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A Famous Old Abbey.

Melrose abbey is in Roxburghshire, Scotland, in a beautiful situation between the Eildons and the Tweed. David I. of Scotland founded an abbey at Melrose in 1136. It was several times torn down and rebuilt. The present famous ruins are what is left of the abbey built largely by the gift of Robert Bruce in the fourteenth century.

Didn't Discharge Him.

In the financial district they tell a story of a bank that was in difficulties several years ago and how the clearing house happened to learn of the situation. One of the big national banks was clearing for a certain other bank that was in trouble and every day the president of the clearing house bank would certify \$2,000,000 worth of checks for the other.

Falstaff and Yarmouth.

Yarmouth has a claim upon all Englishmen quite independently of its associations with the breakfast brazier. For it was the home of Shakespeare's Falstaff, who appears to have been a man of exemplary piety. The Falstaffs were an old Yarmouth family.

Europe's Richest City.

The richest city in Europe is Basel, the great Swiss railway center, Zurich, in a neighboring canton, coming second. This is proportionate to the number of inhabitants. Basel's richest citizen boasts a fortune of \$500,000, another has \$200,000, while no fewer than sixteen residents pay income tax on a round million dollars.

A Statue of Brick.

Perhaps no other nation in the world save the inventive Germans would have thought of building a statue of brick. In the little city of Vegesack, near Bremen and in the district of the German clay fields, the citizens have erected such a statue to one of their number who won fame as an African explorer.

A Herculean Task.

The bridegroom was intensely serious. "My dear," he said to his little wife (they are always little), "you have a hard task before you. Now that we are wed, you will have to prove to my four sisters that you are worthy of me."

Marriage In Java.

In Java when a man marries he goes to his wife's house, where the women sit in council upon all matters of importance and dictate the affairs of the home.

Child's Day In Belgium.

St. Nicholas day, which is Dec. 6, is the day on which the Belgian child expects a new toy. It is the Belgian child's Christmas.

Charity.

Charity does not demand of us that we should never see the faults of others, but she does ask us to avoid discovering them when there is no need.

Children have more need of models than of critics.—Joubert.

A Regimental Custom.

A peculiar custom obtains in the Twelfth Regiment—the playing of the Vesper hymn, the Spanish chant and the Russian national hymn every night of the year after the "last post" has sounded. It is said that the playing of the Vesper hymn originated in one of the officers' wives presenting the regiment with a new set of instruments on condition that the hymn was played every night after the "last post."

Barbers and Surgeons.

John Le Barbour was the first master of the Honourable Company of Barbers six centuries ago. At one time the barbers and the surgeons preyed upon the public in loving brotherhood and settled their family quarrels under the roof of one hall. By an agreeable arrangement the community was to be "bled" on a system which forbade the surgeon to cut hair, shampoo or shave and required the barber to proceed no further in the art of healing than the extraction of teeth and "cupping."

The Precise Scientist.

A Pennsylvania official said of a noted Philadelphia scientist: "He is the most exact man I ever met. He believes in nothing but proved facts. Continually he pins you down. 'One day I said to him: 'Cannibalism—what an abomination! To eat of human flesh Br-r-r!' 'The old scientist frowned. 'Pardon me, but have you ever eaten of human flesh?' he said severely. 'No,' said I. 'Well, then,' he demanded, 'why do you speak of things that you know nothing at all about?'"

Paid For a Peep at Royalty.

In the eighteenth century the Londoner could look at royalty on Sunday for a modest fee. In a guide to London, published in 1767, it was said, "At St. James' chapel royal by knocking at the side door and slipping a shilling for each person into the hand of the verger who opens it you may have admittance and stand during divine service in the presence of their majesties, and for a shilling each person more you may sit in their royal presence, not in pews, but in turn-up seats on the side of them."

The Planning Machine.

As to the original inventor of the planning machine there is perhaps scarcely a machine about which there has been more controversy than this, and there are many claimants to the honor. There are records, however, showing that Nicholas Forq, a French clockmaker, used a metal planer in 1751 for machining pump cylinders, apparently being under the impression that they could be made more accurately in this manner than by a revolving cutter.

