

# FARE BETTER IN ONTARIO

Under the caption of "Farm Life in Ontario," a Scotch paper recently published a communication from one of its readers in this country, in which some wholesome advice is given to intending immigrants. The letter says in part—

Ontario, the garden of Canada, and the premier province, is being neglected by the British immigrant. In this mad rush to the west, the finest parts of Canada are being neglected. Who is to blame for it, you say? Well, that is a hard question to answer. In the first place I think the emigrant himself is largely to blame. He hears stories of the "Golden West," and the fortune that is lying waiting for him. He never waits to hear the exact state of things in the west. He hears it through an agent or some friend who may have been lucky or "made good." He never waits to ask about climate, or how far he will be situated from a railroad. He must get out west and make his fortune. Now I am not trying to run down the west and praise the Eastern Provinces, but I think if the average emigrant would think a little he might see the folly in this rush out west, when he might be better off in one of the Eastern Provinces and in preference Ontario. It is the farm laborer I chiefly refer to, or the man that wishes to take up farming when he crosses the pond. Ontario, as everyone knows, is several times larger than the British Isles, and in fact the British Isles could be put into one of the great lakes. The natural resources of Ontario are marvellous. The province abounds with all kinds of minerals, has splendid forests with all kinds of valuable timber, but it is as a farming province that I wish to say a few words. As a farming country, it would be hard to find a finer province than Ontario. Of course some parts of the province are much better than others, and you find different kinds of farming carried on. The chief kinds of farms are dairy, stock, grain, mixed farms, fruit, poultry, and lastly "truck farms," (by that I mean raising vegetables and small fruits for market.) I think of all these that mixed farming is the most popular and in the majority.

The farmer here owns his own farm. There are very few rented farms in Canada. If a man has a good farm here and works it properly, he can make a very good income. The Canadian farmer has to work for his money, though. There are no "gentlemen" in this country. To see the average Canadian farmer at work, one would think him simply a farm hand. The scarcity of labor is largely to account for this. That is why I would like to impress intending emigrants who meditate "going west" to meditate still further, and start their farming in Ontario. If they don't like Ontario, why they can easily go west afterwards, but I would like to advise them to give Ontario a trial. Ontario has a beautiful climate, perhaps the finest in Canada. It rarely sees an early frost to damage ripening wheat, as they often have out west. Its summer corresponds to a summer in Italy—blue skies every day and bright sunshine. To give an example of the summer we are having at present: This is the 6th of August, and all our grain is cut and safely under cover. Not a single sheaf got as much as a drop of rain. The hay too was got in in splendid order. It "makes" in a few hours, and dries quite green. It is never "coiled" but simply taken up, and hauled into the barn. The farms all have huge barns, and everything is put inside. There is no worry with stacks. Once the hay and grain are in the barn they are safe against anything. A word about the winter. One would need to experience a Canadian winter to know what a fine season it is. There is generally lots of snow and frost—not the mushy slippy snow you get in the old country, but dry powdery snow, which wouldn't wet you even if you rolled in it. The farmer always has plenty of work to do in the winter. Wood has to be got out for fuel, and also logs for the mill. Winter is the social season here. There is no time in the summer for visiting, but in the winter the farmers go about in their sledges visiting their friends. I could write pages and pages upon a Canadian winter, but I won't take up any more of your space. In closing, I will say what I said before about intending emigrants going west. Think twice about it. Give Ontario a trial. Ontario needs men, and there are finer farms here than there will ever be in Western Canada. The wages, too, are just as high. The Western farmer pays a little higher



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In the summer, but he generally does without help, or with very little, in the winter. There is very little social life out west. They can't grow fruit, and out on the prairie one never sees a tree, only small shrubs. That is what the intending western emigrant will find. Give Ontario or some other eastern province a trial first.

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## Mrs. Mitchell's Painful Injuries

Mrs. W. Mitchell, who resides in Ops township, near the House of Refuge, was the victim of a painful accident. In company with Mrs. Robinson, matron of the House of Refuge, she driving to the residence of Mr. Walter Curtis, to attend a session of the West Ops Women's Institute, when Mr. M. Williams' automobile came along with a party of ladies bound for the meeting. At a narrow stretch of the road the horse shied to one side, and one of the wheels of the buggy dropped to the ditch with such force that Mrs. Mitchell was thrown out. She sustained severe bruises on the head and shoulders, besides receiving a bad shaking up. Mrs. Robinson escaped unhurt. Both Mr. Williams and the occupants of the auto did all in their power for the injured lady. She was removed to her home and is confined to her room as a result of the mishap. It is said that some insects reach maturity within thirty minutes after birth, but some specimens of mankind do not mature in thirty years.

