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## A Wild Alarm at Chatsworth.

It is not alone on the red field of battle, on the raging blue sea or midst fire and flood that true heroism is found—not by a long shot. Right here in Chatsworth on Saturday morning last, about 4 of the clock there was an exhibition of cool dauntless courage, the like of which has not been heard of in Canada since the Fenian raid and that is over forty years ago. And, bless the boys their gilt-edged bravery, has so added to the confidence of our citizens that the most nervous owners of gold and jewels can now sleep the sleep of the just in the full knowledge that his or her worldly goods are safe from molestation by robbers bold, sneaking thief, and incidentally, safe blowers, burglars and others of that ilk will now know once for all that any attempt to loot Chatsworth of its valuables would be utterly futile and perhaps end in the stark and sudden death of one, possibly two, of them. The incident happened in this wise:—Along about the hour mentioned when innocence was wrapped in sweetest slumber, residents in the vicinity of the Merchants Bank were suddenly aroused by a series of the most appalling shrieks, soul piercing screams and "awesome fearsome howls that ever threatened to burst the early morning atmosphere. Hades had apparently broken loose, and though it was not in the bank building that pandemonium reigned, but in a general store nearby; the bank clerks, after hastily covering their legs, sprang to their arms, and without a thought for their own safety rushed to the rescue, first firing a few shots in the air to test their pistols and then a few more to warn the enemy that he was about to be captured. The boys then boldly but stealthily, advanced to the scene of the racket, each with difficulty restraining his mate from charging recklessly. There they found three ladies in dire distress and also that a rat had upset some crockery. Without waiting to shoot the cat they returned to their beds which were still warm. The head office will doubtless make a note of their young men's exemplary conduct. It is just such stuff that heroes are made of and Chatsworth is justly proud of them.—Chatsworth News.

## Had One Big Meal.

Robt. Lee, arrested in Philadelphia for begging, pleaded that he was hungry and had begged only for food and not for money. Jas. McManus, a railroad contractor, hearing the prisoner's excuse, offered to take him to a restaurant. Lee gladly accepted and to prove that his hunger was real he went thru the whole menu, not missing an item until it came to the wine, when Mr. McManus called a halt. The bill was \$6.75. Mr. McManus declares he will not volunteer to buy meals for hungry tramps in the future.

## The Football Course.

Jim he took the Football Course—Come home stronger nor a horse. Ain't much in his knowledge-box, But the muscle of an ox. Sort of like a great big mule That has been to Boarding-School—That's my boy, my old boy Jim—Tell ye, I am proud of him. Ought to see Jim with the stock—Mind his re'lar as a clock. Bull got sassy tried to chase All the farm hands off the place—Chased 'em too, all ceptin' Jim—Jim, just waited round for him, Bent half forward with a smile—Showed his dimples all the while. Mr. Bull come rucin' 'long, Jim a-hummin' some old song—"Down the Field," or some such bit, I ain't sure the name of it—Then they met! I never see Such a scrimmage! Jimmie, he Tackled low—Just thing I knew "I was an hour comin' to!" Look 'em come by one day, Havin' fun along the way. Seven on 'em—had ones—Geel! Nothin' wuss I never see. Fooled around till Jim come out Just to see what 'twas about. Waal, I wish ye'd been out there—Jim he walloped 'em for fair. Tramps lined up down near the hedge In a sort of human wedge; Jim he grinned when he see that. He'd that play down pretty pat. Started for 'em on the run. Head down, back on, full o' fun—Butted through the hul durned bunch Just where each one kep' his lunch! Sort of feel, with Jim around, Lettle surer of my ground; Kind o' feel if things gits hot Jim 'll be there on the spot. Tacklin' 'em, and pullin' through; Me and marthy with him, too—Kind o' think there's lots o' force In that College Football Course.—John Kendrick Bangs.