A Bunch of Kicks.

"I'm in hard luck!" signed the steel rail. "Look at me! I get nothing from morning till night but not air, ground and the pumping engine. 'I'm always in hot water!' sighed the boiler. 'Consider my plight,' cried the macadam road, 'invariably walked over and trodden under foot!' 'I'm used to it, for I'm always up against it,' philosophically remarked the wall paper. 'You're none of us badly off as I am,' said the turnpike, 'for, no matter where I go, I'm generally tread.'"

Had to Do It.

Champ Clark was showing a constituent about the capitol one day when he invited attention to a solemn faced individual just entering a committee room. "See that chap?" asked Clark. "He reads every one of the speeches delivered in the house." "What?" gasped the constituent, with amazement. "Fact," said Clark. "Reads every word of 'em too." "Who is he?" queried the visitor, regarding the phenomenon closely. "A proofreader at the government printing office," explained Champ.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

Extravagant.

Clerk—Mr. Goldberg, as I am to marry I would like more salary. Boss—How much more do you want? Clerk—Ten dollars a week. Boss—My gracious! How many women are you going to marry?—Chicago News.

Moving Pictures.

Moving pictures may be said to have begun with the appearance of Edison's kinesiograph in 1893. Before that date the art was to a large extent experimental and noncommercial.

Unmixed Preferred.

"Good morning, Mr. Apothecary! I want two two-cent stamps and 10 cents' worth of chocolate." "Mixed?" "No; I want the stamps separate."

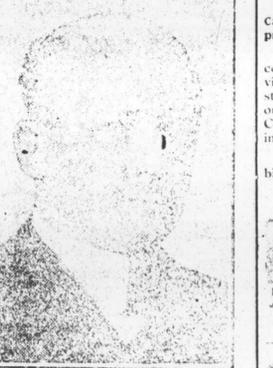
PLANNING TRUNK ROAD

W. A. McLEAN HAS A BIG PROJECT FOR ONTARIO.

Commissioner of Highways Is at Work on a Scheme to Build a Road From Montreal to Windsor Which, With a Branch to Ottawa, Would Serve Most of the Larger Communities of Older Ontario.

The Scottish Canadian for December contains an interesting article regarding the proposals for an Ontario Trunk Road and a sketch of W. A. McLean, Ontario's Commissioner of Highways, who has the project in hand. The article follows: "Mr. W. A. McLean, C.E., O.L.S., whose connection with various movements having in view the improvement of main highways and county roads generally has been conspicuously fruitful for many years, is well-known in Toronto Scottish circles, being a member of St. Andrew's Society and of the Sons of Scotland Benevolent Association. He was born at Belmont, Ont., in 1871, his father being the Rev. Hugh McLean, and his mother, Margaret S. McNairn. He was educated at Ingersoll, Strathroy and Toronto, and having taken a distinguished professional course, became Assistant Engineer of St. Thomas in 1894. He entered the service of the Ontario Government in 1896 as Assistant Engineer of Highways, becoming chief of that branch in 1910, and was promoted to the important office he now holds, as Commissioner of Highways, in 1913. Professionally he ranks high, both as an author and as a practical engineer. A number of technical books of much excellence stands to his credit, and among works designed by him is the first long span (100 feet) concrete arch in Canada, built in 1907 at Massey, Ont. Articles from

his pen are welcomed by the leading engineering magazines, and he fills the coveted position of president of the American Roadbuilders' Association, being the first Canadian to receive that honor. "Recently, in his zeal to secure the benefit of a great trunk road for Ontario, he proposed that such a great public work could very well be undertaken as part of a triumphal monument to the Canadian arms in the present war, the victorious outcome of which the Allies are confident. Mr. McLean has worked out a plan whereby such a road could be constructed from one end of Ontario to the other along the front, on a feasible financial basis, and no doubt as the project is developed the public mind will become fully sized of its merits.



