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A FORTUNE FOR A PROLIFIC MOTHER.

Since the early days of the Province of Ontario, when the will of the eccentric Dr. Dunlop, the first M.P. for County of Huron, was probated, no devise of property has given rise to more talk than the testament of Charles Miller, late barrister of Toronto. Mr. Miller has left a will dealing with property variously estimated as of from three hundred thousand dollars to a cool million. He has bequeathed to preachers of Toronto and to Mr. Raney, the temperance leader, shares in breweries and racing parks—these generally of small value.

It is hardly possible that the beneficiaries named will accept these legacies. If, however, they do not, the legacies will be added to the main bequest, which is unique in its provisions, and colculated to create widespread interest. The bulk of the estate, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars, Mr. Miller directs to be compounded and awarded to the mother giving birth to the largest number of children in the ten years next ensuing to the testator's death. Already, therefore, the competition set on foot by this eccentric lawyer, may be said to have begun, for we learn that since Mr. Miller died, a few weeks since, the population of the Province has been augmented by the arrival of several hundred babies, and one little Toronto woman has entered the lists with twins. She, enterprising one, had no hesitation in expressing her conviction that Mr. Miller must have been a very benevolent gentleman indeed. Setting out with this advantage, this mother in Israel says she believes she ought to have a chance to gain the big prize, though ten years is a long time in which to wait. Then there must be others, and who knows but some good lady will come along with triplets! Then the count—who is to keep it?

We fear this eccentric old bachelor in devising his estate did not stop to reflect what a kettle of fish he was stirring up.

A STRANGE DECISION

At Division Court on Friday last Judge Sutherland gave a decision on a case that has not been received by the farmers and others in this district with very good grace. The plaintiff was leading a pig along the road at night when the car came from behind and struck it. The plaintiff claimed that it was within three feet of the side of the road at the time it was hit, but the defendant said that it must have been on further as he was travelling on the crown of the road and the pig was on an angle facing the centre of the roadway. The plaintiff was in his rights in travelling along the highway at night, but the judgment was given against him as he didn't have lights to show that he was travelling on the highway. The judge seemed to think that it was a good oportunity to show that the car, in the estimation of many in Ontario, had the right of way at night over all classes of traffic and that if anything or anybody were injured thereby it was not the fault of the car. The farmer has rights on the highway with his stock when leading them and in this case the road was quite wide and there was any amoutn of room for a car to pass on the right side.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Where is the weather prophet who told us that over-abundance of rain last summer meant a mild winter and light snowfall?

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These are the days when one may get sermons, opéra, bad news, and the business of our neighbors over the telephone, but people are thankful that so far bills have to be sent through the postoffice.

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Hon. Arthur Meighen, late Conservative leader, is moving from Ottawa to Toronto. He finds the atmosphere at the national capital far too cold for him this winter.

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In the excitement occasioned by the Provincial elections we fear municipal affairs are being overlooked. Let there be full attendance at the annual meetings and careful scrutiny of the reports presented by the authorities.

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China is still in great turmoil with three or four big armies struggling for the mastery, and friends of Canadian missionaries continue apprehensive for the future. Perhaps the ancient nation would improve its condition if it could swap half a dozen ambitious generals for a Mussolini.

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The epitaph of many men comes along too late to live up to it. But human sympathy for an afflicted associate was never better exemplified than it was in the late municipal election in Ottawa, where three of the Controllers, finding an associate confined in hospital, and unable to speak for himself, eloquently pleaded for his election, claiming for him an exceptionally good record.

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A movement is oo foot to give a banquet to His Honor, Harry Cockshutt, the retiring Lieut.-Governor, and at the same time a popular subscription is asked for from the people of the whole Province to purchase a suitable gift to be presented at the banquet. Of course, as it is a "popular" subscription, only those need give who feel so inclined. There is no compulsion about it, which accounts for its "popularity."

