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ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Some Wise, Some Otherwise Some Newsy, All Readable. There will be no further grant by the federal government to the provinces for road construction, after the \$20,000,000 granted under the Canada Highways act is expended.

An American trade journal issues a word of warning against the tendency to exaggerate the duration of a wave of prosperity. It says: "The butter of prosperity is spread a little more thinly there will be buttered bread for a good deal longer than if everyone digs into the butter jar with a trowel."

For the first time in the history of the world, so far as known, the aeroplane is to be brought into use as a conveyance to bring voters to the polls at the coming Ontario elections on June 25th. The far-distant polling station of Moose Factory is to usher in this new record.

Proceedings are shortly to be taken against income tax delinquents owing amounts ranging from \$75 upwards, through the exchequer court and a list containing 100 such persons in the London district is being prepared in the office of the federal inspector of taxation at London. Action against tax payers owing lesser amounts and who refuse to settle will be taken through police court channels.

A well-known business man has a little daughter who has the making of a great financier in her. One day her father called her to him. "My dear," said he, "a man this morning offered me this room full of gold if I would sell little brother. Now, that means gold enough to fill this room wall to wall and from floor to ceiling. If I sell little brother for that sum I shall be able to buy everything in the world you want. Shall I sell him?" "No, papa," answered the little girl promptly; and then, before her delighted father could embrace her for expressing so much unselfish affection she went on, "Keep him till he's bigger. He'll be worth more then."

James Miller lighted a match Sunday evening in the basement of his home in Grosse Ile. Almost instantaneously there was an explosion which shattered the four walls of the residence, and a flash of flame, spreading fan-wise, which left Miller so severely scorched that he may die. Gas from a faulty generating machine in the basement had permeated the place. Miller was found by neighbors where he had been thrown against a stone wall. His wife and two small children, who were on the second floor, escaped injury, principally because the concussion forced the walls outward, and the second-storey flooring, upon which rained fragments of shattered timbers, remained virtually intact.

The Windsor school board has abolished Home Work. What a revolution in teaching methods this will necessitate! At present, the lecture method is in vogue. The teacher in Windsor or any town probably teaches one class and she spoon feeds them all day long. She is constantly on the job. There is no time when she says "Now Johnnie, you go to your seat and wrestle with that problem until you get it." No, she solves the problem for him and the iron which a mighty wrestle would put into his character is lacking. Doing away with home work will mean study hours in school. It will mean wrestling alone without the teacher. And it will also mean that more knowledge will be retained because more effort has been expended to gain that knowledge. The Windsor experiment will with interest be watched.

The Bankers' Trust Company of New York has just completed a survey of Canadian industry and the amount of United States capital invested in this country, which reaches a total of \$2,500,000,000 so it is stated. A great increase has taken place since 1915 when the United States was estimated to have \$750,000,000 of Canadian investments. Of the total sum invested, \$1,200,000,000 is in bonds and the remainder in farms, mortgages, small businesses, industrial enterprises, banking and private loans. It is computed that more than 200 branch factories were opened in Canada by United States concerns in 1919 and a great number in 1920 and 1921, and that late in 1922 the number of these came to 700. In a booklet containing the results of the survey the Bankers' Trust Company says: "Word comes that American capitalists are preparing to develop still further on a large scale Canada's incomparable water power. All the indications point to an equalization at an early date of British and American investment in Canada."

ONE BRAVE LETTER

A letter written to the Listowel Banner and signed "Presbyterian" rakes over the coals some of the members who regularly are late in arriving at a certain named church in that town. Moreover, the letter writer lodges the plain charge that these people come in late with only one object in view, that of being observed.

This particular letter writer not only points out the defect but writes the cure: "If the object in coming late is only for the purpose of making a little display and attracting the public notice, would the end not be better accomplished by such people arriving early at church and setting themselves up in some conspicuous place, where all their beauty and ornaments would be seen to better advantage?"

That letter writer wins the prize for candor and fearlessness. He is not going to allow his kirk to be made a show window for feathers and frills.

Every church has its share of the chronic late-comers and it might work wonders were the theory well circulated that they follow this plan to attract attention.—Exchange.

LOOKS LIKE LOBSTER SALAD AND MOONSHINE

The editor of the Listowel Banner had a bad night recently and next day wrote the following paragraph: "Man drinks strong, black coffee, and that clogs the valves; he drinks moonshine liquor and that strips the gears; he gulps down lemonade, ginger ale, pop, iced tea and what not and then wonders why the boilers do not generate heat. If you should take a donkey and put him through that performance he would be dead in a month. The simplest and plainest laws of health are outraged every day by the average man. Did Adam smoke? Did Eve wear a corset? Did Solomon chew tobacco? Did Ruth sell her land? Did the children of Israel make for a cafeteria and a mess of pastry after crossing the Red Sea? Did Rebecca eat chocolate bonbons and ice cream and call for soda water? Adam was the first man and he was made perfect from head to heel. How long would he have remained so after eating a mince pie before going to bed? Suppose he had slept in a bedroom five by seven with the windows closed down and the radiator sizzling. Suppose Eve had been laced up in a modern corset, worn tight shoes with high heels, a double fig leaf skirt and sat up all hours of the night eating chicken salad and Welsh rarebits and trying to keep on four pounds of dead people's hair."

