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## FRUIT AND FRIENDSHIP

While all eyes are turned to sleepless Ottawa, pitying its attempt to decide whether the security of the British Empire depends on \$35,000,000 spent in Britain or in Canada, Earl Grey has decided that much can be accomplished through the aid of an apple. He has suited the action to the thought and rented, at an annual cost of \$250,000, a valuable site in the very heart of London, and is calling for plans for the erection of a colossal fruit market which will be designated the Imperial Covent Garden.

It is proposed to put the control of various stalls in the market place in the hands of the various overseas governments so that they may display the products of their country to the mutual advantage of the people in Britain and in the Dominions. The establishment of the market is frankly an attempt to strengthen the ties which already knit together the Colonies and the Mother Country, and incidentally to reduce substantially the cost of fruit in England. It is also hoped that the scheme will also have the effect of educating the people of Great Britain regarding the resources of her Colonies.

At present they pass the windows of the various offices and agencies belonging to Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Rhodesia, and stare vaguely at the displays of fruit, large and brightly colored, in glass jars, at the photographs of magnificent scenery, the stuffed birds, the ears of corn, the tables of statistics and the other attractions of life in the wider spaces overseas. But the quantities of fruit grown, the quality of the fruit, the ease with which such fruit is grown, the markets which could be supplied—these escape them.

Twenty or thirty years ago there was scarcely a banana to be seen outside of the large cities: they were considered a luxury which could not be afforded on the tables of others than the well-to-do. Now, there is scarcely a village store where a bunch of bananas cannot always be seen hanging from the ceiling among the hearth-brushes and strings of candles. To-day, owing mainly to the enterprise of a single individual bananas are some of the cheapest and most wholesome articles of diet in the country.

If Earl Grey's plan matures, after the bananas will come the apples and pears of Canada, the plums and cherries of South Africa, peaches and apricots and oranges, all of them more plentiful, all of them cheaper, in quantities determined only by a demand which at present hardly knows that it exists.

## FARMERS AND PROHIBITION

The farmers of the province will be in something of a predicament during the current election campaign, if they are to live up to the resolution passed at the annual convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, calling for total prohibition laws. It is stated that in some of the constituencies, the temperance question will be made an issue and if the agriculturists stand by the U.F.A. resolution, they will have to eschew politics and support the candidates who will be nominated by the prohibition party.

It is not definitely known whether the Licensed Victuallers' Association will support the Liberals or Conservatives, but it has been charged that pressure is being brought to bear on the members of the organization to lend their aid to the Liberal cause. That, on the face of it, should put the Liberals in bad with the farmers, as indicating that the Sifton forces are hand in glove with the liquor interests, but then the Liberals are the promulgators of the reciprocity policy and it is extremely doubtful whether the farmers would turn down the reciprocity policy in favor of the prohibition policy. Very doubtful indeed.

The students of the political game are predicting that the Conservatives will win a majority of the city seats while the Liberals will more than make up their losses in the centres of population by their gains in the rural constituencies. But in any case the scrap will be a stiff one and it is hinted that it will only be begun the day the elections are over. The basis for this hint is the fact that Hon. Frank Oliver has taken cards in the game. He

most certainly is not friendly to the Conservatives and quite as certainly he is not friendly to any cause with which Hon. C. W. Cross is associated. Neither is he an enthusiastic booster of the Sifton party. Between Oliver, Sifton, Cross, Michener and the disgruntled members of both the old line parties, the political forecast in Alberta is,—“Storms. Cyclone cellars should be kept in state of preparation for instant use.”

## LIGHTLY TURNS TO THOUGHTS OF BASEBALL

Whatever the young man's fancy turns toward, in the spring of the year, there can be no question that the fancy of the young boy turns, especially on the first official day of Spring, the beginning day of the spring term, toward baseball.

It is almost safe to say that every man has at some time in his dear past played the game. If now he has been overtaken by the doldrums of the bleachers, he still knows what the game is, and he, too, measures the turn of the year by the return of baseball. Even in these much belying Easter days he has seen the vacant lots filled with boys, as, indeed, these might be seen on any spring days, or near-spring days, in previous years. But this year the crowd that gathers there is better centered, and the practising which is done is directed by every boy eager for the honor of his school. The man who is soon to be on the bleachers may well wish he might take part therein, for he knows by actual experience the lessons to be learned in the school of baseball. He perhaps belonged, years and years ago, to the village nine, and he played nines from the neighboring villages, quite as these boys will play nines from the neighboring city schools. He knows how it is. He knows that it is impossible for a boy to become a citizen unless he has played the game, in the springtime of the year, and of the years.

