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# Young Canada Club

By DIXIE PATTON

### STILL MORE PRIZES

Perhaps you did not win a prize in the last contest, or some other contest, and you were disappointed. Now is your opportunity to try again and try harder than ever. Now is the opportunity for all who like to write to try. Three prizes will be given for the three best letters on "Why I like to go to school," or "Why I do not like to go to school."

You can all write on one or the other, for everyone who goes to school either likes it or dislikes it. You are just as likely to get a prize for telling why you do not like it as you are for telling why you like it. People are talking and writing a lot about the schools these days and I would like to know your opinion. If you have played truant it would make your letter interesting to know why you did it. So that you will feel more free to tell me just how you feel I will not ask you to have your age certified to by parent or teacher.

Once upon a time I taught school and I had a boy in the school who had been expelled by the teacher who was there before me; one day he wrote me a letter and told me all about it. I am not going to tell you what was in that letter, but I will tell you that he never liked school, but he came and he was a good student and he learned a lot. I wonder if you will write as good a letter as he did.

Any boy or girl under seventeen years may compete for a prize. All stories must be written in pen and ink and on only one side of the paper. The stories must reach The Guide office not later than August 20. They must be clearly addressed to Dixie Patton, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, Man.

Any contributor to the contest who is not already a member of the club should send a self-addressed and stamped envelope for the Maple Leaf membership pin.

DIXIE PATTON.

### OUR SCHOOL GARDEN

The name of our school is Symington school. We have eight pupils attending at present. It took us one afternoon to hoe, rake and plant the garden. I like to plant a garden, but the ground was hard and was not in condition to work. The ground was plowed, harrowed, hoed and raked.

The boys worked the ground up and we girls made the plots and made the paths. There were eight plots and one path lengthwise and two paths crosswise. We planted the garden on the south-east side of the school house. The size of the school yard is two acres and the size of the school garden is twenty-eight feet wide and forty-two feet long. Each plot is thirteen feet long and ten feet wide. Each path is one foot wide. Each pupil attends his or her own garden, and the garden vegetables are to be used for agriculture and art and for eating. The gardens are popular among us children.

There is not going to be a vacation so we will take care of the gardens ourselves. If there was going to be a vacation we would ask the people living nearest the school to take care of the gardens. We do not expect to have a school fair this fall, but if our vegetables grow all right we expect to show the vegetables in the fair at Provost. The vegetable that we planted first was corn, then peas, potatoes, beets, beans, carrots, celery, turnips, radish and flower seeds.

I think it is very nice to have a school garden, especially when you have to take your lunch to school, you can go out and get something green to eat with your lunch. I like carrots, radish and turnips. When you want a flower you can go and get one.

PEARL VON WALD,

Provost, Alta.

Age 11.

### LIKES HIS PRIZE

Dear Dixie Patton:—I received the book named "The Pathfinder" as my prize. I have not read it yet, but I expect to enjoy reading it very much. I have read "Deerslayer" of the same series. I thank you very much for the book and will try for some of the prizes in future.

I remain,

Your friend,

JOHN WILSON, JR.  
Milverton, Alta.

### A WINTER ADVENTURE

By Florence M. Treat, Aged 17, in St. Nicholas.

Across the camp-fire the eyes of the old pioneer twinkled merrily.

"Yes," he said, "there used t' be cougars aroond here. I remember one winter when they got most too familiar, an' took several o' my calves. Joe Jensen stopped one evenin', mighty excited, an' said that a big fellow was settin' by th' road as he drove past, a-switchin' 'is tail. But Joe had n't waited for an introduction, as 'e did n't have a gun along.

"Well, I decided t' git that cougar, so I took my dog an' gun, an' started out t' trail 'im. I found 'is tracks in th' snow—th' biggest ones I ever did see—an' followed 'em fer hours without any sight o' Mr. Cougar. Then I found where he'd come onto an elk an' started t' chase 'im. We'd gained easy, till finally I saw where he'd given a big jump an' landed on th' elk's back—all except one foot that kept draggin' along behind. But they come to a place where two trees was growin' close together, with another tree fallen across 'em, makin' a reg'lar low bridge. An', sir, that elk had run under that an' brushed th' cougar right off 'is back, an' got away, scatterin' drops o' blood.

"But th' cougar tracks stopped right there. I went back an' forth, an' roun' an' roun' with th' dog, but we couldn't find where that cougar had gone. He'd jus' natch'ly vanished. Sort o' jus' disappeared into the ground, it seemed.

"Well, I give it up, an' set down under a tree 'bout twenty feet away. An', sir, I heard a noise right above my head, an' lookin' up I saw that big cat lookin' down an' showin' 'is teeth.

"Well, that's about all. 'T was th' same tree you're sittin' under now.

"Oh, yes, I got 'im."

### BIRDS AS TRAVELLERS

A few days ago a bird was seen flying rather low over the tops of the houses in Winnipeg. It appeared to be very tired and some people watching it wondered if it had been wounded. But after a few minutes it fell to the sidewalk and then the people who were near saw that it was a carrier pigeon and a message was tied to its leg. It was very tired, for when these birds start out with a message they travel great distances without stopping.

Birds show great wisdom in learning to take short trips before they take a long journey. A little later in the season you may see the robins flying to some roosting place where they go ever night and in the morning they fly back home. These trips begin when the little birds are able to fly. Often the mother is sitting on the nest hatching out a second family and the father robin takes the children away. Sometimes a lot of father robins take their families to the same place for the night and there is a great cheeping and flying around and sometimes scolding. These little trips are taken to teach the young robins to fly so that their wings will be strong for the long trip south later in the year.

It is very interesting to see the birds gathering in from all directions to their roost at sunset, and in the morning early, long before most of you are awake, they are off home again, getting their breakfast. Then in the fall when the leaves are beginning to fall and the wind is getting cold and the clouds are grey and your father puts his fingers before the fire when he comes in and says there is going to be snow soon, then one day the birds all get word that they are going south.

We do not know how they get that word, but they all get it, and they seem to be excited, just as you are when you are going away on the train, and early in the morning they all get up and off they go. They do not take any trunks or lunch baskets, but they get along very well.

### SMART

Farmer (to Brown, who, wanting to do his bit, gave up a holiday to help on the land): "Well, Brown, have you put the fowls all right for the night?"

"Yes, sir, I had some trouble with the ducks; the first one fell off the roost, but I put it between two hens the second time and made it stick!"

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