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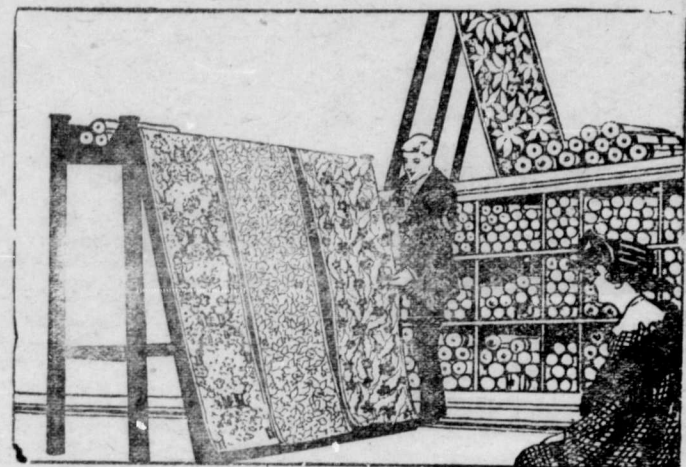
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NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Happenings of Interest in the Western Peninsula

The Gloucester bowlers have organized for the season.

Sir Adam Beck, who is ill with bronchial trouble and heart affection at his home in London, is recovering.

A Parkhill woman was fined \$10 for failure to affix a stamp to a receipt for more than \$10. This is the first fine imposed for this neglect in the London district.

Pleading guilty to the charge that he had been selling the meat of calves under two weeks old for human consumption B. Nauschvill, of Rogersville, was fined \$300 and costs.

John Francis, a veteran letter carrier, of London, who during the past 30 years has walked a distance of three times around the world to deliver 5,000,000 letters to folks all over London, has been honored by the King with a long-service medal.

Hughson Johnstone, a prominent temperance worker, and formerly real estate and bond salesman at Windsor, has been committed for trial on charges of alleged conversion of \$5,000 to his own use. He was arrested at London several weeks ago.

Mrs. Duncan A. McCallum, a life-long resident of Moss, died at the age of 73 years, being the tenth old pioneer of that district who had passed away within the last three years. In October last she and her husband celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding. She leaves her husband, two sons and one daughter.

Daniel McEwen, noted driver of harness horses, died at his residence in London, the result of injuries received a month ago when he was thrown from a cutter. He was born in East Williams township 70 years ago. Mr. McEwen was for many years one of the leading drivers in the various circuits. He trained and drove The Eel, one of the fastest pacers ever developed.

The barn of Thomas Pierce, Caradoc, was destroyed by fire the other evening, with a loss of \$8,000. Mr. Pierce went up into the hay-mow to throw down some hay, setting his lantern on a beam. A strange cat sitting on the beam, becoming frightened, tried to jump over it and in doing so knocked it down in the small space between the hay and straw mows, where it exploded.

According to F. A. Gaby, chief engineer for the Hydro Commission, which operates the Windsor and Amherstburg street car lines, the business of carrying beer manufactured at Windsor to the loading docks along the river front in Sandwich has become so lucrative that a large freight car has been purchased to care for the shipments. Sufficient revenue is derived from the operation of this "beer car," which is in service 16 hours a day, to pay for the cost of depreciation on the entire street car system of Windsor, the engineer stated.

A level crossing accident which may have fatal results occurred at the Plympton town line crossing Saturday afternoon, when an auto, containing George Borrowman and Mrs. Reuben Muir, of Wyoming, and Mrs. Wellington Dennis, of London, was thrown 15 feet into the air by the force of the impact. Borrowman was driving the car, and the two ladies were in the back seat. The party was on its way to attend a funeral. The side curtains were on the auto, and it is believed that the driver did not see the approaching train.

TIMELY NEWS

Don't miss the Band Concert and Entertainment in Memorial Hall, Friday evening, March 30.

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WEST ELGIN UNITED FARMERS

Annual Meeting Addressed By U.F.O. Member of the Legislature

The annual meeting of the West Elgin United Farmers' Political Association was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday afternoon with a small attendance, due to the fact that many farmers had been attracted to Lawrence to inspect the Better Live Stock Train, and also that at this season farmers are beginning to assume their usual activity. A feature of the meeting was the address of Thos. Slack, M.P. for Dufferin, who was paying his first visit to Southern Ontario and who spoke on the good roads and educational policy of the Government. He was followed by P. G. Cameron, who dealt with the natural gas question and Adolescence Schools Attendance Act.

