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AS OTHERS SEE US

The following article from the Yucicapa, Cal., News, was written by Mr. Geo. D. Lee, who spent several weeks this summer in Watford and vicinity. It will be read with interest and needs no comment.

Compares Ontario and Calif. Fruits
Editor Yucicapa News:
At your request I submit some observations from my trip East:

The Province of Ontario, Canada, (my native province) produces 75 per cent of all the fruit grown in the whole Dominion, and in the localities where fruit-growing is specialized the class of fruit compares very favorably with the same fruits as we know them here.

The centers of the industry are in Essex county in the extreme western end of the Province, and also in the Niagara Peninsula, these districts controlling the marketing of their fruit through their associations; but the area adapted to fruit is small compared to the vastness of the Province, which is larger than the State of Texas.

The fruits grown commercially are the apple, pear, cherry, peach and grape, including also the vine and bush berries.

The Ontario apple when properly grown is considered excellent in the world markets, but the average farmer gives no more attention to his family orchard than he gives to his bush lot reserved for firewood; although all the best developed parts of the Province can produce fine apples.

Their apple trees reach great size and age. Here are a few measurements:

First tree measured—Girth at two feet above ground, 8 feet; girth of one limb, 4 feet 7 inches; spread of top, 57 feet.

Second tree—Girth at four feet above ground, 9 feet; spread of top 51 feet.

These trees are about seventy-five years old.

The apple crop on winter varieties is light this year.

Cherries, both sweet and sour varieties, are specialized in the Niagara district, and are an excellent crop this season—the fruit laden branches in many cases hanging over the roads. I took the measurements of one of the many large trees, and the girth at two feet from the ground was 6 feet 2 1/2 inches.

Plums also do well and are a heavy crop, but grapes and peach growing is confined to districts where the climate is somewhat tempered by the waters of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. The grapes grown all require long pruning and their peach orchards struggle against the cold of the Northern winters, and do not compare with the vigorous orchards as we know them here. These fruits are also producing heavy this year.

Pears thrive and produce well, but growers tell me the market is limited, as the Canadian likes his apple for winter use, and with the average farmer, their cellars are well stocked with their best apples, while the pigs and the cows get the balance of the crop.

When I compared the climatic advantages and disadvantages there, with conditions in our favored State, I came back with a smile and a whoop and say—"I love you, California." However, I could envy their green grass and shady parks, and also just one of their Great Lakes placed at about the middle of our Golden State, so that we could pump water over all of our smiling valleys and cause even our desert to blossom as the rose.

The cheapest thing they have in the Middle States and in Canada is 'water' with an inability to turn it on and off, and their orchards, pastures and grain crops are often soaked with water or burned with the drouth. This month they take the water, and their ripe wheat and growing corn are having a hard time of it.

Many of them whom I visited are interested in that magic word "California," and if wishing could do the trick, they would swap their farms for the coin of the realm, and join the procession coming west.

G. D. LEE.

NOTE AND COMMENT

When a man in Western Ontario says: "I run things in my house," he usually means the lawn mower and the washing machine.—Kingston Standard.

The Wiarnton Canadian Echo, makes very vigorous and timely protest against the injustice of witnesses being compelled to attend court for \$1.50 while their actual outlay without considering loss of time, will be at least double of that.

A Canadian in California says that in that State race-track meets are banned, they have prohibition, and all other accessories to goodness and yet there are more murders, robberies and other crimes to the square inch than in any other part of the country.

A Western exchange says:—The "fussy" gent who worked out the present comical coat of arms for Canada received a reward of \$6,000. Dr. Saunders, who produced Marquis wheat and devoted his life to the benefitting of the farmers of Canada, received a measly \$2,000 on his retirement. Such is the appreciation of man to man. Anything masquerading under the semblance of patriotism will sure loosen the purse strings.

San Francisco China exchange is no doubt the oldest telephone exchange in the world. The Chinese subscribers, of which there are 1615, are called by name and no number. The operators, of which there are 16 are all Chinese girls and were educated in the Public schools of San Francisco and speak Chinese and English fluently. The fact that names and not numbers are used necessitates the operators being thoroughly familiar with the name and number of all Chinese subscribers.

The Daily Mail and Empire of Toronto has reached its fiftieth year of publication and has celebrated the event by issuing a beautiful Half-Century Anniversary Number in book form, containing 118 pages. The Mail and Empire is a great newspaper of which Canadians may well be proud. The story of its life of fifty years, profusely illustrated, with half tones, is a deeply interesting one comprising a review of the social, educational, agricultural, financial, industrial and commercial development and progress of Canada from 1872 to 1922. We trust that the Mail and Empire may continue to be a power in the development of Canada and that it may enjoy still greater prosperity in the next half century. There should be a big demand for its anniversary number.