## Bogus Money.

There is an unusual lot of bogus money floating around these parts, and people would do well to look at their change especially silver. There are some awful excuses for quarters being circulated, and wherever they are being manufactured the counterfeiting is of the crudest kind. There is also considerable trading going on in which these bogus quarters and some genuine 20c pieces form a part. In the first case one instance is reported where a bogus quarter was purchased for 10c and then passed for 25c. In the case of the 20c pieces they are here in large quantities and being passed for 25c. Of course, in the latter case the 20c piece looks so much like the 25c piece, that in a hurry one might make change without taking notice. For all the use they are the government should recall the issue through the banks and get rid of this piece of silver, as it is more or less a nuisance. It might be mentioned that this intentional passing of bogus money is a criminal offence, and the buying of bogus money for circulation is a penitentiary job. Regarding the cutting and mutilating of silver, the law provides a heavy fine for this. The banks are always glad to have badly worn notes exchanged for new bills, but in the case of silver they will not take mutilated silver at its face value. If everyone will look closely to their money from this out it will help rid the town of a most annoying nuisance.

## To Loosen Knots.

Here is a remedy for the hardest knot, in harness, straps, cords, ropes or even shoe strings. Hammer the knot on all sides with a mallet or piece of wood, turning the strap or rope around. Then dip it into boiling water, holding it there a minute or two, according to the size of the knot to be loosened. Before doing so add a little soap to the water—common laundry soap is the best. Then with a sharp pointed instrument pick the knot loose. It can often be done with the fingers. Knots that have been pulled in harness or in ropes for months or years can be loosened readily. Knots in chains, when treated as above, can be loosened also.

## Letter From

To the Editor, Gazette:—Was quite pleased to read a correspondence in your g. f. j. from an old friend of mine who wrote from Bruce Peninsula, and thought it might interest some of your readers to hear from this part of the country, and I also wish through this medium to inform my friends of my whereabouts.

It is about a year since we left dear Old Ontario. Our first stopping place in the West being Winnipeg, where we stayed a few days among friends, and from there we went on to Neudorf, Sask., where my parents are stationed. I stayed here about a week helping to straighten matters out and then went to Regina, in which place I worked about eleven months, coming to Edmonton on May 24th.

Previous to coming to Edmonton I spent a week with my parents at Neudorf, finding them all in good health. Country life was quite a treat to me after being about a year in the city. Neudorf is a town of about 400 population, and is at present enjoying quite a boom. Considerable building is going on, worthy of mention being a new post office, Union Bank, and a store. The country around Neudorf is rolling, covered with numerous bluffs, and the soil is of the best. Much land is still lying in waste and a person wonders how so many people in some parts of Ontario are content to slave away among stones and hills, barely making a living, when such good land is available here at from \$10 to \$20 per acre.

A striking picture in this country are the numerous trails which lead to the towns and villages. There are seven trails leading directly into Neudorf which divide and sub-divide the further you go until they are almost innumerable, and it is quite an easy matter for a person not knowing the country thoroughly to get lost, as the trails cross each other in every known direction, and often not a house or land mark to be seen for miles and miles. But as time goes on, these trails are becoming straightened, and before many years, people will be enjoying the same straight roads here, that you have in Ontario. Trails are being gradually cut off, and it is no surprise to find a cut tree or other obstruction across your trail, which means for you to find another way or make one. During the winter time travelling is still more difficult, especially after a heavy snowfall, as then the trails are hidden by the snow, and you have to trust to your compass in order to reach your destination.

Most settlers around these parts are German speaking Russians and Austrians, and their customs are often very interesting, especially when it comes to marriage. The would-be-benedict goes to the father of the girl whom he wishes for his bride, and if he is willing she is in most cases compelled to marry him, even if she had never seen him before, which is often the case. I know of two cases near Neudorf where the girls have run away from home rather than marry the men who came after them. Others buy them, giving the father a small sum of money for his daughter, and sometimes they can even be had for a keg of beer. Again I know of a case where another man was given \$50.00 for hunting up a bride for the lonely bachelor. As a whole, in case the wife dies, they are never very long about getting another, and it is a common saying that the bereft husband is looking for another bride at the funeral of his wife.

Another item worth mentioning is the Qu'Appelle Valley which lies about 8 miles from Neudorf. This valley is between four and five hundred feet deep, about a mile wide and several hundred miles long, and contains a river. The scenery along this valley is very beautiful, especially along the winding roads that lead through it. Travelling through this valley in the winter time or in wet weather is often very dangerous, as a slip of the horses may mean a roll down the bank of two or three hundred feet. Quite a number have taken a roll down these banks, but nearly all of them came out lucky. Father also had a narrow escape last winter when one of the horses slipped at a sharp bend, and had it not been for the man that was with him and for the quietness of the horses, he would most likely have lost his team, as the horses would have rolled into about twenty feet of loose snow, out of which it would have almost been impossible to get them out alive. The bottom of the valley, which is about a half mile wide, is very flat, and people live in the valley and raise good crops. A mystery about this valley is that often while raining heavily, on either side, the valley in itself is dry.

