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WHY NOT HELP?

The Advertiser has for some time, with the expenditure of considerable energy and cash, been seeking to set before the people of Western Ontario the manifold agricultural opportunities of the district, believing that these were not fully realized.

During the several months of the "Stay in Ontario" campaign many commendatory notices have been written by those who believed a good work was being done. Scarcely a newspaper in the district has failed to take up the cry, and give The Advertiser full credit for its enterprise. Nothing but praise has been spoken, save in one instance, The London Free Press has characteristically expressed its disapproval of the movement. The inference is obvious.

The Advertiser puts more confidence in the opinion of Prof. Creelman, Mr. C. C. James, the Farmer's Advocate and a number of other authorities, than the narrow view of its local contemporary. There is no higher name in Canadian husbandry than that of Mr. James, former deputy minister of agriculture for Ontario, now a special commissioner of agriculture for the Dominion. He expresses his interest in The Advertiser's campaign, and states that "there has been an overlooking of the wonderful opportunities for agriculture in Ontario." "It looks, however," he continues, "as though we are beginning to discover Ontario. Some day we will awaken to the possibilities of this Province, and there will be great things done."

Our contemporary reveals its soreness in an editorial, headed, "A Misdirected Campaign." It objects to a leading article "Abandoned Farms of Middlesex Cry Out for the Plow." There are no abandoned farms in Middlesex, it contends. The meaning of "abandoned" as given in Webster's Standard Dictionary is "forsaken, deserted." The Free Press cannot send a man eight miles from London in any direction, without coming upon "deserted or forsaken" farms and farmhouses. True, the coasts of some neighboring farmer may be cropping grass on the front lawn, and cows may be sunning themselves on the veranda. In a legal sense, perhaps, the farms have not been abandoned. The taxes are still being paid, but the only use a great many 100 acres are being put to is pasture. But since the house is vacant, the children don't want their way to the little red schoolhouse, the chickens don't scratch in the barnyard, that farm is to all intents and purposes "abandoned." Any man in London with an automobile will tell the Free Press that there are scores and scores of such forsaken farmhouses, and it is no secret among dealers in farms. For instance, a Strathroy real estate dealer said no later than Tuesday to The Advertiser, in referring to the idle lands in this county:

"As an example, I owned 500 acres of land near here for a good many years. During that time I often felt that I had no right to it. I could not get it worked. At the present time it is partially cultivated, but while in the days before the rush to the west few families wished a good living from this, there is now but one tenant for the whole 500 acres."

If this dealer were asked for a literal definition of "abandoned," he would not hesitate to point to the unworked acres.

It is this state of things that The Advertiser is trying to remedy. In that work it would be glad to have the co-operation of the Free Press and all its contemporaries in Ontario. This journal has had a commissioner visiting every county in Western Ontario to describe the advantages of the fairest and most fertile section of Canada, and point the way to the most profitable use of the soil. The Advertiser is laboring for a renaissance of Ontario agriculture. Of this awakening there are already many signs. Local patriotism ought to impel our contemporary to lend a hand, and not a hamper.

SAVING MONEY, BUT—

Signor Marconi, the wizard of the wireless, made this significant remark in his testimony at the official inquiry into the loss of the Titanic:

"Ship-owners don't like to carry two operators where they can get along with one. The smaller boat-owners do not like the expense of two operators."

Think of that! A wireless operator on a ship costs at the outside \$25 a week and his keep, perhaps less on the average. The Carpathia, a boat of 13,600 tons, carried only one, who heard the call from the wounded Titanic only by the accident of holding the receiving apparatus to his ear while he was undressing for bed. Throughout the night, when the greatest danger lurks, the Carpathia was ordinarily cut off from the world. Not only the Carpathia, but scores of other Atlantic passenger steamships, while hundreds of freight boats that plow the ocean carry no wireless at all. A thousand lives, on a stricken ship, might depend upon the presence of an operator on another ship within reach

of the wireless, and might be sacrificed because ship-owners wished to save an operator's salary. There are some bitter lessons in the latest and greatest tragedy of the sea. One of them is that human greed must not be allowed to sacrifice human lives.

THE STEERAGE, TOO.

There are copious stories of the sayings and doings of millionaires and magnates in their last hours, and the grief and hardship of their wives and daughters, but not so much is heard of the humble folk on the Titanic. The world is interested chiefly in the high and great, but the fate of the passengers in the steerage ought to touch the human heart as poignantly. The millionaires left relatives, but no dependents; the men in the steerage left both. These poor fellows, from different climes and countries, were almost without exception the breadwinners of their families. In the hour which tested their manhood, they stood on an equal footing with the rich and the favored. All the distinctions which count for so much in an imperfect society were lost in the kinship of sacrifice. The wives were not burdened with the names of any of these obscure heroes, but they are mourned by loved ones as deeply as are their brethren who are blazoned in print, and many of them went to death in sadder circumstances. The women and children of the steerage have landed in a strange country without money or friends, robbed by the waves of their sole supporters, in many a poor cottage under European skies a mother weeps for a son, perhaps the sole prop of her old age; a wife for a husband, and little ones for a father who had gone to make a home for them in the land of promise; a sister for a brother, a sweetheart for a lover.

