

An Appeal To the Clergymen And Teachers of Western Canada

The elevation of the mind—a correct understanding upon all matters—ought to be the principal end of all our studies, otherwise they will prove of little service to us. No legacy is so rich as honesty. An honest man is the noblest work of the creator.

We want all the Preachers and Teachers of this Western Country to arm themselves with the "Gospel of Live, and let Live" such as The Guide is endeavoring to scatter abroad, like seed. The old rule—Do as you would be done by, is seldom practised now.

Men desire their own good

BUT MAY NOT DISCERN IT. They may be deceived or inadequately informed. The selfish interest of the individual is often detrimental to that which is best for the whole. When certain organizations dominate, the others are enslaved and are compelled to organize in self-defence. Western farmers are now organizing for self protection until such time as all classes agree to a basis of equity that shall secure to each a brighter day and a square deal, hence The Organized Farmers and The Grain Growers' Guide.

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in our great Campaign of Education. Yes, we want you to read The Guide regularly each week. With this end in view we are prepared to quote you special rates. If you are interested in the welfare of the farmers and the masses please write to us immediately. We have a very interesting proposition to make to you.

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Young Canada Club

By DIXIE PATTON

WHO IS YOUR HERO OR HEROINE
Now I wonder if fifty or sixty boys and girls will send me in stories of their favorite hero or heroine?

It may be a person you have read about in books or the newspapers or some pioneer whom you have heard father or mother tell about as being very brave. You may dig it up out of some old history if you like or you may tell of something that happened recently. Only last spring the whole world rang with stories of the bravery of hundreds of men who went smiling to meet death when a certain ship was lost at sea.

Then there was a young boy who had charge of the wireless machine on a ship that was wrecked not so very long ago. Because he stayed at his instrument and kept sending messages he saved the lives of all the passengers, but he himself was drowned. He was only a young boy I think, seventeen or eighteen years of age, and I suppose that as he sat there and did his duty his thoughts flashed to the mother who would be waiting for him to come back but in vain.

I am so glad, boys and girls, to be able to think that we have greater and braver heroes to-day than they used to have when men armed themselves in coats of mail and went out to kill their neighbors, and I want you to find out about them and write me the most beautiful stories.

This ought to be our best competition and, as usual, I am going to give three rollicking good story books as prizes for the three best compositions received and I will print all the next best of the stories.

When you have them written get one of your parents or your teacher to certify that the story is your own work and that the age given is correct.

All the stories must be on my desk not later than February 15.

DIXIE PATTON.

Address all letters to Dixie Patton, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man.

THE GOPHER PREPARING FOR WINTER

The gopher is about ten to twelve inches long, from its head to the end of the tail. It is of a grayish brown color on the back and a light brown on its stomach. It has very sharp claws, which are adapted for scratching holes. Its teeth are very sharp and it feeds on grain and green food. In the summer they have several young gophers which grow very rapidly.

Quite a while before winter they begin to store in food for the winter. If the gophers begin to store up early you know that it is going to be an early fall, but if late, it is a sign of a late fall.

In the winter they go to sleep and just wake up now and again to feed. Sometimes in the spring you plow up holes in the earth, which the gophers have dug and filled with oats and wheat. In the spring, when they come out to feed their fur is a lot whiter than it was in the summer.

JNO. S. MARSH, Age 13.

THE BEAVER

The beavers are extremely interesting animals in their almost human movements. They have a little ground house under the water. They generally live in little beaver towns. The old beavers build the house and in it they have a place for a table and sleeping apartments, too. In the fall they are busier than ever. They go to the shore and the two old ones get on opposite sides of a tree and, with their jaws, cut deep holes until when they thrust their heads in you cannot see them. At last the holes meet and the tree is felled. Then the beavers scamper off for fear that some wild, vicious beast, attracted by the noise of the falling tree, should come prowling about. When the beavers feel safe again they sneak back to the tree. They cut off small poles, using their jaws again, and carrying them to their house. They keep this up until they have enough for all winter. They bank this wood up against

the door and "house up" for the winter.

Then the whole family find their places and go to sleep. When they get hungry they paddle softly out to the door and get a stick and, instead of eating it anywhere, they go to that certain place in that house and eat it there, clearing up the particles after themselves also. Then they go back to bed. In springtime the whole beaver family come out and scramble up the bank, all the little brothers and sisters of last year—big brothers and sisters now—and go off felling trees and building their own homes just as their mother and father had done the year before when they were too small to help much. This is all I can tell about the beaver at present.

RUTH E. BOOSE.

Champion, Alta.

THE COYOTE

I will choose the coyote as my subject. The coyote is one of those animals which, when winter comes, looks up a hen-house or some place where he can get a good living through the winter. The coyote doesn't stay in his den during winter. He makes his living by catching prairie chickens and hens and muskrats if there are very many.

Coyotes always look for their meals early in the morning, and so do chickens. The coyote seems to know the chickens look for their meals early in the mornings, so he meets them at their feeding place and makes it his feeding place, too.

The coyote changes his color twice a year, being in the spring and in the fall. During summer the coyotes are the color of grass and in the winter they are white. The coyotes seem to have a way of telling when there is going to be a change in the weather, and they let their friends know it by howling and in a very short time there will be coyotes howling everywhere, telling other coyotes to get filled up before the storm.

These animals are very smart in some ways. One night I heard one howling. It seemed to be coaxing the dogs away and, of course, the dogs were foolish enough to chase it. In this way, the second coyote, hiding in the brush, will sneak up and get a chicken, while the other coyote, which the dogs have been chasing, will just chase the dogs back and snap their heels pretty hard. The dogs, then discouraged entirely, leave the coyote alone and are only too glad to get back to the house.

MARIE HAZEN, Age 13.

THE SQUIRREL

The squirrel is one of the prettiest and most graceful little creatures that inhabit our woods. He is so agile and quick that it is most interesting to watch him run up a tree, or along a branch, never making a false step.

He is seen most often in the early morning or late in the afternoon searching for food, which consists mainly of nuts, acorns and seeds. His coat is a brownish red, and the under portions of his body are greyish white.

In the autumn he is very busy finding nuts, which he buries in little holes at the base of a tree in readiness for winter.

During most of the cold weather he sleeps in his nest of dead, dry leaves, which is usually firmly placed in the fork of a branch, near the top of a tall tree. In this nest the little ones are brought up, and it is so made that in the wettest weather the rain cannot soak through.

This ends my story, and I very much hope to win a prize, but I am afraid I won't. Sincerely yours,

JACK COWARD.

Dear Dixie:—I am just trying to write a story about Preparing for Winter, but I don't think it will receive a prize but if it don't I will just try again. I am very sorry I cannot send a photo in, but I have to send to Winnipeg to get them developed. I will try and send one next time. Well, I will say goodbye for this time.

LILLIAN MERSEY, Age 15.

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