

HOME AND COUNTRY.

Patriotic Address by Rev. H. S. Osborne at Bridge Street Church.

In Bridge Street Methodist church yesterday the services were of a patriotic nature. In the morning the Rev. H. S. Osborne delivered an interesting and inspiring address on the origin of the flags and emblems of the various nations. The afternoon service was devoted to a successful rally of the school, while in the evening highly inspiring music was rendered by the choir under the leadership of Mr. D. A. Cameron and Mr. Osborne spoke on patriotism, paying glowing tribute to that sentiment which urged thousands of young Canadians to offer themselves in their country's cause.

Psalm 137, "By the rivers of Babylon" was the lesson. This is perhaps said the pastor the greatest record of a patriotic cry in the whole realm of literature.

The preacher based his sermon on the text "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, this is the expression of a heart longing for the land from which he had been estranged by a mightier power than his country could control. But although Babylon offered greater advantages than Jerusalem, yet the patriot's heart could not be satisfied at the pomp and splendor beside which Jerusalem was insignificant. In his breast there burned a fire for the land he called home and the place where stood the Temple on Zion's Hill, which had fostered his heart.

High patriotism was of the noblest because it was linked in the highest with loyalty to God. In those days patriotism and religion were one and the same, and the man disloyal to Israel was disloyal to God. Proud is the people that can climb to that belief that around it stands the will of Jehovah.

Home and its associations are among the greatest pleasures of life. Nothing can be a substitute for its communion. A lengthy absence only is needed to recall the fireside. Men may grow weary of its quietude, but after wanderings however extensive, back goes the heart to the place where another lived and he was born. So said the poet "I remember, I remember the place where I was born."

No normal man gets away from the binding strings that are born within him for home and anything that estranges him from the home and the home folk, causes pain. The loveliest pictures on the walls of the mind have been painted by home hands. The more we love and the more we are inspired the more impressive are the memories. The last thing that breaks and lets a man go, is the tie that binds him to home and mother. In a sense the home sentiment widens until it sweeps the whole extent of the land. Nations have their home altars, their peculiar glories, which become woven into the very warp and woof of life itself, so that wherever one goes, the heart hungers and yearns for the institutions of its native land in the midst of which he was born and trained and his life was given its start. So is the expression of one of the greatest patriots, R. L. Stevenson, in his song "Blow the wind to-day." No human voice will

soon utter words of home and all it stands for to surpass the words of that lyric. This is love of home, this is love of country.

And for this love of country in every land, men and women have been willing to do everything in their power that it might prevail.

The preacher read a letter of Lincoln's to a Northern mother who had five sons, everyone of whom had died gloriously on the field of battle in the Civil War. The president declared that he could not refrain from tendering her the thanks of the republic for they died to save in her sons the altar of freedom.

Here ought to be a solemn pride in having made so costly a gift.

"I do not wonder that a few mothers and wives have stood by the graves of their sons and husbands and the line of battle. Some wrought upon by the anguish of separation did object, but what hundreds like the mother of the Civil War threw defiance at their own hearts.

"And I must not be unwilling. When my country calls for you, in this noble country, surrounded by privileges and prosperity and peace, husbands and fathers and sons are going to do their duty by their country."

After Gettysburg a dead soldier was found leaning against a tree, his glassy eyes riveted on a photograph of his two children. Comrades dug his grave and inscribed on the tree above "Somebody's father, July 3rd 1863."

"Countless, countless, countless, the shadows that shall fall and the graves that must be dug in that far away continent of Europe, but so far as Britain and our Canadian boys are concerned, dug for the sake of freedom and the world.

"Again mothers upon mothers, and names upon names, may find a solemn pride that they laid one, two, or may be more upon the altars. Let us remember our duty that when the battle is over, whatever the cost, we may be worthy of the freedom which they have preserved.

"May God bless our own Canadian boys, and sons of this old city of Belleville and keep them and bring them back to the home fireside."

