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The London Disaster.

The London disaster by which the collapse of a mercantile building kills eight people and injures a score, serves to emphasize the fact that this terrible fatality might have been avoided if sufficient precautions had been taken.

Any building in which large numbers of people resort in the way of trade is a public building and should be inspected and regulated as such. The price of safety in this matter, as in others, is eternal vigilance on the part of the officials to whom these duties are assigned.

The London building was under repairs, business going on meanwhile. It is stated that there was a fire some years ago when the walls and the foundations may have been weakened. This was a combination of circumstances which should have caused everybody to be careful, but to which nobody seems to have paid any particular attention. The alteration of a building without interrupting business is an every day occurrence in big cities. The public does not ask a merchant to lose money while he is making improvements, but it does ask that safety of life and limb be considered. The architect, too, has a serious responsibility. Before alterations are undertaken by which a piece of building is torn away here and another piece put there, he should have figured his changed weights and stresses with the greatest exactness. Often a great deal is left to chance. There are buildings in Toronto which, any architect will tell you, are standing against all the laws of nature and mathematics.

The Country and the Town.

"God made the country, but man made the town." This, we submit, is a truth from which it does not necessarily follow that everything about the country is as it should be, and everything about the city the reverse.

In fact, it seems time to put forever to sleep the fallacy that vice haunts the city while virtue lives and thrives where there are no electric lights, and every man has his own milk factory. The statistics, of course, seem to prove this; but statistics will prove anything, not being equipped with a conscience, and there is grim humor in the circumstances that it is the city's superior facilities for collecting data that help to fix on the city the stigma of being the center of crime.

In town when a man gets drunk the ubiquitous policeman runs him in

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he gets \$1 and costs the next morning and his name adds another unit to the city's crime list. When the same individual gets drunk in the country he simply goes to sleep under a tree and nobody knows anything more about it.

A moment's reflection will convince anyone, also, that because the man in the country does not commit crime as often as the man in the city, it does not necessarily prove that he is any more virtuous; it may merely indicate that he lacks the opportunity. If the nearest saloon were only a block away instead of ten miles distant, it might be different.

Then there are other evidences that city people are not so nearly depraved as residents of the rural districts. Do we ever rustle cattle in Toronto? Has anybody in this city in years been found guilty of sheep stealing? Do we put Paris green in our neighbors' wells? Do we rob our neighbors' grain bins, set fire to our neighbors' bank barns, or hamstring our neighbors' oxen? We grow not, and yet they do all that sort of thing in some parts of the country sometimes.

Away with the pretensions. We are just as good as they are, if we do say it ourselves.—Star.

Vacation and Change.

This is the time of the year when most people take their vacations and enjoy periods which run usually from a week to a month of release from care and toil. Residents of the mountains seek the plains and valleys, those in prairies and valleys go to the mountains; those of the island seek the seashore, and bathe in the salt waters and listen to the ceaseless beating of the surf; those in the treeless belt hunt for a wooded country; city dwellers desire the quiet of the country, while the country people like the roar and bustle of the city.

What people on vacation want quite as much as rest and recreation is a complete change as possible from their regular and usual environment, just as a commercial traveller, when he has a vacation, enjoys himself by remaining quietly at home, the place most loved by him and where he spends the least of his time when on duty. Although the late Russell Sage declared that vacations were unnecessary, but few agree with him. And most mankind find that a short cessation from work, and new surroundings, is a wonderful tonic for the health and spirits and a conservator of energy.

The Oat Crop.

Reports to hand in Ontario prove the oat crop in the lake shore district east of Toronto and all through Western Ontario to be most unpromising, to put it mildly. The grain has assumed a reddish-yellow tinge, caused by the appearance of a rusty color upon the leaves. This is due we feel assured, to the depredation of a small aphid or green louse that sucks the sap from the leaves and causes the blotches of rust to appear. Upon examination of some fields near Toronto numerous green bugs were found upon the affected stalks.

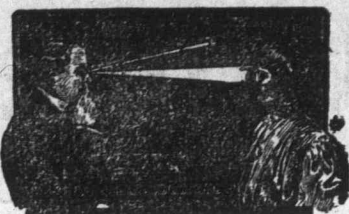
It will be remembered that the early reports about the Kansas and Western States wheat crops were rife with the ravages of the green bug. This helped to cause the sensational rise in wheat prices and it has been a factor all along in the markets.