## WESTERN FREIGHT-RATES

According to a New York banking house it is recognized by the authorities of the Western Canadian Provinces, that if a radical reduction of rates is ordered by the Canadian Railway Commission as a consequence of the present investigation, the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia will be placed face to face with the proposition of direct taxation in consequence of their heavy guarantees of the bonds of the Canadian Northern, Grand Trunk Pacific, and other railway companies.

The freight rate inquiry which has been under way for some six or seven months by the Canadian Railway Commission has been indefinitely held up. After numerous hearings and the presentation of a large amount of statistical evidence, the greater part of which was prepared by the Canadian Pacific, which has so far borne the burden of the defense, an indefinite adjournment has been taken by the commission to allow counsel for the Western Provinces to prepare a case as to the reasonableness of the rates now in force, regardless of the question of discrimination, the latter being the principal subject upon which the commission so far has concentrated its attention.

## ARTIFICIAL FUEL FOR PRAIRIES

Down in Regina, the Board of Trade is petitioning the Provincial Government to make an appropriation to assist Dr. Andrews to experiment in fuel-making from straw and potatoes. The scheme may seem absurd but Dr. Andrews claims that he can manufacture an excellent quality of briquettes from straw, using potatoes as the binding material. So strong have been the arguments that he has presented to the members of the Regina Board of Trade that they have become converts to his eloquence and are prepared to publicly endorse the undertaking—provided the Government will do the financing. But Dr. Andrews is not first in the field, nor do his experiments go as far as those of a French scientist who has not only manufactured briquettes from straw, but who has made from straw a substitute for wood—a substitute which, in many respects, is superior to the original. This Frenchman claims that he can make wood that is as hard as the oak, maple, birch or beech and that is moreover easy to work. The grain can be made of any character that may be desired and the artificial wood will work up even more readily than the real article.

If Dr. Andrews and the French scientist have really made the discoveries they claim, then Western Canada possesses a new asset, the value of which cannot be represented in dollars and cents.

The getting rid of the straw is a problem that has to be faced by every farmer on the prairies and if he can turn that straw into wood or fuel, he will be adding greatly to his material worth and subtracting from his troubles.

Then, too, the fuel question is often bothersome to the agriculturists. It is quite true that Alberta rests on a bed of coal but before the coal is placed in the farmer's cellar, several parties have made a profit and the cost to the ultimate consumer is from \$7.00 to \$10.00 a ton. Whereas this “wood from straw” will only cost \$2.00 a ton, according to Dr. Andrews.

And this new use for potatoes will furnish another market for the tubers.

Indeed reasons multiply why the West should follow Dr. Andrews' experiments with absorbed attention.

## STILL ANOTHER COLLEGE

And still another college is to be built in Calgary. The latest addition to the local list of educational institutions is to be erected by the Baptists and it is planned to have the building ready for occupation before the end of the year, although classes will be opened in temporary quarters before that time.

What with over 7,400 pupils enrolled in the public schools; with over 600 enrolled in the separate schools; and with another 1,000, at a modest estimate, attending the University of Calgary, Mount Royal College, Western Canada College, Bishop Pinkham College and St. Hilda's College and with nearly another 1,000 taking advantage of the technical and other night classes operated by Superintendent Kidner; with St. Benedict's College building as soon as weather conditions permit,—with all these institutions of learning, Calgary is well equipped educationally.

That Calgary is the commercial centre of the province is admitted and is constantly being impressed upon the minds of those who are giving thought to the matter that this city is undoubtedly the educational centre of Alberta and this, despite the fact that the legislature has seen fit, in its wisdom, to deny the University of Calgary the privilege of granting degrees.

It has been suggested that all the university and college buildings be grouped and united in one huge landscape scheme on a site, or collection of sites, to the west of the city and in part, at least, this plan will be carried out.

And just here it may be permitted to observe that the future of the University of Calgary is practically secured with the establishment of a number of colleges which will be affiliated with it. These will include St. Benedict's College, Bishop Pinkham College, Western Canada College, Mount Royal College and probably St. Hilda's College and the Baptist College and, of course, the high school will also act as a feeder to the seat of higher learning.