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## Drunks Took The Wrong Horse

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock a horse and buggy belonging to Mr. Newton Peel was taken from Maun-der's Hotel yard by two well known characters who were under the influence of liquor. They drove the animal around at a merry pace for about two hours. One of the men thought he had his own horse, which was in the sheds at the Benson House, but was so badly "pickled" he did not know which was the opposite side of the street. When the outfit was returned, it was found that the horse was hurt and the buggy damaged somewhat.

JANETVILLE. (Special to The Post.) Mr. and Mrs. Syer and family have left for their new home in the West. We wish them success and happiness in whatever path of life they may pursue. Miss Lottie and Gladys Bell returned to the city on Monday. Mrs. Gatis, of Toronto, is visiting her parents here. Dr. Tilley has been visiting the schools of this vicinity. Mrs. Allis Irwin presented her husband with a fine baby girl on Sunday. Congratulations all. The weather has been very warm and dry and the farmers have been making use of it in storing away their potatoes. The potato crop is the best that has been for years. A good time is expected here on 16th inst at the chicken pie social. A good programme is being prepared.

## Runaway on Saturday Night

Saturday evening a horse belonging to Mr. William Sloan, of Ops, ran away south of the town. Mr. Sloan had left the animal in the Benson House sheds, and was on his way home when the runaway occurred. The buggy was dumped in the deep ditch between the Riverside cemetery and the Lindsay-st. bridge, and was pretty badly damaged. Don't stay out late at night. The man who does isn't worth much the next day, and it takes a clear brain to sell goods these days.

## GASOLINE IN GREAT QUANTITY

Private telegrams received by Mr. William Livingston, of Calgary, at the Walker House, Toronto, yesterday would indicate that Canada's oil industry received a remarkable impetus on Saturday, when an unlimited supply of almost pure gasoline was struck by expectant drillers at Black Diamond, just twenty-six miles southwest of Calgary, Alta. The prospects of this discovery had precipitated a rush. Oil magnates from the Californian and Pacific slope oil fields have been on the scene for weeks, while a large number of financiers from Chicago and New York have been on the scene of the latest Canadian source of wealth. All the hotels in the district are now filled, and mushroom cities may spring up within the next few weeks, where farmers and ranchers have been with in the past few weeks peacefully reaping their crops or tending their cattle.

Not the least interested in the district is the Standard Oil Company, who have had representatives on the scene of operations for a considerable period, it being understood that their geologists had reported that the locality was in good condition for exploitation. But so far the American oil octopus has been frozen out by Canadian promoters, and the Canadians propose to keep it out. Mr. William Livingston, rancher and lumber merchant, of Calgary, who is here on private business, is largely interested. He, in partnership with Messrs. J. D. Pew and W. S. Herron, who sensed the potentialities of this oil belt, had sufficient confidence and assurance of success to warrant their investment of large sums of money in drilling operations. After reaching a depth of 1,500 feet five weeks ago, which brought about the excitement of three or four millions of feet of natural gas per day, these promoters, so assured were they that the oil deposits awaited discovery, offered their driller a \$20,000 bonus should he reach the oil within a reasonable period. He earned this sum on Saturday.

## Cobourg Woman Attempts Suicide

On Monday a warrant was issued for the arrest of Mrs. Maude Hutton for attempted suicide, and was served by Chief Ruse at the Hospital. Mrs. Hutton and her husband, Norman Hutton, were out walking on Saturday, and had some words, and when at George street and University avenue, Mrs. Hutton had taken from her pocket a bottle of carbolic acid and put it to her mouth; her husband struck it away, but not until her tongue, mouth and chin were badly burned. In trying to save her, his arm was badly burned. Dr. Irwin was called to the home of her mother-in-law, where she and her husband have been living, and treated her for the poison and burns, af-

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