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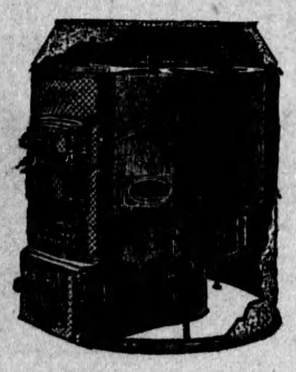

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Mount Etna, in Sicily, has broken into eruption.

A bill passed the House of Representatives at Washington providing for the raising of the battleship Maine, which was sunk in Havana harbor.

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THE OLDEN FLOWER GARDEN

In the natural trend of events on this little ball of ours many things have come and gone—as have many persons. With the passing of persons, more particularly our grandmothers, have gone the old-time flower gardens.

The modern flower garden—or landscape, as it is went to be called—is laid out in rigid lines, and even any departure from the angularity of the modern idea must follow certain well-established rules of eccentricity. The flowers themselves must be coaxed along with all sorts of fertilizers, and when they do come, appear to do so grudgingly.

When I was a boy (as one is so often bound to say) the plots were not laid out in regular lines, nor had the flowers any jaw-breaking, high-sounding foreign names. The old flowers and grasses are disappearing. No more we hear of the "bachelor's button," "love in the mist," or "live forever," and many others are fast sinking into oblivion. Replacing them we find "plumosus nanus," "delphinium," "ampelopsis veitchi," and so forth. The lilac (without which the old-time doorway was incomplete) is fading away. In its stead we have the wraith of the old favorite—but it bears the name "syringa vulgaris."

Our grandmothers' flower gardens were a wealth of bloom. The flowers seemed to vie with each other in showing their varied beauty, and as one walked along the narrow paths (for there was not much room wasted in paths) each step unfolded new beauties. Every nook and cranny had its little share of beauty. But today! If a person ventures into the ideal flower garden of to day the primness is depressing, and the flowers themselves seem to forbid one to pluck them; a woeful contrast to things as they were, when a generous bouquet would not be missed from the smallest bed. We may have the latest thing in flowers, but it is a far call from the kind that grandmother used to grow.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

When anything happens in this old world of ours there are always to be found "signs of the times" pointing to it; and the drain of the Canadian West on older Canada is no exception. There are numerous signs which tell the unmistakable truth as to the state of affairs in this connection.

In last Saturday's issue of one Toronto newspaper of recognized advertising value were advertisements from three western Teachers' Bureaus, one asking for three hundred and fifty school teachers, and the others requiring an indefinate number. This drain of teachers from Ontario is making itself felt, and a large number of our schools are wanting teachers. Can we, then, be filled with patriotism and pride as we observe the developement of our country? Yes, it is certainly nice to be a citizen of one the richest countries which Old Sol beams down upon, but when the riches of the newer portion are to be exploited at the expense of the older portion, which is also rich, then the shoe pinches. The tax in this case is extremely heavy on our educational institutions, but will probably right itself in a short period.

Another "sign of the times" may be seen by any person who picks up a country weekly at this time of the year. In almost any "back concession" budget of news that may be scanned an item or so similar to the following may be found: "Donald McDonald left this week to hold down a homestead near Killarney, Sask." The young men are being attracted in great numbers by the magnetic wheat fields from the Ontario farms, where they are also needed. It is robbing Peter to pay Paul.

PLANT SOME FLOWERS

It's house-cleaning time in the back and front yards—and the majority need it badly. Let not your efforts cease when you have removed the accumulation of leaves and debris; but after that is all over the job should only be half done. The clean-up should be the preliminary to planting a few flowers, or as many as room may be found for. Flowers are not for those alone who have large grounds, but may be raised in the smallest of front or back yards, may be raised easily, and are not costly.

There would appear to be an impression abroad that because the farmer works with his coat off and without a starched collar on that he has no right to have anything beautiful or comfortable around him We do not say that there is such an impression, but it would appear so. How often have you seen the house of a well-to-do farmer with a bleak and bare appearance, not a shrub or flower around it? Often it is a fine large brick residence, but it is very seldom that any attempt is made to beautify the premises. This should not be the case. The farmer should think as much of his home as the town dweller, and he will find that when he commences to beautify it and make it truly a home his boys will be less inclined to fly off to the four corners of the earth the first chance they get.

THE SICILIANS WILL SUFFER

Nature has been cutting up again! This time it was by a volcanic eruption in Sicily and much damage has been done. Nature in her gentle moods is beautiful, but in her wilder moods is terrifying. There is something irresistible in the way nature goes about things when in earnest—and she has assuredly been in earnest in this case.

The tourist is there to see the affair from his side of the fence. He sees one of the most awe-inspiring of sights. Mt. Etna is belching smoke and ashes, lava is flowing down the sides of the mountain and the whole country in its path is being destroyed. The affair is not one calculated to appeal to every person, but there are many who desire to see it. The inquisitive tourist, as a rule, fails to see the affair in its real light. To him the affair is one of grandeur—it reveals the vast powers of nature, but nothing more. The matter in its real significance is shown by the utterance of a guide who was heard to exclaim, with a sob in his voice "It is our trees you see burning." It is a tragedy, and means ruin, even if not death to hundreds of people.

