

SID SOLOMON

Tells Crawl, Slack What He Thinks of False Prophets

Sid Solomon is one of those tired, or rather retired farmers. Sid is one of the very few who in spite of war profiteers, price setting pirates and political pinchers, who by strict economy and hard toil, was in a position to live on the easy side of life's street, or in other words, when the rainy day penny became the base stone for an existence.

Sid flew into our loft the other day in a sour-drop mood. He had just returned from "Old Sly Skinum's," where there had been a difference of opinion and price regarding a deal. It seems that early last fall, Sid had bought, as he supposed, a farrow cow from Skinum, who prophesied with all kinds of faith, that there would be no chance for an increase in the bovine family as far as Sid's purchase was concerned for a twelve month at least.

This proved to be quite the reverse. The cow went dry. Sid had to sell her and buy his milk. So, as I said, he flew into our loft in a very hostile frame of mind, and opened fire on us with the following: "Say, Mister, did you ever read the Bible?" I said yes Sid, away back in the dusky past I was taught to read the sacred volume by a good old Scotch Mother, and I am proud of it.

"Well then," said Sid, "you remember where it warns us against false prophets," and without allowing me any time for reply he started in with "Say, Mister, I believe that 'Old Mother Shipton' is about the only one of all the prophets past and present that has come anywhere near making good, an' she fell down on the job, for she prophesied that the world would come to an end in eighty-one, an' there wasn't a jar that I felt, an' I was here at that period. In my small-town opinion the brand of fanatical prophets who have marred the peace and happiness of this old world of ours, have been nothing but false. They are no better at predicting than my Balinda. I'll give you a sample of her predictin'. Last fall I was a-goin' over to a huskin' bee at Seth Wescomb's and she prophesied that I wouldn't be home until after midnight, an' then want to go to bed with my boots on. Well, I went over an' helped Seth out; was home a long time before she was that night, left my boots out on the stoop, undressed and went to bed as usual, just as if there hadn't been any cider at the bee. So there you are, there is a whole lot of bunk to the prophesy business.

When would-be prophets take to trying you may sure bet there is something in the game for them. You remember how the high-brows on a lecture platform, and in the pulpit, prophesied that at the close of a war we were goin' to be so blessed, contented and happy, how the war was a blessing in disguise. This war was goin' to be a "Paradise regained." Poverty and sin was goin' to be a thing of the past, crime would disappear—why, we were goin' to be the white flag of purity just out of the wash, accordin' to their prophesy. The franchise was extended to women, the jails were to be emptied, the red lights were to be snuffed out, and the city slum was to be no more. Many movements were formed, the Laymen's Movement, the Big Brother Movement, the Forward Movement. Say, I can't tell whether we have gone forward, backward or sideways, but I'd like to have you, or some other feller tell me just where all these movements have gone to! What has become of all these movements?

My Balinda wore out the best pair of shoes she had runnin' around collectin' dimes, an' nigh depleted our scanty larder cookin' for the banquets of these movements. Those prophets have been well fed, and I'll bet some of them have swiped the swag. Were it possible for a man to become any more crooked than Sid Solomon himself, an' wanted to go on record as such, he would follow along these lines.

First become a prophet by not bobbin' his hair or whiskers, put on a white collar, button it behind, wear a black or white gown, surround himself by a few dozen simple-minded sobbing women, a few fake male purifiers, the more money the men have and the more jewels the women have the better off will be the prophet eventually. I might refer him to some of the past masters of the art—the great Dowie, who establish-

ed Zion City; Isaiah II of Indiana, who ameliorated and debased the love of the women, stole what the men had, and departed for parts unknown, an' they haven't found him yet. Last, but not the least, the much married individual, Brigham Young. He would require some new cult, this is easy, it matters not how ridiculous or immoral. It would be required of him to preach holiness, and take a poor hired girl's last fifty cents as an offering for his prophesy, her soul; and finally prophesy the end of the world at some date in the future which will allow him ample time to get well away, and in my opinion for pure crookedness he had Sid Solomon skinned to the bone. This is the meanest kind of a prophet. Say, you can't pick up a paper to-day but what you'll bang up against some kind of prophet. About the slickest kind is the produce shortage prophet. You will find them around wheat pits, and the cold storage plants. They are like rats, an' live on the product of others, after they have flim-flamed the farmer out of his sweat products by settin' their own price, an' have the season's crops pretty well cornered and on ice. These price-settin' pirates will prophesy a shortage of this or that, or the whole, for matter, and up goes the price in a balloon, an' there will be no parachute drop until their stocks have been cleared, then down goes the price, the shortage cry is called off, for they want to cry up again.

But, Mister, getting back to the prophets who consoled us with their prophesies that the war was to end all war and turmoil. Let me ask you where is that deluge of divine blessing which was to shower down upon us for our great sacrifice? That great reformation promised us by religious enthusiasts? Has it got mixed up with the narrow laws resorted to by those prophetic purifiers. Thousands are now living who are dead and don't know it. They are shackled and handcuffed by restrictive laws brought about by false prophets, for personal gain or to hold their positions. Here Sid paused for a moment, and then said, "Say, because I took a handful of red currants from Old Aunt Fanny when I would be hanged before I was 21, an' I'm here yet you see, without a scar on my neck. No, I aint got no use for prophets. Have you?"

CHARLESTON

Charleston, Jan. 5.—Mrs. S. W. Kelsey has been very ill. Her daughter, Mrs. W. Bradley, of Tilley, is with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Moulton, Jongs Falls, spent Christmas at the latter's old home here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McLean, Brockville, were recent visitors with the latter's sister, Mrs. W. P. Beale.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beale gave a very enjoyable card party to a number of friends. Mrs. M. Hudson and Miss E. Beale won the ladies' prizes, while E. Foster captured both gentlemen's prizes.

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Del. Covey gave a very enjoyable party to a number of the young people.

Mrs. Spence and family Union Valley, spent New Year's at Leonard Halliday's.

Some of the young people attended the dance at Sheldon's school house on Friday night.

W. Crozier and son, Herchel, made a couple of trips from their home near the Outlet last week and found the ice in some places about 12 inches thick.

IVY LEA

Presentation Made to Teacher of the Public School at Ivy Lea.

Ivy Lea, Dec. 29.—The annual Christmas entertainment was held at the Ivy Lea school house on Thursday afternoon, December 18. The teacher, Miss Webster, and her pupils gave a fine programme which showed splendid training on the part of the teacher and excellent work by the pupils. The programme consisted of choruses by the school, dialogues and recitations. Rev. G. W. Dustin in his happy manner very ably acted as chairman. At the close of the programme Santa Claus came and distributed presents from a well laden tree. Coffee, sandwiches and cake were served by the ladies. The school section presented Miss Webster with a beautiful picnic.

COUNCIL RE-ELECTED.

The council of 1924 were all honored by re-election. Mr. A. M. Eaton headed the poll with a vote of 219. Second was Mr. P. Y. Hollingsworth, with a poll of 210; third, Mr. W. H. Jacobs, 187; and fourth, Mr. D. L. Johnston, 184.

The defeated candidates were: For Reeve, John H. Mulvenna, who received a vote of 164, and for councillor, S. A. Coon, who polled 174 votes.

The election was very closely contested throughout, the biggest vote in years being polled, and the 1924 municipal executive are to be congratulated on their success at the polls.

MR. M. B. HOLMES RETURNED TO FILL CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S CHAIR FOR 21ST YEAR.



On Monday, January 5th, Mr. M. B. Holmes was returned by a majority of 32 votes over his opponent, Mr. J. H. Mulvenna. This is the 21st consecutive year the citizens of Athens decided that they could do no better than give Mr. Holmes the highest honor possible to give one who has served his town so well and always anxious to do his best for those who have returned him so often by re-election.

Mr. Holmes is an ex-warden of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, and also an ex-president of the Ontario Beekkeepers Association, and a member of the Board of Directors of the same organization. He also fills the office of dean of the Counties Council.

Athens Election Results

FOR MAYOR			
	No. 1	No. 2	Total
Holmes	95	108	203
Mulvenna	90	74	164
FOR COUNCILLORS			
Eaton	123	96	219
Hollingsworth	93	117	210
Jacobs	107	80	187
Johnston	91	93	184
Coon	105	69	174

New H. S. Building Awaiting Inspection

Although it was expected that the new High School building would be occupied, it was found impossible to move for about two weeks.

The building itself is practically completed and the only thing preventing the occupation at the present time is the awaiting of the inspection of the architect. He is at present in Windsor, Ont., and is expected here in a few days to inspect the building. As soon as his favorable report is received, the school will be moved to the new building.

Kilborn Springs

Kilborn Springs, Dec. 30.—Walter Grant, Detroit, Mich., is spending the holidays at his home here.

Miss Gertrude Johnston, Kingston, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnston.

Vernon Howard has returned to Watertown after having spent some time at his home here. Mr. and Mrs. George Beach, Athens, and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Crandall, Patterson, N.J., were Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Billings.

Mr. and Mrs. Ekanah Billings returned home after having spent Christmas at the home of George Taylor, Morristown.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gardiner, spent Christmas Day at the homes of their parents, S. Gardiner's and E. Beach's, Seeley's.

Miss Cora Morrison, Brockville, and Wilbert Burnham, of York Mills, spent Sunday at W. L. Howard's.

J. Whitmarsh and family, Addison, spent Christmas at H. D. Dixie's.

Others who spent Christmas elsewhere, were Mr. and Mrs. Horton Row, some at Athens; Taylor Billings at Morristown; H. Graham at Smiths Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison and family at J. Simpson's, Brockville.

Miss Beatrice Howard, of the Brockville General Hospital, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whiting, Carthage, N.Y., and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Billings, "Front Road," joined in the happy house party at B. A. Billings on Christmas night.

Correspondence

Editor Athens Reporter:

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your paper to call attention to a matter with which my mind is much impressed, owing to a recent occurrence. Even away back in early Bible times, when the Lord by His servant Moses delivered the ten commandments to the Israelites, a just and careful provision was made therein for the stranger within their gates, and also in their moral and ceremonial laws it was written "thou shalt not vex a stranger nor oppress him for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt." Though we delight in these wonderful wonderful advancements of our modern times, but alas! for the spectacle presented by our classic village in the treatment of the stranger within their gates, as noted in the recent occurrence referred to. When a young man from an adjoining locality takes to himself a wife in the bonds of holy matrimony and settles in a home which he has prepared for themselves there, they are promptly harassed by a charging throng of juvenile invaders under cover of darkness, and all this without the least apparent restraint on the part of those on whose shoulders rests the government of that usually tranquil burg. A poor, self-respecting citizen to our town, and though in no wise a relative, yet the writer of these lines knows right well that in the rural locality of his former home and household no want could exist that was in their power to relieve. There with suchlike new arrivals within the gates of our classic village to encounter such conditions within their new surroundings, instead of confirming their minds to our much acclaimed advancement must rather have turned their thoughts backward to conditions prevailing in pre-historic times before those divine precepts were delivered to the Israelites. Surely the time has long since come and gone when so detestable a practice should have been wiped as a blot from the history of our times. "As the twig is bent, the tree inclines."

E. ROBESON.

Sweets Corners

Jan. 7.—Mrs. Howard Sea with her son Ormond and wee daughter Helen of Pine Grove, are spending a few days at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Galloway's.

School has started after the Christmas holidays, Miss Lillian Sheffield of Lyndhurst returning to her duties as teacher.

Jack Leadbeater of Cereal, Alta. is visiting and attending school in this vicinity.

The Sweets Corners rink run by Osborne, Earl and Boyce Green held a carnival Fri., Jan. 2nd at which a large crowd were present.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the hockey match, Lyndhurst and Athens, at Lyndhurst, Sat.

Everyone grieves for Mr. Lang who received such serious injuries at hockey match Saturday and rejoices that the last reports stated him conscious and some little improvements.

The many friends of Mrs. Hannah Galloway are sorry to learn that she is not well.

Mr. Stewart Mainse, of the west, is spending the winter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Mainse. He arrived shortly before Christmas.

The election for the Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne results as follows:—Reeve—Samuel Gardiner.

Councillors—Joseph Moorehead, George Godkin, Thomas Pritchard, Joseph Bevens.

Miss Vera Moorehead has returned home after a recent visit at Mr. Arthur Slack's.

The farmers of the neighbourhood are busily engaged in the woods.

The last reports from Mr. J. Hollingsworth who was removed to Kingston hospital with a broken leg was very encouraging.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Leadbeater and son Omar spent New Years at his mother's, Mrs. L. J. Leadbeater of Athens.

Everyone is very glad that the extreme cold of the past week has moderated considerably.

A hockey match is to be held here on Sat. Jan. 10th.

A carnival is to be held on Saturday evening, several from the neighbourhood expect to attend.

HARD ISLAND.

Mrs. Chancy Hollingsworth, of Smiths Falls, spent a couple of days with her mother and aunts at "The Lilacs."

Mrs. Analiza Livingstone is nursing at Addison.

Mrs. Burton Alquire made a business trip to Brockville Saturday.

Mrs. Giles Brown, of Toronto, is visiting at Philip Robeson's.

Mr. Ed. Wight, of Ottawa, is spending Christmas at "The Lilacs" with his sisters.

58th Anniversary of Athens Methodist Church

Special Services Held on Sunday, Followed by Supper and Entertainment Monday Evening

Rev. H. E. Warren, M.A., B.D., was fortunate in securing Rev. Dr. R. H. Bell, pastor of Sydenham street Methodist church, Kingston, for the anniversary services on Sunday, 4th inst. He is a man of scholarly attainments, is a profound Bible student, and his elucidations of the passages selected were marked with a depth of thought and clearness of expression that carried conviction to the hearts of his hearers.

The morning theme was taken from Colossians (the Epistle of the Divinity of Christ), chapter 1:24—"filling up what is lacking of the sufferings of Christ. It is an arresting thought! Of His sacrifice, Christ said: "It is finished," but the lives of His followers, in our sphere, and in our degree, must be Christ repeated. True service costs, and only what costs counts. If we do not feel, we cannot bless. Oh, the possibilities and responsibilities of Christ's followers! Discipleship costs; it means exhaustion of energy and activity in the conflict against evil, but in all these things Christ is a partaker with us.

The evening theme was chosen from Ephesians (the epistle of church unity), chapter 2:22—"built together." As churches, let us not emphasize differences of system and polity, but let us stress what the churches hold in common. When all have a vivid consciousness of the presence of Christ, differences pale into insignificance. The supreme business of the church is evangelism—to build up men, to link them first with Christ, then with the church. Mere bricks and sticks do not constitute a house, they must be "built together," so isolated Christians must be "built together"—a marvelous fusion, high and low, rich and poor—all bound together in one great structure, the church of God.

Monday evening following, the ladies of the congregation, under the supervision of Mrs. Curzon Lamb, president of the Ladies Aid, provided one of those beautiful suppers which they know so well how to prepare. The church dining hall was made most attractive with colored candles and brilliant flowers, while the cuisine left nothing to be desired.

Our village orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. C. C. Slack, was in attendance and at intervals between 6 and 8 p.m. discoursed splendid music, much to the delight of all present. Athenians have a justifiable pride in this organization of men, who by their musical talents are adding their quota to the world's happiness.

Shortly after eight, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Warren, took the chair and, after a few remarks, introduced a literary and musical programme which included addresses by Rev. V. O. Boyle, M.A., Athens, and Rev. T. F. Townsend, B.A., B.D., Frankville. Both gentlemen extended felicitations on the anniversary occasion, coupled with the wish that the beneficent influences of this church might continue throughout the years. Mrs. William Towriss contributed two monologues appropriate to the season, one dealing with Christmas, the other with the New Year.

Thomas Horsefield, Frankville, a former choir member, contributed a vocal solo in fine form, and was later heard in a duet with Mrs. T. F. Townsend, Frankville, who also rendered a pleasing solo. Two well executed piano duets by the Misses H. Burns and G. Wiltse added a pleasing variety. In happy mood, Reeve-elect M. B. Holmes moved a vote of thanks to all who had assisted in any way toward making the anniversary occasion a success, the motion being ably seconded by Mr. Joseph Thompson.

It may be of interest to note that the history of this church dates back some fifty-nine years and is closely identified with the life-story of noble men and women whose devotion and achievements made possible the splendid pastorates of the late Rev. W. E. Reynolds the old structure was practically torn down, and a new edifice—as we have it to-day—was erected. At 10.30 a.m. January 1st, 1903, dedicatory services were conducted by the late Rev. Dr. Carman, general superintendent of the Methodist church of Canada. In the afternoon the late Rev. F. Chisholm delivered a helpful sermon, and in the evening Dr. Carman delivered one of his splendid lectures. A mammoth crowd was in attendance, and the ladies of the congregation served both dinner and tea, using both the basement and vestry to accommodate the people.

