

Natural History Study

THE HOG

(Crawf. C. Slack.)

I admit it is a great undertaking to even attempt to interpret the characteristics of the natural born hog. They are of many breeds, dispositions, sizes and denominations. Some have four legs, they are of the quadruped type, walk on all fours and grow bristles. Their disposition is stubborn, only when there is something to eat. The four legged hog or quadruped type is very much attached to its owner by strong enclosures. It sleeps on straw beds in huts made of slabs, rails, barbed-wire or any old thing and thrives on swill. This type is generally found in the rural districts. The two legged hog or biped type of the swine family you will find in the large cities and summer resorts. They live in palaces constructed of cut-stone and marble, sleep on downy beds in rooms ventilated by electric fans, they walk on brussels carpets, turkish rugs, and every person who chance to get in their way. Their pens are generally furnished with mahogany furniture very rare and expensive. Like the quadruped type their disposition is stubborn unless there is something to steal. They also thrive on swill, labeled fine Old Champagne "made in France."

There are Birkshires, Yorkshires Tamworths and just common every day dogs of the quadruped type. Like the articles of the average auction sale the hogs of the biped type are too numerous to mention. Space will not permit us to deal with the whole two-legged hog family collectively; therefore we can only take up a few of the more predominant. Our first will be the Automobile road hog. He grows bristles like every other hog, but for appearance sake and to look reverent they will be neatly trimmed. You will seldom find this type penned up in a small car. He is generally found caged up in the rear seat of an expensive touring Sedan, the bigger it is the better, for he can occupy more road. He is most always accompanied by a hog of the rougher stock, which he has educated, and who acts according to his directions which he calls a Chauffeur. The only conditions under which you can secure your legal half of the road upon meeting this special type of the swine family, is to employ a twenty ton truck and load it with pig-iron, and let his educated hog bunt into it. The next time you meet him perhaps he may be a little shy. I drive a second hand "Lizzie" and have often longed for the truck equipment.

Next in line with the Automobile Road Hog is the ground Hog. This peculiar species is found both Biped and Quadruped. Of the quadruped class he burrows in the ground, and hibernates about four months out of the year, and is a vegetarian. His language is of the chattering variety, but on the whole he is retiring, he is very docile and will harm no one if let alone. The ground-hog of the Biped class you will find around the seat of Government, in high toned clubs, Land exchange offices, etc. He inhabits the large cities and is a politician, belonging to all political parties. The Latin name for this particular type of hog is graffreum from the word graft. He does not burrow in the soil, but is very much above ground at all times, and is

never found asleep when there is any ground in sight that he can get a government claim on. He eats the choicest of food and never pays for anything. The government looks after this. His language is very soothing and soft, something like a purr and he will purloin everything in sight if he gets a chance. His habits are sly, slick and questionable. This species is quite numerous throughout the land and found in great numbers near the city of Ottawa, Canada.

The Hog of all Hogs is the bacon Hog. There are two distinct types. One is slab-sided and lop-eared, the other is pot-gutted and narrow minded, as the Ground-Hog, they are found biped and quadruped. The quadruped or lop-eared type are found in great numbers embalmed in Cold-storage Museums, they are post-cured, Brine-soaked, Smoked, and Mummified. The period in which they lived is unknown to the public, as the stocks of antique butter and animated cheese they are looked upon as articles of great antiquity, and held as almost priceless by their owners. Relic hunters and lovers of ancient things however, can secure a thin slice of this petrified type of the hog family for their collection, at the rate of seventy-five per slice, brine included. This is by order in council.

The Biped or pot-bellied type of the bacon hog perhaps possess more real hog qualifications than all of the other species put together. The Latin name for him is Kleptomania taken from the word Steal. He has two legs and walks in an upright position, and this is about the only upright characteristic which he is said to possess, he grow bristles which are deep seated, and at first glance might be taken for a Hedge-Hog but upon closer acquaintance you will discover that he is too much of a hog for that type.

The genuine Bacon Hog, is found throughout the world. He inhabits Expensive Clubs, Private Boxes, Limosines, Summer Resorts, Wine Cellars and has been known to sit in Church Pews, for a consideration. Relic hunters are not permitted to purchase this type of hog, as they are a government asset. They infest North America from Maine to California, and from Rimouski to Vancouver. But it is said that the finest specimens are to be found in the city of Toronto, Canada, from which it has derived the name of "Hogtown." This type of hog exists on coldstorage Museums, Grain Elevators, Canning Factories, Low Wages, and the products of the toilers and producers in general, on which he sets a price and hoards. He is a non-producer and is non-essential.

Local Referendum

Results of Votes in Athens.

Ballots cast in vote, 420.
Ballots for referendum, 333.
Ballots against referendum, 74.
Ballots spoiled and rejected, 13.

The Provincial Majority

The results of the vote throughout the Province on the four questions at time of going to press are as follows:

No. One..... 280,758
No. Two..... 231,379
No. Three..... 253,567
No. Four..... 172,121

We have victory, but it is not paid for yet.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Brief Notes of Interest to Town and Rural Readers.

Live Poultry bought every Tuesday and Wednesday at C. H. Willson's Meat Market.