This same green bug has made its appearance further north and the variety of pests just now feasting on the farmers' hard earned crops is the same green bug on the States. The field attacked has its growth checked, the leaves assume a rusty color, and in badly infested places it looks as if a fire or frost has caused the destruction. Some fields east of Toronto will not be half a crop. The stock, being deprived of the leaf sap, is unable to send up a vigorous shot-blade.

It means much for the farmers and feeders of Ontario. Oats are high now on the market, while hay is not much better than half a crop. Cattle feeders and dairymen who have not provided for the silo will feel the pinch most. However, the warning is here, and he will be a wise man who puts in some late forage crop for fall feeding.

We are not so bad but that worse things might happen. The sowing of some rape, millet or other crop will do much yet to ward off the bankruptcy of the oat granary. Happily a good average of corn has been planted and we are having ideal weather for its growth.

It is another instance of the great benefits to be derived from mixed farming. The failure in any one department does not leave the farmer helpless. He can readjust himself in the farm economy so as to tide over the



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farm deficiency. A country where only one thing is done finds the crop a calamity not easily averted. Ontario is not so.—World.

Things the North Needs.

Hon. Dr. Reame, Minister of Public Works, returned last week from his trip north. In the course of an interview the Minister said that roads and bridges were needed in that new country in the Rainy River district which was able to stand considerable settlement. But the Government must encourage the pioneers and help them along with roads and bridges. There were several grievances mentioned which were out of their jurisdiction. The question of the mail service and the opening up of the Indian reserves must be settled by the Dominion Government. He found also that the colonization act of last session had proved very satisfactory in the north.

Will Go to England to Look After Ontario's Welfare.

It is said that Hon. Mr. Monteith, the minister of agriculture, will shortly go to England to look into matters connected with emigration as it affects this province. Some difficulties have arisen in connection with the payment of the Dominion bonus on emigrants directed to this province by special agents from Ontario. It is also thought that too many emigrants from the cities and towns of the old land, are being sent out, where as there is a great demand from all parts of the province from farmers who require particularly the services of men who are experienced in farm work.

Sugar Takes a Drop.

A despatch from New York announces a reduction on all grades of refined sugar of ten cents per hundred pounds, a most unusual occurrence on the eve of the "preserving season." As a rule a change in New York is reflected almost at once in the Canadian market, but trade in sugar has been so quiet that local wholesalers do not anticipate any general movement one way or the other. Indications are that the housewife's "dollarsworth" will not be any larger for the present.

Big Twine Shipment.

Kingston, Ont., July 17.—The largest shipment of binder twine ever sent out from any factory in Ontario was loaded on the steamer Advance to be taken westward. The consignment consists of eight carloads, the output of the penitentiary plant. The twine goes to the Farmers' Association in Alberta. The prices paid are: For 550 feet, mixed, 11 cents a pound; 600 feet, pure, 11 1/2 cents. Seventeen carloads are carried westward by the steamers Ames, Nevada and Advance.

Hurled in Ditch by Auto.

St. Thomas, Ont. July 19.—Albert Sharpe, of this city, while riding home from Port Stanley on his bicycle was run down and hurled into the ditch by an automobile. No warning of approach was given and the chauffeur never stopped to ascertain how seriously injured the man was. Charles Wannecott picked the injured man up and conveyed him to town in his auto. Sharpe is suffering from injuries to his back and internal hurts.

Post Office for Glencoe.

Glencoe, July 16.—Mr. W. S. Calvert, M. P., was in town last week, and as a result of his visit the site for the new post office has been chosen. The office will be built at the north end of the town, on vacant property owned by Mrs. Simms. As in all similar cases, a difference of opinion prevailed as to the most suitable place at which to locate the office.

The people on the south side wanted it a convenient point for them, while the north side held contrary views. In order to make it convenient for those living on the south side it is the intention of Mr. Calvert to place four letter boxes at different points on that side, and someone appointed for the purpose will collect the mail several times a day. This is an admirable arrangement and it should suit everyone concerned.

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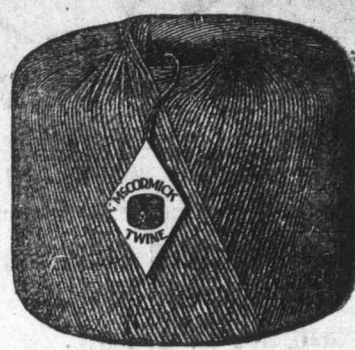
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FRUITS IN SEASON.

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The name of the annual fair held at Saranac has been changed and will henceforth be known as the West Lambton County Fair, instead of the West Lambton and Saranac Township Union Fair, the township society having gone out of existence.