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A WISH GRATIFIED

"It was quite a coincidence," writes Ellwood Genoe, "that just about a week previous to your letter, I had been reading over one of your little sketches on the Old Home Town, which I had saved. I was wishing as I read it that I had kept the others so you see how aptly this falls in with my desires."

We wish to remind others who have not yet filled in the forms, and given personal information, that further delay may hold back the publication of the booklet, and we are anxious to have it ready for sale and distribution on the Old Home Picnic day.

EDITORIAL ITEMS

Canada does not need titles. Work well done should be its own reward.

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It would be just as well for this country if titles were to remain abolished. We do not need to let the world know that natives of Canada are all blue blooded and do not need titles to boost them—especially Premier R. B. Bennett—and we are glad to know that he regards the suggestion as "all nonsense."

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To-day is Victoria Day, the anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria. While many years have passed since her death in 1902 her memory is ever green throughout the British Empire and the occasion is commemorated by a holiday. It was during her reign that the British Empire reached the broad dimensions it has attained and continued to be one of the greatest world powers. We trust it will be many years before this anniversary of a great queen will be dropped.

BEAUTIFICATION CONTINUES

In spite of drastic cuts in Government grants, Horticultural Societies are doing excellent work this year, according to J. A. Carroll, Superintendent of Agricultural and Horticultural Societies.

Societies are turning more to public service and less emphasis is being placed on premiums and cash prizes for members. Tree planting forms an important part of the program this year and many societies are increasing activities to clean up and beautify ragged areas and ugly spots, which detract from the appearance of town and countryside.

It has been amazing to note the number of cars and other vehicles from which branches of shrubs have been protruding. In almost every town and village amateur enthusiasts may be observed hurrying home with plants and seeds for immediate planting.

There are nearly 300 societies in Ontario, to which much credit is due for steadily increasing the beauty of the province. The first society was organized at York in 1849, and is still active as the Toronto Society. Ten were formed in 1932, and four have been born in 1933.

ACREAGE OF SPRING GRAINS

Reports received by the Department indicate that the acreage devoted to principal spring grains will not differ materially from last year. Spring wheat and oats show small percentage decreases, while barley and mixed grains are estimated to increase slightly. The total acreage to be sown to the above grains in 1933 is placed at 3,869,660 acres as compared with 3,886,300 acres last year. This decrease is likely to be offset by an increase in the acreage of late cash crops, including tobacco, soybeans, roots and potatoes. The condition of fall wheat is below normal in all sections except Central Ontario. Counties in eastern and southwestern Ontario experienced considerable winter-killing of wheat, rye, hay and clover.

HOMES FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Aid Society desire to find approved free foster homes or adopted homes for the following children, all of whom are healthy bright children:

Russell aged 12, John 12, Peter 5, Edgar 11, Norman 7, Robert 4 George 5, Stella 4, Irene 2, Baby girl 6 weeks twin girls, 2 months, baby boy one month.

Binder twine should not be used to tie fleeces. It can be separated from the wool only by carbonizing or burning out.

Quality Of Lambs

A statement relative to lambs of unsuitable quality in weight has been issued by the Industrial and Development Council of Canadian Meat Packers as a suggestion to producers that they should look after the quality of their lambs in order to secure the highest market price. The message is headed: "Buck Lambs and Heavy Lambs" and reads as follows:

The markets will continue this year to pay more for ewe and wether lambs and lambs of suitable weights.

Even early in the season before buck lambs take on their most objectionable features they are of poorer quality than ewes and wethers, being bonier and having slack backs or loins.

Therefore, like all lambs of poorer quality, they will be culled out and bought at their value in the early part of the season, and after July 3rd, 1933, two cents per pound more will be paid for ewes and wethers than for bucks.

The markets will pay a cent a pound more for lambs of good quality up to 90 lbs. at the stockyards and plants, than for lambs from 90 to 110 lbs., and up to two cents per pound more than for lambs over 110 lbs.

