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W. H. THURSTON, - Editor

SONGS WITH A SNARL

Modern Socialism, as it has been developed on the European continent, and latterly in Great Britain, has been chiefly characteristic by the ill-natured and ill-founded declarations of its songs. Men like Ramsay Macdonald, who have lofty aspirations to contribute to the welfare of the masses, have striven to lead their fellows to love the literature and soul of the early exponents of "a Commonwealth founded on justice and love," but have been met with the adoption by very many of their fellows of dowelling rhyme, such as, "The Red Flag." What a decent man's gospel exemplified in the writings of the fathers of democracy! They taught, with a joy and freshness and beauty, the splendid note of universal brotherhood, paying tribute also to the honor and dignity of labor wheresoever faithfully performed. Their doctrines were elevating and inspiring, and in marked contrast to the present-day utterances of professed Socialist exponents. They totally misrepresent self-respecting men and women when they sing:-

The people's flag is deepest red,
It shrouded oft our martyred dead;
And e'er their limbs grew still and cold,

Here we have the declaration which is a lie, and an illustration of the reason for the decadence of Socialism. But another of the songs of the extremists is even more untruthful. The opening verse of "The Internationale" makes this appeal to the populace:-

"Arise, ye starvlings from your slumbers;
Arise, ye criminals of want;
For reason in revolt now thunders,
Now ends at last the age of cant!"

And in "La Carmagole" the tone, temper and intent is equally objectionable. Here is a specimen verse:-

"Oh, what is it the people cry.
They ask for all men liberty;
The palace we will burn,
The prison overturn,
Give peace to lowly homes;
Vive le son, vive le son,
Give peace to lowly homes;
Vive le son du canon!"

Even in the Sunday school hymns, compiled specially for their children, these mischief-loving "poets" are guilty of promulgating most untruthful doctrine. They ask the little one to sing:-

"The master class we scorn and fight,
Vile reptiles of all human right;
Their lackeys, gaffers and their spies,
And all the 'pilots of the skies'!"

Then we have the "hymn of hate," not a whit better than that which did duty among the German warriors when they were at their worst:-

"Come, workers, sing a rebel song,
A song of love and hate
Of love unto the lowly,
Of hatred to the great;
The great who trod our fathers down,
Who steal our children's bread,
Whose hand of greed is stretched to rob
The living and the dead!"

We cannot believe that the promulgators of views so perverted can succeed either in Great Britain or in any self-governing country where British principles of right, justice, fair play prevail. Class war and revolutionary dictatorship will never be accepted by English-speaking freemen.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada is not the only part of the Empire of Great Britain celebrating this year a noteworthy anniversary. The West India Island, Barbados, one of the Windward (West India) islands discovered about the beginning of the seventeenth century by the Portugese, then in the heyday of their nautical achievements, is observing the 300th aniversary of her being taken possession by the English in 1627. Sir William Courteen, an officer of the service of the reigning monarch, James I., founded Jamestown, the capital in 1625, and the island was formally taken over two years later. The population is largely colored. They have suffered much from tropical storms, and in 1854 over 17,000 of a population of under 200,000 died of cholera. In 1876, Governor John P. Hennessy, through proposing the confederation of the island with neighboring islands, innocently stirred up an insurrection of the negroes, who were opposed by the planters. Much property was destroyed and lives were lost. Since then the white minority and the colored majority have lived amicably and the trade and population have increased. In celebration of the 300th anniversary of British rule, the authorities have issued postage stamps bearing the pictures of James I. and George V. (1627-1927)

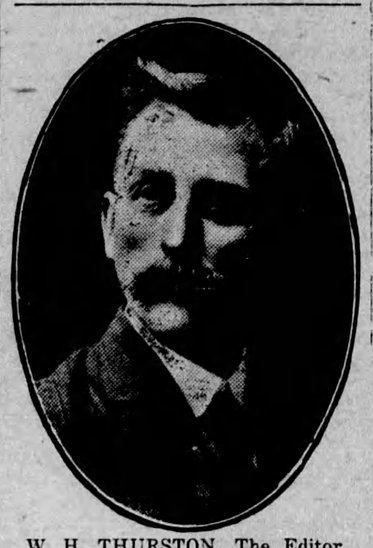
On his 40th year as Editor of The Advance

Is Now the Oldest Editor in Grey County in Years of Service

Came Here Aug. 1, 1888

(Written for The Advance)

Some thirty-nine years ago this year a young man moved his family from Toronto, and undertook to direct the destinies of the newspaper that had been started a few years before, giving Flesherton a metropolitan status. Since then his hand has remained at the helm. This year he took another step up, and as Reeve of the village is at the helm of municipal activities. Probably it is his preoccupation in this regard that distracted His Worship's attention long enough from the conduct of The Advance to permit this brief sketch to be slipped into its columns without his knowledge!



W. H. THURSTON, The Editor
From a photo taken several years ago.

Willard Hadley Thurston was born in the Kimberley Valley on a pioneer farm over 68 years ago, of pioneer stock that was pushing the frontier forward and spent his boyhood in this beautiful settingt of the Beaver or (Cuckoo) valley.

