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A TERRIBLE INDICTMENT.

The articles on government squanderings now running in McLean's magazine by Mr. Gratton O'Leary, have shocked this country as nothing else has done in the political line since the days of the Pacific scandal, These articles are also being broadcasted by other publications, notably the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal, which puts the exposure into the homes of housands of Canadians, who were until these disclosures were made, unaware of the nefarious methods indulged in by those who are placed in power to look after our interests, financial and otherwise. The articles are intended to create a little upheaval in the federal capital and no doubt will succeed. It is time for a housecleaning and the country must have it.

During the past few years a man who would "squeal" about the tax burden would almost be termed disloyal. "We have to pay for the war," it was said, "and what is the use of kicking?" If it was only paying for the war that attitude would be justified, but the present disclosures prove to the hilt that the government has not been trying to economize, so that the burden might be lightened, but has rather been adding new taxes and looking for more sources of revenues. The conditions in the Civil Service and in the "Pork Barrel," as Mr. O'Leary terms it, are a disgrace to the country and government which perpetrates the abuses.

Mr. O'Leary has been a member of the press gallery at Ottawa for a dozen years and has had time to size up the situation as it actually exists, and the country owes him a debt of gratitude for opening our eyes to the enormity of the practices indulged in by those who should foster our resources instead of squandering them without thought for the public welfare.

Storms have their uses probably, but it is difficult to discover what these uses are, unless it be to discourage weather prophets who talk about "mild weather" and one storm per month. If it has that effect we can all forgive King Boreas.

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If John Greenleaf Whittier had lived in these latter days he never would have seen the poetry of being "snowbound," and the world would have lost a great poem. There is nothing poetical about it as the snow piles up to-day. It is almighty unromantic as we see it at the end of a snow shovel while trying to dig out the clothes line in the back yard.

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The opponents of church union appear to be getting quite hysterical, judging by our waste paper basket.

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Premier Ferguson takes as his plea for not recognizing the Progressive group in the Legislature as the official opporition, the action of the Progressives at Ottawa and also by the withdrawing of the U. F. O. from politics at the annual meeting last fall.

REPETITION OF BIBLE TACTICS

Major Vivian Gilbert, a young English actor, who was with Lord Allenby through the war in Palestine, has written a racy book called "The Romance of the Last Crusade." Among some very fine stories in the volume is one peculiarly proving the historical accuracy of the Holy Scriptures. The author says it was the London division that was ordered to capture a place called Mickmash, by a frontal attack which would be costly to life. That night in his tent by the light of a candle the brigade major was reading the Bible, and some dim memory of the name Mickmash stirred in his mind. He found it again in Samuel. It was the place that Jonathan was ordered to capture from the Philistines and he discovered a pass between two rocks—Bozes and Seneh—"The forefront of one was situate northward over against Mickmash, and the other southward against Gibeah."

The brigade major of the London troops read how Jonathan and his men went through the pass and fell upon the Philistines, who thought they were surrounded by armies of Saul, and fled in disorder. The brigade major was excited, and awakened the brigadier. They sent out scouts, who came back and reported the pass between the rocks thinly held by the Turks. The plan of attack was altered and one battalion of infantry advanced at dead of night along the narrow way which was exacely described in Samuel with a flat piece of ground beyond "which a yoke of oxen might plough." The Turks thought that they were surrounded, and "melted away." So, after thousands of years, the tactics of Saul and Jonathan led British troops to victory!

ORDER YOUR SPRING FRY NOW

To the Editor of The Advance:

Dear Sir,—At the January session of the Grey County Council, 1923, Reeve Reaburn of Markdale, Reeve Snetsinger of Thornbury and the writer were appointed a committee to endeavor to secure applicants for the placing of fry in the streams and lakes of the county. Since that time an effort has been made to have the Reeve of each township have a canvas made of the owners of lands through which a stream runs or on which there is a lake, sign applications, and a number have come in, but the committee feel that there can be a much better response and that it must necessarily mean a lot of extra work for a Reeve in whose township there are a number of streams and lakes, to have a canvas made of each owner. The committee believes there are a number of persons in each township, town and village who are sports enough to give some time and effort towards securing signers to applications for the streams and lakes in their districts, and would be pleased to hear from persons who would do so.