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An Aberdeen, Scotland, judge, has recently been called on to decide whether or not whist is a gambler's game, and he has been so puzzled by the arguments brought forward that he has postponed judgment till he looks more fully into the pastime. We should think that with the reputed caution of the Aberdonian the Sheriff would decide that whist was both a game of chance and of skill, but harmless to all those who play it for pleasure and not for financial profit.

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Some of the defeated candidates in the recent election are not to be left long in mourning. W. R. McKeown of Dufferin has secured a remunerative government job which necessitates his removal from Orangeville the first of the coming year. It is also rumored that Dr. Jamieson is to secure a Toronto seat, the member elect having also received a government job. We hope that the latter is correct. The good doctor deserves something in that way if ever a man did. It appears that a recent law makes it possible to exchange seats in this manner without calling an election.

ARTEMESIA COUNCIL

Council met on Dec. 4, the members all present, the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of former meeting were read. Correspondence was read as follows: Engineer McKnight, final report on the Boyne bridge, 4th line, order for payment of contract, $280; Miss James, claim for sheep; Levi, Betts, claim for sheep; F. R. Boland, claim for sheep; J. T. Best, bonus for wire fence, $19; R. Allen, bonus for wire fence, $25; Roy Freeman and others, asking for bonus for wire fence lot 101, 3 N. E.; Dr. Turnbull, M.O.H., report for 1926; Middlebro & Burns acct. preparing Proton Station drain bylaw and correspondence, $25; R.C. McKnight, balance re Boyce bridge, $17.55.

By-law 9, appointing D.R.O's and Poll Clerks, was passed, viz., D.R.O. W. G. Bowles, R. Chard, C. E. Moore, Geo. Banks, John Oliver, E. Warling, John Parsons, Wes. Plantt. Poll Clerks—J. Hutton, E. Wickens, M. Bannon, John Stewart, John Dow, W. Radcliffe, Tom Fenwick, Harry Fisher. By-law 10, appointing H. D. McLoughrey School Attendance Officer. Orders were passed for the payment of the following: F. Boland, sheep injured, $8; J. T. Best, bonus for fence, $19; R. Allen, bonus for fence, $25; Archie Stewart, bonus for fence, $10; E. Loucks, gravel, $7; J. McDonald, gravel, $9.75; Mrs. Atkinson, gravel, $10.30; lighting hall, $9.93; Levi Betts, sheep killed, $30; Miss James, sheep injured, $7; D. Muir, valuing sheep, $7.50; Engineer McKnight, re Boyce bridge, $17.55; J. J. Boyce, balance on bridge contract, $157.40; Middlebro & Burns, legal services, $25; A. Stewart, refund, $2; T. Mercer on Gillis' bridge, $4.

Davis—Carruthers—That T. Elliott be granted bonus of 25c per rod for wire fence at lot 10, 3 N. E., 77 rods as asked for by R. Freeman et al—Carried.

Carruthers—Corbett—That the report of Dr. Turnbull, M.O.H., for 1926, be received, and he be paid his salary, $50—Carried.

Davis—Carruthers—That Geo. I. Graham be refunded $22.58 of his taxes of 1924, he having been assessed twice for the same property in that year—Carried.

Carruthers — Davis — That the Treasurer accept from H. Corbett $7.50, being Melancthon's share of work done on townline—Carried.

Corbett—Davis—That the following question be submitted to the electors at the first municipal election: "Are you in favor of abolishing statute labor in this township?"—Carried.

Council abjourned.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A WORD FOR JUSTICE.

Dear Editor.—I was rather surprised at the decision given by the indge in court here recently, in the case where a pig was killed by an automobile.

The judge by his verdict implied that the highway is not to be used at night by anyone but the motorist, the pig and that the party leading the pig was negligent in using the highway at night, and by not giving any signal to the motorist.

I believe the ruling all over the civilized world is that the party overtaking is the one responsible for giving any signal, not the one overtaken.

