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A LANDSCAPE OF MANY COLORS.

Was there ever a season when Canada, or this part of it, seemed fairer than now? The summer has been more than usually fine, September has gone serenely over full barns and loaded peach trees, and now October weather, as rare as that of June, rests on a landscape that is everywhere a wonderful kaleidoscope of color.

A drive in the country, a journey on the train, or a trip to Springbank, gives a picture of loveliness, shining in the sun's rays, which begin to slant, that would be hard to imagine. The trees stand scattered or in blocks, many of them still unmarked by autumn's fiery finger, in their varying shades of green, some yellow in spots, others a living blaze of scarlet and crimson. An oriental carpet or tapestry could hardly show more richly varied hues, from the scarlet of the maple as it "burns itself away," and the gorgeous streamers of the aspen to the deep tones of the oak leaf, Horse-chestnut burs have cracked open, and the shining brown and white of the nuts show through as they prepare to drop. Awestruck the air, which is not yet hazy with Indian summer, but clear almost like May-time, the flaming leaves fly earthward, while mountain-ash berries attract the robins to a last descent.

After so plentiful a summer the robins look almost too fat to fly. The robin population must have had a prosperous year. Just now they have everything their own way, enjoying the late berries and fruits before the grand migration.

The one thing lacking in the Ontario landscape is water. Streams are almost gone to nothing. Along the river geese have to walk a weary way over white sand or gravel before they can wet their feet. Against this vineyard season, the deep blue and bronze green bunches adding to the October scene a grateful touch. Pumpkins glid the cornfields, while wild asters emerald purple the banks in all directions. It is a lively web of many-colored strands that spreads out under this summer sky of October in the garden of Ontario. It is the carnival of bright and freakish costumes before lenten winter suddenly blows a white breath to cover all.

"THE INTERESTS."

Great stress is laid by the advocates of electrification on "the interests" that they imagine are opposing their pet scheme. By this is understood the various street roads concerned in the traffic of this locality. Now, it is a noticeable fact that these "interests" are taking no part in the fight. They seem to have realized that the matter is one for the people of London to settle, and they appear quite willing to let us settle it. When they have been asked what course they will follow in case of the electrification of the L. and P. S. R., they have stated their intentions; but they have made no attempt to argue the question, nor to threaten us with penalties. If the course any of them indicate looks disagreeable to us, they are not responsible for the unpleasantness of facts.

After all "the interests" most concerned in this question are the taxpayers of London. The railroads can look after themselves. Any injury that could possibly be done to any of them by electrifying the L. and P. S. R. would be a trifle in their large operations. Naturally, they do not despise even trifles; no businessman should. But sums that would be trifling to them become of considerable importance to the average citizen whose property is already under a heavy mortgage of taxation. We are "the interests," concerned to the greatest extent. We, who pay taxes in London; we, who have already as heavy a burden as we can bear; we, who are faced with large expenditures for necessary purposes of more importance to every householder than even an electrified railway at its best.

Is it going to pay us to add \$700,000 to our already burdensome civic debt, with no assurance that this amount will be sufficient for the purpose; with no assurance that the revenue will be sufficient to meet the outlay? Speculation as to what results may be achieved is not enough. Opinions and beliefs, resting on no foundation other than imagination, are not sufficient to justify huge expenditures. Facts are necessary; and no favorable facts are forthcoming. Let our local "interests"—the taxpayers—think before they vote. They are sure of one thing only. They are sure they are asked to spend a large sum

of money. They are not sure of anything else.

UNCLEAN MONEY.

Complaint has frequently been made about the unclean paper currency, and the advisability of having the soiled notes withdrawn. The suggestion has even been made that when a bill has been returned to the bank of issue it should be destroyed. Of course, the banks do not care to go to the expense of printing new bills all the time, and think the public should be satisfied if a bill is destroyed when it becomes so dirty and ragged that the denomination cannot be distinguished. And the finance department has been rather supercilious in this matter, and shown no disposition to interfere.

There would seem to be some hope now for more sanitary conditions when we hear a report of an investigation at Ottawa which resulted in finding large numbers of microbes on each note examined, together with a fatty extract which holds the germs of disease. The ordinary man does not recognize these germs because he has no microscopes in his eyes, but he can recognize the fatty matter by touch and sight and smell, especially smell. There are probably few things more disgusting to the senses than a bank note which has been long in circulation. It is only the fact that, whether clean or dirty, we are always eager to get them, that has prevented an outcry sufficient to bring the banks to time long before this.

