

Guide-Advocate

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THE BLACKBIRD PEST

A "Sorely Tried Citizen" writes to the Petrolia Advertiser-Topic about the blackbird nuisance. His remarks are equally applicable to Watford. He says:—"What is to be done about the blackbird nuisance? Who among us has not had his peaceful slumbers disturbed at 4 a.m. by their incessant shrieks, and his evenings made horrible by their return from the fields. Those of us who are trying to have a garden have become almost discouraged by having our corn rooted up and our green peas devoured. No one among us doubts that the filthy condition of the tree-lined sidewalk is a disgrace to the community as well as being a public nuisance. Either the beautiful shade trees must go or the blackbirds. Which shall it be? But this is not all. Does everyone know that the blackbirds destroy the eggs of smaller birds? Soon the song sparrows, chippies and other useful and attractive birds will be extinct if these marauders are allowed to continue their depredations. We see that in other places drastic methods have been adopted to rid the community of such pests. Should not Petrolia take similar measures? Will not the Council give permits to responsible persons for shooting these most destructive and annoying birds?"

Farmers' Sun, Toronto—Mr. J. E. Armstrong, M.P. for East Lambton, is doing good work in trying to induce Parliament to place coastwise and inland water vessels under the Railway Commission. With the huge British Empire Steel Company controlling practically all our inland shipping they will be able to charge any figure they choose for carrying grain. It was bad enough before but undoubtedly will be worse under the new merger.

One of the most important bills passed at the parliamentary session just closed is the new franchise law. It provides for uniformity throughout the Dominion in the election machinery, the lists to be based on the Provincial lists. The enumerator system has been restricted so that it will be used only in rural districts. Coupled with this bill, in the public mind, is the change made in the Naturalization Act which enables aliens of enemy birth who lived in Canada ten years prior to July 1, 1919, to vote.

DEATH OF JAMES CAUGHLIN

The death occurred in Port Huron on June 28th, of James Coughlin, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. J. Cloghesy. Mr. Coughlin was born in 1840 at Niagara Falls. Up to the time of the death of his wife 18 years ago, he resided in Watford, since that time he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Cloghesy. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Stephen's church.

Surviving him are the following sons and daughters:—Mrs. George Derby, Mrs. P. J. Cloghesy and Mrs. L. V. Smith of Port Huron; John of New Augustine, Florida; William, of Watford; Micheal, of Detroit and Frederick of Calgary, Alta. One brother and two sisters also survive, William of Minden, Mich., and Mrs. Bridget Cox of Port Huron, and Mrs. Thomas Gavigan of Watford. The funeral services were held at St. Joseph's church, Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock. Interment to Mt Hope Cemetery.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coughlin and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gavigan and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Gavigan and daughter, and Mr. Edward Coughlin all of Watford, Mrs. George Cundick and Mrs. William Welsh of London.

Maw—Marilyn

A very pretty but quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs. John Miller, 804 Lorne Ave. London, on Wednesday, June 30th, at 6 o'clock when her niece Annie Mabel, eldest daughter of Wm. A. Marilyn, was united in holy bonds of matrimony to Stanley Maw, both of Watford. The Rev. W. R. McIntosh officiating. While the bridal chorus from Lohengrin was being played by Miss Beatrice Wells, of Goderich, the bride entered the parlor leaning on the arm of her brother, Warner, and took her place beside the waiting groom.

The bride was becomingly attired in taupe satin with georgette overdress embroidered in silk. After the signing of the register, all the guests repaired to the diningroom where the tables were beautifully decorated with American Beauty roses and crimson peonies; the hostess serving a dainty supper. The bride travelling in a navy tricotone suit with flesh georgette blouse and white picture hat. The gifts were costly and numerous. On their return they will reside on the groom's farm on the Egremont Road.

The friends and relatives join in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

WARWICK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The June delegate meeting of the Warwick Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. A. Auld on Wednesday, June 23rd, when eighteen ladies were present. Meeting opened by singing "The Maple Leaf," followed by prayer led by Mrs. D. Auld. Minutes of annual meeting were read and confirmed. Maxine Auld gave a reading, "Canadian Boy," which was much appreciated by all. Mrs. Lowe, of Toronto, gave a very interesting address on "Institute Work and Its Possibilities and the Betterment of Schools." A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker, followed with some selections on the victrola. Meeting closed with God Save the King, after which a dainty lunch was served.

WARWICK S. S. CONVENTION

The Warwick Township S. S. Association held its ninth annual convention in Bethel Methodist Church on June 23rd. The convention was a great success and an inspiration to all; the attendance being larger than on any previous occasion, and was noticeable for the deep interest which the delegates took in the discussion and the different topics.

The President, Mr. C. N. Richardson occupied the chair in a very able and efficient manner. The various departments of the S. S. work were well represented, a report of the year's work being given by each superintendent. The addresses listened to in the afternoon session, given by Mrs. (Rev.) Shore, Miss L. Ross and Col. Kenward, were very interesting and full of valuable points.

In the evening, two excellent addresses were given by Rev. G. B. Ratcliffe, Presbyterian minister at Arkona, and Rev. T. DeCourcy Rayner, Congregational minister of Watford. The addresses were full of practical suggestions and the spirit of Jesus Christ, and were appreciated to the fullest extent by the large number assembled. The collections, afternoon and evening, amounted to \$17.53. Township Provincial offering \$33.85; Missionary offering \$1,405.00; Total enrollment 1,081 members.

Officers elected for the ensuing year as follows:—
President—Thos. Gault, Watford
Vice-Pres.—John Robinson, Watford
Sec.—Tress.—J. F. Smith, Forest R.R. 4
A.B.C. Dept.—Miss M. Mansfield, Watford
Home Dept.—Miss M. McLeay, Watford
Teacher Training—Mrs. Shore, Watford
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