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"The Montreal-to-Windsor road formed an essential part of the highway improvement scheme formulated by the Highway Improvement Commission. If a trunk road is to be built linking up the highways throughout the province, it will naturally be this road. If a branch road to Ottawa were provided, this road would serve and join the great majority of the larger cities and towns of older Ontario, and it would connect with practically all of the highways in southern Ontario. Its construction, therefore, is a natural and essential part of any general highway improvement scheme for the province, and is ultimately bound to come. To see this and provide for it is only common sense and practical engineering.

"In addition, road building is an admirable way to meet conditions of unemployment and the present of the coming year constitutes a time when such conditions are serious. To promote road building in any direction at this time, therefore, is only common sense and good business judgment. "In round numbers the road would be 535 miles long. It was laid down in the report of the Highway Improvement Commission and has generally been accepted that cities should contribute something to the cost of the main road close to their borders. In the 535 miles there are about 135 miles of road which would be provided for in this way. This leaves 400 miles of road yet to be provided for. Mr. McLean has estimated the cost at eight thousand dollars a mile. This means \$3,200,000. "This money might well be raised by contributions levied largely on motorists who exclusively make use of the main roads of the province. There are about thirty thousand licensed cars in the province. This probably means that there are at least 15,000 motorists who would co-operate in such a work. Suppose these men raised by subscription each an average of two hundred dollars. That seems a small amount for each to raise, but the aggregate would be three million and the cost of the road is pretty well provided for. It is largely a question of organization.

"The appeal for contributions

Since 1880 about 1,000 cases of club feet, bow legs and knock knees have been treated, and of these 900 had perfect correction. Nearly all these were from different parts of the Province or side of the city of Toronto.

Remember that every year is a war year with the Hospital; every day is a day of battle; every minute the Hospital needs money, not for its own sake, but for the children's sake. The Hospital is the battle-ground where the Armies of Life have grappled with the Hosts of Death, and the life or death of thousands of little children is the issue that is settled in that war. Will you let the Hospital be driven from the field of its battle to save the lives of little children for the lack of money you can give and never miss?

Every dollar may prove itself a dreadnought in the battle against death, a flagship in the fleet that fights for the lives of little children. Remember that the door of the Hospital's mercy is the door of hope, and your dollar, kind reader, may be the key that opens the door for somebody's child.

Will you send a dollar, or more if you can, to Douglas Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer, or

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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Patriotism and Production

Agricultural Conferences under the auspices of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

A series of Agricultural Conferences will be held in Leeds and Grenville Counties, places and dates as follows:

Ganoaque, Turner's Hall, Fri. Feb. 12th. Athens, Town Hall, Monday, Feb. 15th. Prescott, " " Wednesday, Feb. 17th. Kemptonville, " " Thursday, Feb. 25th.

At all points afternoon and evening sessions will be held. These meetings will be addressed by the best posted of our present-day expert agriculturists. Farmers are urged to be present in large numbers, to participate in these conferences.

The duty and the opportunity of the Canadian Farmer in connection with this present war will be discussed.

Much valuable information has been collected regarding the necessity of providing a more adequate supply of food stuffs for the sustenance of our army and our people. This is essentially a farmers' Conference, although business men are invited to be present.

For further particulars consult small bills.



FILES OF SHOPS & BUSINESS. "ALL DEALERS"

Will You Help The Hospital for Sick Children, the Great Provincial Charity?

Dear Mr. Editor:— Thanks for the privilege of appealing through your columns on behalf of the Hospital for Sick Children. The Hospital takes care of sick and deformed children, not only in Toronto, but in the Province, outside of the city.

This coming year, of all the years in the Hospital's history, has a more serious outlook, as regards funds for maintenance, than any year that has passed its calendar. So many calls are being made on the purses of the generous people of Toronto and Ontario, to help the soldiers of the Empire, that as I make my daily rounds through the wards of the Hospital, and see the suffering children in our cots and beds, the thought strikes me as to whether the people will as of old, with all the demands made upon them, answer our appeal and help to maintain the institution that is fighting in the never-ending battle with disease and death, in its endeavor to save the stricken little ones in the child-life of Ontario.

