

Aylmer Express

EMPIRE DAY.

Mr. W. Atkin, Inspector of Public Schools for the County of Elgin, has issued a circular to the teachers throughout the county regarding Empire Day, the first clause of which reads as follows:

"The Education Departments of the Provinces of Canada have chosen Tuesday, May 23rd, next, to be set apart as 'Empire Day.' In all schools of the Dominion 'Empire Day' is to be devoted specially to the study of the history of Canada, in its relation to the British Empire, and to such other exercises as might tend to increase the interest of the pupils in their own country and to strengthen their attachment to the Empire of which we are so important a part."

This is followed by some good suggestions as to how the day should be spent, including familiar talks by the teacher in the forenoon on the British Empire, its extent, resources, etc., the relation of Canada to the Empire, etc., etc. In the afternoon it is suggested that a public meeting be held and a programme given by pupils of patriotic readings, recitations, songs, etc., as well as addresses by trustees, clergymen and others on patriotic subjects. The British Flag or Canadian Ensign should float over every school house in the country on that day, and the country should ring with national songs, etc. The idea of Empire Day is a good one, and Inspector Atkin's circular is most timely. We hope the teachers of the Aylmer school, as well as throughout this whole section, will take hold of this matter with a will and make it go.

THE SUGAR BEET.

The idea of a beet sugar factory being established here seems to be taking hold of our leading men so strongly that the prospects of success grow brighter every day, and the amount of money required, about \$250,000, does not scare them in the least. It is a big undertaking, but the citizens of Aylmer and the farmers of the surrounding country will take hold of it with a will there is no doubt about its success. To run it successfully it would require an annual supply of from 30,000 to 40,000 tons of beets, to produce which would require from 3,000 to 4,000 acres of land. Land which will produce good wheat or corn can be made to produce good sugar beets, and there is any quantity of such land around Aylmer. Great care is required in properly preparing the ground, the selection of seed, etc. Careful investigation shows that the strains known as Klein Wanzleben, French White Sugar, Red Top and Vilmerin's Improved are the best. The last named can be made to produce the most sugar per acre at the least cost, by experienced growers, but the first named is recommended to experiment with, because of its hardiness and greater adaptability to varying conditions. The East Elgin Fair Association propose offering several good prizes this year on sugar beets, and we would suggest to the farmers around here that they try one or two varieties on different soils, and keep a record of the date planted, kind of soil, mode of cultivation, etc., in fact the prizes will be awarded only on the above conditions being complied with. The beets will be sent to the Agricultural College for analysis, and in this way a large amount of practical knowledge will be gained, which will be worth thousands of dollars to the farmers of this section should the factory be established here. In any case there is no more profitable crop for feeding stock, and we hope hundreds of farmers will plant seed this year. It should be planted as soon as the soil is in good condition, from the middle of April to the last of May, but not later. Rich mulky soil like those of reclaimed swamps, etc., will often produce a large yield, but although fine looking they are valueless for sugar making, because of the small proportion of sugar they contain. The best soil is a rich friable loam, either sandy or clay.

GROVESEND.

Mr. J. McClelland and wife and daughter spent Sunday at Mr. E. Russ' in Yarmouth.

Miss Etna Tedford left on Tuesday for St. Thomas to spend a few days with her sisters.

Miss Lottie Collison, of Houghton, is now with her sister, Mrs. L. Nelson.

Mr. Staples intends giving an address to the Sunday school children in this place next Sunday evening.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It might not be a bad idea for some ladies to remember that drink is no more apt to make a husband bad tempered, than a bad tempered wife is apt to make a man drink.

The Welland Telegraph puts it very nicely when it says: "The Americans are the easiest nation in the world to deal with if you only take them the right way—you have merely to give everything and take nothing, and there'll never be a trace of trouble."

There have been a great many golden wedding celebrations throughout the country during the past few months, and we hope to live to celebrate ours, not so much for the pleasures of the day itself, but the fun we will be able to have between now and that date.

