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C. G. Young, Editor and Proprietor

## SOLITUDE

(By H. M. Geddes, Toronto)

Have you breathed the faith of fir trees by the lure of camp-fire light?  
Watched the wistful shadows creeping towards the restless lap of night?  
Have you sent your thoughts a-homing to the source of space and time?  
Felt the pulse of sold communion full and firm with the divine?  
Sensed the wonders of creation?  
Gripped the purpose of the whole?  
Then you know the mystic sweetness that comes stealing o'er the soul.  
As on balsam boughs spread thickly on the mossy mountain sod,  
One with questioning eyes looks upward to the very heart of God.

## TIPS TO HOUSEWIVES

To make window glass bright, dissolve a lump of starch in the water with which they are washed.  
Left over parsley or lettuce should be washed and then stored in clean cloths or glass jars without water.  
If a custard curdles in cooking you should place the saucepan over cold water and beat with an egg beater till smooth.  
Keep your beds out of corners or alcoves if possible so that they may be kept free from dust. Dust invites vermin.  
Watch the lighting in your kitchen and have lights arranged where you need them most. A light that flickers or dazzles produces eyestrain and headache.  
Bottles and jars which are taken on a picnic may be easily opened if each cork, before it is inserted, has a strip of tape placed on the under side with the two free ends left well above the bottle. When the time comes for opening it will be only necessary to pull the free ends of the tape and the cork will come away without difficulty.

## LIFE

(By Edgar A. Guest)

Life is a song and a jest,  
A task and a duty done,  
A babe at a mother's breast,  
A man with his battles won.  
  
A dream and a touch of care,  
A tear and a passing smile,  
Sunrise and a sunset fair,  
And a journey, mile by mile.  
  
To-day it is bright with peace;  
To-morrow the clouds are grey,  
The jests and the lighter cease,  
And the good friends go away.  
  
Life is a changing thing  
As the future years unfold,  
With the joys and the griefs they bring,  
So new and yet, oh, so old!

## UM-HUM OR YES

Some of our business girls and clever girls they are too, are occasionally off guard when answering the phone. Even though they are brisk and businesslike at the start of a conversation, after a minute of answering questions relative to the business in hand, there is a slackening of interest and that "Um-Hum" denoting assent is substituted for a plain, sensible English "Yes."  
Even out of business hours and places "Um-Hum" is a poor substitute for "Yes," and is only popular with the user and not often approved by the listener.  
And especially in business conversation the listener is the one to be pleased. These, correct English creates a favorable impression and is often the determining factor in the sale of goods by phone.  
Not only for the sake of the business which gives one employment but also for one's own sake it is well to speak English in the best possible style at one's disposal. A cheerful, enthusiastic, and well-spoken saleswoman is an asset of real value to any business. And it is the little things in speech which count.

## DEAR OLD SATURDAY NIGHT

(Courier-Advocate)

There is a fascination about "Dear Old Saturday Night." On Dundas Street all is gay and festive,

lights bright, stores gay, shoppers jolly, band playing, crowds good-natured, jostling and pushing, and motor cars sounding their warning cry. The cares of the week have been discarded by the hundreds of citizens who seize this one night for mingling with friends and neighbors in evening shopping.

For many householders it is their opportunity to obtain the advice of "father" upon the purchase of some long-wanted article for the home before it is taken from the shop. Their faces show a complete satisfaction in the pursuit of a definite purpose. And from the many faces which show no definite object to be attained, one sees the jollity and abandonment to pleasure which marks these pleasure seekers.

Saturday night has for years and years denoted human relaxation from a week of toil. How safe and gay and happy it is in Trenton's downtown streets!

Would it be improved with a Government shop dispensing liquor by the quart? Does one wish to try that?

## Of Interest to Motorists

With sales of new motor cars running upward at a record-breaking rate, the American Automobile Association will ask all experienced drivers to set a good example to the newcomer at this time, when it appears that traffic safety is the most important motor necessity. It was announced in a bulletin just issued from A.A.A. headquarters at Washington.

Ernest N. Smith, General Manager of the A.A.A., declared that there was never a better opportunity to put every experienced driver's complaint against recklessness to the acid test. He points out that the new driver is naturally imitative, and that if the people who have had experience with driving will set a decent example considerable progress will be made in the work of safeguarding the highways.

This is in line with the A.A.A.'s policy of solving the safety problem by natural means.

"The average driver is always complaining because the newcomer does senseless things when at the wheel, but seldom realizes that he is often leading the newcomer into being his own stumbling block," Smith says. "Unless the seasoned drivers take particular care to see that they do the right thing at the right time the unskilled driver will not know when he is taking chances."

"Every newcomer at the wheel of an automobile sets out to do as the Romans do, and if the Romans continue to take chances we shall have the usual number of inexcusable accidents and fatalities incident to careless motoring."

"The experienced driver has a unique role to play this spring if he earnestly desires to see conditions improved. He must recognize, first of all, that the newcomer represents a hazard to him and that it is always to his advantage to keep away from the beginner. The beginner does not know enough to keep out of the experienced driver's way. So there is only one answer."