It is also suggested that during the spring or summer a meeting be held of all interested in having the streams and lakes re-stocked, to devise the best procedure for same, and for the protection of same.

We understand there is considerable bass and pickerel fry likely to be available for this spring delivery, and a limited number of speckled trout fry, so that any one desiring same should make application promptly. Parties wishing application forms write

—J. S. WILSON, Owen Sound,
Chairman of Committee.

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Mr. S. Harrson of 117 Goody Ave., Toronto, has nothing but praise for Dreco and its remarkable help to him in time of trouble. This great remedy has worked wonders for this man and he tells you about it in the following statement :—

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RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

Courier's Duties as to Roads.

Here are some instructions for Couriers taken from the pamphlet, "Rural Mail Delivery in Canada and Approved by the Post Office Department.

(3A) "Roads on which rural mail delivery is about to be established must be in good condition. It is to be understood that for the effective performance of he service they must be kept passable for vehicles at all seasons of the year, either by the municipality or the residents who are being served. Rural box holders should understand that it is not the duty of couriers to break the roads after storms. Streams, gullies and ditches must be bridged when necessary. Failure to maintain in a passable condition at all times the highways travelled by a rural mail courier will be considered sufficient by the Department withdrawing the service pending the completion of the necessary improvements."

(3B) "During winter season the roads must be kept open and the approach to the box sufficiently clear of snow to enable the courier to cover his route without being unnecessarily delayed or inconvenienced."

Mrs. A. B. Currie, an old resident of Collingwood township, was found dead in bed at the age of 74 years.

RAISING THE PIGS RIGHT

How to Get a Fair Profit Out of Swine.

Avoid Extremes of Heat and Sun—Using the Self-feeder—A Corrective for Winter Use — Farm Bookkeeping — Roughage: Have It Good.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

Swine are profitable when given abundant sunshine and exercise, fed on well selected feeds, gently handled, given proper sanitation and housing, kept free from worms and lice, and protected against cholera and other diseases. Much can happen a pig between birth and old age, but it is an easy animal to keep in the straight and narrow path leading to successful and profitable development if you go the right way about it.

Pigs frequently suffer more from the heat of the sun during the summer than they do from the cold of the winter period. If possible, make full use of any available shade trees when making your plans for swine pastures, feed lots or colony house locations.

The Self-feeder for Pigs.

Young pigs having access to a self-feeder may neglect the pasture portion of their rations, so must be watched from time to time. The self-feeder can be used with mature breeding stock, providing the ration given is bulky and contains such roughage as ground alfalfa. Mature breeding stock are apt to become too fat if given the freedom of helping themselves. The self-feeder is intended as an aid to feeding operations during the grazing season, and as such, it will reduce the labor requirement of feeding over fifty per cent.

Corrective for Winter Use.

The use of a suitable corrective is strongly recommended by all successful swine feeders. One that is low in cost and fully efficient, and easy to prepare may be provided as follows:

100 pounds of ground lime stone or slacked lime.

100 pounds of hard wood ashes or root cellar soil to which 10 pounds of bone flour has been added.

200 pounds of charcoal.

50 pounds of salt.

20 pounds of sulphur.

2 pounds of iron sulphate.

Mix all the dry material together excepting the iron sulphate. When all are mixed, dissolve the iron sulphate in a gallon of hot water and sprinkle over the entire mass. Shovel over a few times, and then store in sacks or barrels for use as wanted.

Pigs should be given free access to a feeder or box containing the above mixture.—L. Stevenson, O.A.C., Guelph.

Farm Bookkeeping.

Two dairy farms were selected for a study of the cost of producing milk. It was found that on one the cost of production was $1.65 per hundredweight of milk; on the other farm the cost was $6 per hundredweight.

