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EDITORIAL NOTES

This section of northern Ontario scored in the apple display at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto last week. The distinction goes to Wm. L. Hamilton of Collingwood, who had the championship awarded to him for his exhibit of McIntosh Reds—the best filled and most strongly contested class of the show—but the champion also carried off first prizes for other varieties. This result affords the best of evidence that the counties bordering on the south of Georgian Bay are excellently adapted for the profitable growth of hardy fruit. The trouble with many of our apple growers is that care is not taken to secure the best results from the orchards. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that it is not enough to plant apple trees and let them take care of themselves thereafter. Insects are always at work and prove most destructive unless their attacks are combatted in time. But reasonable care will pay even a very busy farmer, and by spraying early in the season and timely grafting when the tree comes of age, the best of apples can be insured. It would be an excellent reform for each municipality to hold a bee for rooting up every worthless fruit tree, and for the planting in its place young and vigorous stock, at the same time unitedly resolving for the future to only grow apples that are fit for domestic use, free from blemish, and therefore a crop that may at a profit and pleasure be produced.

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Flesherton and district will have the opportunity of seeing an almost total eclipse of the sun during the morning of January 24th next—an occasion which astronomers state rarely happens twice in any one century in any one section of the world. If the sun is not beclouded the eclipse will be visible in this locality first about 8 a.m., reaching the maximum soon after 9 a.m., and ending an hour and a half thereafter. South of Hamilton and in northern parts of the United States the eclipse will be total, and into that region scientists are now arranging to go, in an endeavor to determine the composition of the orb, a task rendered much easier than formerly through the possession by astronomers of instruments much superior over those in existence when last there was a total eclipse in this region.

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Now that winter is here would it not be a wise thing for parents to counsel their children against tobogganing, coasting or sliding on footpaths? In so indulging the young people not only endanger the lives of their elders, but run grave risk of injuring themselves. "Keep to the centre of the field," is a wisee injunction.

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The city politicians at Owen Sound are busy already with their propaganda and are suggesting that the elections be dispensed with this year so as to save the city money and to keep down the tax rate. There is always some way found so that incumbants can still hold office.

TORONTO LINE, NORTH

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reid and family of Michigan were visitors at Robt. Richardson's.

Messrs. Charles Stewart, Albert Sparks and Wilf. Lever have returned from their hunting trip up north.

Mr. Thos. Sled motored to Collingwood on Saturday and was accompanied home on Sunday by Mrs. Sled, who has been with friends near Collingwood for the past couple of weeks.

Mr. Wm. Burnett made a business trip to Durham last week where he purchased a driver.

Messrs. Harold Lever and Harold Richardson made a business trip to Vandeleur on Tuesday.

A few on this line attended the party at Wm. Wilson's, Barrhead, also the one at Fred Eagle's, Irish Lake, a short time ago and report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stewart visited with Feversham friends last week.

Mr Wm. Burnett and son of Durham were visitors at Wm. Burnett's of this line.

Some Characieristics Of The Doukhobors

Some Breaking Away From Old Order And Are Now Law Abiding

WRITTEN FOR THE ADVANCE

The recent tragic death of Peter Veregin, the leader of that very peculiar sect, the Doukhobors, brings to mind the unique circumstances under which they came to Canada. Some 25 years since influential members of the Society of Friends (better known as Quakers) in the city of Philadelphia brought to the attention of the Canadian immigration authorities the plight of a body of Russian peasantry, who had for a long period, it was asserted, been persecuted because of their peace-loving proclivities, and their persistant refusal to take up arms against fellow creatures. It was represented that the morals of this people were of the highest, and on the assurance an agreement was entered into for the granting to them homesteads in the Province of Saskatchewan, then in the infancy of its development. After their settlement it was found that while the newcomers had estimable qualities their views as to citizenship were entirely contrary to those entertained by Canadians. They had the greatest respect for the aged, and gave the place of honor in the home to the grandparents, but they were absolutely opposed to the laws enacted for the protection of the home. They declined to register births, marriages or deaths. A marriage they said was the concern of Heaven and the participants only. They had no use, they said, for public schools. All the education they needed could be got from the fathers in the community, and to these authorities they looked for instruction, both religious and secular. It being pointed out to them that the Canadian law of marriage was for the specific protection of mothers and children, the Doukhobors replied in their case they had everything in common as a commune and that wives and children had no need of protection, as if anything happened to a parent, the child became the ward of the community. Divorce is not common among this people, but separation, where parents cannot agree, is rendered easy, the commune providing for the care of the offspring until they can do for themselves.