The meeting was presided over by the president, D. H. McCallum, while Grant Cameron acted as secretary. The election of officers resulted as follows: D. H. McCallum, president; Frank Henderson, vice-president; John A. Matheson, secretary; Douglas Campbell, treasurer; Geo. Cumming and Robert Campbell, chairmen for Dunwich; Earl Jones and Fred Miller, for Southwold; James Kelly and Henry Urquhart, for Aldborough.

Mr. Slack expressed his pleasure in visiting West Elgin for the first time. He had come from a district that was 1,700 feet above the sea level, where it was so healthy that it was necessary to kill the first man in order to start a cemetery. He proceeded to discuss the great issues before the people, such as good roads and education. It was a significant scheme for the Government to undertake the construction of 1400 miles of provincial highway. "We were told," he declared, "that this would be impossible, but we are now carrying it out and will complete the work this year. It is the duty of the Government to spend liberally but not extravagantly during a time of depression and thus provide work for those who would otherwise be out of employment."

Proceeding he stated that not one cent for this large undertaking was received from direct taxation, for while it was true that the counties contributed 20 per cent. of the cost it was returned in grants to be utilized for road construction. The present is the opportune time to widen the provincial road, when conditions were favorable and land is cheap. The widening of one mile of Yonge street in Toronto entailed an expenditure equivalent to what is required to widen the whole system in Ontario. To provide for the large expenditure necessary to complete the road the government proposed to issue bonds for twenty million dollars, to be repaid by motor licenses. The receipts from motor vehicles this year would be four million, and so on annually, which would redeem the bonds at their maturity.

Turning to the matter of education, Mr. Slack contended that the schools, especially the rural, were not practical enough. Many of the boys and girls were compelled to go to the cities to complete their education and a large percentage of them never come back to the farms, being lured by the large centres. The only way to counteract this was to teach agriculture in the schools and at the same time establish continuation, rather than consolidated, schools. The cost of education had enormously increased twenty-five million annually, or an average of \$44 per pupil. However, large as this amount is, it does not equal what is spent on tobacco and cigars.

Mr. Slack referred to the great possibilities of Ontario, its agricultural wealth and mineral resources, stating that ere long the output from the mineral deposits of northern Ontario would exceed in value the agricultural productions. The north opened a large field for the boys from an engineering point of view.

The Mother's Allowance Act was splendid legislation, which no one dare criticize. It was doing great good by keeping children who had lost their fathers under maternal control until they became useful citizens. It was costing a great deal, but it was money well spent.

The Rural Credits Act, declared Mr. Slack, was good legislation and he advised that an association be formed in the community. It was formed for the rural community alone, and its object was to assist a brother farmer who needed a loan to enable him to carry on. He would not fear that his mortgage would be foreclosed as long as the government existed.

He spoke of the opportunity of now securing some of the British immigrants now on their way to Canada, but better than these are the Canadian boys who are now going over the border. "It is our duty," he declared, "to strain every effort to keep them here and make conditions such that they will have no desire to leave the land of their birth."

Mr. Cameron said the natural gas question was a matter of considerable interest and agitation, on account of acts passed in 1919, 1921 and 1922, which gave the referees great latitude in dealing with the question. He denied that the government had broken the contracts existing between the municipalities and the various companies and read the clauses where the whole matter had been left with the referees and commissioners to decide between the companies and the municipalities. It was, however, proposed to repeal the Natural Gas Conservation Acts of 1921-22. Mr. Swayze had introduced the following bill which he had seconded:

"The Natural Gas Conservation Act, 1921, and The Natural Gas Conservation Act, 1922, and all orders, decisions or decrees made by the referee or the Board of Reference, under or by virtue of the said acts, are hereby repealed."

"This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it receives the royal assent."

Mr. Cameron stated in regard to the introduction by W. H. Casselman, M.P. for Dundas, to suspend the Adolescence School Attendance Act, that he had received many letters from West Elgin asking him to support the bill, but he did not see the wisdom of doing so. The act at present is not compulsory in the rural districts, for where children are required to assist on the farms they may be exempt from its operation by the parent officers furnishing certificates to the teachers to that effect. But such (Concluded on next column)

EASTER

To Thee, the Father, Sovereign Lord,
Hallelujah!

