pass" once more.

Industries are advantageous to any community only when they are sound and self-sustaining. The right sort of manufacturer will not accept concessions which obviously saddle the people with heavy burdens and embarrass the municipal administration. But it is not true that every little community needs industries.

The Macmillan Company publishes an important book by Harlan Paul Douglass under the title of "The Little Town." Prof. Douglass shows that ninety-nine per cent. of the small communities which are impoverishing themselves by attracting doubtful industries are naturally linked to their rural districts, and might better be engaged in establishing a community life within the areas they serve. The unhappy division of sentiment between farmers and small town dwellers is described with truth and pungency and the continued turning of all townspeople's eyes towards Urbanism is deprecated.

In Ontario there are two agencies which might well be utilized to great advantage in promoting the entente cordiale between town and country. They are the Women's Institutes and the District Representatives of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. With these and with the advice of local Bank Managers, whose business is largely with the farmers, something might be done to find a basis of action for social and community betterment.

By a by-law just passed, Weston exempts from taxation until 1922 all buildings erected during the next two years. Only the land will be assessed, and that at its present valuation.

A cow belonging to Lawrence Pope, 8th con., of Mersea, was the medium of a freak of nature one day last week when she gave birth to a calf with two heads, eight legs, and two tails. The calf did not live.

About 100 of the friends of Corp. Roy Teetzel gathered at the home of Angus McInnis, 6th con., of Bonanquet, where he was presented with an address and handsome leather rocker. J. B. Woodhall acted as chairman. The address was read by Reeve Tidball and the presentation made by Earl Edmunds. After the presentation an hour or so was spent in a social manner. Speeches were made by J. B. Woodhall, Jas. H. Campbell (4th con.), J. D. Morrison, E. Edmunds; instrumental selection by Miss I. Thompson, 12th con.; violin selection by Mr. Neilson with Miss E. Link as accompanist, and a solo by Miss Rosa Tuck. Lunch then followed, after which the National Anthem when the elder people left for their homes, but many of the young people indulged in a dance to music furnished by Gammon and Anderson.

Some Tall "Figgering"

Each year has 365 days. You sleep eight hours a day which is 122 days. This leaves 243 days. You rest eight hours each day, which equal 122 days. This leaves 121 days. There are 52 Sundays that you do not work, or 52 days. This leaves 69 days. You have one-half day off each Saturday or 26 days. This leaves 43 days. You have one and a half hours each day for lunch or 28 days. This leaves 15 days. You get two weeks' vacation each year or 14 days. This leaves one day, and this being the 1st of July we close on that day so you've done no work at all.

Death of Mr. John Minielly

Another of the old pioneers of Plympton township passed away at the Victoria Home, London, on Saturday, August 2, 1919, in the person of Mr. John Minielly, at the advanced age of 82 years, 7 months and 11 days, after an illness of three days with pneumonia.

Deceased was born in the township of North Himsley, Lasark County, in January, 1837, came west with his parents, William and Elizabeth Minielly, four brothers and one sister, the family settling on the London Road in 1846, where he farmed successfully the best part of his life. Becoming partly incapacitated through a stroke he went to Victoria Home, London. He never married. He is survived by one sister, Miss E. Minielly of Watford, all his brothers having predeceased him, the last one, George, dying December of last year.

The remains were brought to Watford and the funeral took place on Sunday afternoon from the residence of his sister, to the Watford cemetery, and was largely attended by relatives and friends. The Rev. E. H. Sawers conducted the service. The pallbearers were John, George and Leslie Minielly, Rich. Williams, Arthur Tanner and Joseph Acton.

LOWER CALIFORNIA.

Rich Land May Be Annexed by the United States.

While the talk of self determination goes on at the Peace Conference, there is one project of Imperial aggrandizement making headway we seldom hear about. The United States may at any moment annex a portion of Mexico. The proposition to extend their territory by the acquisition of Lower California—possibly in settlement of claims for damages against Mexico, with a money consideration thrown in by the United States—is attractive for several reasons.

One of these is purely strategic—particularly as regards Magdalena Bay (on the west coast), where an enemy might conceivably establish a naval base, and which the Americans would like to occupy and perhaps fortify themselves.

Another has to do with the delta of the Colorado river, which is a vast area of immense agricultural possibilities. At present a desert (barring some beginnings of irrigation), it could be made one of the most productive regions in the world by the simple expedient of storing the waters of the Colorado in reservoirs far to the north and distributing them over the delta through systems of canals.

One of the greatest fruit-growing districts on the earth is the Imperial Valley of California, which was by like means reclaimed from the desert. It was formerly part of the bottom of the Gulf of California, the old beach lines being still plainly distinguishable along the flanks of the hills.

The Imperial Valley extends southward into Lower California, and all of it that is in Mexican territory is susceptible of the same sort of development. Indeed, the whole delta of the great river, which has been called the American Nile, is a veritable Land of Promise.