Mr. Dan A. Cameron sang "The Death of Nelson" in excellent form, Miss L. LaVole being the accompanist. Miss Anna Ponton sang "Hymn Before Action," opening with the line "The earth is full of anger."

The choir sang "Tily Word, O Lord, Endureth For Ever"; Mr. Staples rendered the vocal solo, "My Strength is in the Everlasting Arms"; the anthem "The Day is Past and Ended" was sung. During the offertory Miss LaVole played "O Canada." The hymns were appropriate "O God our Help in Ages Past," "Eternal Father, strong to save" (for the Canadian troops on the ocean) and the National Anthem.

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MISERY IN GERMANY.

Extracts from German newspapers just to hand tells stories of a distress which it is vain to try to conceal. August 16 the Vorwarts wrote that already half a million people were threatened with starvation. "In front of every newspaper advertising office row after row of men stand waiting, old and young, children and women, in the hope of finding work from the advertisements. Thousands of servant girls have lost their jobs and are homeless. Lodging-house keepers have empty rooms wherever one looks one sees want of employment and misery."

At a meeting of 600 women Socialists the Government was urged in a plea to come to the rescue of the unpayable distress prevailing among the working classes. "If something radical was not done, terrible conditions would prevail."

These reports show that within a month after the declaration of war, the industrial life of Germany has been paralyzed and that conditions of want and misery are general. The military powers never thought of Germany at home when they went to war. There can be no doubt that the non-combatants in Germany are suffering as much as the soldiers and more. The economic question will play its part soon, we may be sure, though not yet. When the depths of misery reach the point of desperation, we may yet see scenes in Germany which will astonish humanity, scenes in which the women will play a role unprecedented in history—when winter comes.

OBITUARY.

JETHRO TAYLOR.

On Sunday morning at an early hour Jethro Taylor, for many years a grain and hide buyer, passed away after several years' illness. He was born in Belleville sixty-five years ago and lived here most of his life. Mourning his loss are three sons, George, Charles of Belleville, Frank of Toronto, two daughters, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. C. W. Agnew of Winnipeg, four sisters and four brothers. He was a widower. In religion he was a Methodist.

A Gentle German Governess.

An Englishman residing in Ottawa has received a letter dated Sept. 14, from relatives in England. In the course of it the following passage occurs—

"The M—'s of G— had a German governess for the children. The police called at G— castle a few days ago and asked to have her sent out for a walk, as they wished to search her room. This they did, and found a number of bombs, maps, etc., concealed in her trunks and about the room, and they say other German governesses round here had been found doing the same thing."

AUCTION SALE.

Household Effects, residence of Mrs. L. Wardhaugh, 278 Coleman Street, Tuesday, Sept. 29th at 1 o'clock sharp. J. J. PALMER, Auctioneer. a28-1td.

FINE EXHIBITION AT STIRLING VILLAGE ON FRIDAY LAST

Annual Fair Attended by a Large Crowd—Creditable Showing in all Departments—Splendid Exhibit of Thoroughbred Cattle—Attendance Over Two Thousand.

Stirling fair has successfully passed another milestone in its history. On Thursday and Friday this ancient society held its annual exhibition and admirably maintained its past reputation for holding one of the most meritorious fairs in the district.

On Thursday the weather was showery and unfavorable, but on Friday Prof. Hicks was in a better mood and sent a day with a suggestion of autumn chill, but bright and smiling overhead.

The attendance was very gratifying. It was feared that the financial depression and the stress of war would play havoc with gate receipts, but evidently the people of the Stirling district have determined to play the part of sensible patriots and maintain "business as usual."

GREAT SHOW OF THOROUGH-BRED CATTLE.

