

..The Planet..

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FOR CITY AND COUNTY.

A western paper makes the suggestion that every farmer should display his name on the front gate of his farm, and adds: "It would be a matter of trifling expense and no particular trouble, for every farmer in the country to have his name and the number of his lot neatly painted on a small board to be nailed to the gate post nearest the concession line; and such boards would prove of incalculable value to the public and to farmers themselves and lend interest to many a stranger passing through."

It would also be a great convenience to the public if county and township councils would have the roads labeled. All over Ontario it is a matter of difficulty to find your way in the country as there is absolutely no guide for people unfamiliar with the locality, and it is often impossible to get information except at farm houses which are usually situated some distance back from the road.

Up-to-date city and town residents label streets for the benefit of visitors. County residents might follow suit.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

In connection with the charges that Lord Kitchener is suppressing reports of fighting in the Transvaal and also contradicting the correct reports of war correspondents the following is cited as an instance previous to the Vlakfontein affair: On June 5 Reuter's agency received a despatch that 240 men under Col. Wilson had surprised and defeated 400 Boers under Beyers, killing 37 and capturing 100 with all their supplies. The war office published a despatch from Lord Kitchener denying the statement, Reuter took the matter up and quipped Kitchener with the following result:—

Mail brought extract papers regarding Wilson's engagement with Beyers, which you stated without foundation. Please inform us whether whole story was fabricated, or whether merely word "surprise" was wrongly used.

Kitchener answered as follows:— Word Beyers was wrongly used. It is thus manifest says Reuter's agency that the fighting reported actually took place and that the sole point in Reuter's despatch to which Lord Kitchener took exception was the statement that Beyers was in command of the Boer force, which was attacked by Colonel Wilson.

BREEDING WHEAT.

The experimental work of the Minnesota agricultural station during the last ten years has resulted in the establishment of a new wheat averaging almost 4 1/2 bushels per acre more than the Fife. Even at an increase of only two bushels per acre, this will mean an annual increase of crop value amounting to \$22,000,000 for Minnesota and the two Dakotas.

This wheat-breeding is a scientific following out of the system so successfully pursued in breeding animals. Various animals for service or sport have been bred by selection. From the wolf or original wolf-like dog we have all kinds of hunting, bird and toy dogs, and the bull-dog looks more unlike the greyhound than the latter is unlike the wolf. So with the choice breeds of thoroughbred cattle, specialized for dairyman or butcher, and derived from the wild, long-horned, hump-backed cow; so with Berkshires and Tamworths, bred originally from the lean razorback; so with trotting, racing and other pedigree horses and the Clydes, traced back to the wild horse of Asiatic plains. This breeding by selection, so as to produce a certain special type adapted for special work, is a labor of generations and ages. Even the comparatively modern American trotter means a development of half a century.

This wheat and other grain-breeding is not new, but the carrying out of the experiments is far too costly for the resources of any private individual, if worked on the lines of the Minnesota Agricultural Department.

An English nurseryman took a few bushels of common Canadian "Surprise" oats, and after some years developed a vastly superior grain; far plumper, weighing more to the bushel and bright in color as ivory.

Our middle aged readers will remember the case for "Norway" oats, which sold at first at a dollar a kernel.

Many years have passed since Henri Vilmorin began wheat breeding in France, and tested over a thousand new wheats. The work of the state institution began a decade ago in Minnesota. Few of us have the slightest idea of the labor involved. The pollen from one wheat has to be artificially transferred to the stigma of another. This is done about 4 a. m., when the florets open. Then the wheat head is tightly enclosed in a sack, so that no bird, insect or wind-

borne pollen, may mar the work. Needless to add, that pollen and stigma—the father and mother of the new variety—are themselves carefully selected from the best samples.

The result may be a complete failure, combining the bad qualities of both parents or successfully uniting their points of merit. From the single head, one handful of kernels is threshed out. From this seed wheat is raised year after year till enough can be saved to sow a twentieth of an acre. The most intelligent of the Minnesota farmers were given sample seed of the new wheat to sow, and also complete record forms to be filled up so that it might be learned whether the new wheat had any unfair advantage over the old by reason of better soil or more careful cultivation.

In a few cases owing to some speciality of the soil the new wheat was inferior in yield to the old, but after elaborate competition it is safe to call its yield at least two bushels an acre more than that of the old varieties.

If the authorities of the Guelph Agricultural College were to carry on similar experiments, not all at Guelph but in Kent for instance, which would secure also for Essex, Lambton and Elgin, an immense benefit might be given to our farmers who have such severe competition to withstand from the vast wheat fields of Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest.

MOTHER'S HOLIDAY.