As an illustration of the hold which the name of Morgan Wood has upon the residents of Aylmer, owing to the unfortunate disappointments in connection with his engagement here this winter, the following incident might be mentioned. A little girl had just got a new bicycle, and had been told that it was equipped with Morgan & Wright tires. In telling her sister about it later on, she said she had the best kind of tire on her bicycle, they were Morgan Wood tires.

St. Thomas people, in their anxiety to do good, have taken to washing each others feet. We hope the practice will become general. Just imagine Dr. Wilson down on his knees gently bathing Tom Crothers' delicate little feet, or Bob McCully using a scrubbing brush on Alex. Darrah's number tens. The loving embrace, and the sweet kiss of affection with which the ceremony winds up, would be a feature worth going miles to see. Something like this is about the only thing we know of that will draw any visitors from this section to the proposed street fair this fall unless public sentiment changes greatly.

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AVON

Mr. Harry Jolliffe, of Plymouth, Mich., paid his mother, Mrs. Jas. Jolliffe, a flying visit last week. He has been very ill with typhoid pneumonia, and has just returned from California, where he has been for his health.

Factory started Monday.

Epworth League Thursday eve. A missionary programme of reading and music will be rendered by local talent.

Avon Epworth League take a great interest in missions as they are supporting a bible woman in Japan.

Rev. S. G. Staples, of Luton, preached educational sermons on Sunday last.

Mr. Richard Jolliffe had his house re-shingled and improved last week.

People say Hood's Sarsaparilla cures when all other preparations fail to do any good, and you run no risk in giving it a fair trial.

STRAFFORDVILLE

Mr. E. Wilson, of Springfield, is the guest of H. D'Arcy Stratton.

Miss Annie Stratton is visiting at Delhi.

Mrs. J. D. Phillips is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Martin, of Richmond.

Mrs. E. Morrison, has returned home from Toronto, where she has been spending a few weeks.

Miss Annie Graham, of Aylmer, returned home on Thursday last, after being the guest of Cora Pauling for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleet Pauling spent Sunday in St. Thomas, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams.

Mrs. George Wilson has been visiting Mrs. J. D. Phillips.

SPRINGFIELD

Rev. Mr. Orton and wife spent a few days in New Sarum this week. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pace, Vienna, spent a few days visiting their daughter, Mrs. Baxter.

The council have decided to sewer the south side of Main street, and will then grade and gravel the same. Already they have had it surveyed, and will at once call for tenders for laying the pipe from Crawford's shop to the creek. This is a move in the right direction, as Main street has been a bug bear for years, and every spring and fall it has been almost

impassable.

Mr. David Pace, Pt. Huron, called on friends Sunday.

Dr. Shaw has purchased from W. J. Kilpatrick a strip of land off the corner lot on Main street, on which he will place his barn.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Clunas spent Sunday in Vienna.

Wm. Revere is seriously ill.

F. Muller has men at work digging out for a concrete cellar under his new house.

Mr. Carpenter is improving the appearance of his place by a very neat fence around it.



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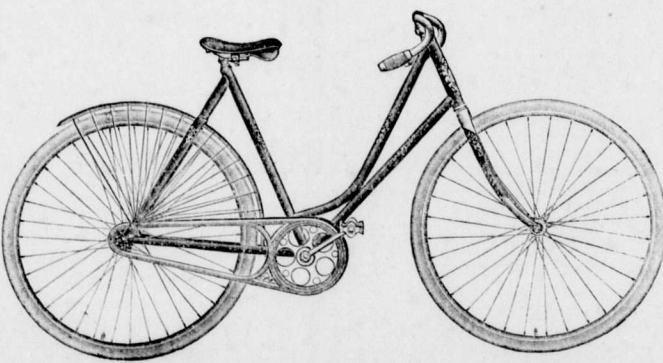
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