"The experienced driver can do a real service to the country by giving the newcomer every possible advantage, even if it means sacrificing rights and being inconvenienced. Safety is worth everything."

"A lot of beginners have come to think that it's quite all right to cut corners, speed in the city, pass standing street cars, and miss other cars by an inch, just because they see the people more experienced are doing these very things. It is a direct cause of automobile and pedestrian accidents and evidence amply that safety education of the practical sort must be initiated by those who are naturally regarded as examples."

## VERY FEW FORDS IN ENGLAND

Speaking of automobiles, the little "cho-cho" wagons in London look very funny to Canadians. They are very funny to Canadians. They are the wonderful roads there. Fords are not very common as yet as the Government tax on autos is £1 sterling for a Ford, whereas some of the British manufacturers turn out a cheap 11 h.p. car which can make forty miles per hour. Motorcycles and bicycles are much commoner in England and considering the great roads and short distances are very useful. Char-a-bancs (open motor busses) are everywhere and are very popular with the thousands of tourists who flock to England in the summer months.

## CLEAR UP BEFORE CLEARING OUT

Motorists leave impressions of themselves at their last camping grounds.

If they don't care for anyone else following them, they leave the grounds with rubbish scattered about and campfire still smouldering. But they should be as considerate for others as they would want others to be for them.

Rubbish should be cleared up, burned or buried in a ditch which should be covered over. And the last smoking ash of a campfire should be completely deadened to avoid fire.

## AGRICULTURAL FAIRS

## The Genesis of Agricultural Societies in Ontario

The First Association in Upper Canada—Birth of the Provincial Fair—Creation of the Department of Agriculture—Later Extension of Work.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

The honor of holding the first Agricultural Fair in Canada falls to Windsor, N.S., in 1765, about 159 years ago, and soon other Agricultural Societies fell into line in Nova Scotia, including one at Halifax in 1789 and another in King's County. This latter is the only one of the old societies in the Maritime Provinces that has survived the present day. The prizes offered at Windsor were in goods and medals. To the persons bringing the greatest number of cattle were awarded three yards of English blue superfine broadcloth and a silver medal. For horses, a saddle, bridle, whip, spurs and a medal were the rewards, and a churn for the best cow, while for the best twelve pounds of butter or cheese the prize was six yards of ribbon and a medal.

The progress of organizing Agricultural Societies in a newly settled country was naturally slow at first; but it is worthy of mention that the first Province to introduce imported stock was New Brunswick, which brought over, in 1826, four Shorthorn bulls, which were recorded in the first volume of the English Herd Book. A provincial exhibition was held in Fredericton, N.B., in October, 1852. An Agricultural Society was organized in Montreal in 1788 and another in Quebec in 1789.

## The First Society in Upper Canada.

Settlement in Ontario commenced in 1783, and in 1791 had progressed sufficiently along the Niagara river and peninsula to justify the formation of an Agricultural Society on October 28 of that year. This pioneer Ontario society had its headquarters at Niagara-on-the-Lake, then known as Newark. Governor Simcoe took a great interest in it and was its first president. The first efforts of its members were directed to the holding of monthly meetings to discuss agricultural questions, and an agricultural library was also established. The holding of an exhibition naturally followed.

Agricultural Societies gradually became organized all over Ontario, as settlement in the province progressed. In 1830, the Legislature passed regulations governing same and set apart grants. Eight hundred dollars was apportioned to each District Society to enable it to hold an exhibition in addition to the work it had previously undertaken.

An Agricultural Society for the County of York was organized in 1830. Seeds and implements were procured from the Old Country for members. A progressive member was sent to New York State who purchased four bulls for the use of the Society. Soon after an exhibition was held, and prizes were awarded for essays on agricultural subjects.

## Birth of the Provincial Fair.

In 1845 a Provincial Association was formed, and in 1848 the first Provincial Fair was held in Toronto, out of which have grown the world-wide-known Canadian National Exhibition, the Western Fair and the Central Canada Exhibition.

The Provincial Association gradually became better organized and developed into the Agriculture and Arts Association, which did so much for the improvement of agriculture in the province in the earlier days. Among the many useful lines of work inaugurated were the establishment of the Veterinary College, the registering of pure bred stock, the awarding of prizes for the best kept farms and buildings and well cultivated fields, and, indirectly, the Agricultural College at Guelph.

## Creation of Department of Agriculture.

Agriculture soon became such an important feature in Ontario that a Commissioner of Agriculture was appointed; and eventually the Provincial Government created a Department of Agriculture, thus recognizing this basic industry as of equal importance with those which came under the supervision of the other departments of the Government. Thus out of that little society organized in 1791 in old Niagara-on-the-Lake, with a score or less of competitors and a modest prize list of a few pounds, has developed not only the three great exhibitions in the province, but also the important Department of Agriculture with its numerous branches and with local representatives in every county and district, bringing information and assistance to farmers desirous of making use of it.