However, if our finance department has at last discovered what everybody has long been assured of, that these notes are filthy and dangerous, we may hope that some measures will be taken by the Government to remedy the evil. The banks make enough profit to justify the demand for clean notes.

NO MONEY IN IT.

The hydro-electric commission has prepared a financial statement on the project of a radial railway from Toronto to Whitby, 71 miles long, touching such flourishing towns as Markham, Uxbridge and Port Perry by a roundabout route.

The capital cost is estimated at \$2,470,500; the operating revenue at \$150,500 and the operating expenses at \$296,550. The annual surplus of \$53,840 would not go far toward meeting the interest and sinking fund. The interest alone at 5 per cent. would be \$123,500.

These figures are in general agreement with the financial reports on the London and Port Stanley Railway. Interest and sinking fund on the cost of construction would more than eat up any surplus left after paying operating expenses. Taxpayers would be compelled to make good the deficiency. This is not an inviting prospect, with a tax rate of 24 9-10 mills.

Another fine day for work on the Chateauguay dam.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has spoken in Chateauguay, but the Government hopes that money will talk more effectively.

A small audience heard Mr. Crothers at Thorncliffe. There are a lot of sensible people there who think these evenings are too fine to be wasted.

Sir James Whitney and Dr. Pyne will go to Northern Ontario to study the bilingual question on the spot. Statesmen, however, usually study a problem before they legislate on it.

The Ministerial Association of Regina, Sask., will ask the Dominion Government to take steps to ascertain the essential facts of the conflict at Nanaimo, B. C. What did the Minister of Labor go to Nanaimo for? And what are we paying him for?

The Toronto Mail and Empire argues against duty-free wheat; the Toronto World and Toronto News argue for it. The dispute of these three leading Conservative papers is proof of the lack of any economic principle in their opposition to the trade agreement of two years ago.

The local electrification organ publishes with great display headlines an article from the Montreal Gazette to the effect that the Canadian Northern will electrify its terminal at Montreal. Of course, it will. Its terminal line runs through a large tunnel into the station. And it will electrify it for the same reason that the Grand Trunk electrified its line through the Sarnia tunnel. It will cost more than using steam. But it is necessary for the comfort and safety of passengers and crew. The L. and P. S. R. does not run through a tunnel, even though the electrifiers are trying to run it into the ground.

The Hon. Arthur Meighen, the latest addition to the Borden cabinet, was a great advocate of the reduction of the tariff on agricultural implements when he was in opposition. He fought the Liberal Government at the last election, ostensibly because the slight reduction in the tariff proposed was too little for the needs of the west. But since the Borden Government came in he has been silent in regard to his old grievance. And he becomes a member of a cabinet that will do less for the farmer than the Liberals proposed to do. Not very consistent, perhaps; but office changes a man's point of view very often. Mr. Meighen has changed his opinion. Or, if he has not, he must think that it is more important for him to hold office than for the western farmer to have his taxes reduced.

ANTIQUITY OF FOOTBALL.

[London Chronicle.]
At Derby a game of football was played as early as the third century,

in commemoration of a victory over the Roman Legion at Chester. The first football used in the annual game, still played each Easter, is said to have been the head of a Danish invader. In the Isle of Purbeck, too, the free quarries from time immemorial have perpetuated their claim to a grant of land by kicking a football across it. In the fourteenth century the game was so popular as to call forth an edict forbidding it on the ground that it interfered with the practice of more martial exercises. In later times, Shakespeare's referred contemptuously to the game, but perhaps few would be able to turn up readily the passage in "King Lear" describing a "base football player."

TO SOME EXTENT.
[Philadelphia Bulletin.]
As we grow older we get sense, but not to excess.

UNFORGIVEABLE.
[Detroit Journal.]
A woman never quite forgives her husband for not keeping her love letters.

THE CONCEITED YOUTH.
[Chicago News.]
When a conceited youth gets married he feels sorry for a lot of other girls.

SAFE BET.
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
In 2017, according to a scientist, this will be a babyless world. No, have several red apples to wager that this awful prediction will be falsified by the facts. Any takers?

OH, DON'T REMIND US!
[Ottawa Evening Times.]
As everybody knows—husbands in particular—the fashions of women's dress change, or rather are changed, with the seasons. A hat that is "too sweet for anything" this fall will be in the discard next year. So with a cloak, a coat, a dress, a wrap, even a parasol and a hand-bag.