Travelling from Regina to Edmonton via C. N. R., called the Saskatchewan Valley Route is quite enjoyable, as the train travels for the greater part of the way in the valley, and the scenery is very pretty compared with the open prairie. This valley is not as deep as the Qu'Appelle, neither is it quite as beautiful. This valley runs directly through Edmonton, dividing Edmonton and Strathcona, and it gives the city a very picturesque appearance. Things in Edmonton are rather quiet at the present time, but it has enjoyed a great boom.

Regina claims a population of 20,000

and the city is looking high. The railways are coming into Regina this summer, and are building their work shops in that city, and the Dominion Exposition which will be held there this year, July 31 to Aug. 12th, is destined to make this year the best in the history of the city. 400 buildings are in course of erection, and work on the street railway is being rushed, and it is expected to have cars running in time for the exhibition. Regina has 10 banks, besides several loan companies, which will give you an idea of the business transacted in that city.

In Regina we also have a class of people with queer marriage laws. The matter is first talked over with the girl, and then with the parents, and if no further hindrance, they are considered married without further ceremony. In case the girl don't suit after they have lived together for a time, the husband leaves her and tries another.

Trusting that I have not taken too much of your valuable space, and thanking you for same, I remain, as one of your former employees,

E. Holtzmann.

## Handed a Lemon.

The Greenock Council handed John May a lemon on Friday last when they used adjectives instead of cash to express the sympathy they felt for the recent loss he sustained by having his horse drowned in a creek near Chepstow. As this horse, like the poor man's ewe in scripture, was an only one, its loss was of some consequence to the owner. On the presumption that the accident had been caused by the unprotected condition of the road, Mr. May popped into lime light at the following meeting of the Council and petitioned the township for \$250.00 which is the damage he calculates to have suffered through the mishap. After adjourning the matter for further consideration, the Council met on Friday last, and expressed their opinion that the township was not liable and they decided not to grant anything. On receipt of this intelligence, Mr. May placed the matter in the hands of a lawyer and an attempt will in all likelihood be made in the courts to compel the township to disgorge.—Bruce Times

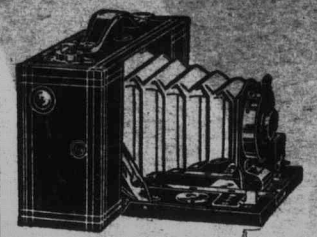
## Interesting Sheep Case.

An interesting sheep case involving some nice points of law was ventilated before Magistrate Robb here on Tuesday afternoon. The plaintiff, Henry Hossfeld, had 9 sheep and 7 lambs killed by dogs on the 10th of May last, and as he claims to have caught one of the dogs in the murderous act and to have followed it to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Saunders, where he received an admission from Mrs. Saunders that it was their dog, he entered an action against them for \$160 damages or whatever proportion the magistrate might think he was entitled to for the loss sustained. The legal fraternity was well represented on the case, Col. Scott appearing for Mr. Saunders, and David Robertson for Hossfeld. On behalf of the defense Col. Scott maintained that there could not be two defendants in the case, and that the plaintiff would have to determine whether the dog was owned by Samuel Saunders or his wife, and to lay complaint accordingly. Mr. Robertson however took exception to this view and maintained that the statutes expressly stated that the owner or the keeper of the dog was liable and that it was only necessary to prove that the dog was harbored or kept at Saunders' to make them liable for any damage it might do. The magistrate decided to submit the question to the Crown Attorney as to whether or not there could be two defendants in the case, and also the contention of Col. Scott that the amount involved was too great to be tried in a magistrate's court. Providing that these objections are overruled, the magistrate has decided to allow Hossfeld \$10 each for the 9 sheep killed and \$5 per head for 7 lambs, making a total of \$125.00. Of this amount he will give judgment against Saunders for \$62.50, or half the total damages, this being what he considers a fair estimate of the damage done by the Saunders' dog.—Bruce Times.



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