

OPTIMISM IS THE PREVAILING NOTE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

A State Where Everybody Boasts—Stealing Oranges an Unpardonable Crime—Not Fruit-Growing But Oil the Leading Source of Wealth.

(Written for The Ontario by W. S. MacDiarmid.)

California can boast of having the most loyal sons of any state in the union. That is one reason why the far south-west is so well advertised in the east. The native sons believe that California is the place where the Lord was born. If you want to get along here you must first learn that you have to bury the hammer. Don't knock. That is fatal. You will instantly be disliked.

In the old days before the war when every one was more or less happy there used to be some visitors who came to Belleville and held forth on the market square. They first visited Chief Newton and got a license. Then they started to educate the natives. Old timers will remember the Indian medicine men who had the herbs that would cure all the diseases that human flesh was heir to. As a side line they would pull teeth without pain. They had a fruit jar filled with teeth to show their prowess. The patient would get on the platform, exhibit the tooth, the doctor would give a signal to the band and it would start to play. You could not hear the patient holler. The doctor would then hold the tooth in the air and dot the victim to say it hurt. He wouldn't talk. Then there were the vendors of the famous kidney and liver pads. After the concert these famous pads would be passed out for \$2. each. They sold a lot of them.

I remember a bunch of our village cut-ups were always there and took great delight in these entertainments. One night Hope McGinnis decided it would be a good idea to invest in one of the pads, and held a post mortem on one. As he was the capitalist of the crowd we backed him up and we retired to the old woodbine and took it apart. It was full of sawdust. It nettled the inventor 198 cent days. There were professors in those days.

Years rolled by and I believe the descendants of those fakers are now in California selling orange orchards to the capitalists of the east. I am not delirious of seeing any of my old Belleville friends like Billy Deacon, Stanley Carman and others who have become millionaires in my absence, purchase an orange farm. I don't believe there is an orange ranch in California that has had the same owner two years in succession. The average Easterner imagine all you have to do in California is to reach out and pick an orange. There are lots of them but will find it easier to steal apples in the east. You can commit murder in California and get away with it but if you steal an orange Gus Porter would have the fight of his life to save you from the San Quentin. The reason is that it's too much trouble to raise an orange tree to manhood to give it away. An orange tree is more trouble to manage than a trick elephant. Like an elephant when it starts out in life, if you have an orange grove of 500 trees you will have to have 500 tents. That means some expense. The reason for the tents is that the orange tree has more natural enemies than the Kaiser. In the early days of March when the blossoms come the tent is placed over the tree and a candle as big as a shield of a sixteen-inch gun is lit. The fumes kill all the pests and the owner if he lingers too long in the tent after a week or so the tent is taken away and the tree is sprayed with a solution of sulphur and other deadly explosives. The ground is kept cultivated as the orange tree is an aristocrat. He doesn't believe in having weeds around his feet. Every two weeks the irrigation ditches are filled with water which soaks to the roots. When the tree grows too far the water falls to reach the roots. The orange crop gets smaller, it is not wise to have an orange tree get too old. In the late fall around the last of December when the weather threatens frost, out come the tents and the smudge pots are lit. The smoke keeps the frost away for a frost bitten orange is not a delicacy. It becomes dangerous to your interior arrangements. If an orange grower sends any frost bitten oranges to the east he is expelled from the association. It has been done but it was not profitable.

The oranges are not picked ripe from the tree, they are still green but have reached their full size.

They are bleached and graded and wrapped for the tables of the east. It is some trouble as you will see to bring an orange to your table.

California's wealth is not derived from the orange and fruit orchards. Since the discovery of oil it has far outdistanced the amount received from fruits of all kinds. There are a large number of companies headed by the Standard Oil that have properties throughout California. Some wells are still producing right in the heart of the city but a law has been passed making it unlawful to sink any more wells in the city. The beauty of the city would be spoiled and all are satisfied that it was a proper thing to do.

Belleville is not largely represented in the city of the angels but I ran across one the other day. He is Louis Canniff of the Los Angeles Express. He started out to learn the printing business in The Ontario Office. He graduated and spent some time with The Intelligencer. With that experience he is qualified to do well and is doing so.

Cordially yours,
W. S. MacDIARMID.

