

A WORD TO THE BOYS.

Do the boys of the present generation appreciate the advantages they enjoy as a result of being born towards the close, instead of in the middle of the last century?

What are the advantages? They have to do with both material things and opportunities for intellectual improvement. Sixty years ago, in the greater part of Ontario, it was a hard struggle to secure even a bare existence. Of fruit, there was practically none save wild berries; fresh meat with "beef rings" still a thought of was a luxury to be enjoyed only at rare intervals; buggies were almost unknown, and there were no roads on which they could have been driven is available; and on the farm all the work was done with hand tools.

The educational position of the Province was in keeping with its material condition. The cost of postage, at a time when a five cent piece looked larger than a dollar does now, meant few letters, with long intervals between each; few families took more than one paper, and many were without paper of any kind; in rural Ontario third-class teachers were the rule, and even at that schooling for the older children was usually limited to the winter months. There is simply no comparison between the mental equipment which any average boy of to-day may acquire and that open to the most fortunately placed lad in the fifties.

The field has broadened in keeping with the educational opportunities offered. Even in the late sixties the horizon of the Ontario boy was marked by the Ottawa River on the one side and the great lakes on the other, while the avenues of employment were equally restricted. Lake Temiskaming was further away than the Yukon is now, and the mineral wealth of the wheat lands of the prairies were not even suspected. To the Ontario lad of 1906 there is offered a choice of a home in Old or New Ontario, the plains of the West, or among the mountains of British Columbia. The home acres, the mines of New Ontario or the far West, the fertile plains, the diversified industries, and the professions offer an almost unlimited choice in the selection of life work, and in any of these openings the rewards in all that go to make life pleasant are infinitely beyond the best that was offered half a century since.

Boys, that which you are so freely offered has been bought with a price—it has been bought with the blood and flesh of the broken-down pioneers, who are now taking their long rest in the graveyards on a thousand hillsides. Show yourselves worthy of the sacrifices which have been made for you.—Weekly Sun.

NEW ONTARIO'S RESOURCES.

No man should know more about the extent and resources of what is popularly styled New Ontario than Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick, who is reported as saying:

The exploration of New Ontario in 1900, on which \$40,500 had been expended, had demonstrated that there was a clay belt of sixteen million acres of good farming land. There was in the district including Hudson Bay twenty-five million acres capable of supporting one million people. It has been proved that the climatic conditions were suitable for the growing of cereals and vegetables. In respect to timber there was invested in the Crown in white and red pine six billion feet board measure, of a value \$45,000,000, while the spruce and pulpwood lands were estimated at \$45,000,000. The forest reserves in Ontario now totalled 18,325 square miles.

Mr. Kirkpatrick dealt at length with the vast mineral resources of Ontario, more particularly the Sudbury nickel deposits, and the Cobalt mines at Cobalt. He pointed out that already over \$20,000,000 worth of ore had been shipped, \$10,000,000 worth on the dump ready to be shipped. The speaker declared that when the excitement attending the production of \$3,500,000 from Silver Islet in Lake Superior several years ago, was remembered, the richness of Cobalt could be realized.

Of the agricultural possibilities of Ontario Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that in 1904 the number of farms amounted to 175,000, from which a net revenue of \$183,000,000 was derived.

Of the 136,000,000 acres included in the province only 40,741,189 acres have been surveyed, of the latter only 23,736,205 acres have been alienated from the Crown.

NOTES.

Despite the efforts made in Canada to lessen the sale of cigarettes, their consumption is increasing at an alarming rate. According to the customs and inland revenue returns, just issued at Ottawa, 14,997,890 cigarettes were smoked in Canada last year, an increase of 20 per cent. over the previous twelve months, and an increase of 50 per cent. over 1903.

A SUCCESSFUL HORSEMAN

Never allows his horse to suffer pain. He always uses Nervine which is noted for curing stiffness, rheumatism, swellings and strains. Nervine is just as good inside as outside. For cramps, colic, and internal pain it's a perfect marvel. In the good racing stables Nervine is always used—because it makes better horses and smaller veterinary bills. Twenty-five cents buys a large bottle of Nervine; try it.

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Reserve Fund - 3,000,000
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A. C. CRAIG, MANAGER

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And doing nothing to keep it? Most women like thick, heavy hair; long, luxuriant hair. Don't you? Then use Hall's Vegetable Sulfur Hair Renewer. You save what hair you have and get more at the same time. For the weak and anemic, it makes the hair grow again. It cures a rich brown or a soft black. R. F. HALL & CO., New York N. Y.

PROBABLE LEGISLATION.

Somebody has drafted a program of legislation for the next session of the Ontario Legislature and the press is passing it around. The program is quite an ambitious one, but on some points a little indefinite. The Government, in addition, will have something to propose regarding the question of school books, of which so much was made in the Opposition days, and the measure of law reform should be a comprehensive one, doing away with the abuses and decreasing the cost of litigation. Below is the program referred to above, and which is going the rounds:—

Amendment of the Educational Act.