## ON BOTH SIDES

Government newspapers are now engaged in the task of going into the records of some men who are taking part in the obstruction movement in parliament. Needless to say, there are men with records on both sides. It will be in order for the party organs on the other side to turn on the searchlight. If the real truth is told regarding a lot of the fellows on both sides of the House, Canadian electors will conclude that they should at once be on the lookout for a better class of representatives.

## QUITE A PREDICAMENT.

Referring to the rumor that Earl Beauchamp will be appointed Governor-General of Canada, the Ladies' Pictorial, an English publication, says that of course Lady Beauchamp would not think of taking out to Canada her young family of two boys and four girls. “Canada,” it explains, “is a healthy climate but somewhat severe for very young English-born children and there are not such educational facilities there as here.” Apparently the Earl will have to stay at home.

## CALGARY'S CIVIC CENTRE

Calgary, as a municipality, has several big projects on hand and these include the civic centre scheme, with which is combined a town planning undertaking, to develop which Mr. Thomas Mawson is being brought from the Old Country; a high level bridge, from Centre Street to Crescent Heights; a municipal power plant to cost half a million dollars; a civic coal mine; the extension of its water system at a cost ultimately of a million dollars or more; a municipal paving plant; the establishment of an auditorium (in which matter private citizens are co-operating); and the establishment of parks and playgrounds on an impressive and a satisfactory scale.

It is not easy to discuss the respective merits of these undertakings and indeed, it is not fair to compare them, for admittedly all these improvements are needed and it is the spirit of the community that they shall be installed sooner or later. The desire for the creation of public improvements is notably strong in Calgary, but sometimes desire doth outrun performance and it is to be feared that if too many ambitious projects are commenced this year, conditions may occur that will make the local application of Shakespeare's gentle reflection appropriate.

The indications are that money will not be any too plentiful this year for municipal or other purposes. Whether they have good reason or not, the banks are keeping their coffers' lids tightly closed and if the city is going to attempt lavish expenditures, it were wise for the council and commissioners to ascertain just what the prospects are for raising the necessary funds.

But some of these schemes must be consummated and those that are of immediate importance are the power plant, the extension of the water system and the parks and playgrounds scheme. Power the city must have to attract and hold manufacturers. Water the city must have to keep the insurance rates down and to ensure protection against fire as well as domestic comfort

## THE CHANTER

A TALE

By A. Shaw Marshall

(Continued.)

## CHAPTER III.

That night when the keepers made a sally on the figures crouching by the river they found them prepared, and things did not go well with the keepers. Dark tales were afterwards told of how certain brawny figures fought like wild animals with a savage earnestness and fixed determination to avenge the hurt done to a small boy, who lay very still and quiet wrapped up in a plaid, while a collie dog whined miserably at his side. But of them all, one huge Celt was outstanding. With bitter hatred in his heart he smashed down the guard of all who opposed him, giving quarter to none, and as he planted each telling blow he muttered under his breath, “Take that for ma bairn, an' that, an' that.”

It was a solemn procession which brought wee Tam to Mrs. McDonald's house, despatched as he was with mud and gore. He was not a pleasant sight to look upon. Yet she neither shrieked nor fainted. “Ma bairn, ma bairn,” was all she said as she bore him inside to the warmth of the fire, but when the doctor arrived she was still nursing her boy with that tenderness which belongs to a mother alone. Outside the door stood half-a-dozen men, waiting anxiously to hear what the medical man would have to say. But he was a wise and kindly old man, and asked no awkward questions. At long last, after what seemed an eternity to those waiting, he came out.

“It's a gay bad clure,” he told them, “but he'll warstle through.” And with this they had to be content.

What with the cut in his head and all the excitement and running about which followed, Tam was delirious, and talked wildly of many things, but one cry above all others was, “Ma whistle, ma whistle! they have broken it.” There were times too when he called for Will Fraser to play him “chunes.” Next day, however, Tam was quite conscious, but very weak through loss of blood. Presently he called for his mother. She was busy preparing some nourishing drink for him, and did not hear his feeble cry. But Glen heard it—the faithful Glen who had refused to leave his master's side, and had snapped savagely at all who tried to take him away. With a whine of joy he leapt on the bed, and would have nearly suffocated the boy with the caresses of his long red tongue had not Mrs. McDonald opportunely come in and expelled him from the sick-room. What did Glen care now that his master was well? Not a straw. And so he dashed outside, barking and jumping, chased two inoffensive hens until they were on the verge of heart failure, barked the good news to all who might care to hear, and then with hilarious joy careered wildly after his own tail. At last, dead tired and quite out of breath, he suddenly seemed to remember his sense of dignity, whereupon he shook himself thoroughly and walked sedately back to the bedside.