On the following Sunday, January 4th, 1903, Dr. Carman again occupied the pulpit, reading as a scripture lesson the fifth chapter of Ephesians, and using as text 1 Timothy 3:14-16. There was a baptismal service and reception of members on this occasion. In the afternoon Rev. F. Chisholm preached from Romans 8:6. In the evening Dr. Carman again occu-

piated the pulpit, using as scripture lesson 2 Cor. 8, his text being 2 Cor. 9:8.

At the conclusion of the service the Trust Board of the church formally presented to the members the completed edifice, and Psalm 122 was read responsively.

THE ANNIVERSARY SERVICES OF THE ATHENS METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday and Monday, January 4th and 5th, were observed as the 58th anniversary of the Old Methodist Church and the 23rd of the present Church much enlarged from the former edifice in a fine piece of Gothic stone masonry. This work was carried to successful completion under the pastorate of Rev. William Reynolds, since deceased, in the winter of 1902. The Church was dedicated by the venerable Dr. Albert Carman, the General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in both her spacious stone Church and brick parsonage, Athens has one of the desirable Church plants in the Montreal Conference. Since the new Church was built the pastors have been, succeeding Rev. Mr. Reynolds, Rev. Dr. Silas J. Hughes, now retired in California, U.S.; Rev. F. A. Read, deceased; Rev. Geo. Edwards, of North Bay; T. J. Vickery; Rev. F. S. Newton, and the present pastor, Rev. H. E. Warren.

The anniversary preacher for this year was the Rev. Dr. R. H. Bell, of Sydenham Street Church, Kingston, who delighted the large audiences on Sunday with sermons of rare interest and power. He was ably assisted by the choir, under the leadership of Miss Robinson. Mrs. Curzon Lamb sang with her usual acceptance a solo.

HOCKEY

On Monday evening, Jan. 6th at Lyndhurst a hockey match was played, Athens and Lyndhurst competing.

The first period was rough and a very poor brand of hockey, no scores by either team.

The second frame furnished a little bitter and ended a tie, one goal each.

The third period proved rather disastrous for both teams as early in the period R. Layng was knocked out in a meeting with a Lyndhurst player and Athens was without his services for the rest of the game. The second disaster was when Athens scored what proved to be the winning goal near the close of the period.

The general opinion seems to be that the best plan of managing the league games is under neutral officials as the rules lay down.

We might make special mention of the goals tending of Yates.

The line-up is as follows:—Goal, Yates; defence, L. Taylor and J. Scott; forward, R. & C. Layng and C. Foxton; subs, A. Hagen and G. A. Purcell.

Just before going to press, "The Reporter learned that Bob. Layng is improving nicely at the Hospital in Brockville. The injuries are not as serious as were at first feared, and the operation that was at one time thought imminent, is unnecessary.

Hockey Schedule

The schedule of games in "group 2" are as follows:—
Lyndhurst at Delta—Jan. 10th.
Athens at Delta—Jan. 17th.
Lyndhurst at Athens—Jan. 24th.
Delta at Lyndhurst—Jan. 31st.

A \$10,000.00 Contest

The capital prize in a big contest now being conducted by the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal is five thousand dollars cash and there are also scores of other cash prizes to a total value of ten thousand dollars. It is announced that each subscriber to the Family Herald whose subscription is received before the contest closes, will receive a free entry, as well as a beautiful art calendar and picture. This generous offer has resulted in a record-breaking rush of subscriptions to this popular weekly and the publishers are warning their old subscribers to renew early and avoid disappointments. The Family Herald grows better and better. It is a marvel of value.

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About the House

HOMEMADE CANDY.

Homemade candies, daintily packed, are most welcome gifts and have a personal quality lacking in the things you buy.

HICKORY NUT CARAMELS.

Place three-fourths of a cupful of thin cream, three tbsps. of butter, one cup of sugar and one cup of molasses in a saucepan. Bring the mixture to the boiling point and add three squares of unsweetened chocolate. Stir it carefully until the chocolate has melted and continue to let the mixture boil until the syrup forms a firm ball when dropped into cold water. Remove it from the fire and add one-half tsp. of vanilla and one cup of chopped hickory nuts. Turn the mixture into an oiled pan. When it is cold, cut it into squares and wrap each square in waxed paper.

FROSTED FIG FUDGE.

Make a chocolate fudge and pour it into a pan to the depth of one inch. Cover it thickly with coarse chopped dried figs. Boil one cupful of sugar and one-fourth of a cup of water until the syrup will spin a thread and then pour it over the white of one egg beaten stiff. Add one tsp. of vanilla and continue to beat it until it is stiff. Pour it over the layers of fudge and figs and cut it into squares when it is cold.

ALMOND SEA FOAM.

Boil three cups of light-brown sugar, one cup of water and one tsp. of vinegar together without stirring. When the syrup spins a thread when dropped from the spoon. Remove it from the fire and pour the boiling syrup over the whites of two eggs beaten stiff. Beat the mixture until it is firm enough to hold its shape, then add one-half tsp. of almond extract and one heaping cup of almonds that have been blanched and broken. Drop it quickly from a teaspoon on sheets of waxed paper.

BUTTERNUT FUDGE.

Boil one cup of maple syrup (or one cup of honey), one cup of sugar, one-half cup of rich milk and one-half cup of water until the syrup forms a ball when dropped into cold water. Cool it slightly; then beat it until it is creamy. Add two-thirds of a cup of broken butternut meats and turn the candy into an oiled pan and cut it into square pieces.

BRAZILIAN FLUFF.

Cover the bottom of an oiled candy pan with marshmallows in which slits have been cut. Slip a brazil nut into each slit and force the edges together. Pour a rich chocolate fudge over the marshmallows and when it is cold cut the candy into squares.

SUPREME NUT CANDY.

Put one and one-half cups of molasses and three-fourths of a cup of sugar into a saucepan; boil it until the syrup forms a hard ball when tested in cold water. Add three-fourths of a cup of butter and continue boiling the syrup until the "cracking point" is reached; then remove it from the fire at once. Beat in a pinch of baking soda and add one-half pound of fine chopped figs and dates, or figs and dates in equal proportion, one cup each of coarse chopped pecan, filbert and walnut meats and one-half cup of blanched, shredded almonds. Pour the mixture into an oiled pan and keep it in a cool place overnight. If you wish, add a tsp. each of almond and vanilla extract just before pouring the candy into the pan.

COLOR IN THE HOME.

We do not use enough color in our homes. Many sitting rooms, dining room and kitchens though they are furnished in perfect taste as far as they go, lack a certain gayety and sparkle that a splash of color in the right place gives. I realized this when I visited a model home in the city a short time back. I talked to one of the young ladies in charge about this and she gave me some very valuable pointers.

"There never has been a time," she said, fluffing up a flame-colored sofa pillow with long black tassels, that had been placed in a dull tapestry-covered wing chair in a rather dark corner, "when cushions have been so popular or when they have been so lovely. That does not mean, though, that they should be piled, hit or miss, on davenport or in cozy corners.

"They must be chosen very carefully to give just the necessary bit of color needed in the room, and very often they are the only thing that

decorative or more comfortable than huge soft pillows in all shapes, made from heavy black satin and finished with gold tassels.

"With these use one or two in a color that will fit into the scheme. It has been demonstrated again and again that when a note of black is introduced into a room everything else in it seems to have gained in importance, and this touch of black is so easily obtained in cushions."

I thought that was most interesting, and I asked her all manner of questions about interior decorating. I asked her what else one could use to brighten up a dull room.

Of course there were lamps. If a corner is dark it seems that nothing brightens it up better than a brilliant lamp shade. The Chinese ones that she showed me were lovely on the lacquered lamps; the parchment shades were done in any color and style; but the ones that interested me most were the bright, gay plaited ones made from wall paper or glazed chintz.

Then it seems that candlesticks are made in every color of the rainbow these days, and there are candles to match any one of them.

In looking about I saw scrap baskets, desk sets, ash trays, painted boxes, flower bowls—all in gorgeous colorings.

Pictures are framed, too, so they furnish a note of color in a room. I had always thought of picture frames as either gilt or some dark wood. Not so: They are vivid scarlet, soft green, black with a line of red, orange and black.

A NEW DOLL SET.



4196. The little doll mother may not only make dolly's clothes but also the doll, from the models supplied herewith. The body may be of drill, unbleached muslin, oil cloth or sanitas, with a stuffing of bran, kopak, or cotton. Eyes of shoe buttons, nose and lips of yarn, or, the features may be embroidered or painted.

Dressed as a clown this doll will be very attractive. The suit may be of calico, cretonne or scraps of silk or satin. One or two colors of materials may be used. For the Rompers—cretonne or gingham is pleasing. Dolly will be so glad of the dear little pockets in her rompers, and "Pierrot" the clown will do all sorts of tricks in his comfortable costume, if his arms and legs are fastened so as to be movable. The Pattern comprising the Doll and the garments, is cut in 3 Sizes: Small, 12 inches; Medium, 16 inches; Large, 20 inches in length. The Doll requires for a Medium size 1/2 yard. The Rompers 3/4 yard. The Suit and Hat, 1 1/4 yard of 27-inch material.

Pattern mailed to any address on receipt of 15c in silver, by the Wilson Publishing Co., 78 West Adelaide St., Toronto.

Send 15c in silver for our up-to-date Fall and Winter 1924-1925 Book of Fashions.

A FAREWELL PARTY.

What kind of party can we give for a neighbor who is moving to an eastern province?—Hostess.

A Parcel-Post Party could be made interesting. In your invitations, say that parcel-post mail for the East will be collected at a certain hour, day and place. Ask the guests to bring packages in person, the packages to be properly wrapped, tied and addressed. These packages could contain joke gifts for the guest of honor, but one of the gifts might be a small address book in which each member of the club should write her name and post-office address. The guests could play games and, just before refreshments are served, the packages could be delivered to the person you wish to honor, who could then open them.

To seat guests at the refreshment table, use picture post-cards for the place-cards; or you could pack the re-



TRY THIS ONE ON YOUR PIANO

One of the daily dozen, or handball on skis on the Dufferin Terrace, Quebec. The new ski jump, erected by the Frontenac Winter Sports Club, has proved a great attraction to amateur skiers from all over the continent, and international and intercollegiate jumping competitions have been arranged to take place in the near future.

freshments in boxes of uniform size, wrap and address as for parcel post and stamp with used postage stamps. Have some one carry the boxes to the front door, then knock or ring, and the hostess could answer and bring in the boxes, announcing that a package for each guest had just come by parcel post.

Ask guests to adjourn to the dining-room, where coffee should be served, with fruit gelatine or ice cream for the last course. The dining table could be decorated with a centre-piece made of crepe paper, to represent a mail-bag. In this bag, you could have letters addressed to the various guests, each "letter" to contain a suggestion as to a stunt she is to perform. These suggestions could also be used for a shower.

Angels.

I too have looked on angels,
The angels of the Lord,
And entertained them unawares,
Worn men and women bowed with cares,
Pilgrims whose patient eyes were prayers,
Blind rebellious Israel
With love's tenacious cord.

All quietly God's angels
Go lifting hearts that fall,
Slipping our prison doors ajar,
Shining more softly than a star
Where glooms have been the shadows
are,
Gulleless as Nathaniel,
Undaunted as Paul.

Oh, I have looked on angels,
The angels of the Lord,
With none believing their report,
Of the Philistines made a sport,
Rejected, yet the temple court
Of God's own grace, immanuel,
His worship their reward.
—Katherine Lee Bates in Yout's
Companion.

Egyptian priests were highly learned men, entrusted with keeping written records.

Minard's for Sprains and Bruises.

White Hands of Winter.

White hands of winter
Fragile as snow,
Down through the meadows
Eerily go,

Tucking the roses
Warmly to sleep,
Teaching the rivers
Mutely to creep.

Under their wrappings
Of crystal and glass,
White hands of winter
Silently pass,

Hushing the riot
Of fall with their breath;
White hands of winter
Beautify death.
—Irma Grace Blackburn.



Handicapped.

"How's Dick tackling this year, Mabel?"
"I really don't know, mother sits around all evening."

No More Nightmares.

Nightmares and unpleasant dreams can be banished, if an American doctor's theory is true. He claims to have cured a woman patient of terrifying dreams, giving her instead bright and happy ones.

Always strain a dye through muslin before adding it to the water.



Genevieve La Gallienne, wife of the famous violinist, André Polak, daughter of the celebrated poet, Richard La Gallienne, and sister of the prominent actress, Eva La Gallienne, is seeking fame in her own right as a sculptress. She is shown in her Paris studio.

Love Gives Itself

THE STORY OF A BLOOD FEUD

BY ANNIE S. SWAN.

"Love gives itself and is not bought."—Longfellow.

CHAPTER IV.—(Cont'd.)

Something swam before Peter Garvock's eyes—something red and awful, which could have but one name!

On these lands, by that very march dyke, there had, in old days, been strife between Stair and The Lees; and where strife had been there may be strife again! The old blood feud between Stair and The Lees was like to have a fresh chapter added to its bitter story.

Alan Rankine, not recognizing his cousin for a few minutes, came striding on, but not blithely, for his own thoughts were too complicated and too overwhelming, but certainly without the slightest expectation of meeting his cousin at such an hour, in such a place. He was thinking of him, naturally picturing him at the Clock House with Carlotta, trying, perhaps, to imagine what would be transpiring there. But a few steps further, which brought him near enough both to recognize the figure and to behold the expression on his cousin's face, left him in no doubt.

The thing had happened! Carlotta had spoken, and the reckoning was in front. Rankine took himself in grip, for the moment was one to try the mettle of a man, and he was fully alive and sensitive to the partial dishonor of which he had been guilty.

Seeing Carlotta, he had been lifted, as it were, on the crest of some tremendous wave, which had hurled him whither it would! But there could be no happiness in Alan Rankine's heart, for he was an honorable man, and he had decided already that life would have been better without this.

As Stair approached, Peter Garvock, of a set purpose, seemed to retreat until he reached the gate in the march dyke again, against which he planted his back and folded his arms.

His face was not good to see. It was deadly pale, and his eyes glowed with an unholy fire. The Garvock temper was well known in Ayrshire, and some of the old legends of the countryside were based on the ravages it had made.

Stair, alternately reddening and paling, advanced, and presently stood in front of his cousin, a few paces back.

"Well?" he said, in a short, strange voice. "I expect you are seeking me, Peter?"

"I was on my way to Stair," said Peter thickly. "Perhaps it is better that we have it out here. What have you to say for yourself—you hound and cur!—to come sneaking back here and stick your damned nose in my affairs and steal my promised wife?"

"I have nothing to say for myself," answered Alan Rankine quietly, though his color rose with the heat and passion of his cousin's words. "I don't know what Miss Carylton may have told you. There has been no treachery in the ordinary sense. We met only once, that day you took me to her, and again, this morning. Neither of these meetings was of our seeking—though they had to be. But I would give twenty years of my life, Peter, that this had not happened."

The contempt on Peter Garvock's face equalled his rage.

"Spare your mealy-mouthed apologies and explanations! They don't fit the case. You have been guilty of the lowest, meanest action one man can do to another. You have cast some sort of damned spell over the woman as you have cast it over others I could name. And all your high-sounding, fine words won't wipe out your black treachery. But, if I can't marry Carlotta Carylton, Stair, you never will! I'll make it impossible for you—do you hear?—impossible!"

He spoke the last word in a kind of hiss, and started forward as if he would be at his cousin's throat.

An ineffable sadness crept over Rankine's face.

"Listen, Peter. I don't suppose it is much use my speaking, but—but try to listen while I explain. Did I foresee or want this thing which has been thrust into my life in such a strange, amazing manner? I would have been better without it. I am poor. My hands are tied. We can't marry. I have nothing to offer any woman. Even if she does not marry you, how is it possible that she can marry me? And I would point out to you that you have escaped untold misery by what has happened, for apparently Miss Carylton accepted your offer of marriage either under some compulsion or out of pique. There could never have been any happiness at The Lees under such conditions."

