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## Our Poets.

### THIS CANADA OF OURS,

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VIA GLASGOW TO QUEBEC.

Written for THE BEE.

You may sing while the pride of your  
heart overflows,  
And boast of your thistle and flavored  
rose;  
You may play with the pibroch of the  
glory of yore,  
And quaver the lyre of Erin once  
more;  
You may sing of your Grampians, your  
crags and your plains,  
Of the rushes and shamrocks adorning  
your lanes;  
Of your towers and gardens, and Land  
League so keen,  
I'll sing of the boughs of the  
maple so green.  
You may sing of your triumphs over  
Egypt and Greece,  
Of an empire and home your blood  
will not lease;  
You may sing from your heart, the  
praises that cling  
Round the graves of your heroes, the  
tombs of your kings.  
I will sing of the land that shall ever  
be proud  
Of her lakes and her rivers and Niagara's  
sound,  
Of her forests, where sportsmen may  
frolic unseen,  
'Neath the mantle of leaves of the  
maple so green.  
You may sing of the meteors disturbing  
the air,  
Of the hut of the peasant who's free  
from all care;  
You may sing of the grandeur viewed  
From thy cliffs,  
And the lakes o'erspread thy num-  
erable reefs;  
You may sing of your bravery in wield-  
ing the sword,  
Of Tell who relieved you from your  
burdensome goad;  
But all these combined will not make a  
queen  
To our own forest land with her  
maple so green.  
You may sing of your prairies and  
cities so grand,  
Of the freedom and liberty enjoyed  
in your land;  
You may boast of your victory (?) of  
seventeen seventy-six,  
And the defeat of the Southern armed  
only with sticks.  
You may sing of the time the Alabama  
was sold,  
When "John" settled the "claims" in  
clear shining gold;  
But for me I will sing of the time when  
our Queen  
Was hailed to the land of the maple  
so green.  
Then hurrah for the land of the gallant  
and brave!  
Where freedom and liberty shall ne'er  
be enslaved;  
A hut 'neath the leaves of the green  
maple tree,  
Is lovelier than pageant or cities to  
me.  
No bowing to landlords or barons is  
here;  
No boycotting to dread and no tyrant  
to fear;  
But the tiller is lord where his plough-  
share has been,  
In this dear smiling land with its  
maples so green.  
—W. G. Morrison.  
Newry, Aug. 26, 1890.

### The Crop Report.

The August crop report of the Ontario Department of Agriculture has just been issued under the careful and experienced supervision of Mr. Blue, and while it does not bear out the more sanguine reports that have been put in circulation it is still a satisfactory and encouraging statement. It is learned from this report that the area of fall wheat is 102,000 acres less than last year and the area of barley 174,000 acres less. But the area of spring wheat is greater by 203,000 acres, of peas by 73,000 acres, and of hay and clover by 76,000 acres. The estimated yield of wheat exceeds last year's crop by 5,700,000 bushels, peas by 2,500,000 bushels, beans by 470,000 tons, and hay and clover by 517,000 tons. But the estimated yield of barley is reduced by 7,000,000 bushels as compared with last season and the yield of oats by 8,000,000 bushels. Compared with the annual averages of the last eight years there is a decrease of 2,400,000 bushels in wheat, of 4,000,000 bushels in barley and of 500,000 bushels in oats, but an increase of 3,000,000 bushels in peas, 4,000,000 bushels in beans, and 1,254,000 tons in hay and clover. Fall wheat was a fine crop throughout Western Ontario and was housed in good condition. In the Georgian Bay, Lake Huron and West Midland Counties, however, there was slight loss by winter killing and spring frosts. But even in these counties the crop was a good average. In the counties east of Kingston, where but little fall wheat is sown, 40 or 50 per cent. of the crop was winter-killed. Spring wheat is an average crop. In some localities a blight that reddened the leaves is a source of complaint and in the Midland Counties low and weevil did some damage. Low lying wheat was injured by wet, cold and the late spring. But upon the