## Later Extension of Work.

The three hundred and sixty Agricultural Societies in the Province of Ontario have made rapid progress of late years. In 1907 a new departure was inaugurated, and a grant was made by the Ontario Government for the holding of Standing Field Crop Competitions, each society selecting the desired kind of grain or other crop grown for seed.

With the exception of ten societies, which devote their energies wholly to the keeping and maintenance of pure-bred male animals for which they receive certain grants, all the societies hold fall fairs and exhibitions. Spring stock and seed shows are also conducted with great success. J. Locke Wilson, Supr. of Agricultural Association.

## LANSDOWNE

Lansdowne, Aug. 6.—Arthur McConnell left last week to take a position on the C.N.R. near Toronto.  
Mrs. Rebecca Cochrane and daughter, Miss Hattie Cockrane, left last week to visit relatives in Syracuse, N.Y.

Mrs. W. H. Foley is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Claude Purvis, June-town.

Mrs. W. J. Foley, of Rockfield, who spent a couple of weeks with her daughters, Mrs. N. Warren and Mrs. E. R. Bradley, returned home to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McDonald and daughters, Helen and Pearl, of Kingston, were visiting friends in Lansdowne on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon, of Niagara Falls, the Misses Beatty, of Pembroke, are guests of Dr. Elizabeth and Miss Beatty.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hungerford, of Hamilton, are visiting friends at Ivy Lea.

William G. Johnston is occupying his cottage at Charleston Lake.

Borden Dillon has returned from a trip to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Quinn and Mrs. Cook, of Toronto, were visitors for a few days in the village and county last week.

A number attended the K. of C. picnic in Brockville on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNamee, of Kingston, visited Lansdowne friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Weese, Kingston, are occupying the Webster cottage, Ivy Lea.

Miss Mary Lynch, who has been visiting in Brockville, returned home to-day.

Mrs. Mahamia, of Rome, N.Y., is spending a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McDonald.

Mrs. Garry Holdridge and little daughter, Syracuse, N.Y., are visiting Mrs. Holdridge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lappan, Fairfax.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fowler, Mrs. Fred Taylor and daughter, Mea, and Mrs. Pepper, of Brockville, spent Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. E. Dixon.

Mrs. William Steacy left on Tuesday morning to visit relatives in Manitoba.

Miss Helen Robinson, of Lyn, has been visiting Mrs. Helen Peck.

Mrs. Keating, of Montana, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Wallis, is spending this week with friends in Gananoque.

## NIGHTS ARE COLD IN THE OPEN

To avoid a restless night, be sure of a well-prepared bed, for the nights are cold in the open air.

Those who have "soldiered" know how to prepare a cot for a good sleep. Put a layer of oilcloth over the canvas cot, to keep out the cold moisture, and a layer of blanket on that.

Then make a veritable bag of two layers of blanket for covering and roll into this.

If your feet are warm, the rest of your body will be warm.

## Lloyd George Enjoys Canadian Travel



1. At a wayside stopping place.  
2. Lloyd George converses with J. J. Cully, General Manager, Canadian Pacific railway, eastern lines, on the observation platform of his private car.

An appreciation of the arrangements made for his comfort while travelling over the lines of the Canadian Pacific, the Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George wrote E. W. Beatty, President of the Company as follows:

"My dear Mr. Beatty—  
I have had such a heavy list of engagements to fill since I arrived on this side of the Atlantic that this is literally the first opportunity I have had in which to write to thank you very heartily for the magnificent arrangements which you made for my journey west of Toronto. Every facility and every comfort were afforded to my wife

and daughter, and also to the entire party, and I owe you a deep debt of gratitude.

"With all best wishes, believe me, ever sincerely,

(Signed) "D. Lloyd George."  
The ex-Premier of Great Britain was much interested in things he saw en route, and lost no opportunity of adding to his store of knowledge of the Dominion. He is

here seen at a wayside stopping place, and with him in the front row are Dame Lloyd George, Miss Megan, D. C. Coleman, Vice-President Canadian Pacific Western Lines, and Mrs. Coleman. In the smaller picture he is seen with Dame Lloyd George, Miss Megan and J. J. Cully, general manager Canadian Pacific eastern lines, viewing the scenery of North Ontario.

## SOMETHING SPECIAL

Lily White Baking Powder 25c lb.  
Extra good Red Salmon 18c for halves  
Extra good Red Salmon 30c  
Sheariffs Jelly Powder 3 for 25c  
New Honey 15c per lb.  
A full line of Fancy Biscuits from 20c up.  
Soda Biscuits 15c per lb.  
Ice Cream Powder 15c per pkg.  
Extra heavy lamp chimneys 15c each  
All Laundry Soaps 3 bars for 25c  
Toilet Soap, Palmolive, Infants Delight, and Lifebuoy, 3 for \$1.10

Brooms from 60c to \$1.10  
Just received a supply of fresh Cabbage, Tomatoes and Celery.

We have a number of empty wooden lard pails which we are selling at 15c each.  
Also a number of good clean rolled out Barrels at 30c each

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Groceries Confectionery Ice Cream