"I'll take care there is none at Stair!" was the retort which leaped, like a snarl, from Garvock's lips. "You had better get out of my sight, Stair, or there may be murder done. I've always hated you—with your smooth face and your sickening ways! You've never done a day's honest work in your life, or justified your existence! Look at me. We had equal chances, and see what I have been able to do! Anyhow, I hold you in the hollow of my hand, and I mean to crush you. There won't be any billing and cooing at Stair for a good many years to come! I told you yesterday, pretty straightly, how mat-

ters stand, but I kept the last card up my sleeve—Stair is mine, to all intents and purposes, mine! Do you hear? And I'll keep it hard and fast! You can go and earn your bread where you like—you and Judy and Claud! And when you are finding it a tough job to get food and shelter out there, in the world that you have supposed to exist for you, perhaps you'll find that it hardly paid you to make an enemy of Peter Garvock!"

Alan Rankine's temper was not fiery, and he had tried to make allowances for the frightful provocation his cousin had received; but at these scathing, humiliating words he bit his lip, and the veins began to stand out ominously on his temples.

Seeing this, Peter Garvock's lust for vengeance seemed to grow in intensity and power, and he went on in the slow, deliberate manner of the man who sets out to wound and to destroy.

"We'll see what she has to say to it when she finds her bonnie bridegroom shorn of all his glory and estate, seeking and finding his level in the market-place! It'll be a fairly low level, I'm thinking, and that kind of woman only values a man for what he can give her!"

It was the one word needed to fan Alan Rankine's anger into the flame which equalled that burning in Garvock's heart!

He, too, saw red, and next moment they were in grips.

CHAPTER V.

WHAT DID IT?

Judy was waiting for her tea. For the first time in many years she had both her brothers with her, Claud having come from Cambridge to attend his father's funeral. He was packing up for his return on the morrow when the tea-bell rang.

Claud was a short, squat young man, not unlike Judy in some respects, and there was little of the student about his appearance. A good deal of determination, however, was to be found in the square set of his jaw, and now that his chance had come, he intended to make the best of it.

It had come rather late, a mistake having been made with Claud Rankine's career. In many families everything is sacrificed for the eldest son, and when funds had been low at Stair, Claud had been brought home from school, his father having hastily decided that, while his brother was absent in India trying to retrieve the family fortunes at the rich Garvock springs, Claud should learn estate management.

The lad was willing enough, though not eager. But there was nobody to teach him his business except his father, whose ideas were a curious medley, more often than not without form and void. So the lad had drifted for a time, without, however, abandoning his ambition to go to College.

At length he got his way, and it was Judy who arranged matters and decided where the meagre hundred and fifty pounds a year was to come from for Claud's keep at Cambridge.

Claud had now been a year there, and was likely to carry everything before him. What his ultimate career would be they had not decided. Judy inclined to diplomacy, and had visions of applying to high places when the time should be ripe.

But young men of Claud Rankine's type do not need much bolstering after the initial stage. Give them their chance, and they make good in every walk of life. Claud had already made his mark at Cambridge, though he was far too modest to talk about it, and he had no anxiety about his future.

The fulfilling of a long-cherished desire had wrought a wonderful change in the lad, developing in him a sunny temperament which was a constant joy to Judy. Womanlike, she had poured her chiefest devotion on Alan, who won love as easily as she breathed. Just she had been and truly kind to both brothers, because it was not her nature to be otherwise, but now she was slowly learning that her younger brother had qualities lacking in the elder.

(To be continued.)



He—"We ought to be very happy—we have so many things in common."
She—"And after marriage we'll have our bank account that way too, eh?"

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Minard's Liniment for the Grippes.

THE GROWING GIRL

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In their early teens it is quite common for girls to outgrow their strength and mothers should carefully watch the health of their daughters at this time, for it is when strength is sapped by too rapid growth that anaemia develops. The first signs may be noticed by peevishness, languor and headaches. The face grows pale, breathlessness and palpitation follow, with low spirits.

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"You say his business is humming?"
"Sure—he's a bee-keeper, you know."

Secrets are like money—good for nothing unless placed in circulation.

What's On Your Card?

Every man has a card on which his name, his address, and the fact that he will die are written in indelible ink. The date of his death and the disease from which he will die are also written on this card, but the writing is with pencil and erasable.

This statement was recently made at a meeting by Dr. Charles Mayo, the distinguished surgeon. Of course he spoke in parable but the statements are none the less true.

Continuing this idea, we might say that every man should look at his card about once a year. This looking at the card once a year is called "physical examination on your birthday." Such an examination, if it is properly made, should size up the person's condition in every respect. When he has finished, the physician will probably say something like this: "You are not like the deacon's one-hoss shay, due to go to pieces all at once in every part. I find your heart scores 100, but your kidneys score only 70. In so far as I can judge, you may die in 1933 of a kidney trouble, unless you change those of your habits which affect that condition."

These indications of conditions which may be changed by methods of living are written in pencil on your card. Let us suppose you are sensible and wish to get the most out of life. You erase "1933" and write "1943." Ten years will mean much to you, and you make up your mind to have them. How?

You ask your doctor to tell you how you can make good on that 1943 entry, how you can make your 70 per cent. efficient kidneys last an additional ten years. You learn that you must change your habits, go to bed at a regular hour, get more sleep, change your food habits, protect yourself against infections, take better care of yourself when you have a cold. You decide that the game is worth the candle. When you have taken the right steps you again take your eraser. You erase the word "kidney trouble."

Then you go on for one year, happy in the prospect of a gain of ten years. Another birthday comes around. You go to the card box. You take your

CANADA'S "BARREN LANDS"

Although nearly one-sixth of the area of the Dominion is included under the name of the "Barren Lands," there has been very little authentic information available about their nature and possible resources. Most of the exploration throughout these regions was carried on in the earlier days—from 1770 to 1834—in the way of various overland journeys in connection with Arctic expeditions by sea, searching for a Northwest passage to the Orient. These lands then lay far from the outposts of settlement and, with the primitive forms of transportation available at that time, estimations of their possible value and resources were bound to be based upon restricted standards.

From the close of that period of exploration to the present day, over a span of nearly a century, with its great strides in settlement and in the development of transportation and economic machinery in general, little has been done to reconsider the possibilities of these regions in the light of present-day conditions. In order to obtain first hand information about the country, and at the same time lay down a skeleton system of survey for all possible future development purposes, control traverse and exploration surveys were extended during the past season through a series of waterways lying to the north and east of the easterly part of Great Slave lake. This work was carried on by G. H. Blanchet, D.L.S., of the staff of the Topographical Survey of Canada, Department of the Interior.

The waterways followed consist of a series of large lakes draining to Great Slave lake which lie in a great plateau region of uniform elevation and generally subdued topography. This represents the drainage peak of the country in which some of the waters flowing into the great rivers of the north take their rise—Mackenzie river of the western Arctic, Coppermine

river of the middle Arctic, Backs river of the eastern Arctic, and Thelon river flowing to Hudson Bay.

The coast line included between the mouths of these rivers exceeds 1,500 miles. It may readily be appreciated that as the head waters of all these rivers closely approach the lake series the route by these waters is important in giving access to a vast area of inland country and an extensive stretch of coast-line. In this connection it might be noted that a practicable water route was discovered in the course of the survey connecting with Coppermine river.

It was observed that the country became less rough toward the north and east and that the accumulation of soil was greater with a corresponding improvement in the amount and variety of the vegetation. The name "Barren Lands" as applied to the greater portion of this country is a misnomer. It is true that trees do not grow beyond a certain line, and to the north and east of this line areas of barrenness exist where soil is either lacking or too coarse for ordinary plant life, but in the greater portion of the country a variety of shrubs and mosses cover the hills and grasses flourish in the swampy valleys.

The animal of outstanding interest, native to the country, is the Barren Lands caribou. Vast herds range these areas, leaving the open lands for the woodlands for a short period in the depth of winter. The country traversed forms the outer fringe of the former range of the musk-ox and from the fact that only one was seen during the season it may be assumed that either the herds have been reduced in numbers or they have retired to the more inaccessible portions of their range. An interesting discovery was that a summer breeding ground of the Ivory bill loon which winters in Norway and Iceland was found in the upper waters of Coppermine and Back rivers where hundreds were observed.

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What Makes Men Quarrel?

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The reports received by the Dept. of Marine and Fisheries are to the effect that heavy runs of sockeye salmon reached the spawning grounds of Lake-else lake and Babine lake on the Skeena River watershed. The hatcheries located at these two points were filled to capacity with over 17,500,000 eggs and large numbers of salmon were left to spawn in the natural way. The collections at both places were well above the average since the hatcheries were established.

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Surnames and Their Origin

GROGAN

Variation—Grogan, O'Grogan. Racial Origin—Irish. Source—A given name.

These family names are the Anglicized forms of an Irish clan name of considerable antiquity, and the clan bearing it traced its ancestry back to Fergal, the 15th monarch of Ireland, through Conor, his second eldest son. The Irish form of the family name is "O'Gruagáin," or more anciently "Ua Gruagáin," and it signifies "the descendants (or clan) of Gruagáin." "Gruagáin" was a given name among the ancient and medieval Gaels, in both the Irish and the Highlanders of Scotland. It is a compound of two Gaelic words, and means "the hairy one."

But among the settlers of the Scottish Highlands, who came originally from Ireland, principally in the period from the third to the sixth centuries, it either never was developed into a family name, or if it did, it has since died out, for it is not to be found in Scotland except in a few scattering instances owing to Irishmen having settled in that country in comparatively modern times. It is not numbered in the authoritative lists of Highland clan and sept names.

The clan surnames of both Ireland and Scotland, once the backbone of the political and social structure of those countries, have, of course, existed for a great many generations only as family connections. As political and social structures they have suc-

cumbed to the English legal and social order and the complexities of modern industrial life and material civilization.

LOFTUS

Variations—Lofting, Lofta, Loftison. Racial Origin—English. Source—A given name, also a locality.

There are two distinct sources from which the family names in this group have come. In reality there are two groups of names, but it is better to consider them as one, owing to the fact that their similarity of sound and spelling has often led to the substitution of one for another at various times in the past.

One source has already been referred to in a previous article. It is that of the locality. "Loft-house" is the clearest spelling of it, the meaning being, of course, "tall" house or "high building," though the spelling which was more frequently found in the early middle ages, and from which the name Loftus has developed, was "loft-hus." There is a locality of this name in Yorkshire.

The other source of the family name is the given name of "Leofthegn," one not unpopular among the Anglo-Saxons in the pre-Norman days, and one which survived the Norman invasion to a sufficient extent to give rise to family names in several localities. It is a given name derived from the words of "love" and "theyne" (follower or soldier), but the actual meaning of the name was "beloved soldier."

card and again read it. In other words, you take another examination. As a result, you may erase the old entries and make new ones. You may further modify some of your ways of living, or, having found those of the past year satisfactory, you plan to continue them.—R. G.



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NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Presentation Made to Rev D. D. Elliott at New Dublin Methodist Church.
 North Augusta, Dec. 29.—At the regular meeting of Crystal Fountain Lodge held Saturday evening, St. John the Evangelist Day, the following officers were duly installed by Wor. Bro. H. L. Hill, assisted by Wor. Bros. J. F. Checkley and G. W. Chapman:— G. D. Ackland, W.M.; P. Cavanagh, 1. P.M.; J. C. Ferguson, S.W.; A. J. Smith, J.W.; R. E. Ralph, chaplain; R. K. Hough, treasurer; W. W. Bobier, secretary; M. G. Wilkins, S.D.; Stanley Hough, J.D.; Fory Vout, J.S.; G. W. Chapman, D. of C.; Walter Wilson, I.G.; S. Botham, Tyler; R. K. Hough, J. B. Checkley, auditors; G. W. Chapman, J. Aldrich and S. Botham, trustees. At the close of the meeting the brethren repaired to the assembly hall where they held their annual banquet. Mrs. Parks, of Weston's Mills, is visiting her brothers, G. A. and W. S. Love.

Toledo People Have Radio "Bug" Badly

Several Receiving Sets Have Been Installed Recently.

NEWS OF THE VILLAGE

Athens and Toledo Y. P. S. Are to Hold a Debate Shortly.

Toledo, Dec. 29.—The radio is the whole rage in Toledo and immediate vicinity. Several have installed machines and all are enthusiastic in their praise of this wonderful invention.
 Miss Victoria Campbell of Yule, is the guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. Crummy.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wood are entertaining their nephews, Howard and Ford McConnell, of Lansdowne.
 On the afternoon of closing day in Toledo school an excellent entertainment was given by the pupils and included dialogues, songs and recitations, ending with a spirited debate entitled "Resolved that India is of more benefit to the British Empire than Canada," in which the negative side won. At the close of the concert, the teacher, Miss Adella Whiting, received a very pleasant surprise when her pupils presented her with a beautiful silver casserole as a slight token of their appreciation of her excellent services so generously given during the past year.
 John Whiting and daughter, Miss Adella Whiting, were very pleasantly surprised recently on receiving a visit from Mr. Whiting's nephew, Walter Whiting, and party of Denver, Col., who were motoring through to New York and Florida and stopped en route for a brief visit here.
 Herman Gray and George Mott are busy men these days keeping the skating rink in order. The weather is very favorable for perfect ice and many are enjoying the perfect skating.
 The concert held in the town hall on Christmas night, under the auspices of the Union Sunday school, was apparently thoroughly enjoyed by the large crowd present. The programme included dialogues, songs, recitations, choruses, etc., also several selections by the Toledo orchestra.
 Among those who spent the Christmas holidays with relatives here were Dr. Gerald Singleton, of Toronto, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Singleton; Mr. and Mrs. John Stinson and young son, and Miss Mamie Brigganshaw, of Ottawa, at the home of their respective parents; Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Stinson and Mrs. L. Brigganshaw; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Seymour, of Athens, with their family here; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Heffernan and little daughter, of Syracuse, N.Y., at the home of their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Heffernan and Mrs. P. J. McNamee. The latter also had home for Christmas their daughter, Miss Marguerite McNamee, of Brockville, and Miss Ursula McNamee, of Westport.
 Misses Mabel Quigley, Pearl Quigley and Kathleen Quigley, of Aylmer, Ottawa and Lombardy, respectively, were at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Quigley; Mr. and Mrs. R. Gray, of Jasper, at Mrs. M. J. Gray's.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. Baldwin, of Brockville, spent Christmas with the latter's sister and brother here.
 On January 9 it is planned to hold a debate in Toledo between the Y.P.S. of Athens and that of Toledo, the subject to be, "Resolved, that more good than evil has come out of the world war."
 Miss Mary Pratt and aunt, Mrs. E. Ketchum, spent Christmas Day in Smiths Falls, the guests of Dr. W. Pratt.

GLEN BUELL

Presentations Made at Glen Buell to Mrs. E. Best and Miss Kathleen Best.

Glen Buell, Dec. 27.—On Monday evening, December 22, the Glen Buell friends of Mrs. Edwin Best met at her home to express in a tangible way their regret at her contemplated departure from the neighborhood. Mrs. Best was presented with a well-worded address bearing testimony to the affectionate regard in which she is entertained by her Glen Buell friends, and with a handsome club bag, while Miss Kathleen Best was presented with a writing set by her school-mates.

STRAW FOR FEEDING

A Great Factor for Carrying Over Live Stock.

Of Most Value When Cut Early—Oat Straw Best of the Cereals—Old and Musty Straw Not Desirable for Live Stock Feedings.
 (Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)
 The quantity of straw consumed by the live stock of Ontario amounts to many thousand tons each year. It is important as a feed, but unfortunately its value is frequently overrated. Straws, the by-products of different grains, have different values. The line of demarcation between hays, straws and fodders is not clear, but generally speaking straw is the by-product of ripened grain or forage plants, being made up of the dry leaves and stems. The nearer the plant is to the mature condition at time of harvest the lower the feeding value, because of the concentration of the nitrogenous and fat properties in the developing and ripening seed.

Straw Best When Cut Early.

The straw from over-ripe grain is generally hard in character, unpalatable and indigestible; while the straw from grains cut on the green side are softer, more palatable, and generally contain a higher percentage of digestible matter. The hard condition of some varieties of straw causes such to be almost useless as a feed. Even if such fodder has a feed value, that value cannot be satisfactorily extracted by the digestion processes of our domestic animals.

Varieties of Straw Fed.

The straws generally used for stock feeding are oat, barley, wheat, pea and clover. Others such as timothy, flax, bean and rye straws are sometimes used, but with indifferent results. Oat straw, the best of the various straws for feeding, carries considerable feed value as indicated by chemical analysis, but unfortunately a large percentage of the nourishing properties cannot be extracted by the digestion processes of our domestic animals. What is true of oat straw is more pronounced with the other varieties of straw, the harder and ruder such are the less the animals can extract from them.

Oat Straw Is a Good Bulky Feed.

Oat straw can be used as a feed for cattle, horses and sheep, during the autumn and winter period to supply bulk and some nourishment to the ration. Dry cattle can use large amounts of oat straw as a maintenance feed. Horses that are not at work can use oat straw, as a large part of their ration. Straw is too bulky for horses at moderate or hard work.

