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THURSDAY, JAN. 16.

DUTIES OF CITIZENSHIP.

We draw especial attention to the recent speech of Lord Rosebery upon the duties of citizenship. At this season of the year the subject is particularly appropriate, inasmuch as our municipal elections have just taken place.

Lord Rosebery is entirely correct in saying that every citizen should be prepared to do two things—defend his country in case of war, and assume public duty. The first duty is acknowledged generally, but the second is not, and for that reason our municipal affairs—in Canada at least—are not always managed as well as they should be. Too many capable men shirk public duty and the consequence is that sometimes low grade men fill their places. Yet the capable men logically complain because municipal affairs are mismanaged!

According to the scheme on which humanity is planned there are certain sacrifices which all of us must make, and public duty is one of them. There are certain municipal offices which must be filled voluntarily by citizens. Some one must fill these positions and if the good men do not take the trouble to fill them the inferior men will, with inevitable bad results.

It is customary to sneer at voluntary municipal officers, but the man who is filling the position, however poorly, is doing his duty better than the critic who is shirking his civic responsibility. When such men as Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Rosebery are proud to hold voluntary municipal office, no one in Canada need consider the position of councillor, commissioner, or school trustee, too much beneath his dignity.

TO POPULARIZE FARMING.

The money placed at the disposal of the Ontario Government by Sir William C. Macdonald is to be used principally in the rural school districts, points out the Hamilton Herald. By means of the Macdonald fund the Education Department will be enabled to encourage nature study and provide instruction in the more attractive phases of agriculture and also in domestic science and art.

It is the beginning of an educational movement which promises to have beneficial and far-reaching effects in this province. One case of the drain of population from the rural districts into the cities and towns is that town life is supposed to be pleasanter than country life. One excellent way to prevent the concentration of population and keep the farmers' sons and daughters on the land is to make agriculture fascinating and country life more agreeable.

This is the design of the new movement inaugurated by Sir William Macdonald. To cultivate a farm successfully on scientific principles, to get every cent out of the soil that it will yield, requires as much brain as to manage a business in the city. And there is no reason why the work of the farmer should not be as interesting and agreeable and his life as pleasant as the work and the life of the city man, if the farmer and his family only know how to utilize their opportunities. The great thing is to teach the boys and girls on the farm how to make the most of their opportunities. When they have learned how to do this, or been put in the way of learning it, dissatisfaction with the monotony and hard work of the farm and the yearning for a more bustling career in the city will not prevail among country youth to the extent that it now does. To interest the country youth in agriculture, to make them in love with their work, and to ameliorate the conditions of life on the farm—these are the objects which Sir William Macdonald has in view in inaugurating the nature-study movement in Ontario.

Every patriotic Ontario man should wish for the success of the movement.

If successful, it means a great increase of prosperity for this province. To prevent the emigration of our rural population is even better than encouraging foreign immigration into Ontario, for the son of Ontario is of more value to the province than is the foreign settler.

ONCE EVERY HALF HOUR?
Brantford Courier.

The editor of this paper believes in the reasonable right of any man to take spirituous liquors if he feels like it.

HE CAN'T PRODUCE.

Canada stands third in the list of gold-producing countries. Personally we haven't been aware of the fact to any alarming extent as yet.

ALL OVER.

Electors of West York will regret that the joint series of pink teas, held under the direction of Mr. Wallace and Mr. Campbell, is at an end.

THE BIRTHPLACE.

No matter where a man was born, he swells up and claims to be proud of it. There is no way of knowing if the favored spot reciprocates the feeling.

TELL IT TO 'EM.

"Joe" Chamberlain is a good sound Briton, and every Briton worth his salt will back him up in his sturdy retort to the foreign curs who are snapping at his heels.

JOURNALISTIC IRREVERENCE.

Goldwin Smith, in a letter to the Toronto Telegram, said: "Since I settled in Canada thirty years ago, our progress has certainly been downward." Whereupon the Hamilton Spectator remarked, "Why did he come?" There is not much use of being a critic in this country with such an irreverent press.

SOLUTION OF A HARD PROBLEM.