I have driven a car for a good many years, and if my lights are good enough for me to see 100 yards ahead I cna travel with safety at 40 miles an hour, but if I can only see ten yards ahead of me, ten miles an hour is excessive and dangerous, and one should not drive at any speed at which he could not stop easily within the range of visibility of his lights.

The judge also intimated that the party leading the pig should carry a light—I suppose a tail light on the pig!—but thre is no law in this municipality (there should be) making it compulsory for other than motor driven vehicles to do so.

It seems to me that the judge was biased in favor of the motorist. I am one, but I believe that any one person has no more right to travel the highway than another, so long as he is within the law compelling either pedestrians or horse-drawn vehicle to carry lights, why should it be necessary for a farmer leading his stock to do so? Or why should he be prohibited from using the highway at any time of the day or night he may wish to do so?

I am writing this because I have heard nothing but adverse criticism from every person who attended this hearing, with whom I have spoken regarding the case, and in every case the opinion held is that the verdict was very unfair. If verdicts such as this become common the king's highway would soon become the property of the reckless driver, for neither property nor life would be safe thereon.

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Editor Flesherton Advance:

Dear Sir,—I see by the label on my paper that I am in arrears, and I suppose you have several like me, so a couple of dollars from about one hundred of us would help to fill your coal bin, for if the winter there is anything like it is here you certainly will need it. Winter set in in earnest and it has snowed nearly every day since, and was cold as well.

In my last letter we were in a sad plight with crops all burned up for hundreds of miles around, but in 1925 we had good crops, and having the wheat pool we received $1.11 per bushel for No. 2 tough; in 1923 we got only 69 cents for No. 1 Northern. The pool is a grand success. We get 69½c for first payment this year for No. 2 tough, another payment in March, another in July. Crops this year varied a lot. Some had good yields, while others had poor yields. We got 25 bushels per acre off forty acres, and 30 bushels off another forty acres, and 12 bushels off 80 acres, while off another seventy acres we got 17 bushels per acre, while some got as low as 10 bushels. All thorough summerfallows, as a rule, are dependable, except in a year like 1924. We had a hard time to get threshed this year, as it rained so often, but we got all cleaned up at last. Some did not get threshed. One man sixteen miles from here has 200 acres of wheat out yet, but mostly all others got threshed.

Every person is anxious for the new sign up for the pool. It looks as though it would nearly reach the 100 per cent. It appears that there are about 450 seats in the Grain Exchange. Each holder of a seat has four employees $2000 for each, five men $10,000 for each seat, which costs about double as much to handle 34,000,000 bushels as it costs the pool to handle the other 66,000,000 bushels. The Grain Exchange is trying to kill the Pool by saying that they paid a higher price than the Pool, but they cannot put that over the farmers any more. They have exaggerated things to suit themselves, and have not given a correct statement, taking it by the year. It would take a long time to explain, however, anyway I expect you know more about it than I. However, we are well satisfied with the wheat Pool. Of the other pools I am not so sure. I am afraid they are going to pool and pool until they drown themselves, but of course time will tell.

I was pleased to see a few letters in The Advance, but not enough. I was pleased to see Jimmy Russel's letter. I think people would enjoy your paper more if there were more letters and not so much home or neighbor visiting. Every person has his own view, of course, but I do not think you encourage letter writing enough.

Well, here's for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

—E. D. LeGARD.

Glenside, Sask., Dec. 2, 1926.

Deer are getting so plentiful around here that it is nothing out of the usual for rabbit hunters to run across them in ones, twos and even threes. We heard of one coming into town the other day and crossing Main St. West. A story comes from Ventry district to the effect that a young deer chased Arden Clarke's farm dog home and right into the woodshed, the door of which was open. The story goes on to say that Mr. Clarke captured the deer right there and then by embracing it around the neck and saved his dog from injury.—Dundalk Herald.

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