

Young Canada Club

By DIXIE PATTON

HOW THE YOUNG CANADA CLUB CAN HELP YOU

There are two ways of learning to do things—by doing and watching. Trying to write down your stories as brightly as you can will help you to do better next time. Seeing how other boys and girls have told what they saw will very likely help you still more. I want you to try both ways so that the page will grow better all the time.

When you write in to tell me what you think of the camera work will you say how you like the stories and perhaps you would like to suggest what to write about for the next story competition. It does not have to be about birds or animals. Put your thinking caps on, boys and girls, and see who will have the best topic to offer.

Another thing, I want every boy and girl who reads the Young Canada Club page to write me a letter and tell me whether or not they think we had better drop the camera work. Do you think you can earn cameras? Would you like to take pictures? Remember I want to hear from every one of you who read this page.

Address your letters to Dixie Patton, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man.

JENNY WREN

I am going to tell you all about the little Jenny Wren. It is brown with streaks through it; its breast grey. The eggs are pinkish colored with brown spots on. They make their nest out of twigs and horse hairs, and hay and straw. In the inside of it they put feathers to make it soft for the little ones

and to keep the eggs from breaking. They feed their little ones flies and worms. When the little ones are getting their feathers there is a little bit of down comes on their heads and backs.

AMY KYDD.

THE WREN

Honorable Mention

The Wren is a very little greyish brown bird, and is a beautiful singer. They do not come so early as some birds. Wrens like to make their nests near a house. They are not very frightened of people, sometimes they come in the house. They like to build their nests in funny places, old hats, boots, or in the pocket of a coat, sometimes in the box of a mower or binder. They generally lay five little eggs, with light brown spots on them. After the little birds come out of the eggs the father and mother birds are very busy feeding their little family. They eat all kinds of grubs, worms and flies. They do not eat grain or crumbs. They are very clean, too, their nest is always clean, the old birds carrying away all that is dirty.

The little ones grow very quickly and are ready to leave their nest in about two weeks. Then the mother bird gets another nest and lays some more eggs and gets another lot of little birds. They are so pretty to have flying about and so gentle.

GERALD P. GORDON.
(Age 9 years).

THE MEADOW LARK

The bird I choose is the Meadow Lark. The Meadow Larks are numerous around here. They are so cute with their yellow breast and black V-shaped figure and brown back. They are singing their sweet little song from early in the morning till late at night.

Early last spring when the Meadow Lark first came, a Meadow Lark used to come to a certain tree near my window and sing his song. I watched him closely and later he brought his mate with him. A few weeks later I saw they were busy carrying grass and hay. I watched them one day and they took it to a place where the grass was tall and thick. In this grass they made their nest. The place where they built their nest there was a lot of dry grass and when they were in the grass you could hardly see them. About a week later I went to the nest and there was one little egg in it. The eggs are white with brown spots.

I did not visit it again for a couple of weeks. When I went there were four eggs in the nest. When the eggs were hatched the male bird seemed very proud of them and I often saw him carry food to the nest. The little birds grew rapidly until they had all their feathers. One day as I was going to the nest I was surprised to see the little ones trying to fly. The old birds would fly a little way and the little ones followed. A few days practice and they could fly pretty good. All the birds did nicely but one, and it had been hurt as it could see only with one eye. The parent birds seemed so kind to it as it was with them all the time.

One morning I awakened up to find three birds on the tree near my window, and after taking particular notice I saw one was my little blind friend with its parents. They were there every morning until fall, when they went to their southern home.

ETHEL HENRY.

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