If both these farms were selling milk at $2.50 per hundredweight, what would you say about the comparative prosperity of the two farms?

It is quite usual to see two farms side by side, one of which appears prosperous while the other seems to be slowly going down. It doesn't mean that one farmer is a worker while the other is lazy, not at all. We have all seen hard-working farmers who have failed to make a success. We explain it by saying he had poor luck, or things somehow seemed to go against him.

After all brain is about as important as muscle, if not more so, in this farming business. And a farmer can work as profitably at his desk as he can in the field.

That is why it pays a farmer to be educated. It is a matter of money returns whether the farmer shall know how to keep his books or not.

It takes only a few minutes to jot down items of hours spent on various crops in a time-book, once or twice a week. And items of expense can be entered in a column as they occur, to be distributed at leisure in winter evenings. The date of sale and the price received are more than mere items of curiosity to be remembered for awhile then forgotten.

Really there is no excuse for a farmer not knowing his production costs. And it should be considered as much of a sign of poor farming as the growth of weeds along the roadside or the tumbling of fences.

Roughage—Have It Good.

A good cow must be capable of handling large amounts of roughage. Provided with plenty of high quality forage she will produce much more economically than when fed grain to balance poor hay and stover.

Silage added to a ration has been found to reduce the cost of producing 100 pounds of milk from twenty-five to seventy-five cents. In an American experiment, twelve cows were divided into two groups. One group received silage and legume hay, the other the same roughage allowance with grain in addition. The second group produced more milk but the first one did very well and easily excelled the first from the standpoint of economical production.

These facts are not meant to indicate that it does not pay to feed grain but to show the importance of plenty of good roughage.

The World's Biggest Hog.

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New U. F. O. Club At Ceylon

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Meetings will be held the second Friday in each month. Statements will be itemized.

An important change soon to come into effect in the post office department in connection with the money order system, and provides for a new form of money order which will do away with the advice notice, so long a source of inconvenience to those receiving money orders It bears a slip, with the amount stamped upon it, which cannot be raised by persons wishing to perpetrate fraud. The change will not be made until July 1.

A cow belonging to Hal. Day gave birth to a freak of nature on Saturday last, 19th inst. The freak, which was abnormal in size, somewhat resembled a bear, having an extra set of front legs and had four toes or claws on each. Life was extinct before delivery took place. A. Currie V.S, who was in attendance, remarked to the Creemore Star that it was one of the most unusual things he ever witnessed. Unfortunately for Mr. Day, it cost him the life of his valuable young cow.

Hon. George S. Henry, Provincial Minister of Public Works and Highways, has announced a change in the method of financing the planting of trees along public highways. Instead of sending out its own workmen, he says the new Government has a scheme whereby farmers planting trees in front of their own property will be bonused so much per tree for planting.

A bag of 21 coons was made in two days last week by Messrs. Charles Scammel and Dave Geddes, between Camperdown and Collingwood. "One at a time is good fishing," but a corralling of all the coons in the township like this is surely exercising a monopoly. The coons have a little habit of collecting in numbers inside a hollow tree and hibernating there till spring. The keen-eyed hunter who can spot these coons in trees, by their scratched trunks, can reap a harvest of hides. At that, it is kind of hard on the coons.—Meaford Mirror

A new kind of wild rabbit is making its appearance in the east part of Chingacousy. Some call it the English hare. It is much larger than the ordinary hare, weighs from 15 to 18 pounds and does not change to white color in the winter time. The new hare is said to be particularly destructive to the growing fall wheat during the winter time, burrowing under the snow and eating the green foliage of the plant.

As the result of five cartridges exploding in the cook stove, Mrs. Clarence Fisher, of Trafalger township, received injuries which may result inthe loss of her right eye. Mrs. Fisher was cleaning out some boxes which she thought contained only old papers. She threw the contens on the fire, and later explosions commenced. It was learned that shells containing shot were among the rubbish. The stove was wrecked.

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