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The Village Spirit.

It would be interesting to know how many young men who attended the Toronto Exhibition last year as visitors from villages and small towns in Ontario, will this year go to the Fair as residents of the city. It is not difficult to explain why Toronto is the objective point of the brightest young fellows in all the small places for many miles around, and why this city grows rapidly every year while the villages of the province stand still in the matter of population. The curse of the village spirit accounts for this state of things. Someone has said that God made the country, man the city, and the devil the small towns. There is truth in the saying, for although the exodus from the farm to the city is very great, the strictly rural districts show a much more substantial growth in population than the villages and small towns.

Village life might be made very pleasant, for it has many advantages—but the small village spirit more than offsets them all. The small town frowns upon the bright young man who travels a bit and seeks to make use of the ideas he picks up while away from home. He is regarded as being too smart, and most of the older men of the place express disapproval of his attitude and his way of doing things. So presently the young man goes off to the city, where smartness and initiative are welcomed with open arms. In the average small town there may be only three or four men—or at most a dozen or so—who have breadth of thought and any real knowledge of the great, protean world that lies beyond the village horizon. If all the business men of the place were of this class, fewer bright young fellows would be found hastening cityward.

Village life in Ontario has greatly improved within the last few years. Most small towns now have electric light plants, and many of them have waterworks systems, concrete sidewalks, etc. In some of the more enterprising places the authorities are reaching out for industries, and are in other ways seeking to stimulate local growth and prosperity. Yet where is there a village in Ontario that has grown appreciably in population during the past ten years of unprecedented growth and development in Canada? The village spirit must be recognized as an accursed thing and buried underground before there can be true village progress. And village progress is something greatly to be desired.—Saturday Night.

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Are Hard Times Coming?

New York, Aug. 26.—Are conditions such throughout the country that hard times are coming? The World, through its correspondents, has asked this question of merchants, bankers, capitalists, manufacturers and farmers in every section of the United States. The answers go to show a wide divergence of opinion as to the present situation. In the financial centres of the East a contraction in business is generally conceded. That it will lead to hard times is not believed. General manufacturing, however, even in the East, is reported to be enjoying high prosperity, the textile industry being especially favored.

In the West the reports show that commerce is still going on at high pressure. Counting on fairly good crops, the fear of hard times is generally scouted. In the Northwest prosperity is relied on to continue. The South also reports conditions looking to a continuance of good times.

Here and there a warning is sounded and by the few the prediction is made that hard times are coming. In nearly all sections a reasonable conservatism is urged and the remark is frequently made that the "pace has been too fast."

Shorthorns in Demand.

It would look like a verification of the remarks of Colonel Bellows at the Davidson sale in May, that soon there would be a turn in the depressed Shorthorn market. Buyers have been present from several points during this first week of the fair, and earlier in the province, picking up good individuals.

The same auctioneer also remarked that the Americans were getting the best of the Canadian blood. Farmers in Ontario certainly make a big mistake when they fail to purchase the very best they can get. It is being gradually borne in upon many farmers, who hitherto have been dealing only in cheap animals with ancient pedigrees, that the dearest at the beginning is often the money-maker in the end. No one desires very much a poor animal or an inferior pedigree. Sales of these are often made, but they are made at low figures, and after considerable dickering.

A choice animal sells himself. His purchase at a big sale becomes a working ad. for the buyer and the matings are watched with interest by more eyes than the owner dreams of. It is a wise policy to get the best even if prices seem stiff. A young farmer in Ontario County attended one of the dispersion sales near North Toronto last spring and spent what seemed to his neighbors as a fabulous sum for a herd bull. The animal has proved a paying one, and offers for his purchase at nearly double the figures have since come in.

The competition that sustains prices and makes for the propagation of the choicest, whether that competition come from the show ring or from the demand of the times, is the healthiest sign of our times. Clear-headed, sane, careful and progressive struggle for the best, is best.—World.

Money in Poultry.

Mr. F. A. Faulds, of this city, recently completed one of the largest poultry transactions in the province, when he sold to one dealer in New York 350 Black Minorcas, for an aggregate price of \$1400. Mr. Faulds got \$3 piece for his roe-comb pullets. It would seem by this transaction that there is some money in poultry.

Purchased 8,000 Acres.

Calgary, Aug. 28.—Eight thousand acres of land were purchased yesterday from the C. P. R. Colonization and Irrigation Company by a delegation of farmers from Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and Minnesota. They came to Calgary, and were so pleased with the country all around, especially the splendid condition of the wheat, that they bought this immense tract on the spot.

Value of Farm Lands Increased.

According to information being compiled at the Ontario department of agriculture, farming lands of the province are recovering from the effects of the depression due to the Northwest land boom. For some reason values in eastern Ontario seem higher than those in the western part of the province.

Arbitration Award.

An arbitration between the township of Brooke and R. Vanatter, of that township to decide a claim for damages by the latter in consequence of his land being in parts overflowed by a township ditch, was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, the arbitrators being S. Bailey, of Plympton, ex-county councillor, for the township, and John McNab, of Dawn, for Vanatter. It was arranged that the township buy from Vanatter, at a price agreed upon, the land affected by the overflow of the drain in question.

The West's Harvests.

Effect of Frost Not As Serious as First Contemplated.

Winnipeg, Aug. 29.—The weather report today showed only Calgary and Verdun to have fulfilled the weather man's forecast of frost. Both registered 30 degrees; Edmonton and Battleford were down to 36 degrees. Higher temperature is to be expected.