Barley straw, if free from beards,

ranks next to oat straw as a feed, and may be used as a roughage, but a good part of the animal maintenance must come from some other source.

Wheat Straw Poorer—Also Rye.

Wheat straw has a lower value than barley straw, and serves to give bulk and a small part of the required nourishment to the animal. Wheat straw as a supplement to roots and silage in winter feeding plays an important part in the maintenance of young and dry stock. Rye straw is generally so hard and indigestible as to be of little use as a stock feed. Clover and other legume straws while containing compounds of considerable feed value are frequently so hard and unpalatable that the animal can make only partial use of them. Pea and vetch straws are generally the most valuable of the legume straws. Dry sweet or red clover straws or alfalfa stems carry a feed value that is generally out of reach of the average farm animal's stomach, unless these materials are steamed or finely ground.

Old and Musty Straws Are Not Desirable.

Old, dry and musty straws have little or no feed value, fresh soft and clean straws no matter from what source can generally be used to good advantage by all live stock if care is taken to prepare such in a manner that will aid the animal organism to extract the nourishing elements. Cutting, steaming, or mixing with other feeds to increase palatability and digestibility is always advised.—L. Stevenson, Sec., Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.

Vegetable Matter.

The advantage of matter in the soil may be summed up as follows: It aids aeration, retains moisture, prevents baking, provides conditions suitable for bacteria, aids decomposition of soil particles, supplies plant food, deepens soil layer, prevents leaching, washing and drifting. Every opportunity to return to the soil vegetable matter of any sort should be taken advantage of by all farmers having any respect for the soil of their field.
 Continuous grain cropping decreases the productivity of soils. This is due largely to the reducing in quantity of the fresh vegetable matter in the soil that is essential to chemical and bacterial action. Without chemical and bacterial action in the soil the feeding of plants would be difficult.—L. Stevenson, Toronto.

It does not pay to turn cows into yards and compel them to remain out in disagreeable weather. It costs feed to keep cows warm.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS

Progress of the Disease is Slow, Insidious and Chronic

The Symptoms Described—How Milking Cows Become Affected—Post Mortem Appearances—The Septic Tank.
 (Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)
 The onset of this contagious and infectious disease of farm animals is slow, insidious and chronic, with no outward manifestations for some time.
Symptoms of the Disease.
 A short, dry cough, intermittent and more noticeable when the resting animal is made to rise quickly should be regarded with suspicion. A cough alone while suspicious is not entirely characteristic, nor should its absence mean that the animal is not tubercular. The breathing may be quickened, there may be an unthrifty condition and chronic diarrhoea. In some cases the loss in condition is very marked, and the animal recedes to a thin hide-bound condition, with sunken eyes and rough coat; such animals are usually referred to as wasters. There may be enlargement of the lymphatic glands, such as the submaxillary or the prescapular. Enlargement of any of the lymphatic glands should always be considered with suspicion. Slight bloating, which may be due to enlarged glands interfering with the normal functioning of the digestive tract, should be regarded as suspicious, since the mesenteric glands if badly infected may cause irregular action of the intestines, with bloating and constipation followed by diarrhoea. In cases where tuberculosis is affecting the bones and joints the animal may move with unnatural gait or show lameness.
How Milked Cows Are Affected.
 The mammary glands of milking animals is a common seat of tubercular lesions. Hard areas in the glandular substance, painless on pressure, which may be very small or even involve the entire quarter of the udder, should be regarded with grave suspicion. These painless nodules or tumors if present can be felt by the most inexperienced. In cases where the udder is affected the supra-mammary lymph glands also become much enlarged and may be easily felt.
Post Mortem Appearances.
 The effects produced in the body tissues are characterized by the formation of tubercles or nodules, which in the advanced condition are of a yellowish color and cheese-like consistency. Such nodules may be single and of small size, or they may be quite large and in masses. The common seat of tubercular lesions is in the following glands: bronchial and mediastinal lymph glands, the cervical, pre-scapular, pre-pectoral, portal, inguinal, sub-lumbar, popliteal and mesenteric glands. The lungs and the pleura are also common locations for the lesions of tuberculosis, in which they (the lesions) appear as hard lumps, easy to see and easy to feel. These when cut into are found to be cheesy, and contain a thick yellowish pus.
The "Pearl Disease" Condition.
 When the pleura (covering of the lungs and lining membrane of the chest or thoracic cavity) is affected it presents over its surface clusters of small round nodules, pale creamy red in color and resembling grape-like masses, commonly spoken of as "pearl disease" condition. When the organism successfully invades the liver caseous masses and tubercular abscesses are formed. These when cut open show the characteristic yellow cheesy pus and gritty feeling on the passing of the incising knife. Where the peritoneum (the lining membrane of the abdominal cavity) is attacked the "pearl disease" condition is characteristic. Lesions in the udder, lymph glands, ovaries, kidneys and spleen resemble the caseous masses and abscess formation common in the liver. The oviduct, the uterus, the bones and joints may also be affected with tubercular lesions. In old standing cases the pericardium (sac covering the heart) and the heart may be a position of attack by this destroying organism, the work of which is characterized by its destruction of tissue and the formation of tubercles.—L. Stevenson, Director of Extension, O. A. C., Guelph.

MAITLAND

Womens' Institute of Maitland Will Raise Funds by Means of a Concert.

Maitland, Dec. 29.—Miss Lillian Collier is spending her vacation with her parents.
 Mrs. Frank McManus and two sons spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. William McManus.
 The condition of Mrs. William Hick, who was seriously ill, is somewhat improved.
 The Women's Institute held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Ross Thompson in December 10. Interesting papers were read by Mrs. W. H. Towle and Mrs. Willis Wilson. It was decided to raise money by means of a concert at an early date. The next meeting will be held on January 15 at the home of the secretary, Miss Essie Baker and a 10c tea will be served.
 A Christmas tree and concert was held at Haley's school on the afternoon of December 22. A lengthy and varied programme was carried out very creditably by the children and at the close the teacher, Miss Mary Percy, was presented by her pupils with ivory toilet articles.
 L. Rowe is visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Dumbille.
 The children of St. James' Sunday school are preparing for their Christmas treat which is to be held on Wednesday night.

Quabbin

Quabbin, Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Gavin, Idilly Duff and Mrs. J. Ashby motored to town last Tuesday.

L. G. Ruttle purchased a valuable horse from Gordon Sumner, Rockfield.
 L. P. Gavin is having a six tube radio installed by S. M. Mallory.
 The many friends of Charles Hutchison will be glad to know that he is recovering from a severe illness.
 The Misses Ashby, Miss Richardson and J. Ashby, of Toronto, who spent the holidays here, returned on Saturday night.
 Mack McKay spent Christmas at J. A. Macdonald's.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Leeder, Trevelyn, spent Christmas here, the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. Congrove.
 K. Ferguson, Brockville, visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Larue, on Sunday last.
 Miss Vivien Tennant, Kingston, visited friends here on Christmas Day.
 Work has been indefinitely postponed on Quabbin hill owing to the cold weather.
 Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tennant and Mrs. MacWilliams were recent callers at J. Ashby's.
 Arnold Grant, of Toronto, spent Saturday afternoon and evening at J. Ashby's.
 George Ruttle, of Saskatchewan, is visiting his brother, Archie.

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UNEXPECTED GUESTS

Have you ever found yourself about to sit down to dinner, or rather, have you found yourself ready to fry those oysters for the man and yourself when he comes in with two or three friends who are going to be in town only for a short time? What can you do?

Well, here is the way one woman managed. She made a batter of 1 1/2 cups flour, 1 1/2 level teaspoons baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon paprika, one beaten egg, the oysters cut into about three pieces each, and enough of the oyster liquor to make a rather thick mixture. To this she added one tablespoon of melted butter. The mixture fried in the tablespoon in deep fat will give about 25 toothsome, golden-brown oyster fritters, ample, indeed, to serve four or five.

Suppose you have a steak for two and you suddenly find you must serve it for four. Cut the steak in to two-inch pieces. Brown in the pan. Add a sliced onion, three medium boiled potatoes quartered, and a tablespoon of chopped parsley if on hand. Mushrooms from a can may be added.

The gravy should be thickened and the whole mixture placed in a stone pie plate, covered with a biscuit dough, brushed over with yolk of egg and baked about ten or fifteen minutes in the oven. This will give you a delicious beefsteak pie.

Canned corn beef may be added to masked potatoes, and with the addition of onion juice and a little pepper it may be made to serve seven or eight hungry folks if baked for a few minutes in the oven.

THE COUNTRY SCHOOL

(Read at the old school re-union held recently in Elma Township, Perth County.)

You have written your tale in the halls of time,
And your pencil has moved with pain,

For your heart has been sad, though your lips were glad,
For your story is writ in vain;
And the dreams that you dreamed when your heart was young,
And you trudged to the country school,

Have been crushed ere the prime by Old Father Time,
And you know you were mad, poor fool.

For your little old school was a palace, lad,
Where you reigned in the land of youth,
Where the fields were dew, and the skies were blue,
And you laughed with the rest as your school days sped,

'Twas a prison, that school, to you,
And you scoffed at your load as you took the road
That would lead to the pastures new.

Oh, but come you again to that country school,
And dis sever the chain of years,
And your laughter shall ring, as you stand a king

By the grave of your vanquished fears;
Though your steps may have strayed from your path of dreams,
Yet the ashes shall flame once

more,
As your mind slips back o'er the darkling track
That returns to the schoolhouse door.
—Cameron Kester.
Elmira, Ont.

THE BLESSING OF TACT

Tact is the oil which makes the wheels of life run smoothly. It is something which some people possess in abundance, while others boast that they do not need it.

There are the brusque women we meet who believe in saying just what they think. They do not cover up their remarks, but declare loudly that it is better to be absolutely straight and outspoken.

These women make many enemies needlessly. They have no oil, and they cannot go smoothly through life.

There are others who confuse fact with hypocrisy. They are always flattering their friends, and making false remarks. Whether they believe it or not, they declare that the new hat or gown is a dream of beauty and very becoming, that the children of the friends in question are fine specimens in every way.

They tire one with their constant flattery, their insincerity. They are the people from whom so much oil is dripping that they are greasy and slimy—altogether unpleasant.

True tact is thoughtfulness combined with a desire not to hurt people unnecessarily.

It is the ability to pass through awkward moments with grace and ease, to put an uncomfortable person at his ease, to make rough places smooth.

It is a virtue of the highest order, and one which is well worth cultivating, both for your own sake and for the sake of those with whom you come in tact.

IT'S ALWAYS GOING TO RAIN A LITTLE MORE

A Parody by
A BONARLAW BARD

Oh, the old and young the whole world o'er,
All sing this foolish song,
It ain't gonna rain no mo' they say,
But we know they all are wrong.

Chorus:
For it always gonna rain a little more, a little more,
It's always gonna rain a little more
Everybody knows, if they didn't know before,
That it's always gonna rain a little more.

The young folks of our Sunday School
A social held one night,
The rain came down in great big drops
And the crowd all took a fright.

You plan a picnic party grand,
And hope for the rain to stay,
But the rain it comes round just the same,
And spoils the whole blamed day.

The members of our Lodge one night,
Held a banquet at the Lake;
The rain came down in torrents and
We sang for old times sake.

You need not worry one tiny bit,
About your dirty neck,
There's water in the cistern now
To wash it clean, by heck—

The railway took the tank away,
Our water power's gone,
But the flowers in the garden bloom,
They know this grand new song.

The corn it grew in years gone by,
And the taste was fairly sweet
But now the flavor can't be beat,
And it grows to seven feet.

Some wells that always have gone dry
Have water in them now,

There's nothing dry out doors at all,
Except our neighbor's cow.

Three hundred men on a rainy night,
To Campbellford town did go;
Those fellows sure were very odd,
Or the rain would have spoiled their show.

From Havelock, Brighton and Napoleon,
Stirling, Springbrook and Hastings too,
They all came along o'er the muddy roads,
To show what they could do.

A very big night, indeed it was,
The work was simply grand,
And as the fellows homeward sped,
They sang to beat the band.

Now Trenton is a wise old town,
It's wonderful to me
How any town in all this land
Could fool the rain, you see.

But they did it sure, postponed the fair,
And when the day came 'round,
'Twas simply grand, the fair was
And the crowd it filled the ground.

Now one thing more I'd like to say,
But perhaps there is no use,
Ever since that old song came along
It's rained here like the DEUCE.

But now the plebiscite is o'er,
There's a new scenario,
It will be really dry we think,
In old Ontario.

HOUSEHOLD HELPS

We have been asked to give recipes for the cooking of rabbit or hare which is considered quite a delicacy by many people.

Rabbits
or hares are only fit for use when young. They should be drawn directly after being killed, and should not be skinned until ready for use. That is the reason they are left with skin on when hanging in the butcher's shop.

Baked Rabbit
Cut rabbit up and place in a pan of hot water. Simmer about 20 minutes. Remove from water, drain, and sprinkle meat with salt and pepper. Dip in flour, beaten egg, and dried bread crumbs. Place in well-greased dripping pan and bake 20 minutes in a hot oven. After the first 5 minutes baste with bacon dripping. Arrange on platter and pour over it thickened gravy made in the pan in which the rabbit was baked.

Broiled Rabbit
Skin and wipe the rabbit. Prepare for the broiler like chicken and cook over embers until done. Season with salt and pepper just before it is finished and pour over it melted butter mixed with 2 tablespoons vinegar and one tablespoon prepared mustard when ready to serve.

TIN CAP

Tin Cap, Dec. 29.—Miss Bertha Boyd, Syracuse, and Miss Florence Boyd spent Christmas and the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Boyd.

Miss Ledo Johnston, R.N., Toronto, is spending Christmas and New Year's with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Johnston.

Miss Pearl Gilroy, of the Home of the Good Samaritan, Watertown, spent Christmas and the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Gilroy.

Howard Warner, South Augusta, was a recent visitor at P. Barton's.

Two splendid concerts were given in Spring Valley school house and Tin Cap school house during Christmas week. These concerts furnished splendid music and were very much appreciated by their audience.

Phillipsville

Phillipsville, Dec. 30.—The funeral of William Thompson was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Sanderson at the family residence on Saturday afternoon, the 20th inst., and burial followed at Elgin.

The condition of Mrs. Rachael Freeman, who suffered a stroke on Saturday night last, remains very critical.

Two families in this vicinity are under quarantine for scarlet fever.

Mrs. H. C. Davison left for Toronto on Monday where she will spend the New Year holiday with her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cross and family, of New Boyne, were visitors on Christmas Day at the home of Robert Preston.

The annual Christmas entertainment in connection with the Sunday school of the Methodist church was held on Christmas night when the church was filled to overflowing. The weather being all that could be desired helped to bring a happy and interesting crowd to finish the day's festivities. The programme was divided into two parts, the first consisting of recitations, exercises and drills by the Juniors, which were well received.

In the second part a cast of eight senior members of the school put on a playlet entitled, "What Doth It Profit," which conveyed many truths often demonstrated in real life, and in which was carried through a double-headed plot. All proved highly entertaining, and decidedly interesting to the audience. The programme was interspersed with musical numbers in choruses, solos and duets. The pastor, Rev. A. E. Sanderson, acted as chairman. A handsome sum was realized in behalf of the Sunday school.

Mrs. A. Willows spent Christmas with relatives in Athens.

J. W. Halladay, A. E. Haskins and M. L. Brown have each installed a radio recently.

Floyd Chisholm, of New York, visited his grandmother, Mrs. F. Chisholm, during the holidays.

ELGIN

Elgin, Dec. 30.—The Christmas entertainment presented on Christmas Eve by the Methodist Sunday school was a very successful event a full house being in attendance and the proceeds being very gratifying.

The Athletic Club will hold a dance in the Town Hall on January 2.

Miss M. Munro, Ingoquois, is visiting her brother, Frank Munro.

Misses Margery Charland and Anna Moore, of the Ottawa Normal School, are holidaying at their homes here.

Mrs. Charlotte Stevens is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. Tallman, Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ferguson and Master Ernest spent Christmas at Arnprior with their daughter, Mrs. G. B. Halladay.