Lindsay Post:—A very sensible law is being enforced in New Jersey in regard to railway crossings. Every motor has been ordered to come to a full stop at all grade crossings in the State to ascertain if it may cross the track safely. Failure to observe this rule will be considered as sufficient cause for the withdrawal of the license to operate a motor car. But why restrict this order to busses? The enforcement of such a regulation over the entire continent would mean the end of all crossing accidents. Under the present freedom from such restrictions we shall continue to have human beings flung into eternity because some speed-crazed driver is blind and deaf to all danger. Here is something that might be done at once in the way of prohibitive legislation. The loss of time in stopping will be more than made up, for the mad motorist will not be allowed to cut the time and lives of other people short by his carelessness.

Tribune, Tampa, Florida:—Some people love horses, some people love birds, some people love cats, some people even love some other people, but where is there a man or woman who does not love a dog? Not a petted, pampered show dog, but just plain dog—nothing but dog from the tip of his nose to the tip of his tail. Give a youngster a dog for a companion and the kid will never go to the dogs. A dog will be loyal and friendly, happy and obedient, mischievous and loveable, a doggone friend for anyone. Just a plain dog will do. A dog without pedigree, without price, without anything to boast of except that he is only a dog, with a dog's instincts, a dog's manners, a dog's sincerity, a dog's unswerving faith in and kindness to anyone who will be loyal and kind to him. Just a plain dog. In other words, a mutt, a mongrel, yes, a cur. He will love his little master or his little mistress. Every boy and girl, at some time in life, is surely entitled to one plain, every day, ordinary dog.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

A Galician girl passed Entrance in Winnipeg with 843 marks out of 900, or practically 94 per cent. Three years ago she scarcely knew English at all.

There are some 200 youngsters now holding working or home permits in London who will be affected by the new regulation of the Adolescent School Act, effective when the schools reopen.

A drunkard of long standing had been reformed by an operation which removed a bone that pressed against the brain. Newspapers also report a number of cures effected by removal of a brass rail that was pressing against the foot.

Whether it was education, prohibition, lessened immigration, or the weather, is a matter of opinion, but figures compiled by thirty-seven life insurance companies show that 1921 was the healthiest year of which there is any record.

After 20 years of waiting, a former Cairo, Ill., man, now living in St. Louis, has received an invitation to a party from a sweetheart of long ago, who then lived in Smithland, Ky. It was mislaid in the post office.

A total number of quarter sections of Crown land still available is shown on the 1921 edition of a land map of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta; also quarter sections purchasable from non-resident owners, as well as much other information. A copy of the map, with a list of the unoccupied land for sale in any particular district, will be sent free of charge on application to the Natural Resources Intelligence Branch, Dept. of Interior, Ottawa.

The tremendous possibilities for Canadian trade in the middle east is emphasized in reports to the Department of Trade and Commerce by P. W. Ward, Canadian trade commissioner in the Straits Settlements, Siam, and the Malay Federated States. Imports into middle eastern markets have trebled since 1911 and latest available figures show that total annual value at \$1,174,839,487. Of this huge sum, Mr. Ward estimated that \$173,800,000 represents the annual value of the trade in which Canada could compete.

Charged with the theft of power from the St. Marys Hydro Commission, Harry A. Dinsmore, of that place was fined \$50 and costs by Magistrate W. R. Butcher on Monday afternoon of last week. On a second count of installing wiring without a permit, Dinsmore was assessed \$10 and costs. The accused pleaded guilty to both charges. According to the evidence, Dinsmore hooked up concealed wires behind his meter, allowing the power to pass into his house without being recorded in the meter.

When the late Graham Bell was first experimenting with the telephone near Brantford, it is recorded that one old resident described his efforts at talking over a piece of stovepipe wire as the "biggest piece of tomfoolery" she ever heard of. Others probably thought the same thing. Poor old Galleo was reckoned as crazy, Columbus was looked upon as a freak, and the man who invented the linotype machine was greeted with a chorus of "It can't be done." The world advances because great men persist in elbowing their way through the crowd.

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The vagaries of the law are peculiar, at least to the lay mind. Recently in Peel county a man charged with manslaughter had furnished bonds for his appearance in court when called upon, but before the time set had committed suicide. The court took no notice of the fact of the accused being estranged and his sureties, two in number, had each to pay into court the sum of \$5,000. In Perth county a paradoxical case a few years ago. A Mornington farmer charged two men with having robbed him. He had them apprehended, convicted and sentenced to a term in jail for the offence. When he made claim for the money found on their person he was informed that they would have to give proof that the money in the possession of the prisoners was actually the money taken from him although the court had found them guilty of robbing him. This he was unable to do and consequently was unable to recover his property.

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