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DOES THE WAR CAUSE THE HEAVY RAIN-FALL?

There are many who entertain the theory that the present abnormally wet season is occasioned by the war, that is to say by the continuous explosions of heavy ammunition. This theory is scarcely tenable.

Travelling last week through 500 miles of Ontario's farming section the editor was amazed at the evidence of a deluge of rain. While in New Brunswick we have had the driest spring on record, Quebec and Ontario have been suffering from excessive downfall lasting over a period of many weeks.

We will have to guess again as to the cause of the flood conditions of the present year.

Some others express the opinion that there is a conjunction of planets this year that is causing all the wet.

This theory is quite as untenable as the other. A conjunction of planets would scarcely allow New Brunswick to escape without any sprinkling and send a deluge to Ontario.

The phenomena concerning the weather are apparently easy of solution but they baffle the profoundest inquiries of scientists when it comes to making predictions for more than a very limited period of the future.

It may be set down, however, that it is a general law of nature that one weather extreme is likely to follow another.

An extremely wet spring often follows a winter with light snowfall and may itself be followed by a summer or fall in which the amount of precipitation is more than ordinarily scant.

We tried to comfort a leading farmer from the vicinity of Rednersville on Saturday with these reflections. He was in great perturbation lest the splendid crop of hay that is now in prospect should be ruined when it came to the harvest season.

We reminded him of this law of extremes that we have just expounded and expressed the opinion, that has behind it a reasonable amount of scientific experience, that the skies would brighten and there would be ample sunshine to cure the clover.

It is admittedly very trying for farmers who live in the low-lying districts to see seed-time and planting-time going by and no let-up to the rain, but the year, up to the present time, has brought with it far brighter prospects than the two seasons of disastrous drought that prevailed

in the years 1895-96. Then there was hardship and suffering in this old, reliable County of Hastings. And we had in addition the combined calamities of excessively low prices and Tory misgovernment.

A WEEK OF TRAGEDY.

The past week has been one of tragedy and mourning in many Canadian homes. Several columns of "Casualties" in the papers every day tell their own pitiless tale.

Clifford Burrows might have waited and lingered behind for months until he received a call to go as an officer. But he purposely cast off his officer's stripes, and enlisted as a private that he might that much the sooner reach the field where the need was so great and where those whom he went to sustain and relieve had been decimated almost to a man.

There is probably no mother in this Dominion who has made so great an offering on the altar of her country's liberty as has Mrs. James Belch.

Walter Craig and John Corby are also numbered with the unreturning brave who have poured out life's rich stream and two mothers will no longer be sustained by the hope that some day their boys will come marching home amidst the cheers of those whom they went to defend.

President Wilson has chosen a former Yale football star to run his campaign. He should be a good man to make the necessary "touches."

While Berlin is casting about for a new name we would suggest "Przemysl" as euphonious to the ear and with a wealth of historical association.

Sir Roger Casement's lawyer admits he made a false statement concerning the treatment of his client. He lied, presumably, "for military reasons."

A German bomb plotter, imprisoned in the United States, asks to be released to fight for his country. He can do it in jail, by imagining himself in the Hun navy.

Or stay! Why not change the detested name of Berlin to "Allison"? Surely there could be no more fitting tribute to the devoted sacrifice of the foremost patriot of his time who saved his country fifty million dollars in her hour of supreme crisis.

Injury to pavements by circus wagons is the reason given by Niagara Falls for raising the license fee for such shows from \$100 to \$300 a day.

CREED.

To live as gently as I can, To be, no matter where, a man; To take what comes of good or ill And cling to faith and honor still; To do my best, and let that stand; The record of my brain and hand, And then, shall failure come to me To work and hope for victory.

To have no secret place wherein I stoop unseen to shame or sin; To be the same when I'm alone As when my every deed is known; To live undaunted, unafraid Of any step that I have made To be without pretense or sham Exactly what men think I am.

To leave some simple mark behind That I have lived for men to find; If enmity to aught I show To be an honest, generous foe; To play my little part, nor whine that greater honors are not mine. This, I believe, is all I need For my philosophy and creed.

Other Editors' Opinions

SHOULD POSTPONE THE TWELFTH

In briefly expressing our views on a subject which not only affects this locality but is Empire-wide in its influence, we feel that our remarks will be resented by some, but not by those who, especially in this time of great peril, are possessed of that spirit of equity that characterizes a true spirit of citizenship.

THE CLOUDS DROP FATNESS.

On the heavy clay soil and on the low-lying lands Spring seeding was very much retarded in this province by wet weather. In some cases it was impossible to get in a crop.