Dedication of Orange Hall

Bayside Lodge Now Has Fine Home
The Fifth of November, the anniversary of the discovery of Guy Fawkes, was a red letter day in Bayside Orange circles for yesterday afternoon at three o'clock the fine new frame Orange Hall at Bayside, costing \$2,500 was dedicated in the presence of a large number of brethren of L. O. L. No. 2349 and other Organismen. Grand Master W. E. Tummon performed the ceremony, being assisted by Rev. A. L. Geen, deputy grand chaplain, acting as grand chaplain; John Downey, acting deputy grand master; W. C. Reid, grand treasurer; F. M. Clarke, grand secretary; George A. Reid, grand director of ceremonies. Following the beautiful dedication ceremony, the master of L. O. L. No. 2349, James Donaldson, took the chair and addresses were delivered by Grand Master Tummon, Grand Secretary Clark, and Deputy Grand Chaplain Geen.

In the evening a bowl supper and concert was held with a very large attendance of members of the order and their friends.

L.O.L. No. 2349 was instituted in 1912. It lost two members killed in the Great War. Hitherto the lodge had been held in the unused portion of the school house.

The lodge is now flourishing and will thrive in its up-to-date hall.

Some Prices Have Changed

Butter and Potatoes Lower—Eggs Firm.
Prices have changed somewhat in market produce since last Saturday. Today eggs sold at 75c per dozen, while butter came down to 63c and 50c per pound.

Potatoes were easier. The general price was \$1.50 per bag but a few fairly small potatoes brought \$1.35 to \$1.40 per bag.

Honey is quoted at 30c pound for clover.

Red onions sold at 50c per peck and others at 40c; beets 40c peck; turnips, 30c peck; 75c bushel; carrots 40c peck; cabbages 5c to 20c each.

Young pigs brought \$6.00 each. Beef hindquarters wholesale at 18c and lamb at 25c.

Lamb was cut up on the market today at 25c and 35c per pound.

Delicious cider sold at 25c per gallon today.

Molasses red apples hand picked brought \$5.50 without the barrel. Baldwins sold at \$2.00 per bushel. Apples sold as low as \$1.00 per bushel.

Poultry prices varied somewhat from \$1.50 per pair of chickens to \$2.00 per pair.

Ducks were offered at \$2.00 each. Parsley 5c; oyster plants 6c; artichokes 10c quart. Pumpkins sold at 5c and 10c and small ones at the rate of three for five cents. Citrons sold at 10c and upwards.

Thanksgiving Donations to the Shelter

The Shelter Management Committee of the Children's Aid Society tender sincere thanks to the public for the liberal donations received in response to the Thanksgiving appeal for the children, and would further convey their gratitude to the following ladies who welcomed the visitors and by their kind efforts added much to the social pleasure of the day, Mrs. Clare, Mrs. (Rev.) Marshall, Mrs. Hallam:

Mrs. Wm. Johnson, rice.
Mrs. Walter Grass, 1 bag potatoes, 1 bag carrots.
C. Massey, maple syrup.
Mrs. Mills, cake.
Mrs. W. J. Cook, sugar.
A friend, clothing and vegetables.
Miss Wilson, oatmeal.
Mrs. Seantlebury, girl's coat, cake, basket of apples.
Mrs. Nugent, cake.
Mrs. W. B. Deacon, cake.
Miss Blakley, Brighton, one pound candy.

Mrs. Fowler, Toronto, 6 melons.
Mrs. Hallam, butter and tea.
Mrs. Marshall, fruit and pickles.
Mr. Whitfield, cash \$1.00.
Mrs. Chesher, cake.
Mrs. Chadwick, cake and cash \$1.
Mr. E. Rush, 5 bags potatoes.
Mrs. J. West, Thomaburg, 1 bag potatoes, 2 bags apples.
Mr. W. S. Cook, 1 basket peaches, 1 basket grapes.

Mrs. Jones, Dundas St., sugar and cash \$1.00.
Mrs. B. Thompkins, Harold, bread and apples.
Mrs. Leavens, basket of apples.
Mr. Atkins, 1 bag potatoes, 1 bag apples.
Mr. Hincheliff, 6 melons.
Mr. H. Whitfield, bushel of apples.