whole the crop has suffered little from insects or prouth. Barley is light in yield and uncertain in color. Reports are divided as to imported two-rowed. The variety is from a week to ten days later in maturing than the ordinary six-rowed barley, hence but little of the crop was cut when the reports were made up and a definite opinion could hardly be expressed. But the report says: "So far, however, the evidence does not warrant the belief that it is in any marked degree superior to the ordinary varieties in spite of the fact that it has been favoured by a season of unusual rainfall and slow growth." The oat crop will be a light one, but this is in a measure offset by the larger area under crop. This crop was retarded by the same conditions as operated against barley. It was also attacked early in the summer by a red, rusty blight which wrought some considerable injury. Rye was a fair crop and was well secured. Peas are a fair but uneven crop. This grain was injuriously affected by rains, heats, bugs in Essex, Kent and Middlesex, and by worms in Huron, Bruce and Grey. The hay crop in the language of the report, "has been a magnificent one." The outlook for corn in Essex, Kent, and parts of Huron, Lambton and Middlesex is favorable. Reports on the condition of the root crop are variable. Low lands, owing to heavy rains, proved bad for potatoes, and premature ripening of the vines in the eastern part of the Province is reported. Turnips suffered from the fly and baked conditions of soil consequent on hot weather. Mangel and carrots will be a fair crop. The fruit crop is a general failure, except that grapes promise a splendid yield in the Lake Erie region. Stock are in good condition. Pastures have held out well in the eastern half of the Province, but the reports from the Niagara Peninsula and the west are not so encouraging. The supply of farm labor was about equal to the demand. Wages have ruled from \$1 to \$1.50 by the day and from \$15 to \$25 by the month. The full report appears on another page, and, as in previous years, it will doubtless prove a sound forecast of the condition and yield of crops and a trustworthy basis of calculation and operation for the business community.

### Stratford Presbytery.

Stratford Presbytery held a *pro re nata* meeting in Knox church, Stratford, on Thursday, 21st inst. at 10:30 a. m. The moderator, Rev. J. W. Cameron, in the chair. Presbytery was duly constituted. Members present:—The moderator and Messrs. McPherson, Turnbull, Pyke and Henderson, ministers; and Messrs. Baird and Park, elders. Rev. Andrew Henderson, M. A., in the absence of Mr. Tully stated clerk was appointed clerk *pro tempore*. The action of the moderator in calling the meeting was sustained, and the irregularity as to the notice of meeting condoned. The report of the moderator of Knox church, Stratford, as to the action of that congregation in connection with the payment of the retiring allowance to Rev. T. McPherson was presented by Rev. Mr. Turnbull. Rev. Mr. McPherson stated that he accepted the cheque for \$1,500 solely on the ground that it recognized the authority of the Synod. It was moved by Mr. Pyke, seconded by Mr. Baird, that the report be received and adopted. Carried. A call from the congregation of Knox church, Stratford, in favor of Rev. Robert Johnston, of Lindsay, was laid before the Presbytery by Mr. Turnbull, with reasons for transmission. The call was in due form, signed by four hundred and eleven (411) members, and two hundred and two (202) adherents, and accompanied by a guarantee of stipend for \$2,300 annually, to be paid monthly. The action of Mr. Turnbull in moderating in the call was approved, and commissioners from the congregation heard, viz:—Messrs. Ireland, Hamilton and Mowat, and some correspondence between Mr. Johnston and Mr. Turnbull was read. It was moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Pyke, that the call be sustained as a regular Gospel call, and the usual steps in such cases be taken. Carried unanimously. Rev. Messrs. Turnbull and Hamilton were appointed to prosecute the call on behalf of the Presbytery of Stratford before the Lindsay Presbytery. It was also agreed that the Presbytery request the Lindsay Presbytery to call a special meeting of Presbytery, if necessary, to issue the matter of the call as speedily as possible. Presbytery was then adjourned to hold its regular meeting in Millbank, on 8th September, at 2:30 p. m.

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

McVicker's theatre in Chicago was burned Tuesday morning. Loss, \$200,000.  
The great strike on the New York Central continues, and there is a serious blockade of freight. Passenger trains are running.  
A man was found dead at the Griffin house, Detroit, on Saturday. It is found that his name was J. Lewis, and that he was in the dredging business at Erie, Pa. Deceased was an unmarried man worth about \$200,000.  
The raw old expression, "Don't count your chickens till they are hatched," is now rendered by the Boston girl as follows: There is an aphorism of respectable antiquity which seriously advises producers of poultry to postpone the census of juvenile fowls till the period of incubation is terminated.