WOMEN'S BEST FRIENDS.
[Detroit Free Press.]
When a woman has lost the freshness of youth there are three things that can make her socially tolerable. These are grace, that charm of manner that is so captivating; a clever wit, and genuine kindness. These are things, however, a woman cannot acquire in a beauty parlor, nor even if it is gold-plated.

HOME RULE ALL ROUND.
[Kingston Whig.]
Home rule for Scotland will follow home rule for Ireland. They should, in the opinion of some people, have been concurrent. If a legislature is a good thing for Ireland, for the direction of local affairs, it should be a good thing for all the other divisions of the United Kingdom. With a general plan there would have been less objection to the Irish bill.

SUBTLE REVENGE.
[Boston Transcript.]
Two young bootblacks who have stands close together on Tremont street, quarreled the other day. "I'll get even with that guy yet," vowed the smaller boy of the two. "Go on," "Jiminy?" he was asked. "Now! When he gets too polisher a gent I'm going ter say ter that son-of-a-bitch he steps off the chair! Shine, son, shine!"

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEADS.
[Baltimore News.]
The English language leads all others. Most people speak it, as the following figures will show: English is spoken by 150,000,000, German is spoken by 130,000,000, Russian is spoken by 100,000,000, French is spoken by 70,000,000, Spanish is spoken by 50,000,000, Italian is spoken by 50,000,000, Portuguese is spoken by 25,000,000.

THE IRREVERENT AGE.
[Montreal Star.]
This is unquestionably an irreverent age, as the Rev. George Duncan says, but what distinguishes it from every other irreverent age the world has known is its finer social conscience. There is plenty of cynicism as in previous ages, but there is a greater protest against it.

A MAN WHO KNEW NAPOLEON.
[Manchester Guardian.]
"I have lived under the Empire and under three republics. I have witnessed the return of the grande armee, and seen the erection of the Arc de Triomphe. The boast is true, for M. Pierre Schamel was born at Versailles on Aug. 24, 1807, and celebrated his 106th birthday on Aug. 24 last. A centenarian's life in any country would span the history of the world. As a child he was a play-fellow of the King of Rome, and can still remember being picked up by Napoleon, who, he is proud to relate, once changed hats with his father, a member of the Emperor's guard."

He has lived under two emperors, three kings, ten presidents, been present at two revolutions, taken a hand in a coup d'etat and a civil war, lived through the "Hundred Days," seen the return from Elba, the abdication of Napoleon at Fontainebleau, visited St. Helena during the emperor's internment. Within his span of life science has changed almost every mode of locomotion and not a few habits. He has watched the development of steam as an industrial power, and the invention of wireless telegraphy and the passage of airplanes and aeroplanes over the city in which he has spent more than a century. And one time he was the customer at the opera, he now enjoys the evenings of his days in his little bachelor cottage at Neuilly, where his fund of recollection and anecdote attracts a host of visitors.

LITERARY AMENITIES.
[London News.]
No literature in particular having been published lately, people are talking about the new novel of Mr. Hall Caine.

ENDING THE ARGUMENT.
[Boston Transcript.]
"Bridges called me a liar."
"Didn't you deny it?"
"Yes, and he said that proved that I was."

LITTLE SURPRISES.
[Chicago Tribune.]
"No, sir, you haven't a single tooth that needs any attention."
"Put your money back in your pocket, Mr. Kojewski. You've made a mistake in your dates; this note isn't due for six months yet."
"I have detained you after hours, young man, to notify you that next week and thereafter your salary will be \$10 a week more than heretofore. You can go now."
"Hiram, I'm not a mind reader, but anybody can see that you're aching to ask me to marry you; why don't you do it?"
"I'll gladly change berths with you, Mr. Quigley; I prefer the upper one."

THE POPULAR STORE FOR EVERYBODY

BUSY OCTOBER DAYS AT CHAPMAN'S

The Greatest Blanket Values We've Ever Offered

Sale of Scotch Wool Blankets \$3.98



(FINE, PURE WHITE WOOL).

25 pairs fine Scotch Wool Blankets, absolutely pure wool, thoroughly scoured and shrunken, very soft and fluffy. Size 62x80 inches, finished ends, nice blue borders. Value \$4.50. It's seldom you are offered an opportunity to secure such good blankets at the price asked for these. Pair \$3.98 BUY EARLY.