Last year there were 394 in-patients from 210 places outside of Toronto, and in the past twenty years there have been 7,000 from places in the Province other than Toronto. It costs us \$2.24 per patient per day for maintenance. The municipalities pay for patients \$1 per patient per day; the Government allows 20 cents per patient per day; so, deducting \$1.20 from \$2.24, it leaves the Hospital with \$1.04 to pay out of subscriptions it receives from the people of Toronto and the Province. The shortage last year ran to \$18,000.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The January meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Jan. 30 in the Institute rooms. After the transaction of business Mr. Clarence Washburn kindly entertained the ladies with two violin selections which were greatly enjoyed. Miss Hazel Washburn gave a paper on "Schools that made Denmark famous." Miss Washburn showed the ladies of the Institute that Canada has many steps to take before her rural schools would equal those of Denmark, and urged the Women's Institute to add the word "schools" to their motto "For Home and Country."

The thanks of the Institute were tendered to Miss Washburn for her excellent paper. The February meeting promises to be exceptionally good the programme being in the hands of all the young ladies of the Institute.

PROF. McNEILL'S LECTURE

The second of the High School series of lectures was given in the Assembly Hall of the school on Thursday evening, 28th. Mr. H. H. Arnold, who presided, expressed satisfaction with the arrangement of Mr. Follick whereby this excellent series of lectures by University teachers is being delivered. A short musical programme was rendered including a piano duet by Missa Williams and Wiltse, vocal duet by the Misses Cross, violin solo by Mr. Clarence Washburn, and the audience clearly indicated its satisfaction with their services.

Prof. W. E. McNeill of Queen's University then proceeded with his lecture on Shakespeare's drama "The Merchant of Venice." He first quoted from various literary authorities of different periods, showing the different estimates put on Shakespeare's works. He then dealt in a painstaking way with the technique of the play, giving a somewhat detailed analysis of its structure, and afterwards entertained his hearers with many interesting comments on the characters appearing in the play, including Jessica, Portia, Antonio, Shylock and others. Printed outlines generously provided by Prof. McNeill, and freely circulated among his hearers, will no doubt prove helpful to High School pupils and others interested in the works of the great English dramatist. High School pupils were present in full force, but the meagre attendance of the general public was to be regretted. The Professor was heartily thanked for his able services.

RED CROSS WORK

All ladies wishing to assist in Red Cross work are asked to come to the library room Saturday afternoon at 2:30. The Women's Institute are purchasing material and the following articles are to be made:

- Night shirts. Bed socks. Handkerchiefs. Bandages. Flannel bed jackets. Pyjamas, flannel. Night Shirts, flannel. Flannel dressing Gowns. Flannel Day Shirts. Eiderdown Bed Socks. Cholera Belts. Socks. Scarfs. Face Cotton, loose knit, 9 in. square. Wristsheets. Sheets. Towels. Mitts. Bandages. Pneumonia Jackets. Bandages. Handkerchiefs.

These are for the use of the sick and wounded and not for the well soldiers in camp. Anyone wishing to help care for our wounded soldiers by making any of the above articles may send their gifts to the library room on Saturday, February 6th or the following Tuesday.

DELTA

Miss Maud Taylor of Chantry is a student at the home of F. S. Lawson. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stanton of Port and called on friends recently. Born Jan. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hitchcock, a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. S. Coleman and Miss Hartle spent last Sunday with friends at Freeland.

In the town hall, Feb. 5th, the Cadet Corps No. 487 of Athens, introduced putting on a drama entitled "The Spy." A good crowd is expected. W. A. Bell and B. P. Bessie spent a few days last week at Ottawa Live Stock Show.

Mrs. C. L. Broley has returned home after spending the past month at Alexandria Bay. Ogle Webster of Athens called on friends one day last week. Revival services carried on for the past four weeks closed on Friday evening last.

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