W. H. McWilliams, manager of the Canadian Elevator Company, has returned from a trip through the West, occupying several days, on an inspection of the crop conditions. He gives an estimate of the yield at 75 million to 80 million bushels. The harvest is from ten to twenty days late in different localities. Oats are the finest ever seen in the West, and will be 100 bushels to the acre. Effects of frosts are not nearly so serious as has been contemplated.

Held on Suspicion for Parkhill Blaze.

Parkhill, August 30.—Fire completely destroyed the barn of the Hastings House here this evening. For some time it was feared that the blaze would spread to the hotel and destroy it. The water supply was poor and the brigade was a long time in getting to work.

The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin and a man named Murray was arrested at Theford this evening and is being held in connection with the affair. Murray is said to have turned out of the hotel during the afternoon and was seen to take the evening express just a few minutes before the blaze was discovered. The loss will be \$3,000, on which there is \$1,000 insurance.

Electric Line Wallaceburg to Petrolia

Petrolia, Aug. 26.—A large and influential delegation of Chatham and Wallaceburg business men met the members of the Petrolia Board of Trade here this afternoon and went over the route on the proposed new electric line between Wallaceburg and Petrolia.

It is proposed to extend the line northward with Petrolia as an objective point. Whether the road will pass through Bridgen or Oil Springs is to be decided later. The following were appointed a committee to confer with the Wallaceburg company regarding the right-of-way: Messrs. Wilson, Noble, English and Fairbank.

BOSANQUET COUNCIL.

Council met on the 26th inst. Members all present. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The engineer's report for the Donald and Hare drains was read. The Donald drain report was accepted. The Hare drain report was referred back.

The following orders were given:—A. J. Clark \$200, work on Duffin drain; W. N. Ironside \$406.24, for cement etc.; Albert Romph \$10, damages sustained on the 4th con.; G. Prince \$130.00, work on Condit's drain; Hugh Clark, \$3, digging ditch on sideroad; Chas. Jackson \$1, and S. Bailey \$2, statute labor commuted to their road beats; Wm. Fraser \$6.60, boarding Wm. Brander while overseeing Beith Creek bridge; Wm. Brander \$54 overseeing bridge work and John Patterson \$5.50, work on bridge.

A communication was received from the clerk of Forest stating that the mayor had sent a young man to Sarnia Hospital and requesting Bosanquet to pay hospital expenses. No action was taken.

A letter received from the Ontario Public Works Department saying that at the last session of parliament a grant of \$5,000 was voted for the Aux Sauble river drainage works and requesting council to report on the progress of the work in order that provision might be made for the payment before the close of the year.

The clerk was instructed to notify C. A. Jones to be present at the Court of Revision on the Donald drain.

Donald drain by-law was provisionally adopted and a by-law passed to raise the rates, county rate 1.75 mills and township rate 2.7.

\$10 was granted the Bosanquet Agricultural society.

Council adjourned to meet Sept. 23rd, at 10 a. m., as a Court of Revision on the Donald drain, and at 1 p. m., for general business.

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New York, August 30.—Officials of the American Telephone and Telegraph say to day that the order cancelling night rates and charging day rates at all hours on all the company's lines throughout the country was made necessary by the congestion of traffic which occurred when the night rates took effect. This order goes into effect on September 1.

MARRIED.

In Winnipeg, on Thursday, July 18, by Rev. C. W. Gordon, in St. Stephen's Church, Miss Nellie Hume, of Watford, to Mr. Ben Johnston, of Neepawa. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston will be at home on First street, near the Presbyterian Church, after Aug. 12. Meantime, they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Johnston.

50,000 More to Come.

Ottawa, Aug. 29.—Brigadier Howell, of the Salvation Army, is in Ottawa today, and called upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He was able to tell the Premier that during the year 15,000 people have come to Canada under the auspices of the Salvation Army, and that at the Army headquarters in London there is at the present time a list of 50,000 people anxious to settle in the Dominion. The Army hopes to be even more successful in its immigration efforts in the future than it has been up to the present time.

A Narrow Escape.

An accident that might have been attended by very serious consequences occurred Thursday morning, says the Ingersoll Chronicle, on the Grand Trunk Railway just east of the Thames street crossing. Conductor Rau, of London, in charge of a freight train, was standing near his locomotive, which was taking water, when the accommodation went by. He was standing so close to the track that he was struck on the arm, but he is said to have been only slightly injured. He was able to proceed with his train.

Fur Animals Migrate.

Edmonton, Aug. 29.—"We are not surprised that this year will be a lean one for furs," said Mr. Lever, the veteran chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, yesterday. The supply in this district and the Mackenzie River section is not decreasing; we have the consolation of knowing that when the lynx or martin, or any other animal is scarce in our district they have simply moved east or west.

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Killed By Kick.

Chatham, Aug. 29.—Stephen Brown, a Raleigh Township farmer, was kicked in the chin by a horse in his barn shortly after 7 o'clock this evening and died almost instantly. Brown had just finished his day's work and was putting the team away.

Wolf Hunt in Essex.

Windsor, Aug. 28.—A wolf hunt has been in progress in Sandwich East Township, near here, since yesterday. While cultivating corn, David Lamar came across seven whelps and is convinced they are young wolves. Wolves have not been seen in this section for several years.

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