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WATFORD, MAY 24, 1907.

The Story of the Flag.

On May 24th young and old in town and county will join in a celebration on Victoria Day. The day preceding is known as Empire day, and it has been set apart in our schools for the teaching of patriotism and, indeed, imperialism, insofar as imperialism means the bonds of love, liberty and accord that bind together the component parts of the mighty empire.

In the exercises of the day the old flag will play a prominent part and it is well that young Canadians should know something of the Union Jack, and how it came to us. The story is one of the most interesting of those that stretch back from our own era to the long, long ago.

To understand the flag we must learn of its beginning. That was in the far away age of chivalry and romance, of which Chaucer, Scott and Tennyson have told us. It was the custom of the soldiery to wear over their coats of mail a surcoat, on which was the emblem of their overlord. The Crusaders, for instance, wore a white cross, and at a later date the soldiery of England substituted for it the red cross of St. George. These surcoats were commonly known as Jacques or Jacks.

In later years when Britain became a power on the seas it was the custom of the sailors to raise one of these Jacks on a lance to show the nationality of those on board, and it was from this custom that the flag, bearing on it only the cross of St. George or St. Andrew in Scotland, came to be known as a "Jack."

The English Jack, so you see, was at first a simple white flag, bearing upon it the red cross of St. George. The flag floated by the Scots, on the other hand, was a blue one, emblazoned with the saltire, or X-shaped cross of St. Andrew. When James VI, of Scotland came to the throne as James I, of England the "Union Flag" (for so they spelled it then) was made to bear the united crosses of St. George and St. Andrew. The blue ground of the Scotch Jack was retained but the white ground of the English ensign was evidenced only by a narrow white strip around the red cross of St. George. Each of the original flags were indeed used and it was not until 1707 that the united crosses just described were declared the sole sign.

Nearly one hundred years after this the Irish Parliament was united with the Union Parliament of England and Scotland, and at the same time the red cross of St. Patrick was added to the flag.

In flags every color used has its meaning. The red of the Union Jack means courage, the white purity, and the blue truth.

It is a grand old flag, the emblem of a mighty hand and mighty purpose. It is worthy of the love and admiration of every young Canadian. It can best be served by following after the meaning of its colors—courage, purity and truth.—Welland Telegraph.

District Meeting.

The Strathroy Methodist district meeting was held in Petrolia on the 15th and 16th inst. There was a full representation of members and lay delegates. The first day, as usual, was devoted to ministerial business. On the second day the reports of the different circuits was presented. The review of the work showed that the year had been of prosperity. The town of Strathroy led in the line of progress. Over \$600 had been given for Christian missions, an increased salary to the minister, and all the departments, spiritual and financial, well sustained. There are in the district three supernumerary ministers. The meeting was under the chairmanship of the Rev. G. H. Cope land, financial secretary, Rev. M. Hoskins was appointed on the stationing committee.

The London conference holds its annual meeting this year in Goderich, and commences on Wednesday, the 29th of this month.

Story About Sale of G. T. E. Air Line Without Foundation.

Grand Trunk officials at Montreal give a most emphatic denial to the rumor that the company has completed arrangements for the sale of the Air line from Windsor to Niagara Falls via St. Thomas, to the Wabash.

Mr. Logan, assistant to General Manager Hays, when asked regarding the report, said: "We have given running rights to the Wabash, and that road will have several more years to run their trains over the road, under the old conditions. There is absolutely nothing in the story."

Friday, May 10th, was cattle day in Forest, and 245 cattle were delivered in Forest. The principal buyers were G. S. Rawlins, Edouard H. H. G., J. O'Donnell, P. T. McCallum and B. Fraleigh.

All Kinds of Weather.

The weather has apparently reached the summit of freakishness. Snow is reported in Toronto Monday, with cold weather all over the province. Overcoats are not yet discarded and the appearance of a straw hat seems premature indeed. The summer underwear merchants are ashamed to dress their windows with their goods. On the cornfield fences the crows are perched in a shivering wait for the long-looked-for diet.

The cattle and shorn sheep on the hundred hills of Ontario seem as moving trespassers upon the dark brown face of nature. The weather on farm and field is abnormal. Last week seven feet of snow fell in the Wyoming mountains, while as late as May 10 a storm equal to any winter tempest, raged in the Adirondacks. Farmers in many parts may have been seen wearing overcoats while plating in the fields. Shivering lads ride the plows at night. The north wind is having good sport with the temperature zone. How will the growing season come through it? In some parts the situation must be serious.

Going to Edmonton.

We learn that D. J. Campbell, inspector of farm mortgages in Western Canada, at Winnipeg, for the Canada Life Assurance Co., is to be transferred to Edmonton, about July. His district will be Alberta. The investment of this great company are so extensive that a staff of inspectors are required to do the work that Mr. Campbell attended to the past three years. Many friends will be pleased to hear of D. J.'s promotion.

Off to England.

L. H. Smith and brother, Montague, of Forest, who jointly conduct a private banking business in that town, left last Wednesday for England, on a two months' holiday trip. They sailed for Liverpool on Friday, via the steamer Cedric, from New York City. They will spend a portion of the time at the scene of their birth in Norfolk County, England. Mrs. R. A. Little and little daughter, have arrived from Riverside, Cal., to remain with Mrs. Smith during her husband's absence.

NATURE STUDY CLASSES.

The following is the substance of a memo from the Deputy Minister of Education:

Arrangements have been made for conducting classes in Nature Study during the summer vacation. The tuition is free.