Mrs. Arthur Wilson, 1 bag potatoes, 1 bag carrots, beets and beans.
Mrs. Edgar Morrow, bag vegetables.
Mrs. Earl Morrow, bag turnips, cress and pumpkins.
Mrs. E. Donohue, Stirling, pair honey.
Mrs. W. Martin, Stirling, 1 bag potatoes.

Mrs. Clare, cabbage and carrots.
Mrs. Mann, Emily St., clothing.
Mrs. Dunning, apples and butter.
Mrs. Maybee, clothing.
Mrs. Ross, apples.
River Valley Women's Institute, Frankford, 1 bag apples, 1 bag potatoes.

Mrs. Frank Diamond, Cooper, 2 bags potatoes, 1 bag apples.
Mr. T. Crosby, Stirling, bag apples.
Mrs. R. Meiklejohn, Stirling, clothing.
Mrs. Green, Stirling, clothing.
Mrs. Reuben Hoard, Stirling, 1 pillow case.

Ever Ready Workers of Rawdon.
Mrs. Thos. Montgomery, President, 1 1-2 bags potatoes, 2 bags apples, 3 bags vegetables, pumpkins, beans, 2 heavy coats, one undershirt, 1 pad, 7 pairs pants, 2 boys' suits, 10 skirts, 1 girl's dress, cash \$1.00.
Mrs. W. Boyce, grapes.
Mrs. Brockley, Dundas St., vegetables.

Coe Hill Chapter, I.O.D.E., 42 bags potatoes, 3 bags vegetables, 3 bags apples, 19 pounds butter, 4 packages dates, 2 boxes candy, 1 dozen eggs, cookies, 2 packages raisins, 2 lbs. cake, F. O. B. charges \$16.50 prepaid.
Plainfield Women's Institute—potatoes and cabbage, 1 bag apples.
Mrs. Tom's, Victoria Ave., \$5.00.
Halloway Women's Institute, clothing and apples.
John Landon, Millbridge, 2 bags potatoes.

Mr. Jos. Armstrong, Millbridge, 1 bag potatoes, 1 bag turnips, 1 bag cabbage.
Plainfield Women's Institute, 2 bushels potatoes, 3 bushel apples, 20 heads cabbage, 2 1-2 pecks carrots, one-half peck beets, 5 pumpkins, 4 squashes, green tomatoes.
Thomaburg Ladies, box of clothing and fruit.

Miss Parker, Stirling, \$1.00.
Miss Judd, Stirling, \$2.00.
Mrs. Coulter, Stirling, \$1.00.
Mrs. Lagrow, Stirling, \$1.00.
Mrs. MacDonald, Stirling, \$1.00.
Mrs. Spry, Stirling, 50 cents.

Donations for October.
Johnstone's Academy, sandwiches.
Quitte Branch W. I. baby dress, 2 petticoats, 3 pairs stockings, 2 aprons, 1 small kimono.
Mr. Dodds, 3 bags apples.
Mrs. Ruston, 1 coat.
Knitting done by a friend.
Mrs. Wallbridge, clothing.
Mrs. Doyle, Chatham St., apples.
Mr. Barley, Trenton Road, 9 baskets tomatoes.

Mr. Beaumont Jarvis, 1 bag potatoes, 12 heads cabbage, 8 squash.

Wallbridge, W. I., one apron.
A friend, clothing.
Mrs. Frank Elvins, beets, cabbage and carrots.
Mrs. McCarthy, Emily St., clothing.
Argyle Chapter, I.O.D.E., cake.
Mrs. Wm. Tennent, 6 pairs mittens.
St. Andrew's Church, bread and butter and pie.
Bridge-St. Methodist church, eatables.
A friend, clothing.
Mrs. F. E. O'Flynn, 13 pairs new stockings.