By far the finest and most extensive exhibit in thoroughbred cattle that we have anywhere seen this year was at Stirling. This was particularly true of the Holstein class, which was represented on the grounds by five splendid herds shown by well known breeders of the district. The Jerseys, the Ayrshires, the Short-horns and the Polled-Angus were all represented by high-class animals. Mr. Ben Hagerman of Minto was the largest individual exhibitor, with 19 registered holsteins in his herd. Mr. G. A. Kingston of West Huntinton showed five head from his record-breaking herd. Mr. T. W. Solmes of Minto had seven head and carried away his share of honors. Other exhibitors of high class Holsteins were Michael Shea and Thos. Montgomery, both from the vicinity of Stirling.

W. C. Ketcheson and Sons of Tharlow had their famous "Cloverdale" herd of Ayrshires on the grounds and were the only exhibitors in this class. They have been winning prizes wherever shown and their success at Stirling was not alone due to lack of opposition.

Mr. James Farquhar of Chatterton was much complimented upon the excellence of his herd of Short-horn calves.

E. W. Brooks and Son of Stirling had a remarkably fine herd of Polled-Angus on the grounds and also showed the only herd of registered Jerseys. Of the former they showed eleven head and in the latter class ten. The Messrs. Brooks also exhibited two hurdle horses.

AGRICULTURAL TYPE PREDOMINATED.

The exhibition of horses was not so extensive this year in the thoroughbred classes, but there was a great showing of the agricultural type. There were also several nifty sets of matched drivers. Among the exhibitors of horses we noticed, B. Foster, Orono, H. L. Ketcheson, of Belleville; T. Eastwood, Rawdon; L. Lock, Campbellford; G. D. Watson, Seymour; A. J. Watson, Campbellford; John Bush, Belleville; Alf. Grilla, Campbellford; Harper Rollins, Sane; Michael Shea, Stirling; D. W. Farquhar, West Huntinton; W. H. Hubbell, Marmora; Geo. Barron, of Campbellford; W. A. Martin, of Sons, Zion; C. U. Heath, Harold; Neal Sane, Harold; Sid Mason, Springbrook; Clayton Tucker, Frankford; Leonard Sharpe, Stirling, and a number of others.

SHEEP AND SWINE.

These two departments were not filled to overflowing, but the different pens contained some very meritorious individuals. Among those showing sheep and swine were C. H. Curtis, Warkworth; Elsieha Maynes, Thomauburg; Thos. Montgomery, reeve of Rawdon; C. U. Heath, Harold, and W. A. Martin & Sons, Gilead.

POULTRY.

There was an splendid exhibit of poultry, and the judges often had a difficult matter to choose who should be awarded the honors. The three largest exhibitors were C. H. Curtis, Warkworth; W. A. Martin & Sons, Gilead; Neal Bissonnette, of Stirling.

A GREAT SHOW OF CHEESE.

Stirling Agricultural Society never before had such an extensive and uniformly excellent showing of cheese as was shown at this exhibition. The scores were all remarkably high. It is a fine tribute to Mr. Walter Barker, maker at the Shamrock factory, Stirling, that with all this keen competition he won first honors in all three classes for white cheese. The score was 98 points out of the possible 100. Mr. Wm. Linn of Marmora factory captured the red ticket in the colored cheese class, his score being 97.

VEGETABLES WERE LARGE.

There were many features worthy

of note about the fine exhibits in grain roots, and farm produce. In field grains the display was very extensive and the high quality was a compliment to the skill of the farmers of the district.

If the size of the ensilage corn exhibition is any indication of the assurance of the crop throughout the district, there will certainly be no scarcity of this great stand-by of the modern stockman.

The potatoes were the biggest both in size and extent of exhibits that we have seen this year. It now appears as if one article of food at least will be sufficiently plentiful this year to be sold at something less than famine prices.

Mangels and other field roots, were large and well developed, promising also good returns to the growers, but these have become to become important crops hereabouts owing to the scarcity of labor.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

The lady patrons of Stirling fair certainly deserve great praise for the truly fine display of home-made bread, cakes, pies, canned fruits, jellies and pickles that filled a large section of the "Palace." The poor scribe was not permitted to do more than cast longing eyes in the direction of these tempting luxuries and delicacies, but the sight was such as to inspire a deep respect for those who have given their practical demonstration of their skill and ability to excel in these useful, productive home making arts.