Gloves for Fall

Women's Suede Cashmere Gloves, 2 dimes, perfect fitting in black, cream, reindeer, tan and lichen gray, sizes 5½ to 7. These were bought to sell at 35c. Our price, per pair 29c

Women's French Lambskin Gloves, just what you want for street wear, good quality and perfect fit. In tans, gray and black; sizes 5½ to 7½. A special bargain. Pair..... 79c

Cashmere Hose, 33c Pair

Women's Cashmere Hose, ribbed or plain. An English llama cashmere. Penman's plain cashmere and a fine 2-1 ribbed cashmere. Choice of these three makes in all sizes, at per pair..... 33c, or three pairs for 95c

Children's Stockings, soft and good weight ribbed wool, knit for hard wear, reinforced feet. Sizes 6 to 10. Bargain price, per pair 23c

Men's Home-Made Socks, for heavy wear, knit by hand, of pure wool yarn; full size, long leg. Gray only. Per pair 49c

Flannelette Gowns

Women's extra large size Flannelette Night Gowns, specially made for stout women, Price 98c. Men's heavy striped English Flannelette Night Shirts, extra wide cut, stoutly sewn, sizes 15 to 18.5, at 98c.

SPECIAL SELLING OF

54-Inch Pure Wool Cheviot

A splendid wearing fabric for tailored suits, every thread pure wool. In navy or black. Special value, per yard..... \$1.50

Black and Colored Whipcords

One of the most popular fall suitings, in tan, golden brown, tabac, navy, champagne and black, 52 inches wide. At per yard..... \$1.00

54-Inch Diagonal Tailoring Cloth

Brown, light navy, indigo and black. This is a beautiful tailoring material for fall and winter suits. Per yard..... \$2.00

Novelties in Suitings, including broadened or two-tone effects, at per yard..... \$3.25 and \$3.75

Messaline and Paillette Silks

37 inches wide. Beautiful dress and waist qualities, in sky, pink, reseda, tan, tabac, king's blue, alic, Copenhagen, cerise, paddy green, cream, black..... \$1.00

A FEW LINES of MOST ANYTHING

Ald. Richter certainly appears to be the man who found the "ham" in Graham.

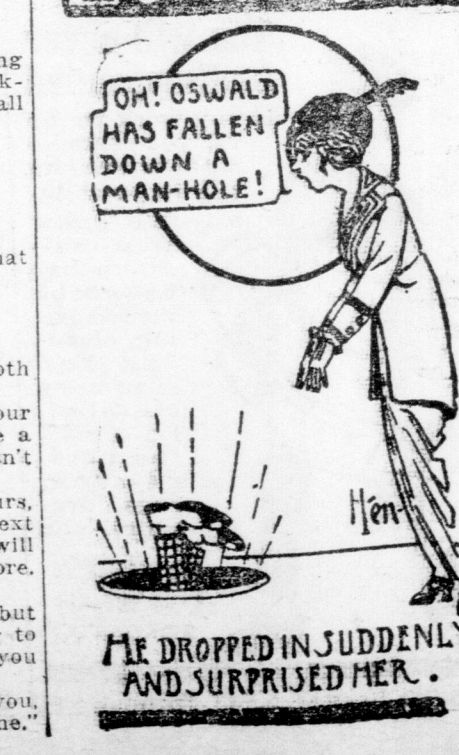
"I'll spend a dollar-seventeen, to help out General Greene."

From "Hiderow and Other Poems," by W. J. B., soon to be published.

The city should go into the moving picture show business. It has some buildings on the Federal Square, that could be fitted up for the purpose, and as watching pictures is one of the favorite pastimes of the people, the city could take the money out of the citizens' and citizenesses' pockets, and make a pretence at putting it back. At least, that is what would happen if the city could induce every one in London to make ten or twelve extra trips to Port Stanley each year. Any revenue that would come to the London and Port Stanley would come out of the pockets of citizens, and they would pay any deficiency in taxes. It's altogether a game of "put in" for the citizens, with no "take out."

"Winter is Coming, and Other Songs of Sadness," by the Poet Pocock, will soon be issued from the Nissouri Nudger Press.

OUR EXACT ARTIST



When you see a green moon in the sky,
Don't think that some great god has died.
It simply means this—for one day
The London Free Press has not lied.

When you see all the wheels turning wrong,
Don't think that old gravity's twisted;
It's just the strange day upon which
The London Free Press hasn't twisted.

When you see a man walk on a ceiling,
Don't think he's a new-fangled freak;
He's only gone mad upon reading
In the Free Press apologies weak.

Bluff and bluster conceal many a weakness.