Portland Oregonian.
We shall solve the Filipino problem about as the English have the Hindoo problem, by a wise mixture of military force and political tact, but the American soldier will be needed for a good many years to come. If it were not for the presence of 40,000 to 45,000 American troops in Luzon, we should probably have a "Sicilian Vespers" there to-morrow, with a prompt relapse of the people into their ancient practice of piracy.

AN ARISTOCRATIC ORDER.

Hamilton Spectator.
The installation of the officers of Hamilton hive, 290, of the Lady Macabees, took place Wednesday evening. The new officers are:
Lady Gill, past commander.
Lady McMahon, commander.
Lady Hancly, lieutenant commander.
Lady Byrnes, record and finance keeper.
Lady Baikie, chaplain.
Lady Linke, sergeant.
Lady Armstrong, mistress-at-arms.
Lady Murray, sentinel.
Lady Murray, picket.
Ladies Costello, McMahon and Foster, B. B.
Lady Murray, C. of S.

Department Store Repartee.

"What are these things?" asked the customer.
"Blackboard erasers," said the shop-girl.
"I don't want anything that will erase a blackboard. I want a chalk mark eraser."
"That's what I meant. These are chalk mark erasers. Anything else?"
"Yes, I want some lead pencils."
"We haven't any lead pencils. We have some wooden cylinders with graphite on the inside of them. Will they do as well?"

Shaking Hands.

At a duel the combatants discharged their pistols without effect, whereupon one of the seconds interfered and proposed that the duellists should shake hands.
To this the other second objected as unnecessary.
"Their hands," said he, "have been shaking this half hour."

The Return Trip.

Passenger (on steamer en route to Europe)—The steamer appears to be empty. Don't emigrants ever return to the old country?
Captain—Oh, yes; but they always go back in the first cabin.

A small damsel of twelve who disliked boys wrote an essay upon them, in which she said, "If I had my way, half the boys in the world would be girls and the other half would be dolls."

Hate hurts the hater most. Don't pinch yourself and expect others to feel the hurt.

Progress is certainly all right in its way, but when weeds make more progress than garden truck it's all wrong.

NEURALGIA

We suggest curing a pain in the face by taking Scott's Emulsion into the stomach. Usual way of treating neuralgia is to rub liniment on the outside. That's only a make-shift.

Scott's Emulsion is nerve food. Scott's Emulsion feeds and strengthens nerves.

For an obstinate neuralgia, for nervousness, for nerve weakness take Scott's Emulsion. It's nerve food and nerve strength.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

CHARING CROSS.

The funeral of the late Mr. S. Jenner took place on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Thompson officiating. The pall-bearers were five sons and one nephew. A. Wright sold two of his thoroughbred cattle to Ben. Harvey on Saturday for a handsome figure.

It is rumored that I. Simpson, of the Middle Road, has purchased the farm of Mr. Barfoot on the townline, at a handsome figure.

Messrs. A. H. White, Albert Sheldrick and Fred Stone, of Chatham, attended the funeral of the late Mr. Jenner, on Sunday.

Willie Roy, of Chatham, is spending a few days the guest of A. Wright, 10th Con.

T. L. Pardo, M. P. P., and Jas. Pardo, of Cedar Springs, attended the funeral of the late Mr. Jenner.

We are glad to report that Robert Slade, of the Gravel Road, is on a fair way to recovery, after his recent illness.

S. S. White has secured the services of Geo. Cleve for the coming season.

Mr. Hunter spent Sunday last with friends in Ridgetown.

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Stock Reducing Bargains

With our buyer in European markets making immense purchases for our spring and summer trade, some of which are already on the way, we have big doings ahead for the next few weeks. Shelf room must be made for the new comers, which means present stocks must be reduced to their lowest possible dimensions. No strictly winter goods, however fine or fashionable shall settle down for another season. Bought to be sold this season—sold they will be. Of course no one loves to take a loss, but better far a present loss and ready cash, than one prospect with capital pent up.

300 yards dress trimmings in fancy jets, sequin and gimps, large range of colorings, assorted widths, regular 10c, 15c, 25c and 35c a yard, Friday price 5c.