Public Meetings Are Now Advocated
The president of the Chamber of Commerce in his recent letter to the press administered a just rebuke to the knickers. In dealing with criticism of the council in general, however, he seems to leave only two alternatives open to the citizens, namely, refrain from criticizing the council or leave the city. There surely is another alternative, that is co-operation with the council by means of discussion at many public meetings during the year. In using the terms constructive criticism and destructive criticism we should understand clearly what is meant, because destructive criticism intended to destroy methods that occasion loss is always useful though the best method to be substituted may not have been decided upon. It is simply idling time to assert by way of criticism that some one has made a mistake because those who never make mistakes never make anything else. Calm, judicial, dispassionate criticism will help the council and ought to be encouraged. If the members of the council would take the people into their confidence at public meetings, before embarking on important public works, particularly excessive public work expenditures, it would avoid a lot of criticism.

It was hoped that the Chamber of Commerce would afford constant opportunity for this public discussion and that the whole public would be educated up to the high standard of the few, especially the members, but no periodical meetings of the members take place, and I have no recollection of receiving a notice of any meeting. Expenditures are made, important officials employed, and we hear debts incurred, without any meeting of the members being called. The result is, instead of co-operation, we have antagonism.

'The Canadian As I Found Him'

Max Gen. Sir A. C. Macdonnell Gave Intensely Sympathetic Picture.
A deeply sympathetic human close-up view of the Canadian soldier as he appeared at the front in France, was given to the Women's Canadian Club at the High School last night by Major-General Sir Archibald C. Macdonnell, Commandant of the Royal Military College, Kingston, who spoke on "The Canadian Soldier as I Found Him." The general served throughout the war and commanded the first Canadian division. He was trained as a cavalry officer. For many years he was a subaltern and was thus in close touch with the ranks.

Two Types of Canadians.
There were two types of Canadians on the western front—the Canadian by birth and the Canadian by adoption. The general said in either case he was a man of great initiative. The Canadian corps was like a growing boy—it grew from one division until at the close the Canadian corps was the best fighting unit or spearhead on the western front. The Canadian soldier came from a land of magnificent distances and was used to buffeting.

Canadian's Clear Eyes.
"I was very much impressed with the eyes of the Canadians. I think our clear-winters and glorious summers and the fact that we have not a big city born population account for this. As I looked into the eyes of the men, when we were going into action, I felt we were standing before the High Altar.

"The British generals remarked that very few retreating chips were noted among Canadian troops, but they had strong resolve faces.

Canadian Makes Good.
"A Canadian is a man who wants to make good. They were splendid under the discipline and the Canadian officers were the best in enforcing discipline on the western front. This came as a result of toil and hard work.

"I thought I would spend the rest of my life bragging about the men when I got home. But I found the officers were not getting justice. "No Canadian division ever failed to "jump off." This after four years argues great efficiency.

"The Canadian corps was always up to strength. Gen. Currie saw that the Canadians were organized down to the last man. It was not fair to compare the Canadian corps after 1917 with any English division. The Canadians were picked men. British divisions had been walking cheek by jowl with men of 45. How they kept together was a mystery."

There are about 4200 actual individual electors in Belleville about 1070 of whom are ladies. There were less than 1900 electors took enough interest in the affairs of the city to come and vote at the last municipal elections. About 1900 persons own the 1700 acres comprising Belleville on which 13,000 persons reside. The real estate is assessed for \$6,800,000. As there were less than 1900 persons voted at the last municipal elections and most of them tenants it would look as if even the property owners take little interest.

W. C. MIKEL.
MINES HAVE BEEN CLOSED.
We are sorry to learn that the Queenboro Canadian Sulphur Ore Company and the Noyes Fluorspar mines have been closed indefinitely, says the Madoc Review. All the machinery in both mines is being removed. The closing of both of these mines at the beginning of the winter season will cause some hardships to those depending on these sources for employment and will necessarily make itself felt both in Queenboro and Madoc.

The Canadian As I Found Him

Examples of Gallantry.
"If any man wants to be a general he is welcome to that part of the duty concerned with checking the casualty lists. After one battle he read the reports: 130 men gassed in the artillery; 60 men of the medical corps gassed. This might be thought not good discipline. The men had thrown off the gas masks in order better to serve the guns and support the infantry. The stretcher bearers had to throw off the masks to save the wounded.

Religion of the Men.
Gen. Macdonnell once told the men: "The Guards bury their dead and the Seventh Canadian Infantry Brigade will bury theirs. In all the late battles the battle fields were kept clear."