M. E. Ferguson and family spent Christmas Day with relatives at Athens.

Visitors over the Yuletide include Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Halladay, at H. M. Judson's; Miss Eva Coon, Sarnia, at Dr. D. A. Coon's; Messrs Mildred and Marion Coon, Ottawa, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Coon; Miss Lucy Coon, Guelph, at H. Coon's; Misses Pearl and Grace Delong, Toronto, at their home; Miss Mary Halladay, Toronto, and brother Philip, Detroit, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Halladay; Misses Cassie Fleming, of Wales, Ont., and Marguerite, Montreal, and Hugh Fleming, Kingston, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Fleming; Mr. and Mrs. Carman Blair, of Metcalf, at her father's, S. M. Halladay's; Misses Lucy and Thea Murphy, Ottawa, at their home; Mr. Hinstead, Ottawa, at Martin Murphy's; Mr. and Mrs. Ripley Kingston, at W. Chaney's.

Michael and Andrew O'Brien and Gardiner Warner have returned to their homes after having spent the summer boating on the Great Lakes.

Mrs. E. Teskey and children, of Oxford Mills, are guests of her father, J. R. Dargavel.

Addison News

Addison, Dec. 27.—The entertainment and Christmas tree given under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday school in the church hall, Addison, on Tuesday evening, December 23, was largely attended. The hall was filled to its capacity. The programme included choruses, dialogues, recitations, drills and a very pleasing feature was the pageant, entitled "The Goddess Bountiful," which was very much enjoyed. The rose drill by 16 young ladies reflected great credit upon the untiring efforts of the organist of the church, Mrs. Harold Postel, who carefully trained them, as also did the wand drill given by the junior girls and the sword drill given by the boys. The programme would take up too much space to give in itemized detail, but great credit is due to Mrs. George Tackaberry, Mrs. George Taplin, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Roy Blanchard and all others who assisted in the night during the practices, and made the entertainment the success it was.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dowsley and family and Mrs. Patterson, Brockville, spent Christmas, guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Taplin.

Mrs. Coolidge and daughter, Reita, and Carman Howe, Brockville, and Miss Mildred Howe, Kingston, were guests during Christmas at the home of Mrs. E. O. Howe.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pattamore and family spent Christmas with friends at Forfar.

Mrs. Andrew Dillon and children, Doris and Lloyd, Kars, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pattamore.

Miss Beulah Brown is spending her vacation with friends in Mallorytown.

Mrs. Clint is a guest at the home of Mrs. J. Rowsome.

Miss Helena Male is spending her vacation with her parents here.

Mrs. John Best spent a few days with Mrs. E. Best, Glen Buell.

Mrs. Thomas Brown is at present visiting friends in Toledo.

Kenneth Maud and his sister, Bernice, are home from Sasquatchewan on a visit to their mother and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Loverin and children, of Finch, and Mrs. P. E. Fretwell and son, of Prescott, are holiday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Loverin.

The December meeting of the Women's Institute will be held on the afternoon of December 31st in the Methodist hall, Addison. Among the items on the programme will be a paper on "The Value of Difficulties," by Mrs. Howe; "New Year's Resolutions," by Rev. D. E. Elliott; a report of the annual convention in Ottawa by Mrs. E. Eaton; "Current Events," by Mrs. W. Sturgeon. After the programme, afternoon tea will be served. During the past week the Institute has remembered several shut-ins by sending each a box of candy.

Dwight Brayton, of Rome, N.Y., is spending the holidays with his parents last week at William Grey's.

Mr. and Mrs. Patterson and family and Mrs. Dillon and children spent Friday with friends at Harlem.

Samuel King, Montreal, is spending a week at his home here.

Benson Empey, Edmonton, Alta., and his daughter, Miss Eva Empey who is attending Bible school in Toronto, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percival Empey.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brown had a family gathering at their home on Christmas Day.

The sympathy of all is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Henderson (nee Hazel Greenham) in the death of their little son, Carrol. A number from Addison and vicinity attended the funeral.

At the close of the service in the Methodist church in New Dublin on Sunday afternoon, December 21. The members of the congregation presented their minister, Rev. D. E. Elliott, with a purse of money accompanied by the Christmas greetings from all. Mr. Elliott heartily appreciated so great a kindness and tendered his sincere gratitude.

FRANKVILLE

Frankville, Dec. 29.—Miss Nevans, who has been ill for some time, has moved to the village to be with her niece, Mrs. Cardiff, where she will be under the care of Dr. W. E. Throop.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Montgomery and daughter, Mrs. Martin, of Winnipeg, and her son, motored to Smiths Falls to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

F. B. Stewart is somewhat improved after a long illness. He is still under the care of Dr. W. H. Bourns.

H. B. Leverette, of Ottawa, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. G. M. Leverette, and brother, George Leverette.

The Christmas tree entertainment which was held in the Methodist church on Tuesday night was a decided success in every way and too much praise cannot be given to the people and the children who took part.

Quite a number of Frankville people attended the Christmas tree at Toledo. The hall was filled to the doors and some who could not gain admittance were obliged to return home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Wielwa and children, of Ottawa, were Christmas visitors of Mrs. A. R. Hanton and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Livingstone, of Ottawa, were home for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Livingstone.

Thomas Dowsley motored to Gananoque on Wednesday last to attend the funeral of his brother, David Dowsley.

Mrs. W. N. Throop and family, of Kingston, spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Throop.

Wilfred Livingstone, of Fort William, is home to spend the holidays with his parents.

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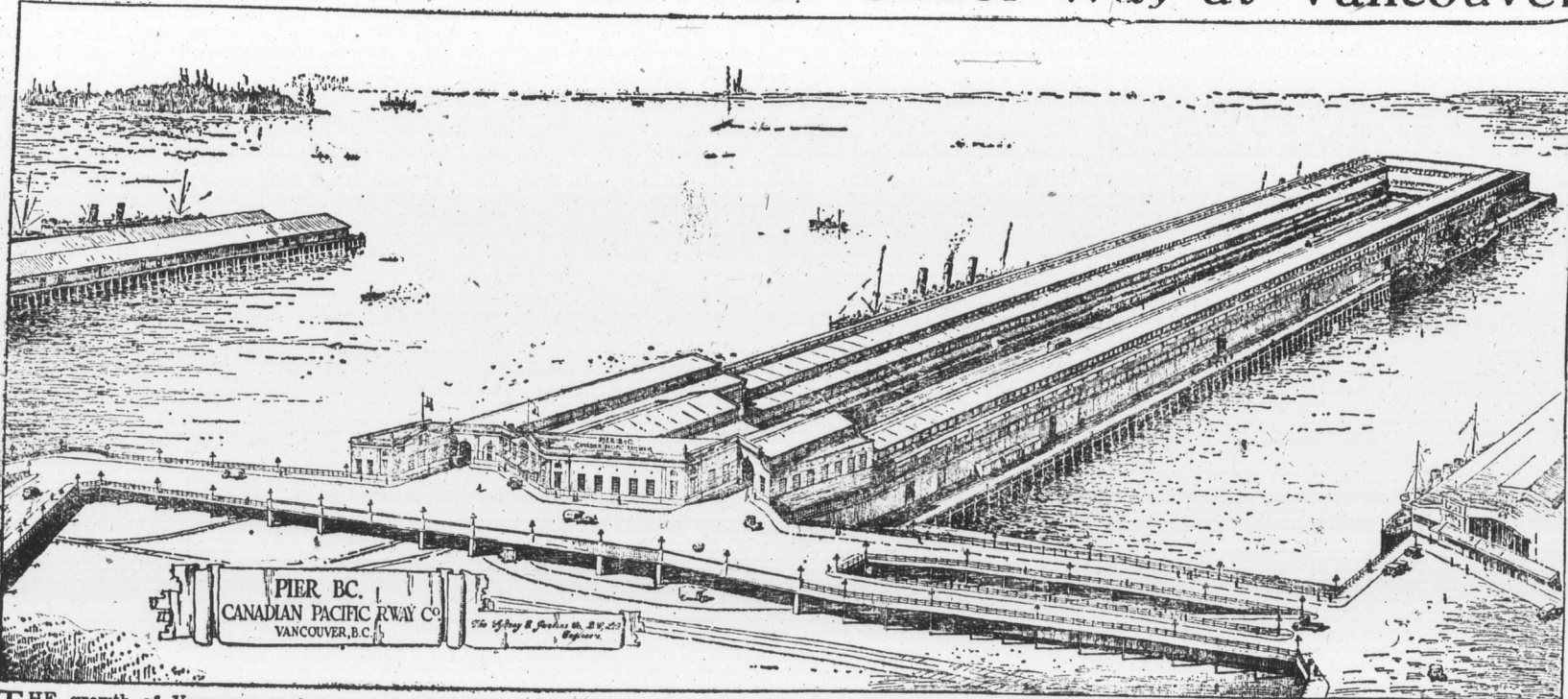
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Giant Canadian Pacific Pier Under Way at Vancouver



THE growth of Vancouver and the ever-increasing transpacific trade of this seaport has necessitated the construction of a new pier, one of the largest on the continent, for the accommodation of the Canadian Pacific Empress liners. According to an announcement made by E. W. Beatty, K.C., President of the Company, at Vancouver recently, the pier, which is to be known as Pier B.C., will be of modern concrete design, capable of berthing the largest vessels trading to and from this port. It will be 1,100 feet long and will extend from the shore between Pier A, Burrard St., and Pier D, Granville St., on Burrard Inlet. An outlay of several million dollars on this work and the associated buildings will be involved.

Soils and Woods

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WHY DO WE FEED SPROUTED OATS?

Looking at the table of analysis, we find that oats contain more cellulose or vegetable fibre than any of the other domestic grains (with the possible exception of buckwheat, which is not at all suitable for the purpose), and can therefore furnish a larger "sprout" than any of them. They are richer in mineral matters than the other grains, and lower in price.

But why not feed oats in their natural state, and thus save the trouble of sprouting them? Because in their dry state they are not especially relished by poultry and not greedily eaten. By sprouting they become more palatable and are a very desirable special feed for the following reasons:

1. They are succulent. That is, if properly prepared, sprouted oats contain fresh juices, which are very palatable and much relished. They contain these juices in a readily absorbable form, along with the other substances which they hold in solution, such as salts, etc.

With human beings at least, the relish of a palatable food greatly increases its value, as that stimulates the appetite and causes a greater flow of the gastric juices.

2. They contain diastase (or amylase, as it is now called) to a large degree and in an active condition. Diastase is the most common and best-known of the plant enzymes or ferments, and is found in all sprouting and germinating seeds. Its purpose is to cause the conversion of the insoluble starch or similar substances present in all seeds into sugars or sugar-like products.

Starch in itself cannot be absorbed by the growing cell. Thus, while ex-

tremely useful in storing up the food needed by the sprouting seed, it must be converted into soluble, absorbable sugars to be of any use to the growing plant. This conversion is brought about by diastase, which is present in practically all seeds (it has been found in active form in seeds known to be over fifty years old).

An extremely small amount of diastase will be catalysis—its mere presence—act upon and render available for absorption, many, many times its own weight of starch. As oats, as well as many other seeds, contain more diastase than they need for their own use—that is, more than is necessary to convert all of the starch contained in them—the excess is available for the purpose of converting any other starch brought in contact with it. So that, when the sprouted oats meet the other starchy grains in the alimentary canal of the birds, the diastase of the oats immediately attacks the starch of the grains and helps to make it quickly absorbable.

3. They contain vitamins. This term was first applied to the substance or substances that must be present in the diet of animals in order that the animal organism may grow and reproduce itself. Their exact nature is as yet unknown, as they have been recognized and more thoroughly studied only for about the last twelve years. This much, however, is known about them: They are most abundant in those plants or parts of plants that are in a state of active, rapid growth, such as germs, spores, leaves and sprouts and other succulent growths. So that sprouted oats contain them in considerable amounts and thus make up for the lack of these necessary components in the usual dry grain rations fed to poultry.

THE WRECK OF THE MARY JANE

She was not a beautiful boat in any sense of the word, as viewed from the standpoint of a professional builder; but Billy Carter and Ned Dunham thought that she was as near perfection as it is possible to have a craft of her size.

She had been used for many years by the crew of the not very staunch nor fast-sailing fishing schooner, the *Mary Jane*, and that name was painted on the stern of the yawl.

When Captain Sproul hauled his long-used schooner on to the beach at Belfast, convinced that it would not be safe to attempt to make another voyage in her, *Mary Jane* the Second, as he called the small boat, was made fast alongside, and after having been exposed to the rays of the sun for the greater portion of one summer, Billy had purchased her at the low price of a dollar and twenty-five cents.

As the owner, Billy was, of course, captain, and he shipped Ned Dunham as mate in order that he might have some assistance in making repairs, for it was necessary to do very much patching before the hull would be sufficiently watertight to admit of her floating.

Neither the captain nor the mate were expert carpenters; but they contrived to do the work in a manner that was partially satisfactory to themselves, and on a certain Saturday morning *Mary Jane* the Second floated in rather a clumsy fashion at the head of the pier.

It was well-known among the friends of the captain and crew that they were to take a voyage of four miles—to Sampson's Ledge—on this particular day, and there were very many applicants for passage; but Billy, with a cautiousness well becoming a sea captain who fully realized all of his responsibilities, replied to each of his friends in the same words.

"You see, the *Mary Jane* isn't as strong as some other boats, and I'd rather not take any one with me but the mate till I find out whether she'll hold together or not."

As a matter of course there was no small amount of disappointment among those who believed they were entitled to a passage by the right of friendship; but they were all at the pier to see the voyage begun, with not an angry thought toward the skipper, for they recognized the necessity of giving the aged boat at least a fair show before putting her to any severe test.

Billy and Ned were provided with a generous luncheon, and, a rigging for the *Mary Jane*, had an old leg-of-mutton sail, a faded ensign, two boards and two tin cans to be used as bailing dishes. The mast was stepped, the tattered flag proudly hoisted, and Ned cast off the hawser in obedience to the captain's loud command, while those on the pier shouted themselves hoarse as the old craft, swinging lazily around into the wind, began to glide away with sufficient speed to leave a well-defined wake behind.

"She's just a humming, isn't she?" said Ned, in a tone of satisfaction, as the *Mary Jane* passed the town at the rate of about two miles an hour.

"The tide is helping her along some," replied the captain, modestly, as he held the tiller with a steady

hand, and assumed what he believed to be a truly nautical position. "I s'pose it would have been safe enough if we had taken a lot of the boys with us; but I wanted to find out just how she'd sail before we get a crowd on board."

Then the skipper and his crew gave themselves up entirely to the pleasure of listening to the murmur of the water as it rippled against the bow of the gallant craft, and each felt that a great mistake had been made in not preparing for a long voyage.

For an hour they were quite satisfied that they could have gone to sea in the boat with perfect safety; but at the end of that time they were convinced that even four miles was too great a distance for so old a craft.

In the excitement of being afloat and gliding slowly away from friends and home, they had failed to notice that the water was making its way through the imperfectly calked seams, and it was not until their feet were wet that they realized what was surely uncomfortable, even though it might not be dangerous.

The mate set about bailing out, and for half an hour he worked in a leisurely fashion, thinking that the matter was not very serious, until Billy exclaimed in tones of alarm:

"It's coming in around the stern post as fast as you can bail it out, and it seems to me as if the leak keeps growing larger all the time."

Ned ceased his work for a few moments, and then it was that both the boys saw many places through which the water was beginning to trickle at a rate that threatened speedily to swamp the *Mary Jane*.

"Take in the sail and help me, or she'll sink!"

Captain Billy looked around him in alarm.

The *Mary Jane* was midway between the point of destination and that of departure; to gain the edge would require at least an hour of time; to return would take twice as long, since it would be necessary to make several tacks to reach the town, while to make the nearest shore was impossible owing to the fact that it would be attempting to sail in the very teeth of the wind!

"Take in the canvas!" shouted the mate, excitedly.

"Let it be!" shouted Billy. "I'll tie the tiller, and perhaps we can keep her afloat till we get to the ledge."

He was working even as he spoke, and as soon as the helm had been secured he began to help the mate, both bailing as rapidly as possible, for the water was pouring in so fast that their utmost exertions were necessary to keep it below the thwart.

There was not a sail, nor even a rowboat, anywhere within ten miles, except at the dock from which the *Mary Jane* had started, and shipwreck on a pleasant day within sight of home seemed inevitable.

Sixty very long minutes passed, during which time the boys had worked as they had never done before, and at the end of that time the crazy old boat was so deep in the water that both expected each instant to have her sink beneath their weight.

"Take off your jacket and shoes," said Billy, at length, as he began to set the example. "She's going to sink, sure, and we've got to swim for it."

The ledge was not more than two hundred yards away; there was hardly a ripple on the water, and fortunately the boys were fairly good swimmers.

The captain had thrown off his sweater and was attempting to remove his shoes, when he bent too quickly toward the port side, and the old boat gave up the struggle. It seemed as if she had been suddenly pulled from under her crew, so rapidly did she sink, and Billy and Ned, each with his shoes on, were floundering in the bay.