Information regarding the commencement, course of study, cost of board, etc., may be obtained from G. C. Creelman, B. S., President of the College, Guelph.

Persons interested and desirous of attending the classes should write the President as soon as possible for information.

Satisfied With Crop Outlook.

Winnipeg, Man., May 20.—Senator W. D. Perley, of Wolseley, Sask., one of the most successful farmers in Western Canada, who is thoroughly familiar with farming conditions in the west generally, says that he does not believe that last backward season gives any cause for uneasiness.

Senator Perley laughs at the fears regarding the crop outlook.

Biggest Passenger Steamer.

New York, May 19.—The biggest passenger steamship in commission in the world, the Adriatic, of the White Star line, arrived in port for the first time last week. She brought 700 cabin and 1,802 steerage passengers. The crew consists of 489 men. The trip of 2,800 miles from Queenstown, Ireland, was made in 7 days 1 hour and 45 minutes. The Adriatic has many modern improvements, including a gymnasium, Turkish bath and swimming pool, but is not furnished as lavishly as some liners, simplicity and comfort being aimed at. She is 725 feet in length and her gross tonnage is 25,000. She was built at Belfast and cost \$3,750,000.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

GOOD house to rent or sell. Apply to T. Woods.

THE store directly opposite Swift Bros. to rent.—Apply to E. D. Swift.

FOR SALE.—Newly calved cow and calf for sale. Apply to H. Schlemmer.

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DR. BUTLER, London, will be at Watford, Roche House, on following days: Wednesday, May 29th; Monday, June 3rd; Tuesday, July 2nd; Monday, Aug. 5th; Sept. 2nd and 30th; Nov. 4th; Dec. 2nd, after 3 p. m. Eye, ear, nose and throat consultations. Eyes tested for glasses.

T. B. Robson, of Brantford, is the new proprietor of the Gatus House, Theford.

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BORN.

In Watford, on Sunday, May 19th, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Dodds, a daughter.

MARRIED.

In Toronto, on Wednesday, May 16th, Mr. John H. Lewis, Moscow, formerly of Forest, to Miss Dora Reid, of Regina.

In Petrolia, on Wednesday, May 16th, 1907, by Rev. G. W. Arnold, Jennie A. McLaughlin, only daughter of Mrs. Wm. English, to Judson S. Richards, of North Bay.

DIED.

On April 25th, at Woking, Surrey, England, Martha Crony, widow of the late Hiram Crony, first Bishop of Huron, aged 79 years.

In Petrolia, on Thursday, May 9th, 1907, Mary A. Mills, widow of the late William Lowery.

In Pympton, on Tuesday, May 7th, Henry Brown, aged 84 years.

In Bonaventure, on Tuesday, May 14th, Isabella McMillan, beloved wife of Wm. Wellington, aged 65 years, 1 month.

In Port Lambton, on April the 30th, the wife of Mr. Albert Dawson, (nee Sedith Morningstar) formerly of Forest and Pympton, aged 40 years, 1 month and 21 days.

In Toledo, Ohio, on May 8th, Wm. Oliver, formerly of Forest, aged 67 years.

In Warwick on Wednesday, May 22nd, 1907, Agnes, second daughter of the late Robert Herbert, Esq.

WARWICK.

Miss Eva Glass left Monday to join her brother in Saskatchewan.

D. Auld returned from Pt. Arthur, Sunday, where he disposed of a car load of horses.

Rev. S. W. Muxworthy attended the Strathroy District meeting in Petrolia last week.

Rev. Robert Herbert, of Preston, is home this week attending the funeral of his sister, the late Miss Agnes Herbert.

Mr. Jno. O'Brien, of Sanilac, Co., Mich., visited old friends on the second line last week. It is 18 years since Mr. O'Brien left Warwick.

Newton and Miss Louise Glass attended the graduation exercises at the Toledo hospital, last week, where their sister, Miss Mary, was one of the graduates.

Mrs. M. E. Arnold left on Wednesday for Bridgen, to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law the late J. G. Arnold who died there on Tuesday.

David B. Rogers, B. A., of McGill College Montreal, who has been visiting his mother at Calgary left last week for Nelson, B. C., where he expects to spend the summer.

POSTPONED—The fancy sale advertised to be held on the Rectory grounds, Warwick Village, on May 24th, has been postponed in consequence of severe illness among the members of the committee.

Texas Jack, a valuable driving horse, owned by R. Manders, 4th line, had the misfortune to break its leg on Monday evening. An effort will be made to repair the fracture.

Miss Agnes, second daughter of the late Robert Herbert, Esq., Egremont Road, died on Wednesday morning after a short illness with hemorrhage of the brain. The funeral takes place at 2 p. m. on Friday to St. Mary's cemetery, Warwick Village.

Among the graduates of the Toledo hospital for trained nurses we note the name of Miss Mary C. Glass, daughter of Mr. James Glass, 6th line, S. E. R. The graduation exercises were held on the evening of May 15th, when a class of fifteen received their diplomas. We congratulate Miss Glass on her graduation.

Sees Family Drown.

Duck Lake, Sask., May 20.—Word comes here by a trader in the far north of a drowning accident, in which the wife and three children of G. Cardinal perished. He and his family were crossing Coal Lake on the 10th, Cardinal being ahead on snowshoes. Hearing a scream he turned, only to see his entire family perishing in the water, his desperate attempts to save them being without avail.

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