DID TAFT'S TAFFY WORK?

The real state of tariff affairs between Canada and the United States has not been made public up to the time of going to press. It is assured that an understanding has been reached between the two countries, but at the request of Hon. W. S. Fielding, Canada's representative in the matter, the result is kept secret until Wednesday or Thursday. Why Fielding should demand such secrecy is a myster to the writer, unless he did not wish The Advance to publish and comment on it this week. In that case it would have been more gentlemanly to request us personally not to publish it. However, we must wait for next week's issue to deal with the matter.

The whole trouble has been one great, monstrous bluff on the part of Taft and his coterie of advisors—and they are great on the bluff too. Just how well they have "put it over" Canada will be known shortly, and until then it would be folly to criticise Fielding and his friends. If they HAVE been led to hand out too many concessions they will have something to answer for at the next election. Trust the country for that. But there, such things will not work. Suppose the people do vow all sorts of vengeance, they will forget all about it when the time comes to mark the ballots. The Advance has sufficient faith in the good judgment of Mr. Fielding to believe that no vengeance will be necessary.

Last week The Advance mis-quoted Robert Burns. We hereby beg his pardon.

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The latest thing in poultry is a chick without feathers and covered with black wool. The flesh and bones are also said to be black. Probably just another form of the proverbial black sheep.

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Great Britain will probably have another general election shortly. Halleys comet is blamed for the state of affairs. A law should be passed making it a penal offence to discover comets.

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The past five months have seen 87,000 Americans come to Canada as immigrants. If these were but Germans what a scare there would be! Being just plain Americans there is no need for alarm. Funny, isn't it?

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The editor of The Owen Sound Sun broke out into poetry (beg pardon, rhyme) last week. It is a safe bet that if he had a dose of la grippe, such as was flying around The Advance office, his words would not have even rhymed.

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Markdale is going at an awful pace—horse racing, boxing, refusing local option (even when they had a waterworks system)—and now they have a Chinese quarter. Charlie Chong is the "quarter," and as may be divined, is an ordinary washee-washee.

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Those who have travelled extensively will easily understand why it was possible for a pullman porter to be arrested for speeding in his own auto. Fortunately, or unfortunately, when The Advance man travels he always goes third class—or walks the ties; the tips are less.

What fools we mortals be! In an Hungarian village the natives thought that Halley's comet was going to finish the world one night recently. They caroused until a late hour, then fell into a drunken stupor—and morning came once more!

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The C.P.R. encourages the establishment of "first aid" branches to instruct members in giving first aid to the injured. Could not some kindly disposed person persuade the C.P.R. to give first aid to the miserable mail service from the north on the Walkerton branch? It is needed badly enough.

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Because he loitered around and annoyed a white young lady, a negro was removed from an Arkansas prison and lynched by a mob of forty men. The negro insisted on paying his attentions to the young lady, declaring that he was as good as any white man. We are inclined to believe, in any event, that he was fully as good as the white men who did the lynching.

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Once again has commenced the terrible toll of lives exacted by the rivers and lakes of our land. It is but a short time since three ladies were drowned near Teeswater. Two fishermen were drowned near Chatham last week—and this is but the commencement. The fool who rocks the boat has a lot to do with the great number of lives claimed by the waters, and he has as little, or less, excuse than the fool who didn't know the gun was loaded.

Farmers Come to Their Own

Inspector Campbell's report submitted at last County Council session, read, in part, as follows:

I have pleasure in reporting that early in the year Flesherton school section with Nos. 3, 4, 7 and 11 Artemesia formed a Rural Continuation School district, with Flesherton as the centre. A Continuation School of one teacher was opened at Easter in the senior division of the Flesherton public school, and before the end of the year it had so increased in attendance that it was necessary to add another teacher. That the school will be abundantly successful seems to be assured, and many pupils are now receiving a High School education who could not be sent away to a distant High School or Collegiate Institute.

The farming community is coming to its own in the matter of higher education, and I hope to see, at a very early date, similar Continuation School districts established, with Markdale, Dundalk, Holstein and perhaps Neustadt and Ayton as centres. The better the work and purpose of these schools are known, the more popular will they become, and the more readily will the slight increase of expenditure involved, be borne by those concerned.

South Grey, not having a single High School, should be given every chance to secure for its people, as far as possible, the many advantages accruing to West Grey through the Owen Sound Collegiate Institute, and to East Grey through the Meaford High School. It is a significant and hopeful sign of the times that the people of both West and East Grey are generally favorable to the wider extension of High School educational facilities in South Grey. No better opportunity can present itself for showing this generous appreciation than by forming, where applied for, Continuation School districts as provided for in the revised Continuation Schools Act, 1909.

Owing to the increased cost of living the hotel keepers in Thornbury and Clarksburg have decided to raise the price of meals to 35c. Stable rates, one horse, hay, 15.; team, hay, 30c. Above rates to take effect on April 1st.—Herald-Reflector.

Acute Dyspepsia

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