As to the religion of the men he next spoke: "I never saw, heard, met an atheist in France. I don't think there was such a thing. Not a man but absolutely believed in a great Quartermaster above. Most of the men were fatalists. The padres were very fine men and gave excellent service," said the general citing the work of Canon Scott.

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Gen. Horne of the second army said that the Canadians always carried out their agreement to make good or die in the attempt."

Mrs. A. Amick moved, seconded by Mrs. J. F. Wills, a vote of thanks to the general.

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Woman Burned to Death in Her Home

KALADAR, Nov. 6.—Mrs. Young, wife of James Young, was burned to death about 3 p.m. Wednesday in her home about three miles from here. Her husband left the house and went to the home of a neighbor. Returning about 6 p.m., he found his home and contents in ashes, and nothing to be seen of his wife. The charred bones were found in the debris. Mrs. Young's maiden name was Miss Rogers, of Elzevir township. She was in her sixty-fifth year, smart and active and highly respected by all who knew her. An inquest will be held.

Owned No Man's Land.
His experience as commander led him to see the bravery of Canadians. They took to "No Man's Land" as a duck took to water. Canada at two a.m. usually owned "No Man's Land."

I am of the opinion that it was harder for a Canadian to win the honor.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF William Buckley, late of the Township of Tyndinaga in the County of Hastings, Retired Farmer, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914, Chapter 121, Section 56, that all Creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said William Buckley who died on or about the twenty-fifth day of July in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty, are required on or before the 27th day of November, 1920, to send by post prepaid or deliver to the executor of the last will of the said William Buckley, their Christian names and surnames and in writing, of their claims and statements of their accounts and nature of the security, if any, held by them, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, and

TAKE NOTICE that after the 27th day of November, 1920, the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and the executor of the said estate will not be liable for said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

F. S. WALLBRIDGE,
Solicitor for Executor
Dated this 21st day of October, A.D. 1920.
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DIED.
McBRIDE—At 270 Charles St., Belleville, Sunday, Nov. 7th, Bel Emma, aged 22 years, 9 mos. 14 days, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McBride.

WALLBRIDGE—At the private pavilion, General Hospital, College St., Toronto, Sat. Nov. 6, 1920. Francis S. Wallbridge, barrister-at-law, at the age of 60 years.

THE LYDIA PINKHAM PRINTING PLANT.
The Lydia E. Pinkham Company of Lynn, Mass., whose Canadian plant is located at Cobourg, are establishing a big printing plant of their own at Boston, to cost \$20,000 to \$30,000 or more. This step has been taken owing to their not having been able to get prompt deliveries of work.

PARCELS TO ARGENTINE.
Arrangements have been made whereby parcels may be forwarded direct to the Argentine Republic in addition to the present service via the United Kingdom. The rate of postage will be 12 cents for each pound or fraction thereof and the limit of weight 11 pounds. The service is to be monthly and will go into effect with the first sailing in November, which will be that of the S. S. "Canadian Seigneur" sailing from Montreal on or about the 18th of November.

TEA PRICE DROPS.
The Salada Tea Company has reduced the price of their Brown label Salada tea 15c a pound. While the consumers have been paying 70c a lb. for, they will be able to get at 55c per pound as soon as the grocers' present stocks are exhausted.

Aerial mail service between the U.S. and Cuba has been inaugurated. From left to right, H. R. H. T.

EXCLUSIVE
An exclusive and most timely made at Buckingham Palace, London, Nov. 16—Gen. Wrangel, the anti-Bolshevik in South Russia, has Constantinople on board the cruiser Korniloff, says a dispatch to Constantinople.

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Gen. Wrangel's the still intact in the Ukraine, the basis of a new movement. No decision will the leaders of the army movement until Gen. Wrangel reaches Constantinople a survey of the situation declared.

M. Maklakoff said the the Russian peasants were coming more actively anti-Bolshevik, giving much ment to those who are against the Soviets.

The defeat of General whose South Russia, has not meant that France is reviser recognition of the foreign office today.

The French government letic regarding any further movements in Russia at was indicated, not seeing basis can be found for tion of the fruitless effort the Moscow government General Wrangel from the Gen. Wrangel himself, office advised said, had left at Constantinople on board san cruiser Korniloff or way to that city.

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