The creation of an electric railway commission, or extension of the powers of the Railway Committee.

Defining the permanent system regarding allowance or gratuities to civil servants.

Changes in the Agricultural and Arts' Act, respecting the control and conduct of agricultural exhibitions.

Acts granting aid for the development of the tobacco industry and farm re-forestry.

A measure of law reform, and important changes will be made in regard to procedure, particularly in regard to applications for private legislation.

THE YORK LOAN LESSON.

Montreal Witness:—It is to be hoped that Mr. Cross will impress upon the Attorney-General of Ontario the necessity of refusing such charters in the future. The law also should be amended so that anyone soliciting the savings of the people should be bound to make a substantial deposit with the Dominion Government as the banks and insurance companies have to do, and the books of such a concern should be examined periodically by an officer of the Government, who should have something authoritative to say concerning the concern's securities and investments.

Largie Y. P. H. M.

The annual meeting of the Y. P. H. M. Society, of Duff church, was held on Wednesday evening. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Rev. D. I. Ellison; president, Frank J. Taylor; vice, Bessie McKellar; secretary, Arch. Love; treasurer, John McKellar; organist, Birdie Buchanan; committee, Birdie Buchanan, Wm. Beatty and Neil Crawford. The amount raised by the society during the year was \$65.

CRINAN

The annual congregational meeting of Argyle church was held on Thursday, Jan. 4. The chair was occupied by Elder Duncan J. Campbell. The reports from the various branches were read and were very satisfactory. The total receipts from all sources during the year amounted to \$1,220.24, of which \$268 was devoted to missions. All obligations were met and a cash balance of \$41.72 remains. Besides other wise improving their church property, the congregation have added fifty feet more to their sheds. Mr. Dugald Andrews was added and Messrs. N. Currie, W. H. McLean and J. D. McIntyre re-elected to the Board of Managers.

Mrs. Stewart is visiting friends in Mos.

Mrs. D. H. McRae, of Strathbrun, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Campbell, 1st concession.

Godfrey McMurchy is home from the west and is buying up a load of horses to take back in the spring.

Duncan P. Campbell attended a meeting of the Presbytery in St. Thomas on Tuesday.

Miss Jean Costegauve is holidaying at Hugh Johnston's.

Will Chivers returned last week from a visit with friends in Vienna and Belmont.

John McKay, who resides with his daughter, Mrs. P. Stalker, is very low, no hopes being entertained for his recovery.

For Over Sixty Years.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used by millions of mothers for their children's teething. If disturbed at night or broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of teething, send at once and get a bottle of "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for Children Teething." It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures Diarrhoea, regulates the Stomach, cures Colic, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Price, twenty-five cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists throughout the world. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup."

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Annual Meeting of the West Elgin Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the West Elgin Agricultural Society was held at Wal-laceton yesterday, when the following officers were elected:

President—D. Brown.
First Vice-President—J. R. Gow.
Second Vice-President—Arch. McKillop.
Directors—Southwell—L. J. Elsie, M. McNabb, E. Silcox, Dunwich—Ed. McKellar, J. Dromgole, P. J. McCullum, Aldborough—A. D. McGowan, A. Gillies, A. McColl.
Auditors—A. S. Backus, D. C. McKellar.
J. R. Gow was appointed delegate to the Fair Association.
The meeting decided in favor of expert judges.
The fair will be held Sept. 27-28.

NEW BOOKS AT LIBRARY.

Manco Kingston
Julia Tynan
Ways of Nature Burroughs
Back Home Wood
The Fish and the Land London
Alfred Lord Tennyson Tennyson
Lonely O'Malley Stringer
Rienzi Bulwer
Beaumont Newhall Sichel
Alexander the Great Wheeler
Frederick the Great Reddaway
Campaign of Waterloo Le Conte
Compend of Geology Thompson
Outlines of Zoology Gray
Elementary Botany Atkinson
Yolanda Major
Family on Wheels Oxley
Handbook of Rocks Kemp

A SATISFACTORY PLAN.

Method of Construction of the Detroit River Tunnel.

Detroit, Jan. 15.—A commission of five United States engineers has been appointed by the Government to decide upon the method of construction of the railroad tunnel under the Detroit River. The commission will meet here on the 22nd inst. Col. Lydecker, of Detroit, engineer of the Central Division, who heads the commission, is in favor of the open trench method by which a clam shell dredge will work from the surface, digging a deep trench, into which the caissons in six hundred feet sections will be lowered from the surface. This plan appears to be satisfactory to the railroad people. Attorney Fraser, of the Canadian Marine Department, is working in harmony with the interested parties.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Absolutely Harmless.

