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NOTE AND COMMENT

Dignity is a thing some men stand on when they are short.—Kitchener Record.

Civilization is spreading. In Japan a baseball umpire got licked.—Nashville Tennessean.

An optimist is one who believes everything he reads on the jacket of a new book.—Milwaukee Journal.

One way to beat the income tax is to buy some wildcat stock. This will avoid the trouble of making a return about dividends.

The Ontario Legislature abandoned the Redistribution Bill on Thursday, consequently there will be no redistribution of Ontario ridings this year.

London Advertiser: The matter of paying a decent wage to the rural mail carriers has at last been brought to the attention of the Canadian Parliament through a debate on the matter. No redress was promised, but the case of these men is so apparent that something will surely be done.

Windsor Border Cities Star: Courtesy is more than merely being polite. Politeness helps, always. Even as atoms make up molecules, and molecules masses, so do little things make life. Your life will be more pleasant if it includes the pleasant little thrills that acts of courtesy always evoke. Be courteous always. It pays.

Bothwell Times: "There is something a little clever about a man who robs a bank of thousands of dollars when clever men are at the helm but the individual who will go at night and steal chickens is a mighty low cur; four legs and the instinct to chew garbage would improve him

considerably." The editor's pen of white leghorn's was stolen a few nights ago. No wonder he feels sore.

Notwithstanding the adverse pronouncement of the United Farmers of Ontario at their last annual convention, with respect to broadening out, Premier Drury adheres to his own view. He will not only seek support in the coming campaign from every friendly source, but if, after election, he is head of a minority group in the House he will be prepared to accept co-operation of members-elect outside his party, should he be called upon to form a Government.

The principal cause of low birth rate in France, according to sociologists who have been studying the matter, is an article of the Napoleonic Code of laws that prohibits one of several children from becoming the sole heir to an estate. Real estate must either be divided among the heirs or sold in order that each heir may have a part of the money received for it. The French peasant loves his land so passionately that rather than have his land divided or sold after his death he contents himself with one or two children.—Orilla Packet.

LIFE IN THE SMALL TOWN HAS NUMEROUS ADVANTAGES

The big city appeals to many as containing everything that tends to make existence pleasant. It might be pertinent to quote Milton's words to those who are discontented because they do not live in the city:

"The mind is its own place, and it itself
Can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven."

The small town has numerous advantages which the large communities lack. There is more sociability in the village. Life is less complex; there are fewer problems to be solved. Living expenses are lower. It is to be feared, however, that the discontented are not philosophical enough to appreciate Milton's wisdom and that their eyes have been so dazzled by the glamor of the great urban centres that they are blind to the beauties and attractions of a rural community.

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THE STATE OF SCHOOL BOOKS AND HOW IT WORKS OUT

(Stouffville Tribune)

A man pointed out to us the other day that he paid more for a scribbling book at a local drug store than it cost to get a text book for his child, the text book being all printed and on as good paper or better than the scribbling book. The inference was that the local vendor made an enormous profit. We soon put the individual right. When you hear some one talking about low prices of text books today don't fail to remind the simple ones who have something to learn, that if they looked into the public accounts they would find the Province is putting up a whole lot of the cost of those books and the price printed on the cover does not represent the cost. J. E. Wetherell, a former high school inspector, gets \$4,000 a year as general editor of text books, and his assistant gets \$1,700. The T. Eaton Co. sells the Public School Readers at the following low prices: Primer 4 cents, First Reader 9 cents; Third Reader 14 cents, Fourth Reader 16 cents. The average person thinks the T. Eaton Co. charges up the loss on publishing these books to advertising. Not by a long chalk. The Ontario Government paid the Eaton Co. last year the net sum of \$198,712.20 to make up for the fair profit on these books, and the Byerson Press, which publishes the Public School History of Canada at 25 cents and the History of England at the same price, was allowed \$45,554.48 as supplemental to the wholesale price. Copp Clark Co was paid \$23,755.50, and the whole amount paid to book publishers was \$269,145.77. We are not sure, but are of the opinion that this work is secured by tender. In any case, don't imagine a primer book in the Public School is produced for 4 cents or that the firms publishing them are out to drop money.