Farmers are urged to meet the simple requirements of the market in order to secure top prices.

1. Castrate all male lambs.
2. Finish and market all lambs within the desired weights.

SOME HALF HOLIDAYS

Shelburne — Thursday.
Dundalk — Thursday.
Flesherton — Thursday.
Creemore — Thursday.
Hanover — Wednesday.
Orangeville — Wednesday.
Grand Valley — Wednesday.
Durham — Thursday.
Mt. Forest — Thursday.
Alliston — Thursday.

Letter to The Editor

FEVERSHAM CONTINUATION SCHOOL FINANCES

Editor of the Advance:

Dear Sir;- The special meeting held in the school room of S. S. No. 7, Osprey, on Monday evening, May 15th, seems to have created a very false impression concerning the finances of the section, re the Continuation school, according to the Feversham correspondent's letter to The Advance as it appeared in last week's issue. Being the former sec.-treas. referred to in that letter I consider it my duty to the rate-payers of the section to enlighten them. The correspondent says the present school board finds themselves in rather an "embarrasing position" with practically no money on hand and money to borrow at the end of the term. I want to tell them, if they levy to pay the debenture on the Continuation school this year their position will be a lot more embarrasing at the coming annual meeting. There is no more need to put a levy on the section to pay the next debenture on the continuation school than there is to buy a rain coat for a duck.

The continuation school is in A 1 condition at the present moment. The auditors' report at the annual meeting last December showed a surplus of over $2,300.00 to the credit of the continuation school, if all the money then due had been paid. This money has since been received. The old school board started five years ago with a surplus of $2,500.00, with which to buy new equipment, furniture and black boards, to install the water system and Kaustine closets and to finish decorating the new school. We also paid our annual debenture each year and the lowest surplus we had in any one year at the annual audit was over $1900.00. Now, the new board talks about levying for the debenture with a surplus of over $2,300 at the last annual audit and nothing to buy except a few supplies.

According to the Inspector, whom I had the pleasure to meet a few days ago, this school is in "tip top" shape I think it would be common sense they want to levy for, instead of money The thing is absurd. The old school board was present at the special meeting and I think anyone of them could have explained the situation had they been disposed to do so. If the new trustees had treated me with any degree of fairness or courtesy I would have rendered them all the aid in my power, but when their publicity agent tries to hand out insinuations through the newspapers he should know a little more about the subject before he "roars." Does he not know that my books were audited by three auditors: the section auditor, Mr. James Long; the new trustees' auditor, Mr. William Heitman; and the bank manager, Mr. Francis, chosen by my self, whose ability and honesty I feel no man could question. How do you suppose the money melted away, "Bob". Do you know that I have a statement signed by the three auditors declaring my books to be correct. If any man in the section will bring that book to me I will explain any item in it during my term of office.

So far as strongly assuring the rate-payers five years ago that we would not make a trustees' levy to pay the debenture, I said I did not believe we would ever have to levy to pay our debenture—and time has proven that it was a good sane, logical argument, so long as the grants do not change. Yes, R. J., I have the same argument tonight as I had then and I have no notion of changing, even if the government grant is cut twenty per cent. What satisfaction do you get in trying to throw a monkey wrench into the progress of the youth of the community by bucking an institution designed to raise the standard of intelligence?

I can take the school books at the present time if I would and show the trustees that they should have a surplus of over $1600.00 at the end of the year if the grants receive no further cut. The extra maintenance grant comes from the county after that which in all probability will nearly pay the debenture, which is due on February 11th, 1934.

If any of the rate-payers in the section question this statement let him come to me and I will prove it by figures and facts. Anyone accustomed to school business knows that June sees the continuation school money at its lowest ebb. We, the old School Board, borrowed $400.00 one year in June and in December of the same year, showed a surplus of over $1900.00. The Government, county and ttownship grants are received between the 1st of September and the 20th of December.

Hoping this will to some extent at least ease the minds of those worrying about school taxes on the new school and the extravagance of the old School Board.

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