One's Old Home Town

(By JOS. T. CLARK)

Mr. Joseph T. Clark, editorial writer on the Toronto Star, visited the scenes of his childhood last week, and enjoyed the visit to the last degree. After returning home his mental machinery was so stimulated that he produced the following very fine piece of descriptive writing:

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Several towns and villages have been welcoming home their old boys and girls and some of these events have been extraordinarily enjoyable to all concerned. As an old Flesherton boy I have just been through two or three of the best days of my later life.

When a man, after an absence of many years, returns to his native village at any ordinary time the emotions of pleasure and pain are about equally mingled. The people he sees are not his people. The old familiar places are occupied by strangers. He feels much as a Frenchman must have felt when he saw his native village occupied by the Germans. It is not quite as bad as that, but in a mild way similar. The house in which you were born may be there, and the now ancient tree by the gate may be the one you knew so well — the one that almost talked to you with its leaves in the morning—but the house and garden have forgotten you and adhere to the strangers who now occupy and command them. A loneliness comes upon you as you walk the old ways and nobody calls you by name; you are being gazed at by people who don't understand, who make the error of supposing that you are the stranger, while you know yourself to be supremely the native.

It is different during old home week. Then you have not only the old familiar places, but all about you are the friends of your youth, and in your ears are the names you knew so well and have not heard for so long. It is a home coming in earnest, such as one, going there alone, can never meet with. The very buildings seem aware of the occasion and look their friendliest. It turns out, as you had not suspected, that the seeming strangers inhabiting the place are not strangers at all but sound and legitimate members of the village family, rejoicing with you in a long sought re-union and communion of sentiment.

Half a century works much change in the schoolmates of one's youth. One of them here and there may look pretty much as you would have expected him to look after such a lapse of time. He is the same boy grown old and a bit gray. But most of them change beyond recognition. You are asked to guess their identity, but are unable to do so. The slim lad your memory sees may now be beefy, bald, resigned to hum-drum life. Nothing is now seen of the romantic mind that once kept the bright lights gleaming in his eye. He is quenched. He has spent his life paying taxes and trying to collect what was owed him. But he is a sound citizen, solvent and respected. Clearly all your old schoolmates have done well—the average is astonishingly good. There is none of them who gives you the uneasy feeling, after shaking hands with them, that it would be prudent to count your fingers. They are all right, a good lot. You would give a good deal to break down the barriers that time has erected between you and be as fond and intimate as in the old days. But it is impossible. Youth alone is capable of it.

As you see the small boys who are where you were 50 years ago you wonder if they know the village. Do they know of the boiling spring beyound the pond? Do they know of the other spring where you can place a bird's nest and go back later and find it has petrified by the action of the water. (As a matter of fact you never got a petrified nest out of that spring, but you put nests in it in the full confidence that they would petrify.) Do they know of the big stone on Pap's hill that has in it the impression of an infant's foot? Do they know that if you follow the waters of the village stream on and one you come to a deep forest with high rocks and a cave in which you may camp for the night—unless as darkness falls the youngest of the party begins to cry and demands to go home, to the vocal disgust but secret relief of all present, who scurry out of there so fast that the youngest of the party can scarcely keep up? Do they know that the village pond which once seemed like one of the lesser Great Lakes is now a mere pond, or does it seem to them one in the chain of great lakes. Do they know that place east of the village where they can pick raspberries and blackberries by the pailfull—or are the berries, like those who used to pick them, there no more? Do they know where the speckled trout hide from adults and bite only when small boys come?

No doubt they know these and many other things that one after 50 years forgets or never knew.

On one occasion I was bored stiff by a man who would have it that I, too, was a highbrow. He talked interminably of the small college in the western states from which he had graduated and to which he was then returning as a professor. No effort of mine could induce him to discuss trout fishing, toothache or anything of sound human interest. He lived in an atmosphere of trigonometry and decimals. At a pause he asked me the university from which I had graduated. "The University of Artemesia," I said. He had never been there, he admitted, but he had heard a great deal of it and knew something ofi ts reputation as a seat of learning. I said I was proud of its record. He is probably still searching the world to find it. I saw it the other day. It used to be S.S. No. 5, township of Artemesia. It grieved me to find they are now using it as an egg packing plant.

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HEIFER RUNS WITH DEER

Nathan How of Con. 12, Proton, inserted a small advt. in this week's Herald, stating that a heifer of his had strayed. Before the advt. had an opportunity to appear in print the heifer had been found. It had been travelling in strange company—for a heifer. Deer are quite frequently seen in that neighborhood and the heifer had taken "French leave" from home and gone with the deer. Birds of a feather can flock together, but apparently the domesticated beast couldn't stand the pace for it was quite thin when discovered with its strange friends.—Dundalk Herald.

LOST — About August 7th, white pig about 50 lbs. weight. Finder please otnify Cecil Monaghan, R R. 1, Flesherton.

Small Advts.

LOST OR STOLEN

LOST — At the United Church in Flesherton, Sunday, August 4th, bar pin with Masonic emblem. Finder please leave at The Advance office as it is valued as a keep-sake.

LOST — In Flesherton Station on Saturday Aug. 3, a child's orange sweater with white trimming. Finder please return to Archie Sinclair, Agent, Ceylon.

STRAYED — On or about August 2nd from lot 12, con. 19, Proton, one black yearling steer, star on face. Please notify Andrew Watson, Proton Station, R. R. 1, Phone 62 r 6.

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FOR RENT—6 room house, with 1 1-4 acres of ground.—John Melia, Ceylon.

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WANTED — Young man for bakeshop.—F. Pinder, Flesherton.

NOTICE — All parties are warned against trespassing on my property lot 27, con. 12, Artemesia. — C. E. Turner, Eugenia.

WANTED — Two young Calves,. —Albert Blackburn, Phone 42 r 6, Flesherton.

WANTED—Man for general farm work, for balance of summer.—Ross Alcox, Markdale, R. R. 5.

ROOMERS WANTED — High school students to either board or room. Opposite high school—Mrs. E. Best. Flesherton.

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