### Monkton.

Rev. A. Henderson, M. A., occupied his pulpit last Sabbath.  
Miss Annie Featherstone returned home from Toronto last week.  
The Sunday evening prayer meetings in the village are largely attended.  
Mr. Tier, our popular school teacher, returned last week from his holiday trip.  
The majority of the farmers in this vicinity are through with their harvest.  
Rev. Mr. Brandon preached a very able sermon on Sabbath last, taking for his text, Mark 10th chap., 17th verse.  
Monday, Sept 1st, has been proclaimed a civic holiday, when our accommodating stage driver will run cheap fares to and from Mitchell.

The July make of cheese for this factory has been sold for 8 1/2 cents per pound. This is the highest price paid for cheese in this locality.  
Eben Freeborn, of Toronto, paid our village a flying visit, and his appearance seemed to brighten up the sad countenances of some of our young ladies.

### Bornholm.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilkinson, accompanied by Miss Marion Patten, have gone to Michigan for a few weeks recreation.  
As harvest is almost over here, the steam threshers are heard every day. The Kistner Bros. are doing good work with their machine this year.  
Miss Gertie Hord and Miss Stella Brown returned to their home in Mitchell last Friday, after spending the vacation with their many friends here.  
Schools have re-opened here, No. 5 being conducted by James Purdon, of Hibbert, in the absence of Mr. Stuart who is taking a Normal School course in Toronto.  
Rev. Mr. Brandon, addressed the children here in a very becoming manner on Sunday last. The rev. gentleman has great energy in arousing the interest of both children and grown people, chiefly the children by the use of objects and familiar illustrations from which he drew many practical truths.

### Brussels.

Miss P. Sample is away in London.  
Earnie Gerry is again on the sick list.  
E. A. Martin, L. D. S., was in town this week.  
Miss Buchanan, of Seaforth, was in town Sunday.  
Rev. R. Paul preached at Teeswater last Sunday.  
Miss Pauline Olliver is home from Toronto on a visit.  
Mr. Woods, of Galt, was visiting Miss L. O'Connor, this week.  
J. McCrae, of Toronto, is visiting his father, Squire McCrae.  
Dr. Cavanagh visited the Saengerfest in Waterloo last week.  
C. Grimoldby and J. Hart left town for Owen Sound this week.  
Miss M. Swann, of Glencoe, is visiting at the Methodist parsonage.  
Mrs. J. L. Kerr and Miss May are visiting relatives in Guelph.  
Mrs. Robertson and children, of Montreal, are visiting her brother, J. T. Cook.  
Miss Sturdy, of Harriston, is visiting Miss Addie Vanstone and other friends in town.  
Miss Emma Walker left last Monday to visit friends in Lucan, on her way to her situation in Blenheim, Kent county.  
J. Thompson is in town this week. Our boys seem to think, no matter where they go, that there's no place like Brussels.  
Miss Cale, of Ethel, has been engaged as organist of St. John's church. She occupied the position for the first time last Sabbath and acquitted herself in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

A week from next Sunday Rev. W. Smyth, of Harriston, is to preach the S. S. anniversary sermons in connection with the Methodist church. The Monday evening following a musical and literary entertainment will be given, at which Rev. Smyth will also give an address. A good time is expected.  
The total amount of money collected toward assisting some of the most needy of the sufferers by the late fire was \$134.00. The Misses Sample received \$119.00 out of this and George Edwards \$15.00. In addition to the above a number of kind friends contributed clothing, furniture, etc., to the young ladies. We make this statement so that every contributor may know exactly the amount collected and how it was expended.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.—J. A. Thomas is in town this week pushing the interests of the Ball Electric Light Co. He proposes putting in a 35-arc light plant, with nominal 1,000 candle power each, providing 35 consumers can be secured. Mr. Thomas has met with no small measure of success, and he hopes to have the plant in running order about the 1st of October. It is proposed to locate the dynamo at the woolen factory.