Under ordinary circumstances they would not have thought it much of a feat to swim that distance; but, encumbered as they were with a portion of their clothing, it was all they could do to reach the ledge.

The *Mary Jane* had sunk in nine feet of water, but "the flag was still there," as could be seen when the boys were on the rocks, the tattered ensign showing sufficiently above the surface to mark the spot where the old craft had gone down.

The fact that they were shipwrecked mariners on a rock so far in mid-ocean that they were a mile from land did not trouble them at first, but soon all that was disagreeable in the situation began to be felt. As the hours went by they grew hungry, but their provisions were at the bottom of the bay. The sun shone uncomfortably hot, but they had no shelter. They had expected that a vessel or a boat would soon come along to take them off, but no craft of any kind was in sight, and now the tide was rising rapidly.

At high water they knew the ledge would be covered to the depth of six inches or more, and the thought that they might be obliged to remain there all night, with the possibility of being washed away and drowned was decidedly disagreeable.

On the right or island side of the ledge the shore was hardly more than a mile away, but the point of land which projected toward the rocks was covered with trees, and no signs of life could be seen.

They alternately shouted, watched for a sail, bewailed their sad fate and wished for something to eat until sunset, when the tide was fully up, and they were obliged to stand as best they could on the rocks in six or eight inches of water.

During the whole of that long, terrible night they wandered from rock to rock, fully convinced that they should starve to death, and the rising of the sun brought them but little cheer, for the tide having risen again, they were partially submerged.

It was not until the middle of the forenoon that they saw anything that offered promised assistance, and then the glad sight of a farmer on the shore with an ox team caused both the shipwrecked ones to shout for joy.

The farmer answered them, but it was impossible to hear what he said, and they made every signal which could mean distress, until, to their great surprise, the man drove his team into the water, coming directly toward them.

"He must intend to come as far as he can, and then have us swim out to him," said Captain Billy, as he began to remove his clothing.

But such was hardly the farmer's intention. The tide had been ebbing for three hours, and to the unspeakable astonishment of Billy and Ned, the man drove directly toward them until he arrived at the ledge, the water in no one place from the point to the rocks being more than two feet deep.

It was with no little shame that they realized that they had remained all night on Sampson's Ledge, when they could easily have waded ashore and walked along the beach until they arrived home.

"What's the matter?" the farmer asked in surprise. "Why didn't you come ashore? Aren't hurt, are you?"

"No," said Captain Billy hesitatingly, "we're all right; but we wanted to see if you couldn't help us get our boat out. It's sunk, just where the flag is sticking up."

"I can do it easy enough, if one of you will swim out and tie this rope to the painter. Then the cattle will soon yank it ashore."

To do this, now the boys understood that they were not, and never had been, in any danger, was but a slight task; and the *Mary Jane* was not only dragged ashore, but carried on the ox cart back to Belfast, where she may yet be seen on the beach by the side of Capt. Sproul's schooner, a perfect wreck.

She never made another cruise, and



Dr. J. H. Jeans of the Royal Astronomical Society, London, comes forward with the startling idea that there is life on the planets adjoining the sun in the same proximity as the earth.

It is safe to say that her decaying timbers will serve for many a year to remind Billy and Ned never to give themselves up wholly to fear until after they have learned exactly the extent of the supposed danger that may menace them.

POULTRY.

If you have a carefully selected, well-bred flock it is time for you to be planning the best way to market the eggs which that flock will lay next spring. It is more than likely that you can secure a contract which will insure you a premium of ten cents or more a dozen over market egg prices during the hatching season.

In many sections of the country there are baby-chick hatcheries that depend upon farm flocks for their egg supply. These afford a splendid market through a fairly long season to farmers and others who have well-bred flocks.

The supply of suitable hatching eggs is quite inadequate, so that the owner of good stock will have little difficulty in arranging a satisfactory connection even though he may have to ship his eggs quite a distance to the hatchery.

Get in touch with the hatcheries near you and learn exactly how to meet their requirements. You will find them ready to meet you more than halfway if you can produce the thing they want.

When several flocks of hens are kept in one long house it is considered a wise practice to use wire-covered partitions between pens in order to provide for a maximum circulation of air during the summer months.

This frequently means too much draft in cold weather unless the front curtains are kept closed more of the time than is desirable. An excellent way to get around the latter difficulty is to cover the wire partitions with muslin or burlap when cold weather threatens.

Muslin is of course to be preferred, because it will make the pens lighter and will be somewhat easier to apply. Of course its cost will usually be somewhat greater than the cost of burlap.

Some flock owners have found it worth while to build removable frames which are covered with muslin and which can be taken down or put up quickly when required.



Tried to Play on Her Feelings. "Why did you leave the room? Wouldn't your musical friend play on the piano for you?" "No—tried to play on my feelings instead."



Miss Betty Howlett, the twelve-year-old mayoress, has just returned to school in Leicester after undergoing her civic duties in London, where her father is the mayor of Richmond. She is the youngest mayoress in England.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

JANUARY 11

The Last Judgment, Matt. 25: 31-46. Golden Text—Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.—Matt. 25: 40.

ANALYSIS.

I. THE MESSIAH'S THRONE, 31-33.
II. THE FINAL SEPARATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS, 34-46.

INTRODUCTION—Jesus, entering the Holy City as Messiah, cleanses the temple, and is taken to task by the authorities, and required to explain his commission or authority. He does so, and in a series of discourses explains the true relation between the Jewish state and the kingdom of God, the nature of the life to come, and the supreme importance of love to God and man (Matt. 22). Then, in a great outburst of holy anger, he condemns the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, who have stood in the way of God's holy purpose for the nation (Matt. 23), and from this passes on to proclaim once again the doom which awaits the city at the approaching judgment, when as Messiah he will come in the glory of the Father (Matt. 24). Finally, in a series of parables, he reminds his disciples of the solemn issues of that judgment, and bids them "be ready, because the Son of man comes in an hour when they think not" (Matt. 25). To this chapter belongs the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, which forms our lesson for today.

It is probable that Jesus often spoke of love to the poor and the needy as the characteristic mark of the genuine disciple. Men asked, "Whom will the Messiah recognize as his own, as his loved ones and friends, in the day when he sets up his kingdom?" And Jesus answers: "Those who have served humanity, who have given themselves to deeds of love and mercy."

Love to humanity is the mark of the Messiah's friends. Jesus will acknowledge such before the angels, and make them to sit down in his kingdom of salvation. In the present parable the same thought provides a picture of the universal judgment. All nations will be gathered before the throne of the Messiah, and blessedness or doom will be measured out according as men have or have not given themselves to loving deeds after the example of Jesus.

I. THE MESSIAH'S THRONE OF JUDGMENT, 31-33.

V. 31. The "Son of man" is the heavenly one, who, according to Daniel 7: 13, is to come before God, and to receive an everlasting kingdom which shall not pass away. Jesus will come in his "glory," that is, no longer in humiliation and suffering, as on earth, but in the radiant light of his eternal majesty, and with every mark of the divine favor. He will have the angels of God as his assessors round his throne.

V. 32. Then "all the nations" will be gathered before him. This means, not his disciples only, and not the Jews only, but the Gentiles from every land. All must at last receive their judgment from the Messiah. On earth they have all been divided in various ways, but before the Messiah's throne a higher and truer division will take place. All will be divided into two classes.

V. 33. The division between "sheep" and "goats," meaning respectively the elect and the reprobate, would be familiar to Jesus' hearers. What is new here is the principle on which the separation is made.

II. THE FINAL SEPARATION OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS, 34-46.

V. 34. At the solemn hour of judgment, the friends of the Messiah, his true servants and associates, will stand on his right hand. They will be addressed as the "blessed" of Jesus' Father, because they have God's own approval; and the kingdom of God which they shall inherit has been prepared for them "from the foundation of the world." This means that everything that has happened from the be-

ginning has been intended to secure for these faithful ones the bliss and enjoyment of God's eternal presence, Vs. 35-36. And why are those on the right hand recognized as the elect? Because, Jesus says, "I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink, naked and you clothed me," etc. Loving deeds done to Jesus will be the test before the judgment-throne. Did any one oppress the Messiah's hunger, slake his thirst, shelter him from the elements, take charge of him in sickness, visit him in prison? These are his friends, his loved ones, and his own. A very simple test, but how searching!

Vs. 37-39. Naturally these men, who have come out of every nation, and hardly one of whom ever saw Jesus' face to face, will be astonished beyond measure at this greeting, and will ask wonderingly "Lord, when did we see thee hungry, etc.?" It was never their privilege on earth to see Jesus with the eye of flesh.

V. 40. Then Jesus will explain. The Messiah identifies himself with sinning and suffering humanity. The hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the condemned on earth are his representatives. On earth Jesus loved them, and gave himself for them, and now they are to be understood as standing in Jesus' stead, as the proper objects of Christian love and kindness. The Messiah makes their cause his own. His friends are the friends and lovers of mankind. This was a thought which had never crossed the minds of men until Jesus spoke.

Vs. 41-46. Then comes the dark side of the picture. Who are the enemies of the Messiah, those whom with sorrow he rejects from his presence and from his kingdom, and appoints to everlasting punishment with Satan and his associates? They are those who have not loved men, who have not been the friends of humanity. These will be set on the left hand of the Judge, because they did not show love to Christ. Expecting to find a place in the kingdom, they are overwhelmed to find themselves cast out, and to hear the Judge say that he was hungry, and they never gave him food. Yet so. They did not see that Jesus was one with suffering humanity, and so they threw away the chance of everlasting life. They meant perhaps to help the needy, but they forgot. Or they thought that the sufferings of others were no concern of theirs. Or they were simply taken up all the time with themselves. In any case, they did not do the thing which Jesus loves.

How solemn is this picture! "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these brethren of mine, ye did it not to Me." Little wonder that this parable has inspired more charity, more practical Christianity, than anything else in the literature of humanity.

UNCONSCIOUS VIRTUE.

The reward of a good deed is to have done it. Kind hearts perform unselfish deeds as a matter of course, as naturally and unconsciously as the birds sing. Jesus said of another class who did their aims in sight of men, and with unworthy and self-righteous motives, that the Publicans should enter the kingdom before them. The proof that anyone belongs to the kingdom, is found in the doing, under the intuitive urge of great-hearted compassion, the same sort of deeds that Jesus went about doing when on earth. He was ever helping, healing, comforting and uplifting both souls and bodies of men, and for ever seeing with the keen insight of loving eyes, capabilities, and possibilities that others failed to find. In the story before us, the righteous are amazed that the multitude of trifling services they had performed and straightway forgotten, should merit any glorious reward. Unconscious goodness is the highest form of goodness.

Top-Dressing Wheat With Straw.

For several years I have been producing more straw on my farm than I could work through my stables into manure; consequently, I have drawn out a large amount of straw during the winter and top-dressed wheat as a means of encouraging clover catches and to protect the wheat from adverse weather conditions during the winter and spring. I find this practice profitable and shall this coming winter top-dress a considerable area of wheat land.

I begin top-dressing wheat with the straw as soon as the land is frozen hard enough to hold the wagon. I have tried spreading the straw with the ordinary manure spreader, but I find that I can do it much faster with forks. As I always stack my straw it does not wet so bandily, and if care is exercised not to uncover too much of the stack at once, very little trouble will be encountered with freezing.

I find it a good practice to throw the straw off in small piles on each side of the wagon, just enough to cover a space thirty feet wide. After the straw is unloaded I go along and spread it evenly and lightly upon the wheat. Here care should be exercised to spread the straw as lightly as possible. Too heavy spreading is likely to smother the wheat. Frozen bunches of straw should be broken up or thrown back upon the wagon and hauled to the barnyard.

I consider top-dressing with straw during the winter a great protection to the wheat crop. It helps to catch the snow and furnishes a covering for the wheat. It helps also to prevent

freezing and thawing in the spring. It also furnishes a mulch for the wheat during the growing season and assists in securing good clover catches.—L. R.

HOGS

Prevention of Rickets in Swine.—Shall it be sunshine, cod liver oil, limestone, bone meal, rock phosphate or limestone plus sodium phosphate?

Investigations have shown that there is no difference in the effect of the type of calcium carrier when there was an abundant supply of antirachitic vitamin present in the feed. If a grain and skim milk ration is supplied to the growing pigs it is not at all likely that the vitamin is not present in sufficient amount. Where no milk or green feed can be given, a small allowance of cod liver oil (2 ounces per week per pig) is sufficient to protect against rickets. Sunshine, well saved alfalfa leaves, skim milk, puped roots, and grain are a combination in nutrition not easily disrupted by rickets.

The following mineral mixture is used in the swine feeding at the Ontario Agricultural College. It is giving good satisfaction: 4 bushels charcoal or hardwood ashes, 8 pounds salt, 2 quarts air slaked lime, 1 pound sulphur, 10 pounds of bone meal.

This preparation is kept in a suitable box in each pen where it may be taken by the swine at will.

It is profitable to keep hens comfortable. Keep the coop free from draft, still well ventilated and dry. The coldest coop is the tightly closed, ill-ventilated one.

CHIEF EVENTS OF THE YEAR 1924

JANUARY.

- 1—During past year total revenues received by Canadian Government from customs and excise duties amounted to \$301,473,813, as compared with \$262,377,468 in the previous year.
- 2—Sir Lomer Gouin, Minister of Justice, resigns from King Government on account of ill health. Third provincial political party formed in Ontario to be known as Progressives.
- 3—Seals on inner tomb of Tutankhamen at Luxor, found after 3,000 years, broken by Howard Carter. Venizelos returns from exile to Athens. Floods on River Seine render 25,000 people homeless.
- 4—Hon. Narcisse Peroudeau appointed Lieut.-Governor of Quebec Province, succeeding late Louis P. Brodeur.
- 5—British submarine L-24 sent to bottom of sea in collision with dreadnaught, and 43 persons perish.
- 6—One hundred people victims of severe earthquakes in Japan in the same area previously desolated.
- 7—For 1923 Canada's trade returns showed total imports valued at \$903,530,515 and exports of \$1,014,734,274. Nikolai Lenin, father of bolshevism and Soviet dictator, dies after long illness.
- 8—Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, is sworn in as Minister of Justice, succeeding Sir Lomer Gouin. P. J. A. Cardin becomes Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Suicide of two English boys placed on Ontario farms has caused Overseas Settlement Committee of British Government to ask for full inquiry into condition of immigrant boys in Canada.
- 9—Church Union Bill passes its first reading at Ottawa.

FEBRUARY.

- 1—The Government of Soviet Russia is accorded recognition by Great Britain.
- 2—Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States, died to-day.
- 3—Labor Government of Great Britain made its debut in the House of Commons to-day.
- 4—Egyptian Government precipitates a crisis by laying claim to tomb of King Tut.
- 5—W. H. Price, Prov. Treas. of Ontario, charges that predecessor in office ran the province into \$24,000,000 debt.
- 6—A balanced Budget with a reduction of taxation, the first since 1912-13, was announced in a Speech from the Throne. J. H. Thomas, Sec. for the Colonies, announced at a meeting in London that the British Government had accepted the Irish treaty in spirit and letter.

MARCH.

- 1—Explosion of T.N.T. at Nixon, N.J., kills 18 persons. Seven deaths in Ontario from smallpox over weekend.
- 2—Caliph of Turkey goes into exile; sails for Switzerland.
- 3—Military control by Allies ends in Germany.
- 4—National Railways authorized to proceed with construction of Hudson Bay line. Pres. Coolidge appoints commission to act with Canadian body on St. Lawrence project.
- 5—Sir Richard Squires former Premier of Newfoundland, found guilty of accepting bribes. British Government announce that the huge sum of \$392,000,000 has been spent on the relief of unemployment since the Armistice.
- 6—British soldiers fired on at Queens-town by men in Free State uniforms; one killed.
- 7—British aviators begin world trip.
- 8—Ontario Public Accounts Committee discovers that \$15,000 cheque made out to former Treas. Peter Smith, is missing.

APRIL.

- 1—Labor wins election in South Australia. Transvaal votes Nationalist.
- 2—Mussolini sweeps elections in Italy.
- 3—Dawes Committee presents report on reparations scheme. Irish Free State to have Ambassador at Washington.
- 4—Japanese exclusion bill cause of excitement at Washington. Greece declares for Republic in plebiscite.
- 5—Peter Smith, former Prov. Treas., arrested on conspiracy charge; bail fixed at \$50,000, provided by Stratford citizens.
- 6—Church Union Bill passes in New Brunswick.
- 7—Battle on Church Union Bill begins before Private Bills Committee of Parliament.