2 pieces heavy reversible golf cloth, extra fine, pure wool, 56 inches wide, suitable for unlined skirts, rich dark colorings, regular value \$1.75 a yard, Friday 98c.

3 dozen girl's camel's hair tams, fine quality, full size, large assortment of styles and colorings, regular value 50c to 65c each, Friday price 39c.

10 pair silk seal gauntlets, ladies', and misses sizes, rich quality wool, lined, quilted lining in cuffs, fine kid palms, regular \$1.25 a pair, Friday 95c.

2 dozen men's scotch knit under-

shirt, fine union quality, soft finish, double breasted, asten facings, regular 35c to 40c each, Friday price 25c.

Four dozen Silk Windsor Ties, full size in pretty plaids and checks, rich colorings, regular value, 25c each, Friday price 18c.

Ladies Coats—Latest box back, semi-fitting, 27 in. long, in newest materials and colorings, Regular \$3.50, \$4. and \$4.50 coats, selling at \$2.48.

Regular \$4.50, \$5. and \$5.50 coats selling at \$3.98.

Regular \$6, \$6.50 and \$7 coats, selling at \$4.48.

Regular \$7.00, \$8.00, \$9.00 and \$10.00 coats, selling at \$5.48 and \$6.48.

Three-quarter length coats, stylish garments, worth \$7.50 to \$8.50, selling at \$5.50.

Children's coats—Three-quarter box back and ulsters, very natty garments, pretty made, assorted colors, for ages 6 to 12 years, regular \$4.50, \$5 and \$5.50, selling Friday at \$3.98.

11 only, Misses' and Children's Reef-er Jackets in Frieze, Beaver and Boucle Cloth, assorted colors, smart styles, sizes 4 to 13 years, regular price up to \$3.50, selling Friday at \$1.75.

600 yards English Bleached Cotton, full 36 in. wide, fine cambric finish, extra value at 8c yard, Friday price 6 1-2c.

1 piece English Apron Cloth 36 in. wide, heavy indigo blue cloth with fancy white border, fast dye, regular 12 1-2c a yard, Friday

The Northway Company, Limited,

THE BUSY CASH STORE

Coke as Fuel

The following letter from Mr. McLachlan, who has made thorough tests as to the relative merits of Coke and Coal as fuel for furnace, range and coal stove, will explain itself:—

Dear Sir,—In replying to your enquiry as to my opinion of the use of Coke for heating purposes, I can speak in nothing but the highest terms of it. We have had considerable experience in heating large spaces and have made ample tests as to the comparative merits of Coal and Coke for heating purposes, and the result that we can recommend coke as having a most decided advantage, and I believe that if its heating facilities were better known it would be much more largely used than it is.

Yours sincerely,

D. McLACHLAN.

The demand for coke has always exceeded the supply in Chatham, but with the installation of new apparatus, a much greater quantity is being produced, so that we are now able to supply our customers promptly. Coke is sold at \$3.25 and \$3.75 in different sizes, for a full cartload of 30 bushels—less than half the price of the same quantity of coal—or will be sold in smaller quantities if desired. Try a load!

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And the necessity of fencing is approaching and Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas wish to announce that they have a complete stock of all kinds of wire and wire fencing, hooks, staples, slats and fence tools. Their prices are lower than that of the average dealer and it will pay any person from a distance to call at their store in Chatham, and get prices before buying elsewhere. Wire promises to be firm in price and all orders booked now will be guaranteed in price until April 1st next.

Geo. Stephens, Quinn & Douglas

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FARM FOR SALE

Farm for sale, being south half lot 6, Con. 2, Township of Camden, in the County of Kent, containing 100 acres. This property is situated about 2 1-2 miles west of Thamesville. The farm is well fenced, and about forty acres cleared, and the balance mostly pasture lands, soil a sandy loam. There is a frame barn and a good frame house upon the premises, also a good well of water and about two acres set out in fruit trees. For terms, etc., apply to BANK OF MONTREAL, Chatham, Ont.

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T. J. RUTLEY, Architect, Chatham, Ont.

TEA and TEAS

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