

Young Canada Club

By DIXIE PATTON

HOW TO JOIN THE YOUNG CANADA CLUB

I am sorry sometimes, when little folk send me letters about the number of cattle and horses they have on the farm and the number of brothers and sisters with which they are blessed, that I cannot send them a button in return. I know that nearly all children's clubs do, but we don't, not even if they send a stamped envelope.

I know it seems a little unkind to refuse, but we have set our hearts on having a membership in the Young Canada Club mean something. It won't mean anything if we send out buttons to everyone who scribbles off a letter telling us that the writer goes to school and likes it very well and they have a little colt, etc.

That is why we have these story competitions. Anyone who sends in a carefully written story about a plant, bird or animal, written as if he were the plant, bird or animal and mails it so as to reach me not later than May 31 will get a button and perhaps a prize of a story book as well.

I will send buttons to little gardeners who have actually put in a garden of their own this year, if they will write and tell me about it and promise to write a monthly letter telling the club how their gardens are growing.

When sending competition stories be sure to have your teacher or one of your parents certify that the story is your own work and that the age given is correct.

DIXIE PATTON.

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

WHERE FLOWERS ARE PLENTIFUL

Dear Dixie:—I am writing again to my club. I certainly enjoy the Young Canada page and look forward every week to see the page.

The crocuses are out and they are thick around here. The roses and violets will soon be out. I like roaming over the prairie gathering the flowers. I remember one time last summer I had my hat turned upside down and it was nearly full of flowers. A large bee came along and thinking the flowers rather nice it stayed right with me and I was afraid it would sting me so I threw all my flowers away and gathered more.

The mosquitos and flies are thick around here. My mother says that that is the only thing that Saskatchewan can beat Ontario in. I like reading, fancy work, music, ironing and peeling potatoes; quite a mixture. Oh, yes, I nearly forgot the nicest thing of all—cooking. I'm just learning and I cannot cook so very well.

My favorite authors are L. T. Meade, Mary J. Holmes and Ralph Connor. I guess there are not many who do not like Ralph Connor. As my letter is

getting pretty long I'll have to close for this time.

Wishing the club every success, I remain,

MARJORIE AULD.

Rosetown, Sask.

I would love to go crocus picking with you. I used to gather such heaps of them when I was a kiddie.

JACK THE STOWAWAY

Once upon a time during a great war many people were starving in Boston. A gentleman of another city went to their rescue. He loaded a ship with provisions.

The "Patriot," which was the name of the ship, set sail on a Monday. The captain called for volunteers to go to Boston. Many offered, but only twelve of the bravest were chosen. In this town lived a little orphan boy. His name was Jack. He wished to go with the ship, but knew if he asked to go he would be laughed at.

Monday came, a clear bright day. The "Patriot" started on her journey midst the cheers of a crowd. Tuesday morning came and one of the men was walking around the ship and he happened to see a small boy back of some boxes. Who was it? It was Jack the orphan boy. He was taken to the captain who bade him explain his presence there. He said, "I wanted to go to Boston and knew I would be laughed at if I asked, so I stole after night to the ship and have been here ever since."

They were too far on their journey to go back, so Jack was allowed to remain. Boston was reached in safety and supplies were given to poor people in Boston.

The "Patriot" had started home when they were attacked by an enemy's ship. They defeated this ship and sailed on. Before long the "Patriot" was caught in a sand dune. It was here the enemy again attacked them. Jack was told to go to the cabin of the ship. Fighting had been in full play for about fifteen minutes when something happened in the cabin. A shell was sent straight through the cabin, dropping from ceiling to floor. At once a stream of water bubbled up. Jack knew something must be done and none of the men on board could be spared, so he set to work himself. He thrust his finger in the hole, thus stopping the stream for awhile. He then got a piece of wood and made a cork out of it. It was by no means an easy matter to whittle with one hand. His hand was numb with pain when the task was finished, but he had a happy feeling in his heart when the men of the ship came back to the cabin victorious and praised him and told him he saved their ship and country.

Hoping I receive a prize.

I remain,

MARIE CONNER.

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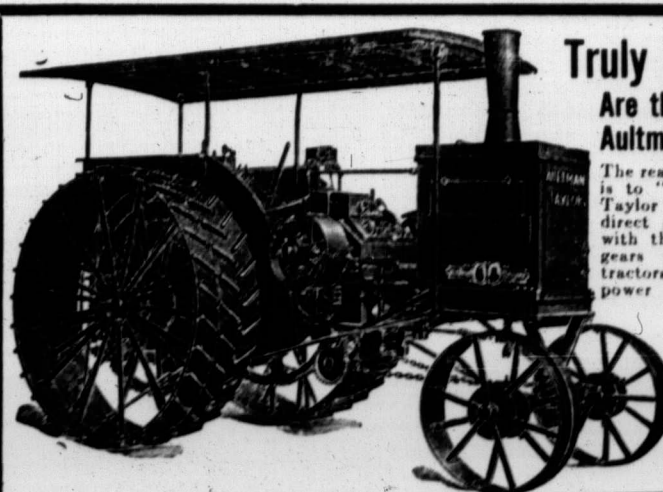
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