When certain somewhat bruised-looking men called later in the day to enquire how Tam was progressing, they behaved according to their nature almost as boisterously as Glen. Then they gathered in the wood, and somewhat sheepishly—for they were half ashamed of their display of feeling—discussed a project which had been suggested by one of their number. After a short debate, Rory Grant rose to his feet.

“Ye're richt, Sandy,” he exclaimed, “we'll dae it, an' I'm tellin' ye it'll be the bonniest i' the toon.” With which mystic words the company seemed well satisfied, and promptly dispersed.

It is hard to kill a growing boy, and when the doctor put in an appearance some days later, his ears were greeted with the melodious drone of a chanter. He made for the sick-room with much haste, and looked in, to find Tam sitting up in bed, and despite a bandaged head, blowing his hardest at a magnificent chanter. Across his feet lay Glen. At the sound of footsteps, however, the music ceased, and Glen with a guilty conscience, leaped down from the forbidden quilt. Tam looked round with flushed face and sparkling eyes. When he saw who his visitor was he was for the moment somewhat abashed. Then his natural impetuosity asserted itself.

“Come awa' ben, doctor, an' see ma chanter. It's spleet new,” he laughed; “I hae gotten it as a present frae——” he remembered before it was too late, “frae ma frien's, an' mabbe I'll play ye a chune, an'”—with a sigh of self-satisfaction—“I can play it just graun’.”

on the hills, included in the corporation's limits; playgrounds and parks the city must have to give the ratepayers, their wives and children, that measure of healthful recreation to which they are entitled.

Calgary has far too few breathing spaces. When the city was building up so rapidly, the people were too engrossed in the chase after the almighty dollar to give heed to the future needs of the community and hence parks and playgrounds are at a premium. Let the citizens have plenty of breathing spaces and plenty of band concerts and the social life of the community will be toned up in wonderful and profitable fashion.

## HORSE S

The twelfth Alberta Horse Show will open at the Horse Show Building in Calgary, April 8th, and will continue until Saturday, April 12th. The show will be open to all no doubt bring many visitors to this city. In this horse show, the first horses will take place. The Horse Show Building, morning, April 10th.

Nearly Two Thousand So far there have been prizes in connection with of two hundred over the year, and it is expected entries close the number considerably over two hundred and fifty in the different classes, this, twenty-one special under the auspices of the bandry Branch, Department of the C.P.R.

Prizes and Special The total amount of these special prizes is to silver cups, and the largely contributed by The Swift Canadian C. Ironside & Fars Co. made up by the C.P.R. These prizes will be best fat steers, wether different ages from one over, and range in value \$500, the highest prize fifteen fat steers, three and also for the best fat two and under three years.

The regular prizes are \$30 to \$5, and a prize different classes of horse pete for prizes are: 1. horses, draught horses, coach and Hackney harness, tandems, four bination classes; spee girls, horses and ponies a grand champion section which a silver medal the Calgary branch Bank of Commerce.

A committee, consisting of O. E. Brown, Geo. Ronalds, are also arranging a class to be divided into light-weight classes, a delivery and dray class also probably a heavy class.

Prospective buyers chance to examine offered for sale.

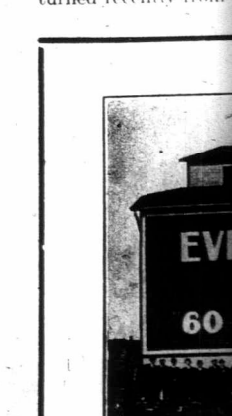


Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the Horse Show will be held at the Horse Show Building, Monday, April 7th, at 3:30 p.m. The Alberta Cattle Fairs will be held at 3:30 p.m. Alberta Horse Breeders' Association will hold their annual meeting at the exhibition office, April 7th.

Sale of The annual sale of held on Wednesday at the Horse Show Building of these animals will previous morning and

Special Rail tickets on C.P.R. stations in Alberta, Manitoba, from April up to April 14th. Special allowed to connecting and G.T.P. railway.

Important Matters Mr. H. L. Bicknell of the Alberta Live Stock turned recently from



Calgary is here all of which pay out of town employees. T