The fault of giving children medicine containing injurious substances, is sometimes more disastrous than the disease from which they are suffering. Every mother should know that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is perfectly safe for children to take. It contains nothing harmful for coughs, colds and croup is unsurpassed. For sale by R. A. Kirkland, druggist.

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Cresolene is a long established and standard remedy for the diseases indicated. It cures because the air rendered strongly antiseptic is carried over the diseased surfaces of the bronchial tubes with every breath, giving prolonged and constant treatment. Those of a consumptive tendency, or sufferers from chronic bronchitis, find immediate relief from coughs or inflamed conditions of the throat.

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150 ACRES, Lots 23 and 24, Concession 8, Township of Dunwich, Roll, clay loam; bank barn 20x30, 2 good dwelling houses, nine rooms each; 1 acre of orchard and small fruit. Three wells; barn; well and distillery at house. The land is fairly well underdrained and in excellent state of cultivation. About twenty acres of hardwood. Always plenty of water. Two miles from church and school. J. T. ROGERS, Box 41, Iona.

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Big chance to save money, as all Winter Goods must be cleared out by February 1



Dress Goods Bargains

54-inch All-Wool Tweed and Cheviot Suitings, were 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, for.....	75c
1.25 and 1.50 Black Cheviot Suitings.....	75c
75c and 1.00 Black Suitings.....	50c
50c Tweed Dress Goods.....	33c
25c All-Wool Plaid Dress Goods.....	19c
25c All-Wool Serges—all colors.....	19c
50c French Flannels—all new patterns—for waists and dressing jackets.....	39c
10c and 12½c Wrapperettes.....	8c
15c and 20c English Wrapperettes.....	10c
Flannelette, 7c and 8c quality.....	5c
Flannelette, 36 in.....	8c
Flannelette, 40 in., grey and white.....	10c
Apron Gingham, 36 in.....	6c
18c Heavy Cotton Shirtings.....	12½c
Cotton Blankets, large size, grey or white, per pair.....	75c
All-Wool Blankets, large size, per pair.....	2 50
Women's Shaker Flannel Night Gowns, pink, blue or fancy stripes, reg. 1.00.....	59c
Women's latest style Short Corsets, white or grey, with suspenders, reg. 1.00.....	59c
White Vesting, something new for waists, reg. price 40c.....	25c

Women's and Children's Coats

A few left over from last season, were 4.00 to 8.00. Sale price.....	\$ 1 00
25 00 Astrachan Jackets, 30 in. long.....	19 50
35 00 Astrachan Coats, 30 in. long, all sizes 34 to 44.....	25 00

Men's Overcoats, in stripes and checks, long Newmarket style, were 12.00 to 15.00.....	10 00
Men's Etoffe Pants, heavy all-wool cloth, in dark grey, also in stripes, were 2.00.....	1 50
Men's Imported Frieze Pants, in Oxford Grey and Navy Blue, all sizes.....	1 25
Men's Tweed Suits, double or single-breasted, reg. 8.50 to 12.00. Sale price.....	6 75

Men's Hudson Bay Duck-Lined Coats

Lined with the purest Shearling lining, the skins being tanned and prepared with the wool on, is the warmest lining possible, gives summer warmth to the wearer and makes a great driver or top coat for the farm, being exceptionally light in weight.....

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H.B.K. Brand Men's Large Shirts, full length, extra sewed, best in market.....	1 00
H.B.K. Lumbermen's Socks mean pure, genuine wool through and through. When we say that these are the best lumbermen's socks in Canada we are only repeating what thousands of wearers are saying.....	50c, 75c, 1.00

Big Chance to buy Ladies' New Felt Hats

100 Ladies' Sample Felt Hats, in all the new colors and shapes, regular price 1.00 to 2.00 each. To clear at.....	25c
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Furniture Bargains A Chance to Buy a Good Sideboard Cheap

3 only Surface Oak Sideboards, British bevel plate glass mirror, two large drawers.....	10 00
6 only Surface Oak Bedroom Suites, dresser, stand and bed. Sale price.....	12 50
3 only Couches, 4 rows springs, velour covered.....	5 00

Bargains in Shoe Department

6 Pairs Old Men's Felt Shoes, foxed with leather, big eyelets, sizes 2-8, 3-9, 1-10. regular price \$2.00, for.....	\$ 1 50
4 Pairs Sterling Bros. whole stock grain high cut Felt Shoes, peg sole, 4 buckles, sizes 1-7, 2-8, 1-9, reg. 2.75, for.....	2 25
16 Pairs Men's Rubbers, a little pointed, made to sell at 75c. Sizes 3-7, 5-10, 5-11, 3-12. Sale price.....	40
15 Pairs Girls' Whole Stock Kip high-laced Shoes, sizes 7-11, 8-12, 1.25 Shoes.....	75
All of our Children's Warm Slippers, which were sold at 30c, 35c, 40c.....	25

You will find bargains all over the store during this month

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