"They don't hang men in New York State, do they?" asked a man on Dundas street.

"Oh, no; they have electrification over there," responded the witty chap.

What has become of the old-fashioned natural gas boom of late?

Oh, so that's it. We hadn't heard the rates had gone up.

To those who proceed on the assumption that "the public loves to be humbugged," we might explain that after

An Operation for Appendicitis

WAS ORDERED BY HIS DOCTOR, BUT COMPLETE CURE WAS EFFECTED BY DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS.

Almost anyone who has suffered from appendicitis will assure you that this trouble developed only after months or years of derangements of the liver and bowels.

Appendicitis can almost invariably be prevented, and very frequently cured by the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. In the case described in this letter, the doctors had ordered an operation, but a thorough cure was brought about by this great medicine.

Mrs. J. A. Ballantyne, Surgeon Falls, Ont., writes: "My husband was treated for appendicitis, and the doctors ordered an operation. But he would not consent to an operation and began the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Since doing so he has had no need of an operation, or even of a doctor, as the trouble has completely left him. I cannot find words to speak our gratitude for his cure."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

In Our Ready-to-Wear Section, an Offering That Will More Than Repay You for Upset Conditions.

Women's and Misses' Up-to-Date Tweed Coats \$6.50

Think of it! Heavy Tweed Coats in newest models for only \$6.50. Three-quarter cutaway style, with large collar that buttons up close to neck if desired, trimmed with velvet and large buttons. Choice of gray stripes and checks. Sizes for misses 16 and 18 years, and women who wear sizes 34 and 36. We made a special purchase of 25 of these coats. Every one is worth \$12.00. Our sale price is..... \$6.50

Women's Tailored Suits

Blue or Black Cheviot Serge Suits in the latest mode. The Coats are 38 inches long, showing the new cutaway lines, silk arrowheads in pocket and notch collar, lined with silk serge. Skirts are plainly tailored or draped, all sizes. Special value at..... \$16.00

Children's Coats

A great bargain in Children's Coats for Friday and Saturday selling. Twenty-five of these snug warm Coats for boys and girls, sized from 1 to 4 years. There are blanket cloth, tan teddy bear cloths, white bear cloths, corduroy velvets and chinchillas. All colors in the lot, every coat lined through. If you come early you will get a bargain at \$2.00 Sizes 1 to 4 years.

Boys' Sweaters

Fine ribbed Wool Sweaters for boys. Buttoned on shoulder style, in navy or red. Priced according to size as follows:

5 and 6 year sizes..... 65c
7 and 8 year sizes..... 75c
8 to 10 year sizes..... 85c

WOMEN'S SWEATER

COATS—Plain rib, in gray, cardinal and navy, high collar style. Sizes 36 to 42. Were \$2.50, at..... \$1.98

Loom Dice Table Cloths 50c

1½x1½ yards, for breakfast tables. 60 only Lawn Dice Table Cloths, border all round, ¾ bleached linen, great to wear. Size 1½ yards square. This limited quantity, at each..... 50c

Wigan Sheetting

The same quality as we had a few weeks ago at the same price. Superior Wigan Sheetting, made in England, full bleach, even round thread. Two yards wide, at per yard..... 25c Get a supply if you were disappointed last time.

Gown Flannelette

Nine different patterns in striped Gown Flannelette, soft finish, firm weave, 36 inches wide. Yard..... 12½c 9 yards for \$1.00 Art Muslins for curtains and drapes, 39 inches wide. Per yard..... 10c

CHAPMAN'S

239, 241, 243 DUNDAS STREET.

CHILDREN HATE OIL, CALOMEL AND PILLS

"California Syrup of Figs" Best for Tender Stomach, Liver, Bowels.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "doses" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach; and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups, plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

bridesmaid a sunburst of pearls, and to the groomsmen a pair of gold cuff links.

After the marriage, all adjourned to the home of the bride's mother, where a dainty dinner was served on the lawn to guests numbering about sixty-five.

The numerous and beautiful presents show the esteem in which the young couple are held.

Mr. and Mrs. Foran will be at their new home, The Cedars, St. Augustine after Nov. 1.

FIREBUGS JAILED

Soldiers Who Burned Stables Were Given Long Terms.

[Canadian Press.]

Kingston, Oct. 9.—Justice Britton today sentenced Frederick Gabriel to two years and six months in the penitentiary, and Alexander C. Mains to two years, for setting fire to the stables at the riding school at the Royal Military College on June 10. Gabriel and Mains were former members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.