The word "Doukhobor" means "spirit fighter" or "warrior of the Holy Ghost," and from their earliest years of organization they have been intense in their religious observances. Sometimes these have taken strange turns, though only a comparatively small number of the community have gone on the rampage. For example, about 25 years ago the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were called upon by settlers in the neighborhood to take action to restrain about 200 fanatics who were suddenly seized wtih the notion that the world was coming to an end. Men and women threw up their domestic occupations, forsook their homes and belongings, and set out on a pilgrimage—they knew not where. But they explained that they looked for the coming of the Lord and they desired to meet Him. That they might have no impediments, they stripped themselves stark naked, and without food of any kind, marched eastbound through the Province of Manitoba. They subsisted on raw potatoes, carrots and herbs, which were fairly plentiful, the heigera being in the fall. The Mounted Police used every persuasion possible to turn the naked brigade back to their homes but failed. Ultimately, the entire mob were rounded up and placed under arrest until clothes could be obtained, and they were conveyed back to the settlement. A number of them persisting in breaking the law providing for public decency, were sentenced to prison terms, giving their jailers no end of trouble by their hunger strike. They were, however, kept alive by force, were sent back to their homes, and unique episode ended. Since then, there have been similar sporadic outbursts both in Saskatchewan and in British Columbia, to which province a large number of the sect, with Veregin, transferred some years since.

One of the "principles" of this queer people has been their absolute refusal —at all events in their early days in Canada—to kill or to use any living thing. They thought that birds and animals had just as much right to their lives as mankind. For this reason, they declined to molest any of th birds and animals that attacked their crops. They would not kill an animal or a bird for food, and in one instance that the writer knows of a servant girl of the sect threatened to leave if called upon to fry an egg in fat! They declined to use horses in working land or marketing products, and a common spectacle was a dozen sturdy women pullign a plough guided by an equally husky male. It was customary to bring products to market twenty miles distant, and carry supplies home in a farm wagon to which half a dozen women were hitched. Bending their backs to tasks of this nature certainly developed the women into stalwarts. Neither they nor the men seemed any the worse of usurping the functions ordinarily performed by the horse. Times have changed since the motor car era, however, and Doukhobors are patronizing the new mode of locomotion.

As the sect for long hours bewailed the passing of their late head it is probable that they will select someone to take his place, but whether or not the new leader will be able to rule them with a rod of iron as did Veregin remains to be seen. Canadians would prefer that all these settlers should obey our laws and become good citizens like their fellows. The second generation, indeed, in considerable numbers, are said to be breaking away from the eccentricities and conforming to all laws and usages governing ordinary Canadians.

Ebenezer Young People Gave An Excellent Play

An excellent three-act play was given in the high school on Tuesday evening by the Ebenezer Dramatic Club, entitled "Red Acre Farm." The conert was under the auspices of the Flesherton Agricultural Society and it was exceptionally well given by these players from Vandeleur and Ebenezer. Those takng part in the play were:—Rusell Freeman, Howard McGee, Roy Freeman, Joe Slim, Jack Taylor, Fred Douglas, Fred Taylor, Mrs. W. Heath, Myrtll Freeman, Hilda Hutchinson, Irene Hutchinson, Irene Brodie.

Rev. C. Kenny Preached

Anniversary services were held in the Flesherton Methodist church on Sunday, November 16th, Rev. C. Kenny of Collingwood preaching two excellent sermons, morning and evening. Rev. H. H. Eaton, pastor here, took Mr. Kenny's work at Collingwood. Special music was rendered by the choir at both services..