There was also an abundance of home-made quilts, coverlets, tie-downs, sofa pillows, and an amazing array of fancy work for which the bewildered reporter would be puzzled to find a name.

FIELD CROP COMPETITIONS.

During the past season the Stirling Agricultural Society has conducted competitions in growing field crops in potatoes, silo corn and oats. For the two latter we have the awards which were as follows—

CORN

- 1st—C. W. Thompson, Stirling, Wisconsin No. 7, 92%
- 2nd—T. W. Solmes, Minto, White Cap Yellow Dent, 92
- 3rd—A. B. Farquhar, Stirling, Wisconsin No. 7, 90%
- 4th—Thos. Montgomery, Stirling, White Cap Yellow Dent, 80
- 5th—W. H. Heath, Stirling, White Cap Yellow Dent, 75%
- 6th—C. M. Sane, Stirling, White Cap Yellow Dent 78
- 7th—Jas. Bailey, Stirling, North Dakota 75%
- Judge—W. H. Hickson, Bobcaygeon

OATS

- 1st—C. M. Sane, Stirling, Sensation 88
- 2nd—Geo. Richardson, Harold, Banner 84
- 3rd—Clayton Tucker, Swedish Select 85
- 4th—Jas. Bailey, Stirling, Banner 84
- 5th—C. E. Heath, Harold, Banner 82
- 6th—C. W. Thompson, Stirling, Banner 78
- Judge—D. English, Burkton

NOTES

Country Treasurer B. Mallory was judge on cattle.

The display of potted plants by the Stirling Horticultural Society was most creditable. Many rare varieties were shown.

An official called attention to the practice of many exhibitors in removing exhibits about as soon as the prizes are awarded, many too are late in arriving. These practices are quite general at fairs and have an injurious tendency.

A most attractive mercantile display of furs, women's coats, etc., was made by Mr. B. A. Elliott, the new manager and proprietor of Stirling Hall. Mr. Elliott deserves to be commended not only for the enterprise he has shown, but for his skill in making a most effective arrangement of the goods on exhibition.

McGie and Lagrow, hardware merchants, had a showing of stoves and ranges that was the center of interest for many interested spectators. The new "Supreme" range by the Supreme Heating Company of Welland is a marvel of heating efficiency and low fuel consumption. The issues are reported to be numerous.

Mr. Ben Hagerman is very proud of the two-year-old heifer from his herd of Holsteins that won the red card-board in her class. She is a merit for two-year-olds the past summer for three days in succession she averaged 88% of milk. She is a full sister to the Champion Cow of Canada, and may herself become a champion.

Mr. Frank Fralek, formerly of Sidney Town, Hall, but now of the United States, and Mr. John Ketcheson, of Leavenworth, Kansas, were interested spectators at the fair on Friday afternoon.

The school exhibits were not so extensive as at the fair last year. Although there were several entries, only one school actually produced the goods. This was No. 19 Sidney, or Riverview Valley School. They had a display of cut flowers, cakes, bread, weed collections, seed and leaf collections, insect collections, pickles and



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Ladies' black cashmere stockings for 20c pr.
Men's "Union Made" black overalls with bib. On sale 50c
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caned fruit. The exhibit was a striking testimonial to the energy, enthusiasm, and teaching ability of the lady principal of the school, Miss H. M. Macdonell.

There were no "trials of speed" as the horse-races at fairs are euphemistically termed. While very few will have any pang of regret owing to the departure of fourth-rate races, yet the necessity was felt for some form of amusement. Either amusement features or horse races seem to be necessary to attract large crowds.

Mr. C. W. Thompson, the secretary, is surely the right man in the right place. He knows the job and never loses his patient courtesy no matter how many are trying to talk to him at once.

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