WYOMING

Mr. Frank C. Donald, a son of Mr. John F. Donald, 2nd line, passed away Friday of last week, in Philadelphia, Pa., at one of the large hospitals. Mr. Donald went to Philadelphia about three weeks ago and was operated upon for a spinal disorder. He was doing well when he suddenly succumbed to heart failure. Deceased was but 32 years of age. Early in 1916 deceased, who was a graduate of the O.A.C., Guelph, enlisted with the 55th Battery, C.F.A., at Guelph, and, after a short training in Canada, went with that unit to England. On the re-organization of the Canadian artillery in January, 1917, he was transferred to the 55th Battery and served in France from August of that year until the armistice was signed in 1918, coming through a number of battles with this unit without mishap. He was also one of those who marched to the Rhine, his battery having been one of the first to enter German territory. On his return to Canada in June 1919 he took a position with the Soldiers' Settlement Board at Toronto and was on this work until a couple of years ago, when he bought his father's homestead. Besides his wife and young son, he is survived by his father and two brothers, Mr. Stuart Donald, of Pt. Edward and Mr. William Donald, of New York City, who was with him at the time of his death. The funeral which was held on Monday afternoon under the auspices of Burns' Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Wyoming, was the largest in this section for some time. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. E. J. Haines formerly of Wyoming, but now of Freeport, an uncle of deceased, assisted by Revs. McKay, of Sarnia, and Stones of Wyoming.

When the Legislature dissolved last week, the standing was: Conservatives 25; Liberals 25; Farmers 43; Labor 11; Independent 5; and vacant one.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

CHOP STUFF

The lake summer resorts which opened on Victoria Day were well patronized.

Adam Armstrong of Alvinston has little hope of the recovery of his sight, specialists having made no improvement in his condition.

An observation tower has been erected on Point Pelee to help Game Warden Finlayson in the detection of grass fires and poachers.

A fine new ferry, the Sarnia, with a capacity of 40 autos and 1,000 passengers, is shortly to be added to the ferry service maintained between Sarnia and Port Huron.

C. C. McNaughton, clerk of Mossa township, has bought the general store and stock of the late J. D. McBride at Ferguson's Crossing midway between Alvinston and Glencoe, on the Glencoe-Kingscourt line of the C.N.R.

The White & May Co., have not yet definitely decided what course of action to take, in regard to their branch business at Ailsa Craig, recently destroyed by fire. It is a matter requiring consideration, which will perhaps not be definitely settled for some months.

The home of William Weaver of the 4th concession of Chatham township was destroyed by fire Wednesday morning. Not until the roof of the main part of the house fell in did the women of the family, who were working about in the kitchen, know that the building was on fire.

Arthur A. James, son of D. and Mrs. J. F. James, of Sarnia, is among students of the faculty of medicine, Western University, London, recommended for the degree of doctor of medicine in the results announced Friday. C.M. Lloyd Beatty is another Lambton student similarly recommended.

A Sarnia immigration official commented the other day on the number of Canadians who were coming back from Detroit and other U.S. cities after an experience there of living long distances from work and paying top prices for everything they purchased. There's a lesson in this for others to whom distant fields always look green.

Charles Kelly, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of Ekfrid township, passed away on May 16th. He was born in Ekfrid and had lived there all his life, winning a prize of \$5 a year ago as the oldest man born and living in the township. He was 85 years of age. He leaves three sons and five daughters.

Chesley has been trying out a milk diet on schools in that town. In order to see what would happen, 20 children were weighed, 10 given milk in school hours and 10 were not. At the end of five weeks they were weighed again. The milk-fed boys had gained two pounds and the non-milk trained gained 1 2-5 pounds. In the girls the gain in weight averaged the same, 1 1-5 pounds all round. The average age of the pupils is eight years.

The residence of Fred Seed, near Adelaide Village, a short way from the main road, was destroyed by fire at noon on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Seed, who were recently married, were at their dinner when they noticed smoke outside the window, and on investigation found the upper portion of the house in flames. Before assistance could be procured the fire was so far advanced that none of the contents was saved. The loss will exceed \$5,000. The building was partially insured and was owned by Fred Brant. The contents were not insured.

The fine modern barn on the farm of Councillor Russell Parker, situated on the 4th line of Adelaide township, was completely destroyed by fire about 3.30 Monday morning of last week, along with a frame silo adjoining. There was no storm in progress at the time and it is not known how the fire started. The barn, 35x40, was practically a new one, being erected only a few years ago. A fine team of horses, 6 pigs, 2 calves and some harness and implements, etc., including a Ford car, were destroyed. These belonged to Wm. Robotham, tenant, who has the farm rented. Mr. Robotham's loss is fully covered by insurance. Mr. Parker's loss on the barn was partially covered by \$2,000 insurance.