NEW BARBER SHOP

Mr. James McMaster of Toronto is starting up a new barber shop in town on Sydenham street in the building belonging to W. A. Armstrong, recently of the Sproule estate. Mr. and Mrs. McMaster have moved to town and will occupy the apartments above the shop. He expects to start work either Thursday or Friday of this week.

Hunting Parties Home

The last of the hunting parties from this section returned home last week, all having secured their quota of deer. Many parties who went north were not so successful. The High Falls Hunt Club, with which the writer was identified, had another strenuous time getting out owing to the freeze up, but all arrived safely home with nothing worse than a wetting by dropping through the ice.

Anniversary Services

Anniversary services will be held in Providence church on the Maxwell Methodist Circuit on Sunday next. Two services will be held, morning and evening, the morning service to commence at 11.00 a.m. and the evening service at 7.30 p.m. Rev. F. N. Bowes, B.A., B.D., of Markdale will preach at both services.

To Remove Paint.

To remove old paint from woodwork or automobile body, wash with a strong, hot solution of concentrated lye. Dissolve one can of lye in every gallon of water used and apply while hot. A wooden tub or bucket is an suitable container for the solution. An old paint brush or a heavy cloth may be used to apply the paint remover. The hands should be protected by wearing rubber gloves. After letting solution soak into the paint, which requires about ten minutes, it may be removed with a stiff wire brush or steel wool. A brush or wool becomes clogged with paint, rinse in a pail of clean water. In stubborn cases, or where there are several coats of paint, two or three applications may be necessary.

"At the head of all the sciences and arts, at the head of civilization and progress, stands—not militarism, the science that kills, not commerce, the art that accumulates wealth—but agriculture, the mother of all industry, and the maintainer of human life."—Garfield.

It takes no more to feed a cow that tests high in butterfat, and she may be returning you double in profit.

Thornbury's oldest citizen passed away suddenly on November 10th, in the person of Thomas McKenny, postmaster, who was 86 years of age. He came to Canada from Dublin, Ireland, in 1859 and studied pharmacy at Meaford, later moving to Thornbury. He was appointed postmaster of Thornbury in 1863 and continued in his position untill his death. He is survived by two daughters.

Hospital for Sick Children

67 COLLEGE ST., TORONTO

Dear Mr. Editor:—

Your readers have probably had their appetite for statistics satiated during the past few months. Still they will, no doubt, want to know something of the work accomplished by the hospital to which they have so generously contributed in the past. They are shareholders in a Mission of Mercy. Their dividends are not paid in coin of the realm. May I trespass upon your space to outline what those dividends are?

Firstly, the daily average of children occupying cots in the Hospital for Sick Children was 255. The total cared for as in-patients was 6,397. That is equivalent to the population of a good-sized Ontario town.

And secondly, the out-patient department. This is a wing of offices given over to consultation and minor operations. On an average there were 190 young callers a day.

That is where the dividends are earned—in the difference made in the lives of thousands of children through the voluntary contributions which render it possible to maintain an institution where pallid cheeks become rosy and twisted limbs are made straight.

If that were not dividend enough, one might try to estimate the enormous salvage of child-life in Ontario which has taken place since "Sick Kids" doctors and "Sick Kids" nurses have been going out through this province equipped with a knowledge of children's diseases, which they could not get except in some such highly specialized and pre-eminently efficient institution as the Hospital for Sick Children.

On this year's service the Hospital expended $345,125 and finds itself in the hole to the extent of $134,284. What comes in around Christmas-time keeps the Hospital going. So long as the word "Christmas" retains its original significance could any charity possibly enlist more of the sympathy of your readers or entitle itself to more of their support?

Faithfully yours,

I. E. ROBERTSON,
Chairman Appeal Committee

A MINUTE OF MERCY COSTS FIFTY CENTS.

Warden Daniel McTavish is in Owen Sound this week attending the County Council in Owen Sound. The Warden's banquet takes place on Thursday evening of this week, which we understand several Fleshertonians will attend.

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