Rev. W. E. Kerr preached twice on the Bluevale circuit last Sabbath in the absence of the pastor, Rev. I. Walwin.

The debate in connection with the Y. P. C. A., of the Methodist church, took place last Monday evening. Topic "Resolved the Bible should not be used in our Public Schools." W. H. Kerr and Rev. R. Paul for affirmative and B. Gerry and Geo. Rogers for negative. After a short discussion and good points made on both sides it was decided equal by vote of the audience. Rev. S. Selery, M. A., B. D., filled the capacity of chairman, Dr. Cavanagh as organist.

### Donegal.

Thirty cents secures THE BEE for the balance of 1890.  
John Hymers, who has been very low for some weeks, has commenced to improve, and hopes are now entertained of his recovery.  
A grand entertainment is proposed to be held in the Methodist church, on Tuesday evening, September 9th, at 7:30. Further particulars later.  
The new thresher belonging to the Ball boys had a smash up at Mr. Fewling's on Tuesday last, which caused some delay but fortunately none were injured.

### Logan.

A good, reliable correspondent for THE BEE wanted in this township.  
PIONEER GONE.—On Tuesday last Findley McEwen, one of Perth's pioneers, passed away after a lingering illness of about a year's duration, at the age of 58 years. Mr. McEwen came to South Easthope nearly 50 years ago with his parents, and when quite a young man started out as a builder at which he had the success that usually attends an honest and faithful workman. Nearly all the barns in the early days of North and South Easthope were built under his directions. Mr. McEwen moved into Logan nine years ago and during that time had gained the universal respect of all the people in the district. A man strictly honest in all his dealings with his fellows and kind and obliging withal he will be greatly missed, and his bereaved widow, who is a sister to Messrs. John and David Adair, of the boundary, near Monkton, as well as two sons and two daughters will have the sympathy of the whole community. Mr. McEwen was a faithful Presbyterian and a conscientious but non-obtrusive Reformer in politics. His remains were laid to rest in the Elma Centre cemetery on Thursday of this week.

### Mornington.

Miss Maggie Edwards is visiting the Misses Farrell, in Poole.  
Miss Farrell was the guest of the Misses Edwards last week.  
The Milverton school opened last Monday with an attendance of 60.  
George Whaley, of Unionville, spent Sunday with Mr. Passmore, in Milverton.  
Miss Susan McCloy returned home last Friday from a lengthened visit in Downie.  
Chas. Kertcher, who has been laid up with a felon on his right hand for the last two weeks, is able to attend to his business again.  
Rev. Mr. Manley, of New York, who was an old resident of Milverton, preached in the Methodist church last Sunday morning. He is also expected to preach next Sunday.  
An accident happened to Robert Edwards last Saturday while driving a steer to Milverton. It appears the animal tried to turn on him to go home-ward when in the act of stopping it the animal jumped on his leg, severely spraining his ankle. Had it not been for the timely aid given him he would have undoubtedly been laid up for weeks.

### Ethel.

Mrs. J. A. Young was visiting at Ripley.  
The heavy rain last week has delayed the harvest. A number of the farmers have all their grain cut.  
We are pleased to hear that Miss Cale has received the appointment of organist in the English church, Brussels. We will vouch for her ability to perform the duties of the position.

MATRIMONIAL.—On Wednesday August 6th a large and joyous company assembled at the Methodist church, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion, Crystal City, Manitoba, to witness the tying of the nuptial knot between Jas. P. Smith, of Crystal City, a former resident of Huron Co., to Miss Margaret J., eldest daughter of Andrew Sharp, of this place. Rev. Mr. Buchanan performed the ceremony. The bride was supported by Miss Ada Werro and the groom by R. J. Sharp, brother to the bride. This being the first wedding in the church a handsome bible was presented to the bride by the Trustee Board. After receiving the kisses and congratulations of a large portion of the audience the bridal party proceeded to the residence of E. Collins (amidst showers of rice) where a sumptuous repast was provided. The bride went out to Manitoba in March, 1889, and is greatly pleased with the country. The wedding gifts were of a handsome and useful character.