It is reassuring to note that sympathy and charity have been awakened on both sides of the Atlantic in behalf of the survivors of the steerage. A generous fund for them has been already collected, and there will be kind words and helping hands to solace them when their grief is fresh, and their hearts are bleeding. One of the compensations of such a tragedy is the evocation of the best in human nature.

On the whole, Mr. J. Bruce Ismay may wish he had gone down with his ship.

There is one comforting reflection: ocean travel will be safer in future, in consequence of the lesson of the Titanic.

Nothing in this part of the province has aroused more enthusiasm and commendation than the "Stay in Ontario" Campaign, and it will not be "stayed" by jealousy and spite.

Mr. J. Castell Hopkins, Colonel Denison, and Mr. J. S. Willison have wired their protests against the Home Rule Bill. These antics are always expected from two of them, but why does Mr. Willison wear the motley?

A Syrian woman escaped from the Titanic with her child, but lost her husband and three brothers. Thus she begins life in a strange land. There is not a story more pitiful than this, even though it comes from the steerage.

Mr. Rowell has finished his first session as leader of the Ontario Opposition. His opponents must admit that he was not a negligible quantity. He forced an issue which put the Government not only on the defensive, but on the run.

Mr. Nesbitt, of North Oxford, like other Liberal members of Parliament who have spoken here since the election, insists that reciprocity is very much alive. The only party which would like to bury that question is the party in power.

"If Sir James Whitney were running a newspaper and wrote as he talks either the lawyers or the police would be busy—both,"—Ottawa Journal, Conservative.

This is profoundly true. People overlook in a speech in Parliament what would startle or anger them if uttered by a newspaper. The press is reticence itself compared with politicians like Sir James.

ARE BAND CONCERTS BAD FOR CHILDREN?

Mothers' Clubs Have Heard So and Will Discuss the Question.

That public band concerts are harmful to the children of London was the subject brought before the Union Mothers' Clubs of the city Friday evening in the Collegiate Institute. Several of the individual clubs feel very strongly upon this point, and believe it to be a matter of vital importance, but discussion of the subject was postponed for future meeting, and no action decided upon.

An address, followed by discussion, was then given by Principal Dearness, of the Normal School, upon "The Child's Temperament as a Guide to Discipline." Principal Dearness traced the word "temperament" back to ancient times, showing that some two hundred years before Christ men thought and wrote about the physiology and psychology of the human race. Parents and teachers have great responsibilities in the rearing and educating of children. There are wonderful possibilities in every child, and the extent to which they are to be realized depends upon the charge of the parents' duties. Three outstanding features in the training of a child were stated by Principal Dearness.

Self-Control.—The training from its first day should aim to give the child self-control, to learn to put itself in another's place, and to have regard for what we call the sense of duty. These facts are fundamental in child training. Discussion

upon various sides of education at home and in the school followed the conclusion of Principal Dearness' remarks. It was also announced that Dr. Curtis, of New York, was being brought here late in May to conduct a week's lectures upon the subject of children's play-grounds, and all mothers were urged to encourage the lectures by personal attendance.

GUILTY OF SELLING SHORT WEIGHT BREAD

Local Baker Was Fined in the Police Court.

James Ruddy, a local baker, was found guilty of selling short weight bread by Police Magistrate Judd this morning, and was fined \$5 and \$15 costs.

Fred Gray, a young man from Woodstock, was brought up at the police station last night and asked for shelter, claiming that he had applied for admission to a hospital, but had been refused. He asserted that during the winter his feet were frozen, and that he has since been lame. He had shape. P. J. Judd decided to send him down on a week's remand, and in the meantime Jail Physician MacArthur will make an examination.

Mary Whimp, whose name appears on the index list, was arrested at 1 o'clock this morning, and is said to have been intoxicated. Mary declared that she was perfectly sober, and explained that she had been out to a dance in the country and thus found herself on the streets after dark. She was remanded till Monday when the case will be tried.

FLAGS HALF MAST.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, April 20.—All flags on the steamers of the Northern Navigation Company are at half mast on the occasion of the passing of Charles M. Hays.

ALL LICENSES RENEWED.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, April 20.—At the regular meeting of the St. Thomas Licensing Board, the board granted the renewal of all the city licenses.

The licenses of D. Ulin and J. A. McIntyre were renewed, but the West Lorne licenses were laid over for further consideration till April 27.

John Lang was elected chairman.

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That the following persons have been

appointed as liquidators of the

estate of the late John Henry

Brewster, late of the County of

Middlesex, in the Province of

Ontario, to-wit: Mr. J. H. Brewster,

and Mr. J. H. Brewster, and

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COOK—GRANDIDGE

A Very Pretty Wedding on Talbot Street.

A wedding of much interest to many Londoners occurred recently at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Stilson, 516 Talbot street, when Miss Clara Grandridge became the wife of Mr. Walter George Cook, Rev. G. E. Sage, St. George's Church, West London, officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Lawson Stilson, looked very graceful in her travelling suit of an-colored novelty tweed with cream lace blouse, and hat to match, as she entered the drawing-room, while the wedding march was being rendered by Mrs. Fred Sykes, Detroit. The young couple were united in the usual ceremony the wedding party proceeded to the bride's new home, Talbot street north, where a reception and wedding breakfast was held. Covers were laid for 25, the table being artistically decorated with pink and white carnations and smilax. A large number of beautiful presents were received from England, Winnipeg, and London. Much happiness is extended to the young couple.

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