In his early teens he ventured out to learn the printing in Orangeville, when the printing industry itself was pioneering through experimental fields far removed from these days of electric power, linotypes and modern two-revolution presses.

Those were the days of tramp printers, brilliant personal journalism, and primative mechanical methods—and an air of romance adorned the new profession.

Printed matter was scarce and not to be lightly regarded in those days, and in the farm home of Kimberley a few periodicals were received, making a powerful impression on the young mind, included in which were the Toronto Globe, Farmer's Advocate, and Meaford Monitor for which paper he did his first writing for publication.

James Munro Thurston, his father, had come from Lindsay to Meaford, where he claimed as his bride Miss Adeline Ogden Purdy, a member of pioneer family which made its mark on the development of early Meaford and Eugenia industries. He cleared his valley farm and raised a family of three sons and two daughters: W. H. of Flesherton, Dr. Fredus A., a successful Chicago dentist; and Alfred D., who holds an executive position with the Gazette job printing department in Montreal; and Mr. Geo. Walter of Calgary, and Miss Myrtle Thurston of Chicago.

Both of the parents have passed over to the silent majority, leaving behind revered memories of goodly lives well spent.

After the present editor of The Advance had worked his way through printing circles in Ontario, including a business venture with the Owen Sound Tribune, he finally engaged setting type on various Toronto journals, and returned to the childhood scenes to claim as his life partner Miss Kate Amelia Gaudin, also of the Beaver valley.

After a few years in Toronto they removed to Flesherton with two children, the number of which was swelled to six by the passing years——all of whom are living with the exception of Arnold Munro, one of the thousands of young lives which were sacrificed in Europe in the name of Canada and the British Empire. Thirteen grandchildren form the next generation.

One fancies that W. H. T. has enjoyed his years in Flesherton——years that are marked by the pursuit of various hobbies intermingled with a pursuit of the round of duties of a country publisher. There was the hobby of bicycling, when the art of self-propulsion was in its infancy, and which ran the gamut of old hard tires, then pneumatic, and finally the modern contraption of tin, bolts and nuts, and reek of burned gasoline.

There was the hobby of taxidermy, by which various birds and animals were "stuffed" as lasting trophies of the chase and hunt.

There was the search of the delectable titbits of field and forest: mushrooms.

And there was the art of photography: by which the faces of departed ones, horrible pestilent-marked face of smallpox victims, family groups, beautiful scenic views, or intimate personal portraits were permantly recorded.

There was (and still is) the exciting chase after elusive postage stamps, with unexpected "finds", and the romance of interchanging messages from foreign strands.

There was (and may be again) the fascinating surrender to the inherited pioneer spirit, which took him off to the northern deer country in the fall, to breathe the forest scented air, and feast on venison, fish and other game, far from the scarring presence of civilation.

And with it all the "daily round, the common task" of raising a family (perhaps in more senses than one) and keeping body and soul together by the accepted method of three square meals a day.

Under his guidance The Advance has prospered. It has grown to a circulation of 1,200 copies weekly-- in a village of 425 population, by the census. A commodious office and home were purchased: the plant equipped with modern labor-saving machinery, including lynotype, two-revolution press, and so on. It is beter equipped to-day than ever before, with new type being added each year.

And all this without any wholehearted pursuit of "money" for its own sake. The main consideration seems to have been to do the duties of the day, rather than to search for the pot of gold--and perhaps it is in this direction, after all, that real success and contentment lie.

Forty years is a long time in one place; sixty-eight years is a long experience in the ways of the world. When in health the Advance editor's eyes are just as bright as ever, his grip on things just as strong and we are sure all Advance readers hope for many more years of entertainment and instruction from his genuinely clever pen: years of business success, health and contentment.

Read The Advance "Small Advts."

Voters' List, 1927

MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF FLESHERTON

Notice is hereby given that I have complied with section 9 of the "Voters' List Act" and that I have posted up at my office at Flesherton on the 23rd day of July, 1927, the List of all persons entitled to vote in the said Municipality for members of Parliament and Members of the Municipal Council and that such List remains there for inspection.

And I hereby call upon all voters to take immediate proceedings to have any errors or omissions corrected according to law, the last date for appeal being the 15th day of Aug., 1927.

Dated this 1st day of August, 1927.

—W. J. BELLAMY, Clerk.

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Celebration at Vandeleur

The celebration on Civic Holiday at Vandeleur was fairly well patronized and a good time was had by all present. A softball game was played between the Markdale and Kimberley girls and resulted in a win for Markdale 11 to 7. Another softball game was played by sides being chosen. A refreshment booth was on the grounds and a cafeteria lunch was served. The concert at night was excellent and was composed of many entertaining numbers. Miss Maxine Lyons of Markdale gave a fine instrumental solo and Mr. Andrews of Toronto rendered a coupel of songs. Messrs. Albert Buchanan and Frank Davis combined nicely in several duets and Howard McGee gave a fine reading. Mr. F. R. Oliver, M.P.P., and Mr. R. D. Carruthers, president of the U.F.O. in South Grey, gave two addresses that were well received.