MAY.

- 1—John Scott Gold Medal awarded Dr. Frederick G. Banting of Toronto by American Philosophical Soc.
- 2—A thousand die in Bengal from cholera epidemic.
- 3—Maj.-General Sir Charles V. F. Townshend dies in Paris. James Brown, M.P., will represent the King at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.
- 4—Italy gets slice of Jubaland.
- 5—Rev. R. A. Jaffray and other missionaries seized by bandits in China.

JUNE.

- 1—Chinese pirates release two out of four captured missionaries.
- 2—Hickman ministry loses in Newfoundland elections.
- 3—Millerand resigns office of Presidency of French Republic. Royal Commission finds that action by Government in 1916 or 1918 would

have saved depositors from heavy losses in connection with Home Bank failure.

13—Belleville, Ont., celebrates 140th anniversary of coming of Loyalists. Gaston Doumergue is elected President of French Republic.

18—Strike of postal employees throughout Dominion begins at 5 p.m. Nationalist-Labor party triumphs over Smuts in South Africa elections.

20—Mallory and Ervine of Mount Everest Expedition succumb to injuries.

30—Rev. George Byers, Canadian missionary, is murdered in China.

JULY.

1—Ocean to ocean aerial mail service was established to-day between New York and San Francisco.

2—Canadian National Branch Line Bills are killed in the Senate.

4—The Church Union Bill passed the House of Commons.

8—Lloyd George at dinner to Canadian weekly newspaper men in London appeals for unity throughout the Empire.

16—Inter-Allied Conference opens in London; Premier MacDonald urges acceptance of Dawes reparations plan.

17—October 23 is officially confirmed as the date of the liquor plebiscite in Ontario. Advance in grain values adds one billion dollars to the wealth of Canadian and American farmers.

27—Tremendous floods in China render one million people homeless.

AUGUST.

3—Joseph Conrad dies at Bourne, England.

4—Sir Edmund Osler, President of the Dominion Bank, dies.

6—British Association for the Advancement of Science hold inaugural session in Toronto.

17—Canadian dollar reaches 99.94c on New York Exchange, the highest mark since 1922.

27—Two big armies in China preparing for mastery of country.

28—Nova Scotia shores strewn with wreckage of ships, the result of the worst storm in years.

30—Allies and Germany formally sign London agreement.

31—U.S. army navigators reach Labrador and virtually complete round-the-world flight.

SEPTEMBER.

1—The League of Nations Assembly opens its 5th Conference at Geneva.

3—Civil war commences in China, with battle line of thirty miles.

6—Canadian National Exhibition closes with record attendance this year amounting to 1,519,000.

23—Germany's Cabinet decides to apply for membership in League of Nations.

25—Canada's loss by the postal strike last summer stated to have been \$399,000.

OCTOBER.

1—Standard and Sterling Banks' amalgamation announced.

12—Anatole France dies.

17—Burning of Canton, China, results in losses of \$15,000,000.

23—Ontario electors declare for retention of Ontario Temperance Act.

24—Peter Smith and Aemilius Jarvis, Sr., convicted of defrauding the province. Smith sentenced to three years and Jarvis to six months, with a joint fine of \$600,000.

29—Labor party suffers severe reverse in British elections, and Stanley Baldwin's group is assured victory. Bank of Montreal effects agreement to acquire Molson's Bank.

Peter Vergerin, head of the Doukhobor colony in British Columbia, and three others killed in explosion on C.P.R. train.

31—Rev. J. Adelarde Delorme is acquitted after third trial of charge of slaying half-brother, Raoul Delorme in January, 1922. Prince of Wales welcomed home at Southampton, England.

NOVEMBER.

3—Premier Baldwin announces fiscal policy involving large preference to British Dominions.

6—Alberta turns "wet" with sweeping vote on Government sale.

10—Ludendorff made prisoner by German Republicans, and Hitler takes to flight. Canada's trade balance leaps to \$107,000,000.

24—With 500,000, Ontario satisfies old claims of Chippewa and Mississauga Indians.

29—Military forces take over rule in Rhine Republic.

DECEMBER.

1—First radio photographs transmitted from London England, to New York.

4—E. Clarence Sattell, former private secretary to Sir Adam Beck, is sentenced to three years' imprisonment for attempted theft of \$29,925.

5—The contract for the construction of Section No. 7 of the Welland Canal is awarded at an appropriate price of ten million dollars.

9—With historic state and accompanied by the Queen, King George opened Parliament in London, Eng., this morning. A million-dollar blaze destroys grain elevator opposite Sarnia.

23—H.M. King George has approved the elevation of Chief Justice Anglin to membership in the Privy Council.

25—Dominion Cabinet restores Crown's freight agreement.

26—Allied Ambassadors meet in Paris to decide Cologne evacuation. One hundred and sixty-six thou-



Prince Henry, third son of King George, who, according to a report, will be named the Duke of Edinburgh in the New Year's honor list. The last Duke of Edinburgh was the father of the present Queen Marie of Rumania.

sand and thirty war badges await claimants at Ottawa.

28—Lord Robert Cecil receives \$25,000 Woodrow Wilson Foundation peace award.

29—British astronomers predict 1925 to be driest year of century. British pound sterling reaches \$4.73 3-16 in New York.

1,200 London Children Guests of Hamilton, Ontario

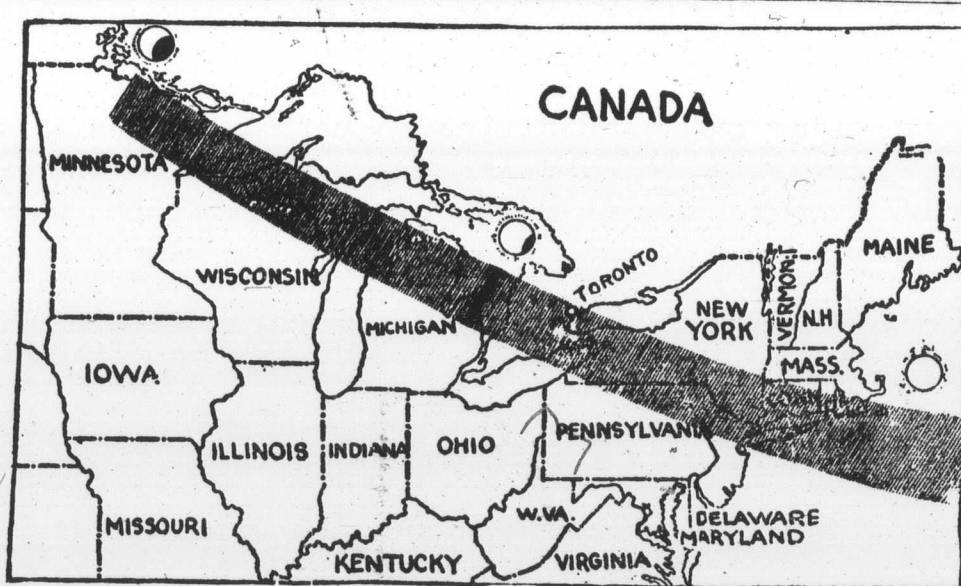
London, Jan. 1.—More than 1,200 small guests were entertained at the Guildhall to-day through the customary annual benevolence of the children of Hamilton, Ont. The Lord Mayor presided, and he was supported by Sheriffs and Aldermen of the City and representatives of the Dominion of Canada.



Dr. Jean Marie Musy has been elected as president of Switzerland for 1925. In 1919 he succeeded Gustave Ador on the federal council. The outgoing president is Dr. Ernest Chuard.

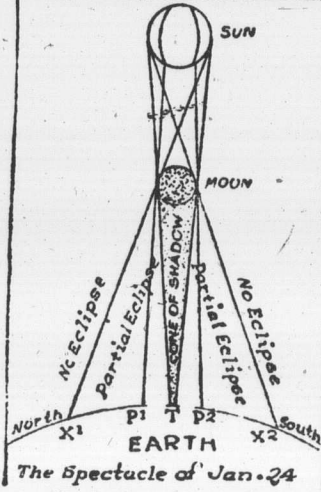
Widening of Strand in Heart of London is Costly

A despatch from London says:—The widening of the Strand, in the heart of London, is an expensive proceeding, according to H. H. Gordon, a former London county councillor. He places the cost at \$25,000,000 a mile. Traffic congestion makes the work necessary.



CAUSE AND PATH OF SUN'S ECLIPSE

About 9 o'clock on the morning of January 24, Toronto and a sixty mile strip of territory in Western Ontario will be in the path of a total solar eclipse. It will be visible only for about two minutes. The above map shows the path of the shadow that will rush so swiftly across the continent from Duluth to Long Island. The single column drawing shows how the sun and moon caper around to cause an eclipse. Although the relative sizes of the sun, moon and earth are disregarded in the illustration, the general truth of the eclipse may be observed. Because the sun is larger than the moon, the shadow of the moon, when cast toward the earth, comes nearly to a point when it touches the earth's surface. Yet as seen from the point T on the earth, the moon, because it is nearer, looks as large as the sun and appears completely to cover it—just as with a lead pencil a quarter of an inch in diameter held six inches from the eye you can cover an object a foot in diameter situated 24 feet from the eye. In addition to hiding the sun at T there will be part eclipses between the points X1 and X2. Between P1 and P2 the degree of the eclipse increases as the observer happens to be nearer the belt T.



The Spectacle of Jan. 24

Ice Floe Brings Island First Relief Ship in Year

A despatch from Nome, Alaska, says:—Here's a gripping plot for a thrilling sea story.

For more than a year not a vessel had called at Herschel Island, isolated in the Arctic Ocean northeast of Alaska. The few white traders and trappers living there and several Eskimo colonies were just about ready to resign themselves to a diet of seal blubber and bear meat for the winter when a strange thing happened.

The gas power schooner Maid of Orleans, out from Seattle since June 25, trying vainly to reach Victoria Land and unspoken by its ship later than August 30, was given up for lost, as were four other Arctic boats. Then, like Santa Claus dropping down a chimney, came the Maid of Orleans to Herschel Island, frozen in a big ice floe. The boat, fast in the ice, is in a safe harbor for the winter. On the schooner are sufficient supplies to keep the islanders from want until next summer. In return Captain Klengenberg will get a cargo of the white furs for which Herschel is famous.

So Herschel Island is saved and the Maid of Orleans in a harbor—there you have it, the framework of a thriller.

Czecho-Slovakia Establishes Statutory Eight-Hour Day

Czecho-Slovakia was the first industrial state among the European countries to ratify the eight-hour convention and introduce a statutory eight-hour day.

A report on hours of labor in Czecho-Slovakia has just been issued by the International Labor Office.

The first part of the monograph is devoted to an account of the scope and provisions of the Czecho-Slovakia republic act of 1913, by which the eight-hour day or forty-eight-hour week was introduced in the republic.

The monograph devotes special attention to the methods of applying the act in railway undertakings and the provisions for permanent or temporary exemptions. This is followed by data concerning the administration of the act. The third part of the study deals in some detail with collective agreements regarding hours of work.

Among the countries already covered by this series of publications of the International Labor Office are Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

Duke of York Shoots Rhinoceros in African Jungle

A despatch from Nairobi says:—Reports from the shooting camp of the Duke and Duchess of York, at Isiolo, show a good beginning has been made. On the way from Nairobi, however, the party were overtaken by a cloudburst. Forty-one and one-half inches of rain fell in a half-hour.

The Duke of York's biggest success was the shooting of a rhinoceros, several miles from the camp, accompanied only by a white hunter. He tracked and wounded the rhinoceros, which charged. The Duke waited until the animal was within 30 yards, then he dropped it with a second shot. The Duke also shot a kongoni, a zebra and an impala.

The camp is surrounded by lions, and the party consequently expect to obtain a good bag.

The Duchess of York has been successful with small game.

FIVE FIREMEN HURT IN MONTREAL BLAZE

Fifteen Persons Driven from Beds in Zero Weather—\$150,000 Property Damage.

A despatch from Montreal says:—Four stores, four dwellings and a club are in ruins, five firemen and a civilian were hurt by falling debris or affected by smoke, more than fifteen persons were driven in night attire from their homes in a temperature 6 degrees below zero, as a result of a fire which started in the men's furnishings store of E. Bernier, St. Hyacinthe, Que.

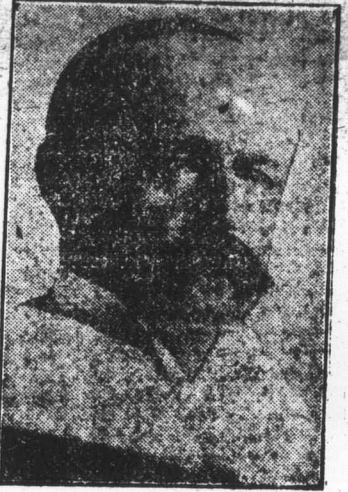
Damage estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000 is partly covered by insurance. Only the work of the firemen, aided by hundreds of citizens, prevented the destruction of the entire business section of the town. The outbreak was not brought under control for six hours. The blaze is believed to have been caused by an overheated furnace in the Bernier premises.

Claim of Columbus Denied by French Scholars

French savants are investigating the thorny question of who discovered America, says a Paris despatch. In a paper read before the College de France, a paper which the French press terms "sensational," Professor Meillet states that it was not Christopher Columbus. The famous voyager merely rediscovered a continent which was known long before his day to other navigators.

Up to the present, says Professor Meillet, no serious study of the indigenous languages of America, and of other regions has ever been made, but the ground now is being broken by French students and a comparison of the vocabularies of a group of California languages and certain Polynesian languages has brought to light "satisfying and numerous coincidences."

"The vocabulary of the indigenous races of Patagonia," the lecturer told his colleagues of the College de France "shows striking resemblances to that of Australian races. And it is interesting to note that these linguistic resemblances parallel almost identically similar resemblances in the arms, domestic utensils and other objects used in the same epoch in America and other regions. But these similarities do not date from the time when these continents were connected by land instead of vast oceans. Therefore, it is to be concluded that navigators sailed over these immense spaces."



Chief Justice Anglin who has been made a privy councillor.

Canadian Re-union at Los Angeles.

A despatch from Los Angeles, Cal., says:—This city will be the scene of a huge Canadian re-union on Feb. 7, 1925, according to an announcement made here by John Hooper, president of the Canadian Tourists' Society and director of the American Tourists' Association, who estimates that fully 50,000 visitors will attend the gathering. The municipal coliseum, seating 81,000, will be thrown open for the field day and an open-air picnic will be held in the exposition grounds adjoining.

Announcing the re-union, a Canadian ball was held in the Bon Ton ballroom on the Lick Pier, Santa Monica, recently, and which was attended by 2,000 members of the various Maple Leaf Societies.

According to the announcement made here by Mr. Hooper, the plans for the re-union were formulated at the recent conventions of the Tourists' Association at Toronto and at Put-in-Bay, Ohio. The Chamber of Commerce here will assist in working out plans for the big gathering.

Duke of York Undergoes Crossing Equator Ceremony

A despatch from London says:—Passengers on the steamship which took the Duke and Duchess of York to Kenya had the experience of shaving and ducking the King's son and then helping him shave and duck the ship's captain. These amenities are part of a ceremonial to which all persons crossing the Equator for the first time usually are subjected.

The Duke was ready and wore running pants and a vest for his hazing. He then led the assault on the captain, who was dragged from the bridge and boisterously baptized.

LOCAL NEWS

ATHENS AND VICINITY

Little Miss Helen Knowlton, Brockville, is spending this week in town with her grandmother, Mrs. H. R. Knowlton.

Mrs. W. A. Eaton spent Christmas and New Year's holidays in Cleveland, Ohio, with her son and family.

Mr. N. G. Scott, of the Eastern Hospital staff, Brockville, spent New Year's here with his family.

The Women's Institute is arranging for the entertainment of the young men of the school and town on the evening of Thursday, January 22.

It is reported that Percy Whitmore has disposed of his blacksmithing business, Main Street west, to James Hudson, of Charleston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson were guests of Brockville relatives over the New Year.

H. R. Knowlton, of Brockville, spent the week-end in his Athenian home and enjoyed the anniversary services of the Methodist Church Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Reid, of Belleville, was a visitor in the home of Mrs. G. W. Stevens and Mrs. M. Robeson during the holidays.

Miss Dorothy Lee and Miss Edith McLean, of Almonte, were guests of Miss Victoria Lee during New Year's week.

Messrs. Raymond Taylor and Leonard Johnston spent the week-end with friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Winnifred Topping left here this week for Brockville to take a position as seamstress in the Ontario Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Arnold spent the New Year holidays with relatives in Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson, of Smiths Falls, and Mr. Roy Patterson, of Detroit, visited their aunts, Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Robinson, at New Year's.