## Town Talk.

A CARLOAD of flax seed was shipped from Atwood station this week.  
Mrs. DONALD MURRAY is visiting friends in Woodstock this week. We wish her a pleasant time.  
JNO. SANDERS' new lumber wagon is a dandy, and reflects credit on the builder, Wm. Moran, of this place.  
Some say that a man who would "beat an egg," would be cruel enough to "whip cream," "thrash wheat," or even lick a postage stamp.  
The Church of England here intend holding a harvest home thanksgiving service on Sept. 21st, and a festival on the following evening. Particulars will be given later.  
The agents of the Ontario Hedge and Wire Fence Company are pushing business in great shape all through the county. The hedge fence is evidently the fence of the future for farmers.  
An exchange is responsible for this: A Guelph woman has eloped with a base ball player. There's no home run about that! It is kind of out on fly. Maybe a base hit. He is now rated as a good catch her.  
ABOUT RIGHT.—An old journalist writes as follows: "You can size up a business man by his attitude to the newspaper men of his place. If he is of a certain size, he will regard the newspapers as equally important with railways, and equally necessary to the people's prosperity. He will recognize the scores of things a newspaper does for which it can never receive direct remuneration. He will think out reasons for advertising rather than reasons for not doing so. If he is of the other calibre he will begin to calculate whether, after all, he mightn't save 50 cents by getting out a few circulars instead of advertising! He acknowledges the press as a modern necessity, but his acknowledgement is in words only. Were the souls of all business men of the size of his there would be no newspapers."

### The Potato and Apple Crops.

Potatoes are a failure in Ireland this year, as the old-time potato rot has set in and rapidly spread all over the island. In some districts, it is said, the stench from the decaying vines and tubers is such that a malarial outbreak is looked for. This ruin of the potato crop means famine and misery amongst the peasant farmers. Reports from Europe point to an unusually small potato crop, falling short of an average at least 150,000,000 bushels. On this side of the Atlantic, drought in the Ohio Valley and in the States west of the Mississippi has been severe over large areas, and the averages are low, and potatoes in some of the large cities of the United States have gone up to \$1.50 per bushel.  
The August returns of the Department of Agriculture in Washington says the decline in condition in some of the States of large production is very heavy. Kentucky returns only 50, a falling off of 37 points during the month of July; Ohio 55, a loss of 32 points; Illinois 39, a loss of 50 points; Missouri 53, a loss of 32 points; Iowa 75, a loss of 21 points; Kansas 55, a loss of 26 points; and Nebraska 50, a loss of 35 points. The general average for the whole country is 77.4 which is 14.3 points lower than in July, and is much the lowest August condition ever reported by this department. The only year approaching it was 1887, when the August return was 80.8, and the final yield per acre only about 57 bushels.  
In Ontario, especially in this district, owing to heavy rains about planting time, the seed of the first planting rotted in the ground, and replanting had to be resorted to, and this second crop was late, and was struck by a spell of dry weather, which so retarded the growth that only half a crop may be expected on low, backward ground. In some places, however, where the crop was got in early, and on good land, there never was a finer crop and finer specimens of this tuber. The scarcity in Ireland and the continent of Europe indicates a rapid advance in breadstuffs as, next to wheat, potatoes form the most important part of the dietary of the people.  
The apple crop is a complete failure, not only here but all along the isothermal lines with Ontario, and also in latitudes north and south. In the United States New Hampshire shows the best average condition of the apple crop at 77, Maine at 65, Vermont 64, Rhode Island 47, Massachusetts 40, and Connecticut 26. New York's average crop stands at only 35, New Jersey at 25, Pennsylvania 21, Maryland 27, Southern States 30 to 40, Michigan 40, Indiana 40, Illinois 42, Iowa 70, Minnesota 65, Missouri 60, Kansas 52, Nebraska 67.  
It is evident that the East and South have a small crop of apples, as also with the Middle States. Apples will naturally be scarce and high, especially those fit for export. The condition of the apple crop is high on the Pacific slope as well as in the Northwest. Here again we have a shortage in an important article of diet, and with scarce potatoes the influence will be again felt on other necessities of life. In Canada our crops have been unexceptionally good, and no doubt the prices for wheat oats and other cereals will rapidly advance and farmers may expect good prices for the next two years.