LADDERS—Leave your order now for that Ladder you are needing—Extension or Step—F. A. JUDSON, Athens

Clearing Out Lot—Boys' Clothing
15 Suits, 3 pieces, Short Pants, Sizes 32, 33
10 Suits, 3 pieces, Long Pants, Sizes 31
32 and 33.

Old reliable goods marked down for quick sale. See them at

H. H. ARNOLD'S

Mrs. J. R. Tye and children, who have been visiting in Athens and vicinity for the past three months, left for their home in Winnipeg on the 22nd.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the executive committee of the Brockville and East Leeds Teachers' Association met at Lyn for purposes of organization. A statement of aim and a constitution was adopted. The object of the Association is to promote the professional, social and financial status of all teachers in the inspectorate and the province. A sane, reasonable and energetic propaganda for higher salaries is to be initiated. The local association is only a part of a provincial organization being formed.

W. A. Eaton's carload of household effects has arrived from White Plains, N.Y., and he and Mrs. Eaton are taking possession of their recently acquired Elgin street property.

Mrs. James Wallace has leased Mrs. Lois Moulton's Elgin street house and will take possession at once.

Mrs. H. C. Phillips is this week moving to the flat over N. G. Scott's bakery.

W. E. Connerty is improving his Charleston Lake property.

Dave Kavanagh is building a yacht house at Charleston.

The Gifford brothers are engaged at carpentry at Lyn.

The umbrella mender has been here again plying his trade and preparing Athenians for the fall rains.

Several Athenians motored to Bishop's Mills last week to pay a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. (Rev.) Wm. Usher, for several years an esteemed resident of this place.

Mrs. R. C. Latimer was called to Frankville on Saturday of last week to attend the funeral of her nephew, the late Leonard Mott, a local high school student.

The funeral of the late John Whitford, Victoria street, took place on Sunday from St. Vincent de Paul hospital, Brockville, where he had been a patient to Glen Buell, of which hamlet he was a native.

On Monday at 2 p.m., at the residence of the deceased, Rev. T. J. Vickery conducted the funeral services of the late Rufus D. Judson, for many years well and favorably known as undertaker, furniture dealer and grocer. His wife pre-deceased him many years ago. One son, George, of Athens, survives. Interment was made at Glen Elbe cemetery within a few

yards of the spot where he was born almost eighty-five years ago.

James Hales, K.C., Toronto, spoke in the interests of the temperance cause on Wednesday evening last in the town hall. His arguments were sane and convincing, his manner quiet and pleasing.

On Friday evening in the town hall a political meeting was held in the interests of A. E. Donovan. Reeve A. M. Ferguson presided, and earnest, forceful addresses were delivered by Messrs. Stewart and Donovan in support of the Hearst Government.

On Saturday evening the party of the Liberal persuasion held a public meeting in the hall, M. C. Arnold presiding. Dr. McAlpine was introduced and briefly addressed the electors, following which Messrs. McGlade and Graham spoke at length upon the record of the government and upon proposed changes after polling day was over.

The boys had a big celebration on Monday night, huge bonfires with fire crackers and tin-horn accompaniment. They decided long before the returns were out, that no matter who won they would have some fun. Judging by the noise, they accomplished their purpose.

Mrs. C. C. Slack and Mrs. C. F. Yates are in the Capital this week attending the convention of the Eastern Ontario Women's Institutes. The former is delegate from the local organization, the latter will reply to the address of welcome.

Mrs. I. C. Alguire left this week for Edmonton, Alberta, and Vancouver, B.C., where she will spend the winter with relatives.

Mrs. McClennahan and Mrs. Wm. Gibson left on Tuesday for Bouckville, N.Y., to spend the winter.

Miss Irene Earl is spending a few days in the Limestone City.

Mrs. John Tye and children, who have been east visiting Mrs. Brock De Wolfe and other friends, left this week on the return trip to Winnipeg.

Henry Rappell, Humboldt, Iowa, is a guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary Rappell. It is fourteen years since his last visit, the occasion being the death of his brother, the late John Rappell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fairman, Gananoque, were guests last week at W. A. Towriss'.

Mrs. (Dr.) Connerty, Smiths Falls, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. N. G. Scott.

Mrs. (Rev.) Hurlburt, North Augusta, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Peat.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Haffner and Dr. Haffner, Kingston, were weekend guests at Wm. Jacobs'. The Haffner brothers contributed well rendered vocal numbers at the Sabbath morning service in the Methodist church.

On Friday night W. J. Taber left his auto in front of the town hall while he and his family attended the public meeting. During his absence certain youths, whose identity has

been established, "borrowed" the car to take a joy ride. On the return trip the machine came to grief near Soper-ton, the hind wheel being so smashed that further progress was impossible. Next day the auto was identified and taken in charge by the owner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Brown returned on Friday last from a visit with friends at Newmarket, Ontario.

Mrs. W. B. Percival and daughter, Jessie, spent a few days in Toronto recently.

Mr. George Foley was a guest at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foley during the last few days.

Mr. Benj. Culbert has been appointed Tax Collector for the Village of Athens.