KILLED ON CROSSING.

Two Boys Met Death at Lansdowne on Thursday Evening.

An accident on the railway crossing at Lansdowne on Thursday evening brought sadness to the homes of two well-known residents of the village.

The skulls of both boys were fractured and Harold Leggett also sustained fracture of the jaw and left arm.

SHANNONVILLE

The Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. A. Farnsworth on Thursday last.

Mrs. Jack McDonald spent the week end with her parents in Frankford.

BAYSIDE

Mr. G. Grills and Miss Marie Brown spent Sunday evening with Miss Queenie Gardner.

Mr. Arthur Langue and Miss Stella Wilson spent Saturday evening at Belleville.

Bayside Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. Bert Hall on Wednesday, a splendid meeting was held, a large number present and quite a lot of work was done.

Mrs. C. Hall Pres. Mrs. F. A. Gardner Sec. Tres. Miss Queenie Gardner had a few young friends in on Wednesday evening to play croquet.

Miss T. Wilson has returned home after spending a week with her sister Mrs. B. Hunt.

The Bayside Orangemen will hold their annual Church Parade to Wesley Church Bayside on Sunday June 18th at 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Fred Wilson spent Wednesday evening in Trenton.

Judge Willis is building a fine summer residence at Bayside on the Bay Shore.

Mrs. F. Wilson is a delegate to the Convention at Oshawa for the Bayside W. M. S.

We are glad to see Miss Edith Ketcheson out again after her illness.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Pearsall of Wellington spent Sunday at Mr. F. Sullivan's.



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men's.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kemp were at Mr. Edgar Aleya's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Blakely and Mr. and Mrs. R. Blakely of Coneseon motored to Warkworth and spent the Sunday, with the latter's daughter Mrs. F. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Spencer and Master Rae visited friends in Ameliasburg recently.

Collectors in aid of the Belgian Relief Fund have been busy during the week.

Master Harry Bisbee of Roblin's Mills is staying at Mr. Walter Wannamaker's.

Mr. and Mrs. David Whitney were in Belleville Saturday.

Master Edward and Ernest Parliament spent Sunday at Mr. Boyer's, Coneseon Lake.

Mr. Grant Vallaur of Bowerman's was through here Monday soliciting sales for silos.

CARMEL

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilbert visited a couple of days last week at Mrs. W. Osborne's Melrose.

Mrs. T. Coulter spent a few days last week at her sisters Mrs. J. Pitman's.

Misses Olga and Leita Garrison of Bethany spent Wednesday with their friend Miss Leah Gilbert.

Mrs. C. Reid spent the week at Belleville.

Miss Mae Clarke visited at Mrs. E. Horton's last Tuesday.

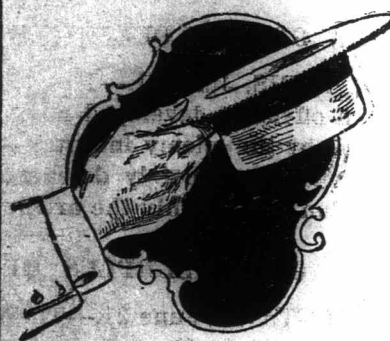
Mr. and Mrs. W. Parliament of Prince Edward spent Sunday at Mr. H. Homan's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gibson, also Miss M. Pitman visited at Mr. E. Pitman's one day last week.

Mrs. Langbeer of Sidney is spending a few days with friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. N. Brintnell spent one day last week at Mrs. Fairman's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Pearsall of Wellington spent Sunday at Mr. F. Sullivan's.



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(By "A Country Clergy" Toronto Globe.)

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Help the Farm Bo Allow me to draw at important resource for ment assistance in the culture no assistance given; nor so far as I ever been proposed. I 'sponsible and most w of country life—the hir are growing up in the a number of boys or yo of poor parents, and unti very young, and unti twenty-one or twenty-t later, all their earnings the support of the hom worked hard and stead years; they understand farm work; they receiv ing that makes a succe In point of experience, industry, general behav there is no reason why conduct a successful f new. But these poor s age when other young settled for life, have have no encouraging p anyone ever thought of the Provincial Treasury these young men with f to give them a start on

What We Do Now fo Perhaps a thousand, be near the amount. I exactly how much ou Treasury spends on ea who takes a degree fro cial University, but it is siderably more than th other words, the legis cation announces its spend large sums, unlit necessary, upon the yo will leave the farm to e other calling, but notth him who is willing to occupation of farming, s years of hard labor to p

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