Mrs. Chas. McClung of Zone township, sustained injuries to the head besides being somewhat stunned, Miss Olive McClung had her arm broken at the wrist and Miss Kneebone, sister of Mrs. McClung, had several ribs cracked when they were thrown out of a buggy at the corner of London and Victoria streets on Saturday afternoon. The horse which they were driving became frightened at a train at the local C.N.R. depot, and ran away, dashing up London street at a mad rate. At the intersection the animal turned to the right and the buggy hit the auto of Mr. Geo. Boothroyd which was standing near the corner, the impact breaking the harness and releasing the horse. The ladies were thrown out and received the injuries as above stated.

War Veterans - Attention! The Unveiling of the Soldiers' Memorial in Arkona will take place next Monday, June 4, 1923 at 2.30 p.m. All Veterans of the district are requested to attend. Decorations to be worn. W. A. WILLIAMS, MAJOR "D" Co., Lambton Regt.

ARKONA The Arkona Women's Institute has decided on Monday, June 4, as an appropriate day on which to unveil and dedicate the beautiful soldiers' memorial which has recently been erected in Arkona cemetery by the people of Arkona and district. The war veterans of the district and the pupils of the public school, headed by the Arkona brass band, will march to the cemetery. A suitable program has been arranged, consisting of addresses by Gen. W. B. M. King, Col. C. S. Woodrow of Sarnia, and the resident ministers. Musical numbers by the pupils of Arkona school will also be a feature. The unveiling will take place at 3 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. Boles attended the funeral of the doctor's father on Sunday at Stratford. Mr. Boles visited the doctor here quite recently apparently in good health, he was taken sick quite suddenly and died on Thursday evening. Fuller Bros. announce their Millinery dept. will close for the season on June 23rd. Exceptional values are being offered from now until closing date. Geo. N. Brown and family of Toronto are visiting Mr. Brown's mother, Mrs. J. G. Brown. Mrs. Peter Blackburn of Oshawa is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Thoman. Dr. and Mrs. McTavish visited the former's sister Mrs. Boles last week. Mr. L. F. Jackson motored from Toronto last week accompanied by Miss Gertrude Abell. Mrs. Jackson who has been visiting here and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill of West Williams during the past month, returned with her husband to Toronto on Sunday. Full line Tennis and Sport Shoes at Fuller Bros. The Giants were again the victors in a good game of baseball played here on May 24th. The visiting team being a picked team from London, score 10 to 9. Miss Estella Wilson of Strathroy spent Saturday in town. Messrs. Basil and Wilfred Fuller of Flint, Mich., spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fuller. Arsenate of Lead and Blue Stone for spraying. Get ready for the next spray.—Brown Bros. Mr. and Mrs. Orval Augustine and daughter Mildred of Flint, Mich., spent the weekend with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Augustine. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lumly and family of Sarnia visited the former's uncle, Mr. Chas. Eastman, over the weekend. Anderson's Scotch Gingham in checks with plain cloths to match. A big range to select from.—Brown Bros. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford White of St. Catharines, visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. White over the weekend. Mr. Hawkins of London spent a few days in town last week. Miss Gertrude Abel of Toronto was the guest of her cousin Miss Mabel Jackson over the weekend. The general stores of Arkona will close on Wednesday noon during June, July, August and September. Read the Want Ads on Page Four.

Abraham Martin Honored Monument to First Scottish Settler, First King's Pilot On the St. Lawrence, and First Farmer On the Plains of Abraham Unveiled. ABRAHAM MARTIN. Auld Scotland many a hero boasts From John o' Groats to Wigton's coasts, Both Lowland lads and Highland hosts That wear the tartan; But now another seeks your toasts, Old Abraham Martin. But what pretence has he to fame, That we should celebrate his name, And thus in stone and bronze proclaim His style and story? A threefold plea can Martin claim To all this glory. The first of Scotia's sons was he To cross Atlantic's stormy sea— True pioneers of liberty, Giving their best That this Dominion fair might be Blessing and blest. See in his wake the glorious band, MacKenzies, Frasers, foremost stand, MacDonalds, too, in high command, And James McGill, Mountstephen and Strathcona grand— 'Twould pages fill. The first was he to till this plain, Now sacred to that fierce campaign When heroes fell, but not in vain In glorious strife. O Canada, thine was the gain, Renewed thy life! He was the first to mark the tides, The rocks, the shoals St. Lawrence hides. The mariner in him confides And bans his fears; "The ship," he cries, "in safety rides When Martin steers." Though fate 'mong strangers cast his lot He ne'er forgot he was a Scot, Thrifty and shrewd he was, I wot, Canny and gaucy. Proud of the nickname that he got, "Abraham McCossais." Let us whate'er our race or creed, This ancient Scot's example heed, And give the best that's in our breed. That ours may be A Canada in word and deed High-souled and free. —A. Patterson.