Mrs. Bessie Reid of the Standard Bank Staff, Belleville, is spending a few days at the home of Mrs. Geo. Stevens.

Mrs. Geo. Stevens and sister Mrs. J. E. Robeson returned yesterday from Seeley's Bay, where they have been spending the past week at the home of Mr. A. Doggart whose wife was buried on Monday week.

Our New Provincial Member



Dr. Donald McAlpine, M.P.P.
Dr. McAlpine's majority is 1,124.

Farmers Have Whip Hand

The standing of the House at present is as follows:
U. F. O. 45; Liberal 28; Conservative 25; Labor 11; Soldier 1; Ind. Liberal 1.

Obituary

Rufus D. Judson.

The death occurred Saturday evening shortly before eight o'clock at the family residence, Main street, Athens, of Mr. Rufus D. Judson, a highly respected resident and business man of that village. Mr. Judson had complained that morning of not feeling well, but he had been about the house most of the day. About 5 o'clock he went into the yard, and took a weak spell. He was able to get inside the door of his home, when he collapsed, and despite the best of medical aid expired about 20 minutes to 8 o'clock.

Deceased was born at Glen Elbe on Nov. 19, 1834, therefore was nearly 85 years of age. About 55 years ago he moved to Athens from Lyn and started a grocery store on the site where stands his present place of business, having later built a fine new store with residence adjoining. About forty years ago he established a cabinet furniture shop with an undertaking business, and his son, George, was associated with him in the business. He was energetic and honorable in all his dealings, soon building up a fine business, and he was active in his store up until the day of his death. His wife pre-deceased him some 15 years ago, and a year previous he lost his youngest son, Charles. He leaves one son, George, of Athens, and a grandson, Lyman, in the home, to whom he was greatly attached. In religion deceased was a Presbyterian, and in politics a Liberal. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at his late residence, conducted by Rev. T. J. Vickery, and the interment was made in the family plot in Glen Elbe cemetery.

J. A. Steacy.

J. A. Steacy, of Seeley's Bay, reeve of the township of Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne, a hardware merchant in Seeley's Bay and a very well known resident of the county of Leeds, died suddenly Wednesday night at his home at 9.30 o'clock. He had been ill for only a week.

Mr. Steacy was the son of John Steacy, of the township of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne, and was born

in California. When two years old he removed with his parents to front of Leeds township and resided there until about 25 years ago when he returned to Seeley's Bay and entered business as a hardware merchant. In this he was most successful and built up a strong connection.

Mr. Steacy's popularity with his fellow-citizens and his keen business ability soon won him recognition at the hands of his friends and for five years he was returned as a member of the township council. This year he was elected reeve of the township of Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne.

The deceased was twice married; first, 12 years ago, to Miss Maude Johnston, daughter of William Johnston, Seeley's Bay, and secondly, four weeks ago, to Miss Rebecca Morris, of Athens. By his first wife three children survive.

Mr. Steacy was a man of sterling qualities, and will be greatly missed by the whole community.

The funeral will be held Friday and will be private.

Leonard Mott.

The death occurred shortly after midnight last night of a well known young man of Frankville in the person of Mr. Leonard Mott. He had been ill for a few days of an affection of the throat. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mott and had spent all of his life in Kitley township. He was a student in the Athens High school. Besides his parents, deceased leaves one brother, Mr. Egbert Mott, and one sister, Miss Irene Mott, both of Frankville. He was a young man held in the highest esteem by all having the pleasure of his acquaintance. Much sympathy is felt for those so sorely bereaved.

Delta

The death of Mr. Alonzo Wiltse occurred at the hospital in Brockville last Thursday night and his remains were brought to Delta for funeral services on Saturday afternoon, and interred at Soper-ton cemetery. Mr. Wiltse was one of the old residents of Delta and was liked by all who knew him; of a cheerful disposition and always ready to give a helping hand to all in need.

Miss Kendrick still continues very low, and no hopes are held out for her recovery.

Mrs. Goodbody, Mrs. Suffel, and Misses Birch and Morris go to Ottawa as delegates of the Women's Institute and Girls' Club respectively.

Mrs. Godkin, Oak Leaf, visited her daughter, Mrs. Whaley, last week.

The Methodist church will soon be ready for use after repainting and cleaning.

The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church purpose holding a bazaar in Mr. Stevens' hall on Nov. 28th and 29th, when a splendid variety of articles will be shown for sale.

The ladies of the Baptist church met last Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. G. White, when a very enjoyable evening was spent.

In Memoriam

In fond and loving memory of Private Roscoe De Wolfe, who was killed in action on October 24th, 1916.

Three years have passed,
Our hearts still sore,
As time goes on
We miss him more.

Inserted by his Mother and Sisters

Don't fail to see the Children's Hats on display at Miss Gray's millinery store, Athens.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on Saturday next at the usual hour in the Institute rooms. The delegates from the convention of the Eastern Division are to give their reports at the meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

To whom it may concern—

If the boys who destroyed my Piano Box want to avoid trouble and unnecessary expense, they can do so by placing another Piano Box where they found mine. Such box to be in good condition and at no expense to me. Anything unreasonable in this request?

WM. H. MORRIS

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