THE NEW MOTOR LAW IN ONTARIO

Following are the principal features of the Consolidated Motor Vehicles Act, which, under the official guise of "Bill No. 72, an act to regulate travel on highways, and the speed, operation and load of vehicles thereon," is now before the Ontario Legislature, and which is expected to go into effect practically as it stands except for some minor amendments.

The redrafted regulations in respect of lamps provides for two white lights forward and one rear light, astern, and no motor vehicle is permitted to carry on the front more than three lighted lamps of over four candle power. And additional lights displayed on commercial vehicles to distinguish the width, or class of such vehicle shall be of green color.

The clause governing the use of parking lights is as follows: "A motor vehicle may show one light carried on the left side . . . in such manner as to be clearly visible to the front and rear for a distance of at least 200 feet, and to show white to the front and red to the rear, provided that such light shall not be displayed while the vehicle is in motion."

The new penalties provided for car owners or drivers who operate machines on which the brakes are not in good order are from \$10 to \$50 for the first offense, and from \$20 to \$100 for the second offense, and from \$50 to \$200 for the third offense. The license of a second offender may be suspended for thirty days. One who offends three or more times may have his license suspended for six months, and may also be condemned to jail for thirty days. For failure to have and use a warning signal penalties of \$5 to \$10, and \$10 to \$25 are provided, for first, second and third offences, respectively, and in addition the license of an offender for the third time may be suspended for thirty days.

The amended section governing speed in cities, towns and villages provides a limit of 20 miles per hour ten miles per hour when approaching an intersecting road, in a municipality, and 12 1/2 miles when approaching an intersecting road, a curve or "blind" section.

The following penalties are provided for infringements of the speed laws: \$5 to \$50 fine for the first offense, and \$10 to \$75 for a second offense, and \$25 to \$100 with imprisonment up to 30 days for a third offense. In addition the license of an offender for the second time may be suspended for thirty days; and that of a party guilty of a third offense may be suspended for six months. On highways without municipal lights a speed of 25 miles is prescribed. Where the rate of speed does not exceed 35 miles the following penalties are provided, \$5 to \$10 for first offense, 10 to \$25 for second, \$25 to \$50 for subsequent offenses. On a third offense a license may be suspended for 60 days. Where the rate of speed complained of is between 35 and 40 miles per hour the

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The European Corn Borer Must Be Driven Out

The present methods of handling the corn crop offer every opportunity for the widespread increase of the European Corn Borer. This insect has caused heavy losses to corn in Elgin County. Its numbers are as yet few in Kent, Essex and Lambton Counties. Why risk your crops?

Burn the Crop Refuse and Plough Down Before June 1st

The Corn Borer passes the winter as a caterpillar in old corn stalks and stubble. The most successful method of extermination is to burn the crop refuse and plough down every square foot of corn stubble before the first of June.

Do this yourself and get all your neighbors to do the same. Community effort to exterminate this corn menace will save you heavy losses.

Write for pamphlet on "European Corn Borer"

DOMINION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Arthur Gibson,
Entomological Branch,
Division of Field Crop and Garden Insects—Ottawa, Ont.
Field Laboratory—Strathroy, Ontario

Write for Pamphlet

IS THERE A BABY IN YOUR HOME?

Is there a baby or young child in your home? If there is you should not be without a box of Baby's Own Tablets. Childhood ailments come quickly and means should always be at hand to promptly fight them. Baby's Own Tablets are the ideal home remedy. They regulate the bowels; sweeten the stomach; banish constipation and indigestion; break up colds and simple fevers—in fact they relieve all the minor ills of little ones. Concerning them Mrs. Moise Cadotte, Makamik, Que., writes: "Baby's Own Tablets are the best remedy in the world for little ones. My baby suffered terribly from indigestion and vomiting, but the Tablets soon set her right and now she is in perfect health." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25c a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

FALL FAIR DATES

Wilkesport, September 18.
Strathroy, September 17, 18, 19.
Indian Reserve, Sept. 19, 20.
Watford, September 20, 21.
Petrolia, Sept. 24, 25.
Sarnia, Sept. 26, 27, 28.
Briden, October 1, 2.
Forest, October 2, 3.
Wyoming, October 4, 5.
Florence, October 4, 5.
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Alvinston, October 9, 10, 11.

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