To Thee, the Son, by all adored,
Hallelujah!

To Thee, the Spirit ever blest,
Hallelujah!

To Thee in whom Thy people rest,
Hallelujah!

To Thee, say those of every place,
Hallelujah!

To Thee, sing those who know Thy grace,
Hallelujah!

To Thee, exclaim the heavenly host,
Hallelujah!

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
Hallelujah!

To Thee, whose blood for us was shed,
Hallelujah!

To Thee, triumphant from the dead,
Hallelujah!

To Thee, by all creation owned,
Hallelujah!

To Thee, in highest heaven enthroned,
Hallelujah!

To Thee, this glorious Easter Day,
Hallelujah!

To Thee, may all creation say,
Hallelujah!

To Thee, co-equal One in Three,
Hallelujah!

To Father, Son and Spirit be,
Hallelujah!

Ridgetown. —T. Watson.

BILL THROWN OUT

Public Automobile Garages Not To Be Regulated

The bill introduced by Mr. Homuth, labor member in the Legislature, to regulate public automobile garages and service stations and to provide for the examination of automobile mechanics, was thrown out at its second reading, only three members voting for it.

R. L. Brackin, West Kent, said amid laughter, that the bill might well be described as one making highway robbery more attractive. It set forth also that only certain people should be allowed to work in garages.

Mr. Homuth—"That is the same in the legal profession."

Mr. Brackin replied that only those who practice the legal profession were permitted to do so by the Private Bills Committee, the House joining in general laughter. The very source from which the bill came gave rise for suspicion. He also objected to it because it was one more attempt by legislation to interfere with a legitimate business. It further prescribed rules and regulations under which a business should be carried on and provided another corps of sinners to pursue people in one way or another.

BETTER LIVE STOCK TRAIN

Many from this community inspected the Better Live Stock Train at Lawrence on Monday and the opinion was universal that for educational purposes the scheme was the best yet launched by Dominion and Ontario Departments of Agriculture. The train comprised sixteen cars containing the best types of cattle, sheep, swine and poultry that could be selected by the best experts in the province. While it contained the best it also contained inferior classes, thus impressing the difference between the two. Demonstrations and lectures were given in connection with the different lines of work in live stock and poultry raising and marketing. The exhibits were greatly appreciated, containing as they did, much valuable knowledge that should prove of incalculable value. It is worthy of note that Dunwich stock man, McNeil & McNeil and W. A. Galtbraith, have contributed to the exhibit, two Hereford bulls being selected from the herd of the former and a Shorthorn heifer from the herd of the latter.

LIBRARY NOTES

Commencing April 4 the library will be open Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9, as well as in the afternoon.

The patrons of the public library will be glad to know that a box of books from "The Travelling Libraries" Department has just arrived, as well as the books listed below. Now is the time to join the library. Take advantage of our easy reading room with its supply of up to date magazines.

New books received:

—Non-Fiction—

Spiritual Voices in Modern Literature... Davies
Some Impressions of My Elders... Ervine
Prince of Wales Eastern Book... Ervine

—Fiction—

The Cathedral... Walpole
Ovington's Bank... Weyman
December Love... Hitchens
The Seven Countesses... Oppenheim
Prestor John... Buchan
Prodigal Daughters... Hocking
The Girl Who Defied the World... Hocking
The Nigger of the Narcissus... Conrad
Bells of St. Stephen's... Keith
Miss Lulu Bett... Gale
Tamarisk Tree... Smith
When Knighthood Was in Flower... Major
Jimmy Dale and the Phantom Clue... Packard

Tish... Richman
Sam Slick... Halliburton

—Juvenile—

Babs At Home... Colver
Judy At York Hill... Home
Just Patsy... Webster
Michael O'Halloran... Porter
Nan Sherwood... Carr
Ruth Fielding... Emerson
Bobsey Twins... Hope
Around the Camp Fire... Roberts
Fortune of the Indies... Kuiper
Illustrated Stories from the Bible
Mrs. Peter Rabbit... Burgess
Penciled... Tarkington
The Shining Ship... McKay

officers, he declared, frequently made it a hardship on the parents by declining to grant such certificates. The act, however, was necessary in the cities, where children between the ages of 14 and 18 roam the streets or attend picture shows, when they should be at school.