Have any of my readers ever thought of those mortals to whom that season, essential to the annals of Canadian life, called "the summer holidays," comes with anything but a suggestion of pleasure and restfulness? asks a writer in the *Sarnia Canadian*. Perhaps nowhere in the world is this "holidaying" more characteristic of a people as a whole; but those of whom I speak are the mothers—those women who have brought their children through all the dreary ailments of childhood, and see them reach the period when impulses and pure animal spirits make them reckless of dangers clearly seen by the unhappy parent. I have always thought that the holiday of the ordinary Canadian family was enjoyed largely at the expense of the strength and nervous poise of the mother of the household, and again I have watched the curious tragedy of a parent's eyes being opened to the characteristics of children who, during winter, have spent most of their time in the school room or in the enjoyment of sports which took them out of the light and hearing of their elders. An English woman with a certain amount of laudable self-concentration insists on keeping her identity and purging her sports and amusements until well on in middle life, so that her offspring have to take their enjoyment in life only as a matter of secondary importance when compared to her; but in this country a middle-aged woman

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man is very prone to put herself and her identity in the background, and slave and toil for the young people, who take all her efforts to make life pleasant for them as a matter of course. The result is that she is unable to share with pleasure in the sports and pastimes which should bring them in touch, and "mamma" is left at home when a dancing party starts on a day's outing, and she doubtless bids them good-bye in fear and trembling, "engendered by nervousness, with the reiterated injunction, "Oh, do be careful," and this nervous dread remains in her mind all through those long hours of absence when she has to conciliate some refractory domestic and try to arrange some difficult problem in household management. The morning papers always seem to bring before her eyes some accident which has befallen rash and daring youth, and constantly the nerves and brain are on the rack. (As often as not the husband shares the terrors of the wife, and as the hour which should bring the party of young people home approaches he will begin pacing from verandah to shore, and instead of allaying his wife's fears add to them by his restless manner.

Which do you like best, the extreme cold of winter or the extreme heat of summer.

What punishment should be reserved for the correspondent who tries to conjure up a war between Russia and Japan in this weather?

The cable despatches give a lengthy account of the successful experiments of a Brazilian aeronaut in navigating the air. Our esteemed but boiler-plate contemporary gives us an exhibition every little while of getting up in the air.

DANGEROUS. Hamilton Spectator.

An Oxford man, while haying the other day, was shot through the shoulder. Why will people continue the dangerous practice of haying?

WELL ANSWERED. Ottawa Journal.

"Seriously, why is a man in a shirt waist less proper than a woman in a shirt waist?"—Brookville Recorder.

"Simply because a man is less proper than a woman any place."

A GRAND SUBSTITUTE. Toronto News.

If the Ontario government is restrained from using certain copyrighted extracts in the *Second Reader* it can make good the loss with suitable compositions taken from the editorial columns of the *Hamilton Times*.

DREADFUL LANGUAGE. Toronto Globe.

The *London Globe* refers to this journal as its "epitaphous contemporary." This is more than any of our local contemporaries have ever done. Would our London namesake feel flattered if we reciprocated by calling it "our homocynonymous contemporary?"

POINTER FOR THE PARSONS. Kingston Whig.

Now, gentlemen of the clerical profession, it is for you to say how many you will have at church in this hot weather. The folks will go if the service is short, otherwise they will go to the parks and comfort themselves with the thought that there are "sermons in stones and good in everything."

THE IMPERIAL IDEAL. Boston Herald.

In the colonies of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and—when peace has been secured—South Africa, the English possess areas which under proper encouragement can be made to produce many of the agricultural commodities that they now buy of us. Those who are promoting the British imperial federation plan look to see the time, and that at no distant day, when there will be free trade between England and her colonies, with an imperial tariff resting upon the products of all other countries.

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DISTRICT DOINGS

GLENWOOD.

A large crowd from here attended the Orange celebration in Leamington on Friday. Many took advantage of the two days' ticket and remained with friends until Saturday.

Miss Ollie Shaw, of Wheatley, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Lott. Wm. F. Smith is quite ill at present and is under the care of Dr. Oliver.

Miss Alice Estabrook visited friends in Leamington last week. Mrs. P. Mott, of Lincoln, Neb., was the guest of Mrs. W. C. Estabrook for a few days.

FLETCHER.

Mrs. J. B. Anguish and children spent a few days last week visiting relatives in Bismark.

Mrs. Henry Lloyd and daughter Gladys spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends here.

Peter G. Murphy spent Monday in Tilbury.

J. S. Hickey, of Merlin, was in town Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Peenan left on Monday for Anaconda, Montana, where they will in future reside.

Miss Etta Barry left on Monday for a month's outing at Erie Beach.

The erection of the grain elevator has started. Misses Vine and Kate Morrison drove to Dresden Saturday.

Mr. Sidney Walker, of Chatham, was here last week on business.

Thomas Allison, of Wallaceburg, spent Sunday at K. Reid's.

W. W. Logan is busy taking stock. Miss Stover, who has been visiting here, returned to her home in Michigan.

Lewis Bros. have finished here and have returned to St. Thomas.

Dr. Shaw left last week with Mr. Lynch for Baltimore to the Hospital staff.

Finley Reid and family and John Moore and family spent Sunday with K. Reid.

John Plumas, of Sarnia, was here on Saturday in charge of an oil tank which was leaking.

Wm. Ruttell and family spent Sunday at Wm. Wilson's, Base Line.

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