The Mexicans have not been able to handle the problem. The Americans can, and are anxious to do so. The region in question is adapted for the production of two or three crops per annum of sugar cane, citrus fruits and the valuable long-staple Egyptian cotton.

The Colorado rivers brings down vast quantities of silt—enough annually to cover eighty square miles to a depth of one foot—and thus one may realize how rapidly in the course of centuries the delta has been built out, the northern extension of the gulf retreating correspondingly.

The gulf at the present time is 739 miles long and 190 miles in greatest width—a really huge arm of the ocean. Toward its southern end are found valuable beds of pearl oysters; it has also turtle fisheries.

The peninsula called Lower California is traversed from north to south by a chain of barren mountains covering most of its surface area, and which is a continuation of the Sierra Nevada. Its shores are arid wastes. But there are fertile valleys, naturally watered, which are veritable gardens.

On the west coast, near Magdalena Bay, an American citizen (who dwells in San Diego) owns a "concession" 300 miles long and three miles wide which he farms, so to speak, for the production of a lichen that is valuable for making dyes. It is gathered by Indians whom he employs.

To round out the proposed annexation of territory from Mexico, it is urged that part of the Mexican State of Sonora (which borders on the gulf) shall be included. It is a typical desert, with possibilities, and inhabited by Papago Indians, who may be called the great desert people of America. No other people that we know elect to dwell in a bare desert. They are peaceable and fairly civilized.

The peninsula of Lower California has important mineral wealth—particularly copper. On an island in the gulf, called Tiburon, live the most primitive savages in North America. They are the Seri Indians, professed cannibals, whose huts are of stones roofed with huge turtle shells, and whose sole garment, for both men and women, is usually a short skirt of pelican skin—the island being a resort for pelicans.

BROOKE

Miss Annie Miller, Ingersoll, spent part of her holidays at the home of Miss Florence Hick.

Miss May Hair who has been visiting at her old home in Brooke, returned to Saskatoon this week.

Mrs. S. McLellan left on Tuesday for Angusville, Man. She went by boat to Pt. Arthur and will remain in the prairie province for two or three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McLellan, and Mr. and Mrs. Nuer, Detroit, motored to Brooke and spent Sunday with the formers' mother, Mrs. S. McLellan.

Miss Stella Higgins returned home on Sunday, after spending a two weeks' vacation with her sisters in Detroit. She was accompanied by her sister Mrs. Gordon Langford and son, Earl.

The regular monthly meeting of the Brooke Women's Institute will be held Thursday, August 14th, at the home of Mrs. Howard Lett. An interesting program will be provided. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

WARWICK

John Spalding lost a fine span of horses and a colt by lightning on Tuesday.

Mrs. Jas. A. Blair and daughters, Beulah and Maxine, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. McGill, and brothers on the sixth line, for the past two months, returned to their home in Spokane, Wash., Monday last.

The death occurred on Monday of Sarah Jones, widow of the late Hugh Bryce in her 69th year. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon from the family residence, lot 11, con. 4, S. E. R. to Watford cemetery.

Special anniversary services at Calvary. The H. W. Wright B. A., of Smith's Falls, will speak at both services. The choir will be assisted by help from Wyoming and Forest. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

On Tuesday evening last a good game of baseball was played between Bethel and the 2nd line. Following is the line-up:

Bethel	2nd Line
C. L. Richardson	p.
F. L. Smith	c.
W. J. Vance	s.
C. Smith	1 b.
J. Cable	2 b.
W. Cates	3 b.
F. Smith	c. f.
A. Cundick	r. f.
G. Curtis	l. f.
F. Graham	l. f.

Score Bethel 11, 2nd Line 9.

On Friday evening a return game was played, Bethel again winning by the score of 5 to 3.

WANT COLUMN.

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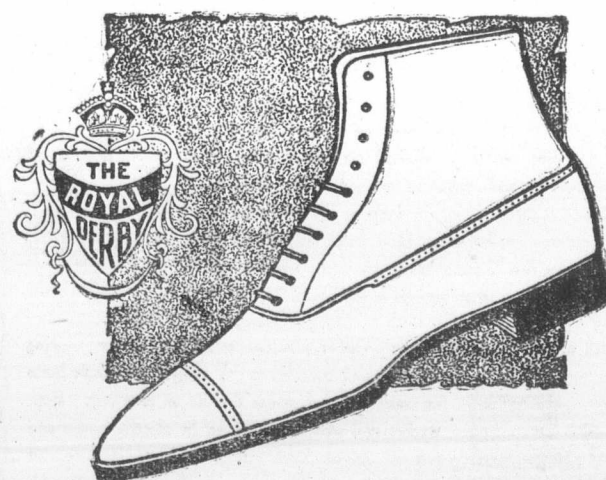
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WATFORD
August 20th

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