Miss Fern Halladay, of Athens, Mr. T. Willis, of Lyndhurst, Mr. Elmer Jones, of Delta, Mr. Wilfrid White, of Lyndhurst, and Mr. Harold Scott, of Athens, are this term students at the Brockville Business College.

Rev. Dr. Bell, of Kingston, was a guest at the Parsonage Church St., during his stay in town, being the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Beach for dinner on Sunday.

W. C. Percy, of the Standard Bank, has been transferred to the Standard Bank staff at Killaloe, Ont. Mr. Percy during his residence of over a year in Athens has made a host of friends who regret his departure. L. I. Woodward, of Ottawa, arrived in Athens at the New Year to take Mr. Percy's place here.

Despite the extreme cold on Wednesday night, December 31st, there was a good attendance and full choir at the watch night service in the Methodist Church and a splendid address by Rev. H. E. Warren, the Rev. V. O. Boyle closing the service and at the midnight hour the church bell merrily rang in the New Year.

Mrs. Nellie Steacy, of Aylmer, Ont., and grandson, James Steacy, of the Canadian West, are visiting relatives in town, the former being a guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. Bresee, Main Street.

The regular monthly meeting of the W. M. S. was held in the vestry of the Methodist Church on Friday, Dec. 2nd. The president, Mrs. Wm. Towriss occupied the chair. Mrs. Rev. Warren had charge of the devotional exercises. Several reports were given by the Watch Tower heralds. Miss Dora Klyne had charge of the study book period and Mrs. A. R. Brown had the programme under her supervision, and this was in line with the New Year. Little Misses Olive King and Beatrice Peterson gave a piano duet and a recitation and Miss Beatrice Wright a reading. The Mizpah closed a very interesting meeting.

The Bluebird Mission Circle of the Methodist Church purpose celebrating the tenth anniversary of their organization on Thursday evening, January 15th. It will be an open meeting with the W.M.S. as guests. An interesting programme is under preparation, which will include an exercise, "The Missionary's Journey." There will be a birthday cake with ten lighted candles and refreshments served at the close.

On New Year's night Mr. and Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb entertained a score or more of friends to a delightful five hundred party at their home, Main Street. The party were very attentive in their Christmas decorations of blue, green and red, with flowering narcissus. The royal prizes were won by F. C. B. and Mrs. Lillie at the happy evening. Prizes by Mr. and Mrs. F. C. B. were given at the serving of a bouillabaisse at the midnight hour there was a contest on the best poem on a chocolate bar, which made heaps of fun and enjoyment. The happy evening closed with all joining hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne". During the serving of the supper, Miss Hazel Burns gave several piano solos to the enjoyment of all.

We are sorry to report that Mr. George Stevens, who runs the tobacco store on Main street, has been confined to his home through illness since Saturday last. During his absence the business has been carried on by Mr. George Holmes and Mr. Sam Scott.

Miss Marjory Gordon, of Kingston, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gordon, Mill Street, underwent an operation for acute appendicitis in the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, this week and at latest reports was on a fair way to recovery.

Mrs. W. H. Wiltse, Isaac Street, and Mrs. Ida Soper, Central Street, entertained to family dinners on New Year's Day.

Miss Keitha Kidd, of Toronto, spent New Year's in town with her grandmother, Mrs. F. Robeson, Elgin Street. Miss Kidd was en route to Montreal to take a special course in training, being a graduate nurse of the Peterboro hospital.

Mr. Alf. Greene of Boston spent New Year's with his sister, Mrs. C. L. Lamb.

Miss E. Derbyshire spent the week-end with friends in Athens.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of Christ Church was held at the home of Mrs. Glenn Earl, with Mrs. Jas. Seymour, acting as president. It was decided to hold a social evening at the home of Mrs. Fred Scovil on Monday evening, Jan. 12 to which everyone is welcome. There will be a minimum fee of 25 cents.

Mrs. V. O. Boyle returned home on Monday afternoon from Chalk River where she spent Christmas and New Year's with her mother.

Miss Edna Layng, who has been visiting Rev. Geo. Coad, Smiths Falls, returned tonight to her home here.

Mr. H. H. Layng of Brockville is visiting at Mr. and Mrs. John Layng's.

The girls of the Blue Bird Mission Circle are planning to celebrate the 10th Anniversary in the vestry of the Methodist Church on the evening of the 15th inst. at 7.30 o'clock. A good program is in preparation. Come and enjoy a social gathering with the girls. Silver collection taken at the door.

Reeve M. B. Holmes was in Brockville this Thursday attending the meeting of the Eastern Ontario Municipal Hydro Association, of which he is a member.

THANKS

Reeve M. B. Holmes communicates through the medium of the Athens Reporter, his appreciative and very best thanks to the Ladies and gentlemen who so loyally supported him at the polls on Monday, January 5th and promises a continuance of faithful service.

The Churches

Athens Methodist Church
Rev. H. E. Warren, M.A., B.D., Pastor.

Sunday, January 11, 1925.
Morning Service, 10.30.
"Jesus, Our Standard of Life,"
Afternoon—2.30.—The Sunday School
Evening Service, 7.00.
"The Good News in Homespun."
On Monday night the Young People's League resumes its weekly meetings with a Stereoptican Entertainment "A Three Hundred Mile Journey through the Canadian Northland."
All are welcome.

Parish of Landsdowne Rear

Rev. V. O. Boyle, M.A., B.D., Rector
First Sunday after Epiphany
January 11th
Christ Church Athens,—
2.30 p.m. Sunday School.
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer
Trinity Church, Oak Leaf.
2.30 p.m. Evening Service followed by Sunday School.
St. Paul's Church, Delta.
9.30 a.m. Sunday School.
10.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Baptist Church

Rev. G. G. Upham, Pastor.
Plum Hollow—
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Service 10:30 a.m.
Toledo,—
Service, 2:30 p.m.
Athens—
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Service, 7:00 p.m.

INSTALLS HIS OWN BROTHER MASTER NEWBORO MASONS

Unusual Feature at Simpson Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

NEWS OF THE DISTRICT

Christmas Concerts Throughout Country Provide Much Merriment.

Newboro, Dec. 31.—The officers of Simpson lodge No. 157, A. F. & A. M., Newboro, were installed on the evening of St. John's Day, December 27, by Rt. Wor. Bros. Barton Sheldon (a former member of the lodge) and R. B. Dargavel, of Toronto, assisted by eleven past masters of the lodge.

Under the direction of the Past District Deputy Grand Masters named above, the ceremony of installation was so conducted as to be highly pleasing and edifying to the more than usual number of brethren assembled for the occasion. A unique feature of the event was that Rt. Wor. Bro. Sheldon installed his own brother, Harry G. Sheldon, of Portland, as master of the lodge.

The officers of Simpson lodge for the year 1925 are:—
W.M.—Wor. Bro. H. G. Sheldon.
S.W.—Bro. C. P. Bass.
J.W.—Bro. G. S. Duncan.
Chaplain—Bro. S. E. Harrington.
Treasurer—Bro. G. S. Wrathall.
Secretary—Wor. Bro. B. F. Bolton.
S.D.—Bro. L. J. Williams.
J.D.—Bro. W. B. Guthrie.
D. of C.—Wor. Bro. J. W. Simmons.
S.S.—Bro. A. C. Hoffman.
J.S.—Bro. M. A. Hull.
I.G.—Bro. E. J. Tett.
Tyler—Bro. F. C. Preston.
The retiring master is Wor. Bro. T. H. Stone, of Forfar.

Fine Results from One Tube Radio Set

Fifty-Four Different Stations Heard at Gosford.

Gosford, Dec. 30.—Eric Kirby is getting results from his one tube amateur receiving set, as he has been successful in tuning in with 54 different stations. On Christmas night he listened to a Christmas cantata from Louisville, Kentucky, "The Good Shepherd," put on by the Tarkland Christian church choir.

Marshall's school held its annual closing exercises in the form of a banquet, after which a short programme was given by the pupils. John Snowdon doing his part well as chairman. Before leaving for home several snap shots were taken to have as reminders of the merry time.

Christmas visitors:—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Manhart, Walter and Miss Hazel, of Brockville, at John Kirby's; Mr. and Mrs. John Durham and Murray at Lewis Durham's; J. W. Marshall and family at W. H. Rowley's; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wiltse at John Bryant's; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oxy at Samuel Bolton's; J. B. Checkley and family at Anson Wright's; Mr. and Mrs. Ernie McBratney at Ben Warren's; Miss Mary Snowdon, Toronto, Mrs. Blinbouch and children and Mrs. Wilson, at James Snowdon's; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. London and Wilfred at A. E. Warren's, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Prue at Herb Wiltse's.

Robert Perrin and Miss Mabel are home from the General Hospital, Brockville, and are gaining slowly. Miss Doreen Botham and Misses Eva and Ruth Warren, North Augusta, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Oxy.

Walter Gubinger, of Prescott, spent Monday with his sister, Mrs. John Kirby.

JELLYBY

Jellyby, Dec. 29.—Joseph Jacques, of Welland, was a recent visitor at A. J. Smith's.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jelly, Brockville, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnston and daughter, Evelyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Johnston, Greenbush, spent Christmas at James Rossom's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lemix, Jasper, were Christmas guests of Edward Greaves; Mr. and Mrs. John McPerrin, Bunston's, of Cardwell Ferguson's; Mr. and Mrs. John Symington, Greenbush, of Roy Symington's; Mr. and Mrs. George Moore and family, of George Riley's; Yule; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kennedy and son, Kenneth, of Melvin Baker's, Merrickville; Mr. and Mrs. Charlee Freeman and son, Alton, of Joseph E. Davis, Bellamy's; Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Driscoll and daughter, Mildred, Brockville, of Andrew Smith's; Miss Mildred remaining for a few days.

Howard, Arthur and Kenneth Clarke spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. Hiram Clarke, Ottawa, who is ill.

Christmas service was held at 10.30 a. m. in St. James Anglican church by the rector, Rev. L. G. Osborne Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis and Miss Harriet Jelly spent Sunday as the guests of Roy Johnston's, Greenbush.

Mrs. Charles Freeman is in Brockville with her sister, Mrs. J. Herbinson, who is ill.

Misses Viola and Greta Deval are visiting friends in Smith's Falls.

LEHIGH'S CORNERS.

Lehigh's Corners, Jan. 2.—Miss Bessie Barrington and Irene Hanton, nurses-in-training of the Brockville General Hospital, spent Christmas at their respective homes here.

Mrs. Omar Kilborn and son, Allan, of Addison, are spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hayes very pleasantly entertained a number of friends and neighbors to a social evening and dance on Monday, December 28, it being the anniversary of their wedding.

Mr. Donald Cannon is spending a few days in Addison visiting friends and relatives.

Many from here attended the hockey match in Toledo on New Year's afternoon.

Miss Mildred Johnson, of Toronto, spent Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Phillips.

Mrs. George Carley, of North Augusta, returned home Thursday morning after spending the holidays with Mrs. Laura Eaton.

Mr. Keble Barrington, of Brockville, spent Christmas at his old home here.

Miss Erma Brown, of Glen Buell, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Horsefield.

Mrs. Henry Morgan and son Gerald motored to North Augusta to spend a few days with the former's daughter, Mrs. Hilton Vout.

Fred Stewart is at present a patient in St. Vincent de Paul Hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

MILLINERY

Miss Vera Whitmore is opening up a new millinery parlor in the "Russell Bros." Block, Delta, Ont.

FOR SALE

New Singer Sewing machine, drop head, late model, never uncrated. Will sell cheap. Earl Construction Co.

AUCTION SALE

Of Holstein and pure bred cows, pair of work horses, etc. at the farm of Alice M. Dixon, Lots 34 and 35, Township of Elizabethtown, half a mile West of Redan, Schoolhouse, on Tuesday, January 20th, at ten o'clock.
CLIFFORD SCOTT, B. F. Scott, Auctioneer.

I am prepared to do all kinds of dressmaking, also coats, and suits.
Mrs. Arch Mulvena.

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6 octave piano case organ. In good condition. Apply at Reporter Office 1-9t.

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MORTGAGE SALE

Under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at time of sale, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction, by Edward Taylor, Auctioneer, at the Armstrong House, in the Village of Athens, on

THURSDAY, THE 15TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1925,

at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, the following property, viz.:

All and singular those certain parcels or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being: FIRSTLY, in the Township of Elizabethtown, in the County of Leeds, and being composed of the East Half of Lot Number thirty-seven, in the Tenth Concession of the said Township of Elizabethtown, containing 100 acres more or less, excepting thereout and therefrom that parcel thereof sold by Jonathan M. Church to Benjamin F. Scott, being that part south of the highway and more particularly described in instrument dated the 14th day of January, 1911, and registered on the 20th day of January, 1921, in the Registry Office for the County of Leeds as No. 8909.

SECONDLY: In the Township of Yonge, in the County of Leeds, and being composed of the front end of Lot One in the Tenth Concession of the Township of Yonge, described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast angle of said Lot at a post numbered "Commons" and No. One; thence South sixty-six degrees West nineteen chains and forty-five links to the limit between Lots one and two; thence North twenty-four degrees West nineteen chains and seventy-five links; thence North sixty-six degrees East nineteen chains and fifty-five links; then South twenty-four degrees East nineteen chains and seventy-six links to the place of beginning, containing 38 acres, two rods and 39 rods, be the same more or less.

The said property is situate on the Perth Road about two miles north of Addison, about seventy-five acres are under cultivation, the balance in pasture and bush land, including a sugar bush of about 600 trees.

There are said to be a good stone house, large frame barn with stable attached, also a horse stable and machine house.

TERMS:—Ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid down at time of sale, balance within 30 days without interest. The property will be sold subject to a reserve bid.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to
T. R. BEALE, Athens, Ont.
Solicitor for Mortgagee.

Dated at Athens, Ont., the 22nd day of December, 1924.

PORTLAND

Portland, Dec. 29.—The new Orange hall in the village was filled to capacity on Monday evening, the 22nd, when an eager and expectant audience enjoyed the concert with a well-arranged programme, given by the Sunday school children of Emmanuel church. The programme consisted of songs, recitations, readings and short dialogues, mostly given by the children. Music was rendered by Mrs. E. Bolton, with Rev. S. E. Harrington as chairman. Last but not least was a monologue given by W. C. Pescod entitled "A Jewish Wedding". The character was well sustained and the part executed in splendid style, so much so that the hall was kept in an uproar of laughter for fully half an hour. At the conclusion of this concert Santa Claus arrived in gorgeous apparel and took charge of the Christmas tree, which was fairly groaning under its burden. The distribution of the presents took fully half an hour, after which all joined in singing "God Save the King". The proceeds amounted to over \$50.

A Gipsy song was given by a quartette composed of Miss H. Hall, Mrs. L. Chapman, Miss M. Hall and Miss C. Bond. They were dressed in Gypsy fashion and the number was well received.

Miss Mary Willis, nurse, of Utica, daughter of Richard Willis, is spending a few weeks with her father and Mr. and Mrs. M. Code.

Misses Cynthia and Hattie Donovan are spending their Christmas holidays in Brockville, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jovnt.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gallagher were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. W. Kerfoot, of Smiths Falls, over Christmas.

Miss Canton, sister of the late William Canton, passed to the Great Beyond on Saturday morning last. The funeral service was held at Newboone Anglican church.

Mrs. C. Elliott and daughter, Clara, also Mrs. Peacock, of Hamilton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bolton.

L. Stevens, who has been on the sick list for some time, is slowly recovering.

Christmas Day was observed in Emmanuel church by a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m., at which a goodly number were present. The church was prettily decorated with bells.

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MALLORYTOWN

Mallorytown, Dec. 25.—Miss Lettie McDonald, of New York city, is home and Mr. Alexandria, of Kingston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McDonald.

Mrs. J. deL. Campbell and daughter, of Kingston; Mr. and Mrs. Thompson Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelly, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kelly on Christmas.

Miss Laura Jordan, of Ottawa, and Mr. Cook are spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jordan.

Charles Mallory, of the staff of the Kingston Whig, spent Christmas at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Julia A. Warren.

Mrs. Dan. Hollingsworth is still quite ill.

Alvin Avery and family and Mr. and Mrs. Colin Phillips spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Clow.

Douglas Mallory, of Ottawa, installed a radio receiving set in the home of his father, H. M. Mallory, on Christmas.

George Guild, who went to Arizona for the sake of his health, is improving nicely.

The song service held in the Methodist church on Sunday night was largely attended and much appreciated by all.

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