The Markdale Highland band interspersed the various numbers with selections that were heartily appreciated and encored.

Miss Macphail at Ottawa

Miss A. C. Macphail, M.P., is this week in Ottawa attending the official reception of the Prince of Wales, Prince George and Premier Stanley Baldwin, which took place on Tuesday. A garden party is also being held at which Miss Macphail will also attend. In a telegram to The Advance received Wednesday morning Miss Macphail states that every event of the reception was well arranged and went off happily. She further stated that she can't think of any job harder than being a Prince of Wales.

MODERN MARVELS

The world is full of wonders I'm glad I've lived to see, before the reaper sunders this happy life and me. I've lived to see men travel as swift as lightning stroke in cars that kick up gravel and leave a trail of smoke. And no one ever bothers to think of olden days that saw our patient fathers behind their plodding bays. The might of scince reaches around me everywhere; I hear great songs and speeches come sifting through the air, the comic and the tragic, the spiel by frenzy warmed—I've lived to see the magic of radio performed. My good old uncle Peter, he died long, long ago; the angels watch him teeter where Eden's roses grow; had any person told him such marvels would arise, I wonder who could hold him, for he detested lies. I often wonder greatly what long dead men would say, if they, severe and stately, could from the church yard stray, and hear the purring, sighing, of countless motor cars, and see the airmen flying among the clouds and stars. I often wonder vainly what sights my eyes might view, if I should leave, insanely, my grave beneath the yew, when I've been calmly sleeping a hundred years or three; the outcome of my peeping would sure astonish me!

—Walt Mason.

ROD AND GUN

Containing a varied assortment of stories of outdoor features, the August number of Rod and Gun and Canadian Silver Fox News, well known Canadian sporting magazine, has been received. A more unusual feature is included this month in the story "Midwinter Nights' Dreams," an interesting collection of reminiscences of the little known Hudson's Bay country. Samuel Alexander White contributes another stirring yarn of the old time fur traders, "Convoys Courageous," while Bonnycastle Dale this month has as his subject "the Atlantic Salmon!"

Among the other interesting stories is one of fishing for rainbow trout in B. C. by Justice Wilson, and an article on photographing bird nests by H. H. Pittman. Notes of a special interest to hunters and anglers are contained in the regular Guns and Ammunition, Fishing Notes, Outdoor Talk and Kennel Departments.

Rod and Gun and Canadian Silver Fox News is published monthly by W. J. Taylor Limited, Woodstock, Ontario.

A swarm of bees caused some excitement about noon on Saturday by taking possession of the top of a coupe parked in front of Shelburne post office. Later they shifted to a wagon in front of McKay's blacksmith shop. Eventually they were herded into an improvised hive and all was peace once more.—Shelburne Economist.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Will hold meetings the next few weeks in Feversham. Lieut. Underhall in charge.

MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS

Sunday School, Sun. morning 10.30.
Public Meeting 3 p.m.
Sunday Night, Salvation meeting 8 p. m. Everybody Welcome.

HATCHED CHICKS IN A DAY

(Fergus News-Record)

Last week, we told of a party here who hatched 51 chicks out of 52eggs by hen. This week we can go possibly one better. At the end of three weeks, a number of incubator eggs did not hatch out, and the owner took these to the public dump. The day was fine, and under the heat of the sun a number of the eggs began to "chip." A passer-by noticed this, picked up 17 of them, took the lot home and placed them under a hen. Next day he had 17 choice chicks with one day's hatching, and best of it is they are still alive and thriving. If you don't believe this wonderful tale, we can direct you to the present owner of the chicks.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Wright, Dundalk, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennie, to Mr. Gordon A. Beaton, son of Mrs. M. J. Oliver of Markdale, The marriage will take place quietly the middle of August.

FLESHERTON AND ROCK MILLS BAPTIST CHURCHES

REV M. SAUNDERS, Pastor.

AUGUST 7th, 1927

Flesherton 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Rock Mills 3.00 p.m.

Subject: a.m. "The Believer."
p.m. Wake up; Get up; Light up.

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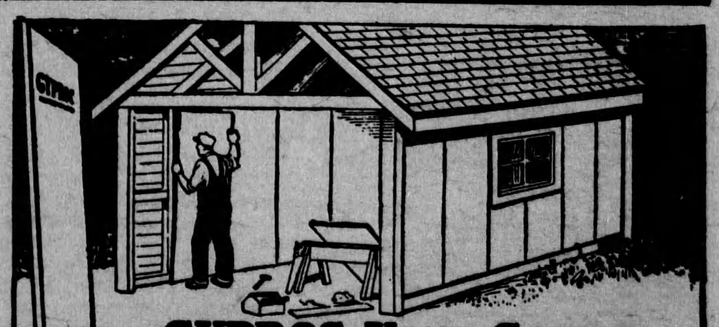

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